

# Paws Express

Newsletter of  
Alexandra & District Dog  
Obedience Club



November 2017

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

## AGM November 2017

### Medals & Trophies

#### Rally Novice

Alexlab Jade of Honour RN (Jade)

Bronwyn McFadyen, July 2017

#### Rally Advanced

Calarney the Cooler CCD RA (Fyodor)

Mary Davies, October 2017

#### Medal

##### Rally Advanced

Ch Injitali Intriguing Puzzle RA  
(Puzzle)

Julee Hosking, October 2017

#### Greg & Betty Tulloch - Most improved handler award:

Russell Glenn

#### Keep with it awards:

Paula Laidlaw with Bailey

Andy Cowan with Wally



Bronwyn with Saphire, Jade's daughter



President: Barb Tanner with Oscar



Mary with Fyodor



Highest Scoring Aggregate

Rally Novice

Zip with handler Ann Jelinek



Highest Scoring Aggregate

CCD (Community Companion Dog)

Derrick with handler Russell Glenn

### 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)

# Alexandra Show 2017 - Members Competition



**Rally :** Judge - Julee, 1. Ann & Millie, 2. Bronwyn & Sapphire, 3. Rosie & Peanut



**Rally :** Ann & Millie



**Rally :** Bronwyn & Sapphire



**CCD :** Judge - Mary, 1. Maggie & Sam, 2. Ann & Millie, 3. Russell & Derrick



**Rally :** Rosie & Peanut



**Beginners Obedience:**  
 Judge -Jeanne, 1. Bronwyn & Sapphire,  
 3. Paula & Bailey, 2. Maureen & Keeper



# Alexandra Show 2017 Assistance Dog Demonstration



A popular Assistance Dog demonstration at the Alexandra Show by Jess Torrence with her Assistance Dogs in Training, Wally and Black Betty, with commentary by Jeanne Roberts.



Caitlin with Wally exploring the exciting rocks, statues, timber stacks and compost heaps at Bedrock, a great training area.



Jess with Assistance Dog in Training, Black Betty

## Dog snack recipes

### Pumpkin Dog Biscuits

- a delicious, healthy alternative to commercial dog biscuits

#### Ingredients

2 1/2 cups rice flour  
1/2 cup mashed pumpkin (easiest way to cook is in the microwave)  
2 eggs  
2 tablespoons of milk powder  
Pinch of dried parsley  
Pinch of sea salt (optional)

#### Method

Preheat oven to 180 degrees.  
Whip together eggs and pumpkin, add milk powder, parsley and salt and mix together.  
Gradually add rice flour until you have a thick dough.  
Turn onto a lightly floured (rice flour) surface and knead until smooth.  
Roll out onto a sheet and cut into shapes. Reform and roll out until all the dough is used up.  
Cook for 15-20 minutes, then turn them over and cook for a further 15-20 minutes.

### Kylie's Liver Crack (cake)

- an economical, healthy training treat which dogs LOVE!

#### Ingredients

500g fresh lamb liver  
1 1/2 cups chick pea flour (or you can use rice flour or any flour of your choice)  
4 eggs  
1 tsp baking powder

#### Method

Preheat oven to 100 degrees.  
Blitz in food processor until pureed  
Pour into a shallow baking tin lined with baking paper  
Cook for about 1 hour  
Cut into cubes and freeze in zip lock bags until needed  
NB: You can also do a tuna version by substituting tuna for the liver.

## Instructor profile - Jeanne Roberts

Dogs have always been an important part of my life. My very 1st puppy was a black and white Cocker Spaniel, "Major". I must have been about 7 years old!!

I have owned and worked with Golden Retrievers for the past 47 years, ever since David, my husband, gave me an 8 week old puppy as an Engagement Present, his name was "Moses". Over time we have had: "Nelson"; "Oro"; "Grady"; "Chester" and currently, "Midas" and "Jasper". All these boys have been much loved family members and all have been completely different!!!

I enjoy working with my dogs and have participated in Conformation Showing, Obedience Work and Retrieving Trials. Forming a strong partnership and working with my dog makes me happy and really gives me a sense of accomplishment.

The 1st Obedience Club I joined was in Kalgoorlie WA, back in the 70's. Boy! Was it different from how we train now.....and the changes have only been for the better.

I have been a member of ADDOC for over 10 years and have volunteered as an Instructor for the past 5 years. I find working with club members and their dogs terrifically rewarding and satisfying and a privilege. Dogs of all colours, shapes and sizes all brought together by a common factor: the love of their owner.

One important tip I'd like to give you all as you work to make your beloved pet a responsible, well behaved family member.....relax, have fun and remember – your dog can have a "bad hair day" just like you!!!



Jeanne and Jasper retrieving



## Thank you and farewell - Lynne Walter



Lynne giving valuable advice to Lee and Kelly with their German Short Haired Pointer, Ollie



Lynne with her German Short Haired Pointer, Tilly



Lynne having agility fun with her German Short Haired Pointer, Tilly

Following her training as an Obedience Instructor with the Croydon and District Obedience Dog Club, Lynne applied the positive reinforcement approach when she joined ADDOC in early 2004.

