

WARRINGAL OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.



'WAG'

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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 includes some more titles to celebrate. Well done to all our members who are training their dogs and progressing through the classes, Sunday mornings offer plenty of fun for 2 and 4 legged creatures. 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 we continue our series of articles about the many different dog sports around Victoria. Our performance/trial feature follows on from last issue, and this issue looks at Rally Obedience, the newest dog sport recognised by the ANKC and something many of our members are doing well in! 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!!!**



Congratulations Warringal... State Agility Trial Winners!!!



Chris & Teddy - 1st Novice Agility



Janice & Harvey - 1st Novice Snooker

Also congratulations to:

Chris & Cody - Q's in Masters Jumping, Open Agility & Masters Strategic Pairs (3rd)

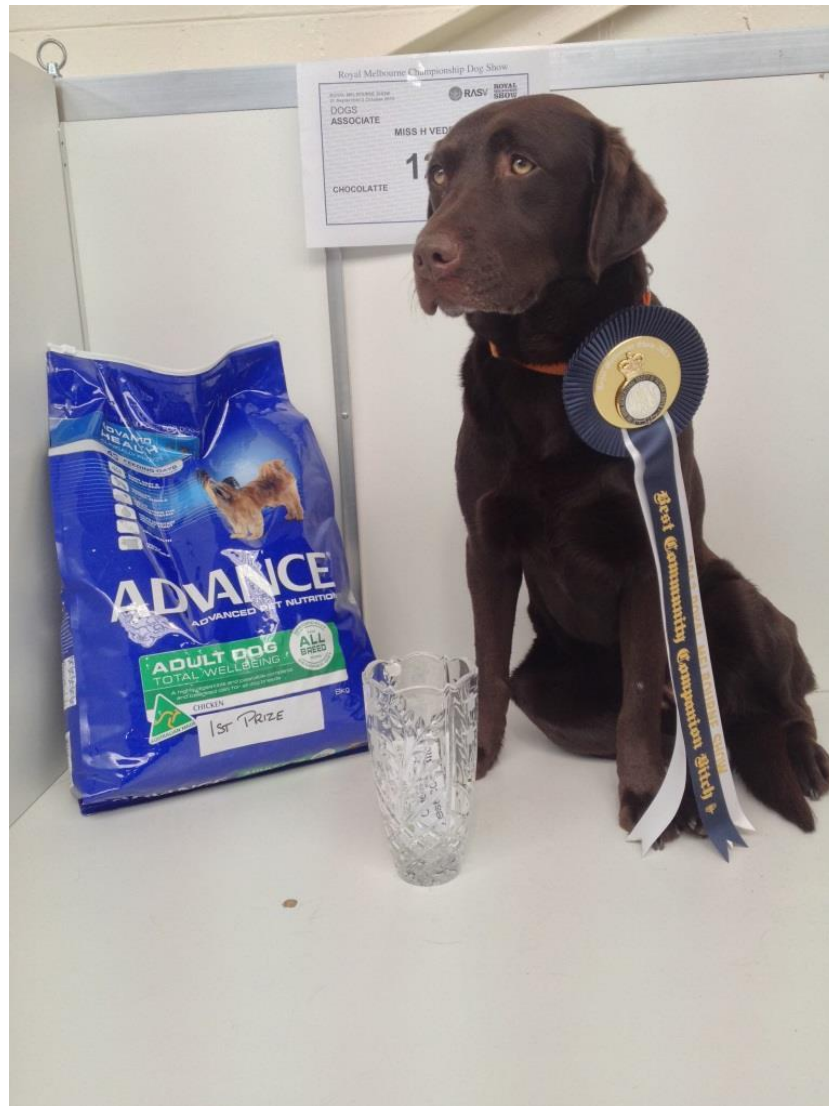
Rochelle & B'Elanna - Q's in Masters Agility, Masters Jumping & Masters Strategic Pairs (3rd)

Chris & Teddy - Q's in Novice Agility & Novice Strategic Pairs

Rochelle & Carl - Q's in Novice Strategic Pairs

Hannah & Logan - Q's in Excellent Jumping & Novice Gamblers (3rd)

Congratulations Warringal... Our Royal Melbourne Show Winner!!!



Chocolatte - aka 'Yogo'

Yogo started obedience training in 2012 and with her brains we snapped up our class passes very quickly and within a few months we were suddenly up to class 3. At first I didn't really know if I wanted to trial her in obedience and it was really maybe I will but maybe I won't for a long time until April 2013 when I made the final call that I will register her with Dogs Victoria and trial. Our first Trial was on the 28th April 2013, at Croydon ODC trial where we earned 93 points out of 100 and came in 9th place. Our second trial we were not so lucky with an un-qualifying score of 71 out of 100 on the 25th of August 2013 down in Moorabbin. At this stage I had thought I made a mistake in entering her into the Royal Melb Show because she was not quite ready for such an event, but on the 28th of Sept 2013 she proved me wrong by gaining a score of 92 out of 100 and coming 1st place in the Royal Melbourne Show Obedience for Bitches trial. I had expected a pass that day but never a 1st placing.

