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KNOX OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB

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CONGRATULATIONS



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Margaret & 'Lucille'



Lisa & 'Dusty'

1st pass in Novice Jumping

Fastest Dog in height class

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February has been a mixed month both weather wise and attendance wise. The two are probably somewhat related with some weeks having quite small classes. This trend will not continue, as the number of new members joining during the months of March, April and May are traditionally high. So take advantage of the smaller classes to get extra assistance from your instructors.

Till next month
Trevor May

This combined with some extra practice at home could be the difference next testing day between passing or not.

In case you have not heard yet, the club will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in October this year. We are planning some special events around the week-end of the 7th and 8th of October so please keep that week-end free. More details will be published as we finalise arrangements.

WHAT DOES YOUR MEMBERSHIP BADGE TELL YOU?



You must wear your membership badge each time you attend a class on Sunday or Tuesday

A	Agility – Your dog must be in Class 3 or over, have reliable off lead control, and be over 12 months of age.
2017	Tells you the year of Membership.
Name	Handlers Name
Dogs Name	Your dog's name. In our example, handler Joe, has 2 dogs, Spot & Fido
Coloured Spots	Indicates which class your dog is in. <div> <div>No Dots</div> <div>White Dots</div> <div>Blue Dots</div> <div>Yellow Dots</div> <div>Green Dots</div> <div>Red Dots</div> </div> <div> <div>Beginners</div> <div>Advanced Puppies</div> <div>Class 1</div> <div>Class 2</div> <div>Class 3</div> <div>Class 4</div> </div>
Star	Indicates that your dog has been in competitions, and has received a title from Dogs Victoria



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

Luke Kenny
Christine Devlin
Marta McKenzie
Nola Williams
Kristy Proudlock
Norman Morcom

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TRAINING WITH FOOD

Some people oppose food training because they think that once they start they are locked into it. Training with food will not destroy the dog's motivation by other rewards.

When dog is new (or puppy) it makes sense to train with food. Other rewards require that you and the dog work out a mutual language first and that takes time.

Food works as a reward but it can also work as a lure. Be careful not to tease or bribe when using food as a lure.

For the dog who is easily distracted by food keep it out of sight until it is time to feed it.

When a task becomes self-rewarding, food could get in the way. It may still help, though to bring food into training at certain points to help fine-tune specific skills.

Teach words or phrases for the rewards you give in training including food.

Use food to shape a dog's feelings about particular situations such as visiting veterinarian, riding in the car, different noises such as vacuum cleaner or anything else you want the dog to tolerate.

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE HUMAN BODY.

A single hair can hold the weight of a hanging apple.

The total length of all nerves in the human body is 75 kilometers.

A human makes approximately 20,000 breaths per day.

Over the course of just one day our blood "runs" the distance of 19,312 kilometers.

The heart beats 35 million times a year.

Boys have fewer taste buds on the surface of their tongues than girls do.

The average person consumes about 35 tons of food during his or her life.

Every day, the human body loses about one million skin cells that amount to 2 kilos every year.

One square centimetre of your skin contains around a hundred pain sensors.

The speed of your sneeze is 160 km/h.

Smiling triggers 17 muscles of the face, while crying activates 43. So smile more.





FOUNDATION CLASS



OBEDIENCE RING WORK



AGILITY



STARS SHINE AT TWILIGHT

February's "Twilight Agility Trial" at KCC Park has become quite an institution. It's the only agility trial held during the January-February period when the chance of a hot summer day precludes the option of a day trial.

A 5:30pm start means the worst of any hot day is over. When the daylight fades, floodlights take over. The large entry list meant the last event didn't finish until after midnight.

Highlights of the evening included two runs in Novice Jumping from Lisa Neil with her Aussie Shepherd *Dusty*, and Margaret Keil with her Lagotto Romagnolo *Lucille*. Both teams gained their first passes in Novice Jumping and First Place in their respective heights for the event as well.



Lisa and Dusty

That's impressive enough, but the bigger news was that Dusty's and Lucille's runs were so quick that they also won the night's big prizes for the fastest 600 and 400 height dogs respectively in any jumping event at the trial.

So, Dusty and Lucille were faster than any other dog of their height in the Excellent, Masters or Open level jumping as well. That includes many awesome competitors in the top level jumping events. Wow! In addition to giant sashes, their prizes included enough doggy treats for months of training. (See our cover photos).



Margaret and Lucille

Tegan Smith was also delighted with her first pass in Masters Jumping with little Pippin. Small dogs, especially those like Pippin with a dachshund parent, can't run as fast as big dogs. So meeting the tight time limits in Masters Jumping is problematic. But little Pippin's legs worked furiously and she squeaked in by less than half a second.

