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Editor's Notes

Wendy Downing

Winter is almost here and those members training on Thursday nights will be feeling the cold! This month's magazine contains plenty to browse through as you warm up back at home.

You will notice that a summary of the May Club Committee meeting has been provided – this is to allow you all to have a better understanding of how the club is run – and the myriad of issues that the Committee deals with. All Committee members are elected volunteers.

Our regular contributors continue to provide excellent articles – thank you all – you are the backbone of the magazine and make my job so much easier. Also this month, Mike Lynch has provided a thoughtful and moving article on how it feels to lose a much loved dog. Janne Blunden has profiled a successfully rescued dog – Dusty Rose is one lucky girl.

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Cover: Out and about: CDC members and their dogs participating in the Canberra Day Parade in March. Photo by Mike Lynch.

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President's Report

Linda Spinaze

Hello everyone. How's the training going? It's not quite so much fun for us handlers as we head into winter, especially on those cold days, but fortunately most dogs have good thick coats to keep them warm, and they hardly notice. In fact, many become more active. If your dog has short hair and feels the cold, it may be worth buying a coat (from our shop!!) to keep him warm.

The Committee has been busy over the past 2 months doing all the things committees do. Some of the more interesting things which you may like to know about are:

- the outside flood lights are to be repaired so that not only do they work but they will be pointed in the right direction for maximum light. Depending on the quotes, we may consider putting more big lights in to the bore paddock, and/or putting some lighting under the tree canopy in the paved area.
- the gazebo roof finally collapsed, and our wonderful volunteer Greg Preston has offered to make another frame. This will then be covered by some material - probably colour bond. Thanks Greg.
- the extension to the agility shed will be started in the next few weeks. Unfortunately we had to knock down 2 trees to allow for the work. We hope that it will be finished in time for the June long-weekend trials.
- there has been some advancement on the fence between the bore paddock and the open rings, and we hope that it will soon be replaced with a fence to match the other ring fences. There may be no fence for a short while during the replacement.

Did you make it to the work party on the 20th April? It was a bit rainy, but nevertheless we had many intrepid workers who rolled up their sleeves and got stuck into the various pruning and weeding and fixing jobs. Many thanks to all who did their bit, and a special thank you to the Canopy people who provided and worked the mulcher. Not only does this save many tedious trips to the tip, but provides us with some mulch (which now needs to be spread – who's for another work party?) And I have to say that afternoon tea was quite delicious and I ate too much.

You may have heard that there is a strong possibility that the ACT Government

will build a prison across the road behind the Therapeutic Goods Administration. This probably won't affect us as much as residents in the area, but there are still some concerns regarding possible escapes. If you feel strongly about this please contact myself or Sid Shuck so that we can pass these concerns along.

During a recent instructors meeting we had a representative from the ACT Government explain some of the ins and outs of the new cat and dog legislation, which will come into effect at the end of June. Unfortunately she could not reveal the costs that will be involved for breeders etc, so many questions remained un-answered.

There have been some mis-understandings in the bore-paddock between instructors who are taking classes and members who wish to run their dogs. The bore paddock is only to be used as a free-run paddock when there are no classes being held in that paddock. If you are not sure when this is, then please be aware of gathering groups outside the gate - it probably means that a class will be run soon, and it would be appreciated if all dogs are put back on lead.

On a related topic, it has been suggested that we have a separate area for free-running of small dogs. This would be great to have, but we haven't as yet got a separate area. So those handlers with big, boisterous dogs, please be aware that the smaller dogs in the paddock may be over-whelmed by your dog, and check with the other handlers before releasing your dog off lead.

We have changed some of the details of the mowing contract, and you may have noticed that the grass is being mown more often. However, David has trouble mowing the rings when there are jumps strewn all over the place. In order to make his life easier, (and his mowing more efficient) it would be appreciated if jumps were stacked onto the frames when people finish training on Thursday night before he comes to mow on Friday. We need to build more frames to hold all the new jumps - can anyone remember who built the old ones?

I think that's all. See you on the paddock,

Linda.

Committee Capers

CDC Committee Meeting 1 May 2001 Summary

(Full copies of Minutes of Committee meetings are available on request from the front office)

Present: Linda Spinaze, June Rowe, David Berriman, Wendy Downing, Di Easter, Maisie Griffiths (for Anne Robertson), Jan Grigor, Jan Hanfield, Rob Heferen, Peter Hendriks, Louise Raisin, Sid Schuck, and Joyce Thompson

Gazebo roof repairs: Greg Preston has proposed to build a frame for the roof for about \$450. A quote was obtained from Ian Bennett for \$1206 for a frame of treated pine and a colour bond covering. **Agreed** That the Club ask Ian Bennett for a quote to put colour bond on the roof of the gazebo for less than \$700

Nature strip: Proposed that scalplings to be used to fill the holes. A quote was obtained from Four Seasons Gardening Service for three square meters at \$30/sq. **Agreed:** That the Club ask Four Seasons to fill the potholes with scalping for a cost of up to about \$200.

Lighting: A quote was obtained from Fred Djikic for about \$500 for repairs to the lighting. **Proposed:** That the Club endorse the proposal to have Fred Djikic do the repairs and also ask him to give us a quote for further improvements.

Street lighting: Agreed: That the Club to write to the ACT Government on this matter.

Extension of the agility shed: The trees nearby have been removed, and the stumps will most probably have to go too. Final quotes for the work are being obtained.

Agility notice board cover: To be replaced.

Volunteer grant: The Club was unsuccessful in the first round. It has been submitted again for the second round.

Fencing: A contractor, Vince Rose, has been authorised to put in the fence between the UD ring and the bore paddock.

Portable fence for growl class: Possibilities to be investigated.

Clickers: New clickers have arrived. They cost the Club \$2.00 each and are to be sold for \$3.00 each. *(by Ed: see shop news for details)*

Roles of the subcommittees: The training subcommittee has amended its statement of purpose.

Review of the fee structure: Proposal to be circulated to committee members for comment.

Treasurer's Report The Club has about \$17,000 worth of projects in train. The Treasurer noted that the Club will need to spend some money this year to upgrade the system on the office PC.

Proposed Prison Sid Schuck reported that at the latest informational meeting it was announced that a preliminary assessment was to be done by the end of the month.

Maintenance: A successful work party was held on April 21. There were 31 participants. Another working bee to be organised in a couple of months. Quotes are to be obtained to get the pavers re-laid.

Flyball: Agreed in principle gives approval to the flyball subcommittee to purchase, with its own funds, two boxes at a cost of up to \$550 per box. Proposed: Rob Heferen Seconded: Jan Grigor

Obedience trialling The trialling subcommittee will review the giving of places in encouragement novice trials.

Instructors Dinner to be organised for Friday August 3.

Application for Heritage Grant: Agreed that the Club apply for a grant on a dollar for dollar basis. The grant will be used to publish an illustrated club history.

Request to Use Club Grounds The Guide Dogs for the Blind would like to use the bore paddock for puppy training. The Club needs to first know if they have their own insurance.

How to Tell the Weather

To Tell the weather, go to your back door and look for the dog.

If the dog is at the door and he is wet, it's probably raining, but if the dog is standing there really soaking wet, it is probably raining really hard.

If the dog's fur looks like it's been rubbed the wrong way, it's probably windy.

If the dog has snow on his back, it's probably snowing.

Of course, to be able to tell the weather like this, you have to leave the dog outside all the time, especially if you expect bad weather.

Sincerely,
The CAT

Shop News

Jan Hanfield



Club members, especially new members, may like to know that the shop is staffed on Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and also on Competition and Trial Days.

The shop manager is a club volunteer, and two young staff are the only paid employees. All shop profits are ploughed back into the club.

Products for dogs

The shop has a range of dog goodies such as

- neck and head collars (please note that “Gentle Leader” sizes have changed slightly – check the new size on your dog before purchase)
- webbing and leather leads,
- play toys and doggie treats,
- books.

We can always provide or arrange advice about what might best suit your dog.

Just for handlers

- ◆ Club sloppy joes and green and white shirts – both with Club Logo (These are ordered in your size)
- ◆ Bum Bags – great for holding dog treats (and not losing your car keys)
- ◆ Club Caps with club logo (washable)
- ◆ **NEW: Clickers with club logo - \$3.00 – a bargain!**

Food Available: We stock a range of people treats too, including:

- cold drinks and fruit juices,
- tea and coffee
- sausage rolls and toasted sandwiches.

Please check our stock before buying elsewhere – all profits go into improving the club!

Your support is appreciated.

