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EDITORS REPORT

What a great year we've had at KODC. Our lovely grounds have been returned to us, our Agility Trial was brilliantly organised, albeit a little damp, and we've had more Tracking and Agility Titles than ever before.

We are looking forward to a great 2017, and hopefully pushing to get our Obedience Titles up. As you may have heard, KODC is running an Obedience trial this year, so it's going to be a great year to lock in your first, or your fifth, Obedience Title.

The Club's Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday night, and a new Committee has been voted in. It was very pleasing to see that for the first time in several years each Committee seat a member sitting in it.

Great final episode of Pawprint here for you. We are looking at changing up the format a little in 2017, and brining in some new regular features. If you're interested in contributing, perhaps you are a keen writer or have an eye for photography, we'd love to have you as a part of the team. Get in touch with me on the email below and we'll make it happen.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe, drive carefully, please don't climb a ladder without someone holding the base, drink too much but not too often, and **PUT DOGGIE SUNSCREEN ON YOUR DOGS NOSE IF YOU'RE GOING IN THE SUN. YOU GET IT AT THE VET OR RSPCA WEBSITE.**

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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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WORKING BEE



A Club Working Bee and
New Member Signup Day will be held on
Sunday, 22nd January
From 8am to 12 noon

Some of the jobs around the Club that need to be done:

Check equipment
Paint Men's toilet floor
Clean the roof from sticks
Clean the windows
De-cobweb the whole dog club
Dust pictures

If you're able to come along and lend a hand, we look forward to seeing you there!



Dear Santa

I've been good all year!

OK most of the time.

...once in a while...

To Martha, Alois and Bianca,

Would like to say thank you so much for taking Pep on (despite his antics and being aware than you never know from one run to the next what you will get!) when it appeared his "career" was over! – not to mention your "fleet of foot" which often prevented him from making his own decisions! It has been nerve-racking and great fun to watch, and well worth my putting you all under pressure, so hope you keep fit – next year is fast approaching!

I would also like to thank Norm for keeping all the Agility followers up to date with training schedules etc – he has us organised to 5th February (great stuff!) – and also both Norm and Alois for their wonderful instruction throughout the year – well worth getting up early for.

Susan Witty

Thank you everyone for helping with Obedience ring work, particularly Gordon, Tim, Clive, Jack, Geoff and Urs, for being ready to lend a hand.

We learned, cheered at successes, shared disappointments, but most of all we helped each other.

To our regular handlers, Thank you for your friendship, I have learned many things from you.

WISHING EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS 2017 YEAR

Marta McKenzie with Mac and Georgia



AGILITY NEWS

A Report by Norman Morcom – Trial Secretary

GRANITE & ONYX BOTH ROCK HARD



Zoe with Granite

Zoe Delahoy only started agility trialling with miniature poodle Granite at our club trial in October. She's the youngest handler in Victoria's agility trials. Because of this, and the spectacular colouring of Granite's coat, and granite's high-flying jumping, they have become popular subjects for photographers,

Meanwhile, from the same household, Bianca Delahoy's mini poodle Onyx has been doing well at trials. At the K9 trial in November Onyx gained 1st place in two masters events and also won the coveted "Fastest Jumping" prize.



Granite with prizes from the K9 trial
It will be interesting watching what happens when Zoe & Granite develop to the stage of competing against Mum & Onyx at trials.

KIMBA THE TRIPOD DOESN'T NEED A LEG-UP

Is it a bird, is it a plane? No, it's little Kimba back again and flying high with only three legs!

A few months ago, Nicole Wain's little Kimba suffered a serious injury and had to have her left rear leg amputated. Everyone in Victoria's agility trialling fraternity knows Kimba can express a stubbornness. But that determined attitude has been demonstrated even more by Kimba continuing with great enthusiasm. Not content with their success in Rally-O, they're back trialling in agility also.

If Kimba can do it on three legs, what can your dog do on four?



2 legs over, 1 to go

PALINA'S GAMBLING WIN

Congratulations go to Margaret Keil for handling her lagotto Palina to her novice gamblers title. Gamblers is a tricky agility game as its course always finishes with the handler directing the dog to obstacles from a significant distance.

5, 4, 3, 2, 1, ZERO

MERYL AND RAULF BLAST OFF TO TRIALS TRIUMPH

A new little pocket rocket has blasted onto the agility trials scene during November.

Meryl Birchall and her little white toy poodle Raulf have been working hard on their agility skills and Meryl decided to start trialling. Everyone has been saying how impressive their performance has been at Sunday classes, but Meryl worried whether their preparation had been sufficient.

