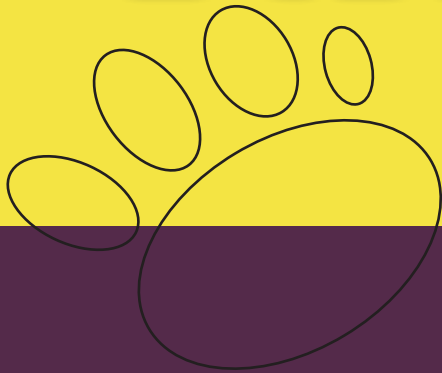


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Newsletter

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# EDITORS REPORT

Hopefully everyone's had a great Easter, and after a crazy March with, lets admit it, not enough dog training, we have finally reached a time of year where we can knuckle down and work hard. While there is a public holiday weekend in April, there is an extra week in May to make up for it. There is no reason, if you've just started today, you couldn't be earning a pass in your first trial performance towards the end of the year.

Just close your eyes for a second and picture it... your well training dog sitting square at your side, your fresh ribbon slowly flapping in the soft breeze, cameras flashing as the moment is recorded... the envy of your friends... "what a good dog you have, amazing" they'll say...

If, however, you've just been jerked back into reality by a sudden tug on the lead you're holding, maybe a less lofty goal is for you. But no matter if it's your first trial ribbon, or simply getting that recall down, now is the time to set a goal. Where do you want to be in three months?

KODC is here to give you the tools. We give you the how. But you have to make it happen. The single most important thing you can do is train at home, there is no point simply coming every Sunday and drilling on the field, you have to practice. 15 minutes, twice a week. Hardly an impost, and your dog will absolutely love it, and hopefully you do to.

So have a think. Do you want to trial? Do you want a Class 4 dog? Do you want to become an Instructor? Whatever you come up with, let your Instructor know, and they will be sure to do their best to help you get there.

We have a great edition here for you this month,

## CLUB NEWSLETTER

'Pawprint', our monthly newsletter is full of information, training tips and important news about club happenings.

Pick up your copy on the FIRST SUNDAY of each month - they are found on the counter at the club kitchen or the sign-up office window.

### Newsletter Team

Luke Kenny

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with news about the Club's latest motorised acquisition, through to the introduction of a new training program for dogs under 12 month's old called Foundations.

As usual, we have contributions from our highly committed and dedicated team, who go the extra mile each month to write the content that makes Pawprint what it is. Without the help of Gori, Norm, Marta and Nola, Pawprint wouldn't be possible - thanks a million team.

If you have something you'd like included, perhaps a story, and article, or a picture you think would be of interest to members, please email it through to me: [customerservice@knoxodc.org.au](mailto:customerservice@knoxodc.org.au)



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# TRIAL REPORT APRIL 2016

Congratulations to our club members who have gained passes :-

## Martha Schnider with Montulata Jades Gem CCD RE ADX JDM GD SD SPDX

Excellent Snooker	Bairnsdale Dist. DOC	5/3/16	3rd Place
Masters Strategic Pairs	Bairnsdale Dist. DOC	6/3/16	2nd Place

## Alois Schnider with Inaword Chlo RE AD JDM JDO GDX SDX SPDX

Master Snooker	Bairnsdale Dist DOC	5/3/16	2nd Place
Masters Strategic Pairs	Bairnsdale Dist DOC	6/3/16	2nd Place
Masters Jumping	Bairnsdale Dist DOC	6/3/16	
Masters Jumping	Warrnambool DTS	12/3/16	
Masters Jumping	Warrnambool DTS	13/3/16	
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## WORKING DOG STORY

Number 5

A farm dog, if he is any good, is a treasure. With human farm workforces cut bare, dogs are shouldering an increased share of the mustering and yard workload, providing there are still sheep and cattle on the place. A top dog's honour is defended hotly. No machine could take his place – whoever heard of a machine that thinks for itself, and that can tell you that it loves you? Mind you, a machine wouldn't bark all night or get pregnant at shearing time.

Bill Franklin's border collie, Bob, was a great sheepdog, but this incident concerns the house cow. Everyday, Bob would go and fetch the cow for milking whenever he heard the rattle of the milk bucket. By the time Bill or his wife had walked from the house to the milking shed 300 metres away, Bob would have the cow waiting in the yard.

