

***WARRINGAL OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.***



***'WAG'***

***MARCH 2014***

## ***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](mailto:loveamutt@hotmail.com)

*This Wag includes some happy snaps from our Christmas break up party, so enjoy the photos. We are honoured to have a great article from Graz on Obedience trialing for this issue, fantastic stuff!!! We have some more titles to celebrate, including an Obedience Champion and a Supreme Champion. Sadly we also have some devastating news as I lost one of my dogs in January, so his Vale has also been included in this issue.*

*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.*

*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!!!**





# **CHRISTMAS BREAK UP PARTY!**

Our final training day for 2013 saw many of our members and their dogs getting into the Christmas spirit at our Christmas break up party. I took plenty of happy snaps, and here they are...



**Merry CHRISTMAS!!!**



**Gather Round...**



**Our WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS raffle table!**



## Come and Try Agility...



## Find the BOX game...





## The Gutsy Dog game...



## The BBQ LUNCH...



## The Trophy Tables...





## CANDID PHOTOS FROM THE DAY...





Let's RUN...





# *Warringal Obedience Dog Club End Of Year Awards, 2013...*

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**



Highest Scoring WARRINGAL MEMBER - GRAZYNA MACKIEWICZ & CZARA (188)



Highest Scoring RALLY - GAYLE BAXTER & KODA (99)



Highest Scoring DANCES WITH DOGS - ROCHELLE MANDERSON & TOMMY (153)



Highest Scoring CCD - JULIE CONROY & LUCY (98)



Highest Scoring OPEN & Highest BORDER COLLIE - SHAUN GENTLE & BARNEY (187)



Highest Scoring UD & Highest ASSOCIATE - GRAZYNA MACKIEWICZ & CZARA (188)

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**JOCELYN VAGG with FREYA**

**LINDENBRAE TARFIN BOLERO CDX**

**Titles: RN, RA, RE**





**JULIE CONROY with SASHA**

**KARORA KIERRA DAWN RN**

**Titles: RN**



**JULIE CONROY with LUCY**

**MORNHAVEN SONG OF JOY CCD RN**

**Titles: RN, CCD**



**ROCHELLE MANDERSON with Zane**

**GR CH HAPIPET MYSTERY SOLVED RN AD JDX SDX SPD GD DWDFS**

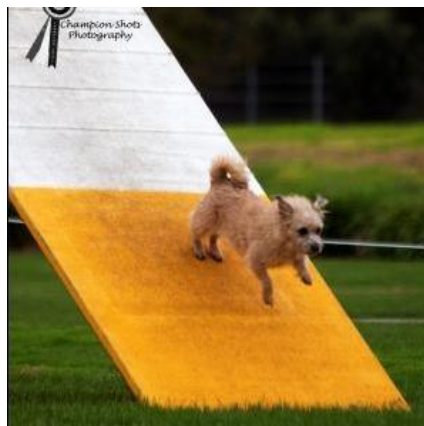
**Titles: RN, JDX, SDX, AD, OJC, O-OJC, TG-N, O-TG-N**



