

WOODVILLE WOOF



Woodville Community Dog Training Centre Newsletter

June 2017

.... from the President

Today reminded me that the weather could be unkind. We have had beautiful autumn weather this year but today winter landed. If it is pouring with rain, blowing a gale or drizzling miserably, you decide if you wish to retreat under the bedcovers for the morning. We will be at the Club if you decide you can't make your own coffee and your dog wants to play on the wet grass.

We have had new members join every week since the beginning of the year. It is great to see so many people being responsible pet owners. Please be a 'have a social pet dog' ambassador and encourage other people to come and train their dogs too.

You may have noticed that we have some new activity equipment. Two lovely green and yellow tunnels and weaving poles, which can become hurdles. Please ensure that an instructor has assisted you if you haven't used the activity equipment before doing so. There are right and wrong ways that your dog can use this fun stuff and we want it to be a happy and not frustrating experience for them, particularly the tunnels.

SO WHY DON'T YOU BECOME AN INSTRUCTOR? Don't say you couldn't do it. Most of our current Instructors said the same thing. You are well taken care of and watch and listen until you feel ready to assist in a class. The more instructors we have the less classes each person has to take and the more small classes we can have.

Please don't be afraid to check out with Judy, Jane and Steve our most recent trainee Instructor, what it is like and what is involved. Ask any of the Instructors why they do this, I'm sure you'll find the answers interesting.

I never thought 20 years ago when I first joined the Club with Maxi, my first Poodle, that I would be instructing people in how to train and socialise their dog. I teach Home Economics! However, I am so glad to be doing what I am doing. It is a wonderful experience to have someone come back the following week and say "He's improved so much since we have been doing what you suggested".

Stay warm, keep dry

Claire Lowe, President

RALLYO DEMONSTRATION

Sue and Michelle treated us all to a demonstration of RallyO on 10 May. Check out the photos on Page 2.

If you're interested in learning more about RallyO just ask Michelle or Sue and they will help you with information.



Newsletter Items

Do you have something of interest you would like to share via the newsletter?

Maybe you've seen a great dog article, or have photos to share, recipes for dogfood, ideas to put forward for discussion about the running of the club.

Please email anything you would like included to:

info@woodvilledogtraining.com.au

Please mark Att: Marilyn

We would love to hear from you!

Don't forget to buy your \$2 People's Choice lottery tickets online or at the Club to help us keep membership fees low, and affordable for everyone. The sale of all tickets goes straight to us!

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.... RALLYO DEMONSTRATION



Have you liked our Facebook page? Did you know that you can write a review of the club on Facebook? Just click on Reviews.

You can read what others have said, and leave a review of your own. So why not take a few minutes, and write a review of your club for others to read?



.... 2017 AGM REPORT

WOODVILLE COMMUNITY DOG TRAINING CENTRE held its
Annual General Meeting on Sunday 26 March 2017.

The following people were elected to the Committee for 2017.

AMBASSADORS

MAYOR ANGELA EVANS: STEVEN BRYANT

EXECUTIVE

Claire LOWE, President/Instructor

John FRIDMANIS, Vice President/Instructor

Chris BROWN, Treasurer

Jean WILLIAMS, Secretary/Instructor

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Chris CARTER, Committee Registrar

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Dominick HANDRICK, Asst Treasurer/Instructor

Stephen JEFFREY, Committee/Aspiring Instructor

Marilyn PEARSON, Committee /Newsletter

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Ron WADE, Committee/Instructor

Bev WADE, Committee/Café Maxi

Sue WHITTAKER, Committee/Rally

Warren WILLIAMS, Committee/Pet Shop

Trish WISSELL, Committee/Instructor

Janet ROBINS, Cleaning Services

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I enter my 16th year as President and look around each Sunday at all of the happy pet dogs and dedicated owners on the ground, I wonder why I keep complaining about being President!

The team of volunteers who support me and make this club possible for you, are wonderful people who really make my role a pleasure to undertake.

As our windcheaters get thinner and winters get colder, we will have new smart hoodies to keep out the breezes. Also a major purchase last year of 2 new laptops to replace the 10 year old ones.

We continue to develop our curriculum and this year we have introduced Rally Obedience in the third session. Michelle and Sue have done a great job in setting this up and info was published in our recent newsletter.

Three of our instructors, Dominick, Trish and Michelle have undertaken training to further develop their skills in what is now called Force Free Training. Once this is completed and registered with the RSPCA we will be one of the few recognised Force Free Training clubs in the state. Their information will be shared with all of our Instructors over this year.

Support from the City of Charles Sturt continues. New paths through the grounds and a significant upgrade to the carpark have been completed by the Council. I thank the Council Officers on your behalf who have organised this and for their support of this Club.



