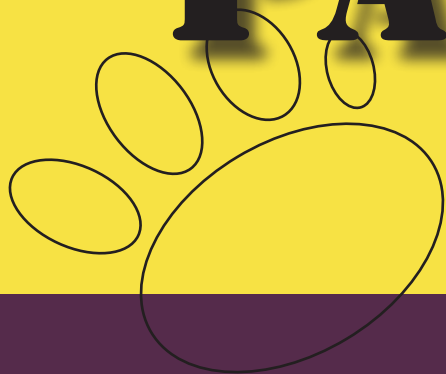


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Newsletter

**November 2015**

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## TRAINERS IN TRAINING

A 'squadron' of Knox Members attended a seminar by Steve Austin to learn about Foundations of Teaching, Motivation and Communication

## IMPORTANT INFO

**Membership Renewals were due** by the end of October. Please see the office to renew.

**Tuesday Night Casual Training sessions are on again.** All members are welcome to attend these sessions in addition to the regular Sunday sessions. 7.00pm at the Club every Tuesday.

**Christmas party and Break up day - Sunday 13th December.** Club will be closed from 14th December to 31st January. Normal training will resume from the first Sunday of February 2016.

# EDITORS REPORT

A big congratulations to the volunteers who organised and help with the KODC Agility Trial in October. From all accounts the day ran smoothly, and with just shy of 700 entries, attracted a wide range of participants who were able to experience KODC. A big thank you to Kane Wheeler who took on the tireless task of Trial Secretary, and of course also to all of the volunteers who put in their time to support the Club, of which there are far too many to name individually.

KODC exists because people like you, who have a passion for training dogs, volunteer their time every Sunday. There are many ways you can help the Club, and we are always looking to help those who are interested learn the skills they need to participate. Take for example the role of Instructor. What a great way not only to work with a wide range of people and dogs, but also improve your communication, leadership and management skills. KODC provides a proven framework to develop those interested into competent Instructors, and the support and coaching necessary to make you successful. KODC will be calling for new Instructors in 2016; if you're interested in learning more, let us know.

Similarly, there are many roles at KODC for those more interested in how the Club works behind the scenes. Our Committee is a team of dedicated individuals committed to building KODC and the ongoing success of the Club. There are many portfolios allocated to Committee members each year, and we have a need for a wide range of organisational and management skills.

## 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  
Gori Golhar  
Marta McKenzie

Norm Morcom  
Nola Williams

Opportunities exist for interaction with the wider Dog Training community, local council, contractors and the press, and of course the ability to directly influence the decisions that move the Club forward. If that sounds like something you could do, ask a fellow member to nominate you for the 2016 Committee.

Don't forget your sunscreen for both you and your dog on hot days!

## ANOTHER WORKING DOG

By Nola Williams

Although programmed to run tirelessly all day, working dogs are quick to adapt to the soft life of motorised transport. On motorbikes they take the swerves like Hell's Angels, riding pillion or on the fuel tank up front. They adorn utes like figureheads. Atop bales of hay, their eyes blow to slits and pink strap tongues tug in the wind. They are a restless scrum in a sheep crate on the tray top. No farm vehicle looks properly dressed without a working dog on board.

Wally Karger from Vale Park sold some sheep to a chap at Kersbrook and he brought along a double-deck semi-trailer. He was offered Lassie to help load them but he said his dog would do the job. And she did. After he put eight sheep in the small pen against the cabin and closed the gate, his almost white border collie bitch loaded the bottom and top pens on her own with exactly eight sheep in every one.

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# TRIAL REPORT NOVEMBER 2015

## Susan Witty with Pep CD RE

Novice Agility	Agility Dog Club of Vic	20/9/15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Novice Jumping	East Gippsland DOC	22/10/15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place

## Alois Schnider with Inaword Chlo RA AD JDM JDO GDX SD SPDX

Master Jumping	Agility Dog Club of Vic	20/9/15	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Master Jumping	Berwick ODC	4/10/15	
Master Jumping	East Gippsland DOC	10/10/15	Title JDM3 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Master Jumping	East Gippsland DOC	11/10/15	
Master Jumping	East Gippsland DOC	11/10/15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Master Jumping	Knox ODC	24/10/15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Master Jumping	Knox ODC	24/10/15	
Open Jumping	Berwick ODC	4/10/15	Title JD02