Hannah Vedder

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. ☺

SHE BLITZED It!!!

BLITZITLOQAN JDX AD GD - aka 'Logan'

After gaining our novice jumping title in April 2013, Logan soon followed up with her first



pass in excellent jumping at Warringal's own agility trial on the 15th of June 2013 with a time of 31.29 out of 37 sec which placed us 2nd that day. That very same day she snapped up a second jumping pass with a time of 25.28 out of 43 sec which gave us a third placing overall. Our next successful trial was at the DV state trial down at KCC Park, Skye on 7th of September 2013, where we ran 34.15 out of 42 sec and placing fourth and a second pass that same day with a time of 32.87 out of 36sec also placing fourth yet again. Our fifth and title pass was gained at Croydon & district ODC agility trial on the 21st September 2013. I had entered her into three jumping runs that day so we had three chances at a pass so what could go wrong with those kinda odds. We had two runs in the morning and one run in the afternoon, after

failing our first two morning runs there was a bit more pressure to succeed in our last afternoon jumping class for that final pass card we were chasing, but she pulled out all the stops and managed her pass with a time of 26.19 out of 34sec and placing 3rd that was our JDX title accomplished.

That very same day we weren't only lucky on a Jumping title but also gained our Novice gamblers title, so two titles in one day we were very wrapped.

Logan's first gamblers pass was achieved at Knox Park on the 27th of September 2012 where we scored 50 points but a 5th placing. her next achievement wasn't till the 7th September 2013 down at KCC Park in Skye where she collected a total of 44 points and placed 3rd overall and then passing again at Croydon's trial on the 21st of September 2013 with 43 points and a second placing thus giving us our GD title.

Hannah Vedder

COP What??? TOP That!!!

Ch & Neut Ch Adorin Cop That JD DWDFN – aka 'Carl'

My firstborn Carl has begun following in his father's footsteps! Carl has earned his Jumping Dog (JD) title. Carl has always shown plenty of potential in agility when he's in the mood to do it, and he certainly loves the sport and enjoys the trials, always either passing or failing in fine style! Jumping is all about speed with various types of jumps and tunnels making up a set course. Each judge sets a different course, so no two rounds are ever the same. Novice class is the first level of trialing and requires 3 passes under at



least 2 different judges for the JD title, and I was pleasantly surprised when Carl earned his first pass at Moorabbin in 2012 under judge A Claughton, beating the time by nearly 5 seconds! His next pass came in September at the Dogs Victoria State Agility trial under judge R Diamond, where Carl once again beat the clock by nearly 4 seconds. We had some issues with Carl sometimes running out of the ring to greet the dogs waiting ringside, but I'm pleased to say we have gotten him out of this habit and he no longer looks for dogs while he is running his course. Carl's final pass came at the Agility Dog Club of Victoria's Easter trial, 2013, where we again passed under judge A Claughton. Carl was entered in the afternoon Jumping trial with judge M Cowman, and topped off his day by passing this round as well, coming in 3rd place in the ring and giving him an extra Q card. Carl had great fun and showed some lovely speed, so now we have to keep this going as we embark on the courses in the excellent class.

Carl has earned the Dances With Dogs Freestyle Novice title (DWDFN), the first Schipperke in Australia to go beyond the Starters title in the sport, but I'm sure not the last!



Carl and I had a lot of fun with our novice routine, dancing to John Farhnam's 'Raindrops Keep Falling on my Head', which I thought suited Carl's lay back, happy-go-lucky aura, plus the speed was exactly right for our moves. I ordered a costume from New York and wore a bright yellow raincoat that I jokingly called my 'New York Import', as that's where it came from, and it all worked really well for a fun dance. Our first trial was the Royal Melbourne Show 2012, and Carl and I not only passed but came 3rd in the ring! Our next trial was a double trial in April this

year (2013), and we passed both trials to earn our novice title! I'm really proud of the fact that Carl performed (among other things) 4 really nice leg weaves with a spin, a grapevine move while I also imitated rain coming down with my fingers, and of course Carl's favourite move, the Up High! Love you Carl!

Love you Carl!

Rochelle Manderson

TWICE as EXCELLENT! PLUS Rally...