.... 2017 AGM REPORT continued

The introduction of payment for a Training Collar in the joining fee has assisted in most dogs having them for their classes. I do however notice that some dogs still just have a flat collar. Please love your dog even more by using the training collar to give it directions. A purposeful harness is fine for dogs who have a 'thing' about collars or need the contact of the body harness.

We are a community service organisation and therefore happy to help anyone who comes here to buy the right equipment for their pet dog and be shown how to use it correctly. Be ambassadors for us please. It would be wonderful to see check chains disappear off the racks of all shops.

Yes, we do have a fantastic team, but there is always room for more volunteers. Marilyn our Web Site developer, is currently also doing our newsletter. Please consider undertaking this little job which is all set up and we are ready to support you.

We rely on feedback from you to keep providing you, the members, with what you need to assist you in training your pet. Talk to us, and above all invite your neighbour to be a responsible dog owner too and join you on a Sunday here with us.

Claire Lowe
President

TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2016 Financial year has been another successful year.

Due to many inclement weather days, sales and registrations were down slightly from the previous year but a profit was still achieved and our bank balance remains healthy.

This coming year will see us purchase new training equipment, much needed upgrades to the club house and warm jumpers for our trainers and committee members.

Detailed financial reports are posted on the notice board for you to read and any questions will be answered.

Chris Brown
Treasurer 2016

CHANGES TO DOG AND CAT MANAGEMENT ACT 1995



AS OF JULY 01 2017 (this year) IT WILL BE MANDATORY FOR YOU TO REGISTER YOUR DOG, AS IT IS NOW, AND ALSO FOR YOU TO REGISTER YOUR CAT AND FOR THEM BOTH TO BE DE-SEXED

If you are not familiar with the Dog and Cat Management Act, I urge you to look it up very soon so that you are aware of these pending changes. There will be considerable expiations and fines for non-compliance.

I would anticipate that Councils and the Dog and Cat Management Board will promote these changes soon to make us aware as to what owners are required to do to legally own a pet cat or dog. At this time, I am unaware of how dogs and cats that are currently not chipped or de-sexed will be managed.

Most, if not all Councils will take this opportunity to raise their Registration Fees. I am aware that the City of Charles Sturt is currently doing this and would recommend residents in this Council area check the minutes of their last Council meeting. A final decision of what these fees will be has not yet been decided so you may wish to forward your opinion before they do this. Initially discounts for vaccination and training were to be dropped; however, this is now being reconsidered.



APRIL GRADUATES!



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Level 1 to Level 2

Steven Hooper
Chloe

Lisa Featherby
Keeley

Kurt Russack
Delta

Susan Ferguson
Frankie

Stephanie Klunyk
Coco

Ben & Gabrielle Sc
Poppy

Mark Conry
Neo

Helen Murch
Leroy

Level 2 to Level 3

Leann Hoppo
Ryder

Marilyn Pearson
Bosco

Sue Wahrbichler
Ollie

Naomi & Daniel May
Mahli

Helen Joyce
Evie

Level 3 to Level 4

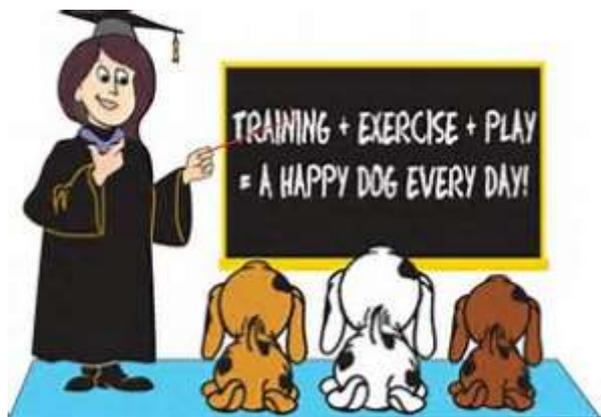
Kerry Murphy
Seska



WHAT OWNERS NEED TO KNOW!

Hints and reminders!

PATIENCE AND CALM



Dogs need a benevolent leader who is calm, assertive and in control of every situation. Getting upset or angry when your dog misbehaves is counterproductive. It's okay if you or they make mistakes. Everyone here is on the same journey.

CLEAR SIGNALS

Dogs need clear signals. Even with the "SIT" command you can use your hand signal, your food reward and even your feet to give a clear indication of what you want. When you give a command, give it ONCE and make sure that the dog is watching you. If it ignores you put the dog in position using your treat. Give the dog every opportunity to succeed. Saying the command over and over just teaches the dog to ignore you.

REPETITION

Dogs need repetition. They do not generalise well so if a dog knows a command at dog training it does not mean he knows it at home or in the park. Once they get it in one place move to another and repeat.

