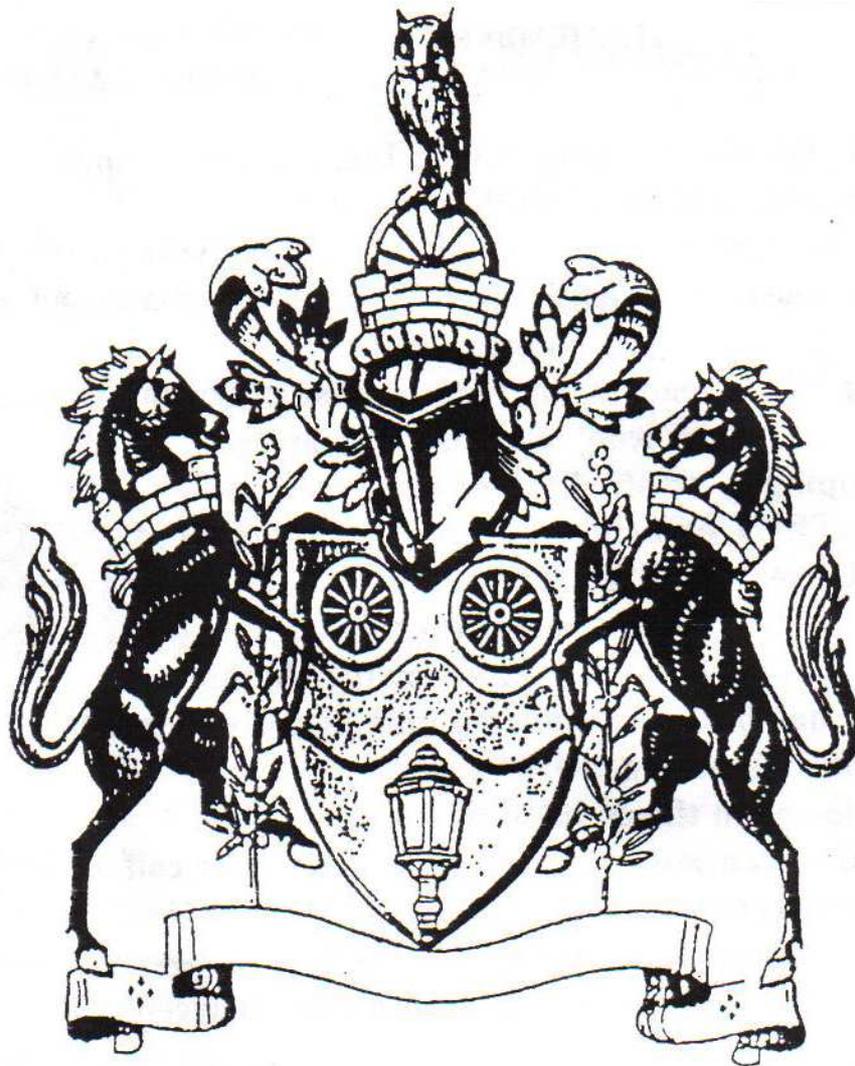


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**MARCH 2011 NEWSLETTER**

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# **WARRINGAL OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC**

**Training is on Sunday mornings  
at Montmorency Primary School  
Rattray Road, Montmorency.**

(You can drive in to the carpark via Alban Street.)

Warringal Obedience Dog Club is on the net at  
[www.warringaldogclub.com.au](http://www.warringaldogclub.com.au)

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**\* No training on the fun activities day 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

**\*No training Easter weekend/Anzac Day.**

**\* The Committee meets once a month (second Wednesday) at 7.30pm at Montmorency RSL (meeting room upstairs). Anyone who wishes to view the Minutes may contact the Secretary.**

## **Class Times**

9am Beginners, Class 2, 3/4, Ringwork

9.30 Introductory

9.45am Advanced Beginners, Puppies, Class 1

10.30 am Agility

Heat policy: no class if the weather is forecast to be over 35.

