



Woodville Community Dog Training Centre

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From the President – Leann

Spring is on the horizon and our thoughts are turning to planning for the final training months of this year. With weather becoming more reliable we hope the last training cancellation is behind us. If so, our last training day will be on 26th November and our annual Xmas Fun Day will be on 3rd December. We are intending this year to utilise the new barbeque area on our Fun Day.

A large shed was recently erected not far from the tap area, on the opposite side of the fence to the larger kindergarten shed. This will be used for storage of items not used frequently. Our other storage shed, on the opposite side of the clubrooms will be tidied even further, with easier access to items used weekly. Many thanks to City of Charles Sturt, for providing funding to enable purchase of this shed, and manpower to enable assembly and installation. Many thanks also to Councillor Kelly Thomas, for securing funding for this project.

Discussions are currently in progress with Council to take steps to improve the condition of the park for 2024 and beyond, resulting in less training cancellations due to ongoing damage caused by football parking. This has been a persistent problem spanning many decades. With adequate, consistent preparation during the non-football season, and increased management and surveillance of Game Day entry, exit and parking procedures, the park should remain viable for all activities - dog training, community use and football parking.

Our progress toward Force Free accreditation is steadily continuing, with class sizes continually being monitored, and tweaked in readiness. Small class sizes are non-negotiable to gain RSPCA accreditation, 8 with an Instructor and Assistant, or 6 with Instructor only. This allows more attention for each class member but relies on adequate numbers of volunteers. As always, more Instructors are required and importantly, more class assistants. If you can spare time on Sunday mornings and are interested in learning more about training and understanding dogs, please ask your Instructor for details. Fringe benefits apply.

Our Rainbow Shop and Rainbow Café continue to be popular, with dehydrated Prime 100 products now available in the shop. Prime 100 is very popular with dogs, the dehydrated version is easy and light to carry and can be stored at room temperature.

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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 to please continue to wear a mask and use the hand sanitisers provided.

NEW CLASS TIMES:

8:45 Classes 1 and 2

9:30 Classes 3 and 4 and Rally

10:15 Class 5 and Intro

From the President (cont'd)

A new Graduation system is being trialled currently. The next Graduation ceremony will be held at 09:20 and thereafter, ribbons and certificates will be handed out by Instructors in class to graduating learners on testing day. Photo opportunities will still be available, and photos will continue to appear on our FB page.

Can any members who for any reason are not returning, please notify us? This saves time and effort for our (unpaid) volunteers. A simple text to the club phone "NOT RETURNING" is all that is required – 0429 185 385. This will help stop unnecessary invoices being generated. If you do not notify us, we have no way of knowing you are not returning.

Despite a few initial problems, new class times are going well. Hopefully these are easier to remember. A reminder also that SMS notifications re class times are no longer sent –

Session 1 - 08:45 - 09:15 - Classes 1 & 2

Session 2 - 09:30 -10:00 - Classes 3 & 4

Session 3 - 10.15 -10:45 - Classes 5, Intro 1 & Intro 2.

Intro learners in the last session can also see Class 5 training, giving them some insight into what they can aspire to with patience, consistency and effort. As there are less classes training in the last session, the park is less congested and Intro dogs and their guardians are able to concentrate more easily.

A reminder also to get into the habit of checking the whiteboard near the clubrooms for class information, and checking tree trunks for white boards with class numbers written on them in black marker.

Enjoy your training, see you on Sunday!

LEANN HOPPO

PRESIDENT

MEET OUR TEAM: JACK

Hi my name is Jack. I recently joined the WDTC instructor team. I have a one year old border collie named Jasper. I've wanted a Border Collie for years and have always loved their seemingly endless energy and cheeky but loving personalities. I've always had a personal interest in dog training having always had dogs as I was growing up. Jasper is very active and true his breed loves to work, training together gives us an opportunity to bond and channel his drive into something positive. If don't give him an outlet for that energy, my couch starts to look real tasty. Since he enjoys training so much, I've found myself constantly having to update and modify our training sessions to keep them interesting for him. Which prompted me to start looking more into dog training methods and approaches so that I could manage and focus his drive onto me. I was asked by WDTC if I wanted to give instructing a go. I thought it would be a great way to learn from some very experienced dog trainers and help build on my training knowledge which has helped both Jasper and I greatly.



Our Shop now stocks leads from
Friendly Dog Collars.

Prevent incidents BEFORE they occur



From the Chief Instructor – Carolyn

As we head into Spring, we can now look forward to better training weather and much better grounds to train on.

We will be making some small changes over the next few months. The first of which was the change to our class times. Moving forward, we will be teaching you how to “drop the lure” as you move through the classes. We thank you all for your support with these changes.

As we head closer to our Force Free Accreditation, a lot more emphasis is being put on our class sizes. The requirement is a maximum of 6 members with 1 Instructor, or maximum of 8 members with an Instructor and a Class Assistant. We have been very fortunate to have some of our members further their training knowledge by taking on Class Assistant and Instructor roles. If you feel this is something you would like to do, I’m happy to have a chat any Sunday.

From the Rally and Tricks Instructor - Anje

Since the beginning of Rally & Tricks, I am pleased to say 3 Master, 4 Excellent, 5 Advanced and 9 Novice ribbons have been awarded, which is no mean feat. To this, we my fellow Instructors and I, have watched as the partnership between loyal friend and care giver has grown. Every time someone comes to us, they are amazed at how quickly their dog picks up a certain move or trick, like “paws up”. All dogs love this trick. It is a pleasure to watch those tails wag and beaming smiles as they both dog and owner, move through a Rally course and find all those levels they passed sink into their memories.