**ROCHELLE MANDERSON with TOMMY**

**SIR TOMMY CCD RN ADX JDX SDM SPDM GD DWDFS HTMN ET**

**Titles: RN, SDM, SPDM, DWDFS, HTMN, O-EJC, O-TN-O, O-TG-O**



**ROCHELLE MANDERSON with B'ELANNA**

**LADY BELANNA RN ADM JDX SDM SPDX GDX DWDFN HTMN**

**Titles: RN, ADM, SDM, SPDX, O-WV-O, O-TG-O**



**GAYLE BAXTER with SOLA**

**STAKIM STAND BY ME CD RN ADX JDX ADO GD SD SPDX**

**Titles: RN**





**GAYLE BAXTER with KODA**

**GRAEGILL DANCING ON THE CEILING RN**

**Titles: RN**



**GAYLE BAXTER with SKIPPER**

**BASILIKA FYERO RN AD JDX SD**

**Titles: RN, JDX, SD, O-NJC, S-NJC, OJC, NAC, O-TG-N, TN-N, WV-N, HP-N**



**CHRIS WONG with CODY**

**AG CH (300) KUMBIRRA PURE PIRATE CCD RN ADM JDM ADO JDO GDX SPDX SDM**

**Titles: AGILITY CHAMPION, RN, ADO, S-WV-N**



**JANICE CROOKS with HARVIE**

**PAPCO HARVIE CCD RN ADX JDX SD**

**Titles: RN, CCD, SD, S-NAC, O-OJC, S-OJC, O-TN-N**



**CHRIS WONG with XANDER**

**TIMMAR BLACK THUNDER CD RN ADM JDM2 ADO JDO GDX SPDX SDM**

**Titles: RN**



**JANICE CROOKS with ASTRO**

**PAPCO THIEF OF HEARTS RN**

**Titles: RN**





**HANNAH VEDDER with YOGO**

**CHOCOLATTE CCD**

**Titles: CCD**



**SHAUN GENTLE with BARNEY**

**MILANGIMBI LILAC TWIST CDX**

**Titles: CDX**



**GRAZYNA MACKIEWICZ with CZARA**

**T CH CZARA BLACK VELVET UD**

**Titles: TRACKING CHAMPION, UD, TDX**



**ROCHELLE MANDERSON with CARL**

**CH NEUT CH ADORIN COP THAT JD DWDFN**

**Titles: JD, DWDFN, Neut CH, NJC, O-NJC**



**ROCHELLE MANDERSON with PRINCE**

**CH ADORIN PRINCE OF MYSTERY HTMS**

**Titles: HTMS**

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**PAUL GAVIN with RUBY**

**NO FEAR IN LOVE JDX**

**Titles: JDX**





**ROCHELLE MANDERSON with SALLY**

**CH ADORIN GOLDEN MYSTERY**

**Titles: CHAMPION**



**HANNAH VEDDER with LOGAN**

**BLITZITLOGAN AD JDX GD**

**Titles: AD, JD, JDX, GD, NAC, NJC, TN-N**



**CHRIS WONG with TEDDY**

**NEUT CH ADORIN READY TEDDY GO AD JD**

**Titles: AD, JD, NAC, NJC, TN-N**

# *NEWS FLASH.....*

## **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

**To leigh finin and Xero**

*OBEDIENCE CHAMPION Leneox Xero The Hero*

On earning your Obedience Champion title! Xero earned his final Q score at Bega Valley trial in NSW.



I'm very pleased to say I had the pleasure of watching Xero work in the ring, as I was also at Bega Valley for the Championship Show that was held concurrently on the same weekend. They are a beautiful team to watch work!

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## **BUCKLE UP IN THE BACK SEAT...**

News for Victorian Drivers regarding new laws introduced only months ago: Dogs travelling in cars must be sufficiently restrained so as to prevent them from reaching the driver while travelling. This means have your dog restrained in a properly fitted car harness or in a secure crate (bigger dogs can be secured behind a cargo barrier) when you and your best friend are out driving. If you are caught you could be liable for a fine of nearly \$400 and 3 demerit points off your licence.

I'm sure we all travel with our dogs safely secured in case of an accident to protect them from major injuries, but now there is a legal and financial reason to do it too!



*Highest Scoring WODC Member 2013, Highest Scoring Associate, Tracking Dog Excellent Title, Tracking Champion Title, Utility Dog Title 2013*

## *TCH CZARA BLACK VELVET CDX TDX UD*

It has been a successful year of training and trialing and for Czara and handler Grazyna Mackiewicz. Czara obtained her Tracking Dog Excellent Title, Tracking Champion Title and Utility Dog Title, as well obtaining her first pass for Obedience Champion (score of 192) and being awarded the Highest Scoring WODC Perpetual Shield and Highest Scoring Associate Trophy.