Gr Ch Hapipet Mystery Solved RN AD JDX SDX SPD QD DWDFS – aka 'Zane'



Zane has recently earned his Jumping Dog Excellent title (JDX). The Jumping class focuses on speed and accuracy, with courses made up of various types of jumps and tunnels and much faster times. The Excellent class is the second of 3 class levels and is quite a bit more difficult than the novice class he had been trialing in. At first the increased difficulty slowed Zane down a little but as he became more confident with the longer, harder courses he began to speed up and make the times to pass. Our first pass came in April last year (2012) at

Moorabbin under judge M Tyler, coming in with under a second to spare! Our next pass came under judge H Diamond at our own Schipperke Club trial where we came in 3rd place, and Heather (our judge) was thrilled to give a Schipperke a Q card at the SCV's own trial. We cleared the time by a good 3 seconds, however for our third pass Zane was back to true form, making the time by .02 of a second!!! (And they use electronic timing gates that are triggered when the dog's nose passes over the bar, so we know it's accurate). Our next pass came in fine style at Ballarat where Zane not only passed but WON THE RING (yep, the Schipperke beat the Border Collies and all...). Our 5th and final pass came at our own SCV trial this year (2013) with judge M Cowman, where we not only titled but came in 2nd place. Zane also won Fastest Schipperke in Trial with this run, beating the SCT by 2 seconds. Well done Zane! So now we're in the top level, Masters class!

Zane and I have been busy, for we have also earned our Snooker Dog Excellent title too! Snooker is one of the three Agility 'games', although the rules are deadly serious! Again, as with all agility, it is all off lead, no food, no touching the dog, only verbal and visual cues to guide the dog around the course. To explain Snooker to someone who hasn't seen an agility trial is a little complicated, but here goes. Snooker is based on the parlour game, with red and coloured obstacles worth a set number of points. It consists of 2 parts, the opening and closing sequences. In the opening sequence, the dog must accumulate a set number of points (in Excellent class it is 15 points plus closing) by performing obstacles set out by the judge using both 'red' bars and 'coloured' obstacles, just like the game. Then they must complete the closing sequence of obstacles numbered 2 through 7 in order, all within a standard course time set by the judge. Any agility obstacle can be included in the Excellent class, including combination obstacles. Zane loves the contact equipment, A frame, dog Walk and Sea saw, but hates weaving, so I would try and utilise the contact equipment to gain our opening points. We would still have to weave, but more contacts would keep Zane happy and hence, fast.

Once again our first pass came at our Schipperke Club trial in 2012 with Judge R Diamond with 42 points. Our next pass was at Knox with 43 points, before we travelled all the way to Bairnsdale and passed with Judge P Buykx getting 43 points, coming in 3rd place. We passed again at our own SCV trial in 2013 and Judge M Tyler, slashing the time and earning 42 points. Our final pass came at Bendigo with judge J Browne where it bucketed down rain all day and Zane and I came off the course drenched, but certainly happy with a great run for our title.



But wait, there's more... Zane has also earned his Novice Rally Obedience title (RN), I was never planning on doing Rally with Zane, but there you go...



Zane did extremely well considering we haven't done a lot of obedience training, focusing more on agility. I knew we would lose marks whenever we had to do the drop from a stand, as Zane would often not want to do that exercise, and sometimes Zane wouldn't sit quite straight, but I could live with that. It is by pure chance that Zane and I started doing Rally trials. I was entering my two older mutts in Rally trials and Zane's breeder, Phil, was planning on entering Zane's mother and brother (Jess and Ziggy) in a trial I was doing at KCC Park. So I promised to enter Zane as well as the mutts, not thinking for a moment we would pass. However it was a happy ending for us as Zane and I passed with 88 points out of a possible 100 with judge L Piper, so I decided I'd better keep going with Zane in Rally O. The funny thing is Phil chickened out and didn't enter that trial after all! Zane and I went to the Pet and Animal Expo and entered a double trial to try for our title. Sadly Zane failed in the morning as he was distracted by

the pony rides happening just outside our ring, but passed the afternoon as by then the pony rides had finished. This was under judge K Houlden and we scored 80/100. Our final pass came again at KCC Park at a twilight trial under judge F Brueckner. I was nervous as hell and I made a couple of silly mistakes, but despite my performance we passed with 82/100 and earned our title! The interesting thing was we showed at a conformation show at KCC in the morning and won Best Australian Bred in Group, then went out to the outdoor rings at KCC and passed our Rally title, before returning inside for General Specials judging. And yes, I changed my outfits and did not go into the Rally O ring in show clothes!

So well done to my boy Zane, what a dog!

Rochelle Manderson

BORDERING ON BRILLIANT!!!

Milangimbi Lilac Twist CDX – aka 'Barney'



Shaun and Barney have earned their Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title with 3 passes and an extra pass for luck! Barney earned some great scores that ranged between 180 and 187, winning two 2nd placing's and two 3rd placing's in the ring for his 4 passes. CDX is pretty hard stuff, so well done to Shaun and Barney on a job well done!

Rochelle Manderson

BASILIKA FYERO AD JD SD

“SKIPPER”



Skipper has gained his Novice Rally Obedience title!!!!!!