Then, on the last weekend in November, at the 2-day agility trial at Geelong, Meryl and Raulf launched, and soared to success. In 5 events, covering novice agility and novice jumping, they won four 1st Places and one 2nd Place.

It may be Raulf who's leaping high, but it's Meryl who's "over the moon".



Little Raulf is showing all the attributes of a future champion, thanks to the great work Meryl has put in. We should all get our dogs to watch Raulf's confident "touch" on the contact apparatus, and also have our dogs study how intently Raulf watches Meryl's directions.

K9 CLUB TRIAL A BARKING SUCCESS



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

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.

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

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 helping other members. Please avoid letting your dog approach any dog without first communicating with its owner.

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 Unit (2 memberships included)	\$80	\$25	\$105
Additional Memberships - Adult \$20 - Junior \$10			
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)

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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

TRAINING CALENDAR

Month	Date	Date	Training	Other Events
January	Sunday	22	NO TRAINING	Club Working Bee & Signup Day
	Sunday	29	NO TRAINING	
	Tuesday	31	Tuesday Night Training	
February	Sunday	5	Normal Training	First Full Sunday Training 2017
	Tuesday	7	Tuesday Night Training	
	Sunday	12	Normal Training	
	Tuesday	14	Tuesday Night Training	
	Sunday	19	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
	Tuesday	21	Tuesday Night Training	
	Sunday	26	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
	Tuesday	28	Tuesday Night Training	
	Sunday	5	Normal Training	
	Tuesday	7	Tuesday Night Training	
March	Sunday	12	NO TRAINING	Labour Day Weekend
	Tuesday	14	NO TRAINING	Labour Day Weekend
	Sunday	19	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
	Tuesday	21	Tuesday Night Training	
	Sunday	26	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
	Tuesday	28	Tuesday Night Training	

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 Trialers Practice	8:15-9:00am
Agility Intermediates Practice	9:05-9:45am
Agility Beginners Class	9:50-10:30am
Foundation	10:50-11:40am

KODC COMMITTEE 2017

President Trevor May	General Committee Members Patricia Roberts
Vice President Margaretha Hovens	Debra Cartledge
Vice President Luke Kenny	Nola Williams
Treasurer Vicki Reid	Susanne Witty
Club Secretary John Nielsen	Kirsten Petersen
Ass. Secretary Megan Pepprell	Norman Morcom
	David Thorn
	Nicole Wain
	Marta Schnider

INSTRUCTORS 2017

Baby Puppy - Megan, Patricia
Advanced Puppy - Christine
Beginners - Kristy, John
Class 1 - TBA
Class 2 - TBA
Class 3 - TBA
Class 4 - TBA

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

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OBEDIENCE IDEAS

By Marta McKenzie

DOGS CAN COUNT.

Maybe you can't ask dog "what's one plus one" and get an answer.

But tests show that dogs can count up to four or five and understand the idea of addition and subtraction.

If a dog sees a bowl with five pieces of food and another with two, he will likely choose the bowl with more pieces.



DOGS DON'T UNDERSTAND TIME OR SPACE.

Dogs understand simple ideas of space. They are good at making a mental map of the space around them, as long as they have some landmarks. And while the concept of time is a little bit harder, they understand that things happen in some kind of order.



They understand that one thing happens before or after something else.

DOGS MAY BE GETTING SMARTER

Dogs today have bigger brains relative to their body weight than their ancestors did. This could be due to selective breeding for skills that require intelligence - such as hunting, guarding, guiding, and sheepherding.

BETTER MANNERS.

With Christmas and holiday time rapidly approaching, there will be inevitably mouthwatering treats on kitchen benches and other great smells out on tables.

To dogs food left out with no one claiming, it is just wasted, so they take it.

Dogs have been historically scavengers and as such they tend to be opportunists.

What punishment fails to do is tell the dog what you would like them to do instead. Rather than punishing we are better to teach him what is more acceptable.

Firstly we do not leave food out unattended. This fixes 99.99% of the food stealing.

Secondly, we can crate the dog when we are not able to watch him, or put up a baby gate in the doorway to the kitchen.



If we can not remove dog from the environment we put all food away utilizing space in oven or microwave.

When your dog steals food successfully, this behavior will be reinforced and will most likely happen again.

Finally we can teach dog on cue by:

“Go to place/mat “ cue meaning dog should go to a place/mat away from kitchen or table and dow/stay until further notice. Once dog learned that, we begin pairing it with cue, in this case kitchen or table. We can place an item on kitchen bench followed by cue “go to place/mat”. Very soon dog will go to place/mat each time we placed something on kitchen bench.

