

WARRINGAL OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.



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Club Guidelines

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 (WODC) is not responsible for any misdemeanor 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 the training ground.
4. Dogs must be on lead at all times whilst on the training ground, except when engaged in "off lead" exercises.
5. Dog droppings must be picked up IMMEDIATELY by handlers and removed from the school grounds. There is a bin on the corner of Rattray Road and Were Street opposite the school.
6. Children aged 12 years and under must have adult supervision at all times whilst on the training ground and at the toilets.
7. Smoking is not permitted in classes or on school grounds.
8. A dog that has bitten or shows undue aggression must be reported to an instructor/committee member.
9. Members are not allowed to use spiked or electric collars on their dogs on the WODC grounds.
10. Under NO circumstances, at any time, is food to be spat or thrown at any dog or held in the mouth for use as a training aid on WODC grounds. Discreet use of food from the hand is acceptable.
11. Dogs are not permitted on the tennis courts or in the administration building (the castle).
12. Instructors are not to take handlers' dogs to demonstrate any exercise.

CAUTION - BEWARE OF TETHERED DOGS

Caution is required where dogs have been tied up to a post/stake. Members are requested to take care walking past the area at the side of the containers.

Class Times	
Introductory:	9:30 – 10:00 am
Puppies (When sufficient numbers)	10:00 - 10.45 am
Beginners	9:00 – 9:30 am
Advanced Beginners	9:45 – 10:30 am
Class 1	9:45 – 10:30 am
Class 2	9:00 – 10:00 am
Class 3 & 4	9:00 – 10:00am
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

This Wag we have some more titles to celebrate, plus many class graduations awarded at club level. Well done to all our members who are training their dogs and progressing through the classes, I'm sure you and your dogs are getting plenty of enjoyment out of your Sunday mornings. Please remember to send in a photo of your dog and your success in the trial rings around Victoria as I'm sure members all enjoy reading about how you have gone. It also gives some newer members a chance to read about dog sports and encourage them to continue with their dogs. So remember to keep them coming in. If you have had a recent win at a trial then I'd love to know this too...results AND titles are always welcome for the WAG.

This issue is also the beginning of something wonderful ... a series of articles about the many different dog sports around Victoria. Our performance/trial feature follows on from last issues article about Dogs Victoria. This issue looks at Obedience, and you'd be surprised how much you already know!!! ☺

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

Rochelle Manderson



**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



Since my last report not a lot has occurred at the club. Our Agility Trial which was scheduled for the 18th August had to be cancelled due to the weather, it is now scheduled for the 1st December. Rally O is being attempted at classes 1 & 2, running the simpler exercises.

As our membership increases our class sizes increase and we are now in need of more Instructors. If you would like to become an instructor let your class instructor know so we can get the ball rolling, you won't be thrown into the deep end immediately, but will be mentored under one of our instructors and given guidance till you are confident to run a class on your own. We are also in need of

people to man the information desk to handle new registrations and membership renewals so if you have a partner or your mum comes along to watch, we would make them most welcome if they volunteered for this position. We would offer free membership to those who take on this role.

Elections for committee will be held at the AGM on Friday 23rd November and all positions are open if you wish to nominate someone or yourself for a position on committee. Our final club function will be a Fun day similar to the function run earlier in the year but will include a Rally O ring. This will be followed by a BBQ, so I hope you can all attend.

Gordon Strachan

President.



CLASS GRADUATIONS!!!

Congratulations to all those dogs and their handlers who have been promoted on Sunday morning. Keep up the good work!

5TH May – 16 SEPTEMBER 2012...

	<i>Handler</i>	<i>Dog</i>	<i>Promoted to</i>
May			
	Tony	Nelson	3
	Jade	Trigger	3
	David	Tyson	Adv. Beg.
	Dominic	Jessie	Adv. Beg.
	Michael	Bonnie	Adv. Beg.
	Sarah	Lottie	1
	Nadia	Gonzo	Adv. Beg.
	Stacey	Cleo	Adv. Beg.
	Dean	Elmo	Adv. Beg.
	Kristina	Millie	Adv. Beg.
	Dominic	Jessie	Adv. Beg.
	Julie	Dora	Adv. Beg.
	Nadia	Gonzo	1
	Erin	Bonnie	1
	Michael	Bonnie	1
	James	Casper	3
	Dean	Cookie	Adv. Beg.
	Loretta	Suzie	Adv. Beg.

