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Knox Obedience Dog Club
Newsletter

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EDITORS REPORT

As you may be aware, a General Meeting of Members was held at the Clubhouse on 4th August. Members at the meeting agreed to several changes to our pricing structure and by-laws, which are applicable as of today. Most relevant to Members today are the updates to the Club Rules, which can be found on Page 4. Please review the Club Rules and please don't hesitate to ask a member of the Committee or Instructor should you have any questions.

We have a great edition of Pawprint here for you this week, with the announcement of two special events. We are hosting a talk at the Club by Dr. Alison Brown from Wantirna Vet Clinic on the topic of "How to get the Best from you Puppy," which should be interesting, and amusing. More info on Page 6. As you can see on the page opposite, we are also hosting a Scent Workshop, for those interested in understanding more about dogs scent abilities.

Marta has contributed two great common sense articles, a reminder for experienced trainers as well as new - don't repeat yourself, and shares some of her knowledge to inspire those considering Dog Trials for the first time.

Speaking of Trials, it is a short list this month due to timing issues, however we should have a bumper crop next month. If you passed in the last couple of weeks, you have not been forgotten.

Luke Kenny



ABOUT PAWPRINT

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.

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www.kodc.org.au/featured/newsletters

Do you have an article, information, or photograph that you would like to contribute to the newsletter?

If so, please give it to a Committee member or email it to:
customerservice@knoxodc.org.au

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SCENT DOG WORKSHOP

Dog Club 4 Hour Introduction Workshop

We aim to provide education and assistance in interesting and rewarding scent games and activities that people can do with their dogs. We endeavour to enhance the understanding, bond and teamwork between dogs and their owners and to provide enrichment and learning for all types of dogs and handlers.

All of our workshops aim to provide handlers with knowledge about scent.

Scent is the dogs' natural world; very few people are able to understand the dogs' way of perceiving the world through scent, as it is quite foreign to humans. At Scent Dogs Australia we endeavour to reveal the dogs' way of perceiving the world thus illuminating a new way of understanding your dog.

Nosework is a training activity/dog sport that builds on your dog's natural scenting abilities to hunt and detect scent and determine the location of its source.

Through fun and games dogs find hidden target odours in a small space such as a room, house or backyard. It is a great activity for people with limited space to train their dog.

Great for humans and dogs of all shapes, sizes, age and ability.

Nosework has benefits for participants seeking a lower impact canine activity and offers great rewards for both handlers and their dogs. By utilising basic detection dog skills, Nosework builds confidence, burns off mental and physical energy, and reinforces the bond between dog and owner.

Nosework is also a great way to build a strong partnership with your dog built on trust and understanding. Emphasis is placed on learning how your dog works and working with your dog as a team.

Limited numbers: 10 people per session **with 1 dog per person only**

4 Hour Introduction Workshop \$42 per person (to be paid by 4th Sept)

Saturday 10th September 2016

1st Group 8.30am to 12.30pm

2nd Group 1.30pm to 5.30pm

Only handlers and dogs are allowed

See Margaretha on Sunday after 9.30 in the Kitchen



INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

CLUB RULES

No bitches in season permitted on or near the training ground.

No dogs allowed on the ground without a lead, unless under the supervision of an Instructor.

No children other than child handlers permitted on the training ground.

No smoking is permitted while attending class, in the clubhouse, under the covered area outside the Clubhouse, or within 5 metres of any active Class.

No hitting a dog, except when trying to prevent a fight or prevent a dog biting a person.

Unless crated, Dogs are not to be:

left unattended,
tied to a car,
tied to any Clubhouse structure,
left in the Clubhouse, or
left in the care of children under 10 years old.

Instructors may secure their dogs as they deem appropriate while instructing.

Dogs are allowed in the Clubhouse, excluding areas set aside for the preparation

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,) or a dog who is 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

or serving of food, except on such days as Committee considers inappropriate. No dogs are to be left in the Office, except those belonging to the Club members working there.

Dog droppings to be cleaned up **immediately**.

Handlers must be a **financial member** of the club to attend training and use of the club facilities.

All members must wear their current membership card while attending training.

Any dog showing visible signs of any **disease** or **injury** will be asked to leave the training ground and to seek veterinary advice.

A dog that has bitten, or in the opinion of the training panel shows an extreme tendency of unprovoked aggression towards people, **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.

Where doubt exists, the interpretation and application of these rules is determined by the Club President, whose decision on such matters is final.

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

From time to time Instructors and ring users will tie or crate a dog while they are working or

Knox Obedience Club Membership Fees

Membership	Annual Fee	Joining Fee	Total
Juniors (10-16 years)	\$30	\$25	\$55
Single Adult (17 years and older)	\$50	\$25	\$75
Family (2 memberships included) Additional Memberships - Adult \$20 - Junior \$10	\$80	\$25	\$105
Pensioner / Senior	\$30	\$25	\$55
Dual Pensioner / Senior	\$50	\$25	\$75

(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 1st November and ends on 31st October.