SHOP PROFITS SUPPORT THE CLUB – CHECK OUR PRICES BEFORE YOU BUY ELSEWHERE!!

Jenna – journey's end

Mike Lynch

In my story about Jenna, our Standard Schnauzer, that appeared in the CDC Newsletter of July 2000, I recounted how we had acquired her some eight years ago from a breeding kennel to be a companion for our Miniature Schnauzer, Tuppence, who was then just a puppy. Jenna more than fulfilled that role – she was surrogate mother, pack leader, playmate and shining light to Tuppence. All those years ago Tuppence was so excited when we bought Jenna home – Tuppence thought all her Christmases had come at once. And I guess they had.

In my July story I told of how Jenna being close to the age of 14 years had all the aches and pains of an old dog, in addition to not really seeing or hearing too well. And the final straw was that she was having trouble with her teeth. I commented that there was no fun in getting old. Oh so true!

Over time Jenna's teeth problems did not diminish and the real culprit, a bone tumour in her jaw emerged and grew steadily bigger. Come October Jenna's quality of life was starting to ebb slowly away – she was still a good weight, her coat was shiny and she was still eating, albeit with some difficulty, and she still greeted me every morning with her tail and rump wagging, but...

What was supposed to be a check-up visit to the vet on Thursday, 26 October 2000 ended up being that moment when it was decided that it was time to say goodbye to Jenna. She was 14 years and 3 months old.

With Jenna's death, and I know she won't mind, my thoughts turned to the literary dog and in particular the demise of some of these dogs who have appeared between the covers of many a book. Whilst this may seem a somewhat morbid topic, it is in many instances the final act in the celebration of the emotional bond which develops between "man and dog".

Going way back in time there is Homer's *Odyssey* in which we find the hero, Ulysses, returning home after many a year from the Trojan Wars and other adventures only to find, amongst other things, that his dog, Argus, has long since been cast out of his abode. Argus now neglected, is living on the streets. On hearing Ulysses' voice, Argus vainly tries to crawl towards his master, but all Argus can manage is to wag his tail, cock his ears and look at his master. Ulysses on spying Argus sheds a tear and Argus having taken one last look at his master dies. "So closed forever faithful Argus' eyes".

In a somewhat different vein there is the 13th Century folk story of the Welsh Prince Llewelyn and his favourite Irish Wolfhound Gelert. There are a number of versions of this story but in essence Gelert is left to guard the Prince's baby son while the Prince goes hunting. On returning, Prince Llewelyn is greeted by Gelert who has a blood reddened mouth and a body streaked with blood. Inside, the baby's cradle has been overturned and there is general disarray. Prince Llewelyn immediately assumes that Gelert has killed his son and so slays his favourite Irish Wolfhound. But moments later there is an infant's cry and the Prince discovers that his son is alive and that close by there is the body of a dead wolf.

Distraught with grief at having killed Gelert, the Prince builds a stately tomb for his Irish Wolfhound and so the story goes, the Welsh village of Beddgelert – which means Gelert's grave -received its name. And to cap it all off there is the Welsh proverb, "To repent as deeply as the man who killed his dog".

Equally distraught with grief was Lord Byron when Boatswain, his five year old Newfoundland had a fit and died in November 1808. Lord Byron was inconsolable and wrote an epitaph describing Boatswain as:

...in life the firmest friend,
The first to welcome, foremost to defend.
Whose honest heart is still his master's own,
Who labours, fights, lives and breathes for him alone.

This was not Lord Byron's finest poetry, but it was certainly among his most heartfelt. He also had an elaborate monument erected to Boatswain and rewrote his will specifying that he should be buried alongside Boatswain. I wonder if he was.

From the relative tranquillity of Lord Byron's age to the earth shattering noise of a Royal Air Force bomber airfield in England during the Second World War. In his book *Enemy Coast Ahead*, published in 1946, Guy Gibson tells the story of his part as a pilot in the bombing war. Contained within the story are brief glimpses of Gibson's dog, a large black Labrador called Nigger – not a politically correct name today, but perfectly acceptable in those days.

Gibson and his dog had been together since before the war and from his book and other anecdotal sources it is more than apparent that a strong bond had grown between the two of them. As with all bomber pilots and crews, both Gibson and Nigger enjoyed a party. Nigger would invariably consume a few beers and then towards evenings end he would slowly meander off, leaving the occasional puddle here or there, to find a place to sleep.

On the eve of an important bombing mission in 1943 Nigger was hit by a car and killed instantly. Gibson found himself that night feeling depressed and looking at the scratch marks on the door that Nigger made when he wanted to go out. The next day the hard-bitten Gibson surprised his Chief-of-Staff by asking that Nigger be buried at midnight when his Lancaster bomber aircraft would be crossing the enemy coast. Gibson hoped that "while Nigger was being buried the squadron would be going over to give his friendly little soul an uplift with the job we were about to do". It had also crossed Gibson's mind there was every chance that his aircraft might be shot down and going into the ground at the same time.

The mission was a success with the breaching of the Moehne and Eder Dams. Nigger, the code word indicating this, was transmitted back to base and the legend of the Dam Busters Squadron was born. Nigger's "friendly little soul" had indeed been uplifted!

In the totally different world of the 1980s in the State of Minnesota, Gary Paulsen in his book, *Puppies, Dogs, and Blue Northers* tells the story about the life of a litter of

pups born to pull sleds across the snowy frontier and their mother Cookie. In her role as primary lead dog, Cookie and Gary had been a team for close on 23,000 kilometres, which included running the 1700 kilometre Iditarod Sled Dog Race from Anchorage to Nome.

With the passing years Cookie develops arthritis and is retired from running and becomes Gary's "house dog". But Cookie is still eager to run and with the first signs of snow she makes her way to the exact spot where she had been harnessed and hooked up to the sled – the kennels had long since been dismantled with no visible signs remaining. Gary gently tells her there will be no more running and Cookie seems to understand. But there was to be one more occasion. The night of the storm.

With the gathering of the storm Cookie becomes restless and is let out for a supposed toilet break. But Cookie has other ideas and disappears into the night. Donning his snow gear Gary follows Cookie's tracks through the newly fallen snow. He finds her standing in the harnessing position, "waiting, the wind tearing at her, her nose up and into the storm, smelling, knowing what we had to do, waiting for me to harness her and the dogs". Gary pats her neck, while she whines a soft sound barely audible over the howl of the wind, "It's done now, it's all over; no more runs". Cookie's whine ends, for the last time the whine to run, the beg to run. Cookie knew.

Two more summers and one more winter pass and then one morning Gary lets her out and she does not return. He finds Cookie's lifeless body under her favourite spruce tree. Later in the day he takes Cookie to the harnessing spot and buries her there with her Iditarod number tag. After a long time he goes back to the house and thinks of when Cookie "was young and there was nothing in front of us but the iceblink on the horizon, and I hoped wherever dogs go she would find a lot of good meat and fat, and now and then a run".

The final sentiment of Gary Paulsen brings to mind one of the James Herriot stories in which the elderly Miss Stubbs asks him whether animals have souls. James replies that "if having a soul means being able to feel love and loyalty and gratitude, then animals are better off than a lot of humans". He also reassures Miss Stubbs that he is absolutely certain of one thing; "wherever you are going, your cats and dogs are going too".

I must admit I tend to share these sentiments.

And so back to Jenna with a momentary glimpse into her past. In May 2000 I tracked down on the Internet Jenna's USA breeder and sent them a brief email. The breeder replied and said in part, "Of course I remember her. There were three boys and Jenna in the litter. She was a sweet, dear puppy and very much like her mother. She finished her championship here very quickly. One of her brothers lives close to me and is still doing well. His name is Lucky and is a very nice boy. I'm happy to hear that Jenna has a loving home in her old age".

I haven't the heart to let them know that Jenna has reached journey's end.

I buried Jenna that Thursday afternoon in the back garden with the sun shining and birds chirping and rustling in the trees. She was a truly lovely dog and I still miss her. Fortunately I have Tuppence to console me and to listen to my ramblings over these last six months. Tuppence, being a full-on little dog, appears to have adjusted well to being the only dog in the household.

Jenna had her last visit and gentle sniff around the CDC grounds on Sunday 22 October 2000 to watch me and Tuppence taking a beginners class. My belated thanks to those in my beginners and intermediate classes and those bystanders who over the last months of Jenna's life gave her some gentle pats and cuddles.



