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From the Editor

This issue's cover is a mosaic of some of the Club's members or, perhaps more accurately, the dogs of the members.

Want to avoid being bitten by a dog, even your own? See the item on dog's body language. Being able to read a dog's body language will save you from a nasty nip.

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly continues to amaze with the antics of dogs in the news.

Enjoy your dog.

Peter



A copy of the Club's constitution is held in the clubhouse. If you want some light reading, just ask at the reception desk. Importantly, the constitution lays out the procedure to follow if you have any complaints about the instructors, committee or members. Written complaints will be considered in confidence and replied to in writing.

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

President's Podium

Hi! Folks

It is mid-year already; hard to believe. Winter is upon us and training your dog at home becomes harder but please try and you will see positive results.

I am pleased to report the club has just passed 500 members for the year to date. This is the same number as for the whole of last year.

We are still looking for volunteers to help Rob set up and put away the training equipment on Sunday mornings, If you can help in any way please see Rob or me.

Regards.

Trevor



Don't like the way the Club is run?

Great!! Start thinking about joining the Committee and turning it into the Club you want it to be. Elections at the end of the year, but think about it now.

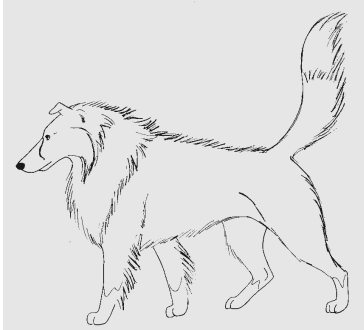
Reminders

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

FREE tea and coffee before and after training on Sundays. Sweets and soft drinks also available to buy at the shop.

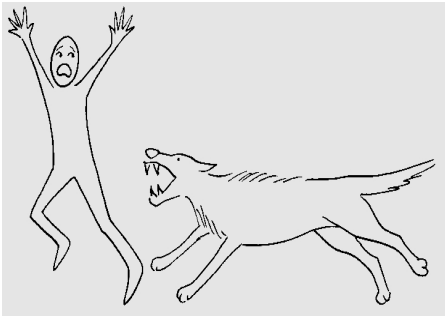
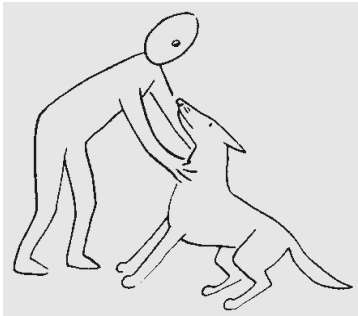
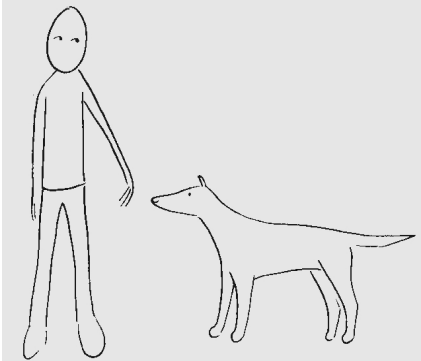
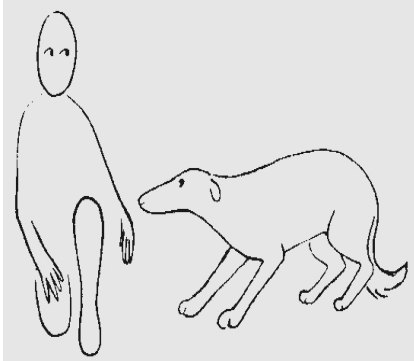
Read Your Dog's Body Language

Body language is the primary means of canine communication!



High tail, stiff gait, hackles raised, direct eye contact, lips drawn forward. This dog is an adrenalin bomb ready to go off. He is the picture of arousal.

Do not run from a dog

 <p>What we do with our bodies affects how they feel.</p>	 <p>BAD HUMAN!! This is a good way to get bitten in the face!</p>
 <p>Proper greeting of a calm, confident dog.</p>	 <p>Proper greeting for a dog who lacks confidence.</p>

The above people are turned sideways, relaxed, offering hand for sniffing, with soft eyes, not staring.

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Instructor Profile — Roger White

Roger is currently the Vice-president of the Club.

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

8 years.

How many years have you been an instructor?

About 5 years.

