



The Good Companion

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“Where is the rest of the mammoth?”

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Thu 7.00pm to 9.00pm

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Obedience Class Times

Level	Wednesday	Thursday	Sunday	Comp Day
Puppy (Kindi)	10:00 am	7:30 pm	9:30 am	n/a
Beginners A	10:00 am	7:30 pm	9:30 am	assessed in class
Beginners B	10:00 am	7:30 pm	9:30 am	assessed in class
Intermediate	10:00 am	7:30 pm	10:30 am	Sunday 10:00am
Advanced	10:00 am	7:30 pm	10:30 am	Sunday 10:00am
Transition	10:00 am	7:30 pm	10:30 am	Sunday 10:00am
Companion Stream				
Primary Companion#	10:00 am	7:30 pm	10:30 am	Sunday 10:00am
Secondary Companion#	10:00 am	7:30 pm	10:30 am	Sunday 10:00am
Trialling Stream				
CCD & Novice (CD)	10:00 am	7:30 pm	10:30 am	Sunday 10:00am
Open (CDX)#	10:00 am	7:30 pm	9:30 am	Sunday 10:00am
Utility(UD)& UDX	by arrangement - please contact the office			

Instructors are only provided for these three levels if class numbers are sufficient

Agility Class Times

Level	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Level 1	6.45-8.15pm	-	-
Level 2	6:45-8:15 pm	-	-
Level 3	6:45-8:15 pm	-	-
Level 4	8:15-9.30pm	-	-
Novice	8:15-9:30pm	-	-
Excellent	-	-	7.30-9.00pm
Masters	-	7:30-9:00pm	-

Flyball

	Wednesday	Sunday
Summer (October-March)	7:00pm – 8:30pm	3:00pm-5:00pm
Winter (April – September)	7:00pm – 8:30pm	7:00pm – 8:30pm

About Our Club

The ACT Companion Dog Club (CDC), established in 1958 as the first dog training club in the ACT, has an average membership of around 800 each year. It is a non-profit organisation relying mostly on volunteers to run activities with some assistance from the ACT Government.

About 120 instructors volunteer their time to conduct classes in obedience, flyball and agility from February to November each year. The club also has an active group visiting nursing homes and special schools for the enjoyment of the residents. While much of the work in maintaining and running the club is undertaken on a volunteer basis we do have some paid help, Kathy Bush is employed for 15 hours a week as club administrator and the mowing of the grounds is undertaken by contractor.

The aims and objectives of the club are to:

- train members and their dogs, of whatever breed, in dog obedience and other related canine skills, using motivational training methods;
- promote participation and training in a range of dog sports;
- promote and participate in dog training and other activities associated with dog training;
- promote responsible dog ownership and breeding practices and the general welfare of dogs;
- support the rights of dog owners, provided that such ownership is conducted in a responsible manner;
- actively promote community interaction with dogs;
- provide facilities necessary or convenient for its activities;
- promote positive relationships between owner and dog; and
- enhance the development of social skills of dogs.

COMMITTEE 2009/10

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Members: Vince Bush, June Rowe, Cath Perry, Joan Hall

Obedience trialling sub-committee

Convenor: Jenny Marshall

Members: Mary-Ann Fisher, Fay Peters, Anne Robertson, Werner Roth, Simon and Leisl Vellnagel-Dunn

Flyball training and competition sub-committee

Convenor: Lesley Pothan

Members: Jocelyn Greenwood, Jessica McNamara, Jaci Van Campenhout

Development sub-committee

Convenor:

Members: Desiree Campbell, Tony Turner

Agility training and trialling sub-committee

Convenor: Veronica Doerr

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Editors Desk

Hello Fellow Trainers

Welcome to the Good Companion Magazine. I am sure we can all feel the winter chill out on the grounds day and night. So the Canberra chill has really set in, It is pleasing to still see many dog handler teams putting up with the cold and enjoying our great club and the facility's on offer.

This issue features articles from club members, training tips, games to play and tasty treats for your four legged friend. Plus for the first time thanks to our webmaster. Some very interesting facts about how our site is found, what pages are viewed and where the search originated from. Also the winner of (funny photo competition). Well done Leko McCulloch and her picture of Toto with a very big hole to dig. We welcome any suggestions and input for future issues. Please forward to editor@cdc.org.au

The trialling results for all dog sports submitted can also be found You will also find all of the important events happening around the club in the magazine to enable you to take as little or as much of a role as you would like in the club.

Are you a member who has your own business? If so please email us about advertising in the good companion – this is a great way to get your name out there.

Committee

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Well, Winter has certainly caught up with us lately, with the Thursday evening classes being decidedly cold and even the Sunday morning classes at 9.30 being cool. As mentioned a couple of editions ago, while we rug up in our jackets and several layers of clothes, we should also remember our dogs, especially the short-haired breeds. They also feel the cold and being cold can put them off their training – they don't like taking up a Down position on the cold, damp ground. So if you do own a short-haired breed of dog consider getting a jacket or coat of some kind for it to ward off the winter chills and help its (and your) training progress.

Preparations are underway for the Club's Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 10 August 2010 (details elsewhere in this magazine). I would encourage as many members to attend as possible. The club is for all members, not just a club for Instructors, so it would be good to have some input from ordinary members. Come along to the AGM and hear about how the club is progressing and have your vote on things.