Homework Tips - Part 4 Heelwork Pat Looker



Having your dog walking in the heel position on a loose lead is very useful for crossing roads, passing other dogs and people and for various other everyday situations. However, if your dog has learned to get out of position it can be a most frustrating exercise and it takes a great deal of time and enormous patience to correct. Doing your homework in an interesting way will help you stay positive about this exercise and will also help your dog to keep his attention on you.

In this article I'll describe some ways to get the most out of your heelwork session. If you're in Beginners/Kindergarten, your Instructor will be giving you enough to learn at this stage, so this article is geared for those in Intermediate and above. The first thing to decide is just what are you trying to achieve in the practice session. For example, if you were in training for a soccer game you wouldn't just run around with a ball. You'd go out and work on your fitness, and on specific ball skills such as dribbling and shooting. Dog training works the same way.

Objective - to have the dog in the correct heel position

Once you're in Intermediate and above, you need to do some specific practise several times a week to keep reinforcing the correct position for your dog. Start your practise doing some right about static turns, praising your dog each time he ends in the correct position. And if he doesn't get into the right position, then go back to luring him to the right place (and rewarding and praising) for say the first two or three, then do two turns without the lure but making sure you *praise and reward instantly* your dog gets to the right spot. Keep this short and snappy - five turns as a maximum.

Give your 'heel' cue and step out on the left foot. The sequence is 'heel' and then step out as soon as you get to the 'l' in heel. Make sure your first step is not a huge one - half a step for the first one will enable your dog to get up from its sit position and come with you. Only go a few paces and halt. If you're in the early part of Intermediate, or your dog doesn't heel well, give praise as soon as your dog gets up and begins to come with you. You need to judge how often you need to praise (and reward) your dog (seek advice from your Instructor if uncertain), but never praising is not an option. If your dog is learning the exercise or is consistently not in the correct position, even though you think your dog 'knows the exercise', you need to praise your dog every time he is with you - he needs to be told 'that's what I want of you'. So going a few paces (say up to six) and halting with your dog sitting beside you and repeating this sequence half a dozen times is a good way to reinforce correct position and the quick sit, whatever level you're at. (It will also help you give consistent cues to your dog.)

Another positioning exercise is to change pace. Walk basically in a long straight line changing pace every six to ten steps, praising your dog as he changes pace with you. You may have to cue your dog with 'heel' just before the change in the beginning, but eventually you should be able to change paces and have the dog stick beside you. This does not mean, however, that you suddenly leap into a full run or almost stop dead in slow pace and expect good position from your dog. Your changes must be smooth to enable your dog to react, so take a step or two to adjust from one pace to the next.

When your dog can do these exercises well, you can up the ante. Still basically going in the one direction, weave, circle, and/or sidestep.

Weaving

Circling



Weaving is a good exercise for the change of pace required in the figure 8 pattern. Make sure you keep walking at the same pace so your dog has to alternately speed up and slow down to keep with you. Start off by doing wide loops. Over the weeks, as your dog becomes more proficient, you can tighten the curves which requires your dog to work harder at keeping in position. As well, you can weave and circle around poles, trees, garbage bins etc on your way. Circling is also good for figure 8 work. Walk in the one direction for a few paces and then turn through 360° on the spot. Try the right hand turn first so your dog really has to run to get around. When you do the left hand one, make sure you give your dog room to manoeuvre its body around, especially if it's a larger dog.

To side step, walk in a straight line, cue 'heel' and take a large step at 45° to the right or left, praising your dog when he catches up with you.

With all of these exercises you must be vigilant. If you do the exercise and don't ensure that your dog is maintaining position you might as well not have bothered. Use praise, rewards etc to keep your dog with you and don't make the exercises too hard before your dog has mastered the easier versions. Keep the practice short - two minutes of this in one go is plenty. Do a bit more free walking and then try another short session, but don't over do it.

Objective - to improve turns

First, nice neat turns will help enormously in having your dog get round the turn nicely. Second, if you're practising turns, practise turns: don't do lots of straight heeling in between. Take a maximum of ten steps between turns and concentrate on making them 90° or 180° - a path or lines on a playing field will help here.

Do several of the same turn in a row until you and the dog have worked out how to do it smoothly. Do half a dozen turns before you halt, and use the 'heel' cue just before you turn if your dog gets lost around the corner, and praise for a good response. Doing good turns is a matter of patterning. You need to do the same footwork around the corner each time so your dog can figure out what's coming up - that's why doing a number of the same turn in a row is useful.

Try to remember to stand up straight as you turn and don't let your upper body, hands, feet, or lead go all over the place.

Once you can perform each turn neatly at normal pace, you can mix them all up to keep your dog guessing but watch that your footwork doesn't get sloppy. You can also introduce changes of pace in the heeling pattern, remembering that in competition all turns are performed at normal pace regardless of the heelwork pace being performed.

Objective - to improve halts

Again, you don't need more than half a dozen steps in between halts to actually practise these. Start off smartening up the sit speed and positioning. If your dog is not sitting immediately you come to a halt, quickly cue 'sit' and praise. Try to give the cue a fraction before you stop and never use a backward jerk on your lead to achieve a sit. Repeat this heel/sit sequence a number of times until your dog can beat you to the sit - that is, he sits before you get the cue out. Remember, you are trying to get your dog to sit when you stop in heelwork without further cues, but if you let your dog stand there and look at you when you come to a halt, he will learn to stand when you stop, so it's essential to keep reinforcing this exercise.

If your dog likes to turn sideways to look up at you, try practising alongside a fence or other barrier so your dog doesn't have the opportunity to swing his behind out, and make sure that he gets a reward for being straight and not just for any old sit.

For those of you in Transition and beyond, do the same with downs and stands - that is, only do half a dozen paces in between. Unlike the sits though, you should give your cue each time, again a fraction before you stop. Do at least two sits to every down or stand, so that your dog remembers that no cue means 'sit'.

When you go out to practise your heelwork, have a definite aim in mind. Always practise one or two positioning exercises, and then practise say one of the turns and the sits: the next day you can vary the exercises. All up this should take you no more than five minutes, or you can do several shorter sessions in the middle of your free walking. Avoid constant drilling of long heeling patterns - chances are you'll get sick of it pretty quickly and you'll forget to watch your dog closely and to praise him for good work. In no time at all you'll have taught him that sloppy, slow work is acceptable, and then you'll get cross with him. So concentrate on what you and your dog are doing, keep it interesting, and keep it short.



The Rescue of Dusty Rose

Janne Blunden

A rose by any other name – well yes, actually Brandy. It had been brought to my notice a year ago that there was a little red heeler in the seized pen at the RSPCA, so I just had to have a look. We fell in love at first sight.

How was I to explain my feelings to the two blue's I had at home – not to mention my husband. Get rid of the dogs (never); get rid of the husband – not good to fight the hand that feeds you: so what to do.



Bingo – I will put it to my daughter and her hubby whom I had bought a blue heeler for their wedding present (what else would any dog loving mother buy?) that perhaps Jess (the blue heeler) would like a kennel mate. Bless them they agreed to look at Brandy. They also fell in love at first sight. Now for the big test – Jess, who is quite a queen.

As I was regularly walking Brandy at the RSPCA whilst awaiting court proceedings (involving her) it was easy to get the two girls (Jess and Brandy) to meet on neutral territory. After a couple of curly lips and snaps they agreed to agree and my wonderful daughter and her hubby said they would give her a home.

After 15 months of hell for Brandy (I just wouldn't want to know the pain) she was finally abandoned in a back yard: no water, shelter or food until the RSPCA came to the rescue. Now, because of them, she is living the good life she deserved. Regardless of her horrible past, her beautiful temperament is still intact and along with her new home she has the name of Dusty Rose.

My two blues have settled down but still get suspicious when I come home from the RSPCA. I have the wonderful role of playing Grandma to Dusty Rose and Jess and it is a joy to watch Dusty blossoming, putting on weight and getting the attention she not only deserved but also craved. Many thanks to the RSPCA for the incredible job they do and also to Sharon Bowditch and Chris Atyeo who have done a great job in rehoming this wonderful and often misunderstood breed – the Australian cattle dog.

(By Ed: Sharon and Chris are both club members)

OBEDIENCE DOG'S POINT OF VIEW (by Teddy)

I've got a headache.

I'm not deaf, I'm ignoring you.

I never heard that command before today.

My handler's having an off day.

You want me to jump how high?

Let's sit the handlers in the sun for three minutes and we'll hide in the shade.

But I told her I had to go for a walk.

People with a clipboard make me nervous.

My handler was standing on my tail.

Mother told me there would be days like this; she went to obedience trials, too.

The cat doesn't have to do obedience, and he still gets fed.

If you wanted the dumbbell, why did you throw it away?