One morning, however, some months after they had sold the house cow, Bill had reason to use the old milk bucket. To his amazement when, about half an hour later, Bob turned up with the Jersey from the adjoining farm two kilometres away!





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## FAMOUS OWNERS AND THEIR FAITHFUL FRIENDS

Sir Isaac Newton had a pet dog called Diamond, which when left alone in its master's study, knocked over candle, and the calculations which Sir Isaac had been working on for years went up in flames. The loss was irreparable yet Sir Isaac said to his loved pet was

**"O Diamond, Diamond, thou little knowest the mischief thou has done!"**

While out walking on the mountains with his Newfoundland Ralph, Lord Byron was overtaken by mist and stumbled. He rolled to the edge of a precipice and would have fallen to his death if Ralph had not caught him by his jacket and held on. He spent a cold and miserable night snuggled up to his dog and in the morning sent the dog with note to summon help.

Years later when Ralph died, Lord Byron wrote the following inscription on his grave

**" To mark a friend's remains these stones arise, I never knew but one, and here he lies."**



## IF ONLY

If only my dog had stood on the STAND,  
when I gave him the signal, a move of one hand.  
If only he stayed in the one minute SIT,  
instead of deciding 50 seconds was "it".  
A FIGURE EIGHT perfect I almost could boast  
if only he'd gone around the other post.  
If only he'd dropped on the signal I gave  
And not when he saw the spectator wave.  
The RETRIEVE ON THE FLAT he knew just what to  
do,  
If only he brought back the dumb bell I threw.  
The HIGH JUMP RETRIEVE, only one thing he lacked  
-  
And that was the dumb bell he didn't bring back.  
On the BROAD JUMP, if only he jumped all the way  
And not tip-toed between, to my utter dismay.  
When I signaled the GLOVE, it was in plain sight-  
If only he'd gone for the glove on the right.  
His GO OUT was perfect, he went just so far-  
If only he hadn't both times jumped the bar.  
We'd have had two hundred - he could do everything-  
If only he hadn't run out of the ring.

## USEFUL HINTS

Footwork is one of the most important points when proceeding right about/ left about turns.

Many handlers pay attention to their dogs, forgetting how to place their feet in order correctly. When proceeding with right about or left about turns, one should turn virtually on the spot in three steps, beginning with the right foot.

Making right about turn start with the right foot diagonally into right, then left foot, then right foot to complete turn.

Making left about turn start with right foot diagonally into left, then left foot, then right foot to complete the turn.

Following healing will always start on the left foot.

This three point turn will give enough time for the dog to turn with the handler and not being left behind.

Practice the footwork at home without a dog at first. To keep the rhythm at the same pace as the healing, count - (healing) left, right, (turn) 1,2,3, (healing) left, right .....

When you are comfortable with your footwork, just add your dog.

# NEW FOUNDATION CLASS STARTING AT KODC

We are starting an additional class at KODC late on Sunday mornings commencing 17th April. It's intended for (but not restricted to) relatively young or inexperienced dogs. Most of the exercises can be performed on-lead.

The class would be particularly helpful for:

- dogs who you would like to start agility but are still too young,
- handlers who feel their dogs are too old for agility but would like to learn some techniques to use with a future puppy, and
- people who don't want to do agility but would like to learn how to teach their dog a few more tricks.

KODC has a policy that we do not take young dogs for agility training. Our limits are 15 months old for smaller dogs and 18 months old for larger dogs. This age policy is because the joints and ligaments of young dogs might be damaged by repetitive jumping of hurdles, thumping into the dog-walk or flexing during weaving.

Many games, tricks and exercises have been developed which teach a young dog improved body awareness and thus provide a foundation from which to later develop more complex skills. The term Foundation Training is used for these types of exercises. The exercises complement the training in other obedience classes; they're not a substitute.

The Foundation Class will commence after all the other classes are finished and the agility equipment trailer has been packed up. It will run from about 10:45 to 11:30am and we expect it will cycle through its exercises around every 8-10 weeks.