Some club members have recently had their dogs badly affected by eating bark or twigs of a White Cedar tree (botanical name *Melia azedarach*), also known as Persian Lilac, Cape Lilac, Tulip Cedar, Bead Tree, Karabil, Rosary Tree, Chinaberry and Umbrella tree. This tree is popular as a shade tree, but not everyone knows that it is poisonous, not only to animals, but also to humans. With humans, particularly children, it is usually the fruit that is eaten; dogs and stock also chew on the tree as well as eat any fallen fruit. It doesn't require a dog to eat a lot of the plant to be affected, so check that you don't have one of the trees in your backyard and, if you do, either make sure your dog cannot get at it or consider removing it.

Happy training.
Gary Kingdon

ACTCDC Website

In these days of modern, multimedia communications, websites provide significant business and support information. Our own website at www.actcdc.org.au is a mine of information about the club and its activities and we hope that the information we provide is able to answer many member questions about the club.

Its also interesting looking at the statistics of where visitors come from, how they got there and when they were visiting.

For instance, in June month to date, we had 790 unique visitors – and they made a total of 1,114 visits to the website in that time – visiting a total 3681 pages. That says that on average, each visitor came to our website 1.4 times – and each time they visited, on average they viewed 3.3 pages.











We also know that our home page is the most visited page (naturally), but about 30% of people went to the Calendar for event and activity information and almost 28% of visitors wanted information on flyball, obedience and general training activities with our Contact page also being popular.

Surprisingly, we get more visitors between 8am and 11am – and more people visit the website on a Tuesday than any other day of the week.

We know that 83% of visitors are using MS Windows computers – while 14% use Macs – and we can see that 63% of visitors are using MS Internet explorer with Firefox the nearest competitor at just 18.5%.

For those people who reach us via use of a search engine, Google is overwhelmingly the search engine of choice – and believe it or not, we have people viewing our website from as far away as Ireland and France.

Visitors domains/countries (Top 10) - [Full list](#)

Domains/Countries	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth	
 Australia	au	2129	6206	224.83 MB
 Unknown	ip	618	1562	118.13 MB
 Network	net	594	1589	52.60 MB
 Commercial	com	248	495	11.47 MB
 New Zealand	nz	13	41	2.45 MB
 Czech Republic	cz	7	32	517.11 KB
 France	fr	7	40	743.50 KB
 Canada	ca	6	18	226.57 KB
 United Kingdom	uk	5	23	1.44 MB
 Ireland	ie	5	16	283.62 KB
Others	49	187	12.37 MB	

The stats are quite fascinating - and they provide valuable information to boot. By reviewing visitor and website statistics, we can better understand what information is most important to visitors.

So, please take the time to visit our site from time to time, to see what's new, to catch up with events and to admire the photos of our members and their dogs.

Webmaster
www.actcdc.org.au

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a website. The main content area on the left contains text about the website's statistics and visitor information. On the right side, there is a sidebar with several tables of statistics. The top table is titled 'Visitors domains/countries (Top 10)' and lists various countries with their respective visitor counts. Below it is a table for 'Hosts (Top 10)', and further down is a table for 'Robots/spiders visitors (Top 10)'. At the bottom of the sidebar, there is a section for 'Statistics for actcdc.org.au (2010-08)' showing various metrics like hits, bytes, and unique visitors.

Country	Visitors	Pages	Bytes
Australia	21,179	4,026	214,411 KB
Unknown	6,612	1,902	118,111 KB
Netherlands	5,944	1,389	112,461 KB
Germany	2,690	669	111,447 KB
New Zealand	1,111	41	1,453 KB
Canada	7	10	917,114 KB
France	7	40	241,361 KB
Canada	6	18	218,271 KB
England	5	11	1,444 KB
England	5	16	119,614 KB

Host	Pages	Bytes	Last visit
apple119-410-202-171.broadband.be	40	179	1,461 KB
08020201a.comcast.net	40	90	204,408 KB
win98m-006.actcdc.org.au	41	110	1,110 KB
hawaii101.phdnet.com	41	41	201,101 KB
08020201a.comcast.net	17	119	1,119 KB
08020201a.comcast.net	16	91	201,101 KB
08020201a.comcast.net	16	117	1,117 KB
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08020201a.comcast.net	16	117	1,117 KB

Robot	Pages	Bytes	Last visit
Yahoo Slurp	196	1,196	1,196 KB
MSNbot	400	1,740	1,740 KB

Metric	Value	Last visit
Hits	16,711	17 Jun 2010 - 09:11
Bytes	111,461	17 Jun 2010 - 09:11
Visitors	111	17 Jun 2010 - 09:11
Unknown robot (identified by "bot" or "spider")	111	17 Jun 2010 - 09:11
Hit	111	17 Jun 2010 - 09:11
Unknown robot (identified by "bot")	111	17 Jun 2010 - 09:11
Hit	111	17 Jun 2010 - 09:11
Unknown robot (identified by "bot")	111	17 Jun 2010 - 09:11
Hit	111	17 Jun 2010 - 09:11

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD AT ACT COMPANION DOG CLUB
TUESDAY 10 AUGUST 2010
AT 7.30 PM**

A Special General Meeting will be held to consider proposed amendments to the Club's constitution. This Special General Meeting will be followed immediately by the Annual General Meeting.

AGILITY

Evenings get chillier!

