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Ground Rules

- Dogs are to be kept on leads at all times, unless in training class and under direct supervision of an instructor
- Dogs are not to be tied to the club house or trees
- Bitches in oestrus (season) shall not be permitted on the grounds while training is in progress
- Classes using club equipment will be responsible for returning this equipment to the correct storage place under the supervision of the class instructor
- Parking on ground is for instructors and workers on that day only. Cars are to be parked no closer to the club house than the southern boundary fence of the electrical sub station
- Pick up your dogs droppings if they foul the ground. Plastic bags are available to ensure responsible disposal
- Be on the alert for other instructors requiring assistance in training their own dogs
- Do not automatically use equipment set up on the ground. It may have just been set up by an instructor who is in the process of preparing to use it. They may also be in the process of using it, but not necessarily in the immediate vicinity
- Equipment such as jumps and obstacles, are not for general use without supervision
- Children are to be kept away from dogs pegged near volunteers cars for both children and dogs safety
- Children are not permitted in class with parents
- Covered shoes must be worn when training your dog in class, no things or sandals

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Chief Instructors Report

April - May 2018

We have had another couple of good months of training during April and May averaging over 70 dogs on the ground at training, including a week of bad weather where we had 43 dogs on the ground. During this time we have worked hard at maintaining promotions so members can progress their training.

A BIG Thank You to Instructors and Helpers who were able to give up their time during the last 2 months, your assistance is much appreciated by both members and myself .

Last month we had some great feedback

Today we attended our 1st class with our puppy Roxy.

I was so nervous .. but I set at ease the moment I set foot on the field .. everyone was so welcoming and friendly. So many dogs and owners came over to say hello. I am so happy I made the decision to attend and look forward to all the lessons ahead. Thank you

The Diggers visit for April was attended by Larissa with Molly and Sinn with Lynne with Molly. May was attended by Sue with Diesel, and Lynne with Molly.

In Trialling News during May

- Diane Wastell and Curly got their CCD title
- George Bartolo OAM and Zac got their UD title,

Congratulations

Thanks Mark



Welcome To Our New Members

First Name	Dog's Name	Breed
TIM	TANK	BULL ARAB X RIDGEBACK
KERRIE & DAVE	BAILEY	LABRADOR X GOLDEN RETRIEVER
DEANNA	BILLY	STAFFY
MARGARET	MAPLE	CAVOODLE
DAVID & NATASHA	ARLO	LABRADOR
ERIN	OLLIE	BORDER COLLIE
LISA	MERV	POMERANIAN
ELIZABETH	OBI	LABRADOODLE
PATRICK		
SHANNIAH	CHARLIE	KELPIE X HUSKY
CARMEN	DIESEL	KELPIE
NATHAN	SAM	GERMAN SHEPHERD
TARNIELLE EDYE	AYLA	LABRADOR
KAREN & HANNAH	MOE & SKY	CATTLE X JACK RUSSELL CATTLE X KELPIE
KIM	MAC	ROTTWEILER
JANELLE	FALCON	AUSTRALIAN BULL DOG
PAUL	COSMO	ROTTWEILER
MATTHEW	WOODLEY	CAVOODLE
JULIE	CUINN	IRISH WOLFHOUND
MINA	MEAVE	KELPIE X BORDER COLLIE
MARIEANNE	CHARLIE	LABRADOR RETRIEVER
MARK & CLARE	ROSIE & DAISY	CAVOODLE
PAUL	ZORBA	GREAT DANE
ELISABETH	ALICE	GREYHOUND
LEANNE ARMSTRONG	MOLLY & WIGHT	AMERICAN STAFFORDSHIRE
HEIDI JARMAN	CHARLIE	TOY POODLE

