

# PAW PRINT

Knox Obedience Dog Club  
Newsletter

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# EDITORS REPORT

## GENERAL MEETING

Knox Obedience Dog Club Inc. invites all members to a General Meeting to be held at the KODC Clubhouse on

**Thursday, 4th August at 8:00pm**

All attendees are required to wear their KODC membership badge.

The Committee has agreed to propose several changes to the By Laws of KODC for members to consider and ratify at the General Meeting.

The By Laws of KODC relate to the Rules of KODC, specify the times and nature of operations, specify the annual fees and fee structure, create the awards issued to members each year and set the terms for eligibility for Life Membership.

The changes the Committee have proposed are intended to:

- improve and clarify the intention behind the KODC rules, where debate and misunderstandings have occurred;
- provide more flexibility for trophies and awards to be granted in new disciplines as members begin to participate in them;
- clarify the rules regarding Titles achieved at the end of the Trialing year;
- introduce a new Perpetual Award for Tracking;
- provide for a minimal increase in Membership Fees to account for inflation;
- adjust Membership types to better reflect the changing needs of our community.

The full text of the current By Laws and the proposed changes is available on our web site at:

**<http://knoxodc.org.au/by-laws>**

Any questions or comments should be addressed to the Committee via email at **[customerservice@knoxodc.org.au](mailto:customerservice@knoxodc.org.au)**.

## 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.

### **The Team**

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**PAWPRINT is now available in colour from the KODC website**  
**[www.kodc.org.au/featured/newsletters](http://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](mailto:customerservice@knoxodc.org.au)**

### **Disclaimer**

Articles appearing in this magazine are considered to be of interest to the members, but do not necessarily express the opinions of the Committee or of the Editor.

### **Legal note**

The Editor and the Committee of the KODC accept no responsibility for the accuracy of claims made by advertisers in this magazine

## VALE

“Amityrohan Kellydoon Bonnie”

(15.12.2003 – 8.6.2016)

I would like to thank all my friends and Bonnie’s friends at KODC for their kindness and support. Even though she was highly trained she was not very good at obedience trialing. She was however very good for demonstrating down in Class 1. She was a beautiful family dog and she loved my grandchildren. I miss her greatly, farewell “BON-BON”.

BOB HEINLEY



# INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

## 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.

## 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)	\$20	\$25	\$45
Single Adult (17 years and older)	\$40	\$25	\$65
Family (2 adults, 2 children 10-16 years)	\$60	\$25	\$85
Pensioner / Senior	\$20	\$25	\$45
Dual Pensioner / Senior	\$40	\$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 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
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 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

### 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

# Is your dog bored with training?

By Marta McKenzie

Here are some ways I use to motivate my bored dogs.

## Tasty treats

My dog is motivated by extra tasty treats such as freeze-dried liver, cabana pieces, salmon biscuits or cheese. She does not get these treats other times except in training. Even with food I find that 3 repetitions is her maximum. She gets increasingly sloppy if I repeat too much.

## Don't repeat commands they already know.

In training we use the rule that if we give a command and the dog does it successfully, we don't repeat it. Repetition suggest to the dog that no matter how well it does you are not pleased. So the dog has no incentive to perform well. Some dogs become more creative because they think that they didn't do it right so they try variations.



## Toys for motivation.

Some dogs like toys to motivate.

Use whatever really turn your dog on.



## Doggy Trivia

A dog's sense of smell is one of the keenest in nature. If a pot of stew was cooking on a stove, a human would smell the stew, while the dog could smell the beef, carrots, peas, potatoes, spices and all the other individual ingredients in the stew.

In fact, if you unfolded and laid out the delicate membranes from inside a dogs nose, the membranes would be larger than the dog itself.

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# Dogs Taste Buds

By Marta McKenzie

Dogs taste buds recognize five basic modalities: sweet, sour, salty, bitter and water.

Dogs love the taste of liver and sweet and salty flavors.

One reason dogs enjoy licking their owners is to taste the salt from their perspiration.