## CLUB RULES

Every club requires its members to observe certain rules. Warringal's rules are not demanding and are based on common sense and courtesy. Warringal Obedience Dog Club Inc. is not responsible for any misdemeanour caused by a handler or dog.

1. All members must wear their membership card when attending classes.
2. Bitches in season or sick or injured dogs are not allowed on the training ground.
3. Dogs must be on lead at all times whilst on training ground, except when engaged in supervised 'off lead' exercises.
4. **Dog droppings must be picked up and removed from the grounds IMMEDIATELY by handlers using plastic bags. The school grounds must be kept free of droppings at all times.**
5. Children aged 12 years and under must be under adult supervision at all times whilst on the training grounds and at the toilets.
6. **Smoking is not permitted on the school grounds under any circumstances.**
7. A dog that has bitten or shows undue aggression must be reported to the Director of Training.
8. **No dog is permitted inside the "Castle" administration building or tethered on the ramp or any railings or posts surrounding the "Castle" at any time.**
9. Members are not allowed to use spiked or electric collars on their dogs on WODC grounds.
10. Under NO circumstances is food to be spat or thrown at any dog. Discrete use of food from the hand is acceptable.
11. **Members are not to leave their dogs unattended, if the dog has a habit of barking.**

From the Editor

Well, the silly season has passed and training is back in swing!

Regretfully, our paths diverge and I have resigned from the Committee, so this is my last Newsletter – enjoy! Stay tuned for who will be taking the helm. I wish you all every success and enjoyment in training your dogs.

Kind regards  
Grazyna Mackiewicz  
(& Czara)



## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Club officially started back on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February and the weather has been kind to us so far. I hope everyone has come back to club refreshed, eager and ready to get into training/trailing. A good way to prepare for trialing is to have a go in the trial practise ring. I have re-printed the ring guidelines below. Remember that these guidelines were drawn up while we were at the old ground so some of the guidelines are not relevant at this time but hopefully will be again at some time. One of the major changes at the moment is that we are running only one ring as there is not much room.



Gayle Baxter  
President

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## ***RING GUIDELINES***

The rings are for handlers who are currently class 3 or above and are preparing to trial or are trialing.

Handlers must write their name and the required level on the whiteboard at the front of the rings.

There will be **NO**, spitting of food, throwing of food, or holding of food in the mouth to be used as a reward.

The discreet use of food is allowed from the hand. CCD and novice handlers should be encouraged to use voice tone and body language, playing without a toy, playing with a toy or food to encourage the dog to work. Voice tone and body language can be used in an actual trial ring; this is why it should be encouraged in training.

The use of toys is allowed; consideration to others must be used at all times. Distractions to others are allowed but must be reasonable. Toys can be thrown but only a short distance, a couple of metres, not the length of the ring and if thrown should be thrown away from the other ring.

Dogs in other rings should be encouraged to focus on their handlers while these distractions are happening.

The ring instructor is there to assist the handler in any manner that the handler wants. Such as; explaining trial rules, ring protocol, giving advice, giving commands, being a distraction for the dog, doing examinations on dogs, etc. **it depends on what the handler wants!!!**

The CCD and Novice handlers require more attention and explanation of trial rules and protocol than Open, UD/UDX handlers do. Handlers that have gotten that far should have more of an idea of what is expected.

There will be a limit of approximately 10 minutes for CCD, Novice and Open, and approximately 15 minutes for UD and UDX, per handler. If a handler wishes to do further work, there is the practice equipment outside or they may, after all other handlers have completed their work, re-enter the ring to do further work.

The equipment outside the ring is to be used for handlers learning Open/UD/UDX and for handlers that are having problems with an exercise so that they can spend time practicing and resolving problems. The equipment is **not to be used to set up a separate Open/UD ring!!!!**

Stays are to be done in separate classes, numbers permitting. All levels of stays will be done in both rings. There will be stays held in both rings, trial standard stay and training stays, it is up to the handler to decide which stays they would get the most benefit from, this may change from week to week.

