

# **Warringal Obedience Dog Club Inc.**



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**‘WAG’**

**August 2011**

## Club Rules

Every club requires its members to observe certain rules. Ours are not demanding and are based on common sense and courtesy.

1. Warringal Obedience Dog Club Inc. is not responsible for any misdemeanour caused by a handler or dog.
2. All members must wear their membership card when attending class.
3. Bitches in season or sick/injured dogs are not allowed on training ground.
4. Dogs must be on lead at all times whilst on training ground, except when engaged in "off lead" exercises in class.
5. Dog droppings must be picked up and placed in buckets IMMEDIATELY by handlers with the equipment provided.
6. Children must have adult supervision at all times whilst on training ground and at toilets.
7. A dog that has bitten or shows undue aggression must be reported to the Director of Training.
8. No dogs allowed in the clubhouse or on the ramp.
9. Members are not allowed to use spiked or electric collars on their dogs on the WODC grounds.
10. Under NO circumstances is food to be spat at any dog on WODC grounds. Discreet use of food in class is acceptable.

### **CAUTION - BEWARE OF TETHERED DOGS**

#### Class Times

Introductory:	9:30 am
Puppies (After the 2nd vaccination & up to 6 mths )	9.45 am
Beginners	9:00 am
Advanced Beginners	9:45 am
Class 1	9:45 am
Class 2	9:00 am
Class ¾	9:00am
Ring Work	9:00am
Agility	10:30am

## From the Editor,

This month your friendly 'WAG' has been produced by one of your friendly Agility Instructors, Rochelle. Anyone wishing to contribute to your friendly 'WAG' can email me at:

[loveamutt@hotmail.com](mailto:loveamutt@hotmail.com)

Unfortunately I have not been well and have many more months of recovery, so the Wag has been a little delayed in publication, however better late than never...

I would like to thank Grazyne for the past couple of Wag newsletters and for a wonderful job! Graz is currently a little busy so I have agreed to take over for a while to keep the club members up to date on all the news of Warringal.

Since last newsletter Warringal has successfully held its June Agility Trial at Bulla Exhibition Centre and with over 500 runs for the day, it was a trial to be proud of. Thank you to Chris Wong for all your hard work as trial secretary and for those people who helped out behind the scenes and during the trial day.

So until next time, have fun with your dogs!!!

Rochelle Manderson



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Please remember to pick up your dog's droppings during class and to dispose of it at the end of your class.  
Thank you!!!



**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Warringal Obedience Dog Club runs by the interest and hard work of a small group of volunteers, without these volunteers there would not be a club. The people who become instructors do so because they enjoy helping others train their dogs to become good canine citizens.

All instructors have learnt to teach by training their own dogs, talking to others, reading books and articles about training, being placed with an experienced instructor and any other method possibly. So each instructor has his or her own preferences when it comes to training. Yes there is an instructor's manual and yes it should be followed but even then you will get a certain amount of differences in handling.

So it is suggested that handlers listen to the different methods, try them and see what works for you and your dog. Don't be discouraged because you are being told different methods, because not every method is suitable for every dog or handler. Basically what we are looking for is a dog that is well behaved and attentive to its handler all the time. Eventually you should be able to have your dog off lead and just have it with you without having to worry that it will run off. Remember that we will train you to trial standard because most handlers don't know at the start if they will trial or not. When you train to trial standard you end up with a better trained dog and one you can trial if you want to.

Handlers that become instructors learn a lot from training others. They see things that their dog never did and have to work out how to fix it or check with others that may have had the same problem so they are constantly learning. So please be good to the instructors, it isn't an easy task and sometimes it can be a thankless task. Try and listen and take in what they are saying and it is really good when handlers interact and ask question of instructors, this also makes the class more interesting, so try and become more involved and interact with the instructors and class more.

Now, is anyone interested in becoming an instructor or an assistant instructor? An assistant instructor is a handler who hangs out with the instructor in a class and either takes individuals aside to give them some one on one or takes the class for a short time while the instructor gives the one on one tuition, it really isn't that scary either.

The more instructors we have the less pressure is put on any one individual. It would be great to get some more instructors for the beginners and advanced beginners classes. These are very important classes because they lay the foundation for all future work. We like to try and keep these classes small, no more than six handlers, so that the handlers can be watched and trained efficiently, it is really hard with a big class. So if anyone can help, please come and see me or give me a call at home (Ph: 9478 2270 – Gayle Baxter). Even if you would just like some more information at this time please contact me, it would be great.

The important thing is that we keep bringing in new instructors so that the club can grow. We have lost some instructors due to age and illness recently so our numbers are dwindling. So please think about becoming involved and helping out. It can be really rewarding, talk to the instructors and ask them.

