



Woodville Community Dog Training Centre

WOODVILLE WOOF

JUNE 2022

From the President - Leann Hoppo

June already, the year is half gone! A few changes this year, with more to come...

Online Membership Platform

On 29th April our first new online membership was purchased quickly and easily, in one transaction. Despite the usual teething problems, this has continued successfully, with membership renewals being next to go on line. This saves time and effort, which can be channelled into other areas still under development. Inductions continue to be spread over 2 nights to allow maximum distancing, this will continue for the foreseeable future. Feedback continues to be very positive.

Shop and Café Re-Branding

Our Shop and Café are about to be rebranded as Rainbow Shop and Rainbow Café, in recognition of the many dogs from WCDTC who, over many years, have crossed the Rainbow Bridge, and continuing.

We honour all animals who have made this journey.

The Shop and Café continue to be very popular. Snuffle Mats are again available, in addition to new Mini Dog Waste Bags and Puppingtons' soft collars. Kong Products will also be appearing shortly, and an increased range of Lickimats.

Both Shop and Café are open from 08:30-11:00.

Harness fitting

More harness fitters are being trained, to ensure that the demand from new members in particular on their first training day can be met.

Council Dog Registrations

Dog Registration renewals will commence from July 1st – August 31st. On presentation of proof, a rebate will be given by City of Charles Sturt to all dogs being trained at WCDTC, where Force Free, Positive Reinforcement training methods are used. Commencing next Graduation Day, 3rd July – weather/Covid permitting – members will be given a certificate by their Instructor which can be uploaded or shown when registering or re-registering your dog, to receive the discount.

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COVID REMINDER

A number of our volunteers have immune compromised family or are themselves immunocompromised.

Committee has asked that all people attending the Shop or Café please continue to wear a mask and use the hand sanitisers provided

Newsletter Items

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

Or something you would like more information on?

Maybe you've seen a great dog article, or have photos to share, recipes for dog food?

Email suggestions to:

newsletter@woodvilledogtraining.com.au

Please mark Attn: Sue

From the President - Leann Hoppo (Con't.)

Doggie Day on the Green

WCDTC attended Doggie Day on the Green on May 1st, a Sunday. This conflicted with training but due to the commitment shown by our Volunteers, we were able to successfully hold Classes and also attend the event. Sincere thanks to those who held the fort at training and those who helped out at DDOG. Many thanks also to those members who attended training first and then came along to our Marquee at DDOG to say hello!

These events allow providers to promote their services, e.g. Training, Therapy, Doggie Day Care, RSPCA, and to inform attendees about what is available in the ever expanding world of dog related products/services. Many educational training demonstrations are given by highly qualified and experienced trainers from a variety of backgrounds and experience. Other exhibits offer a vast range of canine products, services and information, all in one location, well worth a look!

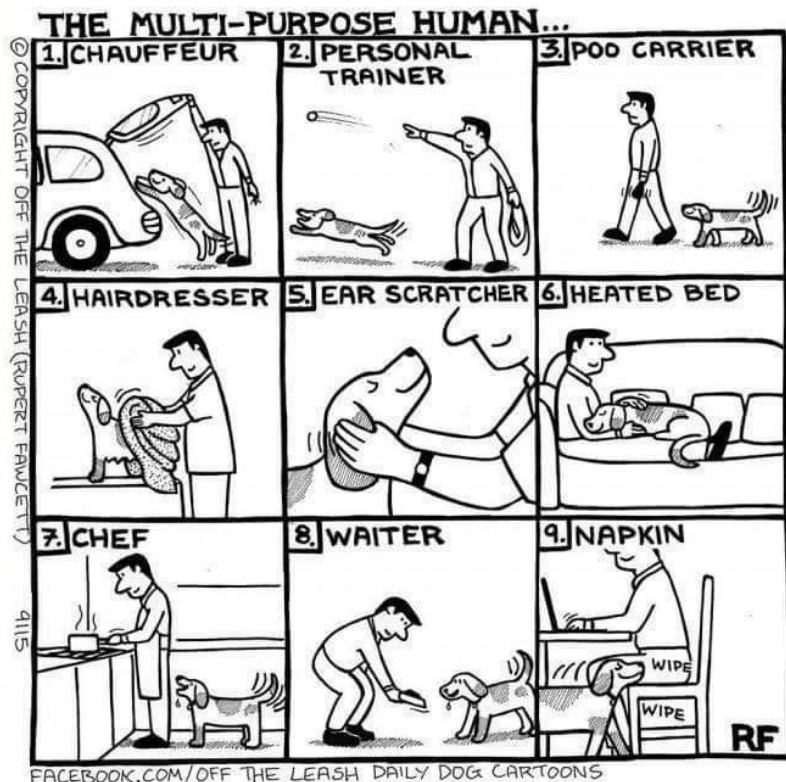
Volunteers Needed

Once again, a shout out for more Volunteers please! In particular, Shop Staff, Class Assistants, and people to help set up in the mornings, particularly the heavier work, pulling carts, etc.

