

Paws Express

Newsletter of
Alexandra & District
Dog Obedience Club



June 2018

Patrons: Betty Tulloch, Doug Norman B.Sc.(Hons), B.Vet.Sc.(Hons)

Welcome!

A warm welcome to all old and new members in this chilly weather.

Also, a big congratulations to all those members who have attended the majority of their classes regardless of weather conditions.

We are now well into our training year and it is wonderful to look around and see so many people and their dogs attending classes; I would also like to add that I think we have a great group of people and dogs at present.

Our dedicated volunteer instructors are always there with smiles on their faces. They are well rewarded for their efforts when members of their classes arrive with their dogs.

With the start of our new seven week training block, the committee voted to instigate a new method of payment for classes with prepayment. We are hoping this will enable us to run things a little more smoothly before the start of class and it will also mean that the person managing the pay-in table will be on time for their own class.

Our workshop day on the 3rd of June was a big success. Thank you to all members and your well behaved dogs.

Happy training, remember to wear your name tag and suitable footwear for the wet weather. Also, keep a towel in the car to dry off your best friend.

Barb Tanner, ADDOC President



Rosie's Peanut

Committee Members 2018

Barbara Tanner (President)
Bronwyn McFadyen (Vice Pres.)
Deb Calloway (Secretary)
Rosie Chester (Treasurer)
Andy Cowan
Bonnie Clark
Ann Laherty-Hunt
Jamie Laherty-Hunt
Jeanne Roberts
Julee Hosking

Life Members

Betty Tulloch
Greg Tulloch (Dec)
Lynne Walter
Maggie Hamill
Julee Hosking
Bronwyn McFadyen

Honorary Members

Doug Norman B.Sc(Hons) B.Vet.Sc(Hons)
Doug Walter
Mike Hosking
Chris Chester
David Roberts

Club happenings

Debbie reflects on her experiences with training Heff, the Class Clown



Heff and I started at the Alex Dog Club in Feb 2016 when Heff was about 5 months. On our first day in Kinda Class, Heff went ok until we had to line up while Mary explained what we were going to do. So Heff got bored and rolled over on to his back and rolled from side to side.

I got him back to a sit and then we started our exercises. Then, when he decided to roll on his back again, he was called the Class Clown. This was his name every now and again whenever he would do this in class.

When we went up to the next class, we decided to try and stop this behaviour, as Heff was getting quite big. When he did his, I had to take him for a short walk, then bring him back into class. At this stage I remember how frustrated and embarrassed I was and I felt like giving up.

With encouragement from instructors, we continued through the classes. I still occasionally see the Class Clown emerge at home and I do let him have his moment until he is told enough and stops (I have a bit of a laugh but not out loud).

I remember back when we were in puppy class that I didn't think we could ever get to the Advanced level. On 27 May 2018, we passed our *Family Companion Certificate* and are on our way to Advanced class. Gosh, who knows how we will go but we will give it our best as Heff deserves this.

I am so glad we kept coming to dog school. Without it, we wouldn't be where we are today and it comes by way of compliments that we get from people who see us walking or training.

Thanks to all who have helped us with our journey,

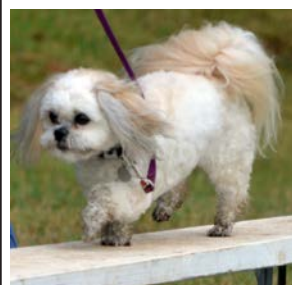
Heff (*Class Clown*) & Debbie.

Congratulations on receiving your Family Companion Certificates

Pam & Morgana (German Shepherd);
Russell & Allie
(Rhodesian Ridgeback);
Debbie & Heff (Staffie X)



Andy & Keith



Lyn's
Georgie

Welcome to new members

Gay Garlick & Snowy (Jack Russell)
Tara Watts & Maisy (Cattle Dog)
Christy Snow & Halle (Kavoodle)
Geoff /Jenny Hyland & Maggie
(Weimeraner)
Derrick/Donna Meggitt & Bonnie
(Weimeraner)
Jo/Charlie Madden & Charlie (Kelpie/
Wolfhound X)
Christina Irwin & Pip (Min Daschund)
Emily Irwin & Gus (Min Daschund)
Gail Davis & Trudi (Kelpie)
Julie Lucas/Scott Creswell & Hunter
(Labrador Border Collie X)
Courtney Colsen & Barry



Training Tips



Good manners in the dog world

QUESTION: Do you have a RUDE dog or a POLITE dog on the end of your lead?