At the time there was only one class of 5 members with Lorna Warne instructing.

As well as introducing the new way of training with positive reinforcement, more classes and training each Sunday, Lynne designed the club's logo featuring a dog in play bow.

Lynne also included agility equipment to increase fun elements during training.

In addition to the Companion Dog title achieved with her Weimaraner, *Sherpa*, Lynne and her second German Short Haired Pointer, *Tilly*, gained their Tracking Champion title.

In 2013, Lynne was honoured with Life Membership of ADDOC.

We thank Lynne for her enormous contribution to making ADDOC such a successful dog club.

Happy travels Lynne and Doug.





Barb training Karen with Sophie, Maureen with Keeper and Andy with Wally.



Instructor Julee training a new experience for dogs



Graduation from FCC3 (Family Companion Certificate) Maggie with Mr Darcy, Joyce with Nessie and Paula with Bailey

## A poem from an untrained puppy

My family brought me home with them.

Snugly cradled in their arms.

They cuddled me and smiled at me.

And said I was full of charm.

We would laugh and play all day,

They showered me with toys,

I soon learned to love my family,

Especially the girls and boys.

The children loved to feed me,

They'd give me special treats.

They even let me sleep with them,

Snuggled between the sheets.

They used to laugh and praise me,

When I played with my old shoe,

But I was never taught the

difference

Between the old ones and the new!

The kids and I would grab a rag

And for hours we would tug,

So I thought I did the right thing

When I chewed the bathroom rug!

They said I was out of control

And would have to live outside,

This I did not understand,

Although I tried and tried.

The walks stopped one by one

They said they didn't have time

I wish I could have changed things,

I wished I knew my crime.

My life became so lonely

In the back yard on a chain

I barked and barked all day long,

To keep from going insane.

So they brought me to a shelter,

But were embarrassed to say why

They said I caused an allergy,

And then kissed me goodbye.

If I'd only had some training,

When I was just a pup,

I wouldn't have been so confused

When I was all grown up.

## **An important reminder for the festive season**

### **- Don't feed your pet these foods...**

So which Christmas foods should you keep away from your dogs (or cats!) at all costs? The Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) warns us about these eight common foods which dogs can't eat, among others:

#### **1. Chocolate**

Most pet owners are well-aware of this already, but it's an easy one to forget at Christmas. That tasty advent calendar, or those bars of Toblerone wrapped nicely under the tree, can be highly toxic to your pet even in small quantities.

On a related note... Can dogs eat ice cream? The answer is maybe not; some dogs are lactose intolerant, so feeding them part of your ice cream cone – even if it's not chocolate flavoured! – can lead to diarrhoea, stomach pains, noxious gas, and skin irritations.

Unfortunately, these two favourite human desserts are some of the worst things you can feed your dog.

#### **2. Nutmeg**

Adding a dash of nutmeg to your eggnog this Christmas? Don't fling it around – it's actually one of the lesser known poisonous foods for dogs. The Australian Veterinary Association warns that nutmeg can cause dogs to suffer from tremors, seizures, issues with the nervous system and even death.

#### **3. Grapes and raisins**

Are grapes bad for dogs? Sadly, yes.

Thanks to the traditional plum pudding, Aussies probably consume more raisins at Christmas time than through the entire remainder of the year! Both raisins and grapes, though, can cause acute kidney failure in your dog, so be careful not to give them a handful of leftovers.

#### **4. Avocados**

It's avocado season and they are a popular Christmas food. But they also contain a toxin which can damage the heart, lungs and tissue of many different animals, including Fido. Fortunately the effect in dogs is usually mild – definitely keep avocados away from any pet birds though!

#### **5. Macadamia nuts**

Australia is the world's largest producer of macadamias; the Australian Macadamia Society estimates that currently there are around six million macadamia trees in Australia! These popular Christmas nuts can also be toxic to dogs, though. Symptoms generally present within 12 hours and can include vomiting, hypothermia and elevated heart rate. Keep any nutty treats wrapped under the tree!

#### **6. Onions and garlic**

It's amazing what some dogs will crunch into; both onions and garlic can cause gastric irritation and anemia if eaten in large quantities, so be mindful of this when preparing turkey stuffing or Christmas vegetables.

#### **7. Turkey skin, pork crackling, sausages and fatty meats**

Unfortunately, these staples of a good Christmas lunch are foods which can all lead to inflammation of the pancreas in dogs due to high fat content. They're not the best for owners, either! (although we can't deny they're delicious).

#### **8. Alcohol**

'tis the season to be jolly, and we tend to celebrate the festive season with beer, wine and bubbles. According to the AVA though, even small amounts of alcohol can kill a pet. Half-empty glasses, spilled drink, even fermented fruit and other foods – make sure you keep them out of reach.



Instructor Pam Poole

### **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.