June

David	Tyson	1
Libby	Mr. Chow	1
Stacey	Cleo	1
Amy	Choco	Adv. Beg.
Tracey	Rusty	Adv. Beg.
Rachael	Tzar	Adv. Beg.
Ryan	Butty	Adv. Beg.
Scott	Vader	1
Luke	Tumby	Adv. Beg.
Liz	Charlie	Adv. Beg.
Amy	Choc	1
Rachael	Tzar	1
Emily	Zoe	2
Louise	Ruka	2
Luke	Tumby	1
Mark	Jack	2
Rosa	Gemma	2
Hannah	Yogo	2



July

Theresa	Gypsy	Adv. Beg.
Hannah	Yogo	3
Dean	Cookie	1
Jenny	Mali	2
Amy	Titan	Adv. Beg.
Allan	Khan	Adv. Beg.
Dean	Elmo	1
Gary	Olly	Adv. Beg.
Liz	Charlie	1
Janine	Tumby	2
Sharyn	Mia	2
Sarah	Lottie	2
Adrian	Koby	2
Scott	Vader	1



August

Carol	Rory	Adv. Beg.
Shelley	Asher	Adv. Beg.
Gary	Olly	1
Phillipa	Lola	Adv. Beg.
Shelley	Asher	1
Kate	Porsche	Adv. Beg.
Janine	Tumby	3
Bruce	Freya	2
Dean	Cookie	2

September

Sharma	Narla	Adv. Beg.
Kristina	Millie	2
Luke	Tumby	2



DOG EVENTS & TRIALS around VICTORIA...

Part One: Obedience

Obedience trials have been around for decades. So what is it all about, how do I get involved and what am I expected to do??? Read on to discover 'The idiots guide to obedience'!

First of all, Obedience trials... These trials have changed rather drastically over the decades, however the basic principles and skills required do remain very constant. A good obedience dog must show complete willingness to work happily for their handler, obey commands promptly and accurately, and work as one in the ring with their person. Dog obedience is extremely important and helpful for anyone wanting a well balanced dog who will be a pleasure to live with, and all dogs should know and obey their basic



commands. However, Obedience trialing goes much further than basics. You all will have begun learning the foundation needed to progress to obedience trials from beginners class upward. Heelwork is a major part of trialing, especially in the lower levels. The dog must walk (or heel) beside their handler with their shoulder level to their handlers leg, and they must sit beside their handler when they stop unless given the command to stand or to drop instead. Sounding familiar??? This is only the first step!

Dogs must allow a judge to examine them, execute a recall exercise (that means come when called!!!) and stay on command for the required amount of time (time increases with each level). As the levels progress, more exercises are performed off lead, and dogs are introduced to jumping, retrieving, and scent work. The execution of these exercises must be tight and concise. Dogs working at the higher levels at obedience trials are a sight to behold! It takes years of training to reach such high levels of difficulty and precision. The first level of Obedience trials is CCD or Community Companion Dog, and dogs must score 75 or higher out of a possible 100 points. CD, CDX, UD and UDX classes are scored out of a possible 200 points, with dogs scoring 175 or above to earn a Qualifying score. You can then go on and become an Obedience Champion and Obedience Grand Champion, and what amazing dogs achieve these titles!!!

If you are interested in obedience trials you should speak to your instructor. Warringal have an obedience ring set up for trial practice on Sunday mornings. Trials are held all around Victoria on most weekends.

The following description of each obedience class has been taken from the Dogs Victoria website and should give you a good idea of what is involved and what you can aim for...



Community Companion Dog – CCD

In this class:

1. the dog and handler work together as a team to perform a heel on lead exercise, including sits, stands and downs as the judge calls them
2. next is stand for examination where the dog stands quietly on lead whilst the judge comes up and strokes the back and head
3. finally the dog is left sitting whilst the handler walks away 10 metres then turns and recalls the dog, which should come straight in and sit in front, the handler returns around it and releases, usually with much praise for a job well done

when all dogs in the class have had their turn, they all come together to do a one minute sit stay and a two minute down stay, all off lead in a row with the handlers standing six metres away.

