Space ... the forgotten frontier
A message from Dogs In Need Of Space
The importance of choice for dogs
Pippa – media star
Instructing? I can do that!
TERM BREAK

Term 2 Classes end on Thursday 4 July

Term 3 Classes start after the school holidays on
Wednesday 24th July
Thursday 25th July
Sunday 28th July

Set yourself a reminder—your dog is relying on you!

Reactivity & Aggression

OLD FASHIONED
"ALPHA DOG" APPROACH

Dealing with aggression: DISCIPLINE
assuming that the dog is being dominant and
needs to be taught a lesson in obedience;
exposing the dog to triggers until he gets over
his fears. Using commands and corrections to
keep the dog still and quiet and to show him
who is in charge.

MODERN
"FORCE-FREE" APPROACH

Dealing with aggression: OPERANT CONDITIONING
figuring out what is triggering the dog's fear
or insecurity; keeping the dog under
threshold by managing safe distances from
the trigger, using food or functional rewards
to reinforce calm and polite behaviors and to
build dog's social confidence.

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Greg Collins’ Border Collie Illoura Jet ADM2 JDM GD (‘Jet’) demonstrating his unique contact performance on the A-frame at the Club’s Easter Agility trial
(Photo: Carmen Kong)

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I (print name) __________________________ hereby accept the nomination for the position of __________________________

Signed __________________________________________________________

Proposed by (print name) __________________________

Signed __________________________________________________________

Seconded by (print name) __________________________

Signed __________________________________________________________

Candidate’s statement in support of nomination attached (Please tick ☐): ☐ Yes ☐ No

OFFICE USE ONLY: Nominations close with the Secretary at 5.00pm Monday 12 August 2019.

Received (date) _____ / _____ / _____ Received by (name) __________________________________________

Financial status confirmed __________________________________________________________

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Access to the car park is RESTRICTED at the following times:

Wednesdays 9.30am—12.45pm
Thursdays 6.15pm—9.30pm
Sundays 9.00am—12.15pm
during class terms

ONLY Instructors, Committee and Sub-Committee members, Life Members and members with disabled parking permits may use the car park during these times.

In addition, disabled spaces in the car park are for the exclusive use of people holding disabled parking permits at all times. This restriction also applies when trials are held on the Club grounds.
The Club is holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday 19 August in the June Rowe clubhouse.

In accordance with the Club’s Constitution, the purpose of the meeting is to:
- confirm the minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting and any Special Meetings;
- report to members on the Club’s activities during 2018-19;
- present the audited balance sheet and statement of receipts and payments for 2018-19;
- elect the incoming Committee for 2019-20 (nominations close on 12 August);
- appoint an honorary auditor for 2019-20;
- decide on any resolutions submitted to the meeting (written notices of motion must be submitted to the Secretary by 29 July);
- determine fees and charges for 2019-20 (as required); and
- consider any duly made recommendations for Honorary Life Membership (written nominations must be submitted to the Committee by 22 July and supported by at least five members).

A copy of the Constitution and Rules for the Conduct of the Elections for Committee are available from the Club office (contact@actcdc.org.au). A summary of the rules relating to nominations for the Committee are provided below:
- The Committee consists of the following office bearers: President, Senior Vice-President, Junior Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and eight other Committee members.
- A candidate for a position of office bearer or committee member must be a current financial member of the Club.
- A committee member holds office until the next succeeding Annual General Meeting.
- A candidate shall be proposed and seconded by two members of the Club on the prescribed form (available from the Club office and on page 4 of this magazine.)
- The candidate must sign the form to indicate consent to be nominated.
- Any candidate wishing to provide a statement for the information of members may submit an A4 page (maximum) to the Secretary at the time of nomination.
- A fully completed nomination form must be delivered to the Secretary at least seven days before the date of the AGM (ie 12 August 2019).
- A member may nominate for more than one position. The nomination for each position shall be on a separate form, duly signed by the proposer, seconder and candidate.
- The Secretary, on receipt of the nomination form, shall verify that the candidate is a financial member and shall endorse the form to that effect.
- Incomplete nomination forms or forms from unfinancial members are invalid and candidates will be advised by the Returning Officer.
- As soon as possible after the close of nominations, the Secretary will prepare a list of candidates for each position and display it prominently in the clubhouse.
- Members may telephone the office during normal business hours, after the closing date for nominations, to have the list of candidates read to them.
- Candidates have the right to appoint a scrutineer. The scrutineer must be a financial member of the Club and must be nominated at least 24 hours before the AGM. If insufficient nominations are received by the closing date, nominations will be called from the floor at the Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being more than one nomination from the floor for one position, voting will be by secret ballot.

Supper will be provided.
Come and support your Club and meet fellow members.
Welcome to the winter issue of The Good Companion.

With the plethora of information available online it is difficult for pet dog owners and trainers to know what sources of information to trust. In each issue of the magazine we reproduce infographic posters, blog posts and articles from trusted sources that provide up-to-date information on developments in reward-based force-free dog training, management and behaviour modification. These sources include the Whole Dog Journal, Lili Chin’s Doggie Drawings, and Dr Zazie Todd’s Companion Animal Psychology. This material complements the tips and hints that your instructor provides in class. We hope you find this information helpful in developing a better understanding of your dog so that you can train it effectively and joyously.

We are also fortunate to have members who contribute original articles and photos for the magazine—these provide wonderful personal perspectives on the life of our Club and are always welcome, just email contact@actcdc.org.au anytime.

We also welcome paid advertising—the magazine is printed and distributed to 250-300 members each term. Advertising rates appear on page 38 of this issue. Did you know the magazine is also available in full colour on the Club’s website? It can be downloaded in all its glory at www.actcdc.org.au/the-good-companion.html. Use Adobe Acrobat PDF viewer for best results.

See you in class ...

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Thanks For Your Contribution

The Committee and Club members THANK the following volunteer instructors for giving their time in Term Two (May-July 2019):

**Behaviour Training:** Catriona Anderson, Susan Barnard, Stuart Barrow, Jill Bradfield, Christina Erwin, Barbara Gough, Sharon Haines, Kath Hallam, Renee Hamilton, Lynn Harden, Hilarie Kemp, Peter Hendriks, Gabby Lukza, Mike Lynch, Heather McPherson, Melinda Parrett, Lesley Pothan, Jane Richardson, Jane Rylands, Jess Strain, Jackie Trotter, Lizzie Waddell, Juliet Ward, Claire Weekes, Chris Woodgate

**Reserves:** Rachel McKeever, Rowan McKeever, Louise Raisin, Leslie Roberts, Cathy Vaughan, Jane Vickers

**Trainees:** Oliver Caddick, Sophie Dunstone, Dianne Gallasch, Katie Kruger, Ping Leong, Izabela Lisiecka, Janet Mathewson, Penny Pardoe-Matthews, Kathleen Plowman, Fiona Straffon, Julie Whitmore

**Agility (Sessions 2 and 3):** Judith Barlow, Greg Collins, Amanda Delaney (part), Wendy Hathaway (part), Naarilla Hirsch, Denise Iglesias (part), Lucy Jesiolowski, Maureen Lewis, Simone Pensko (part), Therese Smith (part), Linda Spinaze (part), Kylie White

**Flyball:** Cathy Vaughan

**Obedience Trialling and Rally Obedience:** Laraine Frawley, Sue Howie, Lara Sedgmen, Geoff Woodman, Tricia Woodman

**DWD:** Raelene Stewart

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CDC Instructors —
Serving the CDC canine community for more than 60 years!
President’s Message

By Lesley Pothan

Welcome to the winter edition of The Good Companion. As I write this, we have gone from seeking shady areas for classes at the beginning of term, to sitting in the lovely autumn sunshine mid-term, and now being wrapped up and looking like the Michelin Man! I doubt there are many places in Australia where you can experience four seasons in one term!

The Club continues to be busy providing lots of weekly classes in Behaviour Training and the many dog sports on offer. As well, the Club has hosted some major activities in the last few weeks including a Flyball Race Meet where a new Australian record was set for the fastest time, an Agility Trial over the June long weekend attracting lots of interstate competitors, and a day of Nose Work games.

It was National Volunteer Week from 20 – 26 May and a great reminder and opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of all the Club’s volunteer instructors, Committee and Sub-committee members and helpers who give their time and effort to instruct or support the Club in other ways. Each week the Club offers about 60 training classes and each class is run by a volunteer instructor. On top of this, these same volunteers organise and manage trials, competitions and other events. So a huge thank you to all our volunteers for your continuing support and generous contribution to the Club.

The participants of the 2019 Instructors’ Course have completed their theory program, continue to assist with classes and are busily working on a written assignment at home. Once the trainees have completed all of these components they will be ready to take classes in Terms 3 or 4. Well done to all the participants, you are almost over the finish line!

In May, a number of our volunteers and their dogs attended the Connect and Participate (Cap) Expo which is a community event that showcases a range of social activities and groups that are available to the Canberra community. The Club has had a stall at this event for the last few years talking to the many visitors and promoting the Club. As well, members of the CDC drill team and DWD team performed their routines to a very appreciative audience. Well done teams, you were amazing!

In mid-June a number of our volunteers with their dogs attended and manned a stall at A Pooch Affair – a Doggie Day Out promoting the Club. And once again our clever Drill team and DWD members wowed the audience. There is always a lot to see and do at this event and hopefully, if you attended you managed to drop by the CDC stall to say hello.

On a more serious note, the Club is a not-for-profit organisation which means all the profits are returned to the Club and used to continue its operations. To succeed as a Club we must raise enough income to cover operational and capital expenses and have enough savings in the bank for a rainy day. Over the last two financial years the Club has made a loss at the end of each of the financial years and with no foreseeable changes to its operations this trend is likely to continue.

