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TRAINING WORKSHOP: On the 23rd April, we will be hosting a workshop run by Kylie Bright. The name might not be familiar, but Kylie is involved with the National Dog Trainers Federation and has very kindly offered her time to come to us and share her knowledge. This is an excellent opportunity to gain some insight into training our dogs. Normal classes will start at 9 and then, starting at 10 we would run the workshop for one and half hours and everyone is encouraged to come along and watch. If you wish to participate with a dog, please let us know as soon as possible, because dog numbers will be very limited. The Club is covering the cost of this workshop, so all we ask of you is your time and interest. Over the next few weeks, there will be a form available for you to put your name on if you are as excited as we are about taking this opportunity.

MEMBERS COMP: On the 9th April, for the Advanced A & B classes, there will be a members competition. At 9 am, the normal classes will be held and then at 10 am, we will start the members competition. Everyone is encouraged and invited to come along and/or stay after the first lot of classes and watch. It should be a lot of fun! BYO chair.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Well, 2017 has started and our new members have completed their first six weeks of training. All the other members look forward to you continuing your training and getting to experience that special bond with your dogs.

1st Foundation Intake – 5/2/2017: Peter & Vicki McKernan, Steve Cody, Ted & Mary Jones, Cassandra Frazer, Joyce Turner, John Walsh, Craig Robinson & Isa King.

2nd Foundation Intake – 26/3/2017: Fiona Mackey, Cameron Simpson, Ken & Toni Muller, Kate Hawkins & Ron Litjens and Lindel Coulter.

TRANSITION CLASS: The graduates from the first intake now move on to a new class that your Committee has set up. This is a 6 week Transition class which will help set them up for the next level, the Family Companion Certificate.. These graduates are our “guinea pigs” and we hope that you will become “hooked” on working with your dog as much as the rest of us are.

ALEXANDRA 150TH BIRTHDAY STREET PARTY: Alexandra celebrated it's 150th birthday just recently and as part of this there was a street party in Perkins Street. Alexandra & District Dog Obedience Club was asked to participate in this party, as one of the many community groups in the area. We chose a lovely shady spot in the park opposite the Shire Offices in Perkins Street and set up our Information Tent, which was filled to the brim with photos, trophies, ribbons, information sheets, business cards and other Dog Club paraphernalia. And, of course, a few of our lovely handlers and their dogs came along as well. Throughout the day, we put on a couple of small demonstrations for the people watching. The general feedback was that people were impressed with what we can do with our dogs. We had some balloons to give away (some floated away on their own, others ended up in a tree, but a very tall man with a long pole with a stick tied on the end saved them for us) and they were popular with the children and the adults alike.

It was a good day and a lot of fun, but for some of us, it was also very tiring! (*Sorry Russell, couldn't resist*)



On the following page is a copy of our Club Rules. They may have changed since you last read them.

ALEXANDRA & DISTRICT DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB INC.

CLUB RULES

The Committee and Instructors would like to welcome you to the Club. To help your Club run efficiently, we ask you to read and comply with the following rules:

1(a) CLASS ATTENDANCE Our programme is arranged in blocks of 6 weeks. Every 6 weeks there is an Assessment. To be eligible for Assessment you MUST attend a minimum number of classes.

The Foundation Programme:

- Kinder – 4 out of 6 classes including the Assessment Class
- Transition – 4 out of 6 classes including the Assessment Class

The Family Companion Course:

- Level 1 – 4 out of 6 classes including the Assessment Class Pass >60%
- Level 2 - “ “ “ “ “ Pass >70%
- Level 3 - “ “ “ “ “ Pass >80%

1(b) ABSENCE FROM CLASS If you know you are going to be absent for an extended period, please inform your Instructor, who will arrange for you to continue at the appropriate level when you return to class.

2. Bitches “in season” are not allowed on the ground.
3. (a) No dog is allowed off lead at any time unless under an Instructor’s supervision.
(b) In the event of a dog running loose it is the responsibility of that dog’s handler to regain control of the dog. Any other dogs doing off lead exercises will immediately be put back on lead.
4. Training fees must be paid before each training session and pick up your name tag which must be worn in Class.
5. Plastic bags are available in the Clubrooms, or from the Council dispenser at the end of the carpark, for you to clean up after your dog. We encourage you to carry a plastic bag at all times.
6. Children must be under supervision at all times and not interfere with classes.
7. No child under 12 years of age should be left alone in charge of a dog at the Club.
8. All dogs must have current C5 vaccinations and proof of vaccination must be sighted by a Committee member. If the vaccinations are three yearly, proof of annual kennel cough vaccination must be sighted by a Committee member.
9. A decision, by an Instructor or Committee Member, relating to a dog considered to be a risk to people or other dogs, must be strictly complied with.
10. If you are not a financial member of the Club, you will not be eligible to handle a dog in class on training days.
11. The training ground and Clubrooms are non-smoking areas.
12. Appropriate footwear is required for training.
13. While checking in at the Clubrooms before class, please leave your dog in the car or tethered away from the verandah area. No dogs allowed in the Clubrooms.
14. Some dogs are wearing a yellow coat. Please give these dogs their personal space by not letting your dog rush up to greet them. Check with handler before you approach.
15. If you are instructed to put a yellow coat on your dog by a Committee Member, you must comply with this request. The yellow coat must be worn at all times whilst attending Alexandra & District Dog Obedience Club’s training sessions and must not be removed unless instructed by a Committee Member.

We train weekly on Sundays, except for Easter, Long Weekends, the holiday months of December and January and (during Summer) days of Total Fire Ban.