## Rhonda Williams with Ch Injitali Intriguing Tale TD

Tracking Test 5	Knox ODC	9/5/15	
Tracking Test 6	Golden Retriever Club of Vic	23/5/15	Title TDX
Tracking Test 7	German Shepherd Dog Club	8/6/15	
Tracking Test 8	Ballaarat DOC	14/9/15	Title TCh

## Rhonda Williams with Gr Ch Injitali Intriguing Secret TD

Tracking Test 5	German Shepherd Dog Club	8/6/15	
Tracking Test 6	Tracking Club of Vic	13/6/15	Title TDX
Tracking Test 7	Tracking Club of Vic	17/8/15	

## Margaretha Hovens with TCh Phoenixhovenscooper

Track & Search Test 3	Border Terrier Club of Vic	12/10/15	Title TSD
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## Stephanie Hirst with Kien Penny Lane ADM JDM JDO GD SDX SPD

Master Jumping	Berwick ODC	4/10/15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Master Agility	Berwick ODC	4/10/15	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Master Agility	Berwick ODC	4/10/15	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Master Agility	Knox ODC	24/10/15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Open Agility	Knox ODC	24/10/15	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Title ADO
Master Jumping	Knox ODC	24/10/15	
Master Jumping	Knox ODC	24/10/15	

## Elizabeth McCarthy with Charmhill Rufus CD RN

Rally Advanced	Working Dog Club of Vic	31/5/15	
Rally Advanced	GSDCV	18/7/15	
Rally Advanced	Frankston DOC	11/10/15	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Title RA

## Marta McKenzie with O.Gr.Ch TCh Yeoville Mastermind UDX RAE JD AT ET

Track & Search Test 3	Border Terrier Club of Vic	11/10/15	Title TSD
Track & Search Test 4	Bendigo ODC	17/10/15	
Track & Search Test 5	German Shepherd Dog Club	23/10/15	
Track & Search Test 6	German Shepherd Dog Club	23/10/15	Title TSDX

## Sara Petrovic with Ardenwood Quist

Novice Jumping	Knox ODC	24/10/15	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Novice Jumping	Knox ODC	24/10/15	Title JD 1 <sup>st</sup> Place



Three easy steps to follow

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- Mention the club before making your payment
- Receive Bayswater Bucks vouchers to be returned to the club

# TRAINING TWO DOGS

By Marta McKenzie

Well-known KODC handler Clive Galea has been successfully training his two Staffordshire Bull Terriers to a highest Obedience level.

This is in Clive's own words.

Tia (13 years old)  
Staffordshire Bull Terrier  
Titled - O.C. UDX. (Obedience Champion. Utility Dog Excellent.)

Axel (11 years old) (Rawedge With Attitude)  
Staffordshire Bull Terrier.  
Titled - C.D.X. ET. R.N (Companion Dog Excellent. Rally Novice. Endurance Title.)



**Clive with  
'Axel' and 'Tia'**

I started training for brace after both dogs had become competent at walking in the heel position.

I first did this with both dogs 'on lead' with Axel, the slower dog, next to me and Tia who tends to be a little rocket ship, on the outside or next to Axel. At first just simple heel patterns without drops or stands. I then progressed to the drop and stand positions, which both dogs knew from normal training heel patterns. We then progressed to off lead work and a few recalls. We then put in the drop on recall as in the open class of obedience. It was hard to get both dogs coming in at the same speed, as Tia was the naturally quicker dog.

I then tried working both dogs with one on either side of me. I kept Axel on my left or normal heel side and Tia on my right.

I introduced a different working command and used 'with me', so as not to confuse it with the Brace heel command. I used this in off lead parks that were devoid of other dogs and mainly worked a heeling pattern without about turns. We just did left and right turns and halts with automatic sits.

As I don't compete any more, I add Brace to their normal training, just to mix it up and have a bit of fun.

Dogs that have been worked all/most of their lives still enjoy and need this training reward system. This is evident in their attitude especially with reward/play time at the end of the session.

## UNWANTED BEHAVIOUR

By Marta McKenzie

Half the dogs in the world start barking the minute their owners get on the phone. It is because they've been taught to behave that way - accidentally.