Czara is a lovely dog, an example of what can be achieved with training (kind and firm, small steps of success better than big leaps of failure) and a walking ad for rescue (adopted after being bailed out of death row in a pound). Go girl! Patience, persistence and underdogs rule! ☺

Anyone looking for a new dog, please consider “adopt, don’t shop” and check out the Petrescue website at: <http://www.petrescue.com.au/listings/dogs> , where there are very many lovely dogs (like Czara) from all the many shelters around Australia listed for adoption.

If anyone would like any individual tips or advice regarding their training or any issues encountered, or would like a “run through” for any level of competitive obedience, you are welcome to come and see me (at around 10.30ish) at the Club on Sundays, in the left front corner where the UD jumps have been set out. Happy to pass on my knowledge and tips to anyone seriously interested in training past beginner levels, or for competitive obedience. Also, any instructors that would like me to give some tips or a demo to their class, please feel free to arrange with me ☺.

Speaking of which, I would also like to contribute regular articles about training to the WODC Newsletter, starting in this edition with an introduction to competing in your first obedience trial, and next time an introduction to tracking with your dog.

Keep at it and may 2014 be an awesome year for you and your dog, to extend yourselves beyond what you imagine and achieve something wonderful! ;)

Kind regards    Grazyna Mackiewicz & Czara (“woof”!)



# Pop the bubbly, We did it!!!!!!

## *Supreme Champion Hapipet Mystery Solved RN AD JDX SDX SPD GD D\WDFS – ‘Zane’*



Zane is my ultimate show dog, and he has now earned the ultimate show title of Supreme Champion, bringing up his title with a Best in Show win! To earn this title is a huge achievement, and you couldn't wipe the smile off my face!

The Supreme Champion title requires a dog to earn 1000 challenge points and also be awarded 10 Best in Group (all breeds) or Best in Show (Specialty) under 10 different judges. Zane had earned 1000 points by 3 years old, along with 5 Best in Group awards earned at Bairnsdale (3), Kerang (1), and a Best in Specialty Show win. For Supreme Champion it was therefore all about the final five wins. These came at shows held at Tumbarumba, Shepparton, Holbrook, and finally winning Best in Show at Bethungra & Illabo District Championship Show, becoming a Supreme Champion in style!

Zane has shown since he was a baby puppy and has won a lot of prizes in the show ring over the years. He has won in Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia. Some highlights came when Zane and I won Best of Breed at the Royal Melbourne Show in 2010, winning Best in Specialty Show at the Schipperke Club of Victoria Championship show in 2010, and winning Runner Up Best in Show at the Non Sporting Dog Club of Victoria Championship Show. Zane has consistently won Class in Show, Best in Group and Class in Group awards at all Breeds Championship Shows throughout his showing career. Zane earned his Champion title at 12 months old and his Grand Champion at 3 years.



In the ring, Zane has become renowned for his beautiful movement, floating around the ring with such ease and perfection as to turn heads. Zane would never put a bad performance, although in very warm weather or when one of our girls was to be mated I would have to work a little harder to keep his attention in the ring. He was known for hitting his stacks first time, every time, and holding them for as long as the judge expected him to. Zane was a real showman, walking into the ring with such presence that if he could speak he would be saying "just give me the ribbon, I'm Zane!" Zane has always loved to show, and still loves the ring, so as he approaches his 7<sup>th</sup> birthday his days in the show ring are not over just yet!

Owned and Loved by Rochelle Manderson!

# ***BASILIKA FYERO AD JDX SD RN***

## **“SKIPPER”**



Skipper has gained his Excellent Jumping title!!!!!!

It took us 17 trials to gain the 3 passes required for Skippers Novice Jumping title and now it has taken 38 trials to gain the 5 passes required for is Excellent Jumping title, he likes to make me work.