Companion Dog – CD

Things get a little harder here:

1. the heeling exercise is off lead so it requires a lot more input and concentration from the dog to stay next to the handler
2. the stand for examination is also off lead with the handler standing two metres away
3. the recall is a bit longer at 12 metres and after the dog comes in and sits, it must go around the handler and sit at heel on the left side.
4. the last exercise has a handler's choice between retrieving a dumbbell over four metres *or* the dog doing a change of position where it is left in a stand and, with the handler three metres in front, goes into the down on command and stays there whilst the handler returns around it.
5. the stay exercises are harder too, the sit for a minute and the down for three minutes and the handlers are all 12 metres away.

Companion Dog Excellent - CDX

Most dogs love this, because it is fun, but the standard of the work is expected to be higher:

1. the heeling is off lead and more demanding
2. the stand for examination has the handler five metres away and the judge touches all of the dog, except its mouth and tail
3. the recall has a drop somewhere in the middle of it, when the judge says, and must stay there until called in
4. the dog retrieves a dumbbell thrown at least six metres, sits in front, lets the handler take it, and returns to the handlers left side again
5. the other retrieve is over a solid jump set at the height of the dog measured at the shoulders
6. next comes a handler's choice between jumping over a broad jump and returning to the handler *or* a change of position where the dog is left in a stand and does a down and sit on the spot then recalls to the handler
7. the stays have the handlers all leaving the ring and hiding nearby whilst the dogs do a three minute sit and a five minute down

Utility Dog - UD

This gets really hard because the dog has to go away from the handler and do things which are really quite complicated, although it looks easy watching an experienced dog doing it.

1. first is the seek back, where the dog and handler heel around the ring to make a track and somewhere along the track an article of the handler's is placed, then the dog has to go and find this and bring it back and present it to the handler
2. most dogs love directed jumping where they run out 25 metres and sit in a square frame, then return to the handler over a bar jump or a solid jump on either side of the ring, whichever the handler points to
3. the dog performs scent discrimination, either on a canvas mat or on the grass, there are 12 metal, wood and leather articles put out by the judge or steward, and the dog is sent to the articles to retrieve a similar article which the handler has touched, this is done three times, once for each sort of article
4. the heeling is harder because the handler is not allowed to speak, it is all done by signals, and at the end the dog is left in the stand, the handler signals it to down, sit, recall and finish
5. a choice of three things, the dog can speak on command where it barks in the sit, stand and drop, *or* it can do food refusal where it refuses offered food in the sit, stand and drop *or* it may do directed retrieve where it retrieves the correct glove out of three placed six metres apart
6. the stand for examination is done as a group exercise
7. the only stay exercise is a seven minute down with the handlers hiding somewhere



Utility Dog Excellent - UDX

This is a rather new title in Australia. It is very difficult but many handlers and dogs are enjoying the challenge of something new. There is no jumping, so it suits our older dogs.

1. the seek back is as in utility but there is a decoy article scented by someone else which the dog must not retrieve
2. a heeling pattern, positions in motion, in which signals *or* voice may be used, and three times the dog is left in a sit, a stand or a drop whilst the handler walks forward five metres, returns three metres past the dog and returns, collecting the dog on the way
3. the scent discrimination is finding a cloth article scented by the judge from amongst unscented ones
4. a two part exercise, directed send away and recall in which the dog goes out 25 metres and sits in a square marked by four cones, the handler walks towards the dog and, when instructed, turns and calls the dog to heel, does a right or left turn then a halt, with the dog at heel by this time
5. the dog is left in a stand and changes position six times as the judge instructs, including sits, stands and downs, all on the spot, this is called distance control
6. the dog retrieves three articles which it cannot see, following the handler's direction signal
7. the last exercise is a temperament test which is a group stand for examination



IF YOU ARE TRIALING IN OBEDIENCE, OR
HAVE TRIALED IN THE PAST, WE WANT
TO HEAR FROM YOU!!! SEND IN YOUR
STORY TO LOVEAMUTT@HOTMAIL.COM
BY THE END OF NOVEMBER FOR
PUBLICATION IN THE DECEMBER WAG!



What does 'Stay' mean again???



**What did the Overweight Agility Dog need to loose in more
ways than one???**

Seconds!

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! Get those fingers working and email me at loveamutt@hotmail.com for the next issue! I KNOW there are more dogs out there earning titles so send them in. ☺

DID SOMEONE SAY AGILITY IS EXCELLENT???