The problem starts when a dog barks at you just once when you are on the phone. Maybe he wants your attention or maybe he just felt like barking at that moment. If he did it while you were watching television or cleaning house, you would probably ignore it. That means no reward for the behaviour, so it is not likely to be repeated.

But you are on the phone, you don't want the person on other end to hear dog barking. Chances are you may pet your dog, maybe give him a treat or throw him plush toy across the room just to keep him quiet. Before too long you have a dog who starts yapping every time you pick up the phone, because that behaviour has been rewarded.

Don't reward your dog in the short term for behaviours you don't want in the long term. If he barks when you speak on the phone, ignore it. If that does not work remove your dog from the room. Lastly, you can teach your dog shut up on Command.

# Christmas Raffle

**Tickets \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5 (can be purchased from the kitchen)**

**Drawn on 13th December 2015 at break up**



**1st prize**  
**Weber BBQ - Value \$599**

**Folding outdoor chairs**  
**2 nos.**  
**Value \$80**

**Sandwich toaster**

## **lots of other prizes as well:**

2 x Tupperware lunch bag and water bottle.  
Thermo lunch bag and coffee cup.  
2 prizes of hamper with dog items over \$25.00  
And few more prizes to be won!!

## **DOGS HAVE A BETTER SENSE OF SMELL THAN HUMANS**

By Marta McKenzie

Humans have about five million scent receptors in their noses, dogs have about two hundred million.

Dogs can detect tiny levels of odours even if they make up just a few parts per billion in the air or in liquid.

Not all dog noses are created equal, for example dogs with pushed in muzzle like a Boston Terrier are bred for short face and have reduced space availability for scent receptors. On the other hand a breed developed for tracking such as the Bloodhound has sense of smell so keen that the results of his work are admissible in a court of law. In addition to a long deep muzzle, the Bloodhound has ears to sweep scent up from the ground and skin folds to hold scents around his face.

Dogs have been used to detect drugs, find people who are lost. In recent years dogs have been trained for sniffing out cancerous tissue, smuggled food, termites, bedbugs and more.

## **NAMING DOGS**

By Marta McKenzie

Sunday school Story.

God was naming all animals. As they followed him, he gave each its name; Giraffe, Elephant, Monkey and so forth. Because there were so many animals, the naming went on for many days until there was just one left. The animal had tears running down its face, so God asked it why it was crying. I haven't got a name it answered.

Well said God, I was saving yours till last for you shall be man's best friend and therefore need a very special name. Your name shall be GOD spelt backwards.



## MAJOR RULE CHANGE TEST AT BERWICK TRIAL

The trial at Berwick in October was the first by a Victorian club using the new rules whereby separate events will be provided for each height range of dogs.

Although separate events for each height have been permitted up to now, all trials in Victoria have been run using a format where dogs of all sizes compete in the same event with the same course layout and only the height of the jumps is varied. From January 2016, in addition to different jump heights, the position of apparatus in course layouts may also be adjusted to better match the size of the dogs.



There appear to be two reasons for this rule change. The first is that little dogs can take as many as 4 times the number of strides as a big dog when running the same course. So a sprint for a big dog can be a middle-distance endurance for a little dog. The second reason is that a tight winding course with close jumps which a small dog might swerve through comfortably may be very difficult or even dangerous for a large dog which, after a jump, will land much further out.



The "separate events" system has been used regularly in some other States, and in the National Trials with their much larger entry numbers.



The expectation is that because the little dogs will no longer be competing against the inherently faster large dogs, the change will encourage more small dogs to participate.



However, although judges at the Berwick trial set shorter courses for the smaller dogs, they still required the same speeds set for the bigger dogs. It seems to this scribe that this was not the intention of the rule change. A result could be a major exodus of small dogs from trials. It will be interesting to see how the change works.





## NEW TUNNELS ADD COLOUR TO OUR MOVEMENT



Our colourful new tunnels and tunnel bags have arrived and the dogs love them. We've been using the tunnels in practice for a month, but the sand bags arrived only 4 days before our trial and there was a rush to buy the sand and properly place the correct amount into the bags. The tunnels and bags are made from a high-tech woven fabric laminated with a different polymer on each face. The inside surface of the tunnel is textured to assist the dog's grip. The supporting heavy gauge wire frame spirals around like a slinky and is held in a special rubber reinforcement for durability. The new bags used to anchor the tunnels are much wider and heavier than earlier designs and tuck in beneath the tunnel so they are less likely to move.