A much-appreciated addition to the trial fixture was a veteran's jumping event for old agility dogs who are retired from competition. The jumps were set at the lowest level and it was wonderful seeing the old dogs show so much joy at having a run.

As a final note, we must mention the traffic jam when over 50 entrants tried to walk the course for Masters Jumping at the same time.



A QUIET CONTEMPLATION

We have a quiet period in trialling during the summer months. There's more opportunity to contemplate life with a doggy head or two on our lap and a beverage close at hand.

For a long while your scribe has thought, and often proclaimed, that agility is simply one of many forms of obedience training, as are tracking, rally-o, sledding, herding, and dancing with dogs. In essence, all of them involve humans teaching our dogs to perform tasks when we tell them to.

But lately I've moved to the view that there's a hidden distinction with agility.

The difference is not in what the dog does, nor the training techniques used, it's in our reliance on other people to make the training possible.

Training a dog in many of the skills required for good obedience, or dancing, or rally-o, can be done at home in a small backyard, or even a lounge room, with minimal equipment.



The remaining skills can be practiced one-on-one with your dog in a small park area. But agility training requires a largish space and a lot of equipment. That has interesting implications.

Most of us don't have a 30m x 20m grassed backyard in which we can set up a small agility practice course. And some of the equipment is too heavy for just one person to move around. So we agiliteers usually train in groups, where assistance is available to erect, dismantle and carry all the stuff. We try to get together for that purpose as often as possible, perhaps 2 or 3 times a week, because that's the only opportunity we get.

That mutual dependency for training builds a camaraderie between agiliteers that this scribe suspects is unique in dog training disciplines. The bonds between agiliteers are formed through continual cooperation and pitching in to help.

Others sometimes perceive this bonding as tribalism, and even imply a degree of exclusion by the "tribe" towards others. Not so. Anyone is more than welcome to share in the joys of agility. Just bring your dog and a preparedness to contribute.



Norman Morcom with Bonola Silver Blackpearl RA JD

Novice Agility	K9 Agility	11/2/17	1st Place
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Christine Devlin with Kiriell The Lady of the Lake RN

Rally Obedience Advanced	Southern ODC	12/11/16	
Rally Obedience Advanced	Dogs Victoria	29/11/16	
Rally Obedience Advanced	Croydon & Dist ODC	4/12/16	3rd Place Title RA

Rhonda Williams with Dual Ch(T) Gr Ch Injitali Intriguing Secret

Track & Search Test 2	Bendigo ODC	15/10/16
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Rhonda Williams with Dual Ch(T) Injitali Intriguing Tale TSD

Track & Search Test 4	Bendigo ODC	15/10/16
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Tegan Smith with Pippin

Novice Agility	Cavalier Spaniel Club	19/3/16	1st Place
Novice Agility	Knox ODC	22/10/16	2nd Place
Novice Agility	Gippsland ODC	6/11/16	1st Place
Novice Agility	K9 Agility	19/11/16	1st Place
Novice Agility	K9 Agility	19/11/16	1st Place Title AD
Novice Snooker	K9 Agility	3/12/16	
Novice Strategic Pairs	K9 Agility	3/12/16	
Excellent Agility	Geelong ODC	26/11/16	1st Place
Excellent Jumping	Warrnambool DTS	29/10/16	1st Place
Excellent Jumping	Warrnambool DTS	29/10/16	1st Place
Excellent Jumping	Gippsland ODC	6/11/16	2nd Place
Excellent Jumping	Gippsland ODC	6/11/16	1st Place
Excellent Jumping	K9 Agility	20/11/16	1st Place
Excellent Jumping	Geelong ODC	26/11/16	1st Place Title JDX
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Excellent Jumping	Geelong ODC	27/11/16	1st Place
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Margaret Keil with Ch Aukero Limited Edition

Novice Jumping	K9 Agility	11/02/17	1st Place
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Tracey Beresford with Daisy JD

Novice Agility	Gippsland ODC	6/11/16	1st Place Title AD
Excellent Agility	K9 Agility	19/11/16	1st Place
Excellent Agility	K9 Agility	11/2/17	1st Place
Excellent Jumping	Gippsland ODC	6/11/16	1st Place Title JDX
Masters Jumping	Geelong ODC	26/11/16	
Masters Jumping	K9 Agility	11/2/17	1st Place

FREE PHOTO OFFER

We have been approached by a local photographic studio with an interesting offer.

Raw Imagery Photography is located in the Mountain Gate portion of Ferntree Gully. They specialize in people and pet portraiture.

They are currently updating their studio displays and are looking to include more photos of dogs of all sizes, breeds and ages. If you would like a doggy modelling opportunity with a professional photo shoot, here's your opportunity.

We understand they will, in return, provide you with 3 professionally mounted 8"x10" portraits of your choice free of charge.

