



# Woodville Community Dog Training Centre

## WOODVILLE WOOF DECEMBER 2022

### FROM THE PRESIDENT– XMAS 2022

Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> November saw our last training day for 2022, our annual Xmas fun day, with something for everyone! Games, entertainment, raffle draw, sausage sizzle, best dressed dog/guardian, presentations, and one mass class for all dogs and learners. The weather was kind after a particularly wet year, with several training cancellations during winter.

Our Xmas raffle raised \$343, thanks to the generous donations of many members and volunteers. Thanks also to First National Real Estate, Rapuano Grain Store and Steve's Screens for their kind donations.

Congratulations to all prize winners on the day and to those who earned achievement awards.

2022 has seen many changes, commencing with the successful introduction of online enrolments. The "Square" EFTPOS system for shop & café transactions continues to be very successful. Our portable, battery powered "Square" has also continued to be invaluable at doggie day on the beach/green, enabling buyers to pay electronically for purchases at external sites quickly and easily.

The Rainbow Shop and Rainbow Café both came into existence after a renaming of our existing shop and café, with volunteers now wearing black aprons with rainbow logo.

The kind donation of redundant library shelving from Concordia College has allowed for vertical display of merchandise in the Rainbow Shop. This will result in larger display areas allowing expansion of our ranges of treats and dog accessories from additional new suppliers. (con't...)

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### Newsletter Items

Do you have something:

- Interesting to share via the newsletter?
- 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](mailto:newsletter@woodvilledogtraining.com.au)

Please mark Attn: Sue

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



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The congestion under the verandah on Sunday mornings has given way to a more peaceful, accessible and dog/human safe environment which also allows unimpeded access to both shop and café for all consumers. Seating is now available in the outer, upper verandah area, under cover. Please be mindful of the step, highlighted with yellow paint.

The wet and muddy conditions which prevented training on several occasions this year have been discussed with council and the football club in a joint effort to protect greater portions of the park. This will allow sufficient areas for unimpeded dog training in the event of wet weather next year. The opening of the extended barbeque/verandah area near the kindergarten has been postponed until early 2023 due to problems with supply of some components.

2023 will also be a challenging but hopefully rewarding year with more but smaller classes planned, possibly over a wider timespan.

February will see the commencement of one new instructor and one aspiring instructor. The number and types of classes we are able to offer our active training members is limited by the number of instructors and class assistants we have. Anyone wishing to volunteer for either role please email [info@woodvilledogtraining.com.au](mailto:info@woodvilledogtraining.com.au) for information.

Although we are a non-profit organisation, run by unpaid volunteers there are definitely fringe benefits associated with volunteering in any capacity, e.g. Training, shop, café, general volunteer. Please give this some thought, time commitments are negotiable and some jobs can be done from home.

A reminder about the global “Yellow Dog Project” for those of you who may be unaware. This programme is endorsed and supported by WCDTC and aims to protect vulnerable dogs by clearly identifying them as requiring space. Yellow collars, bandanas, ribbons, leashes etc. Are indicators that these dogs require more space than others for a variety of reasons, not because they are aggressive. Please be aware of this and ask their guardian before approaching. Yellow leashes and “I NEED SPACE” bandanas can be purchased from the Rainbow Shop. Please feel free to email [info@woodvilledogtraining.com.au](mailto:info@woodvilledogtraining.com.au) or ask your instructor for further advice if required.

First enrolments for 2023 will open online on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> January. Please visit our website and follow the prompts if interested. Inductions will be held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January and may extend into Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February depending on enrolment and Covid numbers.

In the meantime all the team at WCDTC, wish you all a safe, happy and healthy Xmas and New Year and look forward to working with you again in 2023

LEANN HOPPPPO.

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## Master Classes and Christmas Fund Day

On the last two training days of the years, we mixed things up a little and had some fun instead.

On 27th November we conducted a pilot of “Master Classes’ Dog and Handler teams were able to concentrate on specific skills rather than attend their usual classes. I think it is safe to say the day was a big hit with a lot of dog /handler teams getting some useful insights on how to resolve some behaviours in their dogs they are struggling with.

On the Last training day of the year we had our usual Fun Day with games, BBQ , Achievement Awards and Raffle Draws.