Following the March 2019 Committee Meeting a working group was established to review the Club’s finances and viability of its operations continuing into the future. Recommendations from this group will be reported back to the Main Committee prior to the next AGM.

Even as the weather gets colder keep on learning, training and playing with your dog.

Until next time, all the best ...
What's Coming Up At Our Club?

When is the Club’s Annual General Meeting?

The Club’s Annual General Meeting will be held in the June Rowe Clubhouse at 7.30pm on Monday 19th August. The closing date for the submission of nominations for the Main Committee is 12th August. See pages 4-5 for further information. Our Club is managed by a Committee of thirteen members, with a number of supporting sub-committees. All of our committee members are volunteers, just like you and me, and we’ve helped to keep the Club going for 60 years. Put your hand up to help the Club continue into the future.

I’ve heard there’s a tracking trial coming up. Can I come and watch?

The Club is hosting a Tracking Trial in the Bungendore area on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 July. If you are currently participating in tracking and are interested in coming out to watch the trial please contact the Club Office well-beforehand so that you can be put in touch with the event organisers. Tracking trials involve one dog and handler working one at a time under the observation of a judge and track stewards. Tracks are ‘laid’ and ‘aged’ beforehand. Spectators can follow the dog, handler and officials while the dog ‘works’ the track—but do so at a considerable distance so that they do not disturb proceedings.

How should I prepare for classes in winter?

It can be VERY, VERY cold on the Club grounds during the winter months, especially if you train on Thursday nights (or other evenings for Agility and Flyball). It is a good idea to wear a beanie, scarf, several layers of clothes—including a windproof jacket—and shoes with very thick soles.

Air-activated hand warmers (available from chemists and supermarkets) and battery-powered heated jackets (available from workwear stores) are a great idea for keeping toasty warm, too.

You may also like to put a coat on your dog.

We continue to train throughout the winter months in the frost and fog—so come prepared! We may cancel classes due to rain. Please check the Club’s public Facebook page for the latest advice.

Want to keep in touch with the latest activities at the Club?

Information is available from:

- Our website - www.actcdc.org.au
- Notice boards (inside and outside the Clubhouse)
- Your Instructors
- The Session Manager on the grounds Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday during Training Classes
- The Calendar on page 45
- Our public Facebook page. You can see it without being a registered FB user - www.facebook.com/ACTCompaniondogClub

SMILE — YOU’RE ON CCTV

The Club’s buildings and grounds are under constant video camera surveillance to provide better security and safety for members.
Instructing? - I can do that!

By Sophie Dunstone

Sophie Dunstone embarked on the Instructors Course at the beginning of this year. The Club runs a course each year to help members extend their skills, knowledge and understanding of dog behaviour and training so they can help run group training classes. It is a great way to give back to the Club. This is Sophie’s story ...

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In February this year, the 2019 class of volunteer instructors started our training. Since then, we’ve undertaken detailed theory training and more recently we’ve started the practical component of our training by assisting instructors with Behaviour Training classes (you may well have met one of us at your class).

My association with the Club started back in 2007 with my first Hungarian Vizsla, Murray, when we attended training each week and sailed with relative ease through the levels, concluding with a placing at a (rather terrifying) Competition Day in Advanced. In hindsight, Murray spoilt me because he was a thoroughly charming dog and a delight to train … he lulled me into a false sense of how easy it is to train a dog!

Fast forward to 2018, when I welcomed my current dog, Elke, a German Shorthaired Pointer into my life. She too is a smart, sweet and loveable dog but she has reminded me in no uncertain terms that every dog you train is a unique individual and that training a dog is a challenge for which you can never have too much patience, kindness and good humour.

And I’ve had many moments when I needed plenty of those …

With the support, guidance and wisdom of instructors at the Club, Elke and I have come out the other side of the puppy and adolescence phases with a strong partnership and plenty of enthusiasm for our training. We’re currently enjoying Graduation level (somewhere I wasn’t entirely sure we’d get six months ago!) and loving the dog sports of Tracking and K9 Nose Work.*

My experience working with my own challenging dog was a significant reason why I was motivated to volunteer as a trainee instructor. I wanted to give back to the Club which had been so supportive of and helpful to me; learn more about training my dog; and I was hopeful that by sharing my experience I might make dog training a little bit easier for someone else.

I’ve learnt so much during the instructor training (and geeked out on lots of scientific research about animal training). It’s been wonderful to learn together with my fellow trainee instructors—a diverse group with a shared interest in training dogs and helping people to train their dogs—and make some friends along the way. There’s been lots of reading, plenty of thinking, and some nerve-wracking moments practising in front of real classes filled with real people and real dogs [thank you for being kind]! But it’s been an overwhelmingly positive experience and has helped me enormously in my own training: I feel equipped with a much greater understanding of how both dogs and people learn, and the approaches and strategies available to me when I encounter training challenges.

Above: Elke is all smiles about training

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Instructing … continued

So, if you’ve ever contemplated training as a volunteer instructor, I encourage you to give it a go: the Club provides lots of support and resources, and many of our volunteer instructors contribute even more of their time to share their considerable knowledge with trainee instructors. And by all means, if you see me around the Club and have questions about the trainee instructors’ course, please come up and have a chat!

You can also email the Club (contact@actcdc.org.au) to be put in touch with the course convenor. The next course will commence in February 2020.

Did you know?

- In 2016, Australians volunteered 932 million hours in their local communities.
- 93% of volunteers see positive outcomes as a direct result of their voluntary participation.
- Australian volunteers contribute approximately $290 billion to the national economy each year, a 450% return on every dollar invested.
- Volunteering can help you explore and develop personal interests outside of the workplace.
- Volunteering is vital to social cohesion and social connection, both antidotes to loneliness.
- Volunteering provides you with an opportunity to develop skills, networks and values. **

References:

- K9 Nosework classes are conducted by a private business on the Club grounds
- See www.volunteeringaustralia.org for further information

Why send your best friend to the kennels … when you can go whale watching together?

Pet-friendly holiday house

Pet friendly holiday house in Malua Bay, fully fenced yard, 5 bedrooms, sleeps 11 short walk to safe beach, close to boat ramp, fabulous water views

To see full listing and for bookings


OR contact Fiona on 0408 292 637 for more details
Training Tips – 1

How to be a star student when attending a dog training class

By Stephanie Colman

The following tips are drawn from the Whole Dog Journal’s article ‘How to find the best dog trainer for your dog’ (21 March 2019) at https://www.whole-dog-journal.com/training/professional-training/how-to-find-the-best-dog-trainer-for-your-dog/

Your behaviour is just as important as your dog’s. The following tips will help you and your dog get the most out of your training experience:

1. **Do your best to come prepared.** If the instructor sends pre-class information, be sure to read through it so you know what to bring.

2. **Communicate with the instructor.** If you have a handicap that will prevent you from doing the exercises that the instructor suggests, let her know, so she can modify the exercises to your benefit. If you’re struggling with something between classes, speak up! The instructor can’t help you if she doesn’t know you have a problem.

3. **Be patient.** Your “bad habits” don’t go away overnight. Your dog’s won’t either! Avoid being too quick to label a training technique as “not working” just because you haven’t seen results in a week. Keep at it. Think in terms of progress, not perfection. Persistence is key.

4. **Practice!** Training your dog is like joining a gym. You have to spend time working out to see results. Be sure to do your homework between class sessions.

5. **Focus your attention on your dog during training.** Try to set the kids up with an activity to keep them safely occupied and turn off mobile phones and other distractions.

6. **Come to class with an open mind.** Be willing to experiment with techniques that might be different from what you’re used to. At the same time, remember that you are your dog’s best advocate. Never let a trainer talk you into doing something to your dog that makes you uncomfortable.

The work pays off

Finding the right trainer and class can make all the difference. At a minimum, it helps ensure that you and your dog learn how to effectively communicate with each other, allowing you to create a well-mannered canine companion that you’re proud of. For some, finding the right class is what sparks a lifelong love of dog training and opens the door to the wide world of activities that can be enjoyed in the company of a dog. You may well find you learn as much – if not more – from your dog as he learns from you!
A MESSAGE FROM DINOS DOGS IN NEED OF SPACE

Ask First!

BE RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL, SAFE.

ALWAYS ASK PERMISSION BEFORE YOU, YOUR CHILD, OR YOUR DOG APPROACHES AN UNFAMILIAR DOG.

PLEASE CONTROL YOUR DOGS AT ALL TIMES (EVEN IF THEY'RE FRIENDLY)

BE KIND: MANY DOGS NEED SPACE TO STAY HEALTHY AND SAFE!

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There are many dogs that prefer not to interact with people or other dogs while they’re out in public. Dogs that are DINOS are good dogs, they just need space.

Dogs might need space for various reasons, such as: illness, injury, old age, fear, service and working dogs, reactivity, and learning leash manners. DINOS have a right to enjoy properly managed, on-leash walks in public without interacting with other dogs and unfamiliar people.

In order to create safe communities where everyone can enjoy public spaces, here are some guidelines for polite leash etiquette that benefit all dogs (and people too!):

1. **OBEY LEASH LAWS**: Outside of a dog park, or otherwise sanctioned off-leash area, please leash your dogs. In many places, this is the law, designed to keep all of us (including your dogs) safe.

2. **ASK FIRST**: Always ask permission to approach an unfamiliar dog. A simple, “Can my dog say hi?”, before you allow your dog to greet us, is appreciated.

3. **LISTEN TO OUR RESPONSE**: Give us time to respond. If we say “No”, please don’t be offended.

4. **RESPECT OUR SPACE**: If we move to the side, so that you can pass, do not let your dog approach us. Please shorten the leash and continue walking. Not all dogs are comfortable meeting strange dogs while on leash.