Remember to watch our Facebook Page over winter for weather cancellations.

Stay warm, well and dry, see you soon!

Cheers, Leann.



BARKING

How do I get my dog to stop barking?

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All dogs bark. It is a natural way for them to communicate and many of us like our dogs to bark when something happens to alert us. But sometimes we just want them to stop!

There are many reasons why dogs bark. Being bored, lonely, frustrated, frightened, excited, alerting, are just some examples – and depending upon what we are doing or our mood, we either yell at our dog, do absolutely nothing, or perhaps go and see what our dog is barking at. If we are inconsistent with how we respond to their barking, it's reasonable that they continue to do it.

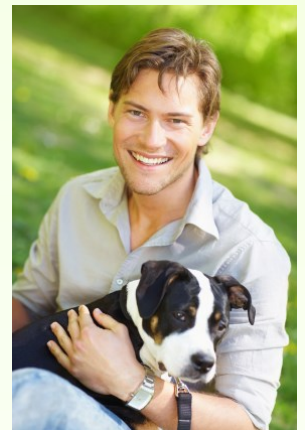
We need to give our dogs some rules. For 'alert' barking we need to teach our dog that it is OK to bark but they need to know when to stop.



So, how do we train it?

Load yourself up with some of your dog's favourite treats.

Find a quiet spot without any distractions and when your dog is not barking, get his attention and simply feed your dog a treat and at the same time, say 'quiet'. Your dog doesn't have to sit or do anything else – they just need to be quiet. Do this a few times making sure that your dog is still engaged with your 'quiet'. Repeat your training using your word a few times a day, or as often as you can, without boring your dog. Add some congratulatory words too – like 'good dog'. Your dog will learn to know that word 'quiet' earns him a treat or two.



Next time your dog is barking, go and see what they are barking at. Take with you those fantastic treats that you have been using with the word 'quiet'. You will use the treats to reinforce your dog when they stop barking. Place a treat under your dog's nose saying 'quiet'. Your dog will hopefully take your treat and should stop barking – a dog can't bark if there is something in his mouth. Continue to feed your dog a treat saying 'quiet' and tell him how good he is.

However, if he doesn't stop barking you may have to set up situations where your dog will bark so that you can practise your training or try with a higher level reward. If your dog responds to your 'quiet' you know you have the issue resolved and can use it with periodic reinforcement of treats each time.

If you do this consistently, your dog will learn to stop barking whenever you say 'quiet'.

Article from PPG Australia (website www.ppgaustralia.net.au). PPG Australia is a membership organisation representing pet industry professionals who are committed to science-based, force-free training and pet care.

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Huge Congratulations to all of our Graduates
April / May Graduates

Graduation Ceremony May 2022

Introduction 1

KLAUDIA	EREIZ	OLLIE
GUY	TUNBRIDGE	DOUGAL
JON	MANGAHAS	DOUGLAS
SIMON & MANITA	VERNON-SKEWES	FRANKIE
ANNA	BEDFORD	ROGER
LEON	COOK	SYRAH
SHEILA	BIRD	GEORGIA
ELLIE	MORROW	BUDDIE
DILLAN	WILSON	CHARLIE

Introduction 2

RICKY	VASSALLO	COCO
ASHLEY & PAT	RUEHLAND	SUMMER
SARAH	GOODWIN	ALFIE
JOSHUA	CARR	OLLIE
KEREN	HAYES	LUNA
IAIN	DAVIDSON	FLOYD
FOTINA (FAYE)	GRANT	JAKE
STEVE	MORABITO	HAVANA
KERRYIN	BRENT	DUSTIN
LISA	CLARK	NALA
ARNO & KELLY	ZIERVOGEL	NALA
JOHN	HUNT	RIELEY

Introduction 3

JAMES	RIVETT	WINNIE
ALISON	VERBEEK	CHOOWEE
JULIE	BOTTOMLEY	JACK
JANE	ALYCE-HUMPHRIES	FREYA

Class 1

LINDY	CHIGWIDDEN	ARTIE
DAVID	REHN	EMMY
NATALIA	ATKINS	FRITZ
AILISH	BURKE	HUMPHREY
JUDITH	COCKS	MOLLIE
MADELINE	COX	CHARLIE
MARIA	FEDELE	ROBBIE
BERNADETTE / STEPHEN	BLAIRS	ELLA
AMELIA & MARK & KELLY	WOOLLEY	FRANKIE
REBECCA	WOODS	NOVA