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## Success at the recent Knox Obedience trial...



The WODC contingent at the recent Knox Obedience Trial on 27th March 2011.

All obtained places in their events in both the morning and afternoon Open and Utility rings!

Pictured after the morning trial from left:

Mentor Bharat Vyas with Janos (3rd place UD2), Grazyna with Czara (1st place Open1), Grant Kemp with Skeena (1st place Open2), and Gayle with Jaspa (3rd place UD1).



Grazyna and Czara obtained their first pass in Open!



Grant and Skeena won two trophies and a new dog bed :)

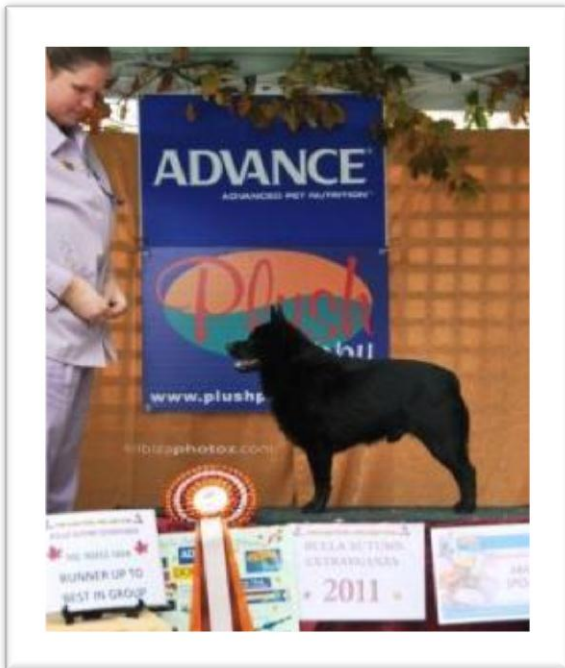
## TITLES AND AWARDS!

If you and your dog have been awarded a title or award recently, write a little something about your efforts and send it in complete with a photo of your best mate for publication! Well done to all members doing well out there in trial land! We only have my dogs this issue, so get those fingers working and email me at [loveamutt@hotmail.com](mailto:loveamutt@hotmail.com) for the next issue!

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### **Australian GRAND CHAMPION Hapipet Mystery Solved JD NAC NJC HP-N**

*'Zane'*



During the Easter weekend Zane gained his final points for his Grand Champion Title, making him the first Australian Grand Champion Schipperke to also hold agility titles, and the second Grand Champion Schipperke to hold any performance title, to my knowledge.

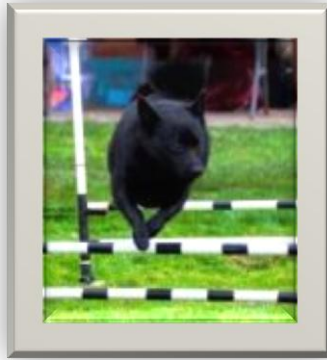
Zane is my first Show dog, and from a baby has left an impression around the ring. Throughout his Grand Champion campaign, Zane won multiple Best In Group and Runner Up To Best in Group awards, multiple Class In Show awards at both all breeds and specialty shows, and multiple Class in Group awards at all age levels. At breed level, Zane is always competitive. Highlights include 'Best In Show' at the Schipperke Club of Victoria's

Championship Show in June, 2010, and 'Best of Breed' at the Royal Melbourne Show in 2010. As a conformation dog, Zane has near perfect structure and moves around the ring like a dream, with a lovely head, expression, and silhouette. As a show dog, Zane stands beautifully and holds his position for the judge to see, and moves around the ring with purpose and ease. Outside the ring Zane is known for his beautiful, gentle temperament and easygoing disposition, trustworthy with dogs and with people. Zane earned his final points at the Mount Gambier & Crater City Championship shows held over Easter, winning 4 Runner up to Best in Group and 1 Best Australian Bred in Show over the 5 show weekend.

To earn the Grand Champion, dogs must win 1000 Challenge points, including 4 '25 point' challenge certificates, for example 4 Best In Group awards. I am very proud of my boy, such a lovely dog to live with and a lovely dog to show! And thanks to Hapipet for breeding me such a perfect dog.



Congratulations to my guys for their following NADAC Agility titles, earned in 2011:



Aust Ch Beadale Queen Adelaide NJC

Adelaide earned her Novice Jumpers Certificate at Keilor ODTTC trial in May, 2011, with 3 qualifying rounds over 2 trials finishing each time in 1<sup>st</sup> place, passing 3 rounds straight between pregnancies!



