

# WOODVILLE WOOF



Woodville Community Dog Training Centre Newsletter

August 2019

## .... from the President

Spring is just around the corner but still the weather will be uncertain. Hopefully some warm days will be included. We have had a strange winter with dry periods, buckets of rain and gales of wind which neither I nor the dogs enjoy! Thank you to those people who braved the weather and attended class.

The off-lead time first thing in the morning is a popular part of our program. It finishes at 8:45 am, when Advanced Training class commences. If you want to continue off lead during that time, please go to the western end of the park near the playground and supervise your dog in that space. It is essential that you supervise your dog closely to ensure the safety of your dog and others. ***It is important that you understand the body language dogs use to show us how they are feeling.***

In a couple of weeks our wonderful *Training At Home Guide* will be distributed to all members. My sincere thanks to Michelle Steele who has worked tirelessly on this guide with the help of Trish Wissell and Dominick Hendrick. I think you will all agree that it is an excellent and professional document. The Force Free program will continue to be integrated into our classes.

The guide will support you in reviewing your class work and helping with issues that may arise with your dog. Of course, we are always here to help.

I see our dedicated Instructors working individually with members and their dogs to assist them with issues they have concerning control of their pet, both before and after class. If you have been too shy to ask, don't worry that's what we are here for and one on one assistance is best practice.

Good news from the City of Charles Sturt. After community consultation including us, lighting is going to be installed in the park and surrounding area not only to allow people to use the park at night but to improve security for people working at the QEH. There have been a number of car fires and incidents raising concerns about safety in the area. There will be a special metre box and I understand the lighting will go out around midnight.

It is so good to see new members coming each week, eager to train their puppy or dog. Thank you to all of you who promote the work we do here to support dog owners and their pets. Please continue to do so.

*Claire Lowe*  
*President*

### 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.

Email suggestions you would like included to:

[newsletter@woodvilledogtraining.com.au](mailto:newsletter@woodvilledogtraining.com.au)

Please mark Att: Marilyn

**We would love to hear from you!**



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## ... The Life of Spike

Spike is a very special Golden Retriever who came regularly to the Club with Dominick, one of our very capable Instructors and Volunteers. Now 16 and in his sunset years, Spike only comes on days during the week when Dominick comes to do his role as Assistant Treasurer, so misses training days. Spike is a 'shared dog'. He belongs to Dominick's brother and his family but Dominick would pick him up daily for walks and never miss a visit to the club on Sundays.

Very agile in his youth he loved the utility equipment, but a few years ago Spike found the wooden floors at home difficult to navigate. These days he stays with Dominick and relaxes on the carpeted floors.



Spike is a very social fellow and still loves to say 'Hello' to his friends on the Grange beach and local street walks. He was also quite the showman assisting the Club in publicising The People's Choice Lottery and appeared on TV with Kate Freebairn a few years ago to promote our involvement.

I remember at the Club in order to be friends with Spike, I had to be alongside him and say 'Hello Spike!' I was then able to pat him and was welcomed as a friend.

Many of us miss Spike around the Club but his gentlemanly years makes it difficult for him to navigate the area so we continually ask 'How's Spike!'

***Take care dear friend and enjoy your retirement.***

*Submitted by Claire Lowe*

## ... I Need Space

Blaze is modelling one of our new 'I Need Space' bandanas. They have a pocket at the top for the collar to slip through, so they can easily be worn by any size dog.

There are 2 sizes: small - \$8, and medium - \$10.

If you have a dog who, for whatever reason, doesn't like their space being invaded, see Warren at the Doggy Shop about one of these great bandanas.



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?

We really would appreciate it!



## ... Rescue Dogs - Sue and Scout



Hi I'm Sue and this is my story of adopting an older dog, Scout.

I've been an animal lover all my life and have owned horses (3), cats (8) and dogs (3). During the 1980s I had a Border Collie who completed her Companion Dog Title in formal obedience. I was the co-trainer at the time and went on to complete my Obedience Instructor Certificate with ACT Companion Dog Club. I used to teach puppy and small dog classes. Back then it was about the slip (choke) collar and using command/correction/verbal reward to train dogs.