Rally Obedience is a relatively new form of obedience trialing. I thought I would give it a go as you can talk to your dog all the way through. I have only just started Skipper trialing for his CCD title as he is only just starting to mature. But rally obedience is a great way to start as being able to talk to them you can keep them focused and it really is a lot of fun.

I have entered Skipper in his first Advanced Rally trial which is off lead, I will have to see whether talking to him is enough to keep his interest now.

His scores for his RN title were as follows:

CLUB	DATE	JUDGE	SCORE
Southern ODC	16/03/13	David Hutson	87
Southern ODC	16/03/13	Mrs Kim Houlden	95
Broadmeadows ODC	23/06/13	Mrs N Mcilroy	94

Gayle and Skipper

GRAEGILL DANCING ON THE CEILING

RN

“KODA”



Koda has gained his Novice Rally Obedience title!!!!!!

For anyone who doesn't know, Koda is a pure bred Papillon. I got him when he was 8 months old as an ex – show dog that had been kennelled all the time. He was very confident on lead but as soon as I took him off lead he just froze as he didn't know what to do and of course being kennelled he wasn't toilet trained and was of course into marking everything. But Koda learnt quickly and decided that he liked living in the house, I have a dog door, so my boys have free run of the house and yard, and he liked being off lead and of course he learnt that if he didn't behave he got a correction but if he was good he got lots of praise, play and treats.

Koda learnt his obedience quickly and worked well, but around the time he turned 2 years old he started doing the “I don't have to do what you say” trick. He is slowly maturing out of that stage but I have decided not to enter him in anything else until next year. Hopefully by then he will have decided to behave and just work for me.

His scores for his RN title were as follows:

CLUB	DATE	JUDGE	SCORE	PLACINGS
Southern ODC	16/03/13	David Hutson	93	
Southern ODC	16/03/13	Mrs Kim Houlden	99	2 nd place
Broadmeadows ODC	23/06/13	Mrs N Mcilroy	95	

Gayle and Koda

A TRUE COMPANION!!!!

Papco Harvie CCD ADX JDX- aka "Harvey"



I'm very happy to announce that Harvie recently gained his first Obedience Title - CCD. As a novice handler it has been a very long learning curve for me! Over the last three years, we have attended obedience training at WODC and NODC and I have been very fortunate to have had Gayle Baxter (personal friend and a brilliant obedience instructor) work with me on a one to one basis. Her persistence and encouragement was extraordinary. We entered our first trial at Melton September last year, what an experience having never been to a trial before. We scored very poorly but had lots of fun and learnt heaps. The next trial was at Northcote on Cup Day 2012. We missed a pass by 1 point, but contrary to being disappointed, I was delighted, it proved that we were very close to passing if we got our act together. We then gained passes at the next three trials!! So now it's onto training for the next level CD.

Janice and Papco Harvie ADX JDX CCD

THE MYSTERY OF DANCE IS BEAUTIFUL!!!!

Ch Adorin Prince Of Mystery HTMS – aka 'Prince'



Prince has earned his Heelwork To Music Starters title, the first Schipperke in Australia to earn the Heelwork title, but again, I'm sure not the last! There are 8 Heel positions in Dances with Dogs (unlike the 1 position in formal obedience work), and they can be performed with the dog moving forwards, backwards and sideways. In the Starters class the dog isn't expected to show all 8 positions, and Prince demonstrated 6 of the 8 positions during his dance. The dog should move smoothly and flow from one heel position to the next and must show some animation and spring to his movements, as it is dances with dogs after all. I had no idea how Prince would go but decided to give him a go and see how he went at the DWD trial in April this year (2013). We danced to One Direction's 'What Makes You Beautiful', which I thought suited Prince to a tea, and I was absolutely thrilled with his performance. Prince focused so well throughout the dance, picked up his feet and held his head and tail high for the whole time, earning us full marks for 'harmony between dog and handler', among other things. Prince really tried his best for me and did a great job in the morning and afternoon trials, and we scored really good scores under a panel of interstate judges. We finished 2nd in the ring in both the morning and afternoon trials, and earned our title as well! Love that boy!

Rochelle Manderson

STAKIM STAND BY ME CD ADX JDX ADO GD SD SPDX "SOLA"



Sola has gained his Novice Rally Obedience title!!!!!!

Sola turned eleven in January and was retired, I didn't think that I would be trialing him again, but when I tried my two young Papillons at novice rally and saw how simple it was as long as your dog is trained in basic obedience, I thought, well why not and the old boy really enjoyed himself.

About 5 minutes before his first trial I realised that he had never done a left hand finish, so I grabbed him and a couple of treats and basically dragged him into position and rewarded him and when we entered the ring he worked beautifully. You are allowed to talk to your dog during rally, you can encourage your dog and keep their attention. I think rally is a great way to start trailing with your dog and it really is a lot of fun.