After a second large intake this year resulting in a very successful Level 1 class in Session 2, we're all settling into Session 3 where the class times are all earlier in the evenings (thank goodness, given the rather chilly conditions!).

New Equipment

We hope you have all enjoyed the new lightweight A-frame that we painted during the working bee on 1 May. Note that the D-rings with the chains attached should NEVER need to be unscrewed from the frame. They remain attached while the other end of the chain wraps around the side of the frame so you can clip the carabiner to the link in the chain marked with yellow tape (or not, if you want to set the frame lower for Levels 1 or 2). If you are unsure, just check with your instructor during set-up or take-down.

Overdue Thank You

A huge thanks to instructors who taught in Sessions 1 & 2 and also those volunteering their time in Session 3, particularly as the cold nights mean those metal jump uprights are less and less pleasant to touch! A special thanks to Di Adams, Wendy Downing, Vanessa Haverd, Naarilla Hirsch, Maureen Lewis, and Andrea Neale who all attended the 1 May working bee and helped paint, scrub the contact equipment, and tidy the shed and make small repairs. Denise Iglesias has also done a marvellous job acquiring more tunnel snugglers for us, and thanks to Denise and the Masters class who filled the bags with sand in time for our June long weekend trial. I promise to acquire a new trolley to carry all those bags soon!

Competitions

After our spectacularly wet trial on 13 February, it was wonderful to have absolutely perfect weather for the Easter weekend trial, and a cool but pleasant day for the June long weekend trial. At Easter, CDC ran a Sunday trial for just half the day, which made for a relaxing trialling weekend. The atmosphere was particularly social, with Anne Robertson serving as the Easter Bunny (or Bilby?), wandering around with chocolate eggs for everyone. A number of titles were earned by CDC members, not to mention qualifications (congratulations!). The Strategic Pairs ring generated the most laughter (as usual!) as team members raced back and forth across the field to perform obstacles that the other team member faulted. In many of the runs, the dogs got caught up in the excitement and completed the final obstacles together! Hmmm – will that be the next competition event? Tandem – one handler with two dogs at once?!

ACT Companion Dog Club 12th June 2010 AM Trial

Open Jumping Judge: Ms Nic Ford (WA) SCT:51SEC

1st AgCh Kellie ADM JDM ADO JDO10 GDX SDX SPDX (Associate) Greg Collins 27.59s
2nd Dash AD JDM JDO GDX SD SPDM (Border Collie) Miss Tammy Watts 29.74s
3rd AgCh Bordercheck Autumn Styx CDX ADM JDM GDM ADO JDO SDM SPDM (Border Collie) Mr R & Mrs A White 31.87s
4th Pocket Rocket Silver Sash CCD ADM ADO JDM JDO GDX SDX SPD (Poodle (Toy)) Dagmar Neal 41.18s

Master Jumping Judge: Ms Nic Ford (WA) SCT:58SEC

1st AgCh Kellie ADM JDM ADO JDO10 GDX SDX SPDX (Associate) Greg Collins 33.80s
2nd Spinifex Spitfire JDM ADM CD ADO SPDM GDM JDO SDX (Australian Kelpie) Vikki Evans 44.48s
3rd Tobenlee One Nite Stand CDX ADM JDX SPDX (Brittany) Debra Whitton 51.32s
4th Tobenlee The Entertainer CDX ADM JDM SPDX (Brittany) Debra Whitton 51.51s

Excellent Jumping Judge: Ms Nic Ford (WA) SCT:46SEC

1st Delta FDX AD GD JD SD SPDX (Associate) Miss Rebecca Jones 29.80s
2nd Anna JD (Associate) Miss Michelle Tunbridge 30.15s
3rd Alamoana Silvia JD GD (Poodle (Toy)) Mrs Cathy Reade 35.58s
4th Cabanossi AD JD (Associate) Niki Van Der Smagt 35.94s

Novice Jumping Judge: Mr Allan Schmidt (NSW) SCT:38SEC

1st Vonraypark Abby Rhode (Border Collie) Ms Tess Ward 22.04s
2nd Auldbrig Catchtigerstail (Border Collie) Veronica Doerr 23.41s
3rd Derry (Associate) Ms Anne Robertson 28.11s

Novice Gamblers Judge: Mr Allan Schmidt (NSW) SCT:65SEC

1st Anna JD (Associate) Miss Michelle Tunbridge 52.72s 53
2nd Inka AD JDX (Associate) Mrs Lindy Eyles 58.17s 49
3rd Wynella Cap JD HSAs (Border Collie) Karen Edwards 59.53s 46
4th Tooneybank Small Talk JD (Shetland Sheepdog) Caroline Pappas 56.09s 45
5th Benny ET (Associate) Miss Michelle Tunbridge 55.04s 44
6th Topnotch Lord CDX RRD (German Shorthaired Pointer) Lara Sedgmen 62.12s 44
7th Auldbrig Tigerbythetail (Border Collie) Dagmar Neal 53.35s 42
8th Michelago Mick CCD AD JD SD SPD (Associate) Sharon Bowditch 53.99s 42
9th Auldbrig Catchtigerstail (Border Collie) Veronica Doerr 54.63s 42
10th Steadfast Wotta Legend JD (Border Collie) Andrea Neale 53.50s 40
11th Ch Perrecca Xanthe CCD JD (Golden Retriever) G & Dr P Woodman 60.05s 40