When I lost my last cat (21.5yrs) I guess the homeless animals saw me as a great target. I was adamant I was not going to take on a puppy. I felt confident taking on a dog with some problems. I completed the AWL Foster Care Program and was set on fostering smaller dogs when I saw Scout on the Hahndorf Animal Shelter website. One of the reasons for adopting an older dog is that these animals are often overlooked as people prefer puppies, but older animals still have so much to offer.

Scout is an 8yr old Chocolate and White Border Collie. His owners abandoned him at Meadows Boarding Kennels who attempted to re-home him, but he was returned. After a year he was moved to Hahndorf Animal Shelter where he waited for another year for a new home. His adoption prospects were not great and thankfully the Shelter has a 'no kill' policy. Although Scout is an exceptionally polite and well-behaved dog, his list of challenges includes aggression towards some other dogs and he dislikes children, grooming and all water.

I met Scout in October 2018. Amidst the chaos and barking of the other dogs, he was anxious to meet people. He was quiet when let out into the larger space where he explored surroundings then came up to me and licked my face. We went for a short walk and when we returned to the office, he was obviously stressed but sat quietly on my foot. 'That's it' I thought, 'he has claimed me.' I cautiously took him on a 2 week trial. Once I took responsibility for him, I couldn't give up on him. It took about a week to organise the approvals needed to adopt him and I brought him home on Friday 12 October 2018. He had a home for life.

I joined up with the Woodville Community Dog Training Club, attended the introductory session and set about researching positive force free training options for reactive dogs. I set Scout up with a routine of 2 walks a day, 2 feeds of quality dog food, toys, bedding etc.

I run my business from home, so spending time with him to build trust and a relationship was easy. I tried brushing him with limited success due to his growly nature and realised he is a sensitive soul that really does give clear warnings prior to launching a growling and then quite violent snapping attack. We are progressing slowly and he is growling less at me these days. I did not do much training with him in the first few days, preferring to concentrate on helping him relax in his new home.

I like well-behaved animals and with a Border Collie, training is essential to keep their intelligent minds active and reduce boredom. We attended our first training day 3 days after he was adopted and started off at the Introductory Level. He is a quick learner but was not food orientated, so treating him during training was a challenge, however after 2 weeks we got promoted to Level 1. We progressed quickly through each of the levels at the club. I swear Scout knew when he was being graded and just did everything perfectly on the day. We have some issues around other dogs and he wears a yellow "I need space" bandana. He also thinks every exercise ends with 'sit' so there are ongoing challenges training a stubborn adult dog.

I am amazed at how far Scout has progressed in such a short time and despite his quirky behaviours he really is a lovely boy who is a perfect house dog. He greets the people with a polite sit in front, waiting to be patted or given treats.

Hopefully with ongoing love and attention over time we will solve some of his less desirable behaviours and help him to enjoy being washed, groomed, play in the ocean and stop menacing vets. Taking on an older dog who has issues is definitely a challenge and it takes lots of patience and creativity to find ways to help him overcome them.

For the time being I have taken Scout out of training as he was getting over stressed. I still attend the Club and I am now an Instructor in Training so you may see me hanging around in classes with Claire's Tibetan terrier Alfie in tow.

I'm grateful to the Club and the volunteer trainers who have helped Scout and me so far. Special thanks to Dominic, Steve, Ron, Judy and Sue for putting up with my constant questions about how to fix this or that. The club is a fantastic opportunity for local dog owners to help their dogs become better pets and I'm grateful to have found a wonderful club so close to home with amazing facilities.

