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Knox Obedience Dog Club
Newsletter

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EDITORS REPORT

A big thank you to Dr. Alison Brown from Wantirna Vet Clinic, who presented a talk on How to Get The Best from your Puppy. Dr. Brown's insightful presentation was a journey into modern best practice on developing puppy behaviours from birth through to adolescence, and featured humorous case studies along with practical advice. It was a great way to spend an evening and the crowd who attended took away some valuable advice. A big thankyou to Sue and Margaretha for arranging the evening.

The Spring Equinox is only 21 days away... 3 short weeks and the peak dog training season begins! **Tuesday night training is BACK next month...** check out the training calendar...



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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LIFE BEFORE COMPUTERS

Memory was something that you lost with age.

An application was for employment.

A program was a TV show.

A cursor used profanity.

A keyboard was a piano.

A web was a spiders home.

A virus was a flu.

A CD was a bank account.

A hard drive was a long trip on the road.

PAWPRINT is now available in colour from the KODC website
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

HELP WANTED

DOG AGILITY TRIAL SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER 2016

We need helpers to assist in the running of our dog club's once-a-year agility trial. This is a major fund raiser so it helps keep your club membership fees low. We'll have hundreds of competitors and we need to keep them organised. You can get a front row position to experience the excitement of canine competition. There are many roles for which no experience is necessary in order to be part of this fun day. Some tasks are:

Lead Runner: This requires taking a dog's lead from the handler at the start line and placing it at the exit gate.

Marshalling Steward: This steward stands/sits at the entrance to the trial ring with a numbered list of the competitors for the ring. The steward calls out the numbers and checks that the handler and dog are ready to enter when required to start.

All volunteers are provided with lunch as well as morning and afternoon tea.

You can volunteer for half the day or the whole day. The morning starts at 8.15 am and finishes at lunch time around 12 to 1pm. The afternoon starts after the lunch break and usually finishes about 4.30 to 5 pm.

There will be three rings and each ring requires a Lead Runner and Marshalling Steward.

Please contact one of the agility instructors if you are interested.

CATCH THE GOOD

By Kristy Proudlock

Something I have learned about in the past few years is "catching the good," which means I'm trying to catch the good actions my dogs do. Even when I'm not in training mode, making sure if I see one of my dogs doing something good, rewarding that good action. That doesn't mean I run to the shops, buy some sausages, come home, cook the snags and give them an extra special dinner. It's means that as soon as I see them doing something good, whether that be ignoring the hole they have been digging in for the past week or not chasing the neighbour's cat, they get praised. They get a "yes" or a "good girl" or even a game with a toy (depending on the situation) or sometimes just a gentle pat on the head to remind them how good they are.

I have found by using this simple change in technique, it has greatly improved my dogs desire to do as I ask. Of course it has! I know I don't like it when someone picks out every little flaw and lets me know about it, I don't respond well, I can't imagine most of us would. On the flip side, if someone tells me I'm doing great and praises me, even for simple things it feels much better and lifts my desire to comply.

If you're in the habit of telling your dog 'NO', try telling them 'YES' instead. Find ways to tell your dog 'YES' more often. Set them up for success. Always put your dog in a position where they can be successful. Catch the Good, it's good for everyone.



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
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)
October	Sunday	2	NO TRAINING	Grand Final Public Holiday Weekend
	Tuesday	4	Tuesday Night Training	
	Sunday	9	Normal Training	
	Tuesday	11	Tuesday Night Training	
	Sunday	16	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
	Tuesday	18	Tuesday Night Training	
	Saturday	22	TRIAL	AGILITY TRIAL
	Sunday	23	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
	Tuesday	25	Tuesday Night Training	
	Sunday	30	NO TRAINING	Melbourne Cup Weekend
	Tuesday	1	NO TRAINING	Melbourne Cup Weekend
November	Sunday	6	Normal Training	
	Tuesday	8	Tuesday Night Training	
	Sunday	13	Normal Training	
	Tuesday	15	Tuesday Night Training	
	Sunday	20	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
	Tuesday	22	Tuesday Night Training	
	Sunday	27	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
	Tuesday	29	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

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

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TO TRICK TRAIN OR NOT....

By Kristy Proudlock

... Is that a trick question?