Excellent Gamblers Judge: Mr Allan Schmidt (NSW) SCT:63SEC

1st Beljekali Pingdemonium HSA(s) ADX JDX JDO GD SD CDX (Belgian Shepherd Dog (Groenendael)) C M Atyeo 60.35s 66
2nd Millers Blue Magnet ADX JDX GD SD SPD PT (Koolie) Lorna Miller 56.81s 64
3rd Charlie AFCH JDX SD SPD GD (Associate) Miss Rebecca Jones 57.20s 64
4th Cuebiyar Set In Stone CD ADX JDX GD SPD (Australian Shepherd) Denise Iglesias 52.41s 63
5th Delta FDX AD GD JD SD SPDX (Associate) Miss Rebecca Jones 56.21s 62
6th Remy ADX ADO JDX SDX GD SPDX (Associate) Mrs Dianne Tipping 53.75s 60
7th Collendina Gypsy Rose ADM JDM SPDX GD SD (Poodle (Toy)) Marion Bland 55.10s
60
8th Ch Craigend Callum ADX JDX GD SD SPD NE (Border Terrier) Dr P A Mead 56.27s
60
9th Masupi Dancing Magic ADX JDX JDO GD (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel) Ms Patricia Nicola 54.27s 59

10th Sal The Border CCD JDX GD SPD (Associate) Rita Thompson 55.21s 59
 11th Bordercheck Tandookie ADX ADO JDX JDO GD SPD SD (Border Collie) Amanda Delaney 55.29s 58
 12th Manthamin Jessie ADM2 JDM5 JDO2 ADO GD SD SPD (Border Collie) Karen Edwards 56.96s 58
 13th Bree AD JDX GD SD SPD (Associate) Judith Barlow 57.37s 58
 14th Klandah Indie Racer JDM JDO ADX GD SPDX CCD (Border Collie) K Latinovic 56.83s 57
 15th Alhambra Bill Owen AD JDX SDX GD SPD (English Springer Spaniel) Lesli Cameron 58.00s 57
 16th Dykinta Dress Rehearsal CD ADX JDX JDO SPDX GD SDX (Golden Retriever) Mrs J A Bratter 56.20s 56
 17th Pix The Border ADX JD GD SD SPD (Associate) Rita Thompson 56.60s 56
 18th Chopper CD AD JDX GD SPD SD (Associate) C Troop 53.16s 55
 19th Bayvista Storm Dancer (Schnauzer (Miniature)) Joyce Clark 56.56s 55

Master Gamblers Judge: Mr Allan Schmidt (NSW) SCT:60SEC

1st(NQ) Jai ADM JDM ADO JDO GDX SDX SPDM (Associate) Jenny Marshall 60.33s 64
 2nd(NQ) AgCh Kellie ADM JDM ADO JDO10 GDX SDX SPDX (Associate) Greg Collins 63.91s 53
 3rd(NQ) TCh Coogee CDX ADM JDM JDO ADO GDX SPDX SDX (Associate) Ms N. Read 65.95s 50

ACT Companion Dog Club 12th June 2010 PM Trial

Master Agility Judge: Ms Nic Ford (WA) SCT:73SEC

1st AgCh Jack ADM ADO JDM JDO GDM SPDM SDX (Associate) Mr Allan Schmidt 40.32s
 2nd Fenrik Murphys Outlaw ADX JDX SDX GDX SPDX (German Shorthaired Pointer) Mr K Edwards & Dr L Hammer 43.79s
 3rd TCh Coogee CDX ADM JDM JDO ADO GDX SPDX SDX (Associate) Ms N. Read 45.49s
 4th Brenilly Diamond Dog ADM10 ADO6 JDM10 JDO7 SDM GDM SPDM (German Shorthaired Pointer) Mr K Edwards & Dr L Hammer 52.90s
 5th Tobenlee One Nite Stand CDX ADM JDX SPDX (Brittany) Debra Whitton 58.44s
 5th Collendina Gypsy Rose ADM JDM SPDX GD SD (Poodle (Toy)) Marion Bland 59.41s
 6th Tobenlee The Entertainer CDX ADM JDM SPDX (Brittany) Debra Whitton 59.73s
 7th Montkhan Bold Warrior CD ADM3 ADO3 JDM GDX SDM SPDX (Schnauzer (Miniature)) R Israel 60.02s
 8th Bayvista Storm Dancer (Schnauzer (Miniature)) Joyce Clark 62.29s
 9th Ch Gamewyn Charnie ADX JDX GDX SPD SD (Brittany) Judith Barlow 65.58s
 10th Fieldgold Scottish Loch CDX JDX ADX GDX SPD SD JDO NRD (Golden Retriever) Laraine Frawley 69.80s

Novice Agility Judge: Ms Nic Ford (WA) SCT:59SEC

1st Anna JD (Associate) Miss Michelle Tunbridge 34.55s
 2nd Cody JD GD (Associate) John MacDonald & Kathleen Thompson 40.16s
 3rd Alamoana Silvia JD GD (Poodle (Toy)) Mrs Cathy Reade 43.57s