*Article provided by Sue Owens*

# ... Graduations



## MAY GRADUATIONS



## CONGRATULATIONS MAY GRADUATES!

### ***Puppy to Level 1***

Liz & Doug Barlow & Hazel

### ***Intro to Level 1***

Helen/Von Mangahas & Josie  
Chris/Marissa Bourke & Dash  
Sean Tay & Oswald  
Anton Otto Persic & Audrey  
Vanessa Langley & Poppy  
Luke Gooden & Marley  
Sam Clarke & Chester  
Edward Butler & Hannah  
Sharon Morris & Sally  
Rui-Bin Gan & Luna  
Kelly Payne & Harper  
Chris/Josh Winen & Chewie

### ***Level 2 to Level 3***

Penny/Peter Cousins & Tilly  
James Blair & Albert  
Jarrod Noack & Deeks  
Debra Owens & Giselle  
Courtney Duffy & Coby  
Danny Camfferman & Alex  
Ana Richards & Ziggy

### ***Level 3 to Level 4***

Heather Naughton & Jack  
Cameron/Kerry Marlowe & Kaiser  
Brenda Allerton & Eddie

### ***Level 4 to Level 5***

Anita Sbona & Shasa



## ... Graduations cont...

### MAY GRADUATIONS cont...



## ... Useful Links

Pets of Charles Sturt  
<https://www.facebook.com/petsofcharlessturt/>

Mistakes to avoid when socialising dogs  
<https://www.ethogramdogbehaviour.com/dog-education-behavior-blog/198-mistakes-to-avoid-when-socializing-dogs.html?fbclid=IwAR0ixjEV9x8xJQzPjeV570FCZyMT Eo2gaz5WhcCRTzXFb15KITRTrQmErc>

Flooding. Why surrounding fearful/aggressive dogs with other dogs isn't the best idea.  
<https://www.dogdecoder.com/what-does-flooding-have-to-do-with-aggression-in-dogs/?fbclid=IwAR2Imuuv1WGYsYguY3XM7xE-XihqwmQ3umwFaqYY01O225-WFFJjadGLyuM>

Five ways you may be putting your child in danger around dogs  
[https://www.thefamilydog.com/blog/5-ways-you-may-be-putting-your-kids-in-danger-around-dogs/?fbclid=IwAR1aADLI4IQu-gXfgBU7-BEckQ8VFxN-kWtaq\\_Tp7SoV8rGRCyaSYW6S1R8](https://www.thefamilydog.com/blog/5-ways-you-may-be-putting-your-kids-in-danger-around-dogs/?fbclid=IwAR1aADLI4IQu-gXfgBU7-BEckQ8VFxN-kWtaq_Tp7SoV8rGRCyaSYW6S1R8)



## ... Graduations cont...



### JUNE GRADUATIONS



## CONGRATULATIONS JUNE GRADUATES!

### *Puppy to Level 1*

Tessa Reynolds & Clancy  
Sarah Thomas Madigan & Connor

### *Intro to Level 1*

Alison West & Cece  
Megan Koop & Millie  
Melina D'Agostini & Kad  
Mark/Jade Wylie & Spencer  
Kelly Payne & Willow  
Dean Wilkie & Frank  
Christina Asanopoulos & Teddy  
Damien Leonard & Winnie  
Natasha/Sam Darlaston & Honey  
David/Aiise Russell/Hardy & Debbie  
Sara Tripodo & Boomer  
Hannah Trobbiani & Raymond  
Geoff Gowling & Digby

### *Level 1 to Level 2*

Angela Whyte & Gus  
Anton Otto Persic & Audrey  
Chen Li & QQ  
Chris/Marissa Bourke & Dash  
Chris/Josh Winen & Chewie  
Edward Butler & Hannah  
Geoff/Michelle Randall/Hardy & Bailey  
Kathy Sramek & Scout  
Kelly Payne & Harper  
Laura Johns & Moe  
Liz/Doug Barlow & Hazel  
Luke Gooden & Alfie  
Rui-Bin Gan & Luna  
Sean Tay & Oswald  
Sladjana Ostojlic & Momo



# ... Graduations cont...

JUNE GRADUATIONS cont...