## Another Story...

An older tired-looking dog wondered into my yard.

I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of.

He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head;

he then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep.

An hour later he went to the door and I let him out.

The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour.

This continued off and on for several weeks.

Curious I pinned a note to his collar: "I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap."

The next day he arrived for his nap with a different note pinned to his collar:

"He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 - he is trying to catch up on his sleep."

"Can I come with him tomorrow?"



# INTERSTING - DOG PSYCHOLOGY

**Dogs are considered to be man's best friend. But how well do we really know our "best friends?" Find out what new research is telling us and how it can help you better understand your canine pal.**

Of course we all know our pets are special, but now dog owners have science to back up those claims. New studies and technologies can offer insights into dog psychology and behaviours. Here are some facts that will help you better understand man's best friend:



1. Barking is a self-rewarding activity. This means it can be difficult to stop because a dog's bark usually makes something happen.
2. A recent study in *Current Biology* showed dogs respond to nonverbal and verbal cues at a similar level to human two-year-olds. Some dogs are even able to understand basic sign language.
3. MRIs of the canine brain indicate that dogs experience positive emotions similar to that of a human child. Among other things, the sight of familiar humans seems to trigger positive feelings in a dog's brain.
4. Dogs are four times more likely to bite or become aggressive when walked by a male. It's thought that this stems from dogs' ability to pick up on a walker's emotions or aggression.
5. Male dogs prefer to play with female dogs, whereas female dogs do not discriminate between playmates. This may arise from an evolutionary necessity for mothers to care for pups of both sexes.
6. Walking your dog regularly can lead to better behaviour for them (and better health for you)!
7. Perhaps as a result, dogs who are regularly walked are also more likely to be adopted from a shelter.
8. The way a dog's tail wags – right or left – seems to have different meanings as a non-verbal communicator (although contradicting interpretations exist).
9. Curiosity may motivate the traditional canine bottom-sniff greeting. Scent matching can allow a dog to place another dog at the site of a marking. Your dog may be trying to match smells along their route with dogs they meet.
10. Dogs can learn by modelling behaviours of other dogs. As a result, it's easier to train a new puppy with an already-trained older dog in the house.
11. Dogs also learn from human emotions! A dog can translate their owner's emotions and behaviors to the object a person is looking at. Thus, your dog may be more likely to interact with a toy that you have already interacted with positively.
12. MRI testing has shown that a canine brain reacts similarly to sounds of joy and pain in much the same way as a human, meaning that dogs are able to understand the differences in human vocal intonations and the meanings behind them.



# TEACH YOUR DOG TO BARK

**Some puppies are very vocal, while others are less so, but by teaching your dog the "speak" and "quiet" command set, you will be able to build their communication skills and stifle any ill-timed vocalizations.**

*"Speak" means your dog should bark.*

*"Quiet" means your dog should stop barking and be quiet.*

## **Step 1:**

Ask yourself, is my dog a talker or more the silent type?

If... Your puppy is a natural 'talker,' you can take advantage of that fact in teaching "Speak."

Then... When your pup begins to bark, for whatever reason, you can say, "Simon, Speak!" If he barks again, say, "Yes! Good Speak!" Try to time your command of "Speak" to occur just before he barks, and then offer a treat and reinforce with "Yes! Good Speak." This is an easy way to teach this command, and if you keep it up, he will understand what you want and will "Speak" on command. Look for opportunities when you know your puppy will begin to bark (for example when someone comes to the door) and ask him to "Speak" just before he would start anyway.

If... You have a puppy that is quiet by nature and not a big talker.

Then... You will need to build some excitement (and maybe a bit of frustration) to get him to speak. There are a number of ways to accomplish this. Does your puppy have a toy that gets him super excited? You could use that to entice your puppy to "Speak." Ask him to sit and begin playing with the toy. Keep your energy up and be excited. Encourage him to speak, but do not let him have the toy unless a sound of some sort issues forth. At first any sound from him will do – encourage him with "That's It! Speak!" Reward (with a treat) for any sound he makes to give him the idea that sound is what you are looking for. Reinforce a sound with "Yes! Good Speak Simon!"