My handler doesn't like to work when it's too hot or too cold.

Even when the handlers flunk, they still blame the dogs.

If you think that last exercise was creative, watch the next one.

So you signed the check and mailed the entries.... Ha-Ha!

Whether they win or lose, dogs are always good sports.

My handler is ring-wise; she knows she can't correct me.

My handler doesn't know her right from her left.

If handlers are so smart, why can't they do scent discrimination?

Dogs need 2 left feet; handlers should have only one.

My handler gets bored heeling, so I never get to practice.

You'd think by now she'd know how to throw the dumbbell...

The devil made me do it.

Would You Like To Become A Club Instructor?

DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE SIX REASONS WHY YOU MIGHT LIKE TO BECOME A CLUB INSTRUCTOR?

1. You will make new friends.
2. You will become better at training your own dog.
3. You will have fun.
4. You will enjoy helping others learn how to train their dogs.
5. You will have a sense of achievement at mastering new skills.
6. You will have a warm fuzzy feeling because you are giving something back to the club which helped you.

The next club Level One Instructors Course will start on Monday, August 14th. This course qualifies successful participants to become instructors of classes from Kindergarten to Advanced.

The club always needs new instructors because of the inevitable loss of some existing instructors each year due to moves away from Canberra, or work, family and other commitments. It is important that we maintain or increase the number of club instructors to prevent large classes and over worked instructors.

Club members who have reached Advanced class or higher are eligible to do the course. We hope that some of our members will welcome the opportunity to make this important contribution to the club and will enjoy handing on the knowledge that they have gained to the next generation of dog owners.

If you qualify as a club instructor you do not have to take classes all the time. Instructors may be rostered for a period of two months or may be placed on a list of reserves to fill in when a rostered instructor is not available. Every effort is made to ensure that instructing does not interfere with training one's own dog.

The course will start on Monday, August 6th and will include:

- 9 Monday evenings of lectures and demonstrations, starting at 7.30;
- practical classes - Sundays at 11.30 or Thursdays at 8.30
- a requirement to obtain practical experience as an assistant with classes;
- recommended reading;
- homework assignments;
- a theory exam paper and a practical assessment.

If you would like to do this course, please see June Rowe, Joyce Thompson or Pat Looker in the club office.

Trials and Tribulations

Vikki Evans

.A regular feature

Obedience trialing is not as popular as it once was. I have an old trial catalogue at home (well, to be honest, I have many, but here, I will refer to just one in particular), it is from about 1985 or thereabouts and there were 47 dogs entered in the Novice class alone. We are lucky if we get 47 dogs entered in the entire obedience trial these days! So, where have all the trialers gone?

The exercises in the Novice class in obedience trials are the same as they were when I started 20 years ago. Is this the answer to the question? Do the rule makers need to take a long hard look and make some radical changes? Most areas of life progress, Novice obedience trialing (and Open for that matter) has had only very minor changes in the rules in the last 20 years. I have been trialing in agility for about 10 years. In that time we have seen absolutely major changes and the numbers trialing in agility are increasing at an incredible rate. It would be nice to see some serious changes to make Novice more interesting.

When I first started obedience training, classes were structured to build towards the requirements for trialing. A very large percentage of people I went through the lower classes with, continued on to Novice class, where we were trained to compete in obedience trials – and we did. Passing a Novice trial is no harder or easier than it was 20 years ago. It's a bit like time standing still, really. Not much has changed, except that we don't gear the exercises in lower classes towards trial exercises so much now.

Some obedience trialers are very serious, too serious if you ask me and perhaps this is a perception that puts novice trainers off the idea of trialing. You can aim to do good precise obedience work and still have an enjoyable time. The two are not mutually exclusive. Anyone who has seen my Sneeker work in UD would know that a dog can really enjoy obedience work. Some of it may not be as precise as I would like, but Sneeker sure makes up for it in fun. I think my youngster, Bloke, will show that it can be precise AND fun – with his pretty little head wrapped around my leg while he heels, giving me the odd nip on the pocket, just to see if I'm paying attention!

Perhaps life has just become too busy and hectic for some people to bother with the longer term training of their dogs. Perhaps the expectation to strive for excellence and precision is not there any more (but, I tell you what, when it happens, it feels really good). I would have thought the training part of a dog's needs took relatively little time, compared to other needs, and that it was really just a little part in the general exercise routine for the dog. It's amazing how much you can teach or reinforce in 5 to 10 minutes each day, especially if, before and after, the dog gets to play with his owner, or chase a ball, or just run.

If you haven't seen an obedience trial, why not come and have a look at CDC's trial on the long weekend? And for those who are trialing, or heading in that direction, the following tips on a little bit of training for trial "readiness" may help.

What makes being in the ring so different from training? What makes us different in the ring – our expectations?; the expectations of other?; the judge?; the rule book?; the thought that if we don't pass, life as we know it will cease to exist?

Train for all manner of distractions:

- kids kicking a ball;
- dogs running around barking (just come out and do some training at the same time as agility or flyball are training);
- where traffic is nearby (but keep your dog safe);
- different grass surfaces – long, short, dead, weeds, wet;
- where there are birds;
- with your dog's best friend running around, or training next to you;
- different locations;
- with someone acting as the judge;

But don't introduce all of these distractions at once!

Listen to your instructor in class. They may have much useful information – you just have to be the one doing the listening.

And, contrary to popular belief, life as you know it will not cease to exist whether you pass or not.

Dog Treats Recipe from Liz's Kitchen



Liz's Liver Bread

400 g of chicken livers
 2 eggs
 300-400 g of plain whole meal flour
 salt

1. Puree chicken livers and eggs in blender or food processor.
2. Add sufficient flour to make into a bread dough.
3. Add salt and turn out onto a sheet of baking paper in a baking tin.
4. Flatten to about 5 cm width.
5. Brush top with left over liver juice and bake at 180 degree Celsius for approximately 45 minutes
6. Allow to cool and cut into cubes
7. Keeps well in the fridge in an airtight container

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Abolition of 'Pending' Membership Status on Trial Entries

Potential trialers please note:

- You are required to be a member of the ACTCA or RNSWCC (for NSW residents) to enter obedience and agility trials.
- The ACTCA has abolished the practice of allowing people to enter trials while their ACTCA (or NSW equivalent) membership is being processed.
- This means you should join the ACTCA well in advance of the trial you wish to enter.
- You **MUST** place your ACTCA membership number on the entry form or your entry cannot be accepted.

Thinking about Trialling?

Did you know that a pre trialing class is available at CDC Obedience trials for those handlers who are not quite ready to enter official obedience trials but wish to give their dogs experience in performing most of the Novice exercises under standard trialing conditions. A Novice Encouragement Class now forms part of CDC's annual trialing calendar.

Which Exercises?

The exercises are based on the following exercises as described in the Australian National Kennel Control's (ANKC) *Rules for the Conduct of Obedience Trials*.

Heel on Lead	30
Stand for Examination	20
Stand Stay	20
Recall	30
1 Minute Sit Stay	30
3 Minute Down Stay	30

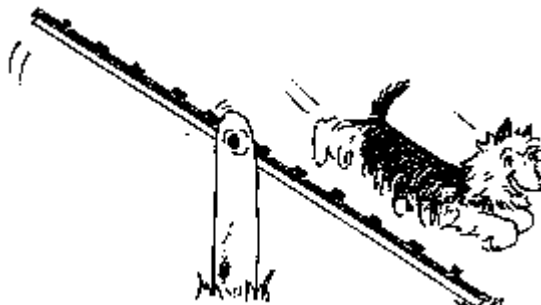
The pass mark is 136, with a score of at least 50% for each exercise.

Which Dogs Can Enter?

You can enter any dog which has not achieved 3 passes in Novice Encouragement or one pass in the Novice ring at an official Obedience trial. You do NOT have to be a member of the Canine Controlling body in your state of residence (as for all official obedience classes).

How do I Enter?

Enter your dog using the Standard Trial Entry form (available from the Shop).
The entry fee is \$5.00



The state of agility

There are currently 108 financial agility members at the club and a further 14 unfinancial members (of whom 14 are active). This constitutes about 10% of the club's total membership. In the nine months to May 2001 agility has attracted the following income: \$2169 in membership fees, \$3227 in trial entry fees and \$2376 in fundraising. At this point, income still exceeds expenditure by \$1848. If income continues at this level, agility activities are likely to contribute almost \$2000 more this financial year to the club than last financial year.