First Name	DOG Name	Breed
JARED	FIFI	CAVOODLE
ALICIA	XENA	AMERICAN STAFFY CROSS
MASI	BARFI	MALTESE
JESSIE & JENINE	OSCAR	SCHNAUZER
PIP	CHARLEY	LABRADOR X RETRIEVER
BERNADETTE	ROXY	AMERICAN STAFFY
ROCHELLE	ARLO	STANDARD POODLE
RANKO, BELINDA, NATHAN	ROXY	AMERICAN STAFFY
SHERIDAN	LOLA	MINIATURE FOX/CAVELLIER
KRISTY-LEE		JACK RUSSELL CROSS
LORRAINE	ALFIE	AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD
JULIE	SASSY	SCHMOODLE
BLAKE	BELLA	GSD
LORNA & PAUL	ARCHIE	STAFFY X SHARPEI
SEBASTIAN & ANGELINA	LEO	LABRADOR
ELISSA NIKOLICH	GUS	SHAR PEI



Promotions

How To Promote Up A Class

Class 1 Basic to Class 2 Stabilising:

To be able to be promoted from class 1 to class 2 you and your dog must be able to complete the following exercises

1. Your dog is comfortably walking next to your left leg.
2. Your dog is able to sit next to your left leg on command.
3. Your dog is able to stand next to your left leg on command
4. You are able to call your dog back to you on lead and continue walking.
5. You are able to complete left and right turns successfully
6. You are able to complete left and right about turns successfully.
7. Your dog can sit and stay with you standing beside it, in position for 30 seconds.

Handling the lead with 2 hands most of the time, and using the lead to position the dog. At this stage it is much more important that the handlers mechanics are good – giving clear commands, guiding the dog as necessary, and praising the dog. If the dog makes a mistake and is effectively guided by the handler this is a positive.

Class 2 Stabilising to Class 3 Challenge:

To be able to be promoted from class 2 to class 3 you and your dog must be able to complete the following exercises

1. Your dog is comfortably walking next to your left leg.
2. Your dog is able to sit next to your left leg on command.
3. Your dog is able to stand next to your left leg on command
4. You are able to complete left and right turns successfully.
5. You are able to complete left and right about turns successfully.
6. You are able to call your dog back to you and get them to place finish as one exercise.
7. Your dog can calmly work at fast pace with you.
8. Your dog can sit and stay with you standing in front, in position for 30 seconds.
9. Your dog can stand and stay with you standing beside it, in position for 30 seconds.

At this stage it is expected that to sit and stand, very little guiding is necessary (< 3 out of 5 times)

Still walking using the lead to position the dog, giving feedback to the dog when it is in position