In the UD ring the stays will be conducted as trial standard stays, handlers must not return to their dogs until the stay is finished. The instructor may intervene if a dog breaks and may become a nuisance.

The stays in the Open/Novice/CCD ring will be training stays where handlers may return to their dogs during the actual stay and praise or reward them. Food may be used in the training stays when handlers return, all handlers must be aware of this and ensure that they don't mind the possible distract to their dogs if another handler feeds their dog during the stay exercises.

All ring users are to help with either the setting up or the pulling down of the rings. If you use them then you have to assist.

Any disputes will be referred to the Director or Training Sub Committee.

I hope handlers will think about giving trialing a go as it is a good fun day out with your dog/s and it is always a pleasure to get a pass, earn a title and even sometimes win the ring.

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **Fun activities day – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

There will be a fun activities day at Monty on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011  
For those who enjoyed the Christmas games, it will be a relaxing and fun day, so please come along and have enjoy :)

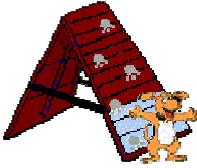
### **WODC AGILITY TRIAL**

Is being planned for 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2011. Helpers are needed!

### **WODC Obedience Trial**

The Obedience Trial scheduled for mid year has been cancelled.

# WARRINGAL OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.



## *AGILITY/JUMPING/GAMES TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT*



Warringal Obedience Dog Club Inc held its Open Agility/Jumping & Games trial on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010. For the first time ever the trial was held at Bulla Exhibition Centre, Uniting Lane, Bulla due to the circumstance that our new training grounds at Montmorency Primary School is not large enough to accommodate the amount and size of rings required. This makes it harder to run and led to the unfortunate result that I accidentally left the title gained sashes on the kitchen table at home and had to send these later after arriving back from a holiday in Malaysia, which I left for early the next morning after the trial. Oh well at least I know that will definitely not happen again!

Holding a trial at the beginning of December means that one has to cross your fingers and hope that the temperature does not get to 35 or higher, as you then have to implement the hot weather policy, which details I will not bore you with. However, for this trial I was more concerned (something that I had never even thought of) with whether we could actually be washed out! A lot of trials had been cancelled due to the rain during the year.

However the day was rainless, if a little hotter than I would have liked (32), but hey let's not be greedy, at least it was dry.

We had 577 entries for the day divided amongst the 22 classes offered and as you can imagine it is quite a mammoth task getting through all those, but the judges and stewards did their usual wonderful job of managing. There were a total of 82 passes and about ten people who got various titles on the day. Only one WODC member managed a qualifying pass for the day-not myself, although I did come close with 5 faults when my darling Xander knocked down a bar (I forgot to take the super glue!!)

The winner of the WODC Fastest Agility sash was myself with my sheltie Xander (Timmar Black Thunder CD ADM JDM2 ADO JDO GDX SDX SPDX) in a time of 41.13secs (Course time 54 secs), with 5 faults-bloody bar!!!

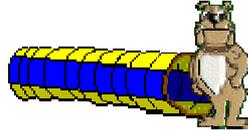
The winner of the WODC Fastest Jumping sash was Georgina Ricardo with a pass with her Border Collie Lexie (Bordarita Gunna Have Fun CD JDX AD GD JDO), in a time of 33.87secs (Course time 48secs)

I must say a huge thank you to the members who helped out at the trial. It was a small crew, but they did a fantastic job. So thank you so much to Richard Hoffmann & Wally Mossop (setting out rings & stewarding), Jade Statham, Marie Fabris & Jane Wilmot for stewarding, Rochelle Manderson in the office and Yvonne Manderson for doing the catering for the judges etc. and a huge thanks to Georgina Ricardo for her support and help with moving the gear out to Bulla and helping mark out the ring courses the day before the trial.

On that note please consider helping out at our next trial to be held at Bulla Exhibition Centre, Uniting Lane, Bulla on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2011. Many hands make light work and a more relaxing day for all.