Excellent Agility Judge: Ms Nic Ford (WA) SCT:70SEC

1st Inka AD JDX (Associate) Mrs Lindy Eyles 56.60s
 2nd Henry CDX JDX AD (Associate) Janet Perkins 60.16s
 3rd Alhambra Bill Owen AD JDX SDX GD SPD (English Springer Spaniel) Lesli Cameron 63.39s
 4th Jindoro Cabi Acacia Eve CCD AD JDX SPD GD SD (Golden Retriever) Mrs J A Bratter 64.29s

Open Agility Judge: Ms Nic Ford (WA) SCT:64SEC

1st AgCh Kellie ADM JDM ADO JDO10 GDX SDX SPDX (Associate) Greg Collins
33.92s
2nd AgCh Jack ADM ADO JDM JDO GDM SPDM SDX (Associate) Mr Allan Schmidt
36.70s
3rd AgCh Bordercheck Autumn Styx CDX ADM JDM GDM ADO JDO SDM SPDM
(Border Collie) Mr R & Mrs A White 40.54s
4th Ch Hanafor Rousel Vieri CDX RRD ADM ADO JDM JDO GDM SPDM SDM
(Hungarian Vizsla) Lara Sedgmen 40.93s
5th Cuebiyar Set In Stone CD ADX JDX GD SPD (Australian Shepherd) Denise Iglesias
47.49s
6th Bayvista Storm Dancer (Schnauzer (Miniature)) Joyce Clark 51.65s
7th Montkhan Bold Warrior CD ADM3 ADO3 JDM GDX SDM SPDX (Schnauzer
(Miniature)) R Israel 52.88s
8th Dykinta Dress Rehearsal CD ADX JDX JDO SPDX GD SDX (Golden Retriever) Mrs J
A Bratter 53.08s
9th Palkorra Ria Athena CCD JDM ADM ADO2 JDO2 SPD SDX GDX (Golden Retriever)
G & Dr P Woodman 54.73s
10th Ch Craigend Callum ADX JDX GD SD SPD NE (Border Terrier) Dr P A Mead 57.81s
11th Masupi Dancing Magic ADX JDX JDO GD (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel) Ms
Patricia Nicola 58.85s
12th Jindoro Cabi Acacia Eve CCD AD JDX SPD GD SD (Golden Retriever) Mrs J A
Bratter 61.65s

Novice Snooker Judge: Ms Loris Cameron (ACT) SCT:67SEC

1st Alamoana Silvia JD GD (Poodle (Toy)) Mrs Cathy Reade 30.58s 51
2nd Auldbrig Catchtigerstail (Border Collie) Veronica Doerr 36.03s 49
3rd Masupi Dancing Magic ADX JDX JDO GD (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel) Ms
Patricia Nicola 36.34s 49
4th Eishamah Bella (Border Collie) Maureen Lewis 40.77s 49
5th Noonbarra Kobe II (Kelpie) Joanne Drake 30.93s 48
6th Storm JD AD GD (Associate) John MacDonald & Kathleen Thompson 43.52s 48
7th Van Diemen CD ADM JDM ADO JDO GD ET (Associate) Pam McDougall 51.00s 48
8th Rustufarion Outa Line (Puli) Louise Stephen 37.04s 47
9th Black Regal Wizard On Fire ADX JDX SPD GD (Flat Coated Retriever) Nerida Ware
37.87s 47
10th Kistenwales Superstarmac (Cocker Spaniel) Suzanne Emery & Alan Price 34.14s 44
11th Tooneybank Small Talk JD (Shetland Sheepdog) Caroline Pappas 44.09s 44
12th Watersmeet Im Harry CD AD JD (Cocker Spaniel) Mrs Anne Lewis 33.46s 43

Excellent Snooker Judge: Ms Loris Cameron (ACT) SCT:65SEC

1st Charlie AFCH JDX SD SPD GD (Associate) Miss Rebecca Jones 38.20s 51
2nd Sallson Lindas Lad ADX ADO JDM GD SD SPD ET (Welsh Corgi Pembroke) Mrs
Linda Tunbridge 40.87s 51
3rd Raffy ADX ADO JDM JDO GDX SPD SD HT ET (Associate) Miss Michelle Tunbridge
42.52s 51
4th Collendina Gypsy Rose ADM JDM SPDX GD SD (Poodle (Toy)) Marion Bland 51.00s
51
5th Millers Blue Magnet ADX JDX GD SD SPD PT (Koolie) Lorna Miller 54.24s
6th Fenrik Crazy Dymond AD JDX GD SD SPD (German Shorthaired Pointer) Pam
Lyons 55.61s 51
7th Bree AD JDX GD SD SPD (Associate) Judith Barlow 34.01s 49
8th Stolli ADX JDM GDX SPD SD (Associate) Marrilin McKenzie 37.18s 49
9th Fieldgold Scottish Loch CDX JDX ADX GDX SPD SD JDO NRD (Golden Retriever)
Laraine Frawley 41.50s 49
10th Pix The Border ADX JD GD SD SPD (Associate) Rita Thompson 43.48s 49
11th Bayvista Storm Dancer (Schnauzer (Miniature)) Joyce Clark 44.87s 49

12th Ch Rustufarion Kryptomaniac JDM SPD GDX ADM CD ADO JDO SD (Puli) Vikki
Evans 45.05s 49
13th Ch Gamewyn Charnie ADX JDX GDX SPD SD (Brittany) Judith Barlow 51.14s 49
14th Ch Craigend Callum ADX JDX GD SD SPD NE (Border Terrier) Dr P A Mead 41.07s
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Master Snooker Judge: Ms Loris Cameron (ACT) SCT:64SEC