The syllabus will be based heavily on ideas from Susan Garrett's (Canada) "Puppy Peaks" and "Recallers" programmes but will also include components from Sylvia Trkman's (Slovenia) and Greg Derrett's (UK) systems. It will include:

- Shaping as a training tool
- The "It's Your Choice" system
- Nose touches
- Tug-of-war stimulation
- Shadow walking & running
- Using cones for twist and spin exercises
- Crate games
- Tunnel games with guidance on left and right
- Weaving around legs
- Using a "travel board" and balancing devices for body awareness

We have 5 KODC instructors and 2 other club members experienced in Foundation Training who will act as facilitators, so there'll be a high "teacher to pupil" ratio which allows for multiple small groups each week. But some instructors will be absent at trials on some Sundays, so the number of available places will vary each week. And at this stage we don't know how popular the Foundation Class is going to be.

We will therefore make available at the clubhouse an "Intentions Register" for the Foundation Class where, from very early each training Sunday morning, a fresh page will be available for club members to indicate their desire to participate that day. The earlier you put your name down, the more likely you are to participate that day.



## OUR NEW GATOR HAS ARRIVED

The wait is over. At long last KODC has taken delivery of its new trailer-towing vehicle. It's a mini utility vehicle made by John Deere who call it a Gator. Although the Gator is intended for general use by all sections of KODC, we expect it will mostly be used for pulling the agility equipment trailer around.



The Gator's substantial \$18,750 price means it was a big commitment by our club's Committee. The purchase was made possible by a \$5,000 grant from Knox City Council through their Community Development Fund. The Club therefore very much extends its thanks to the Knox City Council for supporting our local community group.

The Gator is battery powered which not only means it's quiet and has less maintenance issues than a petrol or diesel engine version, but importantly means we avoid the problems of flammable fuel being stored in the club's building.



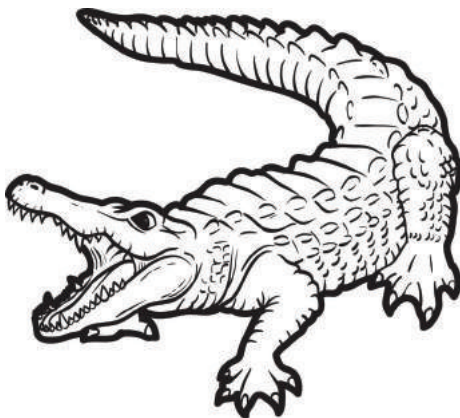
Check out the resemblance to the drawing!

Having the Gator means we no longer need to arrange for someone's car with a tow bar to be down at the clubhouse at 7am on Sunday mornings to get the trailer with the agility equipment around to the training area, and then back again around 11am. Thank you Alois for using your little Subaru in that regard for the past couple of years, and thanks too to Ross Hansen for performing the same chore for many years earlier.

As the Gator is much lighter than a car, and has wide low-pressure tyres, it is much less likely to damage the grass when the ground is soft due to wet weather.

The Gator's rear tray provides a perfect place to carry the heavy sandbags we use to anchor our tunnels. Not only are the bags then convenient to access but they also provide additional weight over the Gator's rear wheels to help stability when towing the trailer.

## OUR GATOR MAY NOT HAVE SHARP TEETH BUT IT CAN BITE IF TREATED IMPROPERLY



Our new Gator is an impressive piece of machinery. It's a serious towing vehicle and certainly not just a modified ride-on mower design. Like many machines, it has the potential to seriously injure people if misused. Our club has therefore set particular rules for its use, a main one being that the vehicle may only be driven by a person who has been authorised to do so by KODC's Committee.

Those people who have been authorised to drive the Gator have all needed to complete a John Deere "Utility Vehicle Training Program" and have been issued with a "Driver's Licence Certificate" specific to that model vehicle.

We expect all club members will understand the restriction on drivers, and the training they have undertaken. It's for everyone's safety.

## NEW FOUNDATION CLASS STARTS

You'll see elsewhere in this edition of Pawprint an announcement of a new class we are starting at KODC. It's called the Foundation Class.

As suggested by the name, it will teach many basic skills useful for dogs and handlers wishing to go on to agility. But the exercises and games to be taught in the foundation class are just as much fun whether or not you have any intention to go on to agility. The instructors have been drawn from those already instructing in early obedience classes and in agility classes.