All members are welcome to come and have a look at all our trials to watch the competition and see what goes on and hopefully I may see some of you there next time.

Chris Wong  
Agility Trial Secretary



## **PLEASE HELP**

**Can you help me! My name is Huckleberry Finnigan, Get it? Huck Finn, yeah my human, Jenny, thought it was funny too! Some of you may know me, I'm the heeler who sits very quietly in the white golf most Sundays while Jen signs up new members or sells the club's merchandise or doing other human things. I often sit in the car looking at all the new people and get so jealous that they get to train with their human, something which I love to do, but we don't get a chance to do so. So I've put paw to keyboard to ask for help. Are you able to help Jen out on a Sunday? It doesn't have to be every week, but the club does need some other human's to help out on the "desk" or meet greet, so If you can help, please see Jen on Sunday - when its not too busy. With a bit of luck, Jen and I may even be able to join class 3 again every now and then.**

## **HELP NEEDED FOR AGILITY TRIAL 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2011**

Below is a list of help needed in order for myself to run an agility trial smoothly. The main help needed is actually on the day of the trial as I need as many bodies as possible that day, so as to spread the work load. The December trial had very few helpers on the day, which made it extremely hard work and very tiring for the few people there, who I may say did an absolutely fantastic job. However, I will not be able to run a smooth and successful trial unless I have far more people there on the day, so if you could put your name down for one of the jobs that would be great and enable me to organise the day more efficiently. .

People to put equipment in the rings and set up the steward furniture on the day (need to be at Bulla Exhibition grounds 6.30am)

Stewards-as many as I can get-basically there is no such thing as too many! You do not need any experience at all for this job as members will be given the simple jobs of taking leads or marshalling (basically this just involves calling the competitors numbers out and ensuring they are at the ring ready to go in when it's their turn and also before the class starts putting an asterisk next to those competitors who inform you that they are in another ring, so they will not be scratched if they are not at the ring when it is their turn on the running order- not as complicated as it sounds on paper and am happy to give stewards a brief lesson before the day)

People to organise catering for the judges, stewards & helpers lunch and be there on the day to set this up

Odd job people/runners to do things such as take boards to ring, collect results, set out sashes etc for presentations

Thank you.

Chris Wong (Agility Trial Secretary)

***IF you are able to help, please see Christine and fill in your name on her contact list.***

**INTRODUCING: Gordon Strachan, Vice President and instructor WODC.**

I joined Warringal in 1991 after I had obtained Gordon Setter No2 he was about 6months old when we joined, at first this was all new to us but we both began to learn what it was about after about 5 months we finally ended up in class 3 and was progressing where in the new year we hoped to start trialling but at Christmas 91 I had to put him down due to a lesion on the left side of his brain caused by bacteria entering after running into a post at about 12 months of age. Then my third Gordon Setter commenced training at about 16 weeks of age he wasn't as switched on as my previous Gordon and whilst in class 2, I came to know just about every campus building at La Trobe Uni due to him bolting when doing a recall off lead. It was at this time that an instructor asked me why I was wasting my time, of course this made me more determined and finally we mastered the recall. After progressing to class 4 I attempted to trial with him but as soon as we entered the ring Fergus developed white line fever and would not drop on command after about six attempts I gave up on trialling.

I continued training with him and in 1996 the club was short on instructors so I put my hand up and gave it a go. I found I enjoyed instructing. My next Gordon Setter a pretty female, the breeder wanted her shown and I wanted her for working so I did both and she gained her show title. She worked very well but being my first field trialling dog I made some mistakes with her and she did not gain her field title, she was trialed once in obedience. During this time 1998 the number of instructors decreased and most Sundays I was running up to three classes, this made it difficult to train my own dogs. When I lost Jessie in 2006 I then intended to get a smaller Gundog and was considering a Field Spaniel which I intended to work and do obedience with but this all changed when I visited my friends house who had recently had a litter of working Irish Red Setters I spotted Callum who I now own I am hoping to Trial him in the ring and in the field this year. In 2008 I entered a competition to win a course with the National Dog Trainers Federation which I won. I commenced the course late 2009 and successfully completed in 2010, so I now hold a certificate as a qualified dog trainer with the NDTF. The course covered topics that included dog physiology, Dog first aid, complex skills, scent detection, starting your own dog training business, Kennel management.