If you would like to participate, call Raw Imagery Photography on 1300 766 633 to make an appointment. You can see some of their work on their Facebook page.



KODC INSTRUCTORS COURSE 2017

We are looking for club members who have trained a dog to Class 3 or Class 4 standard and who are interested in becoming a club Instructor.

The KODC Instructors Course will involve:

Theory lessons

- Positive Reinforcement techniques
- Command, Correction, Praise techniques
- Dealing with handlers
- Planning your lessons
- Basic behavioural problems
- Equipment (What we use, how to use it)

Supervised Practical training

The practical training consists of spending several lessons in each class (Baby Puppies, Class 1, Class 2, Class 3 and Class 4), the first couple of classes observing, and then assisting the instructor in teaching the exercises, and expanding to running the classes under supervision.

The course takes between 6 to 12 months to complete (depending on your availability).

The course is only applicable to Obedience instructing, up to Class 4 level, further training is required to instruct in Obedience Ring Work, Rally, Agility or the Foundation class.

On completion of the course, trainees are tested by the Supervisor of Training and at least one other Panel Member. The test consists of your knowledge of the Club rules followed by practical sessions instructing in Baby Puppy and Class 2 to demonstrate your ability to teach to the required standard. Once you have passed your instructors test, you will be able to select which classes you would like to teach.

If you are interested, please ask your instructor, or any committee member for further information.

The Dog Cafe

120 Boronia Road, Boronia 3155



Open

Thursday to Sunday

9:00am to 4:00pm

The café is a place where you can come with your fur-babies and enjoy some special time together or even meet some new friends.

Facebook - The Dog Café

thedogcafeboronia@gmail.com

www.thedoggiecafe.com.au

Enter at rear via Park Crescent

Knox Obedience Dog Club Membership Fees

Juniors (10-16 years)	Yearly Fee \$30 + Joining Fee \$25 = \$55
Single Adult (17 years and over)	Yearly Fee \$50 + Joining Fee \$25 = \$75
Family Unit (2 Memberships included) Additional Memberships (Adult \$20, Junior \$10)	Yearly Fee \$80 + Joining Fee \$25 = \$105
Pensioner/Senior	Yearly Fee \$30 + Joining Fee \$25 = \$45
Dual Pensioner/Senior	Yearly Fee \$50 + 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.

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.

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.

Also, some instructors tie their dogs up to the goal posts whilst they are teaching a class.

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

SUNDAY TRAINING TIMES

8:30-9:30am	First Session (Classes 2, 3 & 4)
9:45-10:45am	Second Session (Baby Puppies, Beginners, Advanced Puppies & Class1)
From 8:30am	Obedience Trial Work
From 8:30am	Rally-O Trial Work
8:15-9:00am	Agility Advanced Trial Work
9:05-9:45am	Agility Intermediates
9:50-10:30am	Agility Beginners
10:50-11:40am	Foundation

KODC COMMITTEE 2017

President	Trevor May
Vice President	Margaretha Hovens
Vice President	Luke Kenny
Treasurer	Vicki Reid
Club Secretary	John Nielsen
Ass. Secretary	Megan Pepprell

General Committee Members

David Thorn	Nola Williams
Debra Cartledge	Norman Morcom
Kirsten Petersen	Patricia Roberts
Martha Schnider	Susan Witty

Money can buy a fine dog but only kindness will make him wag his tail

KODC TRAINING CALENDAR

MARCH	2017		
Sunday	5	Normal Training	
Tuesday	7	Twilight Training	
Sunday	12	NO TRAINING	Labour Day Weekend
Tuesday	14	NO TRAINING	Labour Day Weekend
Sunday	19	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
Tuesday	21	Twilight Training	
Sunday	26	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
Tuesday	28	Twilight Training	
APRIL	2017		
Sunday	2	Normal Training	
Tuesday	4	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	9	Normal Training	No Agility Training
Tuesday	11	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	16	NO TRAINING	Easter Weekend
Tuesday	18	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	23	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
Tuesday	25	NO TRAINING	Anzac Day
Sunday	30	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3), No Agility Training
MAY	2017		
Tuesday	2	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	7	Normal Training	
Tuesday	9	Agility Twilight Training	
Saturday	13		KODC Tracking Trial at Ballarat
Sunday	14	Normal Training	KODC Tracking Trial at Ballarat
Tuesday	16	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	21	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
Tuesday	23	Agility Twilight Training	
Sunday	28	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
Tuesday	30	Agility Twilight Training	

INSTRUCTORS 2017

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

Baby Puppy - Megan, Patricia
Advanced Puppy - Christine
Beginners - Kristy, John
Class 1 - Bob, Ray, Warwick
Class 2 - Mark
Class 3 - John, Peter
Class 4 - TBA



OBEDIENCE RALLY-O

TRACKING AGILITY

