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Woodville Community Dog Training Centre Newsletter

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2022 TRAINING

Classes commence on first Sunday in February 2022 (Covid restrictions willing)

AGM NOTICE - WCDC AGM - 20 March 2022 10.10am

Woodville Community Dog Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 20 March 2022 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.

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 dog food, ideas to put forward for discussion about the running of the club.

Please note given the current climate with Covid, any dates mentioned in this newsletter are subject to Covid restrictions as determined by SA Health at the time.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT.....

Our last Woof Edition for 2021, a year of both change and challenge! The Xmas break will give all of us time to relax and sleep in on Sundays, re-energised and ready to meet further change and challenge in 2022!

WCDTC has recently attended two Community events, Doggie Day on the Beach, in October at Henley Square and the opening of another Scentsory Garden by City of Charles Sturt, SemaPaw Park last weekend. These forums provide good opportunities for education about Force Free training with Positive Reinforcement and foster networking opportunities with other local providers for both mutual and community benefit.

A new online enrolment and renewal of membership system will commence next year. Cashless transactions will be encouraged in both shop and Café, with limited cash facilities still remaining if preferred and prices being rounded up or down to the nearest 50 cents or dollar. A price review of Café Maxi will be undertaken over the break, it has been a very long time since the last one! That delicious hot coffee and those bulging, succulent Egg and Bacon Sandwiches are legendary - a bargain at any price!

Our expanded Shop is thriving, with more product lines being introduced next year. Security Sensors have been installed in our Clubhouse, with CCTV cameras also being installed before Xmas to monitor the oval, completing our Security upgrade.

Education of our Instructors/Aspiring Instructors and Class Assistants will be more structured next year with regular information sessions, practical, hands-on training sessions, guest speakers and presentations being introduced. Regular, specialised PowerPoint presentations will be given, and our print and DVD libraries will be updated and expanded to provide all trainers with opportunities to stay informed of modern, science based animal training methods. This translates to more enhanced learning experiences for our members and their dogs.

Our expanded Rally Class has been very popular, with a good response from newcomers to our Come Try October.

Unfortunately, these innovations all require increased expenditure and our Joining Fee and Annual Membership prices will increase from the beginning of next year to reflect this. Our last increase was a decade ago, running costs have steadily increased in price over that time, but not our fees!

We are still in need of people wanting to train to become Instructors or Class Assistants, General Helpers, Shop Staff and a Registrar. They can be current/future members, or family/neighbours/friends. Our last request for volunteers has so far resulted in only one new face in our shop! If we are to continue our current class levels and provide a better overall training experience for all members, we need more people to step up! Ideally, we would like to offer smaller classes (with more personalised attention) and also specialised classes for those interested in learning more advanced training techniques. This is impossible to achieve without more Instructors. Please give this some thought, time commitment is negotiable.

Please remember our annual Xmas Funday, Sunday 5th at 09:30, see our Facebook page for details. Remember to monitor our Facebook page for any changes due to COVID developments. Raffle tickets will be available for \$1 each, many thanks to those whose contributions to our gift baskets have made this a bumper year for prize winners! Remember also our online sale of tickets for the Peoples' Choice Home Lottery. Please ensure you do this through our Facebook Page so that WCDTC receives the proceeds of our sales.

From myself and all the Team at Woodville Community Dog Training Centre we wish you all a safe and Happy Festive Season, and very Best Wishes for 2022. We look forward to seeing you all again then!

LEANN HOPPO - President/Instructor



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HOW TO WALK A HUMAN A Dogs Guide

Humans need exercise. If they don't get it they become "chubby". It's up to you to save them.

1. Allow your human to tether themselves to you. This keeps them from wondering off or running away.
2. Your human will probably need breaks. Be considerate and stop and sniff often.
3. Bark frequently. Humans have short attention spans.
4. When you go to the bathroom, walk away. If you have trained your human correctly, they will pick it up. Good aerobics.
5. Periodically drag your human as fast as you can. This is called interval training.
6. Do not allow your human to shorten the walk. They are being lazy. Sit in protest if you must.
7. Once you return home, allow your human to remove their tether then lick their face many times. This is positive reinforcement for a job well done.



