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From the Editor

Welcome to the August issue. Following on from the last issue's advice on reading a dog's body language we have more advice on how children should behave around dogs. An essential starting point is that a dog is not a toy but a living creature that needs to be cared for. The information in graphic charts on Dos and Don'ts will, if followed, go a long way in preventing dog bites.

Having trouble getting your dog to retrieve the dumb-bell? Roger White's tips might help. If you need more help, ask Roger directly on the park on Sunday.

Our regular features continue. Read about the antics of dogs in the news in The Good, the Bad and the Ugly. Dot-2-Dog is back. Instructor Profile this issue is on Helena Steel, one of our hard working Committee members.

Enjoy your dog.

Peter

PS The dog wearing goggles in the last issue is a member of the bomb disposal squad. It was getting ready for a parachute drop.



How to Start a Fight

Top 3 most intelligent dogs: Border Collie, Poodle, German Shepherd
Down the bottom: Golden Retriever, Afghan, Shetland Sheep Dog

President's Podium

Greetings,

Here we are well into the second half of the year so it's time to look back ponder and assess our progress. If for some reason you have hit a barrier and guidance is required then talk to your instructor or alternatively speak to one of the training subcommittee (Frances, Peter and Roger). Hopefully between us your problems can be solved and you and your happy companion can move on.

As you well know NODC will be holding its Obedience Trial on September 11, 2011. For those who haven't trialed and are deciding on whether or not to give it a go, well this is your chance. Nothing better than starting at your own Club trial were you'll have all the support and guidance to help you along. Those of you who haven't been to an obedience trial then come down and see handlers work their dogs correctly to maximise their chances of securing a pass – you will be amazed at what you can learn.

See you at the training grounds.

Roger



Reminders

Please **keep a lead on your dog** at all times, even between classes, unless asked to remove it by your class instructor.

While you are at the Club **you are responsible** for your and your dog's actions. Ensure there is sufficient space between each dog so that they are unable to play with another dog or make another dog feel uncomfortable.

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Instructor Profile — Helena Steel

How many years have you been a member of the club?

I have been a member of the club for 7 years and I am a serving member of the committee.

How long have you been an instructor?

2 years

Dog's name and breed?

Wobbles, who is a long-haired Jack Russell Maltese cross.

Favourite Movie?

Babe.

What book are you currently reading?

Mao's Last Dancer by Li Cunxin.

Favourite meal?

Roast dinner.

Precious dog items or collectables?

Wobbles.

What advice do you like to give to people coming to the club for the first time?

Ask lots of questions and keep coming to training every week.

Your dog's best trick?

Wobbles has good balance, almost cat-like, so he can walk as if on a tight rope.

Handy training tip?

Work on gaining your dog's attention and focus exercises.

Any other thoughts to share?

Be mindful that not all dogs appreciate overly friendly dogs in their faces; some dogs just need their space.



Glenys Barnes

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Children & Dogs

How Kids SHOULD NOT Interact with Dogs

It's common sense. Just imagine how people should interact with each other.

Avoid taking people's food



Avoid bothering dogs when they are eating

Avoid stealing other people's toys



Avoid taking a dog's bones or toys

Avoid putting your face right up to someone else's face



Avoid putting your face right up to a dog's face

Avoid bothering when asleep



Avoid bothering animals when they are resting. Let sleeping dogs lie.

Avoid pestering



Avoid grabbing tail/ears

Avoid climbing on or trampling



Avoid climbing on or trampling

Avoid pinching



Avoid hugging. Most dogs dislike it.

Avoid screaming around



Avoid hollering and shouting. Use your "inside" voice instead.

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Children & Dogs

How Kids SHOULD Interact with Dogs

Use common sense.

Be polite and kind to pets



Learn to recognize when your dog is scared or anxious



Play appropriate games with pets, such as:

Fetch



ROLL OVER



Training tricks (like roll over, shake, beg, etc.)

Walking and running with a dog



Playing hide-n-seek

Always remember:

Supervise all interactions. Accidents can happen in a split second.



Train your dog to associate the kids with positive experiences so he'll be more likely to tolerate your child in case she accidentally interacts inappropriately.



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Hints on Training your Dog to Retrieve

Teaching retrieving should be all fun and play, plenty of enthusiasm, no holding back the dog, letting him enjoy himself and gaining the confidence of carrying the item.

Use absolutely anything the dog is prepared to retrieve, even a bone so he gets the idea of picking up.