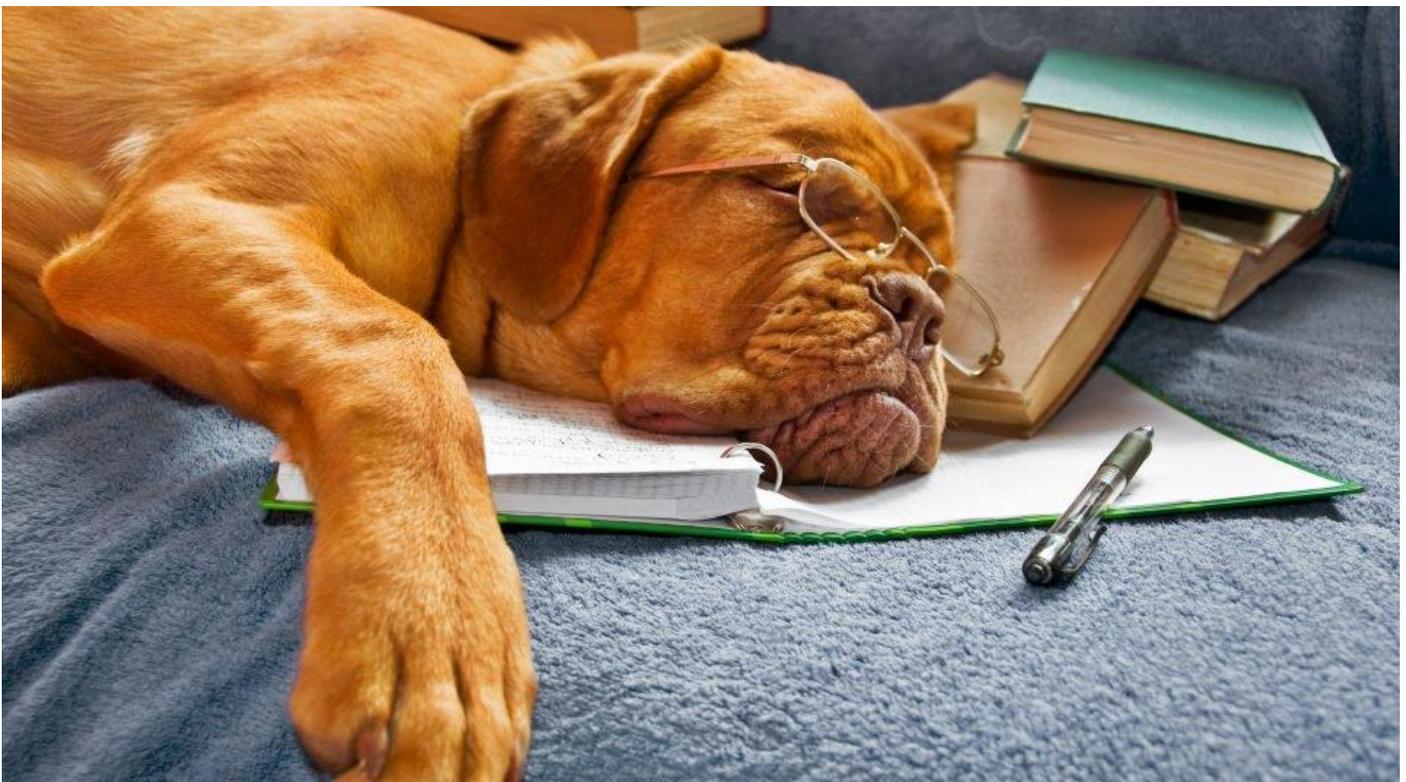
Class 3 Challenge to Class 4 Finishing:

To be able to be promoted from class 3 to class 4 you and your dog must be able to complete the following exercises

1. Your dog must be able to walk comfortably next to your left leg using a loose leash.
2. Your dog must be able to drop next to your left leg on command.
3. You are able to complete left and right turns successfully
4. You are able to complete left and right about turns successfully
5. You are able to call your dog back to you on lead and have them sit directly in front of you.
6. You are able to get your dog to do a place finish as a separate exercise
7. You are able to get your dog to successfully complete an off lead recall to front on command.
8. Your dog can calmly work with you at slow pace.
9. Your dog can sit and stay with you standing in front, in position for 30 seconds, returning around your dog
10. Your dog can stand and stay with you standing in front, in position for 30 seconds
11. Your dog can stay in the down with you standing beside it in position for 30 seconds.

At this stage it is expected that to sit and stand and drop come and place, very little guiding is necessary (< 3 out of 5 times)

Still walking on lead but with a loose leash the majority of the time



Promotions

Congratulations to the following club members on their promotion Class 1 Basic to Class 2

Stabilising:

Katrina and Zahli
Peter and Tessa
Karen and Diva
Luke and Locky
Fiona and Phoenix
Darren and Shadow
Jared and Fifi
Steph and Ruby
Lorraine and Alfie
Lucy and Honey

Stephen and Arlo
Per and Hjartat
David and Cosmo
David and Mia
Peter and Gus
Hannah and Skye
David and Ziggy
Julie and Mambo
Leanne and Molly
Jacquie and Holly

Evie and Sasha
Melinda and Honey
Joanne and Pearl
Julie and Cuinn
Lisa and Sasha
Patrick and Bobbie
Lisa and Merv
Henry and Geronimo
Loreena and Zula
Janelle and Falcon

Kim and Shilo
Tony and Honey
Shannah & Charlie
Catherine and Dita
Lindy and Shadow
Bianca and Coco
Scott and Sam
Martin and Ziggy
Daniel and Nico
Cayden and Ayla

Congratulations to the following club members on their promotion Class 2 Stabilising to Class 3 Challenge:

Liz and Marlow
Peter and Tessa
Ruth and Judge
Sue and Harley
Kerry and Pipi

Joanne and Pearl
Lisa and Sasha
Kim and Shilo
Andrew and Henry
David and Cosmo

Brenda and Boof
Michael and Digby
Barbara and Jazz
Jenna and Arlo
John and Stella

Dane and Judge
Jodi and Rosie
Adam and Archer
Julie and Cuinn

Congratulations to the following club members on their promotion Class 3 Challenge to Class 4 Finishing:

Jessica and Clancy
Tom and Kato

Frances and Charlotte
Rose and Bella



Trial News

Obedience trialling is a challenging enjoyable sport for you and your dog. At the club we have instructors and club members who enjoy participating in obedience trials.

Utility Dog Excellent - UDX

The exercises at this level extend on those in the Utility section but there is no jumping, so it suits our older dogs.

1. the seek back is as in utility but there is a decoy article scented by someone else which the dog must not retrieve.
2. a heeling pattern, positions in motion, in which signals or voice may be used, and three times the dog is left in a sit, a stand or a drop whilst the handler walks forward five metres, returns three metres past the dog and returns, collecting the dog on the way.
3. the scent discrimination is finding a cloth article scented by the judge from amongst unscented ones.
4. a two part exercise, directed send away and recall in which the dog goes out 25 metres and sits in a square marked by four cones, the handler walks towards the dog and, when instructed, turns and calls the dog to heel, does a right or left turn then a halt, with the dog at heel by this time.
5. distance control where the dog is left in a stand and changes position six times as the judge instructs, including sits, stands and downs, all on the spot.
6. the dog retrieves two articles, following the handler's direction signal.
7. the last exercise is a group stand for examination with the handlers facing away from the dogs.

All Obedience titles are shown after the dog's name and in fact become part of the registered name of the dog. If the dog achieves the title of – obedience champion - this title is shown before the name as O Ch.



UDX scent discrimination exercise is done with cloth articles, the dog must find an unfamiliar scent in this exercise

Trial Results

Dennison	8/4/18	
Janice and Kippa	CDX	170 points
Northern Suburbs	29/4/18	
Carol and Cruze	CCD	95 points
Labrador National Titles	12/5/18	
George and Zac	UD	192 points 3rd pass, 1st Place, TITLE
Sutherland	20/5/18	
Diane and Curly	CCD	87 Points 3rd pass, 3rd place, TITLE



Doggie Treat of The Month

Bacon Flavoured Dog Biscuits

Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- ½ cup water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 10 tablespoons bacon fat
- 5 cups whole wheat flour



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 175 degrees C. Lightly grease a cookie sheet.
2. Beat eggs in a large bowl. Stir in milk, water, salt, and bacon fat until well blended. Gradually stir in flour to make a stiff dough. Pinch off pieces of the dough and roll into 2 inch balls. Place on prepared baking sheet.
3. Bake in preheated oven for 35 to 40 minutes. Cool on racks. Store in a covered container in the refrigerator.

X DOGGY DO'S & DON'TS ✓



Direct eye contact is an intimidating gesture in the canine world - show appeasement, not confrontation.



Invading the dog's space is rude and can evoke predictable aggression - turning away is a neutral gesture showing friendship.



Make your presence a positive experience that lasts by appreciating that dogs don't have to like you so don't force them to. The more liver treats the better!



Pushing dogs past their threshold often results in predictable aggressive behaviour. For non urgent treatments, use the 6 Top Tips for Desensitisation handout and reschedule the appointment.



Encourage owners to build positive association with your practice by bringing the dog in for liver treats regularly.



Capitalise on interactions with your dog clients to help build positive association: keep liver treats in every room.



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Breed of The Month

Pembroke Welsh Corgi

This is an extremely affable breed that makes a wonderful canine companion. The Pembroke Welsh Corgi gained international recognition as the preferred pet of Queen Elizabeth II, who has championed the breed for more than 70 years. The Pembroke Welsh Corgi was accepted into the American Kennel Club's Herding Group in 1934.