Reduced Fees Apply for new memberships after mid year. See office staff for details

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TRAINING CALENDAR

Month	Date	Date	Training	Other Events
July	Sunday	3	Normal Training	
	Sunday	10	Normal Training	
	Sunday	17	Normal Training	
	Sunday	24	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
	Sunday	31	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
August	Thursday	4		General Meeting
	Sunday	7	Normal Training	
	Sunday	14	Normal Training	
	Sunday	21	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
	Sunday	28	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
September	Sunday	4	Normal Training	
	Sunday	11	Normal Training	
	Sunday	18	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
	Sunday	25	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)

SUNDAY MORNING TRAINING TIMES

First Session (Classes 2, 3 & 4)	8:30-9:30am
Second Session (Baby Puppies, Beginners, Advanced Baby Puppies & Class 1)	9:45-10:45am
Obedience Trial Ring Work available	From 8:30am
Rally-o Ring available	From 8:30am
Agility Triallers Practice	8:15-9:00am
Agility Intermediates Practice	9:05-9:45am
Agility Beginners Class	9:50-10:30am
Foundation	10:50-11:40am

INSTRUCTORS

Baby Puppy - Megan, Patricia
Advanced Puppy - Christine
Beginners - Kristy
Class 1 - Ray, Andrew
Class 2 - Vicki, Mark
Class 3 - Ray, Gail
Class 4 - John

Agility - Wendy, Norman, Alois
Obedience Ring Work - Trevor, Marta, Clive, Tim, Gordon
Rally Obedience - Ray
Tracking Instructor - Trevor
Foundation - Alois, Christine, Patricia, Stephanie, Anne, Norman

KODC COMMITTEE

President - Vicki Reid
Vice President - Margaretha Hovens
Vice President & Incorporation Secretary - Henk Morren
Treasurer - Trevor May
Club Secretary - John Nielsen

General Committee Members
 Patricia Roberts
 Debra Cartledge
 Luke Kenny
 Megan Pepprell
 Nola Williams
 Susanne Witty
 Kirsten Petersen
 Norm Morcom

EVENT: DR. ALISON BROWN

**Knox Obedience Dog Club Inc.
Presents**

Dr Alison Brown BVSc (Hons), MACVSc

**Business Owner & Local Veterinary Surgeon
From the Wantirna Vet Clinic.**

Tuesday 16th August 2016 @ 7.30PM

A talk on....

HOW TO GET THE BEST FROM YOUR PUPPY

**The early learning period
Tips and tricks to avoid a juvenile delinquent.
Creating a well socialised pet.**

**You hear so many people say
“I would do that differently with my next puppy...
especially socialize more.”**

So come get the information before the new puppy comes.

...and Please bring a friend.

Gold Coin entry and there will supper.

VALE - AXEL

VALE.

Rawedge With Attitude. CDX. RN.ET.

AKA Mr BOOf.

(16/7/2004 – 9/7/2016)

We shared 12 years together and I wish that we had another 12 years.

When I gave my heart to Axel I was in for an adventure that was mixed with fun, pride
Despair, fun, cannot believe he did that, fun, pride, worry and lots of adventures that sometimes
Involved the eating of my kitchen. You taught me a lot Axel and I was so lucky to have been

The one that shared your life with you along with Tia.

You melted the hearts of so so many that met you.

Forever in my heart my lovely boy.



RIP Axel Xxx. Clive Galea.

NEVER SAY IT TWICE. TWICE.

By Marta McKenzie



While we humans are quite comfortable translating this type of “double talk,” it might surprise you to know, that dogs also recognize double words, such as “sit-sit” or “down-down” and “come-come.” Some dogs are even capable to understand “three-repeats” such as “sit-sit-sit” or “stay-stay-STAY!!

One of the most common training errors is repeating commands. If Fido does not “sit” at the first command we automati-

cally say the word again “sit-sit”.

Over of series of repetitions we inadvertently teach the dog to wait patiently until the second or third command before he is required to respond. While the owner fumes about stubbornness and laziness, the dog’s comment would be “Look the command isn’t “sit” it is “sit-sit”! I am just waiting for you to finish the sentence”.

The ironic part of this exchange is that both participants are convinced the other is mistaken.

The primary reason for this confusion is that most people take language for granted. We forget that animals do not think of words as we do. They know words as sounds that are connected to particular situations.

If a person or a dog does not know an association between the word and it’s meaning, saying it twice or twenty times will make no difference.

If you are caught giving commands twice do not panic.

Give a command “sit” and bite your lip, wait for 30 seconds to allow your dog to realize that you are not going to say it twice. If he dog sits within the time limit praise him and give him a treat.

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After several attempts at getting the dog to respond to only one command Fido will not wait for the second one.

ARE YOU READY TO COMPETE?

Once you have set some reasonable goals as to what kind of performance you think you and your dog is capable to perform in competition, how do you prepare to compete?

First of course, you and your dog must perform at your desired level consistently in every training. Consistency does not mean he “does well “ on a day. It means he always does that well - it is his normal way of working. When this is achieved, then you must take your practice performance and make it a competition ring performance.