Classes in June and July

Another intake of Level 1 students will begin their agility training in June with approximately 12 new members participating in classes on Sunday afternoons. These members join 21 who started agility in February and are now embarking on their fifth month of training. In addition to these newer members we are currently providing classes for more than 20 members approaching trialling standard (ie approximately six months of training) and a further 17 or so members who are actively trialling. At present approximately 60% of the club's agility members are actively participating in classes. Class times are outlined elsewhere in *The Good Companion*.

Many thanks to the following instructors who took classes over the April/May period: Maisie Griffiths and Linda Spinaze (level 2); Vikki Evans, Judith Barlow, Anne Robertson, Julie Kenealy and Liz Smith (combined level 3 and novice); and Jenny Marshall, Laraine Frawley and Sue Keal (trailing). We would also like to thank Jo Palmer who helped with classes as part of her instructor training.

Club members wanting to know more about agility are welcome to come and watch training sessions and talk with instructors and class members. Dogs must be over fourteen months old to participate in classes.

Instructor training

The Agility sub-committee regrets that there are still more club members on the agility waiting list than we can cater for due to the limited number of instructors available to take classes. To address this situation we are embarking on a program to improve the skill level of the club's

instructing base. This includes enhancing the skills of existing instructors as well as developing a training course for new instructors. As part of this program the club recently enabled four existing and six aspiring instructors to observe a weekend agility seminar hosted by Bud Houston, a well-known professional agility trainer and author from the USA. In addition the participants received some pre and post seminar instruction from a local professional agility trainer, Raelene Koerber. Both these opportunities were designed to help existing and aspiring instructors develop better observational and practical handling skills so that they could more effectively introduce agility to new members. Instructors will be given the opportunity to hone their new skills in a "peer" class on Sundays afternoons from 2-3.30pm during June and July.

Auslink

CDC has finished fourth out of twelve clubs competing in the 1st round of the 2001 Auslink competition. 235 individuals competed in the 1st round of which 16 were from CDC. Individual results for CDC were Phillipa Gill & Jinx (7th), David Fife & Sox (18th), Jenny Marshall & Maddie (23rd), Lara Sedgmen & Flynn (51st), Werner Roth with Blake (52nd) & Toby (95th), Kevin Tingay & Zac (61st), and Laraine Frawley with Sian (70th) & Tori (89th). Auslink is an interclub agility competition coordinated by the Royal New South Wales Canine Council (RNSWCC). Four times a year, the RNSWCC mails out an agility course plan for each competing club to run. Results are submitted to RNSWCC and collated quarterly and annually. Auslink is a fun event so if you are doing agility at CDC why not come and have a go. It is a good way of assessing your skill level and gaining experience without the stresses and strains of trialling. Entry fee is a gold coin donation on the day. Watch the club's noticeboards and your e-mail inbox for dates and times.

National Agility Challenge

The National Agility Challenge is an interclub competition coordinated by Cloverdale Canine Companions in Western Australia. Each year clubs from around Australia compete for the honour to represent their state in the National Agility Challenge. The CDC is hosting the ACT final at 10.00am on Saturday 16 June. This local final will be judged by Barry Knibbs and will determine the ACT representative team for the National Agility Challenge. It is hoped that teams from Tuggeranong Dog Training Club and Belconnen Dog Training Club will vie with teams from CDC for the honour of representing the ACT. Spectators are most welcome to come along and watch the action.

After three qualifying club heats the leading CDC contenders are Phillipa Gill & Jinx, Werner Roth with Toby & Blake, Michelle Palmer & Sophie, Mark Neal & Bob, Vikki Evans & Sneeker, Lara Sedgmen & Flynn, Sue Keal & Cody, Jenny Marshall & Twista, Jill Burgess & Kyra, Pat Oswald-Sealy & M'Zee and Sancia Wheeler & Shelley. Twenty nine dogs and handlers competed in the club's qualifying heats. The national final will be held in Wollongong later this year.

The Agility sub-committee has agreed to set aside a maximum of \$1200 obtained through fundraising activities each year to assist any CDC team chosen to represent the ACT at the National Agility Challenge. These funds will be carried over from one year to the next if not required.

Trialling news

On behalf of all CDC members who competed in the club's double agility trial on Easter Saturday we extend a big thank you to the following members and friends who helped with

stewarding and other duties on the day: Loris Cameron and her daughter Janelle, Laraine Frawley, Lara Sedgmen, Greg Leek, Linda Spinaze, Bruce Marshall, Airlie and Ron White, Pat Looker, Terry Fife, Jocelyn Greenwood, Kathy Byrne, Lemmi Briedis, Andrew Smith, Maisie Griffiths, Rob Griffin and Di Adams. The CDC trial attracted over 150 entries and three club members earned titles on the day - Lara Sedgmen & Flynn (Agility Dog Excellent), Werner Roth & Blake (Jumping Dog) and Phillipa Gill & Jinx (Jumping Dog). Other trial results appear elsewhere in the magazine.

There will be four agility trials held in Canberra over the June long weekend - a double trial at the Tuggeranong Dog Training Club on Saturday 9 June and a double trial at CDC on Sunday 10 June. Details of these trials are posted on the club's noticeboards. All club members are welcome to come along and watch.

Agility fun 'n games

Unlike the club's obedience stream, agility does not hold formal graduation tests on Comp Day weekend. Instead we offer mock trials and fun 'n games to enable members to socialize and engage in friendly competition. The latter activities include individual and team events and are often derived from children games such as musical chairs, blind man's bluff, Easter egg hunt, and baton relays. Want to know more? Ask Linda Spinaze or Anne Robertson for details.

Informal practice

Agility members wishing to practice some aspects of their agility training out of class times are welcome to use the four sets of yellow stands, bars and the set of broad jumps that are left out in the agility ring and/or recall chute. There are many different combinations of handling techniques that can be practiced with this limited amount of equipment so please take advantage of it. If you are unsure how to use it please ask your instructor.

Keeping members informed

In order to keep the club's agility members better informed the Agility sub-committee maintains an e-mail distribution list. At present we circulate updates to more than eighty members - coincidentally 80% of our members. If you would like to join the list please contact me at birdwellsetters@ozemail.com.au.

Want to know more?

The Agility sub-committee meets monthly to co-ordinate agility activities at the club. Copies of its proceedings are available in the agility shed and the club office. The sub-committee is elected annually each August. If you would like to help set the direction for agility at the club why not think about standing for sub-committee? Like all the other activities provided by the club, agility relies on the voluntary efforts of its members.

Anne Robertson
 Convenor
 On behalf of the Agility Sub-Committee

Flyball News

Rob Heferen

Flyball at CDC is about to enter a new and challenging phase. Up until now our syllabus has largely been based around instructors who have successfully taught their dogs flyball, using the same methods to help other handlers teach their dogs. We have decided to pilot a new program, based on a far more precise method of training, to see if we can successfully introduce it in our club environment. Anne Hastings and Justin Allen, two of our experienced flyball participants, will lead the pilot. We hope to have the new approach (if it is successful) up and running by the end of the year. Watch this space for a report on how it all goes!

Recent competitions

CDC hosted a flyball competition at the ACT Alive festival in March (round 3 of the inaugural Pro-Plan cup). It was quite a success, with a large participation from our own club (with 5 teams) and clubs travelling from Melbourne and Sydney to participate. CDC ended up with a second place in Division 1 (CDC TNT, who are the current National Champions), second and third place in Division 2 (CDC Rapid Acceleration and CDC Express), and a first and fourth in Division 3 (CDC Scorchers and CDC Full Speed).

We then had three teams travel to Sydney to compete in the flyball competition at the Sydney Royal Easter Show (on Good Friday). Our teams finished second in Division 1 (CDC TNT), third in Division 2 (CDC Rapid Acceleration) and the Scorchers won Division 3 yet again. This competition was the fifth and final round of the inaugural Pro-Plan Cup. Overall for the Cup, the Croydon District Obedience Club from Melbourne won first and second Divisions, and CDC Scorchers won third Division – and with this \$250 prize money.

We are very pleased that Pro-Plan propose to continue the generous sponsorship of flyball via the Pro-Plan Cup (around \$15,000 in total).

Who can do flyball at CDC?

Flyball is open to all our financial members with dogs over 12 months old that have completed (although not necessarily passed) a session of advanced obedience. The obedience requirement is a measure to ensure flyball handlers have at least 6 months experience handling their own dog.

As I need to keep repeating, not all dogs are suited for flyball. Given the extensive amount of time off lead while racing, if your dog is aggressive towards other dogs, it cannot compete in flyball. Apart from this, provided your dog is reasonably fit, is relatively interested in a ball and enjoys running, jumping and having fun, then it is suited to flyball. So if you are after a fun, challenging activity to complement the basic obedience skills you have learnt, and your dog is comfortable with other dogs and humans, then flyball could be the activity for you.