Skipper is a great little dog and can work brilliantly, when he wants to. Everything has to be just right for him and he has to feel in the mood. I call him my little "prima donna". During our 38 trials we have failed because of my miss handling, missing on time, knocking a bar off or of course being disqualified because Skipper was in one of his moods. He certainly keeps me on my toes because I never know what he is going to do until he does it.

Well, we are in Masters now. I'm not really sure how we will go. Skipper has to jump 300mm which he struggles with sometimes and Masters of course is harder and faster, so we will just have to give it a go and see what happens. You need 7 passes to get your Masters title, I wonder?

His scores for his JDX title were as follows:

CLUB	DATE	JUDGE	COURSE TIME	COMPLETED IN	PLACING
Bulla Agility DC	12/05/12	P Buykx	40 sec	36:09 sec	3rd
Croydon ODC	15/09/12	P Buykx	47 sec	42:49 sec	
Agility DC	30/03/13	A Claughton	45 sec	40:43 sec	
Bulla Agility DC	18/05/13	P Buykx	36 sec	32:68 sec	
Knox ODC	26/10/13	M Tyler	40 sec	31:18 sec	

I continue on with Skipper because he enjoys the work and the day out at trials. It's a great way to spend time with your furry friends and it is good for both handlers and dogs because it makes you both work your body and mind. So my advice is to give it a go and never get discouraged, just keep working at it and try and find your dogs preferred trigger/reward, I'm still trying and slowly getting there, now all we have to do is get into Masters Agility.

Gayle Baxter and Skipper

## *AG CH 300 KUMBIRRA PURE PIRATE CCD RNADM ADO JDM JDO SDM GDX SPDM (AKA CODY)*

My little blue merle Sheltie Cody finally gained the seventh pass needed for his well deserved Master Strategic Pairs Dog title (SPDM) on the second day of Bairnsdale's agility trial on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March this year. Passes as below:

AFFILATE	DATE	JUDGE	SCT	TIME
K9 Agility Club	16/2/2008	P. Buykx	54	50.46
Agility Dog Club of Vic	23/3/2008	F. Shelton	??	56.38
Papillon Club of Vic	19/3/2011	T. Moore	50	49.47
Agility Dog Club of Vic	7/4/2012	J. Browne	60	58.59
Waringal ODC	1/12/2012	S. Pearson	55	51.17
Dogs Victoria	7/9/2013	R. Padfield	51	50.03
Bairnsdale DOC	2/3/2014	P. Buykx	50	48.40

This title has been a very long time coming due mainly to the following reasons. The first being that Cody had a reaction to some food won at the State trial in 2008, which developed into a psychological problem, which meant he actually wasn't trialling for around 22 months, until he recovered from this after much encouragement from myself and friends. Then when were ready to rock and roll again his pairs partner Tommy owned by Rochelle Manderson had problems of his own and was now not performing as consistently as previously and would often not wish to jump the bars as he was finding the bar height a little difficult. This resulted in some interesting strategies from Rochelle and I on how to run the courses with the two changes required, whilst Cody did between 75-90% of the course!

We did manage another 3 passes with this pair and then got the last two passes with Rochelle's little mixed breed dog Belanna (we managed with my Tibetan to get the 2 passes needed for Belanna to be in masters and take over from Tommy who had virtually retired from trialling by this stage). The last reason this title took almost 6 years to get is that games were not being offered at most trials and when they were pairs was rarely one of them, which of course gave very few chances to pass.

We went clear in our pairs on the Saturday of Bairnsdale's trial but it was an extremely tight time of 44 seconds for the course, so we were over time. I actually said to Rochelle that if the time was sub 50 seconds on Sunday then we would just be running purely for the fun of it as we were not going to kill ourselves trying to get an impossible to achieve time. So Sunday we actually asked what the course time was before starting (we usually don't bother, just run and then see if we made time). It was 50 seconds so we thought we might be in with a chance, providing we had a smooth faultless run, as we had done the previous day in just under 53 seconds with a minor glitch.