The foundation class will be suitable for dogs as young as 6 months and as old as you like. In contrast, to attend our agility classes the dog must be at least 15 months for little dogs and 18 months for big dogs. Those minimum ages are imposed for

for agility in order to protect the dog from injury while its bones, joints and soft tissue are still poorly developed.

A benefit of foundation training is that even before your dog is old enough, and thus tough enough, to safely cope with agility training, they will develop many of the attentive, motivational and coordination skills required. Of course those very same attention, motivation and coordination skills are desirable in any dog. And with foundation training they'll have fun learning.

Foundation training builds upon the skills you and your dog learn in our club's classes 1 and 2. Although it could be likened to agility kindergarten, it's certainly not restricted to young dogs nor to dogs and handlers who want to go on to agility.

## TRIALLING SUCCESSES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Now the weather is cooling down from summer's heat, we are seeing more frequent agility trials. We had the K9 trial in February which, to avoid possible heat, started at 5:30pm. But the large number of entries and separate events (due to the new height competition rules) meant it finished after 1:00am! We are told next year's event will be organised differently to finish much earlier.

Then we had 2-day trials at both Bairnsdale and Warrnambool on successive weekends in March. That gave the opportunity of enjoying some fine weather and hospitality in regional centres. And 2 days of events made the long trip to each town doubly enjoyable.

We can't list all the successes here but some of the highlights deserve special mention.

At the K9 twilight trial Stephanie Hirst and her sheltie Penny won 1st place outright in Open Agility and also gained 1st place in her height in Masters Agility. Martha Schnider and her border collie Bella also won 1st place in her Masters Agility height event. And Nola Williams took mini poodle Pearl to First Place in Excellent Jumping.



Stephanie Hirst and 'Penny'



Anne Warren and 'Baxter'

At Bairnsdale Anne ran Baxter to a great 2nd place in Open Agility. Also Alois and Martha Schnider guided Bella and Chloe to a fine 2nd place in Masters Strategic Pairs, only a second behind the highly credentialed winners.

At Warrnambool Alois and Chloe again showed their consistency with 3 passes from 3 runs in Masters Jumping.

**Agility News is penned and  
clicked by Norman Morcom**

# CLUB RULES

1. NO bitches in season permitted on or near the training ground
2. NO dog allowed on the ground without a lead, unless under the supervision of an Instructor.
3. NO children other than child handlers permitted on the training ground.
4. Dogs not to be left unattended, tied to a car or in the vicinity of the clubhouse or left in the care of small children.
5. Dog droppings must be cleaned up IMMEDIATELY.
6. A dog that has bitten or, in the opinion of the training panel, shows an extreme tendency of unprovoked aggression towards people and/or dogs, MUST be muzzled. Members have the right of appeal against muzzling if it can be proved, beyond doubt, that the dog was provoked. Removal of a muzzle will be decided by the committee, at the recommendation of the Training Panel.
7. No SMOKING in class or the Clubhouse.
8. NO hitting a dog except when trying to prevent a fight or prevent a dog biting a person.
9. Handlers must be a FINANCIAL MEMBER of the club to attend training and use the club facilities.
10. All members must wear their current membership card when attending training.
11. Dogs are allowed in the Clubhouse (excluding areas set aside for the preparation or serving of food), except on such days as committee considers inappropriate. No dogs are to be in the Office, except those belonging to Club members working there.
12. Any dog showing visible signs of any DISEASE or DISABILITY will be asked to leave training ground and seek veterinary advice.

## Knox Obedience Dog Club Membership Fees

Juniors (10-16 years)	Yearly Fee \$20 + Joining Fee \$25 =	\$45
Single Adult (17 years and over)	Yearly Fee \$40 + Joining Fee \$25 =	\$65
Family (2 Adults, 2 Children 10-16 years)	Yearly Fee \$60 + Joining Fee \$25 =	\$85
Pensioner/Senior	Yearly Fee \$20 + Joining Fee \$25 =	\$45
Dual Pensioner/Senior	Yearly Fee \$40 + Joining Fee \$25 =	\$65

**(Children under the age of 10 are not permitted to have control of a dog in any of the classes)**

### NOTE:

Joining Fee is paid for the first year only, or if membership has not been renewed within 21 days of the due date.