**Callum training in the field.**



**Callum & Grumpy.**

## **INTERVIEW: Leigh Finnin and Xero the Hero CD**

Leigh is a member of the WODC Committee and Xero is his young Border Collie.



### ***How old is Xero, and how long have you been training him?***

Xero was born in September, 2009. I formally started training when he was about 6 months old although I tried to work on his general nature from a puppy to try and encourage him to be good natured with no aggression.

### ***How did he go in Obedience trials last year?***

We started obedience trialling in July 2010 where we gained 2 passes in the Geelong two day trial and his CCD Title at KCC Park at Cranbourne on 7 August. We then commenced the CD level with his first pass at Western Port on 28 August, second pass at Sunbury on 4 September (even though the ring was extremely muddy and significant parts under water!) and the final pass and CD Title at Werribee on 23 October. Generally Xero performed extremely well although a bit nervous reflecting the potential issues in trialling such a young dog.

***[Editor's note: WOW, that means Xero was just one year old when he attained his CD!!]***

### ***Have you trained or trialled before with other dogs; how far did you go?***

I first trained (or tried to) a Red Setter approximately 35 years ago at Northern OBDC.

My second attempt was a Border Collie named Kim (Crestvale Final Fling). This was approximately 20 years ago. Kim passed her Utility level within 3 years of age. Kim was a female and was extremely steady in her training with very few failures and several best in trial performances. Unfortunately Kim contracted Diabetes around 3 years old that halted any further trialling. We had hoped to progress with tracking.

### ***What Dog Clubs have you belonged to?***

I have been a member of Northern and Warringal OBDC (twice).

### ***What method of training do you use?***

I use voice encouragement rather than food. With a Border Collie it is generally not necessary to be too heavy handed with a chocker or the like. I have generally used a normal collar. Like all men I need to work on making it more fun than pain for the dog.

### ***What is your secret for such successful outcomes?***

I think it is continually striving for consistency and discipline. I am always trying to understand how my dog might be interpreting what I am requesting. Usually if something is going wrong it is something I am doing that is being misunderstood by

my dog. It is also important to try and make the work enjoyable for the dog. I definitely train on a regular basis (almost every day).

***What's Xero like (personality, temperament)?***

Xero is a playful and an excitable dog. He is never aggressive (any suggestion of aggression I have not permitted). He is friendly to all people which I regular receive feedback on from people he meets (particularly at trials).

***What do you mean when you say you "don't permit" aggressive behaviour?***

I make sure I am clear to my dog that it is unacceptable. I mean deal with it straight away and be consistent. I see a lot of owners that permit aggressive behaviour or a very weak in disciplining their dog. The dog will then accept aggression is being acceptable behaviour. I am a believer that you can encourage a dog to be friendly and actually frame a temperament rather than assuming they are born with a predefined temperament. I actually think you can create the right personality from the beginning.

***[Editors note: Xero is the nicest natured border collie I have ever met!]***

***What are your plans/ goals for 2011?***

At this stage the focus is on the Open level to attain CDX. He is working well although I have just established the jumps at Xmas, he is responding quickly to them and the dumbbell work.

If we get through Open and get CDX I will start with UD level. I am reluctant to start any UD training at this stage as he is still pretty young (16 months old).

***What are you working on/ concentrating on/ is challenging you?***

The off lead work is always something I concentrate on. It is very easy for dogs to become bored and start to lag. Interestingly he is struggling to respond to any request to raise to the sit position from a drop position. Have to slowly work on this if we are to get to UD level.