VOICE

Our voices convey our emotions. Speaking in a monotonous tone or without firmness, happiness, excitement, pleasure etc does not give the dog the chance to understand what we mean.

PRAISE (and the dog's name) should be given in a light, calm voice to an excitable dog (use 'Thank You' or 'Well Done' or 'Yes') or an energetic happy voice to a less excitable dog that needs more encouragement. Start by using these words with a food reward at this stage to reinforce the behaviour and later you can move away from this.

A COMMAND should be given in a matter of fact, strong voice that doesn't give them room to choose or ignore. When you give a command follow through and make sure the dog does it. 'Sit' means sit now, not after you have repeated it three times.

A CORRECTION should be made in a firm strong voice. You can use a single noise like 'AHHHH' to mean, I don't agree with what you are doing. You can also use a sentence delivered with the same voice 'DON'T DO THAT'. Never use a dog's name to tell it off. Its name should only be used in a pleasant way to focus on them.



WHAT OWNERS NEED TO KNOW!

Hints and Reminders ...continued

TEACHING YOUR PUPPY

PLACE TRAINING

'On you place' (mat, bed etc) gives the dog a 'safe' place to be 'calm', in your home. Practice when you are watching TV, doing the dishes, reading the paper, ironing etc. Start on a leash and progress to off leash. You can give puppy something to chew on its mat like a Kong or rawhide bone. The aim is not a rigid stay but just to be calm, happy and involved in the family while staying put.

SIT

Raise the treat above the puppy's nose, release the treat and say 'sit' clearly when the puppy's bottom hits the floor. Ask your puppy to do this many times during the day, before meals, at the door or gate before entering or exiting, at the kerb, before getting on your lap and before and after play time.



DROP



To drop from the sit position, take the treat straight down from puppy's nose and hold it on the ground. Say 'DROP' and release the treat when the puppy is in the right position. Allow the time the puppy needs to work out what you want. If this does not work sit down yourself and make an arch with your legs, use the food to lure the puppy under and when it is under your legs say 'DROP' and release the food.

WATCH/NAME RECOGNITION

Get the puppy to focus on by saying 'WATCH' or 'FIDO' three times while drawing a treat to puppy's nose and your eyes. Then release the food. Puppies don't naturally know their own names and this can be tremendously helpful later in life when as a dog your puppy is out of range and you need to draw its attention back to you.



MANNERS – MEETING PEOPLE AND DOGS



Four paws on the ground. Puppy needs to be calm and not excited or dominant. Begin at the door with yourself and your family when you come home. Ask puppy to sit and be calm and before saying hello. It is important to be calm yourself. Extend this to any visitors who come over including children and to people on the street. Start the process with new people on a leash so you have control, then work towards off leash. The goal is to have a dog that doesn't rush the door and park indecently and jump on your friends whenever they come over... A 'PLACE' mat can be put beside the door for the puppy to sit on.

WHAT OWNERS NEED TO KNOW!

Hints and Reminders ...continued

EXAMINE YOUR PUPPY

It's important that your puppy let you touch every part of it. If you can't then your vet or groomer is going to have a hard time. Make sure you rub its paws, touch its tail and genitals, examine its mouth and teeth and check its entire body for lumps bumps and prickles. Later this becomes a 'stand for exam' exercise.



WALK ON A LOOSE LEAD

No one wants to be pulled around by their dog, big or small. This exercise takes a lot of patience from the owner but is incredibly rewarding to achieve. With the Training Collar, loose means loose, i.e. no tension, and a collar that is almost around the dog's shoulders it has so much slack. Tight or pulling is when this slack is taken up by the lead. The collar should only be 'TIGHT' for less than a second. Letting a dog go under these conditions is rewarding it's pulling. It is important that every time the lead goes tight that you say 'STOP' more for yourself than the dog, or even lure it to walk in the opposite direction to which it was pulling.

COMMON PUPPY PROBLEMS

JUMPING UP

Start with the calm at the door exercise. If your puppy jumps on you give it no attention or eye contact. Walking into your puppy will force them back onto their rumps naturally, at which point when they are sitting they can be prised calmly. Try not to feed them more excitement by getting too zealous. It's just as important not to repeat 'SIT' over and over again while they are jumping. Use whatever you have chosen as your disagree word in a strong voice, i.e. 'AHHHH', 'DON'T DO THAT', 'YOU DON'T JUMP'. It's important for them to learn that they never get picked up, get attention, praise or food rewards when they are jumping up. It is even more important to teach children this. A 5 kg Labrador puppy might be cute when jumping, but a 50 kg fully grown dog is not and can hurt or injure a small child or an elderly person.