As soon as he lowers his head to pick up the item praise him excitedly and call the dog in. If the dog returns with the item well and good; praise him but make no effort to take the item. Allow him to carry it, thus giving him the confidence of holding and carrying it.

Squeaky toys are not a preferred item to start retrieving with, but if that is all he will retrieve, then go with it. The reason for leaving squeaky toys off the list is that when a dog picks the toy up it squeaks, which is likely to encourage him to bite down on and play with all items retrieved expecting them to squeak.

If a dog has a tendency to drop the item at your feet, then it's a good idea to immediately turn around and walk away from the dog the moment he picks up the item, praise him excitedly and when he's at the side of you, calmly bend over and take the item with your left hand (you might want to do a couple of turns before eventually taking the item).

Always use a command when sending the dog out to retrieve; FETCH is not a bad word. When the dog runs to get the item enthusiastically every time, start to encourage him to SIT beside you and WAIT until you give him the command to go and get the item (FETCH).

Did you know when a bridge is being built they start from both ends, meeting in the centre? We use the same approach here, so, whilst you're teaching the dog to pick up an object in his mouth, at the same time you start teaching him to SIT in front of you, put a dumb-bell (or any other item that the dog will accept) in his mouth, tell him to HOLD and then GIVE.

Work on calling your dog to you (the middle part of the bridge) and, finally bring the package together: SIT, WAIT, FETCH, COME, SIT IN FRONT OF YOU, GIVE .

Roger White

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Know Your Breed—Alaskan Malamute

Alaskan Malamutes are big, powerful active dogs that have been bred for their ability to pull heavy loads over long distances.

AVERAGE LIFESPAN

From 8 to 10 years.

AVERAGE SIZE & WEIGHT

59cm to 64cm; 34kg to 39kg

BREED PERSONALITY, CHARACTERISTICS AND TEMPERAMENT

Alaskan Malamutes are friendly, intelligent dogs that love people. Because of this they are not good guard dogs and cannot be attack-trained (although their size and appearance makes them an effective visual deterrent). They are, however, as strong-willed and determined as they are friendly, and must have obedience training in order to be under control at all times. If Malamutes make up their mind to chase something, they are frequently impossible to call back until they are ready to return.

Their friendliness does not extend to other dogs - especially those of the same sex. Malamutes can, and often will, take the opportunity to scrap with other dogs, and have been known to hunt down and kill other animals, especially cats, possums and farm livestock. They will also dig up gardens and plants with equal vigour.

Malamutes are not one-man dogs - rather, they use their independence and intelligence to establish relationships with people they come in contact with, whether they are family members or strangers. These dogs make superb companions as they are anxious to please and eager to take part in an active and exciting life.

COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER PETS

The breed is known for showing aggression towards other dogs.

CARE REQUIREMENTS

Alaskan Malamutes need a large amount of exercise and will take as much as you can provide. The mental stimulation gained through regular exercise is also important, as a bored Malamute can easily remodel your garden - good fences are essential. These are hardy, robust dogs capable of enduring extreme cold, yet also able to deal with the heat of an Australian summer, provided that they are given shade, plenty of cool water and the care of an owner who is aware of the dangers of them overheating. Malamutes need surprisingly little food, being extremely efficient eaters. However, they will eat anything they can lay their paws on - having a survival instinct that leads them to believe that any meal could be their last. This breed also drops hair constantly, all over the house, car, clothes and furniture and they have a major moult at least once, sometimes twice, a year.

Please take note: The breed's size and amazing strength makes it unsuitable for many people - these dogs are simply too powerful to be left under the control of children or the elderly. While the fact that they do not bark can often be an advantage, it should be noted that they have a daunting howl.

IDEAL OWNERS

Unless you are a person who enjoys getting out and involving yourself and your dog in a wide range of activities, this may not be the breed for you. Likewise, if having a dog that likes to look you in the eye (usually by putting its paws on your shoulder) does not appeal, look elsewhere. However, for those people seeking a dog whose lovable nature and good looks is matched only by its intelligence and personality, an Alaskan Malamute can offer a lifetime of enjoyment and fun.