Class 2

ANDREW	WOIDT	ELLA
MEREDITH	NICKELS	LILY
CLAIRE	LOWE	TOOTSI
MICHAEL & HANNAH	LATUS	MOLLY
DEBRA	BALLANTYNE	LEO
AILSA	JACKSON	JIMMY
DIANNE	CATTON	HARLEY

Class 3

TIM	BUCK	KIYA
MELISSA	HARPER	NEO
MARIA	GLEBORA	OZZI

Class 4

TODD	GIRDLER	MOLLY
AIMEE	BEECHING	BAILEY
FELICITY	McGOVERN	SCOUT

Class 5

CLAIRE	JESSOP	RILEY
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A Few Photos from Our May 2022 Graduation Ceremony
Congratulations Everyone !!



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Extract from our Train at Home Guide - an instructors perspective

The Four D's Duration, Distance, Distraction and Diversity Part 2 of 2

Our **Train at Home Guide** has a wealth of information and includes all of the exercises we do in class. Over the next few newsletters I will include information that attempts to 'unpack' some of the information a little further from my own experience as a volunteer Instructor. Sue Owen

Distraction

Most initial training starts in a non-distracting environment to allow the dog to focus. Proof a behaviour (make it more reliable) by adding small distractions, gradually increasing the degree of difficulty, but significantly lower duration and distance criteria. For 'sit', start by standing next to him and use increasing distractions (show him a ball, and gradually rebuild duration and distance). Eventually toss/bounce the ball while the dog remains sitting. Distraction can also be provided by the environment, so train in different rooms in the house, backyard, front yard, street, park, shopping centres, etc.

In my experience:

Work on Distraction should occur once the behaviour is 'solid' (proofed as working with Distance and Duration) BEFORE adding either Distraction or Diversity to your dog's behaviours.

Now is a great time to practice a behaviour using the 'System of Fives' (Look it up in the Train at Home Guide). The System of Fives will be a great help when understanding where your dog is up to with a behaviour when introducing distractions.

Please be patient with your dog as you increase the difficulty for them and definitely lessen the distractions if it looks as though the behaviour is not working.

Diversity

Provide diversity in the training environment. Train on different surfaces, at different times of the day or give cues in a different order. Give cues in a different context (ask the dog to sit when you're sitting, lying down, in the car, next to the gate, at a curb, with some one nearby, when you're at a traffic light, etc.). Give cues when the dog is in a different position relative to you (your left/right/behind, close by or far away) and ask the dog to move in different directions. Practice indifferent locations

In my experience:

Diversity is probably the last one of the 4 D's that I personally would use when training a dog. Once a dog has proved themselves with each of their behaviours in respect of the other 3 D's I would then start to mix up the diversity for them to improve reliability generally. To some extent this will be determined by the dog, some dogs lack confidence so may improve using diversity. Remember when adding in a new 'D' to your training make sure you monitor the dog's response to cues so that you can modify your training to suit the dog and in doing so help them succeed.



CANINE ENRICHMENT IDEAS



ENRICHMENT IDEAS

Here are some ideas for enrichment activities which can help your dog engage in different ways. Each of the categories cater to the types of stimulation dogs need to help them feel satisfied and fulfilled.

Try to pick 1 activity in each of the categories to try so that your dog can experience different sensations everyday.

Try not to do the same thing more than 3 times in the week to keep enrichment interesting for your dog - even if they love it. Activities which you do regularly can become part of a routine and can lose their enrichment factor.

Modify the enrichment to suit your dog's level of engagement. Remember to start easy with a new activity.

Enrichment should always be fun, not frustrating.

FOOD

- Scatter feeding in grass
- Scatter feeding snuffle mat
- Hide dinner around house
- KONG Wobbler
- KONG Classic
- Cardboard boxes
- Toilet paper parcels
- Play catch with food
- Food in plastic bottle
- Food on Lickimat
- Hide food under cups/pots
- Hide food under cones
- String paper cups together
- Hide food in an old toy
- Hide food in rope toy
- Hide food in an old t-shirt
- Hide food in a twisted towel
- Puzzle feeder
- Slow feeder bowl
- Bob for food in bucket/pool
- New natural chew
- Taster menu of new foods
- Lickimat Wobble bowl
- Food dispensing toy
- Snuffle box feeding