For me, I love to train my dogs to complete various tasks that aren't directly related to obedience training or seem to be of value for everyday use. Some call them 'tricks' I call them handy commands that have been more useful than I ever thought possible.

Who would ever think that teaching a dog to bark on command would be a good idea? Well, I do! Why? Because from that, you can also teach a dog to stop barking on command. Who would think teaching a dog to shake hands or roll over would come in handy? Any vet or groomer you've ever met, that's who!

Teaching a dog these simple and fun commands not only gives you some extra commands in your arsenal, it can help to build the bond between handler and dog. When you start teaching tricks you will probably begin by sitting down at dog height, just that alone starts to expand the relationship between dog and handler.

Stepping out of formal training mode for 5-10 mins a week can inspire a new fresh take on the training you've been diligently pursuing and perfecting. It gives the handler a chance to work with their dog while looking at them – this may provide the handler with a clearer view of how the dog naturally moves into various positions, making the teaching of new positioning in formal and semi-formal obedience easier for both dog and handler.



My Dog Practices Geometry

By Cathryn Essinger

I do not understand the poets who tell me that I should not personify. Every morning the willow auditions for a new role

outside my bedroom window—today she is Clytemnestra; yesterday a Southern Belle, lost in her own melodrama, sinking on her skirts.

Nor do I like the mathematicians who tell me I cannot say, "The zinnias are counting on their fingers," or "The dog is practicing her geometry,"

even though every day I watch her using the yard's big maple as the apex of a triangle from which she bisects the circumference

of the lawn until she finds the place where the rabbit has escaped, or the squirrel upped the ante by climbing into a new Euclidian plane.

She stumbles across the lawn, eyes pulling her feet along, gaze fixed on a rodent working the maze of the oak as if it were his own invention,

her feet tangling in the roots of trees, and tripping, yes, even over themselves, until I go out to assist, by pointing at the squirrel, and repeating, "There!

There!" But instead of following my outstretched arm to the crown of the tree, where the animal is now lounging under a canopy of leaves,

catching its breath, charting its next escape, she looks to my mouth, eager to read my lips, confident that I—who can bring her home

DANGEROUS PLANTS



Most dog owners know the foods that can be toxic for our dogs, it's always well documented especially at food orientated holidays, like Christmas and Easter. Foods including, onion, chocolate, grapes, avocado etc.... But how many of us know about the toxic plants that could be quietly growing in our backyards, unnoticed for years?

As we have all witnessed at some point I'm sure, our dogs like to do silly things. Sometimes they pretend to be cattle and graze on grass, sometimes they think they are excavating machines and try to help us create new garden beds (without permission) and sometimes they like to be giraffes and try some of the leaves on that potentially yummy looking tree over there.

Well, next time they pretend to be an animal they are not (mind you, I don't know if this is all dogs or just Huskies – they're crazy!) the following list will hopefully help you to decipher an "ok" plant to chew on and a potentially deadly plant.

This list is by no means an exhaustive list of toxic plants, there are plenty out there. Please make sure to do your research to help keep your pets safe in their own backyards.

Common Garden Plants That Are Toxic To Dogs

Aloe Vera

TOXICITY LEVELS: Mild to Moderate
Toxic to both cats and dogs

Andromeda Japonica (Japonica)

TOXICITY LEVELS: Moderate to Severe
Toxic to both cats and dogs

Anthurium

TOXICITY LEVELS: Mild to Severe
Toxic to both cats and dogs

Azalea

TOXICITY LEVELS: Generally Mild but can become severe depending on how much ingested
Toxic to both cats and dogs

Bird Of Paradise

Toxic to both cats and dogs

Calla Lilly

TOXICITY LEVELS: Mild to Moderate
Toxic to both cats and dogs

Chrysanthemum

TOXICITY LEVELS: Mild

Toxic to both cats and dogs

Crocus

TOXICITY LEVELS: Mild to Severe
Toxic to both cats and dogs

Daphne

TOXICITY LEVELS: Mild to Moderate
Toxic to both cats and dogs

Hydrangea

Toxic to both cats and dogs

Mother In Laws Tongue

TOXICITY LEVELS: Mild to Moderate

Oleander

TOXICITY LEVELS: Moderate to Severe
Toxic to cats, dogs, horses, cows and birds

Sago Palm

TOXICITY LEVEL: Severe
Toxic to both cats and dogs

Yucca

Toxic to cats, dogs, horses and cows

DOG DRIVES DEFINED

By Marta McKenzie

Dogs have different personalities and therefore different learning styles, and techniques that work with one may not work with another.