The Good, the Bad and the Ugly—Dogs in the News

- Walking the dog can be dangerous. A 77-year-old woman walking her dog in Beaumaris was killed by a car reversing out of a drive. Ambulance paramedics could not revive her. Take care walking the dog. Take care driving out of your drive.
- Had you heard of the most faithful dog in the world that kept a vigil by its master's grave for 14 years in Edinburgh, Scotland in the 1800s? The Skye Terrier was immortalised in a Disney film. A researcher from Cardiff University claims the story was made up by a cemetery curator and local restaurant owner to boost local tourism and that the dog was bribed to hang around with food scraps. But then Cardiff University is in Wales, isn't it?
- A 90-year-old woman found dead in her home in Albion, Victoria, had been bitten by a dog. It is not known if she was bitten before or after she had died.
- We need to exercise to stay healthy and live longer. The best way to do that, studies show, is to get a dog. Dogs can motivate their owners to go walking. Older people are also more likely to go walking with a dog than with another human.
- About 250,000 unwanted dogs and cats are put down in Australia every year. As Victorian law now stands a stray dog in an animal shelter or pound must be put down after 28 days if it has not found a permanent home. That law is about to be changed.
- Sydney businessman Ian Lazar has had four of his seven dogs kidnapped (or should that be puppy-napped?). The nappers know the value of the dogs to the owner – the dogs have pyjamas, get dressed every morning and have been the centre of a custody battle in divorce proceedings. Ransom of \$300,000 has been demanded for the safe return of Goldberg, a Miniature Poodle, Max, a Maltese Terrier and Bella and Lilly, Maltese Shih Tzus. Mr. Lazar, a former bankrupt, provides loans to people with nowhere else to go. Investigations continue.
- In Nhill, a Pomeranian dog was taken from a yard, cut in two and the rear half thrown back over the fence where it was found by the owner. Investigations continue.
- Can you keep a dog in an apartment with the consent of the landlord if the Owners' Corporation (formerly the Body Corporate) rules say you can't? That's being tested in the courts now. It is estimated that 15% of flat dwellers have (mainly undeclared) pets. The number of registered dogs in Inner-city Melbourne has risen by 28% over the last two years.
- The secret US Army SEAL team that found Osama Bin Laden in Pakistan was helped by a dog. Little is known of that particular dog but it is estimated that the US Army has 2800 dogs deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. The preferred breeds are German Shepherds and Belgian Malinois. A dog is also believed to have been part of the team that found former Iraq leader Saddam Hussein in 2003.
- You can poo and run but you can't hide in Hernani near San Sebastian, Spain. The council has passed a by-law that will force dog owners to register their dogs' DNA. Dogs' droppings will be tested and the owners tracked down and fined.
- Sarbi, the bomb-sniffing black Labrador- Newfoundland cross that went missing in Afghanistan and then was found has been awarded the RSPCA's highest award for animal bravery, the Purple Cross. She is only the ninth animal to have the award.
- Some things we take for granted. Guide dogs for the blind, for example. But Islamic cultures find dogs unclean and acceptance of Seeing-Eye dogs by Muslims has been slow. Islamic Councils here and in the UK have worked hard to ensure acceptance of guide dogs in taxis driven by Muslims, in homes and even mosques.
- As a result of the recent Japanese tsunami a dog was washed out to sea on top of a house. Rescuers had to coax the dog to safety, which had been driven to hide in the ceiling by the noise of the rescue helicopter. The dog had been drifting, with the house, for three weeks.
- Good news. That Japanese tsunami dog was recognised by its owner on the TV news. Ban, the dog, was reunited with its owner at an animal shelter. There is no truth in the rumour that the dog now glows in the dark.

Dot-2-Dog



New Members

Melina	Tologata			Labradoodle	Dex
Nastassja	Corker			Cavachon	Toffee
Karl	Winslade			Greyhound	Lily
Benjamin	Jakowlew	Nadine	Alexander	Labrador	Bailey
Will	Iberg	Jo	Gunawan	Labrador	Hugo
Rhonda	McIntyre	Shaun	McIntyre	Labrador	Mia
Tanza	McAlbus	Asher	McAlbus	Quadroon	Jezebel
Irene	Filippone	Dom	Filippone	Pug	Barry
Aaron	McCaughan	David	Watson	Staff Kelpie Cross	Hunter
Janis	Hillier	Cameron	Reynolds	Bouvier Des Flandres	Ziggy
Peter	Hobbs			Spoodle	Sam
Kylee	Hadid	Marcell	Hadid	Pug	Patch
Rebecca	Dale			Kelpie Border Collie Cross	Finn
Bernie	Hempenstall			Labrador	Ryder

Did You Know?