We were thrilled when we went clear and got confirmation that we had made the time and passed, thus gaining Cody his Master Pairs title. He will still be doing pairs for a while yet, as Belanna still has 5 passes to go for her title and Rochelle, I and our dogs all enjoy it a lot.

Well done and well deserved my "little blue bullet"! (Proud mum Chris Wong)

## *NEUTCH ADORIN READY TEDDY GO AD JDX SD*

*(Aka TEDDY)*



My little cream Schipperke Teddy gained the last pass needed to get his Novice Snooker Dog title at the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Victoria Trial held on the 15th of March. Games are not always offered at Agility trials, hence the gap between his first and second pass, as he actually only had five attempts to gain the three passes needed for his title.

Snooker is an agility game where you must accumulate a certain number of points by jumping a red bar, followed by a "coloured" obstacle (anything that is not a red bar) three times, decided by the competitor and then you go to the closing sequence which is a set of six obstacles which must be completed in the numbered order. To pass you must first accumulate the required points and successfully complete the closing sequence as well, all in the allotted time period. It is quite interesting to see the different ways competitors work out how to get the points needed in the first section of the game as this can vary greatly, although sometimes everyone is doing the same thing thus having the same points, so who wins then is decided by the fastest time.

Bendigo & District ODC	2/7/2013	Judge James Browne	41 points	49.03 seconds
Bairnsdale & District DOC	1/3/2014	Judge Peter Buykx	44 points	49.06 seconds
CKCCV	13/3/2014	Judge James Browne	44 points	43.65 seconds

Well done Teddy.

Proud mum,

Christine Wong

*Well Done Chris, Cody and Teddy!*

## Papco Thief OF Hearts RN JD



Astro gained his JD title at the recent Cavalier KC Spaniel Restricted to Height Agility trial.

26 Oct 2013 Knox SCT 42 Time: 25.08 6th place

15 Mar 2014 CKCSC SCT 30 Time: 22.52 3rd place

" " SCT 30 Time: 22.05 1st place

Janice

*Well done Janice and Astro!*

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# Vale

## Adorin Did I Do That – ‘Steve’

**Owned, Bred and Loved by Rochelle Mandeson**



It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of my boy Steve in January.

Steve was one of two boys from my first ever litter. He had some problems at birth and we nearly lost him in his first 3 days. However, after this he picked up and we figured we had saved him. Well we did save him, but not quite as we'd hoped.

Steve's first two years were absolutely normal. He was shown as a baby but really didn't like the ring, so I stopped showing him and focused on Agility and Dances with Dogs training instead of shows. He was without a doubt the hardest dog I've ever had to train, on a good day he was brilliant but if he didn't feel like it, that was it and he would simply run out of the ring (remember agility and dances with dogs are both off lead sports). Steve and I won first place at Warringal's 'Fun Day' (our obedience club's in-club competition) in early 2013 in the Novice agility class. We were making progress and Steve trialed officially for a little over a year. During this time he gained 2 Novice Snooker qualifying cards (Snooker is a form of Agility), being only one pass away from the SD title, and he also earned a Novice Jumpers Qualifying round in 2<sup>nd</sup> place as well, which was pretty good for only having trialed for a little over 1 year. He was improving with each trial and we were aiming for his first title this year. With more time I'm sure we would have! He also attended Dances with Dogs classes each Tuesday evening and was going well with this sport too. Again, it was slow and steady gets the way, as Steve would only co-operate when he was in the mood to do it. We worked out a Freestyle routine for the DWD trial late last year, however this was postponed as he had begun to get sick and we, at this point, didn't know why. Steve had also begun training for Rally Novice trials, again, planned for this year. Sadly, we never got the opportunity.



Steve enjoyed regular off lead runs in the park with my other dogs every week, social gatherings with friends from dog club, obedience and agility classes at club on Sunday, and training games in the lounge room, as all my dogs do. Although he only had a short life, it was a good one. He packed as much and more into his three years as many dogs get to do in their lifetime. He was loved by all of us and loved us in return. So I tell myself that although short, there is no tragedy in how he lived, only how long.