5. **DO NOT GIVE CHASE**: Please do not allow your loose dogs to chase us. Additionally, if we turn the other way or cross the street, we do not wish to interact with you or your dogs (for one of the many reasons listed above). Please do not chase after us, asking to meet our dogs.

6. **LOCK YOUR LEASHES**: If you walk your dog on a retractable leash, please retract and lock your leash, so that we may pass by without engaging with your dog. This applies to indoor spaces as well, such as the vet’s office and pet stores.

7. **BE KIND**: While we understand that these guidelines may be frustrating at times, please refrain from arguing, name calling, or judging others. One day, due to illness, trauma, or other circumstances, you too may find yourself the loving owner of a DINOS. Please be compassionate.

8. **NO MATTER HOW NICE YOU ARE, THE RULES STILL APPLY**: Dog lovers and those with friendly dogs often think they are the exceptions to these rules. Please understand that we know our dogs best and must make choices based on their well-being. It’s nothing personal. We believe that you and your dogs are really nice, but we ask that you respect our personal boundaries.

The DINOS thank you for your support. Together we can create safe communities for ALL dogs!

For more please visit DINOS: [www.dogsinneedofspace.com](http://www.dogsinneedofspace.com)
The Club’s Dogs as Therapy program continues to attract a steady flow of new dog and handler teams. Our dogs come in all shapes and sizes and in recent months we have welcomed three Greyhounds to the group – Tia, Bear Boy and Will. At the moment we have 21 active teams participating in the program.

Each month different teams visit five aged-care residences in Canberra – Fred Ward, St Andrews, Carey Gardens, Jindalee and Mountain View. We have been approached by other residences and we are hopeful that with a few more teams we could include these other places in our program.

This term several of us have also regularly visited a group of Year 7 and 8 students where the students take the dogs for a walk on the oval, play games and provide lots of pats and dog-appropriate cuddles. We are also continuing with our ‘Reading to the dogs’ program with primary school-aged children. The dogs seem to like their younger audience as much as their older fan base.

Dogs of any size and age can participate in the Club’s Dogs-as-Therapy program providing they have good manners, are people and dog friendly and can cope with sudden noises and movement. If you think you and your dog are suitable please email the Club Office (contact@actcdc.org.au).

Below: (L-R) Sharon Kelly & Rosie, Jeff Kingwell, Terri Keogh & Jasper, and Beryl Sipes’ Bailey

Above: Catherine Lymberry’s Japanese Spitz ‘Akara’; Jonathan Lyall’s Greyhound ‘Tia’
Tracking update
By Jake Blight

The 2019 Tracking season started in May and will end in late August/early September as soon as the weather warms up and the snakes start venturing out again. If you are interested in this most ‘natural’ of dog sports read on—and put a note in your diary to get involved in 2020! The Club hosts an information evening at the beginning of the Tracking season each year.

Tracking is where a dog uses its natural scenting ability to follow the scent trail left by a human who previously walked across an area. It is something most dogs love doing. The importance of tracking dogs for police work and search and rescue is well known. But did you know that you can train your pet dog to track and even enter trials to test them against national standards?

All dogs already know how to track: the trick is in teaching them which scent you want them to follow and motivating them to keep following it to the end. In some ways it is the easiest of the dog sports – because the dog already knows how to do it. But in many ways it is the hardest - you can’t see (or smell) what the dog is smelling and the dog has to keep its concentration for a long period (the tests range from 400 metres to 1200 metres) without getting distracted by wildlife and other exciting smells. The human end of the team has to learn a lot about scent and how it moves, the canine partner already knows more than we can readily imagine about scent. The human also has to work out what really motivates their dog, the dog just has to eat/ play with it.

All breeds of dogs can track. The Tracking Trials (ie tests) are not timed - in fact most judges prefer dogs that work slowly (as it is easier to keep up!). Tests are graded against a standard (ie Pass, Very Good or Excellent) but dogs do not compete against each other. There is no 1st, 2nd or 3rd. Theoretically every dog can get an Excellent grade and everyone at a trial is pleased when any dog passes a test. The dogs are always on 1 10 metre lead and only one dog gets worked at a time so it is a good activity for reactive dogs. Tracking tends to tire your dog quite quickly because it is mentally demanding as well as quite physical - 15 minutes of tracking will tire my Border Collie out as much as a two-hour walk. Tracking will also build your dog’s mental stamina, making it easier for them to stay focused and calm, even away from tracking. Dogs of all ages can track, my current dog started when she was 12 weeks old, one of my previous tracking dogs did not start until she was nearly 10 years old.

There are lots of ways to teach a dog what we are asking them to do when we want them to track a particular person but there are four critical steps: motivation, focus on ground scent, building duration and managing more
complex tracking tasks. Without a doubt getting motivation right is the most critical and has to come first. If you are not managing motivation and your dog is not motivated to track it will be very hard to progress and very easy for your dog to get distracted.

Most people start tracking by letting their dog see a person they like walk off with their favourite toy and a big bag of delicious treats. The person then hides and the handler puts a harness and long lead on the dog and lets them find the ‘lost’ person. They don’t need to go far (20-30 metres is enough at first). For the first few sessions it does not matter if the dog looks like it is tracking the person or just rushing off in the direction they disappeared. What is important is that the dog gets a really big reward for finding the ‘lost’ person. This will quickly build an association between the lead/harness and finding the person/big reward. Almost all dogs will naturally use scent to help them find the person. To progress the handler gradually makes the tracks longer and older, eventually adding corners and other challenges to the track.

If you are interested in tracking, the Club runs peer training sessions throughout winter where members interested in tracking get together to train. This year the sessions are on Saturday mornings (all levels), Tuesday mornings (beginners) and Thursday mornings (advanced) at an area in Stromlo Forest Park. If you would like to see what a tracking trial looks like the Club will be holding our annual tracking trial on the weekend of 20-21 July at a property near Bungendore. You are welcome to come out for a look. For more information on peer training sessions and the tracking trial join the ACT Region Tracking Dogs Google Group or Facebook page (or ask the Club Office to pass your email address on to the tracking coordinator).

In April the Club hosted an Advanced Tracking Workshop by Sonja Needs of Scent Dogs Australia. More than 30 tracking enthusiasts from Canberra and the surrounding region soaked up information on canine physiology, cognitive olfaction, scent science (volatile compounds, decomposition and dispersal), scent theory (the effect of climatic and environmental conditions) and how to read our dogs’ body language.

Participants went home with a much deeper knowledge of the art and science of tracking and received a copy of Sonja’s book Tracking for companion and sports dogs (2016) for further reference.

Left: Sonja with Border Collie Sonic demonstrating how to teach ‘article indication’ with a sock

Photos: Jake Blight (previous page)
Anne Robertson (this page)
This session of Dancing with Dogs has been a little quieter on the demonstration and competition front, however we have a lovely group of dogs that have been developing their skills and showing a lot of promise for the future.

DWD was represented at the 2019 Connect and Participate (CAP) Expo on 4 May 2019 by Raelene and Paris, the French Bulldog, and Dianne and Mr Jangles, the Dachshund. They jingled their way onto the stage with some key moves. Paris led the way with grace, when the cutest little dancer on four paws – Mr Jangles – interrupted her routine to join in as a duo and have a bit of fun. They danced their way to hip hop music – ‘Let’s Hear it for the Boys’ by Deniece Williams and then added some props such as platforms and canes to ‘Girls Just Want to Have Fun’ by Cyndi Lauper.

Paris and Mr Jangles, with all their super cute moves, never fail to thrill the audience. Mr Jangles’ enthusiasm and gorgeous ears that do as many tricks as he does, brings a smile to every face.

Holly manned the microphone and capably explained Dancing with Dogs and the moves that Paris and Mr Jangles were displaying.

The demonstration was well received with several people coming to meet Paris and Mr J afterwards and ask more about dancing.

CDC’s DWDers followed up with a performance at Pooch Affair where a combined group from the Belconnen Dog Obedience Club and CDC took to the stage for two performances. In preparation, BDOC invited CDC to one of their training sessions where we learned how to get our dogs to scoot backwards around our legs before working on our chorus line moves for the big day.

The DWD group is continuing to meet for weekly training sessions at the Pavilion at Queanbeyan Showground on Wednesday evenings. During the winter months, classes are:

- Beginners: 7.00pm-7.45pm
- Intermediate / Advanced: 7.45pm – 8.30pm

The last class for this term is on 26 June. There will be a four week break with the next term starting on 24 July. Members are always welcome to come and see the classes in action.
Do you have a photo you’d like to share with other members through The Good Companion?

Above: Committee member Linda Spinaze came across this group of very well-behaved Border Collies during a recent walk in the spectacular Dolomites in north-eastern Italy
After travelling for an extended period overseas, I returned home for some down time and turned on the television. To my surprise I saw a red and white Border Collie that looked suspiciously like Pippa, one of our X-Factor Flyball dogs romping through a backyard advertising RSPCA Pet Insurance. Further investigation proved my hunch correct and that Pippa was featuring in one of the new RSPCA pet insurance advertisements.

A conversation ensued with Vanessa March, Pippa’s handler, and she said, “I had always wanted to do more with Pippa than just have a house pet”. Vanessa had signed Pippa up to the Animal Extras Talent Agency (https://www.animelextras.com.au) to see where it might lead. She said the process was easy as they didn’t require much to sign up; only membership to the Agency, a biography on Pippa’s talents and photographs.

Once Pippa became an official Animal Extras member, her photographs and biography were posted on their site. Potential clients that required animal talent could try to match their needs against the agency’s animal talent.

Pippa and Vanessa’s first job was a social media advertisement for Petbarn in 2017 promoting the “Naughty or Nice” Christmas media campaign. She featured in this campaign and had a starring role in their automatic ball launcher advertisement. Vanessa recalled that it was a fun job and Pippa enjoyed it thoroughly. They trained together in the backyard and learnt to perform the required tricks. Not only did it improve her ball focus but also helped in making her the ball-hungry flyballer she is today.