The financial year begins on the 1st November and ends on the 31st October

REDUCED FEES APPLY for new memberships after mid year. See Office Staff for details.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

All dogs are required to be ON LEAD in the training grounds and in front of the Club house during club open times and after training "drinks" sessions too!!

PLEASE REPORT ANY OFF LEAD DOGS IMMEDIATELY TO ANY OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OR INSTRUCTORS.

### YELLOW BANDANAS

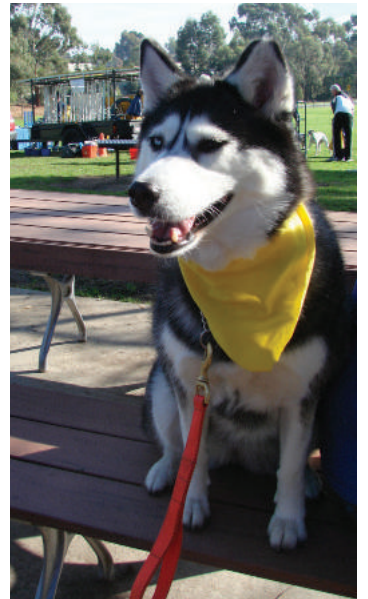
The Knox Obedience Dog Club has available Yellow Bandanas to identify dogs that may need a bit of space around them.

The reason for needing one could be:

- Nervousness
- Recovery from an operation (i.e.: convalescing)
- Unsociable to people or other dogs

When approaching a yellow bandana dog please make sure your dog doesn't go running up to it freely, just as the handler of the yellow bandana dog should be mindful of the space around their dog at all times.

So if you feel your dog needs to be given their own space, then go to the office and obtain a bandana for the day. Please return them when you have finished, so that other dogs can have their turn.



### AVOID DOGS TIED UP AND IN CRATES



You may have noticed that some members and instructors who use the Competition Obedience and Agility rings leave their dogs unattended, either in a crate or tied up, while they are working or helping other members.

PLEASE AVOID LETTING YOUR DOG APPROACH ANY DOG THAT IS LEFT UNATTENDED.

### INSTRUCTORS

Baby Puppy:	Megan, Pat
Beginners:	Kristy, John
Advanced Puppy:	Henk
Class 1:	Bob, Ray, Andrew

Class 2:	Vicki, Gail, Mark
Class 3:	Bert
Class 4:	John

Agility Instructors:	Wendy, Norman, Alois
Obedience Ring Work:	Trevor, Marta, Clive, Tim, Gordon
Rally Obedience:	Ray
Tracking Instructor:	Trevor

# KODC Training Calendar 2016

Month		Date	Training	Other Events
April	Sunday	3	Normal Training	
	Sunday	10	Normal Training <b>No Agility Training</b>	Class Testing (2)
	Sunday	17	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
	Sunday	24	<b>No Training</b>	<b>Anzac day long weekend</b>
May	Sunday	1	Normal Training	
	Sunday	8	Normal Training	
	Sunday	15	Normal Training	
	Sunday	22	Normal Training	<b>Class Testing (2)</b>
	Sunday	29	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
June	Sunday	5	Normal Training	
	Sunday	12	<b>No Training</b>	<b>Queen's birthday long weekend</b>
	Sunday	19	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
	Sunday	26	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)

## SUNDAY MORNING TRAINING TIMES

First Session (Classes 2, 3 & 4)

8.30 - 9.30 am

Second Session (Baby Puppy, Beginners, Advanced Puppy & Class 1)

9.45 - 10.45 am

Obedience Trial Ring Work is available

from 8.30am onwards

Rally-O Ring is available

from 8.30am onwards

Agility Trialers Practice

8.15 - 9.00 am

Agility Intermediates

9.05 - 9.45 am

Agility Beginners Class

9.50 - 10.30 am

## TUESDAY NIGHT (TWILIGHT) TRAINING TIMES

(during daylight savings only)

All classes 7pm onwards

(depending on availability of instructors)



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