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## Nose Work / Scent Work - Sue Owen

**Nose work** (aka scent work or scent detection) is a dog sport created to mimic professional detection dog tasks.

One dog and one handler form a team. The dogs must find a hidden target odour, often ignoring distractions (such as food or toys), and alert the handler. After the dog finds the odour they are rewarded with food or a toy.

Training and giving dogs extended periods using their noses releases chemicals in their brains that give them feelings of pleasure. It helps reduce stress in dogs and can help in working through anxiety. Many people train in Scent Work simply to improve their dog's well-being.

### Difference between Nose work and Canine Enrichment

Canine enrichment in particular is defined as modifying a dog's environment to improve its quality of life. Primarily, this means increasing the range or number of normal behaviours and reducing the frequency of abnormal behaviours. The goals are: Increasing behavioural diversity.

### Who can participate?

The great thing about learning Scent Work / Nose Work is that it is a sport suitable for:

- ◆ Any level of previous training including young and inexperienced dogs and handlers
- ◆ Any fitness level (of either handler or dog)
- ◆ Any breed of dog (including Brachycephalic breeds)
- ◆ Any energy level dog can be successful from couch potatoes to those bouncing off walls
- ◆ Any age of dog, dogs as old as 12 years have recently earned their first titles in this sport
- ◆ Ideal for dogs and handlers who retired from other performance sports due to decreased mobility
- ◆ Dogs displaying various levels of reactivity

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### Nose Work Training

When training our dogs to search there is a lot to learn about Nose Work / Scent Work including:

- ◆ Nose Work principles
- ◆ Safety of the dog / handler team
- ◆ Relationship with the dog
- ◆ How dogs smell / search
- ◆ Entering and leaving the search area
- ◆ Size and set up of the 'search' area
- ◆ Leash handling
- ◆ Environmental factors in search areas
- ◆ Placement of hides
- ◆ Elements
- ◆ Odours
- ◆ Trialling

Is the area 'clean of odours' lots of teams are using all sorts of areas for practice these days, have they inadvertently left behind traces of the odour your dog may need to search for?

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## Nose Work / Scent Work (cont')

### **Trials**

Nose work trials and Practice Trials are governed by either (ACSW) or Australian Canine Scent Work (ACSW) or Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC)

ANKC and ACSW rules do vary a bit so it is worth checking the rules prior to entering trials under each of these bodies

Trials are being held all over Australia including closer to home in South Australia. Be aware many dog training clubs reliant on outside facilities do not usually train over December and January as it is often far too hot during these periods for both handlers and dogs alike

### **Where to learn more**

When looking for Nose Work / Scent Work Instructors, WCDTC always recommends seeking out Force Free instructors. It is interesting to note that some trainers start a dog on 'odour' straight away yet other use a transition from searching for 'treats' to start off with. The later helps handlers learn more about leash handling and their dog's body language when 'alerting' to a 'hide'. Personally I feel the latter is a better way to learn and builds better foundation skills in the dog/handler team that assist greatly once the dog moves to 'Odours'

The following organisations are offering Nose Work / Scent Work courses or further information:

### **Websites:**

- ◆ [Nosework - RSPCA South Australia \(rspcasa.org.au\)](https://rspcasa.org.au) in conjunction with Noses in Motion
- ◆ K9 Nosework© / Australian Canine Scent Work (ACSW) [Acsw.com.au](https://acsw.com.au)

### **Facebook Links:**

- ◆ Noses in Motion - Amanda Ware
- ◆ Sleuth houndz Gill Rogers and Anke Waterrmann
- ◆ Sent Work SA
- ◆ For the love of your dog - Emma Hack

### **TED Talk**

Alexandra Horowitz - How do dogs 'see' with their noses?

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### Farewell to Ron and Bev

A huge thank you to Ron and Bev who after many years volunteering with the club have decided to retire.

Bev - we will miss seeing you in the Café on Sunday Mornings and

Ron - we will miss your help with everything you do for the club



### Useful Links:

The following links we believe promote and follow our Force Free Training Philosophy and provide some interesting view points on training, dog behaviour and welfare. This list is by no means exhaustive but great starting points if you are looking for more information.

### Facebook Groups / Pages:

Do No Harm Dog Training  
Pet Professional Guild  
Canine Behavioural School  
RSPCA SA Dog Training  
Noses in Motion

### Internet Links:

Spirit Dog Training.com  
Bondibehaviourist.com  
Wonderdogstraining.com  
Whole-dog-journal.com

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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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