She also did an extra part as the ‘gift giver’ as the dog selected for this role was a little too excited by the studio setting and was unable to complete his part.

Pippa in her short career has been shortlisted for several jobs, and won a few. They have had to turn down a few jobs due to the travel, shoot locations and timings, as it was impracticable to accept these jobs due to Vanessa’s work commitments.

This year Pippa was selected by the RSPCA to be their feature dog in their pet insurance campaign. In February 2019, Pippa and Vanessa worked hard together on the set in Sydney for a day and half to produce the RSPCA advertisement. She was also

On the RSPCA set at the vet clinic with the lovely Marina Ivanovic
Pippa – media star … continued

photographed for website and print advertisement purposes. In this commercial we see Pippa undertake a range of manoeuvres. Vanessa said it was a massive job, but a lot of fun. Pippa enjoyed herself and was adored by all the crew members. All of Pippa’s obedience and dog sport skills and some trick work came into play for this role. The production crew loved her capacity to undertake whatever was asked of her. The crew even made her a jump so she could do a scene where she had to jump over the camera. Her Agility training came through for that shot.

Pippa is certainly now more than ‘just’ a house pet as she regularly competes in most dog sport disciplines at CDC. Vanessa and Pippa compete in Obedience, Rally O, Agility, K9 Disc and she is, of course, an amazing Flyball dog. She attributes their success to hard work and to having the luxury of having so many qualified trainers at CDC to assist them in their ongoing development.

In addition, Pippa and her best friend Mia recently featured on the Pooch Affair website wearing their matching outfits at the 2018 High Tea for Dogs.

I’m looking forward to seeing where Pippa’s media career will go and what her sibling Border Collies, Charlie and Erin (below), may achieve.

To see Pippa’s work go to:
•   https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=jW-_pgs0ZcU
•   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VQFJ65ZoMcM

Photos courtesy Vanessa March
**Training Tips – 2**

The 7 habits of highly effective dog owners

By Tiffany Lovell, CPDT-KA, CSAT, AAI

The following article appeared in the Whole Dog Journal on 20 June 2019

See www.whole-dog-journal.com

These powerful lessons can improve your overall relationship with your dog and improve his behavior as a positive side effect.

Almost 30 years ago, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* by Dr. Stephen Covey was published for the first time. The self-help book went on to be called the “most influential business book of the 20th century.” To date, more than 25 million copies of the book have been sold.

As a small business owner, I found the book very enlightening and helpful, but I mostly found myself relating to Dr. Covey’s “7 habits” as things that would really help anyone who lived with and worked with dogs!

As a professional dog trainer, I get to work with people from all walks of life and the dogs they love. Interestingly, no matter who they are, what they do for a living, or what kind of dog they have, their issues are similar: They call me because they want their dog to stop doing “X.” Usually, they say they have “tried everything, but the dog just won’t listen.”

I love the opportunities I have to work with so many amazing dogs. But a lot of what I do comes down to coaching the dog’s owners on how to look at things differently to obtain a new outcome.

With Dr. Covey’s “seven habits for success in business” in mind, allow me to apply them to people who want a more successful relationship with their dogs.

1. Be proactive

   Much of the old-fashioned dog training we were exposed to growing up focused on waiting for the dog to make a mistake and then harshly correcting him. While most of us simply accepted this as “how you train a dog,” we were missing the bigger picture. This method never taught the dog what he was supposed to do in that situation the next time.

   It doesn’t make sense to let an untrained dog loose in your house and then follow behind correcting him with “No! Don’t! Off! Stop! Get down! Quit that!” for every wrong decision he makes. It is much more effective and productive to take the time to teach this new family member how to act appropriately in your home.

   In modern, science-based approach...
animal training we understand the importance of teaching the learner, in this case the dog, what to do by being proactive. To use the example above as what not to do when you bring your new dog or puppy home, start things off on the right foot by first showing your new family member where she is supposed to go potty – before you ever bring her indoors! Stay out there until she goes, and immediately reward her with treats and praise!

Then, instead of turning her loose in her new home, allow your new dog to have access to just one room or area in the house at first – a place where she won’t be able to make mistakes like jumping up on the bird cage, soiling a precious rug, or chewing up a family heirloom. Allow her to relax in an area where it’s safe to explore without being able to make any major mistakes and where her water, food, toys, and beds are located. Reward her for sitting politely as she meets each member of the family and each visitor to the home!

Dogs do what works for them and what’s safe for them. If you introduce behaviors that are safe for the dog and work for you both, your dog will begin to choose them naturally.

2. Begin with the end in mind

To change an unwanted behavior, you first need to decide what you want your learner to do instead. It is very easy to say, “I want my dog to stop jumping” or “I don’t want my dog to bark at the mail man.” You need to turn that around and decide exactly what you’d rather have your dog do in those moments.

To modify the unwanted behavior, we must be able to picture the final goal. If your dog is jumping on guests, you would probably prefer that he sit politely instead. If your dog is barking, you may decide you want him to play with his toy or go to his bed while the mail man passes by. These are the finished behaviors you can have in mind so you know exactly what you’re going to teach your dog to do.

If you don’t have a goal in mind and you’re only focused on stopping a behavior, your dog will never learn what he’s supposed to do the next time a guest comes to visit or the mail man delivers a package. This will set up an endless cycle of wrong behavior, harsh correction, and a confused and scared dog and frustrated guardian. This cycle can be broken easily if you begin dealing with your dog with your end goal in mind.

3. Put first things first

Prioritizing is a necessity in all aspects of our lives. Working with your dog is no exception. There will probably be several things you wish to change or work on with your dog, but certain ones should take precedence. Any behavior that is necessary to keep your dog and other family members safe should be a top priority. This could be teaching your dog to come when called because you live near a busy street. It may be working on creating positive associations for your dog with babies because you’re expecting. If you’ve recently brought home a new puppy, proper and humane socialization should be your number one priority due to the brief window of time puppies have to learn about their world and whether it’s safe.

Focus on teaching your dog whatever behaviors meet your immediate needs; usually, the rest can be handled with proper management such as baby gates, fences, a leash, stuffed food toys, etc. There is nothing wrong with using management to keep everyone safe and happy until you have a chance to work on that next issue with your dog.
The 7 habits of highly effective dog owners … continued

4. Think win-win

Always think in terms of mutual benefit when working with your dog. I doubt you added a dog to your family to spend the next 10 to 15 years in an adversarial relationship. Therefore, it’s not helpful to think in terms of dominating your dog or expecting your dog to spend his life trying to please you.

Instead, make the things you ask your dog to do just as beneficial for him as they are for you. Thankfully, this couldn’t be easier, since most dogs will gladly work for food, toys, praise, and/or petting.

Your relationship with your dog should be like any other in your family, built on mutual respect and love for one another. If you stop and consider how your dog must feel in a given situation – just as you would for your partner or child – you can then approach it in a way in which you both receive what you need in that moment: a win-win.

5. Seek first to understand, then to be understood

Humans are quick to demand full and complete comprehension from our dogs. It’s surprising when you consider we expect this from an entirely different species – one that doesn’t speak our language! On the flip side, consider that dogs speak to us all day long with their ritualized body language. Sadly, the majority of humans have never learned this language.

Dr. Covey wrote in his book, “Seek first to listen with the intent to understand the thoughts and feelings of others, then seek to effectively communicate your own thoughts and feelings.”

We must remember that our dogs have their own thoughts and feelings and that the environment we subject them to affects both. If you cue your dog to sit or lie down while at the vet clinic or on a busy street corner and he doesn’t do it, it’s not because he is being stubborn. Your dog may be scared, anxious, or overwhelmed in this situation and feels that it would be unsafe or uncomfortable to sit or lie down. He is not defiantly disobeying your orders. He is responding to his instinct and emotions in the moment. Every one of us does this when we feel scared or threatened.

Learning how your dog communicates with his body means you care about this family member with whom you share your life. It also shows your dog that he can trust you to help him out of overwhelming moments and you will understand what he needs. What an amazing gift to be able to offer him!

6. Synergize

This means recognizing your own strengths and celebrating the strengths of those around you. You may have adopted a dog because you thought it would be nice to visit nursing homes and cheer up people with a sweet, fluffy therapy dog. However, the dog you end up with might be full of energy and better-suited for an agility field.

Instead of seeing this as a failure in your dog’s ability to be a therapy dog, consider the amazing possibilities you could have doing something more active together. Perhaps this unexpected development will open up a new world to you, with like-minded friends and fun travel (and perhaps your dog will grow to share your interest in providing comfort to people later in his life!).

Just as you would with a child, try meeting your dog where he is, accepting him for who he is today. Be open to discovering the wonderful gifts he can bring to your life right now.
The 7 habits of highly effective dog owners … continued

7. Sharpen the saw

There isn’t an individual on this planet that ever stops learning. In fact, learning is always taking place, even when we don’t realize it.

If you think of training a dog as something you do haphazardly (when you find the time) for the first few weeks he’s in your home, you will not be happy with the results. Alternatively, if you weave training into your everyday life with your dog, thinking of each brief interaction as a teaching moment, you will be amazed by the outcome. Your dog will receive clear and consistent messages from you in all types of settings and situations. This will allow him to develop into a calm, confident dog who truly understands what is expected of him and which behaviors are appropriate to choose on his own.

It’s not uncommon for someone to ask me, “How long will it take before my dog is trained?” The truth is, there really isn’t an answer to this question because there should not be an “ed” on the end of the word train. As long as we are alive, learning is always happening and none of us is ever fully “trained.”