Steve was diagnosed with Stomach cancer in late 2013 after appearing bloated with loose stools in August. There was no treatment to cure the tumours so we medicated him with a daily tablet to improve his quality of life and give him an extra month or two. He saw Christmas, which was lovely as we didn't expect him to.

Steve is and will always be sadly missed by our entire family, both two and four legged. I'll never forget you little man, and I'm so sorry this happened to you. Gone too soon...

Rochelle Manderson



## **OBEDIENCE TRIALLING WITH YOUR DOG**

Now that you have invested the time and effort to train your dog, a rewarding thing you can try is competitive obedience trialling. Training and working as a team strengthens the bond between you, is exciting when you finally 'get it together', and a real thrill when you gain your first pass card, trophy or (eventually) obedience title.

Warringal may be hosting an Obedience Trial later in 2014. It's a great opportunity for everyone in the upper classes to train up and enter! For those who are new to trialling, here are some useful tips:

### *How to Enter*

- You need to be a member of Dogs Victoria to enter an obedience trial. You can find out how to join from their website at: [www.dogsvictoria.org.au](http://www.dogsvictoria.org.au).
- Your dog also needs to be registered with Dogs Vic and be at least 6 months old to compete. No matter if you don't have a pure-bred or pedigree. You can register as an "Associate" and compete along with the best of them. Associate dogs can be any breed or cross-breed, but must be de-sexed.
- As a Dogs Vic member you will receive a monthly magazine which contains a calendar of event of upcoming trials as well as ads for Clubs holding them.
- To enter you need to fill out a Performance Entry Form (downloadable from the website) and send it in by the closing date, along with an entry fee.

### *Community Companion Dog (CCD)*

The first level of competitive obedience is CCD. If you obtain three passes, under at least two different judges, your dog will attain a Community Companion Dog (CCD) obedience title – very prestigious - a bit like a Doggy Degree! ;)

The exercises are all the things you have been learning in class 5 training:

- Heel on lead (including sits, stands, drops, left and right turns, left and right-about turns, figure 8, slow and fast pace)
- Stand for examination (on lead)
- Recall (off lead)
- 1 minute (group) sit stay
- 2 minute (group) down stay

The exercises are undertaken with precision, but there is plenty of leeway for slip-ups without losing your chance of passing. CCD is graded out of 100 points and to get a pass you need to obtain at least 85. If you fail an exercise you NQ (non qualify).

You are not allowed to correct or physically manhandle your dog in the ring (eg to push it into position), nor take any food or toys into the ring. You must work on a loose lead and you cannot repeat commands, talk or give additional signals. You can't praise your dog during an exercise, however you can take full advantage of the opportunity in between exercises (when the Judge says "exercise finished") to pat and praise your dog and keep it motivated.

You should carefully study the Obedience Rule Book to familiarise yourself with exactly what you will be required to do and what points may be deducted for. The Rule book can be downloaded (for free) from the Australian National Kennel Council website at: [www.ankc.org.au/Rules.aspx](http://www.ankc.org.au/Rules.aspx).

You should also try some practice “run throughs” in training before you enter. Ask one of the instructors or triallers to take you through the CCD routine. This is really important, as inevitably you will get some very useful tips that will better prepare you for the trial.

### *The Trial*

A fold-up chair is useful for sitting by the ringside. Check in time is usually half an hour before commencement of judging – don't be late! You need to check in, get your number and a catalogue. If your dog is a bitch, she will also need to be “vetted” and your card stamped.

The rings (no sure why they are called “rings” when they are rectangles!) will be marked with the level, Judge and Steward's names. Find your ring and let the Steward know you have arrived. Make sure to check whether there are any scratching (as you may be called in earlier than you think!)