You and your dog must be able to perform at any location. The difference in performance in a dog trained in one location creates “backyard champion.”



Your dog have to be able to cope wit all kind of distractions - people, noise etc.

Work your dog with distractions to the degree that he needs to be reliably focused on his work. He must be able to perform with no help from you.

Many handlers do not realize how much help - often quite unconsciously - give their dog in training. How often do we give a verbal cue (hurry, easy..) or a body cue (tapping leg to straighten a front, using a foot to fix a sit?) Do we help tug here tug there with a lead?

Dogs depending on such aids are lost in the ring.

How long your dog can heel accurately with no praise?

How many exercises can he do with no play?

Novice handlers need few Trials to get comfortable. So put your dog and your stuff in the car and just do it. he rewards are well worth it. And when the judge asks “ Are you ready,” you will be able to answer with confidence “**YES.**”

TRIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST

By Nola Williams

Congratulations to the members who have gained passes and titles :-

Pam Brown with Hillacre Hawaiian News CD RA

Rally Obedience Excellent	WDCV	29/5/16	3rd Place
Rally Obedience Excellent	Hastings & Dist ODC	18/6/16	3rd Place Title RE

Pam Brown with Hillacre Spencer CDX RA

Rally Obedience Excellent	Border Collie Club	2/4/16	1st Place
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Lynette Milne with Elreav Caramel Fudge

Obedience Community Companion Dog - Est Gippsland DOC	12/6/16	1st Place
Obedience Community Companion Dog - Est Gippsland DOC	12/6/16	1st Place Title CCD

Margaretha Hovens with Phoenixhovenscooper TSDX

Track & Search Test 8	Tracking Club of Vic	2/7/16	Title TS Ch
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KODC Trial Report is put together each month by Nola Williams. If you would like your trial achievements to be acknowledged in Pawprint, please ensure your pass cards are added to the pass cards box in the Clubrooms.

Just for a Laugh.

It's not whether you win or lose, but
where you place the blame.

I owe, I owe, It's off to work I go!

Don't drink and drive, you may hit a
bump and spill your drink.

Insanity is hereditary. You get it from
your kids.

Love is Grand, divorce is Twenty Grand.

Think - and surprise us all.

Tonight there are two choices for dinner -
Take it or leave it.

He who dies with the best Tan - WINS.

The future is not what it used to be.

If all fails - lower your standards.

Behind every successful man is an EX-
HAUSTED woman.

Money isn't everything, but it sure keeps
the kids in touch.

Love your neighbor, but don't get caught!

They can send me to UNI but they can't
make me THINK.

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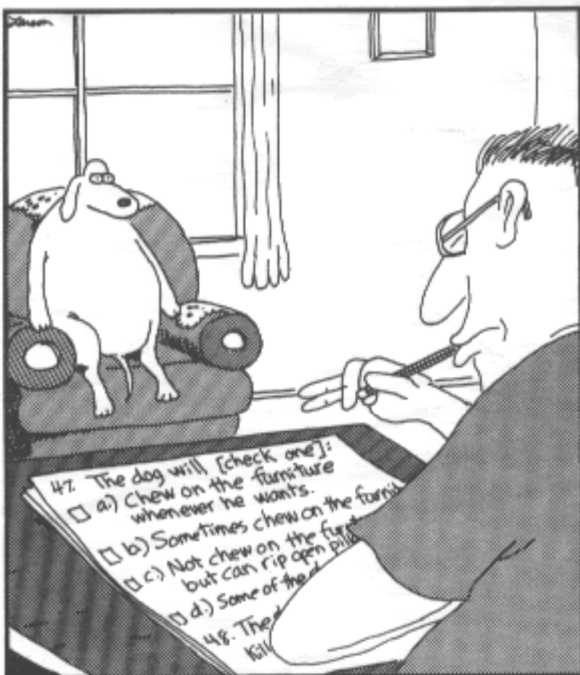
ANOTHER WORKING DOG

From Nola Williams

Then there are the smart ones, the ones who know what to do without being told, who can count and find their way home, who know what's what and can do the job better than the boss!

Dick Mills thought you may like to know that he once saw his cousin, Bruce Mills, bring in a mob of sheep using eight dogs together. Eight dogs! Usually one is enough trouble for the average sheepman. Bruce had his dogs bring in the sheep in order to catch one, but he did this in an open paddock without the use of a yard.

This was no trouble for Bruce. He held the sheep against the fence with each dog sitting, evenly spaced, under perfect control in a semicircle around the sheep while he went in and caught one. The dogs were as good as any yard.



The questions were getting harder, and Ted could feel Lucky's watchful glare from across the room. He had been warned, he recalled, that this was a breed that would sometimes test him.

Did you know??

That the body of a dog contains 321 bones

That the first ever dog show was held in Britain in 1859

An adult dog always has 42 teeth

A dog's nose print is unique as our fingerprint

Pugs have been given their name because of their resemblance to the pug monkey



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