Instead of being disappointed by this and thinking that you will have to train your dog for the rest of his life, I encourage you to flip that narrative and become excited about the opportunity to share a mutual journey in learning alongside each other – a journey that builds a bond like no other.

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**How to Deliver a TREAT to your Dog**

... THOUGHTFULLY and CLEANLY, to prevent frustration and unsafe habits like snatching or biting at hands

**STEP 1**

Take a treat from the bag like it were a SMALL GIFT.

**STEP 2**

When your dog is looking up at YOU, say:

**STEP 3**

After saying Yes, open your palm, then immediately lower the food so that your dog can comfortably reach it.

(It should feel like feeding a pony.)

**PRACTICE OFTEN** until BOTH of you are Smooth and Relaxed about taking food.
Flyball Feats

By Rhonda Cameron — Flyball Liaison

Saturday, May 25th, was a big day for the CDC flyball community. The X-Factor team hosted its MAYhem Race Meet on home grounds with thirteen teams competing in four divisions and open format. Six NSW teams travelled to Symonston to compete: the Wollongong Woofers and Norwest Thunderdogs (3 teams), Maximum Velocity and the Scallywags all from Sydney. These teams competed against seven local teams which included the Belconnen Bullets (4), Tuggeranong Dog Training Club (2) and our own X-Factor team.

Of significance was the Norwest Thunderdogs: 1 team breaking the national time record of 16.413 seconds by 0.019 of a second to establish a new National record of 16.394 seconds. The Thunderdogs have a long history of achievements at our grounds—competing as a Club for the first time with three teams way back in 2004 at the ACT Flyball Frolic. Not long after on 23 April 2005 they also established a Guinness World Record on the club grounds for the fastest flyball run at that time, 18.16 seconds, when they participated in the Guinness World Record TV series. We hope that the Thunderdogs will be back again soon to create history again! Their commemorative photo appears on the next page.

The X-Factor team also had a day of successes at the MAYhem Meet with the team consistently running.

Right: Meg Jordan & Logan, being supervised by Cathy Vaughan at the MAYhem Meet

Above: CDC X-Factor’s team for the MAYhem Race Meet (front) Mick Fordyce with Lacey & Lochie, Rhonda Cameron & Boston, Pauline Dikmans & Ky, Vanessa March with Pippa & Erin, Cathy Vaughan & Austin and Meg Jordan & Logan (back) Team Captain and Box-loader Jerry Lee and Ball Shagger Angharad Lodwick
Flyball feats … continued

around and below 20 seconds flat, while Meg Jordan entered the ring as a handler for the first time and our Ball Shagger Angharad Lodwick also got a taste of competitive racing.

This Race Meet could not have been run without the assistance of several CDC members who gave up their time to ensure the smooth running of the event. A special ‘thank you’ to Kylie White for managing the entries and races; to our amazing canteen crew consisting of Lesley Pothan, Anne Robertson, Sharon Haines, Sharron Jordan and Catherine Combridge; and, of course, to all the X-Factor team members.

We also acknowledge our major sponsor, Best Friends Super Store – Fyshwick (you rock Ben!) and associate sponsors Primal Prey, Designa Decal, The Brumbies and Astral Float Studio.

Thanks to Bec Fordyce for the photos for this article.

Right : Wollongong Woofers team member Kate Jarvis with Luka being presented with the Buddy Award by Cathy Vaughan. This award is presented to the handler and dog that excel and show reliability in a lower division.
Do you do these three things for your pet?

I just went to brush my tabby cat, Harley, at the usual time of day. He was up in his cat tree and, unusually, did not come down. No matter; I can try again later as he loves to be brushed. Surprisingly, my tortoiseshell cat Melina came running to be brushed. She stood to be brushed, then laid down on her side, all the while purring away. Then when she’d had enough, she hopped up and walked off.

It made me think of my post about the importance of choices for pets, the right to walk away. That post has been enduringly popular and so I decided to revisit the topic of choices for dogs and cats. Choice, control, and routine, are important ways to look after our pet’s welfare and help them feel safe.

I’m not the only one who thinks choices are important. In 2017, when I asked experts how to make the world better for dogs, Mia Cobb picked up on the issue of choices. She said we should, ask ourselves at every step, “is this what my dog wants to do, if given a choice?” Not all situations where our dogs would choose differently are avoidable (e.g. temperature taking at the vet clinic) but people should consider dogs and the way their lives are lived from the canine perspective.

And when experts told me about how to make the world better for cats, Dr. Naomi Harvey referred to choices for pet cats. Many cats are capable of great affection, and if given a choice would choose to be in your company rather than alone, which can mean their welfare is easily compromised when left alone for long periods or are shut outside all day.

Now we can’t do everything our pet dog or cat would like, although it’s fun to imagine what life would be like if we did (would it mean not going to work?!). But there are important ways in which we can give pets the chance to make up their own minds. Here are 3 choices all pet owners should give their dog or cat.

1. The Choice to be Petted – Or Not

We get pets because we love them, and they have cute faces and soft fur that we just want to smoosh… But not all pets like to be smooshed… or hugged, or even touched. And insisting on hugging or petting a reluctant dog or cat is not fair on them and can result in a bite or scratches for you.

It is especially important to teach children how to pet cats and dogs and to give the animal a choice, because children are at greatest risk of dog bites. While most people know they need to supervise children and pets closely, many fail to recognize signs of anxiety in interactions between young children and dogs. (If you want some tips, see ‘How can I tell if my dog is afraid?’ at www.companionanimalpsychology.com/2018/07/how-can-i-tell-if-my-dog-is-afraid.html).

Always call the animal to you, and if they prefer to stay away, let them. And always give them the chance to move away from being petted if they prefer. If you stop petting and they want more, they will let you know.

2. The Choice to Go to a Safe Space

When life gets busy and there is a lot going on, it can be stressful for dogs and cats. This is where it can help them to have a safe space to go and hide or keep quiet if they wish.

For dogs, a safe space might be a crate with a nice bed in it, or a dog bed in a quiet room to which they always have access. Make sure it is big enough to allow them to stretch out and turn around. If there are children in the house, you can use a pet barrier or pet gate to keep the dog separate from the children.

Cats like hiding places. Ideally they will have nice cat-sized hiding places, and the best is...
probably high up since cats like high up places too. A cat bed on a shelf, a cat tree with several levels, or a simple cardboard box might do the trick. (Or if your cat is like my tortoiseshell, the chance to burrow into the pile of clean clothes that are waiting to be ironed). If you have multiple cats, they each need their own spaces to go.

The rule is that the safe space belongs to the pet and no one in the household will disturb them when they are there. This means they always have a space where they can chill out and relax.

3. A Choice to Train – or Not

Another way we can give dogs and cats a choice is in whether to take part in training or not.

When we use reward-based methods that rely on positive reinforcement, training should be fun. But it’s up to us to motivate the dog (or cat). Typically, that means using food in training such as great dog training treats.

And if the dog wanders off? That’s fine. Maybe they got tired, maybe something else is more interesting, or maybe we need to use better treats next time. Or perhaps it was too hard and they need the training broken down into easier steps.

It is better to train several short (eg 5 minute) sessions a day rather than one long session in which the dog gets bored.

And this applies to cats too. Yes, cats can be trained – training cats to like their carrier can help with vet visits, and this often means the cat will choose to go in their carrier (perhaps it can be one of their safe spaces?). As well, training tricks can help shelter cats to be more content.

Training isn’t about forcing your dog or cat to perform (or stop) particular behaviours. Think of training as a way to provide enrichment and to help your pet cope with everyday situations.

Summary: The Importance of Choices for Dogs and Cats

We decide almost everything for our pets. Giving them choices can help us look after their welfare because it helps them avoid situations they find stressful and find more opportunities to do the things they like.

How do you give your dog or cat choices?
Once again this year the ACT Companion Dog Club attended the ACT Government’s Connect and Participate Expo, at the Old Bus Depot at Kingston. The CAP Expo is a community event that showcases the range of opportunities available for Canberrans of all abilities and ages to join groups and build social connections around common interests.

Apart from manning the CDC stall, our handlers and dogs mingled with the crowd, providing advice to passers by. Entertainment was provided by both our Dances With Dogs and Secondary Companion Drill Team (below). Our performances are always a favourite with the crowds. A big ‘thank you’ to the Club’s instructors and handlers who helped promote the Club at the event.

Photos: ACT Government (above), Kath Hallam (below)

Above: Club members Sharon Haines with Labrador ‘Amber’ and Heather McPherson with Pug ‘Melody’ and Labrador ‘Pepsey’ at the media launch for CAPExpo.

‘Stays’ with many distractions
Obedience and Rally-O Trialling

Obedience Skills, Trialling and Rally-O classes are held on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings (see Class Times on page 44). Dogs must have passed Graduation (Level Three in the Behaviour Training program) to participate in these classes unless the handler has previous experience in these sports. Contact the Club Office on contact@actcdc.org.au if you are interested in joining any of the classes and you will be put in touch with the sport’s Convenor, Jeanette Johnson.

Recent titles

**Rally Advanced**
- Jane Vickers’ Pointer Rhyll Vienna (‘Maggie’) CD RA
- Chris Lathbury’s Toy Poodle Kylace Blade Runner (‘Louis’)

**Rally Novice**
- Michael Parson’s Labrador X Poodle Mable RN
- Lorelle D’Arcy’s Labrador X Poodle Hattie RN

Email contact@actcdc.org.au to have your title included in the next issue of the magazine.

