

# Paws Express

Newsletter of  
Alexandra & District  
Dog Obedience Club



March 2018

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

## Welcome!

Welcome to old and new members and a big thank you for choosing our club to train with.

Jeanne Roberts and Julee Hosking our past president and secretary work tirelessly to bring our club up to date and to the attention of the people in our shire. They both still play very important roles in the running of our club; Jeanne as obedience co-ordinator and transition class instructor; Julee as puppy class instructor, media and public relations person. They are also my mentors.

I am FCC level 2 instructor and your newly elected president. My best friend is Oscar, the German Shepherd you may have spotted him lying in the back of my car and at 11 years old he deserves to.

Happy training and never ever forget to praise your 4 legged friend for doing what you ask.

Barb  
ADDOC President



President: Barb Tanner with Oscar

### 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



# Christmas Breakup 2017

Our annual Christmas Breakup was celebrated once again on the last Sunday in November. Although the sky was overcast and threatening, an enthusiastic group of members and their dogs turned up for the fun and games. Unfortunately, we had to stop earlier than usual when the weather turned nasty!!

The delicious bar-b-q lunch and desserts were much appreciated and it was great to celebrate the end of another successful ADDOC year with friendly competition and laughter.

## Welcome to new members

Rogan & Jessica with Max

Kristen with Heath

Courtney with Barry

Jo with Elvis

Betty with Harley

Helen & Steve with Leo

Rod & Margaret with Storm



Jamie with Millie & Angus



Fiona & Mack "really - I have to go through the tunnel too?"



Judges: Barb, Lynne & Jeanne



Millie's rebellion - how many does it take! Jacqui & Brooke waiting their turn.



Julee with Maggie's Mr Darcy



## Training Tips



As we are at the start of a new training year I thought a review of some training “pitfalls” could be worthwhile!!

Every now and then it’s good to refresh your memory.

So:.....

### **PITFALL No 1: Training for too long**

This is a very easy mistake to make. 5-10 minutes at any one time is plenty.

### **PITFALL No 2: Trying to do too much**

Choose ONE skill to work on (e.g. Recall on command) and if your dog gets 100% on the first attempt then STOP, end of training. Tell him how wonderful he is and play a game for a few minutes.

### **PITFALL No 3: Training when you are annoyed or frustrated**

Much better to miss a session and wait until you’re both in a happy frame of mind.

### **PITFALL No 4: Not paying attention to your dog**

You need to focus completely on your dog. Are you trying to talk on your mobile or send a text? Your dog knows the minute you aren’t paying attention.

### **PITFALL No 5: Forgetting to say “thank you”!**

Always use lots of praise, treats or a game at the end of a session to say “thank you” for a job well done.

Good luck and happy training, Jeanne.



## Graduates of the foundation program



Rebecca & Albie



Karen & Duke



Robert & Rosie

# Dogs & Handlers having Fun!



Race preparations



Helen's Molly



Russell giving instructions to Derrick



Debbie & Heff



Vicki & Peter's Stella



Ready for class



Jacqui's Brooke

# Competition Fun Day

## ADDOC MEMBERS COMPETITION/FUN DAY

**DATE: SUNDAY, MARCH 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**VENUE: BRIGGS OVAL**

**ALEXANDRA**

**START TIME: 9.30am:**

- **FIRST STEPS FUN**

Judge: Barbara Tanner

(Open to ALL members/dogs from the Foundation Program, Kinder Puppies & Beginners and the Transition classes ONLY).

- **BEGINNERS OBEDIENCE TRIAL**

Judge: Jeanne Roberts

(Open to ALL members/dogs from the Family Companion Certificate, Levels 1 & 2 classes ONLY).

- **RALLY OBEDIENCE TRIAL**

Judge: Mary Davies

- **COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG (CCD) TRIAL**

Judge: Pam Poole

(Open to ALL members/dogs from the Advanced A & B classes ONLY).

- A Catalogue and Competitor number can be collected on the day of the Competition.

- Ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners.

**FOLLOWED BY:-**

**11am:** FUN & GAMES FOR EVERYONE.

**12pm:** SAUSAGE SIZZLE & COLESLAW LUNCH.

**ENTRIES:** There will be an entry sheet available at class on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March, or email Secretary Debbie [alexdogclub@gmail.com](mailto:alexdogclub@gmail.com)



Cath's Bobby



Lyn's Roxy enjoying her frisby



Helen & Steve's Leo



Caitlin  
with  
Black  
Betty

### 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 \$3 paid prior to each training session.