The mature Pembroke Welsh Corgi ideally stands between 10 and 12 inches at the withers, with males not to exceed 30 pounds and females weighing 28 pounds or less. In hard show condition, the preferred weight for males is 27 pounds and for bitches is 25 pounds. The medium-length, dense double coat has a long, coarse outer layer and a thick, weather-resistant undercoat. Pembrokes tend to shed and require regular grooming to manage their coat. Acceptable colors are red, sable, fawn, black and tan, with or without white markings.

Personality

The Pembroke Welsh Corgis may be small, but they pack a lot of dog into a little body. Originally used to herd cattle and hunt rodents in Pembrokeshire, Wales; Corgis were sturdy herding dogs who took their jobs seriously. They would nip the heels of the cattle to keep them in line, and their small bodies enabled them to avoid being kicked. Today, the Corgi is still used on farms and ranches, but is also an energetic family companion. They are good with other pets, make reliable watchdogs, and are trustworthy around children. Corgis have a mind of their own but still have a desire to please people. They pack a large personality, which varies from clownish and attention seeking, to thoughtful and introspective.

Trainability

Pembroke Corgis are strong-willed – they like to be in charge and will resist a hard-nosed trainer. They prefer to do things on their own time, so a lot of patience is required when training this breed. Positive reinforcement and lots of treats will ensure a responsive Pembroke. Once consistent leadership is established, Corgis take well to training and enjoy learning new tasks.

After beginning obedience training is complete, Corgis should graduate to advanced training and if possible, involved in tracking and agility classes. This is one “old dog” that likes to learn new tricks, and training should continue throughout their lives.

Instructors with a Corgi

David Chester



Visiting Nursing Homes

The friendly atmosphere in the nursing home makes one think it's a heavenly experience for many dogs. Mollie relishes any attention she receives and Sinn has just started getting into the swing of things. Not only do the dogs' feel admired receiving attention and pats they give residents a lot of affection back. On Mollie's first visit when 18 months old she came across relaxed in the presence of residents on top of that relished every minute. The routine required her to walk around the room stopping by each residents chair for a pat or a chat and perhaps returning a few times more for people that cannot get enough dog-time. Occasionally the dogs entertain residents by performing a few tricks. Besides giving you a paw Mollie only knows one trick that she picked up in puppy school puppy-push-ups and will happily perform if asked. Shortly after Mollie became a visitor to the home two men ended up on her radar she befriended. She frequently hangs out with the pair longer until someone else is spotted waiting a turn. Months can fly by without a nursing home visit the moment Mollie spots one or the other obedience training goes out the window when enthusiasm takes hold. One of the chaps gets her longish ears affectionately stirring her up however she acts undisturbed standing in a dreamy stance. The nursing home visits are win-win for everyone participating not only the residents and dog's but also the staff and dog handler. Handling Mollie one needs full focus she does not become over enthusiastic especially around certain people. For added security depending if she did or did not have an early morning run use a no-pull-harness. She hints displeasure noticing the harness and will stubbornly ignore the come command to have it put on unless a treat is involved.

Sue and Diesel's first visit as well as Sinn's coincided with Sinn's second birthday. The three dogs traipsed in wearing party hats with Diesel and Mollie's lasting about five minutes. Eventually one of the staff decided to remove Sinn's hat even though his preoccupation had more to do with the new adventure than worrying about his hat. Diesel took to the residents in a good-naturedly fashion, eagerly indulged in any attention aimed at him or sat well-behaved at Sue's feet if she conversed with someone.

On the other hand, Sinn appeared hesitant almost not quite sure what he was doing there. He preferred being in the background quietly watching the goings on in the common room and looked more comfortable shadowing Mollie from one resident to another. Sinn getting close and personal or revealing his friendly nature did not materialise on the day. However he did start to warm to the gentle pats and kind words bestowed on him.

One of the residents was hesitant about wanting to leave his room until one of the staff mentioned a greyhound visiting the residents in the common room. The news was significant enough to persuade him to go and investigate apparently the gent-trained greyhounds earlier in his life. Sinn may have engaged him in some flashback moments. It turned out his daughter was there on the day and pleasingly watched her father reconnect with a greyhound once more. Quite a few of the residents' like reminiscing about dogs or other animals they once owned or loved. Sometimes residents will express gratitude for listening to their stories.