That's right! In your dog's world there are BAD manners and GOOD manners, RUDE dogs and POLITE dogs.

RUDE dogs – lunge, bark, take their owners for a walk and jump up on people. Their owners are miserable, uptight and stressed and always have an excuse for their dog's behaviour.

POLITE dogs – walk on a loose lead, are relaxed and enjoy meeting other dogs and people. Their owners are happy and proud of their dogs and enjoy taking them out and about.

Here are some suggestions which might help you make sure you have a well mannered, polite dog:

- DON'T put your dog in a situation neither you nor he are prepared to handle.
- DON'T expect your dog to like every dog he meets (at least until you like every person you meet!)
- DON'T allow your dog to become overexcited or rude – help him find a more appropriate behaviour or remove him briefly from the triggering situation.
- DON'T allow other people to let their dogs be rude to your dog. Ask them to “please control your rude dog”! You'll probably get a dirty look these owners rarely believe they, or their dogs, are rude and are shocked when spoken to sharply!!
- DON'T let your training or competition goals overwhelm your good sense – always be fair to your dog.

* DO respect the fact that your dog has a need for and a right to his personal space.

* DO socialize your dog so that he's wise in the ways of other dogs.

* DO accept the inexplicable dislike that your dog may have for another dog.

* DO build your dog's tolerance levels through repeated, positive experiences.

* DO continually educate yourself about normal and appropriate canine behaviour in any given situation.

* DO plan ahead so you can handle difficult situations, people or dogs.

* DO earn your dog's trust by keeping your promise to protect him.

* DO pay attention to your dog when you are with him.

* DO put your dog first – all your hopes, dreams, titles and goals will mean nothing if you ignore the needs, fears and realities of who your dog is.

* DO honour and respect your dog's concerns, whether or not you share them. (Remember when your mum left the light on in the hall at night when you were little? It probably wasn't because she was afraid of the dark!!)

Good luck and happy training, Jeanne

(Adapted from an article in Flying Dog Press)

Graduates of Transition to FCC



Josie & Oliver



Helen & Molly



Allison & June

Dogs & Handlers having Fun!



Steph & Georgie



Rogan & Max with Lynne



Drop stay



Deb & Toffee

June 2018 Competition Fun Day



RALLY: 1st: Ann & Zip, 2nd: Joyce & Nessie, 3rd: Ann & Millie

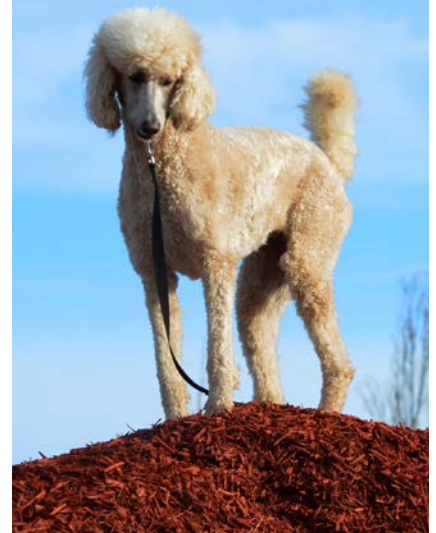


CCD: 1st: Joyce & Nessie, 2nd: Ann & Millie, =3rd: Jamie & Angus
Lyn & Roxy2



BEGINNERS TRIAL: 1st: Debbie & Heff, 2nd: Lyn & Georgie, 3rd: Deb & Toffee

Bedrock Adventures



Smarty Pants - Millie



Gail & Trudi



Scott & Hunter

Agility Workshop with Bob Graham, May 2018



Ann & Millie



Jamie & Angus



Ann & Zip

Agility Workshop with Bob Graham, May 2018



Russell & Derrick



Bronwyn & Jade



Mary & Fy (Fyodor)



Alexandra & District Dog Obedience Club Inc.

Training on Sunday mornings in Alexandra (except for public holidays, days of Total Fire Ban and a break over December & January).

Memberships - Due February (C5 vaccination certificate to be sighted)

\$15 per year - Single
\$20 per year - Dual
with \$21 paid prior to each training term of 7 weeks.