1st AgCh Kellie ADM JDM ADO JDO10 GDX SDX SPDX (Associate) Greg Collins
42.70s 51
2nd Spinifex Spitfire JDM ADM CD ADO SPDM GDM JDO SDX (Australian Kelpie) Vikki
Evans 56.10s 51
3rd Remy ADX ADO JDX SDX GD SPDX (Associate) Mrs Dianne Tipping 61.18s 51
4th Tilly CD ADM JDM SDX GDX SPDX (Associate) Mrs Cathy Reade 64.00s 51
5th Puzzle ADM JDM GDX SPDX SDX (Associate) Ms N. Read 36.18s 50
6th Dykinta Dress Rehearsal CD ADX JDX JDO SPDX GD SDX (Golden Retriever) Mrs J
A Bratter 57.19s 50
7th Montkhan Bold Warrior CD ADM3 ADO3 JDM GDX SDM SPDX (Schnauzer
(Miniature)) R Israel 50.55s 48

Tricks to Teach your Dog By Louise McKay

Teaching your dog some fun tricks can have some real benefits for the both of you. Just like playing games it can help to foster a closer bond, provide physical and mental stimulation, and really help you as a trainer to improve your timing, which will help in all areas of your obedience training.

Occasionally I hear people suggest that tricks are demeaning and belittle our dogs. Nothing could be further from the truth in my experience. For whatever reasons, owners seem more relaxed and forgiving in teaching tricks and so it often becomes the dog's favourite training experiences. The fact is, the more your dog learns, the more he is capable of learning and tricks often give us a chance to really practise shaping a new set of behaviours in a completely motivational way without the pressure of competition getting in the way.

A different trick will be featured in each magazine, so if you have a favourite trick that you'd like to share with others please email your suggestions to meanddogs123@yahoo.com.au

Roll Over

This is great trick for helping to improve your dog's flexibility and can be the starting point for teaching your dog to 'play dead' when you pretend to shoot him.

As with the training of all new behaviours, you need to start by being clear in your own mind about what you're trying to achieve. So think about the components of a roll over from your dog's perspective so that you're ready to reward the small steps along the way.

Steps might include the following:

1. Getting the dog to lie down (if this is not currently on cue you could lure the dog into the down position using food),
2. If the dog is in a straight down (sphinx position) then get the dog to shift its weight so that he is resting on a hip (try it yourself – get into a position where you're sitting on your legs tucked straight underneath you and try to roll over – it's not easy 😊).

One way to get your dog resting on his hip is to position your food treat next to your dog's nose and then slowly move it around to his shoulder in an arc so that your dog needs to turn his head (either to the right or the left) to follow the food. A by-product of your dog turning his head is that his weight needs to shift onto a hip to achieve this. You might have to mark and reward small head turns at first. Once the dog is resting on his hip, you could mark and reward that position.

You will need to position yourself towards the front of your dog to limit the amount of stretching you'll have to do when positioning the food lure.

3. So now your dog is lying down and resting on one hip. If it's the right hip then your dog will need to roll over towards his left side and vice versa. (Again try resting on your right hip and try to roll towards your right – again not easy). Take a treat and position it near your dog's nose and again slowly take the food back and around towards the dog's shoulder. If the head follows the food in this position you tend to get another body shift where the dog shifts onto his back. Mark and reward this position.

Some dogs will find this step easier if they start in a position where they are lying completely on their side.

4. Once the dog is on his back it's very easy to get the roll over completed by tossing the food away from the dog. This helps to get a quick finish as the dog jumps up to get his reward.
5. Once you have successfully completed the roll over a number of times, only then start to give it a cue and a hand signal. No point telling your dog to roll over while he's looking at you with that 'dah' expression or pawing at your hand or the million other non roll over behaviours we see on the way to learning something new.

The important thing is to have fun with your dog. If he dog doesn't get it at first, don't worry and don't force the issue. It's actually interesting for us to have to break down a trick into all the component parts and look for alternate ways to get our dogs to something that doesn't come naturally. Your dog has to be in the game to learn something new and confusion is the biggest downer, so be patient and of course be prepared with lots of small yummy treats for rewarding each step along the way.

And if you happen to own one of those dogs who don't need things broken down into such small steps, think yourself lucky and offer jackpots for a job well done.

Training Tips – Signals – *the basics*

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Signals or visual cues are very useful for reinforcing your message to your dog. Dogs are good at reacting to movement after their life would have depended on it in the wild, so we can use signals as a powerful communication tool. Like all tools, their quality and the skill with which you use them will determine the result you can produce.

Signals need to be seen

Placement Think about where you're giving your signal in relation to your dog's eyes. The signal does not have to be right in the dog's face: he can see further than the end of his nose and he has a greater field of vision than you do (generally he can see better to the sides and above that you can because of the positioning of his eyes in his head). Still, there is no point giving a signal where his head ought to be but isn't because he's distracted by the dog next to him, nor is there much point giving a signal which is largely shielded from his sight by your body.

Clarity Your hand is much easier for your dog to see if you keep it open like a stop signal. Pointing fingers are harder to see and I've noticed that handlers who use pointing fingers tend to point at the dog rather than using their hand to clearly convey the message. In addition, the demeanour that goes with a pointed finger is usually accusatory which is at best a poor communication tool.