His scores for his RN title were as follows:

CLUB	DATE	JUDGE	SCORE	PLACINGS
Broadmeadows ODC	23/06/13	Mrs N McIlroy	97	3rd place
Moorabbin & DODC	25/08/13	Ms Yvonne Ross	94	
Geelong ODC	31/08/13	Ms C Geary	82	

Gayle and Sola

THE COMEBACK KID!!!

Sir Tommy CCD RN ADX JDX SDM SPDM GD DWDFS HTMN ET – aka 'Tommy'

The old boy has done it again! Tommy has come out of retirement once more and earned four more titles to his name! He has earned his Snooker Dog masters title (SDM) in Agility, his Freestyle Starters (DWDFS) and Heelwork to Music Novice (HTMN) titles in Dances with Dogs, and his Rally Novice (RN) title in Rally Obedience. Tommy loves to trial and, although he must have had more comebacks than John Farnham, he is still going well at the ripe old age of 11! Here are the details:



Snooker Dog Masters: Tommy initially retired from Agility still needing one more pass for his Masters Snooker title, and I accepted that we had run out of time for it. At the time Tommy was having difficulty on course as he had started having minor fits that have left a little scarring on the brain. However, I thought I'd give him a run at the Schipperke Club of Victoria's Restricted to Height trial, as it was a bit of a special

trial. And I couldn't believe it when Tommy not only passed and titled, but did so in 2nd place! He had a ball and I was super happy that we did so well. Tommy's first SDM pass was in 2007, and his final pass was 2013, however it was well worth the wait.

Dances with Dogs: Tommy was only ever going to go as far as heelwork Starters title, however he enjoyed the trials so much I decided to try him in Freestyle and also go on to Heelwork to Music Novice. We gained our first Heelwork to Music pass at Ballarat on a beautiful sunny morning in March 2012 where we scored well and finished in 4th place. Our next trial was the Royal Melbourne Show (2012), where we entered both Freestyle Starters AND Heelwork to music Novice. Tommy loves an audience and really rose to the occasion, performing really well and passing in 3rd place in both his routines. We then had only 1 pass to go in each for our title, but we didn't trial again until the Dances with Dogs Club double trial in April 2013, where Tommy failed the morning trial with a shocking display of stupidity and lack of focus. This left the afternoon, and although I know Tommy was having some problems with the moves and I simplified his routines for the afternoon trial to make it easier on him, and I'm pleased to say we passed both dances and gained both HTMN and DWDFS titles.





Rally Novice: I remember reading about American Rally Obedience years ago and wishing the ANKC would start Rally O here, but it took 6 years before Rally came to Australia and I decided to enter Tommy in Novice as I was sure he would enjoy it. The best thing was I could talk to him, and Tommy did really like the Rally O ring. He performed beautifully each time and passed his first two Qs in 4th place, only just missing a ribbon. However, our third pass at Croydon was a beauty and Tommy came in 1st Place and titled!!! Sister B'Elanna came 2nd place behind him, what a day! What a great days work!

Rochelle Manderson

ALL ABOUT THE LADY...

Lady Belanna RN ADM JDX SDM SPDX QDX DWDFN HTMN



B'Elanna has also earned her rally Novice title. Convincing B'Elanna to follow obedience commands is often tricky, she can do beautiful obedience work when she wants to, but the price has to be right, so to speak. Unlike Agility, B'Elanna doesn't love obedience, but she will do it for me and for a treat. However, I was pleasantly surprised at how well she worked in Rally O. I was mainly doing Rally O for my other boy Tommy, but I entered B'Elanna as well as she is quite capable and hates to be left home. It was a good move, as she passed 3 RN trials from 3 goes and gained her title very quickly. Our first Q came at Geelong, where I think B'Elanna was looking for where the jumps were, ☺ but we still

managed to pass with 80/100. Our next pass was much more respectable with a score of 90/100 at KCC Park. Our final pass was better again, 93/100 and 2nd place in the ring!!! Of all dogs, she was beaten by brother and BFF Tommy! Go B'Elanna!

Rochelle Manderson



RALLY ON...

Papco Thief Of Hearts RN - aka 'Astro'

Congratulations to Janice and Astro on earning their Rally Novice (RN) title in September, 13. Great Job Janice and Astro!

Rochelle Manderson

READY STEADY GO!!!

Neut Ch Adorin Ready Teddy Go AD JD – aka 'Teddy'



Teddy started his agility career in February of this year a week after he turned the eligible entry age of 18 months, as with all my dogs. This is mainly for them to gain ring experience rather than expectations of gaining a pass. In early March we all went to Bairnsdale for the weekend, which I had never trialed at before as it is further than my comfort travelling distance, as I was chasing AG Ch points for Cody. I put Teddy in for experience and to my surprise and delight he got a Novice Jumping pass in what was only his second trial!