... 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



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GAP - Greyhounds As Pets - by Leann Hoppo

As we are regularly welcoming Greyhounds for pet dog training at WCDTC let me take this opportunity to briefly acquaint you with some of the lesser known facts about this beautiful breed.

Modern Greyhounds are usually associated with racing but the breed is of noble origin, dating back to Ancient Egypt . Greyhounds are the oldest purebred dog and the only breed mentioned in the Bible (Proverbs 30, 29-31) They appear in both Greek and Roman Mythology, two noted enthusiasts being Alexander the Great and Odysseus. They are mentioned in the writings of both Shakespeare and Chaucer and appear in ancient Tapestries and Paintings in Stately Homes and Palaces in Great Britain and Europe. All modern Sighthounds descended from ancient Greyhounds.

Until the early 20th Century they were mainly bred for hunting and coursing, more recently they have evolved into both the racing superstars of the Canine species and after retirement, the loved family pets we now see more and more frequently. Sadly, this has not always been the fate of “retired” racing Greyhounds.

Greyhounds are unique in many ways :

- Their blood chemistry is unusual, their high blood Haemoglobin level delivers more oxygen to their cells than any other breed, making them the exceptional racers they are, and enables them to be life-saving blood donors for other breeds.
- They are sensitive to Insecticides, e.g. Flea Collars, Sprays, Domestic Insecticides etc.
- They have no undercoat and very low body fat. You will often see them wearing coats for this reason, they feel the cold!
- Their double suspension gallop and spinal flexibility allows them to reach speeds of up to 70 kph very quickly. With the highest % fast twitch muscles of any breed they fleetingly can have all four feet off the ground at their fastest running gait.

Our Instructor, Steve has recently adopted “Betty”, a 2 yr old female retired racer who had a very successful career until it was discovered she had become blind in one eye due to an infection in her jaw which spread and damaged her optic nerve.



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... Some Interesting Facts & Figures...

Check out the most popular dog breeds and their most popular names amongst our current members below...

#	Dog Breeds	Tally
1	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	44
2	Border Collie	33
3	Labrador	31
4	Kelpie	25
5	Golden Retriever	22
6	Labradoodle	19
7	Cavoodle	18
8	Maltese Shitzu	13
9	Jack Russel	12
10	Spoodle	11
11	Groodle	10
	German Shepherd	10
13	Australian Cattle Dog	9
14	Toy Poodle	7
	Siberian Husky	7
16	French Bulldog	6
	Cocker Spaniel	6
	Chihuahua	6
	Beagle	6
20	German Shorthaired Pointer	5
21	Tenterfield Terrier	4
	Shetland Collie	4
	Rottweiler	4
24	Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever	3

#	Popular Dog Names	Tally
1	Luna	10
2	Charlie	8
3	Poppy	7
4	Alfie	6
5	Archie	6
6	Arlo	6
7	Bella	5
8	Frankie	5
9	Lucy	5
10	Rosie	5
11	Willow	5
12	Max	4
13	Molly	4
14	Scout	4
15	Stella	4
16	Tilly	4
17	Ziggy	4



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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR NOVEMBER GRADUATES!

Introduction Graduates

Nyssa Lloyd & Bear
Rosie Wilkes & Reggie
Meredith Nickels & Lily
David King & Gilligan
Dianna Franklin & Regal
Angela Ross & Denise
Alisa Jackson & Jimmy
Errica Lim & Lea
Craig Chopping & Poppy
Graham Thomson & Onyx
Debra Tilley & Neville
Simon Wheeler & Charlie
Wendy Babidge & Archie
Kim Constable & Daisy
Trim Rachel & Luna
Elina Sam & Arlo
Andrew Woitd & Ella



Class 1 Graduates

Alex & Amelia Cecchin & Koda
Fernanda Alvares Miyashiro & Whisky
Jason Kemp & Frankie
Abbey Hosking & Albert
Almir Alispahic & Rocky
Belinda Cher & Aki
Chloe Lee & Otto
Maria Glebora & Ozzie
Luke Wetherell & Fleagle
Sachin Khambata & Wilfred
Amy Wells & Lenny

Class 2 Graduates

Franca Morabito & Arlo
Georgie Smith & Marvin
Alexandra Curtis & Marvin
Tim Buck & Kiya
Catherine Liddy & Trumby
Michelle Roberts & Peanut