Speed Very quick signals are often hard for a dog to interpret. When you begin teaching your dog behaviour, you will often use long, slow signals. As your dog responds more readily you need to tidy up your signals. You can make your signals shorter without making them too quick. You need to be deliberate about the signal you are giving but without keeping your hand in position for ages while the dog carries out the action (the latter is called an extended signal). If your dog is slow at responding to your cues, that's a different problem that needs working on.

Signals need to be meaningful

Distinctive You need to make sure there is enough difference between the shapes of the signals you are giving for them to mean different things to your dog. (It's not what you think looks different but whether your dog thinks it looks different). Once your dog is responding reliably to a cue for a specific action, check out his understanding of your signal by getting him to complete the action on the signal alone (i.e. no verbal cue). If he doesn't respond in the manner you thought you'd taught him, analyse your signal.

This is another reason why pointing fingers don't work so well – it's hard to describe different shapes with a pointing finger.

Consistent Try to keep the shape of your signal consistent. Dogs are very tuned in to your body movement and actions to give them the clues about what you are doing and how they need to respond. If your signals are only vaguely the same each time then you are making your dog's job much harder than it needs to be. I am sure, for example, that people who sign for the deaf all vary slightly in the way they sign the various words and phrases, but if the signs vary a lot then I'm sure the 'listener' has a very difficult job in interpreting the message.

Think about what you are doing with the rest of your body while you're giving the signal too. It may not be the hand signal your dog is reading at all; it may be the turn of your shoulder or the tilt of your head or even the expression on your face that is cueing your dog. Or it may be that without these 'extras' (the shoulder turn, the head tilt) your dog doesn't recognise the signal you're giving, or worse, the rest of your body may be giving a signal that conflicts with your hand signals.

Non-threatening Try not to flail your arms around at great speed and then stop your hand suddenly within half an inch of your dog's nose. Fast, swinging arm signals can look to the dog as though he's about to be clouted, so he ducks or moves backwards.

(Particularly watch your signals for stay and down in this regard). The aim of your signal is to let your dog know what action he is to perform, not to threaten him with dire consequences if he doesn't get the message.

Signals? What signals?

If your dog is not responding to your signals in the way you think he should, ask your instructor to look at the signals you're giving to make sure they're suitable and clear. If the problem is that your dog never sees them because he's not paying attention to you, then you need to work on attention before you worry too much about signals.

Signals need practice

As with any skill being able to give useful signals takes practice.

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- **Attention Getting Food**

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- Reprint of an article by Bridget Godwin
- Welsh Springer Spaniels are bred to follow their noses as are many other breeds. Getting their attention was a subject on my breed list awhile ago. It was a very worthwhile exercise and many suggestions and recipes were contributed. One of the best came from Penny Nalder from New Zealand.
- I make Penny's recipe about three times a year and it is very good. Recently I attended a Beginners class, some of whose dogs had the fairly common attention deficit problem. I gave out a few pieces and the difference was marked. The only thing to bear in mind is that it needs to be kept frozen until needed and it also smells a bit garlicky. I cook it in a large rectangular slice tin so that it is not too deep and when it is cold I cut it up into small cubes and freeze it, just taking a handful at a time.
- This is Penny's recipe for Liver Cake which she uses for training.
- Approx 500gm liver¹
- 2 cups of plain flour
- 2 eggs
- 3 cloves crushed garlic
- A little salt
- Milk to moisten
- Blend the liver thoroughly then add to the other ingredients in a large bowl and stir, adding milk until you get a texture that's about right for a cake. Bake at cake temperature until it looks fairly brown on top. This makes a solid cake which doesn't crumble when used as it has no raising agent. Store it in the freezer as cubes in boxes, thawing out as much as needed at a time, as it has no preservatives it goes off quickly otherwise.
- The dogs will do ANYTHING for this stuff.
- *If you have a favourite 'dog treat' recipe that you'd like to share with other club members then please email it to me at meanddogs123@yahoo.com.au for inclusion in the next magazine.*
- *Have you ever heard someone in your class say that 'their dog isn't interested in food' and then found that same dog paying a lot of attention to you (or the instructor) because you have roast chicken or sausage bits when the handler only has dried kibble? Recipes like the one mentioned here, can definitely help you to gain and keep your dog's attention in the face of distractions, which in turn makes training a whole lot easier and more enjoyable.*

¹ Barry Pigram recommends using sliced liver cut into small pieces as whole liver contains a network of veins and arteries that may disable your blender!

Flyball Feats

CDC X-Factor entered 2 teams in the Belconnen flyball competition, Sunset Claws, on Sunday 13 June. It was a glorious Canberra winters day, a cold start, a cold ending but a beautiful sunny day in between.

The X-citables team - Jasper and Jaci, Logan and Cathy, Keira and Joycelyn, Max and Des, Zac and Lesley, and Lukeh and Michaela with a seed time of 21.5 seconds. The X-citables ran very convincingly coming second in division 2.

The X-tremes team - Russ and Peter, Boomer and Kathleen, Russell and Neil/Catherine, Dusty and Gary, Mitch and Linda, and Jenna and Lesley with a seed time of 24.5 seconds. The X-tremes ran really well all day with a few minor hiccups and came a respectable 4th in division 4.