***What advice would you have for newer members and aspiring trainers?***

\* Try to find a location where you can allow your dog to work and play offlead. Encourage your dog to explore its surroundings. Don't make them work all the time. Make it a clear distinction when you expect them to work.

\* Train every day for 5 minutes rather than longer less frequent sessions. Always make it interesting (mix sequence and type of commands) and finish with a play and walk.

\* Be consistent with your requests and try to understand what your dog is thinking. If it is going wrong first assume it is something you are doing wrong – not the dog.

\* Follow through with a command if your dog has not responded quickly (avoid repeating the command



multiple times to get the right result).

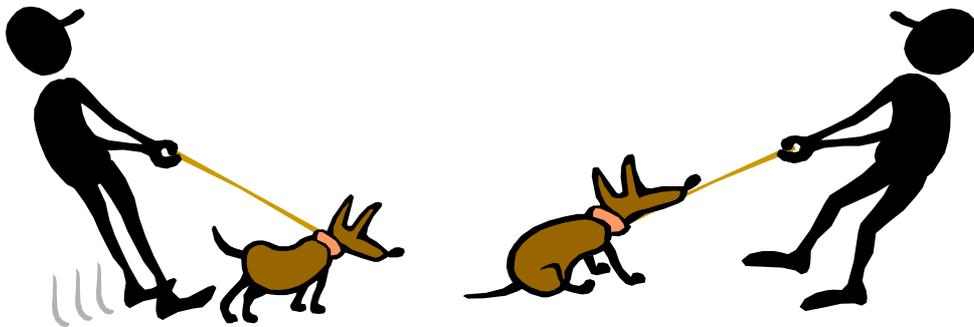
\* If it is going all wrong on a specific day stop training before you take it out on your dog (which we all guilty of doing on occasions – but don't make it a habit)

\* Encourage your dog to socialise properly with other dogs (and people). Don't permit any aggressive behaviour (jump on it early before it becomes an issue).

\* I strongly encourage new members to trial there dogs as it makes for a much more rewarding experience for the dog and its family. There is no doubt that a dog that has trialled is generally much better behaved.

### **This month's training tip:**

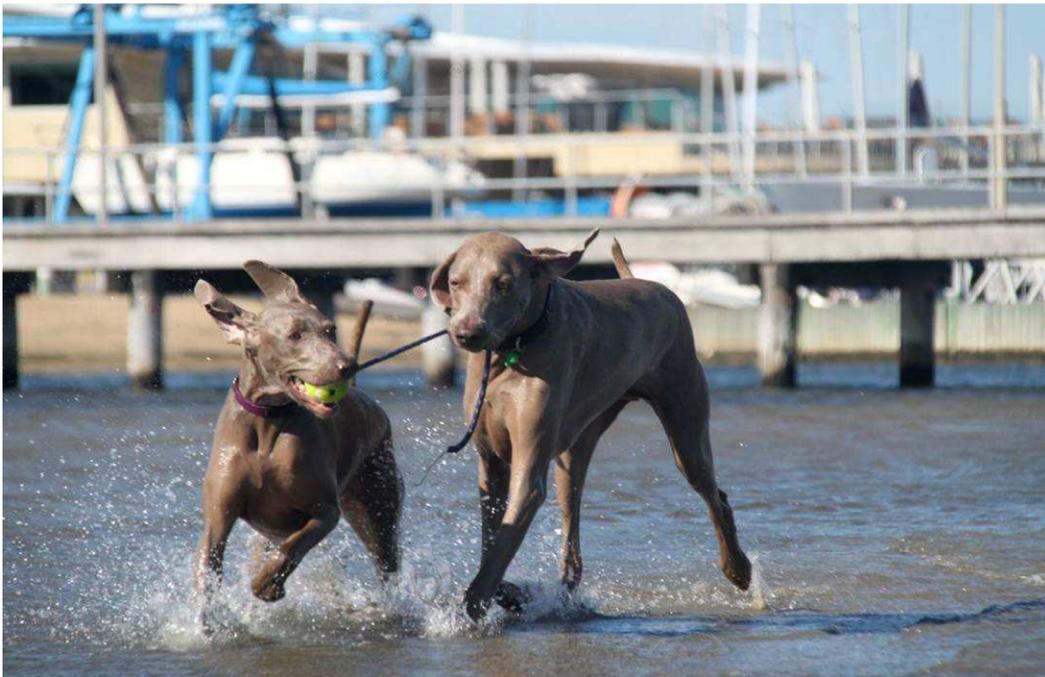
When training you need to be **CONSISTENT**. Dogs become easily confused if sometimes they are sometimes rewarded, sometimes punished for the same action, or allowed to get away with not responding to commands. You must always be in a position to **ENFORCE** your command. It is no use just repeating it over and over - this just teaches your dog to ignore you. Say it once, clearly and decisively, and if your dog doesn't obey, make them do so.