A special mention also to all those members who also graduated the 4 week Introduction to Rally O course...Well done everyone

Class 2 Graduates (con't)

Ben Taylor & Edith
Brad & Melissa Harper & Neo
Julie Will & Woody
Ashly Betts & Billie
Karen Fernandes & Luke Rivett & Charlie
Rachel Warren & Sparky
Matthew Collins & Alfie
David Arrowsmith & Benji
Kirstie & Alex Quidacciolu & Dozer
Robi & Li Fernandez & Otis
Warren & Jean Williams & Winnie
Joan Tilley & Lilly
Marie Capelle & Penny
Ravinder Dhugga & Alfie

Class 3 Graduates

Chris Rivett & Zak
Lina Vozzo & Rex
Paul Hunter & Cobba

Class 4 Graduates

Matthew & Delina Hereen & Kade
Georgina Pearce & Daisy
Kylie Gilbert & Poppy
Virginia Earle & Peggy
Mel & Anthony Obst & Ralph
Stephanie Wright & Gem
Heather Naughton & Jack
Margaret Marchant & Jess
Michelle Stephens & Toby
Brenton Costello & Nala
Donna George & Maisy
Chloe & Carmel Edwards & Lucy

Class 5 ATC Graduates

Rui Bin & Luna
Rita Bicci & Vijay
Tom Dey & Jess
Linda Vincent & Lizzie
Cathy Manson & Remy



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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>

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When Is It TOO COLD & TOO HOT?

					
F	C	Small	Medium	Large	
95°	35°	5	5	5	+1 if obese.
90°	32°	5	5	5	+1 brachycephalic.
85°	29°	4	4	5	+1 if under 6 months or senior.
80°	24°	3	3	4	-1 if shade available.
75°	23°	3	3	3	-1 if readily available water.
70°	21°	2	2	3	
65°	18°	1	1	2	
60°	16°	1	1	1	1 No evidence of risk: have fun outside!
55°	13°	1	1	1	2 Risk is unlikely: have fun outside, but be careful.
50°	10°	2	1	1	3 Unsafe potential for certain breeds when outside.
45°	7°	2	2	1	4 Dangerous weather: use caution.
40°	4°	3	3	2	5 Life-threatening: avoid prolonged outdoor activity.
35°	2°	3	3	3	
30°	-1°	3	3	3	
25°	-4°	4	4	3	
20°	-7°	5	4	3	
15°	-9°	5	4	4	
10°	-12°	5	5	5	+2 if wet weather is present.
5°	-15°	5	5	5	-1 if northern breed or heavy coat.
0°	-18°	5	5	5	-1 if dog is acclimated to cold.

Source: www.gopetplan.com



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The 3 second meet and greet... 3 seconds is the maximum time you should allow for an initial greeting.

**Count in your head - 1 Sniff, 2 Sniffs, 3 - AND GO!
If either dog is looking tense then leave sooner.**

**Pay close attention to both dogs -
Things can escalate very quickly!**

**Keep your leash loose -
A tight leash can raise arousal.**

**Let them sniff butt! This is a more 'polite'
way of greeting than face on.**



**By following these simple steps you can help keep your
dog safer and encounters with others a pleasant experience.**

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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=IwAR0ixjEV9x8xJQzPjeV570FCZyMTEo2gaz5WhcCRTzXFb15K1TRTrQmErc>

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=IwAR2Imuuv1WGYsYquY3XM7xE-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=IwAR1aADLI4lQu-gXfgBU7-BEckQ8VFXn-kWtaq_Tp7SoV8rGRCyaSYW6S1R8

Online Dog Training Courses

www.dognostics.com.au

Online Tutorials and Videos check out the following on Facebook

Canineology

Dogmantics

or You Tube

Dog Training by Kikopup



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... Club Rules

A copy of the Centre's constitution is available from the Club House

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 8.30am 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 check our Facebook Page or contact the club on 0429 185 385 to determine if classes will be conducted.
8. Current vaccination certificates must be produced 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.



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Findon Veterinary Clinic

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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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STAY SAFE
HAVE FUN WITH YOUR DOG
SEE YOU IN 2022 (Ed)