Papco Harvie ADX JDX – aka 'Harvie'

Janice and her boy Harvie have earned their Agility Dog Excellent (ADX) title in fine style!

Harvie earned his first pass at Bulla Agility Dogs with Judge Roger Padfield, finishing the course in 66.96 seconds and coming 2nd in the ring. He followed this with two passes at the Schipperke Club of Victoria's Agility trial with Judges Roger Padfield and Steven Pearson, finishing 2nd place and 3rd place in the ring respectively. Harvie's next pass came at Moorabbin's



trial with Judge Ron Diamond where Harvie blitzed the Standard Course Time of 69 seconds to complete the course in 50.44 seconds. Harvie and Janice earned their final pass and ADX title at Croydon's trial in a very muddy ring where Harvie again beat the SCT by 15 seconds under Judge Fiona Shelton. It was perfect timing, as



shortly after Harvie hurt himself chasing a ball and was scratched for the rest of the day. Thankfully it wasn't serious and he's feeling much better now.

So well done to Janice and Harvie on a stunning campaign to Agility Dog Excellent!

OH, YOU said 'AGILITY DOG EXCELLENT', AHHHH.....

TAKE THE GAMBLE, ITS EXCELLENT...

Lady Belanna ADX JDX SPD SDX QDX DWDF.N HTM.N

B'Elanna earned her latest Agility title in the Gamblers Excellent Class at Dogs Victoria's State Agility Trial on the 1st September, 2012. Go Big B!!!



Gamblers is a class that requires the dog to work at a distance from their handler for part of the course. The round begins with what is called 'Points Accumulation', where obstacles are assigned a value from 1-4 and the dog earns points by completing each piece of equipment. Equipment is only to be performed twice for points. In excellent class, the dog must earn 25 points in 45 seconds. Once the clock

hits 45 seconds, the dog can no longer earn points and must proceed to the 'Gamble' – the distance challenge. In Excellent class the distance challenge is set at 5 metres away, and the handler must not pass the pink line on the ground while the dog goes out to the gamble and, hopefully, completes each obstacle in order successfully and before time expires. Gamble times are set at Agility run rates (for example, 3 metres per second). There really isn't a better feeling than completing a gamble quickly and smoothly.

B'Elanna has always been a dog with high drive to the obstacles, making distance work possible. She is lots of fun to run and it feels great when we 'click' and get it right! I was in two minds as to whether to try B'Elanna in Excellent class after we earned GD as the distance challenge is greater, however I gave it a go and found that B'Elanna and I could do it and earn some Qs, so I decided to actually go for the title.

B'Elanna gained two passes in 2011 in fine style, but unfortunately I can't remember who judged her first two rounds. Then in March 2012 B'Elanna passed again at the Pap club restricted to height trial in 2nd place with Judge Roger Padfield. She gained her forth pass at the Schipperke Club Open Trial, again in 2nd place, this time with Judge Murray Tyler, and then finished her title with Judge Heather Diamond at the Dogs Victoria State Trial.

I have to admit this title snuck up on me as it was only after we had passed Heather's course that it occurred to me that this was in fact our 5th pass and title. I think this may have turned out a good thing, as I wasn't nervous at all going into the ring, which always happens when I know I have one more pass to a title!

Well done B'Elanna, you go girl!!!



EVEN IF YOU'RE a NOVICE, THE GAMBLE PAYS OFF...

Gr Ch Hapipet Mystery Solved JD SD SPD GD DWDF.S – aka 'Zane'

Zane earned his GD (Gamblers Dog) title on the same day as step sister B'Elanna earned her GDX, at the State Trial. What a Day!

The rules are the same for Gamblers Dog as they are for Gamblers Dog Excellent, except the gamble is 3 metres away, and 20 points must be earned in the opening sequence. I tried Zane at Gamblers after he had earned his JD title as a way of keeping him enthusiastic by selecting obstacles to form a flowing opening sequence, and found that Zane was much better at distance work than I thought and he could pass the class as well. Our first pass was in fact our first try at Gamblers, at Croydon's trial with Judge James Browne. I remember how thrilled both Zane and I were to have the first obstacle of the Gamble be the A Frame (Zane's favourite piece of equipment and something he would run a whole ring length to do!). We passed in 2nd place with 43 points and were on our way.