COGNITIVE

- Teach play dead
- Link different tricks together
- Work on coordination
- Practice loose lead walking
- Practice settle & wait cues
- Learn clicker training
- Practice name recognition
- Teach your dog how to put their toys away
- Teach the middle cue
- Teach how to retrieve an item
- Teach the Bucket Game
- Teach leave it & drop cues
- Join online trick groups
- Work on door manners
- Practice recall somewhere safe
- Teach a reliable emergency stop cue
- Teach your dog a new word
- Take your training to a new spot to practice known cues
- Try dog parkour

SOCIAL

- Play tug
- Give your dog a massage
- Brush your dog
- Play retrieve
- Cuddle your dog
- Play hide & seek
- Invite a friend over who your dog really likes
- Have a doggy play date with a friendly, well liked dog
- Visit a well liked family member
- Try yoga together
- Have your dog chase you, then you chase them
- Spend 1:1 time with your dog
- Take a nap together
- Join a group activity (Hoopers, Rally, etc.)
- Read to your dog
- Take your dog hiking
- Take a walk with friends
- Research (Pets as Therapy) PAT dog training for schools hospitals and nursing homes

SENSORY

- Decompression walk in a well known space
- Go on a Sniffari
- Teach find it
- Visit a new place
- Spend time in the garden
- Plant interesting smelling plants/flowers/herbs
- Get a paddling pool
- Listen to soothing music
- Listen to an audiobook
- Watch a nature program
- Go on a car ride
- Play with a flirt pole
- Swap dog toys with a friend
- Flavored bubbles
- Make pupicles
- Try aromatherapy
- Take your dog to a pet store and let them explore
- People watch
- Listen to birds chirping
- Find a new walking trail
- Let your dog lead you on a walk

* remember to only engage in the activities IF your dog finds those individually rewarding *

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It is absolutely impossible to teach a dog "don't." **Don't** pull on leash, **don't** jump on strangers, **don't** chase the deer, **don't**, **don't**, **don't**. However, it is incredibly easy to teach a dog "do." **Do** walk calmly by my side, **do** sit politely for petting, **do** come instantly when I call. This may seem like a subtle and negligible difference - do versus don't, and you are right, it is subtle, but very important. If you are always focused on what you **don't** want your dog to do, you may lose sight of the real picture - what you want the dog to **do instead**. Once you have your "do's" in place, you'll be able to fix any problem that comes down the pike.



Let Them Sniff

Why is it important to let your dog sniff on walk?

- Dogs "see" the world through their noses
- Slow scent/sniffy walks let your dog absorb and process all the scents
- Gives you insights into their behaviours
- Mentally and physically stimulating
- Decreases their heart rate
- Decreases their stress levels
- Improves behaviour
- It's their walk not yours



Welcome to RALLY

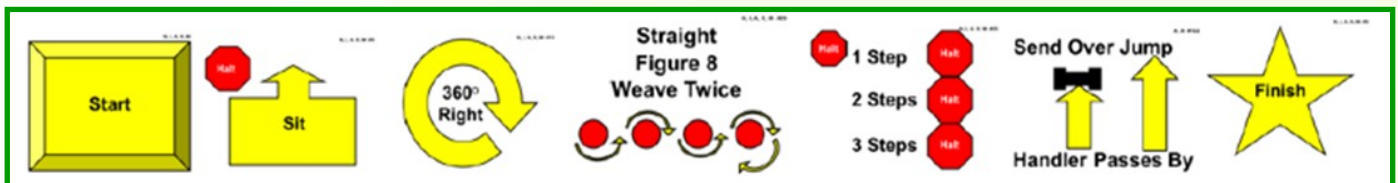


INTRODUCTION

There are many options out there for dog owners who feel as though their dog may excel in something more than general training for dogs.

So, as an additional or continuance path to your normal training **Rally** can be a fun and active sport for just about any dog and their handler!

Rally is different from the traditional training you do with your dog, relying on signs throughout a course that designate different tasks for the handler and dog to perform at each station. (Normally 15 stations)



Rally is especially great for dogs who require frequent exercise and mental stimulation to stay busy and happy and can help form a fantastic bond between you and your dog.

It may take some time to learn each of the tasks, but teams can progress through each of the level in just a few months.

To begin training for **Rally** with your dog, make sure that your dog has the basics of training including 'sit', 'stay', 'drop', 'come', and 'let's go'

Rally helps to develop better teamwork between you and your dog and can help sharpen your dog's skills, focus & behavior.



Rally is a great alternative for those who have completed their basic training (class 5) and wish to continue training with their dog.

Rally Training is every Sunday (except P/H)
9.30 -10.30am on the lawn in front of the club rooms

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We are grateful to our **Ambassador - Mayor Angela Evans** and also **our sponsors** for their ongoing support

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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