## TUNNEL TROUBLES



Your scribe was recently spotted having difficulty packing up one of our new agility tunnels. They are longer and heavier than the old ones, but it was even more difficult than expected to pick up. After some awkwardness it was realised mini poodle Crystal had unnoticed made a last-second attempt to run through the tunnel and was still INSIDE as it was lifted.

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT



It's been unreliably reported that during a recent private training session, Anne's little papillon Mimi was chased into an agility tunnel by a hyped-up stray rottweiler many times her size and intent on grievous bodily harm. After much commotion from within the tunnel Mimi trotted out triumphant, and the rotti didn't. Whether the story is true or not, Mimi can now occasionally be seen wearing a Hannibal Lecter style anti-cannibal headpiece. Anne explains it's really just to prevent Mimi eating things that she's allergic to. Rottweilers?

## BIANCA & ONYX ARE AT IT AGAIN

Our pioneering duo are revolutionising agility again. Last year we broke the story of Bianca transforming agility training by apparently teaching her miniature poodle Onyx to use his ears to steer while he is in the air going over a jump. It appears from the latest photographs that Bianca is now teaching Onyx to simply levitate and scoot around the course like a hovercraft, steering all the time with those "Aero-Ears". Photos don't lie do they? Cross-winds are proving a problem.



Bianca didn't allow a broken leg and crutches to stop her running Onyx in the agility and jumping events at the Royal Melbourne Show. It was an heroic effort as directing Onyx from a distance on the Show's tight complex courses was an exceptional challenge.

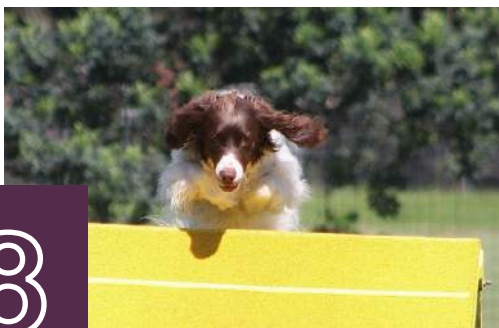


# KODC AGILITY TRIAL 2015

On one Saturday each October our club runs a double agility and jumping trial. It's open for anyone to enter and it's very popular among the Victorian agility community. We have people come from as far as Echuca, Warrnambool and Bairnsdale. This year we had 140 dogs running in 18 events spread over 3 competition rings. Overall 611 separate runs were scheduled.

We had some outstanding results from KODC members. Nick Kirchner gained First Place with Maimie in Excellent Agility and a Third Place with Lady in Excellent Jumping. Lady would normally be handled by Marilyn who was unfortunately hospitalized. We hope to see you back soon Marilyn. Sara Petrovic entered Shadow in a couple of Novice Jumping events after a 12-month break, and won First Place in both! Alois Schnider ran Chloe to Second Place in Master Jumping. And Stephanie Hirst handled ever-reliable Penny to First Place in Open Agility and Third Place in Master Agility. That also gave Penny her much-coveted Open Agility title.

At least Anne Warren's terrier Baxter had the decency to go out of the ring to toilet. Your scribe's Crystal didn't bother in one event and was thus disqualified even before her lead was off.





# KODC AGILITY TRIAL 2015





# 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.

For more details visit

<http://knoxodc.org.au/membership>



## 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

# CLUB FACILITIES



## TEA, COFFEE & BBQ

There is tea and coffee available for our members every Sunday at the kitchen.

On the 1st Sunday of the month, we have a BBQ with sausages, bacon and eggs!

There is nothing better than a nice warm cuppa on a cold morning - or a 'heart-starter' if you are in one of the early classes.

## TRAINING EQUIPMENT

KODC has an extensive Dog Shop located inside the clubrooms, where you can purchase all your training needs:

Collars | Leads | Head halters | Dumbbells  
Dog coats  
Club badges | Title badges | Club T-Shirts  
Open Sunday mornings on training days

## LIBRARY

Knox Dog Club maintains a small library in the club house. There you will find a selection of books and videos on various topics of interest, including:

- Obedience Training
- Tracking
- Agility
- Dog psychology and behaviour
- Dog care and nutrition

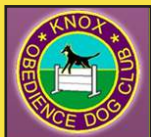
Members may borrow items from the library for up to one month. Please speak to an instructor or staff in the Dog Shop or Kitchen for help.