Our second pass came at the Schipperke Club trial with Judge Murray Tyler, and



although we didn't place in this round, we ran a really nice course and I was thrilled with Zane's efforts and his Q. Zane finished his title at the State Agility Trial with his 3rd Q in Heather Diamond's course, and I was extremely happy to see Zane go in the correct tunnel entrance during the gamble, and pass the course. Well done Zane!

A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME...

Milangimbi Lilac Twist CD

Congratulations to Shaun and his Border Collie Barney on gaining their CCD *AND* their CD Title (that's Community Companion Dog *AND* Companion Dog) in Obedience this year with some great scores, at one trial scoring 195!!!. Shaun, if you'd like to send us a photo and even write a few words, we'd love to read about it! ☺

THE LATEST DANCING QUEEN...

Ch Beadale Queen Adelaide O-NJC aka 'Adelaide'

Adelaide has earned her DWDF.S Title at the Royal Melbourne Show!

Dances with Dogs is a sport where Obedience meets fun and rhythm meets dog



sports. DWDF.S stands for Dances with Dogs Freestyle – Starters. Freestyle is one of two classes offered in Dances with Dogs (the other being Heelwork to Music), and it is only limited by your imagination – and your dogs skill. In freestyle, you and your dog ‘dance’ to music performing tricks, traditional obedience positions and some new variations on traditional obedience to create a great spectator sport. The handler performs in costume, whilst the

dog performs off the lead, and you create the dance most suited to your dog. There are five levels in DWD – Starters, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Champion. Starters class requires 2 passes to earn the title as it is the entry level for DWD trialing.

Adelaide and I danced to the Human Nature remake of ‘Dancing In The Street’, and we completed an upbeat routine that suited the speed Adelaide likes to work at...fast! We entered our first trial in November 2011 and had two goes at it, sadly failing our first attempt in the morning as Adelaide was too distracted. However, we made up for it in the afternoon with a Q and a score of 136.5, leaving Adelaide and I only one more pass to get for our title. Adelaide missed most of 2012 as twice her season fell on the DWD trial day (like in Obedience, in season = no go!) so Ade and I entered the Royal Melbourne Show to try for our last pass. This trial was a single trial, and thankfully we only needed one go at it this time as Adelaide passed with a score of 136 and came in 2nd place!!!



We started really well and performed some leg weaves, some spins, various heel and reverse heel positions, and a grapevine. It was only in the last 16 counts of the routine that Adelaide became distracted with a smell on the ground and I only got her attention back in the last 4 counts to hit the end pose, and we must have lost many marks for that. However, we had amassed enough points to pass our routine and hence gain our Dances with Dogs Freestyle – Starters title! Well done sweetie!

Beauty on 4 paws...

Champion Adorin Prince Of Mystery - aka 'Prince'

Prince has earned his Champion in Conformation/dog shows!



Prince was born in January last year from my two dogs Zane and Adelaide (coincidentally they both also featured in this edition of WAG ☺) and at only 4 weeks old I had already decided he was something very special and I'd be foolish to let him go. He hit the ring in the Baby Puppy class at 3 months old. In baby puppy points cannot be earned toward Champion however

Prince showed what a promising dog he was when in 3 months he won 4 Baby Puppy in Group awards at All Breeds Championship shows AND a Best Baby Puppy in Show at the SCV Open show in June 2011. Prince continued into the Minor Puppy class at 6 months old and continued his winning ways with multiple Best Minor Puppy in Group awards (All Breeds) and of course Challenge points toward his champion title. His winning continued in puppy with more In Group prizes and more points to CH, not to mention beating Big Daddy (and others) out once for an 11 point Best of Breed before he was a year old! He won Best Coat under a Belgium specialist at the Schipperke Specialty in November 2011, and has since been awarded best tail and best progeny in June 2012. When Zane 'blew his coat' and was out of the ring for a couple of months, Prince surged ahead – now having me handle him for the Challenge line up as well as his age class, and he earned 30 odd points in the span of 3 shows, along with another best Junior in Group award. Prince beat older dogs, imported dogs, titled dogs, and relatives as he earned his required 100 points. However with only 4 points to go, Prince began to finish runner up to his father, or to another dog, and for 3 weeks couldn't quite earn those final points. However the break came at Albury where he won the Challenge under Mrs Dines (NZ) and earned his Champion. Prince followed this up the very next day at the second show for the weekend with a 10 point Best of Breed and Best Intermediate in Group, what a weekend!