Some dogs obey with almost whispered commands, and others need firm words and stern expressions. Some dogs panic at quick movements and others stand their ground. Some dogs need wide space and others are not happy unless leaning against the master's leg.

Four drives defined:

The prey drive includes those behaviors that highlight hunting and foraging behaviors. Dogs that hunt and kill their toys (or objects of clothing, pillows etc.), chase anything that moves, steal food, stalk the cat, and pounce on toys or other animals are probably high in prey drive.

The Pack drive involves a dog's affinity for humans or other dogs. A dog with a high pack drive cannot get enough of people, he barks or cries when left alone, solicits play and petting, likes to touch, enjoys grooming and loves the sound of masters voice.

The Fight drive is defensive and indicates a dog's self-confidence in stressful situations. A dog with a strong fight-defense drive stands his ground, walks high on his toes, guards his territory and his family, may guard his toys and food, tolerates petting and grooming but does not really enjoy these activities, enjoys tug-of-war, and seems ready to fight.

The Flight drive is also a defense drive and indicates a dog's lack of self-confidence. A dog with high flight drive is unsure in new situations and may hide behind his person, is stressed when separated from his master, crawls on his belly or urinates when reprimanded, and may bite when cornered.

Can't get your dog to come when called?

You must never call your dog and punish it or do something negative. After all would you come running if you get smacked, yelled at every time you arrived? I don't think so.

For the Recall have high value food reward until the behaviour is established.

Make sure the dog is coming all the way in to you and that YOU are not reaching out for the dog, grabbing the dog or bending over to the dog.

At first, it is best to start out in more relaxed position such as kneeling or sitting with legs crossed.

Always play the game with the dog on long line, in the house or fenced area - this way the dog cannot go far if he doesn't respond.

If the dog does not respond to a call - DO SOMETHING - and that does NOT include standing there and repeating the command! Go toward the dog, showing the treat and then running backward and encouraging the dog to come with you back to where you were when you first called.

IMPORTANT:

Dog only gets the treat when you have touched the collar and taken hold of it gently. This teaches the dog to come all the way to you instead of playing "Catch me" games.

Backchaining

One way to train your dog is to break the exercise up into small steps and start with the last one first until the dog does it well.

Then back up to the previous step, teach the dog that.

At this point, when you have him do the new step, you can add the last step that he knows well and in this fashion work your way backwards through the whole exercise.

It works nicely because the dog already knows how to do the next step, so it keeps his confidence and the willingness to do it.



CELEBRATION TIME

By Kristy Proudlock

It was Yicha's sixth "home day" this year, making her seven years old!. I wanted to make it special so I decided to bake her a cake. She always gets something for her birthday, last year I purchased her a doggy muffin from Dog Lovers Show, the year before she got sausages in her dinner, I think you get the picture – she's my spoilt princess.

Anyway... I found this great recipe and all of the dogs LOVED it. The mixture made enough for 2 Huskies a small poodle and an always hungry Japanese Chin for dinner that night.



Homemade Dog Birthday Cake

Ingredients:

1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 cup shredded carrots
1 tsp vanilla
1/3 cup honey
1 egg

1 cup gluten free or whole wheat flour
1 tsp baking soda
1/4 cup peanut butter
Dog biscuits for decoration

(Additional: I used Cream Cheese for the icing as noted in the final step)

Optional: Banana, more peanut butter, frankfurter hot dogs for 'candles'

How to make the cake:

Preheat oven to 180°C

Mix together flour and baking soda and add remaining ingredients and mix well. Pour all of it into a ring mould sprayed with a nonstick spray, and leave in the oven for 40 minutes. (Additional: I used a bread loaf pain instead of a ring mould.)

If you're feeling brave, you can slice the cake into two layers and add more peanut butter and sliced or mashed bananas. Or simply go to the next step.