Dogs name and Breed?

I have a Brittany (Epagneul Breton) called Sage.

Favourite Movie?

The Blind Side.

What book are you currently reading?

The Costello Memoirs by Peter Costello with Peter Coleman.

Favourite meal?

Italian.

Precious dog items or collectables?

Oil paintings and videos of my dog working.

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

Have patience and bond with your dog - enjoy!!

Your dog's best trick?

Retrieves my hat prior to going out for walks.

Handy training tip?

Never get yourself into a position where you cannot follow through on a command.

Any other thoughts to share?

You choose the dog not vice versa so look after him/her and enjoy your mateship.



Glenys Barnes

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The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

- Two Australian bomb disposal soldiers were tragically killed in Afghanistan by a roadside bomb. Their sniffer dog was also killed. The dog was cremated and its ashes returned to the widow of one of the soldiers.
- The dogs are looking after the birds. Dogs of the Maremma breed, well known for their herd-protecting instincts are being used by Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Group to guard the local penguin colony from marauding foxes. The colony is growing in numbers.
- Tough new laws have been introduced in Victoria to reduce the incidence of dog attacks. They include higher penalties for failing to register a dog or failing to carry a Council ID; greater powers of council officers to seize and destroy dogs.
- No wonder the financial crisis is biting. Research has found that it costs about \$24,000 to buy and keep a dog over its lifetime including food, vet bills, training and grooming. Birds and fish are cheaper, but would you swap your dog for three birds or a dozen fish?
- The Mary Rose was King Henry VIII's warship which sank in the English Channel in 1545. The ship's rat-catching dog sank with her. The ship was raised in 1982 when staff of the Maritime Museum in Portsmouth, UK, found the dog trapped in a sliding door. They called it Hatch, Hatch's skeleton will be on display in the new enlarged museum.
- New Zealand researchers have found that dogs can read human emotions. The Otago University study reports that dogs know when we're angry or happy. And we needed a university study to tell us that?
- Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the fattest of them all? Almost half the pets in Australia (41% of the dogs) are overweight or obese another study tells us. Too many treats, not enough exercise and insufficient nutritional information on the food packs are all contributing to this state of affairs. A major mistake we all make is that we forget to count the treats we give during the day in the meal we give them at night.

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Fun Day Results

Do you like your dog?

Then make sure it carries identification on its collar - its, or better, your name and telephone number engraved on a disc attached with a STRONG ring is best. Council Registration and Microchip tags are necessary but not as fast as a mobile phone number to contact you if the dog goes astray.