Prince won multiple Class In Group awards at All Breeds Championship dog shows at every class level. Around the ring the sentiment from judges was the same, lovely cobby build, beautiful thick coat, and what a perfect tail!!! Prince embodies the alertness of the Schipperke with lovely structure and type. Prince has the honour of being my first 'homebred' champion – the first Adorin Schipperke to earn the title Champion. Love you Prince, you are just gorgeous!

What a CHAMPION...

Champion Adorin Cop That DWDF.S

My two boys ... Carl has also earned his confirmation/show champion!



I'm very proud to announce my first born Carl is now an Australian Champion in the show ring. Shows are judges on the dogs conformation (looks and structure) and dogs must conform to an official written breed standard. To become a Champion dogs must earn 100 points. Carl and I gained our last points at Mildura. Carl was the brain child of his Mum and Dad, Tayla and Zane, and as a result Carl was born from the very first litter I bred, and as the eldest of 2 was in fact the first puppy ever born in our house. He was named after Carl Winslow, a father and cop

on 80's American sitcom 'Family Matters', as he was a big boofy boy from birth (his litter brother Steve was named after Steve Urkle from the same show). Carl always made me laugh with his clown like nature, and his tail never seems to stop wagging. He debuted his showing career with a Best Baby Puppy in Group award at KCC Park, and went on to become a consistent winner at Class In Group (All breeds) level. He is also a multiple Class in Show (Specialty) winner, which is lovely. He braced with his father when shows offered the class and the two remain unbeaten in the Brace class. Carl was always the perfect showman in the ring and loved being the centre of attention. He was shown alongside his father Zane and half-brother Prince, but I'm pleased to say he too has now gained his CH! And not a moment too soon, he had been blowing his coat the whole week before! (Male Schipperkes seasonally shed their coat once a year and are out of the show ring while it grows back).



Love you Carl!!!

JUMP TO It...

No Fear In Love JD

Congratulations go out to Paul Gavin and his dog Ruby for attaining their Jumping Dog (JD) title in only 2 months. But wait, there's more... Ruby achieved 1st place in her ring for *ALL* 3 of her passes. Talk about no fear!!! Paul, we'd love a photo if you'd like to send one in. ☺ Well done to Paul and Ruby!

THIS DOG SMELLS REALLY GOOD...

Tracking Champion Lineox Xero The Hero UDX

Word has spread that Leigh Finnin has achieved his Tracking Champion with his dog Xero. They passed their track 7 test at Ballarat in September with a 'Good' rating, with 'Good' and 'Very Good' ratings throughout their tracks leading up to the big T CH!

But if that is not news enough, Xero has also achieved UDX – that's Utility Dog Excellent – in obedience. He completed this title over only 2 months and scored 198, 187 and 182 for his 3 Qs. I'm unsure of places but I do know he won his ring at the State Obedience Trial recently held at KCC Park. What a Hero!



LETS all RALLY AROUND...

Aranlane Spring Meadow CCD RA

News from the Rally obedience ring with Dianne Vapp and her dog Bella gaining both their RN and RA (that's Rally Novice and Rally Advanced) titles in only 3 months of trialing. Bella excelled herself, scoring 94 out of a possible 100 at one of her trials. Dianne and Bella have also gained their CCD (Community Companion Dog) title as well, one of their scores being a cool 91! Well done Dianne and Bella!

ONE OUTSTANDING SHELTYE WITH SUPERIOR AGILITY SKILLS...

More congratulations go out to Marie Fabris and her dog Shelby who have earned their Outstanding Jumpers title AND their Superior Tunnelers title in NADAC Agility. Jumpers courses are all about speed, while Tunnelers is just that, tunnels! To earn these titles, Shelby earned 60 Jumpers points and 100 Tunnelers points, and earned many of these points in 1st place. Well done to Marie and Shelbie!



IMPORTANT NEWS!!!!!!

2012 Annual General Meeting, Committee Positions and Title Applications...

Some important dates for EVERYONE to note! Membership expires on October 31st and it is important to renew. Not only will your dogs love you for it, but you will then be eligible to vote at the AGM or, even better, join the committee!