Aust Grand Ch Hapipet Mystery Solved JD NAC NJC HP-N

Zane earned his Novice Jumpers Certificate at the same time as Adelaide, at Keilor, only he had been trying for over a year, missing on time faults. Zane passed one round not long after he began trialing, and then waited over 12 months before passing 2 rounds in a row at Keilor's trial, thus earning him his NJC title.



Lady Belanna ADX JDX SPD GD SDX O-OAC O-OCC O-EJS TG-O TN-O O-WV-N  
HP-O AAD

B'Elanna recently earned her Novice Triple Superior Award from United States, awarded to dogs who have earned their Superior title in Agility, Jumpers and Chances class. Well done B'Elanna!

*What's growing in your garden???*



### **Plants poisonous to dogs**

Here is a list of some plants that are poisonous to dogs.  
This list is not complete list, but a guide.

Aloe Vera	Jasmine (berries)
Amaryllis (bulb)	Jonquil (bulb)
Avocado (seed)	Lily of the valley (bulb)
Azalea	Marigold
Bird of Paradise (seed pod)	Morning Glory
Calla Lily	Mushrooms
Chrysanthemum	Oleander
Cineraria	Onion
Croton	Peach
Cyclamen	Peony
Daffodil (bulb)	Philodendron
Eggplant (not fruit)	Poinsettia
Hydrangea	Poison ivy
Iris (bulb)	Primrose
Jasmine (berries)	Rhododendron
Tulip (bulb)	
Walnuts	
Wisteria	

## **Crufts 2011 Obedience Results**



### **Obedience Champion Nobite Defence Of The Realm.**

**\*\*\*Crufts Obedience Champion, winner of the Dog Obedience CC Crufts 2011\*\*\***



### **Obedience Champion Colliewood Candy Girl**

**\*\*\*Crufts Obedience Champion, winner of the Bitch Obedience CC Crufts 2011\*\*\***



### **Masked Raida Going for Gold**

**KC Good Citizen Pre-Beginner Stakes Final**

## Crufts 2011 Agility Winners



Agility Champion **Cories Ruby Tuesday**  
**ABC Agility Overall Winners**



Myhaven Fancy Flick Flack  
**IAF Novice Cup Medium - Overall Winner**



Ag.Ch. **Piquant Painted Sunshine**  
**Small Dog Challenge Overall Winner**



Obay Truly Daniels Dream  
**IAF Novice Cup Small - Overall Winner**



Ag Ch Tonring **Just a Puzzle**  
**British Open - Small Overall Winner**



Nedlo Step on the Gas  
**British Open Large - Overall Winner**



Ag Ch Obay Truely Balanced  
**British Open Medium - Overall Winner**



Obay Tiz Magic  
**Small KO**



AG CH Ben Bombastic Mr Fantast  
**Large Combined**



AG CH Raeannes Flipping Heck  
**Medium Combined**

## **Crufts 2011 Dances with Dogs**



Dance Floor Diva  
Freestyle Champion

## **Crufts 2011 Flyball**



Dream Team Southeast  
2011 Crufts Flyball Champions

We're on the net!!!



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

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Other useful sites:

Check out Dogs Victoria, the controlling body for dog sports in Victoria, at:

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

Check out the Australian National Kennel Council for rules, judges etc. at:

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

Check out upcoming agility trials in Victoria at:

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

Check out upcoming Obedience trials at:

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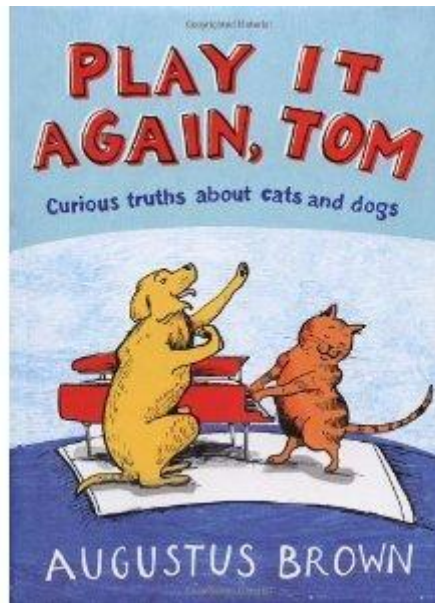
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# Book Review



‘Play It Again, Tom: Curious truths about cats and dogs’ by Augustus Brown.

A lovely little ‘coffee table’ book full of facts about cats and dogs. It is an easy size to hold and can be read in one session or over a number of sessions without losing any effect as there isn’t a plot to follow. I must confess I only skimmed over the cat facts as my predominant interest was in the dog facts presented in the book. For example, did you know...