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Class 1 Judge - Geoff Turp

1	Gayle Dawson	Arnie
2	Anna Morley	Biscuit
3	Paul Gherase	Heidi

Class 1 Judge - Helen

1	Luana Mustica	Kobe
2	Chiandar Teo	Huang Fu
3	Andrea Wilsmore	Rosey

Class 2 Judge - Bill

1	Nancy Evans	Stella
2	Trish Zerna	Tzar
3	Andrew Nicoll	Annie

Class 2 Judge - Robert

1	Madeline Kew	Gus
2	Allison Stewart	Bonnie
3	Robin Dwyer	Mitchell

Class 3 Judge - Peter

1	Ray O'Brien	Murphy
2	Victoria Thomson	Muzza
3	James Ho	Maggie

Class 4 Judge - Roger

1	Julie Burns	Roxy
2	Trish Blundell	Indi
3	Jane Reilly	Keira

Class 4 Judge - Paul

1	Adrian Care	Rusty
2	Leonie Poulter	Lily
3	Jan Scholtz	Kari

Class 5 Judge - Paul

1	Jouylet Lyon	Jemma
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Class 6

1	Anna Del Bono	Decan
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Class 7

1	Reno Gantar	Ringo
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Three Cheers!!! Passes from Classes

Puppies to Class 1

Ian Gillam	Helga	Gail Mitchell	Spike	Isabella Smith	Bella
Chris & Allyson Wade	Archie	Nichole Alfreds	Almos	Joe & Melanie Vella	Chops
Silvana Pironti	Coco	Moya & Bryan Creswell	Allie	Justin Calabrese	Bailet
Sarah White	Bella	Trish Blundell	Cassie	Sandra Glass	Bessie
Anna O'Brien	Ziggy	Miriam James	Bob	Gina Glass	George
Andrew Lyon	Sascha	Gerry Bilotta / Amanda Thorney	Hutch	Shauna Lenagh	Roxy
Christine McRae (Neil)	Max	Anna De Bono	Parish	Chris Stevens	Lola
Annalisa Morley	Biscuit	Joseph De Gori / Melissa Carfi	Phoenix	Alistair & Sarah Stewart	Fitzy
Stephanie Pratt	Harly	Jason & Georgia Hellyer	Poppy	Ryan Becker & Veronica Villani	Buddy
Andre Bacon	Indy	Kitty & Thomas Beagley	Bess	Nichole Alfreds	Almos
Paul Bannister	Millie	Holly Brown	Mack	Daniel Bucknell	Bailey
Fiona Rainy	Chelsea	Justin Cutajar	Lola		

Class 1 - 2

Helen List	Teddy	Christine McArthur	Coco	Mary Carmuciano	Scoota
Gayle Dawson	Arnie	Kiersten Eyre	Poppy	Sarah White	Bella
Luana Mustica	Kobe	Annalisa Morley	Biscuit	Andrew Eve	Spot
Andrea Wilsmore	Rosey	Cindy Newman	Gypsy	Kjell Arvidsson	Tess
Chindar Teo	Huang Fu	Paul Gherashe	Heidi	Robert Bichler	Jake
Matilda Houlihan	Mozart	Shelby Apap	Myla	Stephanie Cowan	Charlie
Margaret Morris	Jet	Andrew Mascaro	Bambola	Dennis Pearson	Lillie
Silvana Pironti	Coco	Kevin McClelland	Skipper	Kiyoko Harris	Max
Jenny Bader	Murphy	E Smith	Lucky	James Ha	Top Deck
Daniella Raso	Max	L Pollino	Zeva	Dianne Kaldanis	Kirby
Adam Lee	Gypsy	M Young	Harley	Paul Daniele	Beau
Bronwyn Davies	Billow	Ian Gillam	Helga	Frances Hammer	Gertrude
Belinda Bisignano	Lexi	Andrew Lyon	Sasha		

Class 2 - 3

Nancy Evans	Stella	John Massey	Cooper	Gyn Burnup	Gracie
Trish Zerna	Star	Bev Gleeson	Sopike	Kiyoko Harris	Max
Andrew Nicoll	Arnie	Ray O'Brien	Murphy	Belinda Jude	Gracie
Madeline Kerr	Gus	Tamara Jenkins	Jack		
James Nikola	Annie	Nicole Bowe	Risky		

Class 3 - 4

Peter Trelloar	Ruby	Leah Redwood	Zoe	Peter Redwood	Zoe
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Class 4 - 5

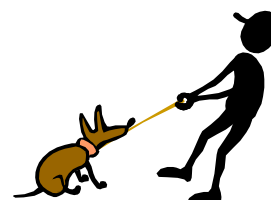
Trish Blundell	Indi	Krystyna Widera	Shogun	Julie Burns	Roxy
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New Members