The AGM is on Friday November 23rd at 'The Castle' beside our training grounds (at the School, you all know it...), and nominations to join committee close Friday 26th October, so get involved!!! Meetings are held monthly and are always a friendly night. If you miss the date still come along to the AGM as you can most likely nominate for committee from the floor unless all positions are full.

We will also be having a talk about something dog related AND educational, yes we will have a guest talk to us all about something we will all find interesting, and we have supper afterward. Please bring along a plate to share, then everybody can have their cake and eat it too! ☺

And remember, if your dog has earned any ANKC or NADAC title for the year you are eligible for a trophy to honour your achievement. Forms are available on the website or at the front desk on Sunday. Have them in by 31st October. The more success we can celebrate, the better!

So:

- **Apply for your title trophies by the END OF OCTOBER**
- **Renew your membership by the END OF OCTOBER**
- **Nominate for committee by 26th OCTOBER**
- **Come along to the AGM and presentation night on FRIDAY 23rd NOVEMBER**

☺ **GOT IT???** ☺





GET WELL SOON...



Many of you will know Gayle Baxter. She has been involved with Warringal for years. Gayle is currently an instructor and on the 2012 committee, however after taking a silly mis-step in her driveway has broken her ankle. So a big GET WELL SOON wish goes out to Gayle from both myself and the club. We hope you're back 'on your feet' soon!

CAN YOU HELP???

We need someone to help out at the front desk on Sunday morning. There are perks to this job, plus you don't have to commit every week. If you can help out once or twice a month it would be greatly appreciated as it would give those working the desk a week off every so often. Plus you get some incentives to help you out too!



Please see Janice or Megan at the front desk if you can help!



BOARD GAME REVIEW...

“ ‘Fetch’: A trivia Board Game for Dog Lovers ”

This section of the WAG is usually dedicated to a book review, however this issue I've decided to write a board game review. Christmas is fast approaching and this may be an interesting gift for those dog lovers who have everything. It is, quite literally, my favourite board game EVER!!!



Obviously it a game full of dog trivia and if you know nothing about dogs you will find it very boring (but then why are you reading this in the first place???), however it is great for people who's special subject in any quiz would be dogs. It is a game suitable for 2-6 players, and involves moving your dog around the board to make your way home. You collect bones as you move around the board and the person who 'fetches' the most bones by the time they arrive 'home' is the winner. Answering a question correctly earns you a bone. There are also some instructions on the board and 'fetch' cards as well.

So here's a taste of some of the tantalising trivia you could be answering during the game...

What does 'Shih Tzu' mean???

- a. Lion Dog b. Long-Haired Dog c. Furry Mouse

Which 2002 movie, originally known as *Winterdance*, was based on a book about a man competing in the Iditarod?

- a. Iron Will b. Snow Daze c. Snow Dogs

Chesapeake Bay Retrievers are always born with brown eyes

True or False???

Which Comic Strip begun in 1963 brought the Basset Hound popularity?

- a. "Graham's Boy" b. "Droopy" c. "Fred Basset"

Name the Breed found in the following jumble. The dog's Origins were in Germany and it weighs between 4 - 5.5 lbs.

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Who were Pongo and Perdita?

The game is only available on the internet from America, but it is well worth it.

Five Stars from me!!!

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Our last training day is a FUN DAY!!!

***The date to remember is SUNDAY 9th
DECEMBER!!!***



The 9th will be the last day of official training for the year and it will be a Fun day and Christmas party. Rings begin at 9:00am and you will get to strut your stuff with your favourite pooch (or pooches) and have some fun. You will only be expected to do what you have learnt in class, and there will be some prize ribbons on offer in each ring. There will be obedience and agility rings running through the morning, at which time you can have some lunch on us (and I reckon there will be a few treats on offer for the dogs as well). There will be a raffle and some great prizes too!



So be sure to come along and enjoy the morning!



☺ **'FETCH' answers, for those who are still wondering...** ☺

- Shih Tzu means 'Lion Dog'
- The 2002 Movie was called 'Snow Dogs'
- Chesapeake Bay Retrievers are born with Yellow Eyes, not brown – False
- The cartoon was "Fred Basset" – published by the Daily Mail in England
- Pomeranian
- Pongo and Perdita were the parents of the original 15 Dalmatians in the movie 101 Dalmatians