Sinn's second visit hardly differed from his first. He still followed Mollie's lead hanging-back keeping a watchful eye on her. Whenever she dilly-dallies with a resident it became his cue to relax on the floor in the sphinx position. The instant Mollie had enough heading towards the next person he was ready to spring up like jack-in-the-box not to be left behind but more interested in the residents on their walkers coming into the room or leaving. A few people commented Sinn looked tired maybe thought bored and polite to say otherwise. By

Sinn's third visit he understood the lay-of-the-land and what is expected, he had a light bulb experience you could say. The instant Mollie moseyed towards her pals Sinn's competitive streak ignited he stretched his neck and shoved his head past Mollie for a pat. Sinn's very competitive, whether it's tug-of-war, balls or Frisbees' he now targeted Mollie's pals. The chaps' faces lit up in smiles finding amusement in the situation. Into the rhythm of things Sinn cheekily nosed Mollie out of the way to get a pat from one of the staff...

Occasionally the dogs will get invited into the dementia ward and double-quick at switching onto the wards undertone. Both Diesel and Sinn appeared to be in the zone strolling along the corridor, Mollie's, jolly personality is also sensitive to the atmosphere. One of the staff wanted Mollie to stand on her hind feet placing her front feet on a residents' bed, Mollie refused. On the other hand Mollie can be a contradiction had she been excitable she would have jumped up on impulse. Possibly created raised eyebrows, it would have happened before the word "No" was uttered and athletically landed on top of the bed as well as the resident without a thought. Thankfully she felt placid and not to be persuaded, frequently her stubbornness can be used at the right moment. The ward nurse thought she refused because she would get into trouble not knowing that Mollie errs on the side of caution whenever calm. Mostly Mollie's spirit is flibbertigibbet waiting for the slightest prompt to jump into action in the manner breeders programed Irish Setters to be...



Flint

A class Clown ©

When Rocky a cattle dog went to doggy heaven, he was a hard act to follow then a cat came on the scene with rehoming needs. The following year browsing through a newspaper whippet pups for sale returned lost memories. Rosina a school friend owned Honey a gorgeous whippet we often took for a run at the high school football field. I stood one end of the oval Rosina the other when Honey heard her name hollered bolted across the field at whippet speed. With my mind made up for the female brindle, I set off to Nowra. Also available were a pair of fawn males that recently turned four months old. A work colleague advised about the pup doing the choosing, as did my daughter. The tallest of three with splashes of white through his coat was only interested in the surroundings. The smallest cutest pup envisaged to be taking, did not appreciate being held. The third pup wrapped his neck around mine, happy to say put, literally made the choice...

The pup-suffered carsickness prepared with towels not the nauseating stench and forced to stop outside a shop to stuff a towel into the bin. After a second bin stop reached my daughters' house in Woonona without any more mishaps. Once home soon as the pup settled, I sneaked out to the shops. On returning my mother that lived next door and the other side neighbour had a go at me for leaving the pup howling. "Hello" how was I to know that would occur I thought. Because the puppy was a sook, he got the name Flint more significant he was presupposed to live up to his namesake. I worried about the neighbours shift-work, and glad over the weekend Flint and the cat named "Cat" quickly became pals. They spent the rest of the weekend wrestling, sparring and chasing each other around furniture. Monday morning going off to work became a concern. I left the radio on, treats' hidden in toys and put his bed on the back porch plus he had Cat for company. I was banking on it working and planned to return home for lunch to break up Flint's day somewhat.