Leslie	Sharples			Ripley
Chris	Stevens			Lola
Glenn	Beard	Jade	Brooke	Kylar
Colin	Laurie	Claire	Jacobs	Hercules
Gerry	Bilotta	Amanda	Thornycroft	Hutch
Georgia	Bellamy	Alistair	Bellamy	Merlin
Veronica	Villani	Ryan	Becker	Buddy
Christine	McRae	Neil	McRae	Max
Stephanie	Pratt	James	Stapleton	Harley
Gerhard	Taubitz	Cathy	Taubitz	Tess
Sarah	Quinnell			Brixten
Claire	Salkeld			Zuki
Julie	Zappone			Max
Keshia	Smits			Barnesy
Michelle	Morcos	Jack	Miller	Murry
Stewart	Turner	Diana	Turner	Buster
Andrea	Caddaye	Warwick	Knight	Nelson
Karoline	Cerin			Koko
Sharon	Jones			Izzy
Debbie	Mitchell	Shirley	Mitchell	Pippy & Poppy
Pauline	Ashton			Indi
Maria	Irons			Polly
Ebony	Corbett			Zeus
Howard	Gael	Bacon	Andrew	Indy
Jade	Ritchie			Maggie
Katelyn	Russell			Joe
Natalie	Lloyd	Jessica	Lloyd	Ollie
Emily	Marston			Bonnie
Chloe	Ainsworth			Buster
Julie	Grikepelis	Sara	Grikepelis	Quinn
James	Heath	Maresa	Heath	Ruffy
Nam	Huynh	Brandon	Huynh	Max
Troy	Pickles	Isabelle	Manning	Duke
Kiko	Bezerra			Sandy
David	Tucker	Petra	Tucker	Aston & Coco
Paul	Daniele	Justin	Daniele	Beau
Julie	Quinn			Levi
Rebecca	Tzaros			Bobby
Yvonne	Bese	Gabrielle	Bese	Molly & Milly
Annie	MacDonough	Patrick	MacDonough	Charlee
Katelyn	Prestage	Callum	Glassford	Charlee
Dean	Backman	Colleen	Backman	Coco & Bucks
Alysse	Carland	John	Hoath	Dexter
Mandy	Riesz	Joe	Riesz	Pepper
Mark	Apperly			Bender
Michelle	Bowler			Maisie
Rebecca	Mahle			Gus
Iaina	McKenzie			Bootz
Kanela	Giannakakis			Scout
Chris	Kennett	Rebecca	Peterson	Heidi & Knackers
Kylie	Fairchild			Maggie
Paul	Giatras			Marley
Natalie	Sentry	Mathew	Mangan	Cooper & Milly
Achton	El-Ashkar			Rocky
Pam	Farrington			Zinta
Anna	Phypers	Laura	Phypers	Ludo
Fiona	Jones	Brent	Lynch	Poppy
Sue	Chakravarthy			Jack
Dianna	D'Cruz			Cara & Cody
Janet	Moloney	Rachel	Moloney	Lucy
Ange	Panopoulos			Bob
Luciana	Montelli			Bonnie & Tina

Calendar 2010

Feb 7	Start of classes.
Feb 12-14	Pet & Animal Expo at Caulfield Racecourse. (For information see link at www.emsaust.com.au).
Feb 21	Between classes: sausage sizzle and get-together to welcome new members.
Feb 28	Moonee Valley Festival Queen's Park 10.00am - 5.30pm: performers, amusements, food & market stalls etc and "It's a dog's world" precinct where our club will have a stall.
Mar	Moonee Valley City Council Annual Micro-chipping Day. Date TBA. (See www.mvcc.vic.gov.au).
Mar 7	Instructors' Meeting
Mar 8 (Mon)	Committee Meeting 7pm
Mar 20	Doggie Day Out at Kepala. Booking essential through the Club.
Mar 28	Fun Day / Members' Competition.
Apr 4	Easter Sunday NO CLASSES.
Apr 11	Instructors' Meeting.
Apr 12	Committee Meeting 7pm.
May 2	Instructors' Meeting.
May 3 (Mon)	Committee Meeting 7pm.
May 16	RSPCA Million Paws Walk. Albert Park Lake. (See www.millionpawswalk.com.au).
Jun 6	Instructors' Meeting.
Jun 7 (Mon)	Committee Meeting 7pm.
Jul 4	Instructors' Meeting.
Jul 5 (Mon)	Committee Meeting 7pm.
Aug 1	Instructors' Meeting.
Aug 2 (Mon)	Committee Meeting 7pm.
Aug 15	Fun Day / Members' Competition.
Aug 16 (Mon)	RSPCA Cupcake Day. (See www.rspcacupcakeday.com.au).
Aug 30 (Mon)	Entries close for Open Trial Sep 12.
Sep 5	Instructors' Meeting.
Sep 6 (Mon)	Committee Meeting 7pm.
Sep 12	Open Trial sponsored by Northern Obedience Dog Club.
Sep 18-28	Royal Melbourne Show (See www.royalshow.com.au).
Oct 1 (Fri)	RSPCA World Animal Day Gala Ball. (See www.rspcavic.org).
Oct 3	Instructors' Meeting.
Oct 4 (Mon)	Committee Meeting 7pm.
Oct 17	Fun Day / Members' Competition.
Oct 24	Instructors' Meeting for November.
Oct 25 (Mon)	Committee Meeting 7pm for November.
Nov 7	Title applications due.
Nov 28	Annual General Meeting.
Dec 5	Last training day.
Dec 5	Instructors' Meeting.
Dec 6 (Mon)	Committee Meeting 7pm.
Dec 12	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.

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