

# WOODVILLE WOOF



Woodville Community Dog Training Centre Newsletter

March 2020

## .... from the President

What a great start to the New Year and new decade! Terrific weather, lots of people returning from last year and 48 new members in the first 3 weeks.

We will continue to work on and make our curriculum provide the best training we can for your pets. We are sending our Instructors for training in Force Free Training so we are up to date with what is happening.

Unfortunately some of our volunteers have had to leave for various reasons. Marilyn Pearson, Newsletter Editor, and Sue Whittaker, Secretary and Rally organiser. Sue definitely intends to return as soon as she can. We thank them both on your behalf for their valuable contribution and support of what we do.

We also thank Anja Grafton for taking over Rally which so many of you and your dogs enjoy. If you haven't tried it please do. It's great fun and a different activity to keep your dog interested.

Thanks to the City of Charles Sturt, our rickety front door is going to be replaced with a shiny new one! As always we deeply appreciate all the support we get from the council. Don't forget to try out the new lighting on the oval and around the sporting complex. More new stuff includes joining the NBN and getting a new printer because cartridges were no longer available for it. Throw away world is in full swing.

As always we appreciate your feedback. Our Instructors and people in the clubhouse including me are happy to chat and listen to ideas and concerns. If we don't know about it we can't fix it!

Have a wonderful year and enjoy every Sunday

*Claire Lowe*

President

### WCDC AGM - 15 March 10.10am

Woodville Community Dog Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 15 March at 10.10am.

The meeting will be held on the grounds between classes First classes will finish a little early, and the other classes will start later.

All members are invited so please stay after your class, or come a little early, relax on the grass and learn what the Club Executive does with your membership fees. The meeting will last around 30 minutes and then classes resume.

If you have an interest in joining the Committee, or nominating someone, nominations will be accepted until 9:30 am on the morning.

Nomination forms will be available from the club rooms.

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### 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:

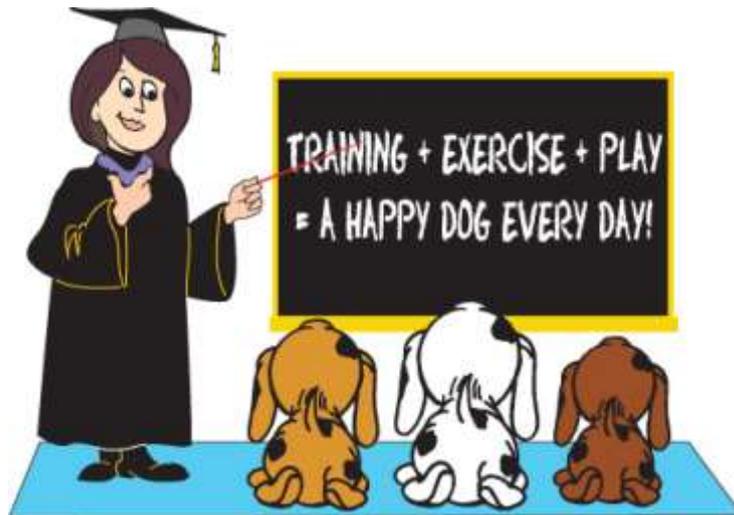
[newsletter@woodvilledogtraining.com.au](mailto:newsletter@woodvilledogtraining.com.au)

Please mark Att: Marilyn

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



## ... Becoming an Instructor



### **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 will be well taken care of and may 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. While you gain confidence you may wish to be an assistant to help with dogs that need a bit of one on one care

Please don't be afraid to check out with Dominick, John, Steve, Leann, Michelle, Ron, Jean or me about what is involved.

I never thought 18 years ago I would be instructing people in how to train their dog. I taught 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".

*Claire Lowe*

## ... Treat Etiquette



You see a dog running up to us in the park or coming towards you on the footpath.

You have doggy treats in your pocket so it's a lovely dog let's say "Hello" with a treat!

Would you want a stranger offering your young child sweets or cookies??

**OF COURSE NOT!**

We all know about allergies and safety.

It is the same with dogs.

No treats unless their owner agrees.

**BE POLITE, BE SAFE**

## ... A Wonderful Gift

Recently member Andrew Mockridge and his lovely dog Syd, approached me with a wonderful offer.

Andrew would take Syd to visit his Mother in the Nursing Home and she loved him being there as did others around her. She often commented on how well-behaved Syd was becoming and what a lovely dog he was.

Andrew has kindly donated \$1000 from his Mother's, Gwen Mockridge Estate to us.

At a recent meeting it was agreed that we create a budget line in Gwen's name and use the money to pay for training updates for our Instructors.

This way all of us will benefit from Andrew's generous gesture.

***Thank you Andrew from all of us.***

## ... Spot's Story - I Need Space Project!



My name is Spot and I am a Play-aholic.

I just can't resist the urge to play. I see another dog and I am off, I run straight up to that dog and jump in its face – it's ok though, I'm friendly.

But it hasn't always been ok. See the other day I saw a dog and off I went, mum was calling me, but that's ok too, see she does that, I know she's sticking around until I'm ready so I am going to get my play on, anyhow I ran straight up to this other dog who was still on a lead, poor fellow, he had a pretty yellow bandana that said "Give me space", I'm sure that just means that the big nasty dogs should stay away, not me, I'm Friendly. So, I go up to say "Hi" and the other dog bit me!!!

My mum was very upset, the other mum looked upset too. They couldn't decide who was in the wrong. Turns out that I wasn't "under effective control". So now I'm stuck on a lead too.