NIPPING & MOUTHING HANDS

While quite a normal puppy behaviour it is not something you want to encourage. Any pressure from puppy's teeth on your hands should result in whatever game you are playing to be over. Grabbing the back of their collar and using your disagree word until they release your hand is better than pulling your hand away or you will encourage the puppy to snap at the retreating fingers. If possible quickly grab a toy say 'SWAP' and allow your puppy to chew the toy. Reinforce by saying 'THIS IS YOUR TOY'.

WHAT OWNERS NEED TO KNOW!

Hints and Reminders ...continued



CHEWING

Puppies and all dogs need to chew. Between 4 & 6 months they will be teething and chewing helps to relieve the pain. If you find them chewing on something inappropriate, it is important to direct them to something which is okay for them to chew, like a bone or rawhide or toy that is theirs, not your good furniture. This is when you use the word 'SWAP' as you distract puppy with its toy.

DIGGING

Digging is often a sign of a dog with too much energy. If your pup is digging give him a good walk or game to wear him out before you go to work so you have a garden when you come back home. Leave a toy that has longevity like a Kong filled with frozen dog food or a ball that needs to be pushed around in order for them to get their breakfast. Some dogs like Terriers, have digging naturally built in, so giving them a place to dig that is appropriate may be necessary. You can bury treats and toys in this location to encourage them to dig here instead. Show them that you are burying objects and help them dig them up a few times.



RUNNING AWAY WITH A TOY/SHOE/SOMETHING PUPPY SHOULDN'T HAVE

Don't play puppy's game. Pick up something more interesting or at least pretend it is more interesting, that is appropriate for puppy to have. Pretend it is the best thing in the world and walk away from puppy. If they follow you give them this toy instead saying 'SWAP'. Go pick up the 'toy' you really want without making any fuss.



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You can buy tickets online until the 31st August 2016. You will also be able to purchase paper tickets at the clubrooms from April.

There's a huge number of prizes to be won. The full list is accessible on our Fundraising page.

<https://www.peopleschoicecu.com.au/woodville-community-dog-training-centre>

\$2
per ticket

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31 August!**

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2017 Class Calendar

April 2017

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Class No Class

**This Calendar is a guide; please check with any of the volunteers for class changes*

Contact Us

Please contact us if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

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Rules

A copy of the Centre's constitution is available from the Registrar

The Centre's Ground Rules have been made with consideration given to Public Liability.

1. All members must wear their membership badge, and be financial to attend class.
2. All dogs must be on lead from 9:00 am Sunday, and during all classes, unless you are given permission by an Instructor.
3. Dog owners/handlers are responsible for any injury to another dog, or owner/handler where their dog is involved.
4. A dog who has bitten, or shown undue aggression, must be reported to the Chief Instructor of the day.
5. Bitches in season are not allowed on the grounds during training sessions.
6. Generally accepted social behaviour is expected of all members/attendees.
7. Classes are held on Sundays from February to December, except on LONG WEEKENDS.
8. Current vaccination certificates must be shown to the Registrar when joining, and upon renewal of membership every 12 months, or when due.
9. Dog owners/handlers are to wear covered footwear during classes on the grounds. Bare feet, and open footwear, are not permitted.
10. We use positive reinforcement training, therefore excessive reprimands such as yelling, hitting, or kicking of dogs, are not to be used by dog owners/handlers.
11. Dog owners/handlers are asked to use a Martingale/training collar for the comfort, and well-being of their dog during training. Check chains, and slip collars, are not to be used in class. Their general use is discouraged as chains are intimidating, and can cause significant harm to your dog.
12. Activity equipment is to be used only when owners/handlers have been instructed in its use by an Instructor.

Weather Policy

Woodville Community Dog Training Centre does not have an official weather policy, the decision of whether or not you attend classes is up to you and your pooch!

When weather conditions are extreme, modified classes will be conducted with the health and welfare of members, and dogs, in mind.

Classes

8:30 - 9:15 am

Doggie Socialising Time

Breakfast & Coffee

9:30 - 10:00 am

New Members

Puppy

Beginners

Class 1

10:15 - 10:45 am

Class 2

Class 3

Class 4

11:00 - 11:45

Basic Obedience

Rally



Meg

Findon Veterinary Clinic

221 Grange Road, Findon
Phone: 8347 3444



Seaton Vet Centre

342 Tapleys Hill Road, Seaton
Phone: 8155 5200



The Findon Veterinary Clinic, and the Seaton Vet Centre, are owned, and run, by Dr Ian Hogben. They are both staffed with the same experienced vets, and nurses, so you know you'll get the same great treatment at either facility. However, the Seaton Vet Centre is larger, so it does have extra facilities available.

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