Coming trials

**Dogs ACT Extravaganza at EPIC**
Saturday 6 July — Obedience and Rally O Trial
Sunday 7 July — Obedience and Rally O Trial

**Queanbeyan and District Dog Training Club**
Saturday 13 July — Obedience and Rally O Trial

**Belconnen Dog Obedience Club**
Saturday 24 August — Obedience Trial

**ACT Companion Dog Club**
Saturday 31 August — Obedience Trial

**ACT Gundog Society**
Saturday 31 August (at CDC) — Obedience Trial

For schedules see: http://dogsact.org.au/events/

About Rally Obedience

Rally Obedience offers a relaxed introduction to the sport of Obedience Trialling as well as providing a low impact alternative for dogs that are unable to execute some of the more strenuous jumping exercises in the higher levels of obedience trialling. In Rally-O handlers and dogs navigate a series of numbered stations approximately four metres apart while a judge watches and scores on the sidelines.

Dogs are expected to maintain the ‘heel’ position between stations and to perform various manoeuvres under the handler’s direction at each station including position changes (eg sit, drop, stand), static turns, spins, spirals, figure 8s, serpentines, side switches and short recalls.

The number and complexity of stations vary according to the dog’s level of proficiency and handlers may use verbal and physical cues and encourage and praise their dogs while working.

Dogs must have passed Graduation (Level Three in the Behaviour Training program) to participate in Rally-O classes unless handlers have previous Rally-O experience.

Classes are held on Wednesday mornings at 10.00am and Thursday evenings at 6.45pm. Contact the Club Office to be put in touch with the class convenor before the beginning of term.
Results from Easter Agility, Jumping and Games Trial — 20-21 April 2019

(Results for Club members only)

Master Agility Judge: Ms Tenielle Thwaites (NSW) SCT: 500: 62 seconds
3rd Illoura Jet ADM2 JDM GD (Border Collie) Greg Collins 38.88s (500)
5th AgCh 500 Dazzle UD RE ADM JDO JDM ADO GDM SDM SPDM (Australian Kelpie) Barbara Brown 48.17s (500)

Open Jumping Judge: Ms Simone Tolhurst (WA) SCT: 52 seconds
2nd Oliver Brown RN ADX JDM ADO JDO GDX SPDX (Sporting Register) Barbara Brown 26.14s
6th Kerodan Wicca Spirit ADX JDX GDX SD SPD ADO JDO (Border Collie) Mr R & Mrs A White 30.99s
7th Ch Graebrook Dublin Rogue RN QND ORA ADM ADO JDM JDO GDM SDM SPDX (Hungarian Vizsla) Lara Sedgmen 33.01s
9th Pepsi JDX GD AD SD FS.S (Associate Register) Natasha Sands 36.04s
10th Neberden Perfectionist CD RA AD JDX GD SPD (Cocker Spaniel) Miss Nicole Fallon 36.28s

Master Jumping Judge: Ms Simone Tolhurst (WA) SCT: 500: 52 seconds 600: 52 seconds
4th Kerodan Wicca Spirit ADX JDX GDX SD SPD ADO JDO (Border Collie) Mr R & Mrs A White 47.71s (500)
1st Ch Graebrook Dublin Rogue RN QND ORA ADM ADO JDM JDO GDM SDM SPDX (Hungarian Vizsla) Lara Sedgmen 44.61s (600)

Excellent Jumping Judge: Ms Simone Tolhurst (WA) SCT: 200: 42 seconds 500: 40 seconds
1st Albiglen Nicholes Choice JD (West Highland White Terrier) Simone Pensko 33.11s (200)
1st Charalandra Loose As Diamonds CD ORA AD JD GD SD (Labrador Retriever) Karen Hobson 33.90s (500)
2nd Pippa CCD RA JD (Associate Register) Miss Vanessa March 38.15s (500)

Novice Jumping Judge: Ms Simone Tolhurst (WA) SCT: 400: 42 seconds 500: 36 seconds
1st Flatout Sweet Revenge (Australian Shepherd) Denise Iglesias 21.25s (400)
1st Luack Galadriel SPD GD (Australian Kelpie) Jenny Marshall 17.61s (500)

Master Jumping Judge: Ms Tenielle Thwaites (NSW) SCT: 300: 52 seconds 500: 45 seconds
1st Pixie ADX JDX SPDX GDX SD JDO (Associate) Denise Stirzaker 42.78s (300)
6th Neberden Perfectionist CD RA AD JDX GD SPD (Cocker Spaniel) Miss Nicole Fallon 51.49s (300)
2nd Kerodan Wicca Spirit ADX JDX GDX SD SPD ADO JDO (Border Collie) Mr R & Mrs A White 40.51s (500)

Excellent Jumping Judge: Ms Tenielle Thwaites (NSW) SCT: 500: 47 seconds
1st Charalandra Loose As Diamonds CD ORA AD JD GD SD (Labrador Retriever) Karen Hobson 33.39s (500)

Novice Jumping Judge: Ms Tenielle Thwaites (NSW) SCT: 400: 50 seconds 500: 46 seconds
1st Lifesong Out Of The Abyss (Border Collie) Karen Hobson 22.11s (400)
2nd Flatout Sweet Revenge (Australian Shepherd) Denise Iglesias 24.16s (400)
2nd Luack Galadriel SPD GD (Australian Kelpie) Jenny Marshall 22.10s (500)
Novice Snooker Judge: Ms Simone Tolhurst (WA) SCT: 75 seconds
2nd  Neberden Perfectionist CD RA AD JDX GD SPD (Cocker Spaniel) Miss Nicole Fallon 43.46s 50
7th  Happylea Upper Class CCD RA AD JDX GD SPD (Chines Crested Dog) Miss C Kong 37.99s 45
9th  Luack Galadriel SPD GD (Australian Kelpie) Jenny Marshall 39.72s 45
11th Alamoana To Sir With Love JD AD GD (Poodle (Miniature)) Kylie Brown 43.74s 45

Excellent Snooker Judge: Ms Simone Tolhurst (WA) SCT: 70 seconds
4th  Kerodan Wicca Spirt ADX JDX GDX SD SPD ADO JDO (Border Collie) Mr R & Mrs A White 39.17s 50
7th  ROCh Morningmyst Lord Of The Isle CDX RAE ORA SPDX JD AD GD SD (Golden Retriever) Laraine Frawley 49.17s 45
8th  Pepsi JDX GD AD SD FS.S (Associate Register) Natasha Sands 51.27s 45
11th Caerhays Glen Kisty CCD RA AD JDX SD GD JDO (Golden Retriever) G & Dr P Woodman 66.66s 45

Excellent Agility Judge: Ms Simone Tolhurst (WA) SCT: 300: 72 seconds 500: 67 seconds
2nd  Neberden Perfectionist CD RA AD JDX GD SPD (Cocker Spaniel) Miss Nicole Fallon 67.28s (300)
1st  Pepsi JDX GD AD SD FS.S (Associate Register) Natasha Sands 54.85s (500)

Master Agility Judge: Ms Simone Tolhurst (WA) SCT: 500: 68 seconds 600: 68seconds
2nd  Illoura Jet ADM2 JDM GD (Border Collie) Greg Collins 46.35s (500)
1st  Brunig ADM JDM JDO ADO GDM SDM SDX (Associate) Linda Spinaze 54.33s (600)
2nd  Ch Graebrook Dublin Rogue RN QND ORA ADM JDM JDO GDM SDM SPDX (Hungarian Vizsla) Lara Sedgmen 60.74s (600)

Excellent Agility Judge: Ms Simone Tolhurst (WA) SCT: 300: 72 seconds 500: 67 seconds
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2nd  Neberden Perfectionist CD RA AD JDX GD SPD (Cocker Spaniel) Miss Nicole Fallon 67.28s (300)
1st  Pepsi JDX GD AD SD FS.S (Associate Register) Natasha Sands 54.85s (500)

Master Agility Judge: Ms Tenielle Thwaites (NSW) SCT: 80 seconds
1st  Ch Graebrook Dublin Rogue RN QND ORA ADM JDM JDO GDM SDM SPDX (Hungarian Vizsla) Lara Sedgmen 55.94s
1st  Oliver Brown RN ADX JDM ADO JDO GDX SDPX (Sporting Register) Barbara Brown 55.94s
3rd  Tyler ET RA SPDX ADM JDM GDJ SDX JDO ADO (Associate) S Koo & I Kolodziej 63.59s
3rd  Brunig ADM JDM JDO ADO GDM SDM SDX (Associate) Linda Spinaze 63.59s

Excellent Strategic Pairs Judge: Ms Tenielle Thwaites (NSW) SCT: 82 seconds
3rd  Ameroo Quiz CD RAE JDX JDO AD GD SD SPD (Sporting Register) Vikki Evans 65.93s
3rd  Flatout Burn Away AD JDM JDO SD GD SPD (Australian Shepherd) Denise Iglesias 65.93s
5th  Neut Ch ROCh Caerhays Glen Keetah CD RA ADX JDO GDX SDP (Golden Retriever) Mrs C M Perry 69.82s
5th  Windeyer Pip GDX AD JDO SD SPD HNAS HIBS (Border Collie) Maureen Lewis 69.82s

Novice Strategic Pairs Judge: Ms Tenielle Thwaites (NSW) SCT: 85 seconds
1st  Neut Ch Perfu Apollo (Old English Sheepdog) Ms Dana Simonsen 53.65s
1st  Pepsi JDX GD AD SD FS.S (Associate Register) Natasha Sands 53.65s
2nd  Alamoana To Sir With Love JD AD GD (Poodle (Miniature)) Kylie Brown 69.35s
2nd  Canvalier Oskars Delite ADX JDX GD SD (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel) Ms Leslie Weatherall 69.35s

Master Agility Judge: Ms Tenielle Thwaites (NSW) SCT: 500: 63 seconds 600: 67 seconds
5th  Kerodan Wicca Spirit ADX JDX GDX SD SPD ADO JDO (Border Collie) Mr R & Mrs A White 57.89s (500)
2nd  Ch Graebrook Dublin Rogue RN QND ORA ADM JDM JDO GDM SDM SPDX (Hungarian Vizsla) Lara Sedgmen 55.75s (600)