This was Logan's debut at a flyball comp and much to Cathy's delight ran fast and furious all day with a times well under 5 seconds.

The ever exuberant Max ran particularly well on the day receiving only 1 yellow card when he crossed over to the other team to say hello and to make sure that they were having as much fun as he was.

It was the first time in a competition ring for Lukah and Michaela, Lukah did recalls and completed a full practice run before the team raced. Next time in the ring Lukah will be competing.

Dusty lost the plot for a few heats in the middle of the day – understandably, he hasn't competed for awhile – but then remembered what he was supposed to be doing and got back on track for the final few races.

Jasper, Keira, Zac, Russ, Boomer, Russell, Mitch and Jenna our experienced and reliable dogs all ran very well.

A day full of fun for dogs and handlers alike.

If you and your dog are interested in a fun sport pop out on a Sunday afternoon and watch (or join in) a training session between 1 and 3pm.

For more information and pictures of flyball visit our blog

<http://xfactorflyball.blogspot.com/>



Calendar of Events ~ 2010

JULY

Wed 14* Tuggeranong Dog Training Club Jumping Ribbon Trial - 6.30pm
Mon 19 Instructors Meeting – 7.00pm
Sat 24 July Tuggeranong Dog Training Club Agility and Jumping Trial

AUGUST

Sun 1 Combined Open and Competition Day – 10.00am
Wed 4 **Session 4 training classes start**
Thurs 5 **Session 4 training classes start**
Sun 8 **Session 4 training classes start**
Tues 10 **CDC Annual General Meeting**
Tues 17 CDC Gamblers Ribbon Trial – 6.30pm
Sat 21* Belconnen Dog Obedience Club Agility Trial
Sat 28* Belconnen Dog Obedience Club Double Obedience Trial

SEPTEMBER

Mon 13* Belconnen Dog Obedience Club Agility Ribbon Trial – 6.30pm
Sat 18 CDC Agility and Jumping Trial
Sat 25 CDC Obedience Trial – AM
ACT Gundog Society Obedience Trial at CDC -PM
Sun 26 Competition Day – 10.00am
Wed 29 Labour Day weekend – No training classes
Thurs 30 Labour Day weekend – No training classes

OCTOBER

Sat 2 Dogs ACT State Agility Titles – venue TBA
Sun 3* Labour Day weekend – No training classes
Tuggeranong Dog Training Club Agility and Jumping Trial
Wed 6 **Session 5 training classes start**
Thurs 7 **Session 5 training classes start**
Sun 10 **Session 5 training classes start**
TBA* Tuggeranong Dog Training Club Obedience Trial
Wed 20* Tuggeranong Dog Training Club Jumping Ribbon Trial – 6.30pm
Sat 30 CDC Agility and Jumping Trial
Sun 31 Cut-off date for lodging applications for titles and Annual Awards.

NOVEMBER

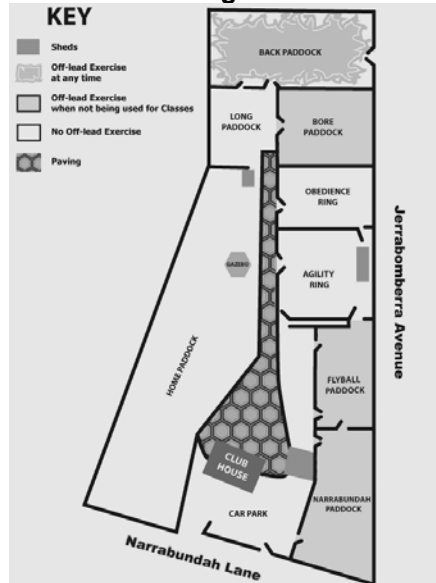
Sat 6 CDC Obedience Trial – PM
Tues 16 CDC Ribbon Agility Trial
Sat 27 ACT Gundog Society Obedience Trial – venue TBA
Sun 28 Competition Day – 10.00am

DECEMBER

Sun 5 CDC Xmas BBQ and Annual Awards - TBC
Mon 6* Belconnen Dog Obedience Club Snooker Ribbon Trial – 6.30pm

Trial schedules are available from the Dogs ACT website at
<http://www.actca.asn.au/Calendar1.htm>

Free Running at Our Club



Please make sure you read (and follow) the rules detailed in the Club's pamphlet on exercising your dog off-lead on the grounds. If you haven't got a copy, ask at the office. You are responsible for your dog's behaviour, so **watch your dog and be in control at all times**. Keep moving around the area while your dog is free running with other dogs to avoid dogs congregating in one spot as this can create tension and over-excitement. Remember: if someone else is already in an area running their dog **you must ask if it's OK** for you to join them. Some people use our exercise areas when their dogs are recovering from injury and do not want them getting highly excited by being joined by other dogs. Not all dogs are friendly towards dogs they don't know and not all dogs know how to interact with dogs of greatly differing sizes.

Please **limit your time to 15 minutes** when there are other members wishing to use an area, especially if you are not willing to have other members and their dogs join you.

Please note that the **obedience and agility rings are not to be used for free running at any time**, nor are you permitted to walk your dogs through these areas because you don't want to put your dog on lead to walk down the path.

Bitches in season are not permitted on the club grounds for free running or classes **at any time**. The smell left behind by the urine and discharge of a bitch in season is an overwhelming distraction to male dogs and too many other bitches.