Our next intake of beginners should be in the June intake. Give it a try.

Dictionary for Dogs

compiled by Teddy

LEASH: A strap that attaches to your collar, enabling you to lead your person where you want him/her to go; or if more than one dog is held, to wrap them up to make them fall over.

DOG BED: any soft, clean surface, such as the white bedspread in the guest room or the newly upholstered couch in the living room. Best when decorated with bones.

DROOL: Is what you do when your persons have food and you don't. To do this properly you must sit as close as you can and look sad and let the drool fall to the floor, or better yet, on their laps. Done best by big dogs.

SNIFF: A social custom to use when you greet other dogs. Place your nose as close as you can to the other dog's rear end and inhale deeply, repeat several times until your person makes you stop.

RUBBISH BIN: A container that your neighbours put out once a week to test your ingenuity. You must stand on your hind legs and try to push the lid off with your nose. If you do it right you are rewarded with margarine wrappers to shred, beef bones to consume and mouldy crusts of bread. All look good on the DOG BED.

BICYCLES: Two-wheeled exercise machines, invented for dogs to control body fat. To get maximum aerobic benefit, you must hide behind a bush and dash out, bark loudly and run alongside for a few yards; the person then swerves and falls into the bushes, and you prance away. Bikes with training wheels are great for little or fat dogs.

DEAFNESS: This is a malady which affects dogs when their person wants them in and they want to stay out. Symptoms include staring blankly at the person, then running in the opposite direction, lying down or dancing just out of reach.

THUNDER (by Honey): This is a signal that the world is coming to an end. Humans remain amazingly calm during thunderstorms, so it is

necessary to warn them of the danger by trembling uncontrollably, panting, rolling your eyes wildly, and following at their heels.

WASTEBASKET: This is a dog toy filled with paper, envelopes, and old tissues. When you get bored, turn over the basket and strew the papers all over the house until your person comes home. Shred tissues as finely as possible. Very effective for decorating just before visitors are due.

SOFAS: Are to dogs like serviettes are to people. After eating it is polite to run up and down the front of the sofa and wipe your whiskers clean. Pale coloured sofas are preferred. Also very handy for stowing those bones for later.

BATH: This is a process by which the humans drench the floor, walls and themselves. You can help by shaking vigorously and frequently.

LEAN: Every good dog's response to the command "Sit !", especially if your person is dressed for an evening out. Incredibly effective before black-tie events when combined with DROOL. See above

BUMP: The best way to get your human's attention when they are drinking a fresh cup of coffee or tea.

GOOSE BUMP: A manoeuvre to use as a last resort when the Regular Bump doesn't get the attention you require.....especially effective when combined with the SNIFF. See above.

VACUUM CLEANER:(By Ted) a physical manifestation of evil that must be attacked and repelled whenever it makes an appearance.

SPRINKLER (by Ted and Cody): an excuse for a party! Must be attacked and played with whenever sighted. Best play is done on outings when there are no towels in the car and it's time to go home. Mud is a good optional extra.

Recent Titles

Compiled by Vikki Evans

Congratulations to the following people who have gained titles/awards recently!:

Firstly, a correction. Apologies to Pat Oswald-Sealy – M'Zee's title was Agility Dog, not Jumping Dog, as put in the last list of titles.

Companion Dog

Sharon Bowditch & Trevor

Agility Dog

Raelene Koerber & Kate



Agility Dog Excellent

Sue Keal & Cody
Sharon Bowditch & Trevor
Lara Sedgmen & Flynn

Jumping Dog

Phillipa Gill & Jinx
Michelle Palmer & Sophie
Dave Fife & Boots
Werner Roth & Blake
Judith Barlow & Rikki
Sharon Bowditch & Trevor

Jumping Dog Excellent

Vikki Evans & Sneeker

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Recent Trial Successes

Compiled by Vikki Evans

Royal Canberra Show – 23 February 2001

Novice Jumping:

Raynie McNee-Darrach & Knight (2nd & Q)

Vikki Evans & Sneeker (3rd & Q)

Jenny Marshall & Twista (Q)

Lara Sedgmen & Flynn (Q)

Mark Neal & Bob (Q)

Dave Fife & Boots (Q)

Judith Barlow & Rikki (Q)

Pat Oswald-Sealy & M'Zee (Q)

Novice Agility:

Michelle Palmer & Sophie (1st & Q)

Chris Atyeo & Bollie (3rd & Q)

Dave Fife & Boots (Q)

Open Agility:

Raynie McNee-Darrach & Preston (3rd & Q)

Obedience

Open: Ian Foster & Sam (1st & Best of Winners)

Utility: Jeff Dreese & Maddy (1st)

Bairnsdale Dog Obedience Club – 25 February 2001

Open Agility: Sharon Bowditch & Trevor (1st & Q)

Kyeamba Kennel & Training Club – 3 March 2001

A.M. Trial

Novice Jumping:

Lara Sedgmen & Flynn (Q)

Alison McCann & Buddy (Q)

Michelle Palmer & Sophie (Q)

Loris Cameron & Wokie (Q)

Jenny Marshall & Maddie (Q)

Novice Agility:

Michelle Palmer & Sophie (1st & Q)

Open Agility:

Werner Roth & Blake (1st & Q)

Lara Sedgmen & Flynn (3rd & Q)

Pat Oswald-Sealy & M'Zee (Q)

Masters Agility:

Werner Roth & Blake (2nd & Q)

P.M. Trial

Novice Agility:

Michelle Palmer & Sophie (1st & Q)

Open Agility:

Sue Keal & Cody (2nd & Q)

Lara Sedgmen & Flynn (Q)

Masters Agility:

Loris Cameron & Wokie (3rd)

Kyeamba Kennel & Training Club – 4 March 2001

Novice Agility:

Michelle Palmer & Sophie (1st & Q)

Kevin Tingey & Zack (3rd)

Open Agility:

Loris Cameron & Wokie (2nd & Q)

Alison McCann & Buddy (3rd & Q)

Most Successful Dogs Over 3 Trials

Non-titled: Michelle Palmer & Sophie

AD titled: Lara Sedgmen & Flynn

ADX titled: Alison McCann & Buddy

ADM titled: Werner Roth & Blake

NB All awards for most successful dogs on this weekend were CDC members!

Albury & Border Kennel & Obedience Club – 24 March 2001

Novice Jumping:

Sharon Bowditch & Trevor (1st & Q)
Lara Sedgmen & Flynn (3rd & Q)

Open Jumping:

Jake Blight & Super (3rd & Q)

Open Agility:

Pat Oswald-Sealy & M'Zee (1st & Q)
Jake Blight & Super (2nd & Q)

Masters Agility:

Loris Cameron & Wokie (2nd)

Obedience

Novice: Sharon Bowditch & Trevor (1st)

Albury & Border Kennel & Obedience Club – 25 March 2001

Open Jumping:

Jenny Marshall & Twista (Q)
Jenny Marshall & Maddie (Q)

Open Agility:

Lara Sedgmen & Flynn (1st & Q)
Jake Blight & Super (3rd & Q)

Masters Agility:

Loris Cameron & Wokie (3rd & Q)

Obedience

Novice:

Sharon Bowditch & Trevor (1st)

Belconnen Dog Obedience Club – 7 April 2001

Novice:

Kay Malone & Max Malone (2nd)
Jill Campaign & Annie (Q)

Open:

Ian Foster & Sam (1st)
Michelle Palmer & Sophie (2nd)
Jeff Dreese & Maddie (Q)
Ivy Moufarrige & Calypso (Q)

Jake Blight & Super (Q)

Utility: Ivy Moufarrige & Calypso (1st)

Tuggeranong Dog Training Club – 15 April 2001

AM Trial

Novice Jumping:

Michelle Palmer & Sophie (1st & Q)
Dave Fife & Sox (Q)
Dave Fife & Boots (Q)

Open Jumping:

Jake Blight & Super (Q)

Novice Agility:

Kylie Birch & Hollie(Q)
Raelene Koerber & Kate (Q)
Jo Hagan & Jake (Q)

Open Agility:

Sue Keal & Cody (1st & Q)
Sharon Bowditch & Trevor (2nd & Q)
Dave Fife & Boots (3rd & Q)

Masters Agility:

Vikki Evans & Sneeker (3rd & Q)

PM Trial

Novice Jumping:

Sue Keal & Cody (Q)
Chris Atyeo & Bollie (Q)
Judith Barlow & Rikki (Q)

Novice Agility:

Jo Hagan & Jake (1st & Q)

Open Agility:

Michelle Palmer & Sophie (1st & Q)
Sancia Wheeler & Shelley (3rd & Q)

**ACTCA Agility Titles – 16 April 2001
(1st to 6th Places Awarded)**

Novice Jumping:

Phillipa Gill & Jinx (2nd & Q)
Michelle Palmer & Sophie (4th & Q)
Werner Roth & Blake (6th & Q)

Open Jumping:

Lara Sedgmen & Flynn (5th)

Novice Agility:

Kylie Birch & Hollie (2nd & Q)

Open Agility:

Werner Roth & Blake (1st & Q)

**Sydney Royal Easter Show – 19 April
2001**

Open Obedience: Ian Foster & Sam (1st)
PLUS Best of Winners! Congratulations!