Excellent Agility Judge: Ms Tenielle Thwaites (NSW) SCT: 300: 76 seconds
1st  Neberden Perfectionist CD RA AD JDX GD SPD (Cocker Spaniel) Miss Nicole Fallon 58s (300)

Novice Agility Judge: Ms Tenielle Thwaites (NSW) SCT: 400: 72 seconds
1st  Flatout Sweet Revenge (Australian Shepherd) Denise Iglesias 35.95s (400)
Agility results ... continued

Results from Ribbon Jumping Trial — 14 May 2019

Open Jumping Judge: Mr Geoff Woodman SCT: 42 seconds
1st Oliver Brown RN ADX JDM ADO JDO GDX SPDX (Sporting Register) Barbara Brown 23.30s
2nd Illoura Jet ADM2 JDM GD (Border Collie) Greg Collins 23.83s
3rd OGrCh TSGrCh ROCCh TCh Kityees Sonic UDX RAE ADM JDM ADO JDO GDM SDX SPDX ET (Border Collie) Jake Blight 24.96s
4th Ch Riverreed Shez Tailermaid CCD RA QND ORA AD JD GD SPDX SD JC (Brittany) Judith Barlow 25.27s
5th Windeyer Pip GDX AD JD SD SPD HNAS HIBS (Border Collie) Maureen Lewis 25.53s
7th Pippa CCD RA JD (Associate Register) Miss Vanessa March 33.63s
Novice Jumping Judge: Mr Geoff Woodman SCT: 300: 50 seconds 400: 48 seconds
2nd Neut Ch Anwyl Izybela AD SD (Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)) Ms Pamela Hunt 43.78s (300)
1st Lifesong Out Of The Abyss (Border Collie) Karen Hobson 21.42s (400)
Excellent Jumping Judge: Mr Geoff Woodman SCT: 300: 56 seconds 500: 52 seconds
1st Alamoana To Sir With Love JD AD GD (Poodle (Miniature)) Kylie Brown 43.41s (300)
1st Charalandra Loose As Diamonds CD ORA AD JD GD SD (Labrador Retriever) Karen Hobson 34.66s (500)

Results from Agility, Jumping and Games Trial — 8-9 June 2019

Excellent Agility Judge: Ms Kendal Olsen (TAS) SCT: 500: 71 seconds
2nd Charalandra Loose As Diamonds CD ORA AD JD GD SD (Labrador Retriever) Karen Hobson 56.28s (500)
Master Agility Judge: Ms Kendal Olsen (TAS) SCT: 200: 83 seconds 500: 75 seconds 600: 77seconds
2nd Beedashie Bumblebee ADX JDX (Miniature Dachshund) Jane Heseltine 70.57s (200)
2nd Flatout Joey ADM JDM ADO JDO GDX SDM SPDM (Australian Shepherd) Denise Iglesias 52.79s (500)
1st Dual Ch (Ag 600) Graebrook Dublin Rogue RN QND ORA ADM ADO JDM JDO GDM SDM SPDM (Hungarian Vizsla) Lara Sedgmen 59.90s (600)
Master Jumping Judge: Ms Libby Ellery (NZ) SCT: 200: 56 seconds
1st Beedashie Bumblebee ADX JDX (Miniature Dachshund) Jane Heseltine 48.03s (200)
Novice Jumping Judge: Ms Libby Ellery (NZ) SCT: 500: 47 seconds
1st Jagger (Associate) Lucy Langshaw 19.74s (500)
Master Strategic Pairs Judge: Ms Kendal Olsen (TAS) SCT: 80 seconds
2nd Oliver Brown RN ADX JDM ADO JDO GDX SPDX (Sporting Register) Barbara Brown 51.90s
2nd Sizzle CCD RN ADM ADO JDM JDO GDM SDM (Associate) Mr T & Mrs R Hey 51.90s

FLYING BRITTANYS

Left:
Deb Whitton’s ‘Cecil’

Right:
Judith Barlow’s ‘Tae’

ACT Gundog Society Agility Trial at CDC

Photos:
Carmen Kong
Agility results … continued

3rd OGrCh TSGrCh ROCh TCh Kityees Sonic UDX RAE ADM JDO JDM SDX SPDX ET (Border Collie) Jake Blight 53.84s
3rd Dual Ch (Ag 600) Graebrook Dublin Rogue RN QND ORA ADM JDM JDO GDM SDM SPDMP (Hungarian Vizsla) Lara Sedgmen 53.84s
8th Kerodan Miss Meant To Be JDM ADX SPDMP GDX SD (Border Collie) Amanda Delaney 64.95s
8th Flatout Joey ADM JDM ADO JDO GDX SPDMP (Australian Shepherd) Denise Iglesias 64.95s
9th Ch Riverreed Shez Tailermaid CCD RA QND ORA AD JD GD SPDX SD JC (Brittany) Judith Barlow 68.77s
9th Dual Ch (Neuter) (RO) Morningmyst Lord Of The Isle CDX RAE ORA SPDMP JDO AD GD SD (Golden Retriever) Laraine Frawley 68.77s
10th Flatout Burn Away AD JDM JDO SD GD SPDX (Australian Shepherd) Denise Iglesias 72.49s
10th Ameroo Quiz CD RAE JDX JDO AD GD SD SPDX (Sporting Register) Vikki Evans 72.49s

Excellent Strategic Pairs Judge: Ms Kendal Olsen (TAS) SCT: 76 seconds
3rd Canvalier Oskars Delite ADX JDX GD SD SPD (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel) Ms Leslie Weatherall 58.62s
3rd Neberden Perfectionist CD RA ADX JDX GD SPD (Cocker Spaniel) Miss Nicole Fallon 58.62s

Excellent Agility Judge: Ms Libby Ellery (NZ) SCT: 500: 69 seconds
1st Ch Riverreed Shez Tailermaid CCD RA QND ORA AD JD GD SPDX SD JC (Brittany) Judith Barlow 36.69s (500)
3rd Pepsi JDX GD AD SD FS.S JDO SPD (Associate Register) Natasha Sands 46.95s (500)

Master Agility Judge: Ms Libby Ellery (NZ) SCT: 300: 85 seconds 500: 77 seconds 600: 81 seconds
4th Alamoana To Sir With Love JDX ADX GD (Poodle (Miniature)) Kylie Brown 75.01s (300)
3rd Flatout Joey ADM JDM JDO ADX SPDMP (Australian Shepherd) Denise Iglesias 46.15s (500)
3rd Dual Ch (Ag 600) Graebrook Dublin Rogue RN QND ORA ADM ADO JDM JDO GDM SDM SPDMP (Hungarian Vizsla) Lara Sedgmen 50.72s (600)

Master Jumping Judge: Ms Kendal Olsen (TAS) SCT: 500: 57 seconds 600: 58 seconds
3rd Flatout Joey ADM JDM ADO JDO GDX SPDMP (Australian Shepherd) Denise Iglesias 49.70s (500)
1st Dual Ch (Ag 600) Graebrook Dublin Rogue RN QND ORA ADM JDM JDO GDM SDM SPDMP (Hungarian Vizsla) Laraine Frawley 49.39s (600)

Excellent Jumping Judge: Ms Kendal Olsen (TAS) SCT: 500: 52 seconds 600: 53 seconds
1st Charalandra Loose As Diamonds CD ORA AD JD GD SD (Labrador Retriever) Karen Hobson 40.53s (500)
1st Dual Ch (Neuter) (RO) Morningmyst Lord Of The Isle CDX RA SPDMP JDO AD GD SD (Golden Retriever) Laraine Frawley 49.39s (600)

Excellent Snooker Judge: Ms Libby Ellery (NZ) SCT: 68 seconds
4th Jagger (Associate) Lucy Langshaw 37.98s 44
11th Neberden Perfectionist CD RA ADX JDX GD SPD (Cocker Spaniel) Miss Nicole Fallon 49.51s 39
12th Alamoana To Sir With Love JDX ADX GD (Poodle (Miniature)) Kylie Brown 57.36s 39

Excellent Snooker Judge: Ms Libby Ellery (NZ) SCT: 68 seconds
10th Ch Riverreed Shez Tailermaid CCD RA QND ORA AD JD GD SPDX SD JC (Brittany) Judith Barlow 40.59s 46
18th Pepsi JDX GD AD SD FS.S JDO SPD (Associate Register) Natasha Sands 45.26s 44
21st Neut Ch Landmark Why Why Why Delilah RE ADX JDX JDO GDX SD SPD (Cocker Spaniel (American)) Mrs Anne Lewis 52.38s 43
22nd Flatout Burn Away AD JDM JDO SD GD SPDX (Australian Shepherd) Denise Iglesias 30.04s 42

Master Snooker Judge: Ms Libby Ellery (NZ) SCT: 72 seconds
2nd OGrCh TSGrCh ROCCh TCh Kityees Sonic UDX RAE ADM JDM ADO JDO GDM SDX SPDX ET (Border Collie) Jake Blight 40.80s 51

Master Jumping Judge: Ms Libby Ellery (NZ) SCT: 300: 74 seconds 600: 71 seconds
2nd Pixie ADX JDX SPDX GDX SD JDO (Associate) Denise Stirzaker 41.83s (300)
6th Phoebe ADX JDX SPD GD (Associate) Christine Rees 49.93s (300)
7th Neberden Perfectionist CD RA ADX JDX GD SPD (Cocker Spaniel) Miss Nicole Fallon 55.28s (300)
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Agility results … continued

Excellent Jumping Judge: Ms Libby Ellery (NZ) SCT: 500: 56 seconds
4th Dual Ch (Neuter) (RO) Morningmyst Lord Of The Isle CDX RAE ORA SPDX JD AD GD SD (Golden Retriever) Laraine Frawley 44.74s (500)

Master Agility Judge: Ms Kendal Olsen (TAS) SCT: 500: 81 seconds
2nd OGrCh TSGrCh ROCh TCh Kityees Sonic UDX RAE ADM JDM ADO JDO GDM SDX SPDX ET (Border Collie) Jake Blight 54.54s (500)

Excellent Agility Judge: Ms Kendal Olsen (TAS) SCT: 500: 74 seconds
4th Flatout Burn Away AD JDM JDO SD GD SPDX (Australian Shepherd) Denise Iglesias 49.46s (500)
5th Charalandra Loose As Diamonds CD ORA AD JD GD SD (Labrador Retriever) Karen Hobson 51.27s (500)

Above: Agility obstacles from the dog’s view (left) and the handler’s view (right)
(Photos: Anne Robertson)

In 2012 Dr Mark Westman, Vicki Cawsey, Dr Leah Skelsey and Linda Warlond collectively realised there was an urgent need for a service dedicated to caring for the pets of those experiencing homelessness. The four co-founders united their passion, drive and determination to develop PETS IN THE PARK through strategic partnerships with human service providers, including soup kitchens and outreach cafes, and a referral system working with social workers and case workers for people experiencing homelessness.