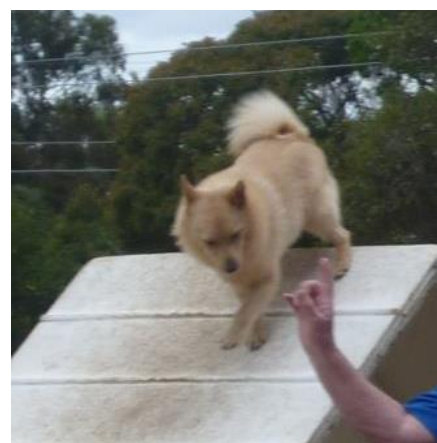
He then surprised me even more when he passed Novice Jumping 1 at Moorabbin's trial on the 7th April this year. I then went into Novice Jumping 2, with his breeder Rochelle Manderson and her mum Yvonne (both club members) saying if he passed this one he would have his Novice Jumping title. I replied that was highly unlikely, but said jokingly that if he looked like he might pass I would have to throw it, as in my opinion he wasn't really ready for the Excellent level yet. So in we went and lo and behold here he was whipping around the course giving every indication that he might in fact pass! Of course the statement I had made was completely in jest, as the competitive part of me would never allow me to deliberately fail anything, so we finished the course with a pass and his Novice Jumping title within two months of him starting trialing! To prove he was ready for Excellent he passed the second Excellent Jumping he was entered in and has got three more since, so is now only one pass away from joining Cody in Masters Jumping.

Teddy also gained his Novice Agility title at the State Agility Trial on the 7th September this year. He gained his first pass at Ballarat's trial on the 5th May coming first, his second pass at Croydon on the 25th May, also coming first then just missed passing at the Schipperke Restricted to height trial at the end of June by missing the colour on the walk, which was the second last obstacle. After that he seemed to go downhill a bit, losing focus, probably not helped by the wet weather bringing up lots of lovely smells to sniff in the ring, so I thought he might not get his title this year.

Then we went to the State trial where Teddy was entered in both Novice Agility classes of the day. In the first Novice Agility he gained his title coming 7th in the ring. Then, much to my delight he not only got an extra pass than needed in Novice Agility 2, but got first in the ring and a lovely trophy from Dogs Victoria. What a clever little boy!

Well done Teddy. You're obviously out to prove that Schipperkes can do agility.

Proud mum,
Chris Wong



BOW DOWN, THE MASTER HAS ARRIVED!!!!

Lady Belanna RN ADM JDX SDM SPDX QDX DWDFN HTMN

I couldn't be prouder of my girl B'Elanna! She has earned her Agility Dog Master (ADM) AND her Snooker Dog Master (SDM) titles in Agility.



B'Elanna's first Masters Agility pass came in 2011 at the State trial under Judge Trevor Moore, and we followed this up with another pass 2 weeks later at Croydon's trial under judge Peter Buykx where we finished 6th overall, pretty good for a small dog in Masters. It was about 6 months before our next pass where we beat the course time by nearly 10 seconds. 3 months later we earned our next pass at the Schipperke Club of Victoria's Open trial, this time beating the course time buy nearly 15 seconds! The State trial 2012 saw us gain another ADM pass, but it wasn't until February the following year that we earned our next pass. This left only 1 pass to go, but I wasn't sure how long it would take to get this one more. We went to Bairnsdale the following weekend and I'm pleased to say B'Elanna passed a masters course with Judge Micheal Cowman, despite the hot weather, with 3 seconds to spare! We had earned out ADM title!

However, our Snooker Dog Master (SDM) title was much more of a saga. Our first pass was at Warringal's own trial in 2008, but it would be 3 years before we would get another one. However, 2011 was to be a good year for our snooker. Our second pass was at the Papillon Club's restricted trial in March, and we came in 3rd place as well. We followed this up with a pass at Moorabbin in April, before another Q drought until March 2013 where we once again passed at the Papillon Club's trial, this time in 2nd place. Moorabbin was our next pass, where we placed 2nd in Heather Diamonds\'s ring before passing again only 1 week later at the Agility club's Easter trial. Unfortunately, we seemed to then start suffering from 'last pass syndrome' where we kept failing Snooker to the point I wondered if we would ever get our title. Granted I was probably nervous and often stuffed up as a result! However, it took until early march 2013 before we would gain our last pass at Bairnsdale's trial, giving us two Masters titles in one day!!!



Rochelle Manderson

BASILIKA FYERO AD JD SD

“SKIPPER”



Skipper has gained his Novice Snooker Dog title!!!!!!

It took us 7 trials to gain the 3 passes required for Skippers Novice Snooker Dog title.