Dogs see colour but are green - red colour blind.

There are about 900,000 dogs in Victoria producing an estimated 90 tonne of poo a day.

Research studies have shown that dog owners tend to have lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

Congratulations!

Track & Search Dog Trial

Julia Tahourdin and Paddy (formally known as TCh Killara Padraic 'A'Z).

3 July at Warragul Track & Search Dog Trial. TSD Test 2—Pass. Judge was Kim Houlden.

30 July at Inverleigh (Tracking Club of Victoria). TSD Test 3—Pass AND Track & Search Dog Title.

Well done, Julia.

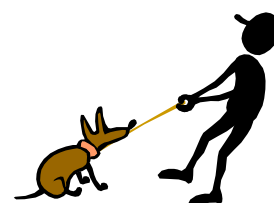
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Cameron	Patterson			Golden Retriever	Dax
Ron	Komisars			Rottweiler	Boris
Michelle	Rech			American Staff Cross	Brutus
Lisa	Cornish	Gordon	Cornish	French Bulldog	Jaffa
Virginia	Heaver			Labrador	Cessy
Jason	Tancev	Teresa	Mazza	Dogue de Bordeaux	Charlie
Marlena	Kaczmarek			Aust Cattle Dog	Jessie
Peter	Paszyk			English Staff	Harley
Jai	Biagtas			Pug	Henry
Amy	Young			Lakeland Terrier	Teddy
Adam	Freebairn	Danielle	Petrovski	Pug	Chilli
Kim	Edgar	Darcy	Edgar	Cavoodle	Peach
Steven	Bakis	Eva	Bakis	Labrador Collie Cross	Buddy
Allie	Levine			Toy Poodle	Maggie
Debbie	Smith	Wayne	Smith	Papillon	Rebel
George	Tsironis	Catherine	Tsironis	Border Collie Lab	Ace
Karne	Luna	Guillermo	Ortriz	Boxer	Tsuki
Bernadette	Mogg			Aust Terrier	Zhara
Emily	Perry	Travis	Hannam	Dogue de Bordeaux	Chloe
Margaret	Gray			Soft Coated Wheaten	Noni
Munro	Rob	Munro	Jane		
Emma	Booth	Nigel	Booth	Labradoodle	Colo
Sophia	Hewson	Sigmund	Salsjo	Whippet	Finn
Samantha	Chandrasena	Shane	Chandrasena	Maltese & Terrier Cross	Charlie & Gertie
Ellen	McSweeney			Beagle	Poppy
Stephanie	Fitch			Moodle & Maltese	Bear & Little
Clare	Barwick	Marco	Solas	Shiba Inu	Miho & Loki
Richard	Maccagnan	Jenny	Thomson	Labrador	Charlie
Austair	Bellany	Bronwyn	Aultz	Miniature Schnauzer	Hamish
David	Nemirovsky	Rimma	Goldberg	Tenterfield Terrier	Rosie
Alana	Chantry			Pomeranian Cross	MJ
Janette	Chantry	Rod	Gurry	Terrier	Nessie
Anne	Fitch			Maltese	Willie & Darcie
Joanna	Lamb			Labrador	Odie
Kate	Treadwell	Ed	Treadwell	Labrador	Darcy
Anthony	Iacobaccio	Tina	Iacobaccio	German Shorthair Pointer	Delta
Gallo	Johnny			German Shepherd	Shitoh
Sue	Stanley	Rohan	Searle	English Staff	Bosco
Michael	Perehyaghmuorali	Beata	Gevergizian	Maltese	Boo Boo
Rhonda	Dickson			Golden Retriever	London
Margaret	McIntyre			Labrador	Prinnie
Thomas	Isaacs	Johanna	Isaacs	Beagle	Nala
Jenny	Pham			Jack Russell Terrier	Max
Tina	Pham			American Staff	Bear