Try not to be nervous! It's highly contagious - if you are on edge you will communicate it to your dog and both of you may make silly mistakes. Just relax and be quietly confident that your dog can do what you have trained it to (and that you can remember!) It's a good idea to take your dog for a walk around the grounds to get used to the surroundings. It's also a good idea for you to take a deep breath yourself! Dogs are very scent and body language oriented and stress and nervous tension is contagious! ;)

The Steward will call your number and ask you to enter the ring. Take up your position at the starting peg (either side). The Judge will welcome you and commence judging once you respond “yes” after he asks “are you ready?” So if your dog is sitting crooked or gawking round, don't say “yes” until you straighten up and get your dog's attention – no use losing points before you even start!

When everyone in your ring has finished, you will do the group stays. Numbered markers will be set out in a line and you will file in and take up position with your right foot against the peg. It is good protocol to take the marker back as you file out after the end of the exercise and to thank the Judge and Steward.

At the end of the day, there will be a presentation with trophies, ribbons, special awards and most importantly, your Pass Certificate! If the trial is being put on by your club there will be many people you know with much to talk about.

Don't be too disheartened if you don't pass your first trial – you lose absolutely nothing but have so much to gain from what you can learn from the experience. There is nothing like a full blown dress rehearsal under trial conditions to show you what you still need to polish up. The Judges usually offer some good expert advice, and it's also good to watch and learn from other competitors as well.

So... simple really – just follow the Judge's instructions and do what you have learnt in class. You know your dog can do it. Can you? Imagine how you would feel if your dog surprises you with not only a pass card, but a trophy to take home ;)

Good luck!

Grazyna Mackiewicz

(& T CH Czara Black Velvet CDX TDX UD)

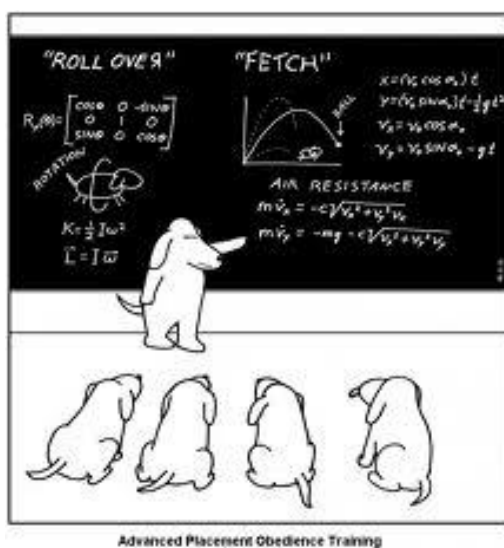
☺ ☺ ☺ Thank you to Graz for the wonderful article about Obedience trialing! I'm sure our members will get a lot out of it, especially those thinking of trialing their dogs! ☺ ☺ ☺



## CLASS graduations 2014



Date	Handler/s	Dog's name	Promoted to
23/02/14	Nathan	Turbo	Adv. Beginners
23/02/14	Andrew	Wawy	Adv. Beginners
23/02/14	Nathan	Guz	Adv. Beginners
2/03/14	Paul	Diesel	Adv. Beginners
2/03/14	Chris	Victoria	Adv. Beginners
2/03/14	Ron & Wendy	Willow	Class 1
16/03/14	Emily	Loca	Class 1
16/03/14	Tim & Zoe	Barkley	Adv. Beginners
16/03/14	Thomas	Jasper	Adv. Beginners
16/03/14	Jenny	Obi	Adv. Beginners
16/03/14	Nathan	Turbo	Class 1
16/03/14	Tom	Izzie	Class 1
16/03/14	Chris	Victoria	Class 1







## Happy Easter!



Easter will be here before our next WAG so it is a good time to wish everyone a happy Easter holiday and to remind you all to keep those chocolates AWAY from your dogs!!! Chocolate contains the chemical Theobromine, which is toxic to dogs. Make sure your Easter hunts do not include the dog, and keep your Easter shopping in a sealed cupboard out of your dog's reach!



**I saved him from ur Easter basket.**

**I saw what you did to chocolate bunny.**