We are also very pleased with our Rally & Tricks Social Memberships and encourage anyone who has completed Class 5 and wants to continue learning and socialising, to enquire about a Social Membership when your renewal is due.



ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEAD BY 8:30AM.

Please keep noise to a minimum so as not to impact our neighbours.



IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP UP TO DATE?

Renewal fees are due 12 months from when you joined. Please email info@woodvilledogtraining.com.au if you aren't sure when yours is due.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT BREED FOR YOU

A dog is a big commitment, often over many years. Choosing the most suitable breed for your lifestyle is paramount – for both you, your family and your dog. Consider all the implications, have family discussions, and do your homework before taking the next step. Search on line for information from the myriad sites available, many with checklists to make your job easier and to ensure as much as possible, that you make the best choice possible. Be patient, take your time, choose well.

Dogs are not a “throw away” commodity. Rescue facilities and private rescue organisations in South Australia are already bursting to the point of turning dogs away.

Remember too, that dogs are sentient beings – they too have feelings and understand much more than most people realise! Mental enrichment for dogs is as important as physical exercise. Dogs feel boredom, despair, joy, happiness, helplessness, depression, fear and many other “human” emotions. Mental enrichment helps alleviate their boredom and challenges them which can result in more resilient, fulfilled, happier animals.



Although we’ve domesticated them, their genetics remain largely the same, their desire to hunt and forage for food and think for themselves is still intact. Give them a job to do! This can help alleviate digging, barking, pulling clothes from clotheslines etc.

Choose a breed which will complement your lifestyle – active? sedentary? outdoor? indoor? water related? Affectionate? Independent?



Consider your age and exercise requirements relative to those of your dog. An older or sedentary person may not be suited to the exercise requirements of a dog from a working breed, e.g. Border Collie, Kelpie, Australian Shepherd. These types of breeds are usually also very intelligent, with a high requirement for mental enrichment as well as physical exercise. Both are equally important to maintain a fulfilling, well balanced lifestyle for your dog. Walking on leash once or twice a day, or staying in the back yard only with ball games is not adequate for these types of breeds.

Repetitive ball throwing for active dogs can become obsessive and results in a super fit dog, who continually requires more and more stronger and faster ball throwing as they become fitter and fitter, a Catch 22. This is a compulsion, with no cognitive functions being utilised.

Those with sedentary lifestyles may be more suited to a Greyhound, Cavalier King Charles, French Bulldog, or Chihuahua.

Dogs need mental enrichment – puzzle games, foraging, sniffing, music, television, fly ball, scenting, agility, dedicated Doggie YouTube Channels and Spotify playlists etc. Again, there are myriad online sites with information about these activities and many more for dogs of all ages, types and breeds.

Give some thought also to –

☒ **Coat length/Shedding** –

Grooming/clipping etc. can be time consuming, inconvenient and costly. Is this a potential problem?

☒ **Size** – Small? Large? In between? Giant?

– Bear in mind medications are administered according to body weight. The larger the dog, the more expense with almost every trip to the Vet, potentially over many years.

☒ **Trainability/Intelligence** – Some breeds are more easily trained than others, bear this in mind when choosing your breed.



☒ **Consider your home/yard size**, fencing, grassed areas, availability of green spaces near your home. Some dogs live very fulfilled lives in small areas with little yard space if they have regular access to green spaces and daily walking/sniffing.

☒ **Do you want a family pet**, a guard dog, a running/swimming mate, an affectionate dog or an independent dog? These should all be considerations when choosing your breed.

☒ **Consider the medical needs** of your breed over time, illnesses, ailments, inherent problems as they age.

A brief word about Genetics.



Genetics are a guide only. Be aware that personality differences between dogs of the same breed can be greater than personality differences between breeds. Related or unrelated dogs of the same breed may also be predisposed to different physical genetic problems according to which genes each individual dog inherits. Definitely consider the genetics of your breed, they are often a good indicator of what to expect, but never an absolute guarantee.

Whichever breed or dog you choose, enjoy them!!



Please DO NOT use the Utility or Rally/Tricks equipment unless under the Supervision of an Instructor. (This does not apply to any members who are currently training in Utility/Agility and have already undergone proper instruction)



Graduates for August 2023

INTRO	
Jeff & Toby	Kate & Wally
Denese & Frankie	Sonia & Oreo
Andrea & Gerty	Julianne & Scout
William & Luna	Andrea & Milie
Nikki & Willow	Robyn & Poppy
Nicole & Sol	Julie & Teddy
CLASS 1	CLASS 2
Colin & Flossy	Haras & Chupa
Anna & Ellie	Olivia & Dorrit
Margaret & Reg	Caro & Billy
Zezeel and James & Stanley	Vicki & Daisy
Elizabeth & Maggie	Jane & Lilly Mae
Warisa & Poppy	Jenny & Pippa
Melissa & Macy	Anne Marie & Asha
Jeremy & Norman	Teresa & Levi
Martin & Gryff	
CLASS 3	
Stephanie & Archie	Davina & Scout
Tran & Nia	Bridgette & Arlo
Judith & Monty	Phil & Bez
Reiki & Olive	Dennis & Daisy
Leanne & Coco	Peter & Gizmo
Billy & George	Leigh & Ned
CLASS 4	
Tom and Abigail & Coco	
Jack & Jasper	

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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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