I am Spot and I am a play-aholic

It started when I was young, see I needed to meet lots of dogs to get socialised. Mum thought I had to play with them. I got to play with all sorts of dogs, but I never learnt manners. I didn't have to listen to mum when I played, I didn't have to wait to play, I just played. The more I played the more I wanted. Play is my drug.

Since I got bitten, I must attend Dog Training. It's hard, I can't just play with other dogs now. I must listen. It's not all bad, I get treats for listening. I do miss playing, but I have gained so much more. My mum is so happy with me now. I listen, I can go off lead because I come to mum when she calls me, mum has become my best friend.

My name is Spot and I am a recovering Play-aholic.

You can do this too; I promise it's fun. Come to training, and maybe, if we are really good, we can have a small play after to practice our recalls.

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Book a free trial class here: <https://canineinteraction.sites.zenplanner.com/freeTrial.cfm>

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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!



# ... Graduations

## NOVEMBER 2019 GRADUATIONS



## CONGRATULATIONS NOVEMBER GRADUATES!

### *Puppy to Level 1*

Matthew/Delina Herreen & Kade  
Debbie Brown & Lucky  
Jill/David Thorn & Co Co  
Graham/Kathy St Clair/Campbell & Magnus  
Anthony Valente & Ace  
Dianne Valente & Jax  
Nichole Luttrell & Beejay  
Marlene Henschke & Alfie

### *Intro to Level 1*

Melanie/ Daniel Ashford/Lepore & Archie  
Tayla Haslam & Winston  
Silvana Agostino & Francesca  
William Tremayne & Toby

### *Intro to Level 2*

Davina Lloyd & Jindy  
Heather Vogt & Frankie  
Margaret Steven & Winnie

### *Level 1 to Level 2*

Alex/Mel Brigden & Frankie  
Beau/Dana Halupka & Buddy  
Carolyn Catanzanti & Mumma  
Charne Ferreira & Dembe  
Jack Neeskeris & Milo  
Karen Lamb & Grace  
Kristina Shepherd & Django  
Lynn Martin & Scout  
Marlene Henschke & Alfie  
Same Edge & Nacho  
Wendy Norton & Esther



# ... Graduations cont...

## NOVEMBER 2019 GRADUATIONS cont...



## CONGRATULATIONS NOVEMBER GRADUATES

### *Level 2 to Level 3*

Amanda Cheah & Bailey  
Anna Krassovska & Maya  
Emily Gard & Izzy  
Jordon Halstead & Koda  
Kate Halstead & Tigerlilly  
Melina D'Agostini & Kad  
Rebecca Faulkner & Ollie  
Sarah/Thomas Madigan & Connor  
Wendy Gavin & Vinny

### *Level 3 to Level 4*

Andrew Mockridge & Syd  
Edward Butler & Hannah  
Iona Butterfield & Hudson  
Kylie/Cam Smith & Tonki  
Leanne May & Jasmin  
Matthew Phillips & Banjo  
Megan Koop & Millie  
Sean Tay & Oswald  
Sladjana Ostojic & Momo

### *Level 4 to Level 5*

Anton Otto Persic & Audrey  
Leonie Searle & Bonny  
Linda Vincent & Lizzie  
Tim Ruskin & Leo

### *Rally*

Shona Stewart & Grace graduated  
Novice Rally



# ... Graduations cont...

NOVEMBER 2019 GRADUATIONS cont...



## ... Integrate Dog Training Into Everyday Life

Training isn't just about attending dog training classes. Our dogs are learning from us all the time. Integrate training into everyday life.

1. **Find out what treats your dog likes best.** Use the 'regular' treats for easy training, and extra special treats for important behaviours like coming when called.
2. **Have frequent, short practice sessions.** 5-10 minute sessions several times a day generally work better than one long session. And it's easy to find time to fit in short, fun sessions.
3. **Set up treat stations.** Always have treats on hand to reward your dog for good behaviour. Plan ahead.
4. **When toilet-training, keep necessities by the door.** That means your coat and shoes, dog's harness and leash, rewards the dog (Remember: Don't punish your dog for accidents in the house.)
5. **Plan ahead for tricky situations.** Sometimes you know something will happen that your dog isn't trained for yet. Think about what you can do to prevent the situation from going pear-shaped. This is where Points #3 and #6 might be especially helpful.
6. **Use separation to keep dogs out of mischief.** For those times when you can't supervise closely enough, use barriers such as pet gates, puppy pens, and doors.
7. **Use food toys as easy enrichment.** Puzzle toys are a fun way to get your dog to work for their food, and some will keep your dog occupied for quite a while.
8. **Be consistent.** It helps the training if everyone in the household is consistent. Make sure everyone knows which behaviours to reward and where to find the treats
9. **See mishaps as training opportunities.** Sometimes training doesn't work out as well as hoped, or we put the dog in a situation that is too hard for them to deal with. Do what you need to in the moment, whether it's apologizing to the person whose clothes are now covered in your dog's muddy pawprints, or getting your dog away from something they are reacting to. Later, think about how you could prevent or resolve such a situation in the future.
10. **Be generous.** Remember that when your dog is doing what you're asking, they deserve to get paid promptly. This will help keep them motivated for more training.

Source: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/fellow-creatures/201912/ten-tips-integrate-dog-training-everyday-life>

## ... 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=IwAR0ixjEV9x8xJQzPjeV570FCZyMTEo2gaz5WhcCRTzXFb15KITRTrQmErc>

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)

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# 2020 Class Calendar

**JANUARY**

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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



## 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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