His scores for his SD title were as follows:

CLUB (POINTS)	DATE	JUDGE	COURSE TIME	COMPLETED IN
Papillon Club (47)	17/03/12	R Padfield	68 sec	60:71 sec
Agility Dog Club (45)	08/04/12	J Browne	58 sec	38:12 sec
Croydon ODC (38)	25/05/13	P Buykx	64 sec	50:69 sec

Snooker is one of the games in agility. There is a numbered closing sequence that must be completed in order and all obstacles completed correctly. In the first part of snooker, the dog must complete a red bar and then a numbered obstacle, he has to do this three times before completing the closing sequence. In novice you must make up a minimum of ten points in the first part before doing the closing sequence. Sometimes it's not easy getting your dog around equipment to get to the obstacle that you need but it is fun. It's harder on the handler as you have to think which would be the best way to handle certain obstacle and which would actually suit your dog better so it does make you think.

Skipper is a great little dog, he is full of energy and can be very responsive when he decides to listen. He is going to be five in August and is maturing nicely and he is working more smoothly and consistently as he matures.

Gayle Baxter and Skipper

WOW... What a CHAMPION!!!

Ag Ch (300) Kumbirra Pure Pirate CCD RN ADM JDM JDO QDX SPDX SDM

(aka Cody)

After the death of our Beagle/Heeler Daisy in 2005, it was actually my husband's suggestion that we get another Sheltie, as he thought poor Xander (our tri colour Sheltie), was looking a bit mopey and lonely, as he had always had Daisy with him from the moment he was brought home as a puppy.

So I did the ring around to find a breeder with puppies and Charles, Xander and I went to Kumbirra Kennels to have a look at the Blue Merle puppy that was the last and only one available, fell in love and so we set off home in the car with little Cody in my lap. I



was a little concerned he might be a little shy like Xander, as he was very quiet, but this was obviously just being tired on the journey, because about 30 seconds after we let him out in the back yard he was running around and started on his trademark "talking"!

Cody took to training really well, especially Agility as he loved nothing better than running around copying his beloved "brother" Xander, who at that time was Agility trialing with much success. As soon as he was 18 months old I entered him in his first agility trial, as I have with all my dogs. This is mainly to get them used to the ring and trial conditions, I don't actually expect them to get a pass in the first few trials, however in a very short space of time Cody was not only passing but was whipping through titles and fast catching up to Xander, who was in Masters. When he did catch up it was great for me, as although tiring running two dogs in the one ring, very often one after the other, it meant I didn't have to remember so many courses.

Things were going swimmingly, we were all enjoying ourselves, especially Cody who just loved doing agility and then all of a sudden shortly after the 2008 State trial, in which Cody did extremely well, even coming first overall in one class, he suddenly scurried off to the car park one Friday night when training at ADCV and also started doing this at trials. Suddenly my joyous, enthusiastic agility boy couldn't be got to stay in the ring and would slink out. I actually changed his diet from the dog food he had won at the state trial to see if this could be the problem, even though he had had lots of different brands before with no ill effects. But surprisingly a few days after changing he was running with me again, although I couldn't do lead outs with him as previously. Yippee I thought he's cured, but this was short lived as after the Xmas break, again at Friday night training he started scurrying out of the ring again, and so it looked like this had now become a psychological problem. This continued for another 22 months, with me and my friends trying everything we could think of to help him overcome this. I persevered at trials with him, as although he was still skulking out of rings there, back at Warringal training on Sunday's he was now back to his happy enthusiastic self. So my only goal at trials was to keep him in the ring and for him to be happy again. The one advantage to me with this was that I really didn't have to learn the courses that well. We

would just start and whatever and wherever he went was fine, just as long as he was happy, I would tell him what a wonderful boy he was. Gradually this took effect and so I actually had to learn the course. We still had one more Masters Agility pass to gain his title which he eventually got, so then we quit running master courses and concentrated on games instead

My older dog Xander was now starting to decrease his runs in trials, and not doing masters anymore meant we were not doing a lot of runs at trials, due to the fact that not many trials were doing games, so about October 2011 a few months after the new Height Agility Champion came into effect and also because Cody seemed to be almost completely back to his usual self, except for not wanting to do lead outs at trial (although quite happy to do at club) I thought we would enter masters again and give getting an Agility Champion 300 a go. If it started causing Cody problems again we would just not bother.

To get Agility Champion you must gain 500 points each in both Master Agility & Master Jumping after you have gained the 7 passes in each to gain your title. You could use passes after your title, gained before the new Agility Champion came in and they would be worth 10 points each no matter what your height placing, but since I had done virtually no Master classes since Cody gained his title we started our campaign with no points in Agility at all and only 20 in Jumping. The points scale is 25 for 1st in your height, 20 for second, 25 for third and 10 for any pass from fourth on.