## THANK YOU

To all the Warringal Obedience Dog Club Committee Members, thank you so much for organising the Fun Day before Christmas. We both had a great time, I (Diva) came second in 'Musical Chairs' and won a fantastic ball on a rope which we both love playing with at the beach and Cooper was particularly naughty and tried to eat all the sausages hidden in the box in the scent game. We'd like to say a big thank to Kerrin for buying and wrapping all the presents and a big lick to Gordon for arranging the donations from Natures Gifts - our favourite pet treats! Cooper would also like to say a special thank you to Richard for giving up his time on Sunday mornings to train him.

Woof Woof,  
Cooper & Diva



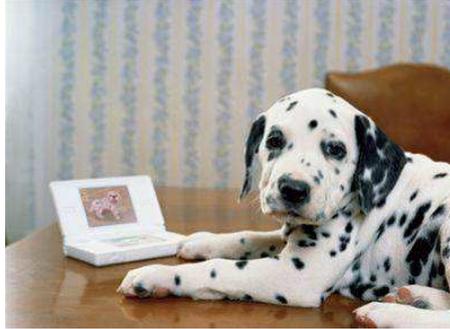
Cooper and Diva keeping way cool in the water with their new tug ball.

## Wendy Seng Hpa & Asta

We started the year's Agility really well. At the Croydon Mini Trial there were 44 dogs running at the masters level and only 2 managed to achieve a qualifying round – Asta was one of them! Our next trial is at KCC Park on Feb 26th – a twilight trial to avoid the possible heat.

**Go Wendy and Asta!**

useful websites



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[www.warringaldogclub.com.au](http://www.warringaldogclub.com.au)

### **Dogs Victoria**

[www.dogsvictoria.org.au](http://www.dogsvictoria.org.au)

Performance entry form:

[www.dogsvictoria.org.au/content.asp?ID=284](http://www.dogsvictoria.org.au/content.asp?ID=284)

### **Australian National Kennel Council**

[www.ankc.org.au](http://www.ankc.org.au)

New Rules for Obedience Trials (from Jan 2011):

[www.ankc.org.au/Rules.aspx](http://www.ankc.org.au/Rules.aspx)

### **Agility and Obedience Trial Schedules**

[www.agilitytrials.info](http://www.agilitytrials.info)

[www.groups.yahoo.com.au](http://www.groups.yahoo.com.au) and search 'Agility Victoria'

### **Tracking Club of Victoria**

[www.trackingclubvic.org.au](http://www.trackingclubvic.org.au)

### **IN NEED OF A HOME**

If you are looking for a dog, please do not support "puppy mills" but consider adopting (or even fostering) one of the many lovely dogs desperately in need of a home:

Check out **Petrescue** which contains the profiles of many dogs in many shelters and is easy to search for your new best friend:

[www.petrescue.com.au](http://www.petrescue.com.au)

[Also on Facebook!](#)



## **Refreshments**

After training coffee and a chat can be had at the *Mudd Café and Patisserie* in Were Street, just across the road from the school. Dogs welcome (on lead outside). Present your Warringal membership card and receive a 10% discount.

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