**Werriwa All Breeds Dog Training Club –
21 April 2001**

AM Trial

Novice Jumping: Werner Roth & Blake (Q)
Judith Barlow & Rikki (Q)

Open Jumping:

Vikki Evans & Sneeker (3rd & Q)
Jenny Marshall & Twista (Q)

Masters Agility:

Vikki Evans & Sneeker (1st & Q)

PM Trial

Novice Jumping:

Sharon Bowditch & Trevor (2nd & Q)
Judith Barlow & Rikki (Q)

Vikki Evans & Sneeker (2nd & Q)
Sue Keal & Cody (3rd & Q)
Jill Burgess & Kyra (4th & Q)
Phillipa Gill & Jinx (5th)
Michelle Palmer & Sophie (6th)

Masters Agility:

Phillipa Gill & Jinx (2nd)
Werner Roth & Blake (3rd)
Vikki Evans & Sneeker (4th)
Jenny Marshall & Maddie (5th)
Werner Roth & Toby (6th)

Last but not least, Wendy Downing won the raffle! (*By Ed: at least I won something that weekend!*)

**Deer Bush Dog Training Club – 22 April
2001**

Open Agility:

Sharon Bowditch & Trevor (1st & Q)
Werner Roth & Blake (2nd & Q)
Sue Keal & Cody (3rd & Q)

**Shoalhaven Dog Training Club – 5 May
2001**

Open Agility:

Werner Roth & Blake (2nd & Q)
Lara Sedgmen & Flynn (Q)
Werner Roth & Toby (Q)

Open Jumping:

Vikki Evans & Sneeker (2nd & Q)
Jenny Marshall & Twista (Q)

Competition Day Results

25 and 26 March

Beginners

Ring Judge	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2. I Moufarrige	L Wood & Lucy	G Donovan & Claude	C Heaps & Benny
3. W Downing	N Hurst & Maggie	G Crawley & Cody	B Lowe & Torian
6. K McQuarrie	T Summers & Mayce	J Ramsey & Max	I Anderson & Annie
7. J Stanley	P Reubinson & Bonnie	K Borman & Barney	A Whiting & Tammy
8. K Griffiths	K Shand & Ripley	J Bunyan & Rocky	= S Hodgson & Neo = S Armstrong & Grace
9. D Campbell	E Cielo & Saph	M Laugher & Tilq	K Stewart & Murphy
10. J Hendriks	I Leonard & Leo	A Davitt & Tommy	A Fogarty & Ripper
11. F McMillan	R Slatyer & Zelda	K Perkins & Scully	P Henskens & Jess
12. P Hendriks	K Bush & Ally	R Conway & George Junior	K Edwards & Gracie
13. A Robertson	R Chapman & Molly	E Baldock & Floss	M Beare & Zoe
14. C Robins	A Bodle & Toby	T Hicks & Murphy	J Beers & Lucy

Other Beginner Passes

C Ottey & Spanner	V Thompson & Meiling	M Smith & Dillon	B Steins & Zella
P Murphy & Mollie	P Townson & Astro	G Wallace & Max	R Thorpe & Rusha
R Millett & Copper	M Knight & Bonnie	M Docherty & Deedee	V Shaw & Cluey
E Lee & Skidda	R Howard & Tina	K Brownlie & Jerry	J Ryan & Evi
G Byrne & Jack	J Tulk & Duncan	J Haynes & Tazz	D Topp & Jasper
R Jaffray & Leo	B Austin & Paddy	J Stirzaker & Lucy	D Sheehan & Aria
A Anderson & Joe	M Ayers & Charly	P Cooke & Lachie	S Bond & Strider
K Bashford & Roxanne	M Benson & Darley	A O'Connor & Monty	E Ryckmans & Butros
C Topp & Zaban	K Brown & Kyna	D Whitfield & Jessie	S Baker & Jye
E Moloney & Tess	J Reuter & Xena	K Fogarty & Maggie	E Dark & Sasha
B Canning & Sabre	A Fletcher & Oscar	D Ross & Candie	B Runnstrom & Snooty
J Barlow & Tess	N Tyers & Missy	P Kirby-Jones & Cara	J Beck & Gromet
M Musson & Mishack	P Snowie & Geordie	D Bird & Finnean	I Djalil & Jaffa
H Rieger & Cinnamon	C Spiers & Jodie	K Potoczky & Astra	C Brooker & Roddy
B Miller & Chloe	S McCarthy & Lucy	V Woodland & Geordie	E Craddock & Riley
B McCloskey & Waldo	H Liddall & Min	C Davey & Cornelius	S Grech & Max
A Fatale & Hahn	D Menegon & Jeffrey	J Arancelovic & Frodo	S Gastadelb & Toby
H Rieger & Indigo	B Barry & Kirra	A Robertson & Faith	B Feeken-Ryan &
Brindabella	H Rieger & Flag	M Wright & Marco	L McLean & Toby
L Cioccarelli & Luca	W Laawrence & Spirit	H James & Possum	M Doering & BobbiJ
Wickens & Toby	A Mackenzie & Caramel	R Gilks & Emily	C Scarman & Jamie
S McIntire & Massi	G Press & Oscar	C Rodway-Brown & Ainslie	

Intermediate

Ring Judge	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1 M. Gellibrand	M. McGready & Errol	K. Langton & Indy	J. Walters & Sydney
4 J. Blunden	N. Hurst & Dennis	M. Kent & Buffy	L. Lawry & Shep
5 M. Rowe	D. Crisp & Louis	F. Mc Cormack & Bonnie Jean	I. Brook & Bb

Other Intermediate Passes

S. Blake & Pinot	J. Aspin & Maddie	W. Blake & Gemma	M. Herba & Chance
B. Mackinder & Paul	M. Wilson & Sophia	G. Collins & Ruby	H. Watson & Harry
R. Gillard & Chucki	S. Guest & Blake	K. Peterson & Wesson	K. Pacey & Caleb
J. Fleming & Penny	A. Doobov & Dubi	K. Madden & Brini	S. Ashman & Pion

D. Tough & Chloe	J. Fleming & Chloe	B. Curran & William	M. Perriman & Stilton
N. Low & Teddy	S. Barrow & Kiko	J. Benson & Daisy	J. Webster & Kyla
B. Chisholm & Monty	K. Morton & Polly	G. Stone & Nelson	

Advanced**Ring Judge****6 G. Jenkins****7 M. Gays****8 R. Griffin****15 J. Campain****17 J. Grigor****Other Advanced Passes**

K. Gill & Tycho

T. Thompson & Mick

G. Davin & Balto

N. Sly & Cooper

P. O'Brien & Teemu

1st

G. Davin & Phoebe

H. Rieger & Kipper

M. Res & Gooch

A. Schmidt & Jack

Z. Moore & Toby

S. Collier & Bobo

M. Kennedy & Jessie

M. Wright & Soda

W. James & Jessie

2nd

J. Hardy & Texas

D. Welch & Duffy

K. Haines & Keisha

S. Snow & Woody

J. Hood & Hamish

G. Kent & Bobby

P. Peppercorn & Tilly

M. Purvis & Chloe

A. Curtin & Boston

3rd

C. Windsor & Grace

L. Rye & Shelley

D. Perrin & Jasper

I. Leonard & Oscar

L. Lawry & Ollie

P. Duhs & Jackie

N. Tyers & Holly

J. O'Leary & Zeik

G. Potter & Tasha

Companion Class Entry Test**Ring Judge**

8. L Spinaze

9 B. Feeken-Ryan

Other Companion Entry Test Passes

E DeLuca & Pimbah

1st

N Stranks & Gus

J. Stewart & Pipi

P Lowrey & Oliver

2nd

S Doyle & Brodie

M Von Beckerath & Zar

P Wills & Petra

3rd

A Hall & Toby

J Wilson & Daisy

Secondary Companion Entry Test**Ring Judge**

J Thompson

Other Secondary Companion Entry Test Passes

D Chen & Benson

1st

J Knox & Coco

L Kay & Sheba

2nd

J McCann & Bonnie

H Tranter & Bull

3rd

A Jelinek & Tsimba

Novice Trialing Class Entry Test**Ring Judge**

P Looker

Other Trialing Entry Test Passes**1st**

P Hendriks & Arie

2nd**3rd****Novice Mock Trial****Ring Judge**

F McMillan

1st

J Campain & Annie NQ

2nd

W Downing & Teddy NQ

3rd

I Moufarrige & MagnumNQ

Utility Untitled**Ring Judge**

B Runnstrom

1st

K McQuarrie & Holly NQ

2nd

C Campbell & Saxon NQ

3rd

J Ballard & Wasp NQ

ACT Companion Dog Club Inc

Notification of Title

Congratulations on your Title. A Club award is presented at the December Break Up party each year to any member whose dog has obtained a title in the following fields during the period from November 1st of the previous year to October 31st of the current year:

- Agility
- Endurance
- Fly Ball
- Field Retrieval Trials
- Obedience
- Tracking

So that you do not miss out on your award, and so that we record all your details correctly, we would appreciate you providing us with information about your dog and the title you have both achieved.

<p>Title Awarded _____ Date Title Attained _____</p> <p>Dog's Owner _____</p> <p>Dog's Breed _____</p> <p>Dog's Pet Name _____</p> <p>Dog's Pedigree Name and other Titles previously attained, including Breed titles (if applicable)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

Please return the completed form to the club office as soon as you obtain a title and by the end of October at the latest.

Thank you.

Trialing Sub-Committee

2001 Diary Dates

June	3 Sun 6 Wed 7 Thursday 9 Sat 10 Sun 11 Mon	Course Starts No Training (Long Weekend) No Training CDC Obedience Trial TDTC Agility Trial No Training BDOC Obedience Trial CDC Double Agility and Jumpers Trials GSDA Obedience Trial
July	8 Sun 14 Sat 28 Sat 29 Sat	Endurance Test Queanbeyan Obedience Trial Senior Comp Day Junior Comp Day
August	1 Wed 2 Thurs 4 Sat 5 Sun 18 Sat 21 Tues 28 Tues 12 Sun	Course Starts Course Starts CDC Double Agility Trials Course Starts CDC Obedience Trial CKA AGM CDC AGM Tracking Trial

Would you like to assist your club by becoming an ACT Canine Association Representative for Obedience and Agility Trials?

Representatives of the ACTCA at trials and shows receive complaints about the conduct of trials and incidents of dog aggression. They take notice of the complaint and transfer it to the ACTCA for action.

A representative is required for every trial and show held in the ACT. They receive free food and drinks and the gratitude of all those participating. Representatives must be financial members of the ACTCA. A trial or show cannot be run without a representative in attendance. There is currently a shortage of representatives.

The ACTCA will be conducting a representative training course on 16 July. If you are interested in become a representative, please contact the front office as soon as possible.

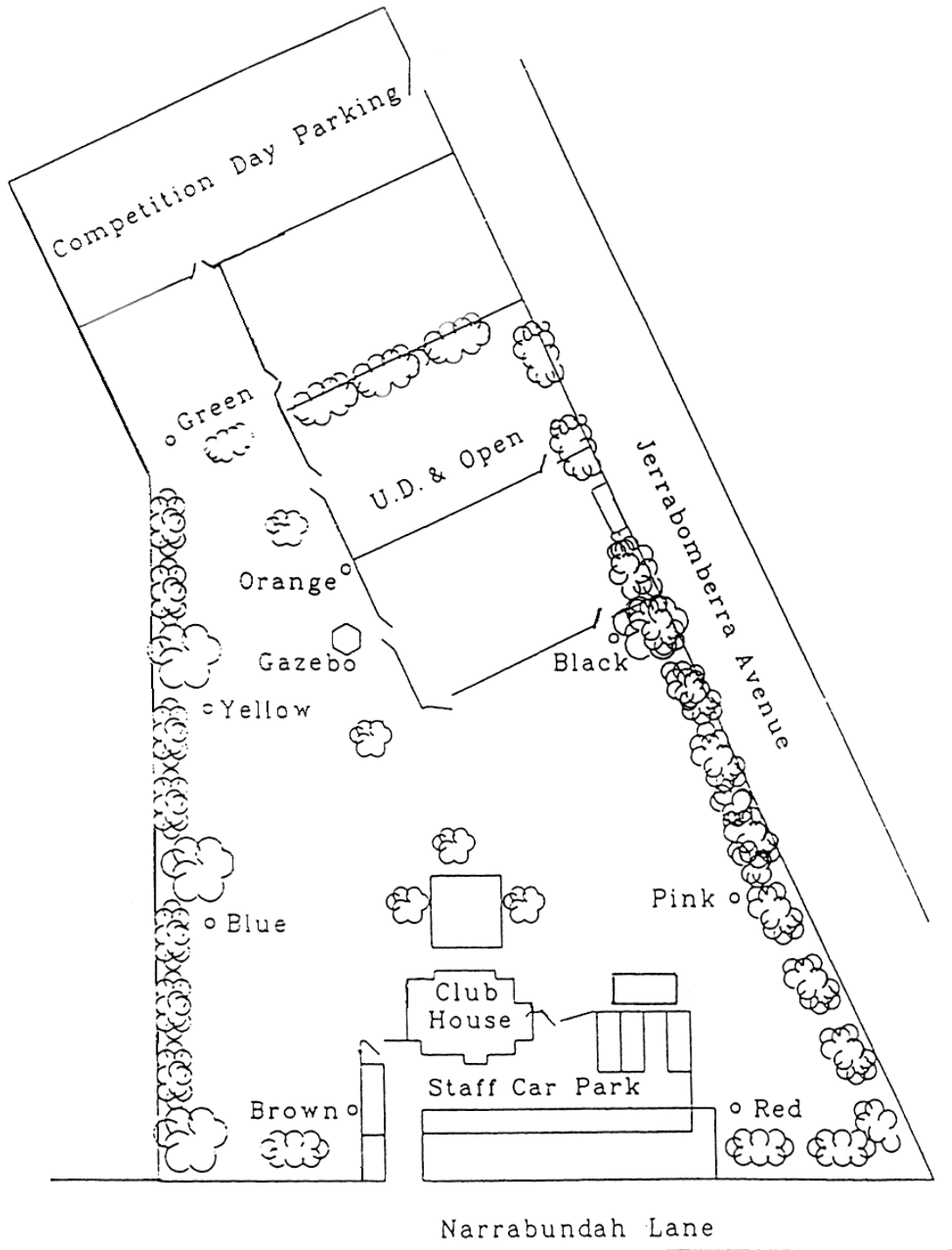
CDC Training Schedule

TIMES				
	Sunday	Wednesday	Thursday	Competition Day Judging
<i>Obedience:</i>				
Puppy	11:30am	10:00am	7:30pm	Sunday 9:30am
Beginners	9:30am	10:00am	7:30pm	Sunday 9:30am
Intermediate	10:30am	10:00am	8:30pm	Sunday 10:30am
Advanced	11:30am	10:00am	8:30pm	Sunday 11:30am
Transition	10:30am	10:00am	7:30pm	Saturday 10:30am
Novice Trial	10:30am	10:00am	7:30pm	Saturday 10:30am
Companion (P)	10:30am	10:00am	7:30pm	Saturday 10:30am
Companion (S)	10:30am	10:00am		Saturday 10:30am
Graduate	9:30am	10:00am	8:30pm	Saturday 10:30am
Open	9:30am	10:00am	8:30pm	Saturday 10:30am
Utility	taught	by special	arrangement	Saturday 10:30am

Agility	Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Competition Day
Level 1	12.30 – 2.00 pm	-		
Level 2		-		
Level 3	12.30 - 2.00 pm	-	7.00-8.30pm	Fun 'n games for all levels Saturday 1.30 pm
Pre-Novice			7.00-8.30pm	
Novice/Open (sets)	-		-	
Open/Masters (run thru))	-	6.00 – 8.00pm	-	
Peer training for Instructors	2.00 – 3.30 pm			

<i>Flyball</i>	Sunday			
Beginner	12.30 pm			
Intermediate	12.30 pm			
Open	1.30 pm			

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Club Grounds



Greyhound Club