We started in October 2011 and gained our Agility Champion 300 title in April 2013 at Moorabbin's Agility trial, with our last agility points coming in a nail biting pass as Cody



decided to take what seemed like forever to go over the see-saw (not his favourite obstacle) and me being worried that although we had gone clear we may have failed by being over time, but luckily he just scraped in the time. Yippee, what a relief, Cody had gained his well deserved Agility Champion 300 title and now mum could stop being the stress head she had become whilst trying to get the last few points needed and go back to just having fun!!

Well done my beautiful little “blue bullet”. You are such a gorgeous boy, a joy at home as well as in trials and I thank my lucky stars to have you in my life.

His very proud and grateful mum,

Chris Wong

OUT IN THE OPEN!

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SDM*



At the State trial in September this year Cody got his Open Agility title for which you need 5 passes. In Open you run a course as set out by the judge, but unlike a normal course there is an “exclusion section” which is a number of obstacles in the course which must still be done in number order, but which has a 5 metre marked off zone, which the handler must not step across, so that you need to be able to send your dog over the obstacles correctly from a distance. These obstacles are rarely in a nice straight line and often have traps or “dummy” obstacles which need to be avoided.

Cody had just got the hang of distance work, when as mentioned above he broke down and when he came right again unfortunately his distance work now needed to be retrained, which took a fair while, but eventually he got the idea again. We missed gaining his title at Ballaarat in May due to an error from myself after he had managed the exclusion zone well (could have kicked myself!).

I entered the one and only Open Agility course at the state trial, not really expecting to pass after having walked it, but Cody got through the pretty difficult section to get to the exclusion zone, managed that and then I had to concentrate hard to finish the last 4 obstacles correctly, so as not to repeat missing out as we had at Ballaarat. Whew, did it, mum didn't stuff up this time and Cody now had his long time coming Open Agility Title. Passes gained as below.

AFFILIATE	DATE	JUDGE	PLACE
Scottish Breeds Dog Club	5/6/11	Mr Trevor Moore	???
Western Port ODC	15/10/11	Ms Annette Claughton	2 nd
Shetland Sheepdog Club	6/5/12	Mrs Heather Diamond	2 nd
Ballarat DOC	5/5/13	Mr Roger Padfield	4 th
Dogs Victoria	7/9/13	Ms Annette Claughton	5 th

WAY TO GO CODY! (Chris Wong, proud mum).

FILM STAR...

Shaun's lovely dog Barney has starred in a new You Tube advertisement for physical therapy. It's a great watch – here are the details below for anyone wanting to take a look. ☺



Improve your move through physiotherapy. Mojo the border-collie teaches a family with physical challenges how to get their mojo back through physiotherapy and exercise.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWDzA0pnaAY>



What is Rally Obedience???

Rally Obedience is fairly new to Australia, although it has been around in America for much longer. It is not quite as serious as formal obedience trials, and instead of the judge calling out the obedience commands, they set up a course of signs that direct the handler as to which obedience exercise to perform. They can range from the basic 'sit' or 'down' command to more complex moves including the formal and continental 'finish' exercises and weaving around cones in the heel position. You can talk to your dog throughout the trial but you cannot take food or toys into the ring. In Novice class the dog remains on lead. The lead is removed in the higher levels and pivot moves, distractions and backing are introduced (Advanced and Excellent). Clearly some dogs can read sign language...

Rally O Classes are held on Sunday's at 10:00. See you there!



HOT WEATHER, HOT CARS, HOT DOGS...



As the warmer weather approaches it is again important to remember not to leave our best friends in the car in warm weather, as it can be extremely dangerous. Cars heat up fast in summer, so plan ahead to ensure you won't have to leave your dog/s in the car alone!

I found this chart on the internet and it really does give you a good guide to temperatures as we hit the warmer months. Even if it doesn't seem hot outside the car heats up very quickly, so have a read of these temperatures and you'll get the idea.



Hot Dog!

TEMPERATURE OUTSIDE	ELAPSED TIME	TEMPERATURE IN CAR
24°	10 minutes	38°
24°	30 minutes	49°
30°	5 minutes	32°
30°	7-10 minutes	38°
30°	30 minutes	49°
38°	15 minutes	60°

AGM & FUN DAY



Well, it's that time of the year again and we all need to think about the AGM and end of year Fun Day Christmas break up party. This year it is all on the same day, so be sure to be at club on **Sunday December 8th** for a great day with your best friend. The AGM will be held at 9:00am and will be short and sweet, followed by presentation of club trophies and we estimate the Fun Day will begin around 10:00 – 10:30am.

Also remember to get your title trophy applications into me by end of October at the latest so we can reward your hard work for the year. Applications can be found on the web site (I think it still says 2012 but this form will do the job).

And it may be a little early but...



Merry Christmas