Today, Pets In The Park is a national charity and is dedicated to caring for animals owned by people struggling with homelessness, thanks to the support of many volunteer veterinarians, veterinary nurses, corporate partners and generous members of the public.

In Canberra the Pets In The Park clinic is held at Pilgrim House in Civic on the first Sunday of every month from 2pm - 4pm. At each clinic veterinarians and vet nurses provide free health checks, vaccinations, flea treatment, worming treatment and basic medication for pets owned by Canberra’s homeless or at risk of homelessness. See www.petsinthehouse.org.au for further information.
The Club is accredited under the ACT Government’s Actsmart business recycling program in recognition of its waste management initiatives.

Please do the right thing and always use the most appropriate bin to dispose of rubbish on the Club grounds. Unsure? Read the posters on the bins and around the grounds to make the right choice.

And remember, in the ACT disposable coffee cups can be placed in the mixed recycling (yellow-lidded) bins — at the Club and at home. We also recycle all the batteries used for timing equipment at the Club’s Agility trials and Flyball competitions. After they are exhausted we send them to Battery World in Phillip.

Did you know that most drink bottles and cans now attract a 10 cent refund under the ACT Government’s Container Deposit Scheme? The Club is collecting refundable containers as a fund-raising initiative so please put refundable containers in the designated bin in the Clubhouse.

We use compostable poo bags

Do you take extra poo bags from the dispensers around the Club grounds so that you have a ready supply at home?

If you like the bags and want to use them elsewhere please purchase bulk suppliers from the PAWS Shop. Packs of 50 cost $5.00.

This will help the Club cover its costs.
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Leon/Claire Weekes & Echo
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Melissa Berg & Bailey
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Mila Mitra & Locky
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Nathan Dustin & Otto
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Rhys Mathew & Rudi
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By Katrina Morton — Shop Manager

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Is Your Membership Due?

Did you join in Term 2 last year?
If so, your membership is due for renewal.

You can renew online – how easy is that!

Go to the Club’s website at http://www.actcdc.org.au
2. Complete the form and send it back to the Club via e-mail
3. Then pay your fees online using direct credit facilities
   Bank BSB: 032 729
   Account: 235628
   Reference: Your surname and phone number

Make sure your reference will easily identify your payment and don’t forget to keep your receipt.
You don’t even have to leave your house!

EFTPOS and PayWave facilities are available

Renew your membership at the Club Office
No minimum transaction (sorry, no cash out)

FEES (FROM 1 OCTOBER 2018)

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CONTACT US

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We welcome your feedback.
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 occasional grant assistance. About 80 instructors volunteer their time to conduct behaviour and dog sport classes in Obedience, Flyball, Agility, Dances With Dogs, Rally-O, K9 Disc and Tracking from February to November each year. The Club also has an active Dogs-As-Therapy group that visits nursing homes with their dogs 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. We have a paid office manager and junior shop assistant and the mowing of the grounds is undertaken by a contractor. The Club caters for disabled access with paved paths, designated parking spaces and toilet facilities.

The aims and objectives of the Club are to:
- promote responsible dog ownership and the general welfare of dogs;
- teach members to train 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;
- 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 owners and dogs; and
- enhance the development of social skills of dogs.

Committees 2018-19

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Kath Hallam
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Hilary Kemp | Tracking & Nosework Liaison
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Linda Spinaze | Agility Liaison

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Members
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Vacant
Members
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K9 Disc
Vacant

Tracking
Jake Blight

Instructors’ Library
Karen Haines

PAWS Shop
Jared Sneyers | Jess Charman

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Have a comment or idea you’d like to share? Email contact@actcdc.org.au
BASIC BEHAVIOUR TRAINING

The Club offers four levels of behaviour training classes for all breeds and ages of dogs to learn how to behave appropriately at home and in the community. These classes will help you understand how your dog learns and will teach you how to train your dog to be a good companion. The focus is on teaching practical life skills such as learning to relax, walking on lead without pulling; to come when called; to sit and lie down on cue; to wait politely at doors and gates; to calmly meet people; and to socialize appropriately with dogs and people. You will need to ring up to book your dog in (see Office contact details on page 41). You should do this several weeks in advance of your desired entry date to ensure that you will get a place. Dates for the next course can be found in the Calendar (see page 45).

DOGS-AS-THERAPY

Members and their dogs visit nursing homes and schools to provide pet therapy for residents and students. If you have a dog that is people and dog friendly and isn’t fazed by noise and movement this activity might be for you.

COMPETITIVE DOG SPORTS AT THE CLUB

Obedience Trialling – Obedience Trials (competitions) aim to demonstrate a high degree of handler-dog team work and precision over a range of exercises at different levels of skill. Exercises include heelwork, retrieving, scent work, taking directions a distance and stays. In most cases, dogs must have passed the Graduation level of basic training (Level 3) to be admitted to the entry-level trialling class.

Rally Obedience – Rally-O is an obedience competition that requires the handler and dog team to negotiate a course in the heel position and to perform various manoeuvres such as sits, downs, stands, stays and various turns. Handlers are able to praise their dog while it is working. In most cases, dogs must have passed the Graduation level of basic training (Level 3) to participate in Rally-O classes.

Agility – This is a dog sport where you teach your dog to negotiate different obstacles such as jumps, tunnels, see-saws, A-frames, dog walks and weave poles. Once you have gained some basic skills, the challenge is to learn how to ‘steer’ your dog from one obstacle to another on a course, and the courses change each time so that you and your dog are constantly being challenged to improve your skills. To start training dogs must be at least 14 months old to ensure the dog’s skeletal and musculature system is strong enough; physically sound and not overweight; and under control off-lead around other dogs and activities (however no minimum basic training level is required).

Flyball – In this sport dogs clear four hurdles, release a ball from a ‘box’, and return to their handler over the hurdles. It is a fast and furious team sport that ball-mad dogs really enjoy. Dogs must be at least 12 months old to ensure the dog’s skeletal and musculature system is strong enough; physically sound and not overweight; and under control off-lead around other dogs and activities (however no minimum basic training level is required).

Dances with Dogs – In this sport handlers take obedience skills to a new level by performing routines to music with their dogs. All you need to get involved is a love of music, the desire to have a great time with your dog and a commitment to rewards-based training. DWD is suitable for handlers of all ages and dogs of all breeds, sizes and ages.

K9 Disc – This sport involves a dog chasing, catching and retrieving a flying disc (such as a Frisbee) thrown by its handler. As training progresses, handlers and dogs can learn and compete in distance, freestyle and games events. Discs are available in a variety of weights and diameters to cater for dogs of different sizes. Dogs must have completed basic training at Graduation level (Level 3), be at least 14 months old and physically fit to participate.

Tracking – This most natural of dog sports involves the dog following a scent trail left behind when a person walks across grass and other surfaces. Tracking is only conducted during the cooler months due to the risk of snakes. The Club provides an information session in autumn and organizes ‘peer-support’ training to help members get started.

For more information refer to the relevant contacts or leave your name at the Club Office (pages 41-42)

### Class Times

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Agility classes are held in the Trial Rings (1-5). Class times/days may vary from term to term

* Also held at 1.00pm on Sundays during session 3 (June-July)

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Flyball classes are usually held in the Flyball and Narrabundah Paddocks

#### DANCES WITH DOGS

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DWD classes are usually held in the Main Pavilion at Queanbeyan Showground and occasionally at CDC.

Check with instructor for dates and locations.

#### K9 DISC

No classes currently offered
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<td>Agenda for Annual General Meeting posted in the clubhouse / Session 4 agility commences</td>
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* Not held on CDC grounds
Off-lead exercise at our Club

Always read and follow the Club’s rules for using the off-lead areas. Read the gate signs and the poster on the Club’s outside noticeboards.
You MUST follow the directions of Club officials when asked.

- Read the gate signs.
- Play safe - use common sense in the off-lead areas.
- Always ask and gain permission from everyone before going into an area that is already occupied.
- Enter on lead and remove the lead while your dog is sitting.
- Move well away from the gate to avoid crowding.
- Keep moving to minimise tension and scuffles between dogs.
- Stay alert and keep an eye on your dog.
- Always reward your dog for coming to you.
- Avoid using balls and other toys if you are sharing the area with other dogs.
- Leave immediately if your dog becomes anxious, or is annoying or aggressive towards other dogs.
- Limit your time to 15 minutes if other members are waiting to use the same area.
- Always clean up after your dog.

NOTE: The Narrabundah and Flyball Paddocks are not available for off-lead use 30 minutes before or after training classes.