TRIAL REPORT

By Nola Williams

Congratulations to our members who gained passes and titles :-

Julie Short with Lumaal Miah Forever TD

Tracking Test 6	Tracking Club of Vic	13/8/16
Tracking Test 7	Dogs Vic State Trial	22/8/16

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

Masters Agility	Bairnsdale & Dist DOC	7/8/16	1 st in Height
Masters Agility	Bairnsdale & Dist DOC	6/7/16	Title ADM 2 nd in Height

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

Masters Jumping	Bairnsdale & Dist DOC	7/8/16	3 rd Place
Masters Jumping	Bairnsdale & Dist DOC	7/8/16	
Masters Jumping	Wangaratta KODC	14/8/16	3 rd in Height
Masters Jumping	Wantaratta KODC	14/8/16	2 nd in Height Title JDM7

Sonia Hall with Kwikpaws Enya

Tracking Test 1	Ballaarat DOC	25/7/16
Tracking Test 2	Dogs Vic State Trial	22/8/16

Rhonda Williams with Gr Ch Injitali Intriguing Secret TDX

Tracking Test 8	Ballaarat DOC	26/7/16	Title TCh
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Shirley Noble with Eddiebelleme TD

Tracking Test 4	Dogs Vic State Tracking Trial	23/8/15	
Tracking Test 5	Ballaarat DOC	13/9/15	
Tracking Test 6	Dogs Vic State Trial	22/8/16	Title TDX

Madeline Kiel with Jaidee Princess Pirate

Rally Obedience Novice	Southern ODTc	19/3/16	
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Rally Obedience Novice	Croydon & Dist. ODC	24/4/16	Title RN
Endurance Test	American Staff. Terr. Club	8/5/16	Title ET

Madeline Kiel with Trudals Perdita

Endurance Test	American Staff. Terr. Club	8/5/16	Title ET
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M Liel & J Loddington with Trudals Perdita

Working Weight Pull Dog	American Staff. Terr. Club	3/7/16	
Working Weight Pull Dog	American Staff. Terr. Club	12/6/16	
Working Weight Pull Dog	American Staff. Terr. Club	24/7/16	
Working Weight Pull Dog	American Staff. Terr. Club	21/8/16	Title WWPD

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.

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ANOTHER WORKING DOG

From Nola Williams

They won't just stick to sheep work either. They'll round up chooks, do a spot of nursing, ringbark trees, save humans, face the terrors of motorbikes and storms, not to mention getting shot on the job all in the line of duty.

In the 1930's a drover was given ten pounds to train a border collie pup for sheep work. An uncle of Roy Hentschke rescued her from the drover who was beating her for disobedience. He swapped her with an uncontrollable no-hoper. The bitch was called Minty. She was one of the best all round sheep-dogs Roy can remember. When six years old, her former owner recognised her at the saleyards. Roy's uncle immediately offered her back, but the former owner realised that if she had not been rescued from the drover, she may well have been dead. Instead, he said he would like a pup from her next litter.

When the litter of five pups arrived, Minty showed signs of sickness. When they were four weeks old, she carried them in her mouth, one by one, to a rabbit warren about 300 metres away. Roy's uncle returned them all to the kennel. He fed them and bedded them down.

The following day, the performance was repeated. Minty died not long after completing this task. This remarkable dog knowing that death was imminent, had followed her instincts in making sure there was a source of food for her pups.

As a young farmer, Roy had one of her pups, Boxer, who became a good trial dog. Roy still has this blood line in his own dogs fifty-two years later. They still have the 'eye' and ability that distinguished Minty.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FOR TRIALLERS DO YOU WANT A TROPHY?

The 2016 trialling year for our Club ends on 31st October. All handlers whose dogs qualify for a VCA (Dogs Victoria) approved title between 1st November 2015 and 31st October 2016 are entitled to a 2016 club trophy. Special and Perpetual Trophies are also awarded for outstanding achievements. All trophies will be presented at a special occasion.

To be eligible for the Special and Perpetual Trophies handlers must:

- be a financial member of the club,
- have signed the triallers' attendance book at least 10 times during the trialling year, and
- have submitted photocopies of all passes towards a title to the Trial Reporter via:
 - the submission box in the club room (the preferred method), or
 - by post to the Club's official postal address at
PO Box 1093, Mountain Gate, Vic 3156, or
 - by email to our Trial Reporter at trialreporter@knoxodc.org.au

All pass cards must be submitted by 1 November 2016

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