- Dogs aren’t colour blind. They see a range of colours predominately made up of yellows and blues.
- Unlike Humans, both dogs and cats can taste water.
- Poodles and Humans share 75% of the same DNA.
- Females have a lower boredom threshold than Males (dogs...of course)
- Dogs are extremely choosy about their mates, with females shunning ‘unattractive’ males, However in the wild, the more males that are interested in a female, the less likely she is to successfully mate with any of them.
- Dogs have better short term memories than cats (well, we all knew that... ☺)
- A Happy dog wags its tail to the right.

The other lovely thing about this book is that it is fully referenced. Each fact presented throughout the book has been taken from studies, research and other such articles and are listed in the endnotes of the book. So if you come across a topic you are interested in and want to read about that particular topic further you can use the endnotes to locate the article or study that discussed the topic in more detail. It also adds to the legitimacy of the facts and the book in general.



A fun book full of very interesting stuff, get it on special if you can!



## Pete the Pug offers up this Wag's Training tips...

Dogs, especially puppies or dogs new to training and obedience work have a very short attention span. Therefore, keeping training sessions short is vital. 5 to 10 minutes a couple of times a day is ideal. Make training fun with games and treats so learning new 'tricks' becomes fun, and your dog looks forward to spending the time with you training. Always finish your session on a good note before your dog gets bored. Use this philosophy when teaching new things to your best mate.

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## Can anyone help James out?

As president of the White Swiss Shepherd Club of Australia, I am trying to get  
our Australian Bred Dogs recognized by the ANKC.

We are putting a motion up to Dogs Vic but need a few ANKC member who are non owners to support us.

Would you be interested, if so I just need your name & VCA membership number.

Many thanks

Regards  
J B

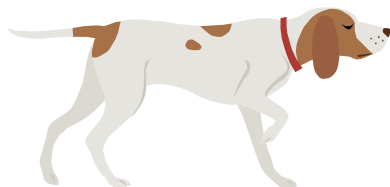
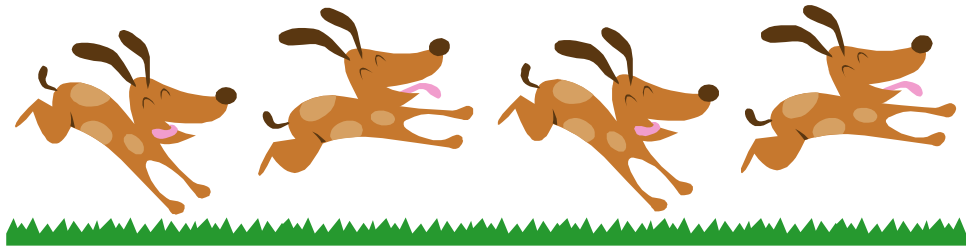
Contact James if you can  
help him with this!  
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# OMG! It's that time again!

The AGM...

Nominations for committee will be opening soon and all positions will be vacant. All club members are welcome! Anyone with the abilities for positions of assistant secretary and/or assistant treasurer would be greatly valued.



And remember, if you have earned a title during 2011 let Julie (club secretary) or myself know. Forms will be uploaded to the website shortly. If you are concerned, you can email Julie.





A blond Afghan was confused about a text message she'd received from her boyfriend, so she decided to ask around. She sent Barry the Border Collie a text asking 'what does IDK mean?' to which he answered 'I Don't Know'. The blond Afghan then replied in horror 'OMG nobody does!'

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Remember this is YOUR newsletter for YOUR club, so your contributions are welcomed and encouraged.

So what can you send in???

Articles about title or awards your dog/s may have earned at a trial/show/members competition etc. Remember it isn't only ANKC titles you can write about, you may have won the 'waggiest tail' contest at your local pet expo!

Stories about you and your dog/s experiences: Is there something your dog loves to do or training stories you'd like to tell others in the club about? Send them in!

Photos of your dog/s that may amuse or entertain, or a really nice photo that shows your dog looking gorgeous.

Been on holiday with your dog or to a pet friendly café recently? Send in a review and tell other club members about good or bad places to take your dog. And remember to include a pic of your best mate enjoying himself if you like.

Any good dog parks in your area? Let us all know!

Read a good dog book or watched a good dog movie or documentary recently? Send in a review!

A good joke...

Plus any other informative dog related information to share...

Send to [loveamutt@hotmail.com](mailto:loveamutt@hotmail.com) – just like my dogs, I don't bite ☺

There will be another WAG before the end of the year, so send in your contributions!

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Fact for the month!

Did you know the only creature ever to be killed by a falling meteor was a dog! The dog's name was Nakhla, and it was struck in Egypt in 1911.

**Until next time, keep on Waggin'**