## CONGRATULATIONS JUNE GRADUATES!

### **Level 2 to Level 3**

Brandan Skurray & Klipper  
Brian Boettcher & Bindi  
Kylie/Peter Welsh & Scooby  
Leonie Seare & Bonny  
Roger Bruys & Tom  
Sachin Deshpande & Sammy  
Simon Johnson & Banjo

### **Level 3 to Level 4**

Ana Richards & Ziggy  
Candace Papagiannis & Pepper  
Jarrod Noack & Deeks  
Melanie Duffy & Harley  
Ned Zatezalo & Archie  
Wendy Gavin & Elon



## ... Graduations cont...

### JUNE GRADUATIONS cont...



### JULY GRADUATIONS



## CONGRATULATIONS JULY GRADUATES!

### *Puppy to Level 1*

Carol Lynette & Garland  
Trang/Mathew Nguyen/Appleyard & Bubbles  
Debbie Faulkner & Jasper  
Rebecca Faulkner & Ollie  
Anna Krssovka & Maya  
Pippa Hobbs-Stroud & Hugo  
Chris/Julie Bridges/Morrison & Lola  
Louise Dobbie & Ruby  
Jacqui Slater & Bear  
Emily Arena & Cyrus  
Sabine Kloss & Porsche  
Trev Ford & Aston  
Claire Jessup & Riley

### *Intro to Level 1*

Pauline Kennedy & Lilly  
Sam Williams & Bronte  
Joanne Brown & Summer  
Sam Shephard & Hady  
Yvonne Schwerdt & Toby

### *Level 1 to Level 2*

Alison West & Cece  
Andrew Heathershaw & Willow  
Christina Asanopoulos & Teddy  
Daniel Zaniewski & Winston  
David/Alise Russell/Hardy & Debbie  
Dean Wilkie & Frank  
Geoff Gowing & Digby  
Hannah Trobbiani & Raymond  
Helen/Von Mangahas & Josie  
John Dougan & Buddy  
Jordan Halstead & Koda  
Julie Mead & Hunter  
Kate Halstead & Tigerlily  
Kelly Payne & Harper  
Kelly Payne & Willow  
Megan Koop & Millie  
Melina D'Agostini & Kad  
Natasha/Sam Darlaston & Honey  
Sarah/Thomas Madigan & Connor  
Steph Overton & Tobias  
Tess Reynolds & Clancy



# ... Graduations cont...

## JULY GRADUATIONS cont...



## CONGRATULATIONS JULY GRADUATES!

### **Level 2 to Level 3**

Anton Otto Persic & Audrey  
Jan Walsh & Harvey  
Liz/Doug Barlow & Hazel  
Michelle Dougan & Alfie  
Mirella Biccì & Vjay  
Sladjana Ostojic & Momo

### **Level 3 to Level 4**

Courtney Duffy & Coby  
Jane Laing & Cali  
Julia Merkel & Ruby  
Margaret Walker & Angus  
Melissa Koop & Loki  
Robert Ellis & Beau



## ... Graduations cont...

### JULY GRADUATIONS cont...



## ... Become a Trainer



Woodville Dog Training Centre would not exist without volunteers. We'd love our classes to be smaller so there's more opportunity for owner/trainer interaction, but for that to happen we need more volunteers.

Do you like meeting people? Do you love dogs? Why not consider becoming a volunteer trainer with the club?

We will provide the training at no cost to you. All you need to give is some of your time. The majority of training is done "on the job" assisting one of the trainers on Sundays. The occasional group trainer sessions ensures all trainers have up-to-date training information.

You will still be able to attend classes to train your dog, and once your pup has graduated, they can still attend the club with you and continue to socialise.

The process of learning to become a trainer isn't as difficult as you might think. You've already learnt some of the basics by listening to your trainer and following their instructions. Taking the next step to become a trainer might seem daunting, but we can assure you it will be a rewarding one. You will be helping other dog lovers train their dogs, and you'll see the impact you have on them happen right before your eyes.

## Contact Us

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

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# 2019 Class Calendar

2019

## January

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Training



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## ... Club 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 8.45am 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. When weather conditions are extreme, modified classes will be conducted with the health and welfare of members, and dogs, in mind. If persistent rain, or a storm is forecast, please contact the club on 8268 5046 to determine if classes will be conducted.
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.

## Classes

8:30 am

Breakfast & Coffee

8:45 - 9.30am

Advanced Class

Rally

9:30 - 10:00 am

New Members

Puppy

Beginners

Class 1

10:15 - 10:45 am

Class 2

Class 3

Class 4



## 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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