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- Nail trimming
- Special cologne and treat at the end
- And lots of loving care!





# KNOX OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.

## 2015 Committee

<b>President</b>	Vicki Reid	<i>Dog Shop, Bar Manager, Liaison</i>
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<b>Committee</b>	Debra Cartledge	<i>Membership Secretary</i>
<b>Committee</b>	Kane Wheeler	<i>Trial Secretary (Agility)</i>
<b>Committee</b>	Nola Williams	<i>Trial Reporter</i>
		<i>Supervisor of Training (with David Thorn)</i>
<b>Committee</b>	Patricia Roberts	
<b>Committee</b>	Bianca Delahoy	<i>Trial Coordinator</i>
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## LIFE MEMBERS

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# TRIBULATIONS OF A TRIALLER

*In last December's Pawprint, Susan Witty described her introduction to agility trialling. After nearly 12 months, Susan now provides us with an update .....*

The Knox Agility Trial in October 2015 was again a wonderful day and thanks to all who made it happen. My agility career struggles along. Tokki and I are way too slow. He did a PERFECT Novice run at the Knox trial but was 22 seconds over on a 60 second course! Insurmountable I would think.

And then there's Pep. If I cannot direct him correctly, and in time, he simply continues to make up his own route around the courses, which to him I'm sure is fair and reasonable. However he doesn't tend to run amok as he once did.

Just missing a pass due to one or two mistakes is very frustrating, but I'm learning patience and to be happy with a "good run". I see so many experienced handlers, after what is actually an unsuccessful run, praise their dogs with "good boy", "good girl" and "great run".

We shall press on to the Bairnsdale, Morwell and K9 trials, and maybe even the evening trial on 31st December. Some may think it's sad that this is what I would think of doing on New Year's Eve. But I wouldn't have it any other way, and I'm sure I'll see many other like-minded people there!!!



## OBEDIENCE, RALLY-O, AGILITY, TRACKING, DANCING, HERDING, AND MORE WHY ENTER DOG SPORT TRIALS?

### WHY GET A TITLE FOR YOUR DOG?

By Norman Morcom

Last month our club ran its annual agility and jumping trial. A couple of months earlier we ran our tracking trial. But why would you want to enter a trial? Why would you want to have your dog earn an official title? These questions also apply to disciplines other than agility and tracking. The answers are the same.

We're not talking about the beauty pageant type dog conformation shows here. This is dog sport. Yes, it's fun to be out with your dog in a fresh air activity, but you don't need to enter a trial for that experience. A trial brings the added thrill of tackling a challenge where many will fail but success therefore brings added satisfaction. And the dogs love the attention, the challenge and the action.

Your family and friends will be impressed when you show off the ribbons and sashes that you earn.

More importantly they may also understand and appreciate the time and effort you spend with your dog.

OK, so teaching your dog "tricks" is fun, but why bother with a title? In part it's to honour your dog. It's a way of permanently acknowledging their intelligence, skill, persistence and successes. That title will remain a permanent record long after pooch has gone. Even the simplest title would probably distinguish your dog above all the other mutts in your street. And it's not that hard.

A title is not about how big or small your dog is, nor whether his/her parentage is royalty or back alley, nor how pretty they look when strutting around. Instead a title is about the connection and communication between you and your dog. That's something many of us find worth recording.



# KODC Training Calendar 2015

Month	Date	Date	Training	Other Events
November	Sunday	1	Special Event	Tony Knight Weekend (ticket required)
	Sunday	1	No Training	Public Holiday
	Tuesday	3	No Training	Public Holiday
	Sunday	8	Normal Training	<b>No Agility Training</b>
	Tuesday	10	Twilight Training	
	Sunday	15	Normal Training	
	Tuesday	17	Twilight Training	
	Sunday	22	Normal Training	Class Testing (2) <b>No Agility Training</b>
	Tuesday	24	Twilight Training	
	Sunday	29	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
December	Tuesday	1	Twilight Training	
	Sunday	6	Normal Training	<b>No Agility Training</b>
	Tuesday	8	Twilight Training	
	Thursday	10		Annual General Meeting
	Sunday	13	Break Up Training	Christmas Party

## 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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