Activities & Events 2011

Feb 6	Start of classes.
Feb 12-14	Pet & Animal Expo at Caulfield Racecourse. (For information see link at www.emsaust.com.au).
Feb 27 <i>world</i>	Moonee Valley Festival Queen's Park 10.00am - 5.30pm. Club will have a stall in <i>It's a dog's world</i> precinct. Amusements, food, stalls etc
Mar 25	Moonee Valley City Council Annual Micro-chipping Day. Date TBC. (See www.mvcc.vic.gov.au).
Mar 6	Instructors' Meeting
Mar 7 (Mon)	Committee Meeting 7pm
Mar 19 (Sat)	Doggie Day Out at Kepala. Booking essential through the Club.
Apr 3	Instructors' Meeting.
Apr 4	Committee Meeting 7pm.
Apr 24	Easter Sunday NO CLASSES.
May 1	Instructors' Meeting.
May 2 (Mon)	Committee Meeting 7pm.
May 15	RSPCA Million Paws Walk. Albert Park Lake. (See www.millionpawswalk.com.au).
May 22	Fun Day / Members' Competition.
Jun 5	Instructors' Meeting.
Jun 6 (Mon)	Committee Meeting 7pm.
Jul 3	Instructors' Meeting.
Jul 4 (Mon)	Committee Meeting 7pm.
Aug 7	Instructors' Meeting.
Aug 1 (Mon)	Committee Meeting 7pm.
Aug 15 (Mon)	RSPCA Cupcake Day. (See www.rspcacupcakeday.com.au).
Aug 29 (Mon)	Entries close for Open Trial Sep 11.
Sep 4	Instructors' Meeting.
Sep 5 (Mon)	Committee Meeting 7pm.
Sep 11	Open Trial sponsored by Northern Obedience Dog Club.
Sep 24 -Oct 4	Royal Melbourne Show (See www.royalshow.com.au).
Oct 1 (Fri)	RSPCA World Animal Day Gala Ball. (See www.rspcavic.org).
Oct 2	Instructors' Meeting.
Oct 3 (Mon)	Committee Meeting 7pm.
Oct 16	Fun Day / Members' Competition.
Nov 6	Instructors' Meeting for November.
Nov 7 (Mon)	Committee Meeting 7pm for November.
Nov 6	Title applications due.
Nov 27	Annual General Meeting.
Dec 4	Last training day.
Dec 4	Instructors' Meeting.
Dec 5 (Mon)	Committee Meeting 7pm.
Dec 11	Christmas Party—Games Day.



Class Exercises

Class One

Heel normal pace

Sit

Stand (alongside handler)

Right-about Turn

Sit Stay (complete exercise)

Recall on lead (Dog does not have to sit)

Other exercises to be taught but not tested

Retrieve on the flat (on lead)

Drop

Class Three

All Class Two exercises plus:

Heel fast pace

Heel in Figure 8 including Sits

Automatic Sit

Drop while Heeling

Left Turn and Left-about Turn (both methods)

Stand for Examination (handler in front). (Food may be used only as a reward.)

All Stays progressing to lead on ground. (Sit 30 sec Down 1 minute).

Recall off lead; dog to sit in front

Other exercises to be taught but not tested

Retrieve on the flat on lead

Class Five

(Novice)

All Class Four exercises plus:

Heel free

Drop from the Stand position (handler 3 metres from dog)

Recall off lead (complete exercise 12 metres)

All Stays off lead if reliable) (Sit 1 minute

Down 3 minutes)

Stand for Examination off lead

Retrieve on the flat

Other exercises to be taught but not tested

Commence high and broad jumps

Class Two

All Class One exercises plus:

Heel slow pace

Right Turn

Recall on lead; dog to sit in front (excludes Finish)

Stand for Examination (handler in front). (Food may be used as a lure.)

Drop from Sit (beside and in front of handler)

Other exercises to be taught but not tested

Retrieve on the flat (on lead)

Dog Introduction

Class Four

(Community Companion Dog)

All Class Three exercises plus:

Heel on lead with lead in the left hand

Small amount of heeling off lead

All stays off lead (when dog is reliable, long lead if not) (Sit 1 minute Down 3 minutes).

Recall, and return to dog

Other exercises to be taught but not tested

Retrieve on the flat off lead

Drop from the Stand position (handler in front of dog)

Finish to recall on lead

Class Six

Complete Open routine

Class Seven

Complete Utility routine

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Northern Obedience Dog Club is a non-profit organisation staffed by volunteers dedicated to promoting the training and understanding of the dog so that it can be accepted as a true companion in our urban society.

The Club trains people to train their dogs to be obedient, companionable and useful. The club provides you with the opportunity to train your dog, and the fact that our club and others like us exist, show how much interest in dog training as a hobby has increased. Training for most people can be a hobby that is enjoyed by both dog and owner.

See our website for more details.



Know someone with a dog? Have you suggested they also join the Club?

Last Wag!

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