In Flint's first week I had prior plans for Thursday and the weekend and he was forced to stay with my daughter in the St George area. Having a toddler and a poodle called Marley she was home most days and obliging to help out. Flint stayed several days her family bonded wonderfully with him except Marley that had a problem with tolerance. Whenever visiting my daughter expected Flint to come along, Marley was not happy about the arrangement, the moment my attention wondered Marley had Flint upside down by the throat. As Flint grew and towered over Marley, it made no difference for the pint-sized poodle. Flint was one of those dogs that took to ball games from the word go. I made time every morning and lunch break to play ball and a walk around the block in the afternoon anticipating he would be tired enough to sleep well. I did read whippets are a lazy mans' dog, making me sceptical about the information.

Flint carried a stamp of quirkiness he climbed on top of the lounge to appear taller, rested his head on my feet the instant I sat down and every opportunity tried to stand on my foot. Sometime later discovered Flint thought his status higher in the pecking order than mine. I could never leave food unattended or it would be inhaled. Flint resembled a character from a Bruce Lee film the way he vaulted from a standstill to land on the dining table. Perhaps a mountain goat in a past life! If silly enough to leave a cup of tea unattended most of it would be gone before I returned. Flint's walks increased, by chance ran into a woman with a well-trained whippet. Soon as Sunday morning came I drove to Sutherland dog training to join up. The day Flint started the instructor suggested I try using a Halti that put a stop to

his nose glued on the ground impersonating a bloodhound. In class two I was reminded numerously to become assertive, after many failures to get into class three nailed the minute sit and down/drop and finally promoted. After several months in class three, Noella Chief Instructor sauntered over suggesting anyone wishing to take their dog into nursing homes required doing a Canine Man's Best Friend Course. Noella also mentioned the S.S.D.T.C. Clicker Course that sounded like fun and I opted for both. The clicker training involved treats up till then treats had not been on my radar. Coming from a horsey background trust and body language was what worked best. It took time to get my head around dog training, Flint was nothing like Rocky or other dogs we had. He was the first dog in my life requiring a lot of focused training. The tone of his attitude indicated what's in it for me. Treats turned out the missing link and I experienced an epiphany.

After visiting nursing homes a few times in the Sire and St George area, Flint added a twist to the routine. Instructor Dave spread a large tarp across the floor, placing a tunnel one end and a jump the other. The dogs walked a large circle following a routine of sit then down/drop reaching the tunnel the handler unclipped the lead for the dog to run through pop over the jump then clip the lead back on for the next dogs turn. Each time Flint had his turn he raced through the tunnel over the jump ran past me then dived onto any vacant chair he could spot. Curious residents would often ask if it was part of the act?

Flint finally graduated into "class four A" and added another twist to recalls. The recall required each handler taking their turn leaving the dog behind in a sit/stay position walk quite a distance across a field then call the dog. I always went last Flint was told to stay and off I walked until hearing the instructor shout, "your dog is following you". The procedure went on a few times before the instructor was jack of it and took hold of Flint. After reaching the other end I yell come, he shoots off at speed seen on a racetrack suddenly darts off to the right zooms through "class three" often adding extra laps before landing at my feet performing a perfect finish in a miraculous cool manner.

Marley came for a few weeks when my daughter went on holidays. I took the pair off for a walk the dog that lived at the corner house did his usual barking routine. Marley cheekily returned some yappy barking back at the dog. On the following day when the barking dogs performance began Flint decided he should take a turn. At age 2 Flint's first time at barking sounded if he was attacked by a pack of wolves the high pitch squealing insufferable. In time Flint did master a proper barking technique thanks to Marley...



Lock these dates in your Diary

IDTC Annual Double Obedience Trial

Sunday 8 July 2018

IDTC Annual Christmas in July

Figgy Bowlo - 6.30pm

see Danni and put your name down

Includes a Secret Santa Gift

Friday 20 July 2018

IDTC Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 7th August 7pm

**Want to be more involved in how our club
runs?**

**Nominations for Committee Members and
Executive Committee Members are now open!!**

See the Committee for nomination forms!

Last day for nominations 17th July 2018

Upcoming Events

Membership Renewals are due

1 July 2018

**If you have this colour Membership Card -
Membership is due**



**If you have this colour Membership Card
You are a Financial Member till 30 June 2019 –
no fees due**



Puppy Prep Classes

7th July 2018

4th August 2018



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