## **Step 2:**

Once your puppy is speaking on command, you can begin teaching "Quiet." With your puppy ready and willing, ask him to "Speak," followed by "Yes! Good Speak!" Ask for another "Speak." As he is speaking, say, "Simon, Quiet!" Say this slightly louder and in a firmer tone of voice, to get his attention. As soon as he is silent, say, "Yes! Good Quiet," and give him a treat.

## **Step 3:**

You can make a game of "Speak" and "Quiet," asking for "Speak" two or three times followed by a "Quiet," then maybe one "Speak" followed by a "Quiet," then four "Speaks"... you get the idea. Changing the number of times he speaks before being quiet will keep him interested in doing as you ask and ensure that you are in control of his speak/quiet cycle.

"Speak" and "Quiet" are fun and useful commands that can help develop communication skills between you and your dog. Teaching "Speak" and "Quiet" essentially gives you the ability to switch your puppy's vocalizations on and off – a handy skill to have to prevent incessant barking or to play vocal games with him. Have fun with it and your puppy will too!

# TRIAL REPORT FOR JUNE

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

**Margaret Keil with Ch Duoforza Tivoli RN AD JD**

Novice Gambling	Agility Nationals SA	26/5/16	
Excellent Jumping	Agility Nationals SA	26/5/16	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>

**Marta McKenzie with O.Gr TCh Yeoville Mastermind UDX RAE AD JD ET TSDX**

Track & Search Test 7	Wodonga Kennel Club	28/5/16	
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**Elizabeth McCarthy with Charmhill Rufus CD RA**

Rally Obedience Excellent	Croydon & Dist ODC	24/4/16	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>
Rally Obedience Excellent	WDCV	29/5/16	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>
Tracking Test 1	Knox ODC	8/5/16	

**Margaretha Hovens with TCh Phoenixhovenscooper TSDX**

Track & Search Test 7	Wodonga Kennel Club	29/5/16	
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**Martha Schnider with Montulata Jades Gem CCD RE ADX JDM SPDX GD SD**

Excellent Snooker	Agility Nationals SA	27/5/16	
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**Alios Schnider with Inaword Chlo RE AD JDO JDM SDX SPDX GDX**

Masters Snooker	Agility Nationals SA	27/5/16	
Excellent Agility	Agility Nationals SA	25/5/16	

**Pam Brown with Hillacre Spencer CDX RA**

Rally Obedience Excellent	WDCV	29/5/16	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place Title RE</b>
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**Nicole Wain with Maxwain CCD RAE**

Masters Rally Obedience	Bairnsdale & Dist ODC	11/6/16	
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**Shirley Noble with Matilda Beleme CD RA TD**

Tracking Test 4	Ballaarat DOC	8/9/13	
Tracking Test 5	Knox ODC	10/5/15	
Tracking Test 6	German Shepherd Club	11/6/16	<b>Title TDX</b>

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

Excellent Agility	Gippsland ODC	13/6/16	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>
Master Jumping	Gippsland ODC	13/6/16	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>
Open Jumping	Gippsland ODC	13/6/16	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>

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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.

# ANOTHER WORKING DOG

From Nola Williams

It all begins with a pup and then the training – or trouble – starts. It seems some are born to it, some come good eventually (even at ten!) and others – well .....

DC McCracken's late uncle owned, amongst his various sheepdogs, a small black & grey bitch named Winnie.

Winnie was absolutely sheep-obsessed. She would become excited at the mere mention of the animals.

On one occasion, when mustering with her master, who was on horseback, she came back to him in a very agitated state. She indicated that she wanted him to follow her.

He eventually did and she led him some distance away to a limestone blowhole several metres deep. Down it was a sheep.

The sheep was rescued unharmed and Winnie returned to her mustering duties with an air of self-satisfaction and relief.







# O B E D I E N C E R A L L Y ' O

## T R A C K I N G A G I L I T Y



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