Think about the behaviors you would like your dog to stop doing and what you would like him to do instead.

It may be when family is eating a meal, by placing the plates on the table could be his cue to go to place/mat.

The possibilities are unlimited.

I am passing this on because it worked for me today.

A doctor on TV said that in order to have inner peace in our lives, we should always finish things that we start. I looked around my house to find things I have started and did not finished.

I finished a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of Chardonnay, a bottle of Baileys, a butle of wum and a box a choclutz. Yu has no idr how fabuls I feel rite now.

Sned this to all ur fenz who need inner piss. An telum u luvum.

TRIAL REPORT

By Nola Williams, at trialreporter@knoxodc.org.au

Congratulations to our members who have gained titles and passes in their trials.

Sonia Hall with TCh Birindi Alakajz ET CCD RN

Track & Search Test One	Gippsland ODC	4/9/16
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Sonia Hall with TCh Snowfall On Ya Skates Mate RN ET

Track & Search Test One	Bendigo ODC	16/10/16
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Margaret Keil with Ch Duoforza Tivoli RN JD AD

Novice Gamblers	Gippsland ODC	6/11/16	Title GD
Excellent Agility	Warrnambool DTS	29/10/16	2nd Place

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

Excellent Gamblers	Gippsland ODC	6/11/16	
Master Agility	Gippsland ODC	6/11/16	1st Place

Alois Schnider with Inaword Chlo RE ADX JDM JDO GDX SDX SPDX

Master Jumping	Warrnambool DTS	29/10/16	2nd Place
Master Jumping	Gippsland ODC	6/11/16	
Master Jumping	K9	20/11/16	
Master Jumping	Geelong ODC	26/11/16	2nd Place
Open Agility	Geelong ODC	26/11/16	1st Place
Master Jumping	Geelong ODC	27/11/16	2nd Place
Master Jumping	Geelong ODC	27/11/16	
Master Jumping	Geelong ODC	27/11/16	
Open Jumping	Geelong ODC	27/11/16	2nd Place

Meryl Birchall with Hoku Petite Raulf

Novice Agility	Geelong ODC	26/11/16	1st Place
Novice Jumping	Geelong ODC	26/11/16	2nd Place
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Denise Basile with Cryshaven Isabella

Novice Jumping	K9 Agility	19/11/16	1st Place
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Susan Witty with Pep CD RE JD AD

Excellent Jumping	K9 Agility	19/11/16	3rd Place
Excellent Jumping	Geelong ODC	26/11/16	2nd Place
Excellent Agility	Geelong ODC	26/11/16	1st Place

SUMMER ADVICE

By Kristy Proudlock

Keeping your dog cool this summer

- Wading pool
- Big ice blocks in water bowls
- Wet towels
- Extra shade outside (umbrellas/shade cloth)
- Food treats frozen in water

During summer it is always a good idea to provide more than one water source for your pets.

Walk/exercise your dog in the very early morning or the late evening avoiding the heat of the day and the hot pathways and roads.

Water fountain bowls circulate the water helping to keep the water cooler.

If your dog stays outdoors while you're at work, a kennel can help give dogs a cool, protected place to sleep. Extra shade cloth can give your dog some much needed shade on those forty degree days.

Cool mats are a fabulous invention and can even be purchased at cheap wholesale shops now. If your dog is a known chewer, these beds are not for you.

Frozen Kong treats not only keep your dog occupied, they can help keep them hydrated.

But the best way to keep your dogs cool this summer, is the same way you are going to keep yourself cool...indoors with the aircon blasting.

Have a safe, cool and happy summer with your pets!



Doggy Christmas Present Ideas

Just like us, our dogs also enjoy getting to rip open a prezzie or two. Here are some easy present ideas for your dogs for this Christmas morning.

- A big juicy bone from the butcher
- A heavy duty treat toy
- New toys
- New bed

Or for something a bit different:

- GPS tracker tag
- Lite up ball
- Pet teepee
- Personalised dog blanket/bed/bowl

If you've got some extra cash to splurge on your dog, there are some fun pet games on various digital tablets your pet may enjoy.

Save up your empty toilet rolls and paper towel rolls and give all of them to your dog at once on Christmas morning. If your dog is anything like mine they will think it's the best game ever. The same can be said for tennis balls. Find/buy as many tennis balls as you can and give them to your dog all at once for Christmas. Doggy Christmas heaven! Film the event in slow-mo for laughs laughter.

And the present your dog wants most for Christmas...you. Take as much time as you can to spend with ALL of your loved ones this Christmas, both two and four legged.

Merry Christmas from my pack to yours.



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