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From the Editor

Welcome to this issue of the Howler. It's jam-packed with informative articles. Learning to read your dog's body language is essential to raise a well-behaved, socialised dog. The chart inside this issue will help you interpret your dog's anxiety signals. Read the chart, learn it off by heart and observe your dog and other dogs. Remember, a fearful dog could bite.

Should we or the dog go through a doorway first? Find out if this is fact or fiction in our article on dog behaviour myths.

We've started a new regular column this issue on dog breeds. The first column kicks off with the Japanese Akita. Is this the dog for you and your family? Find out.

How many times have instructors been asked, "Should I make my dog heel every time I take it for a walk?" Well, we're giving you one view of this in an article that makes you think about why you walk your dog at all. If you think it's for the physical exercise, you need to read this article

Our regular features continue. Read about the antics of dogs in the news in The Good, the Bad and the Ugly. Find the words in that Scottie and why is that dog wearing goggles?

Our Instructor Profile this issue is on Trish Blundell, your hardworking Club Secretary.

Enjoy your dog.

Peter



Top 10 Dog Names

Bella Charlie Buddy Max Milly Ruby Milo Molly Lilly Jasper

President's Podium

Greetings,

The Club held its first Fun Day/Members' Competition on Sunday 22 May - a day enjoyed by all participants I'm sure, judging from the jovial ambiance of the gathering. Congratulations to all members who gained passes to the next class; for those who didn't pass I hope you gained something from the ring experience and will succeed the next time.

On another topic, socialising and friendly mingling of dogs at the park are positive and healthy for all dogs. However not all dogs take kindly to a boisterous approach, so when taking your dog across to say g'day to another dog, respect its space and let them say their pleasantries cautiously. Watch the body language of the dogs when they are approaching each other, be mindful and alert at all times. Learn to read your dog, you will learn so much from it and it will also make you a much better trainer. See you at the training grounds.



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 — Trish Blundell

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

I have been a member of the club for 10 years, on the Committee for a few years and now I am the Club Secretary.

How long have you been an instructor?

2 years.

Dog's name and breed?

Indi & Cassie both Jack Russells.

Favourite Movie?

South Pacific.

What book are you currently reading?

The Puppy Primer by Patricia McConnell.

Favourite meal?

Italian or Vietnamese.

Precious dog items or collectables?

Crayon drawing of a much loved previous pooch.

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

10 minutes a day is all it takes.

Your dog's best trick?

Indi can roll over and he taught himself to beg. Cassie has no tricks at the moment, but she can steal Indi's ball after he has retrieved it.

Handy training tip?

Patience.

Any other thoughts to share?

Be consistent. The earlier you start the more quickly your dog will learn. Don't be afraid to ask questions.

Glenys Barnes



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

- Recently published research confirms that dogs can tell the size of another dog from its growl.
- A long time ago, in Germany, Nazi scientists tried to produce a breed of talking dogs, claims a Cardiff University, UK, researcher. Smart dogs were sent to the Animal Speech School. Breeds in the program included an Airedale called Rolf and a German Pointer called Don. Claims of their prowess are too silly to repeat. I'm sure they would have had more success if they had used a Golden Retriever.
- Walking your dog can be dangerous 1. An 83-year-old woman was hit by a truck and killed while walking her dog. She was crossing the Tullamarine Freeway at Essendon Fields with another woman and her dog.
- Walking your dog can be dangerous 2. Steve was walking his dog Hank, an Australian Bulldog, as he usually does, one morning in the Dandenong Showgrounds Park. Hank approached another man riding a mountain bike when the bike rider warned the dog off and then pulled out a kitchen knife and slashed Hank on the head leaving a 3cm wound. When Steve went to protect his dog, he was stabbed too in the arm. Hank is stable and Steve is getting over the shock. Keep away from 60-year-old grey woolly-haired bushy-bearded bike riders.
- A young man was bitten in the groin at Claymore, a Sydney suburb by a Pitbull. He had complained to two men who were doing burnouts on the street. They set the dog free to attack the victim. He was sent to hospital. The two men were arrested. The dog was seized by council rangers.
- A family's best friend. Mopsy, a 10-year-old Cocker Spaniel, whined until her owners woke to find their Hawthorn house on fire. The fire brigade was called. The neighbours in adjacent threatened houses were wakened. The house, which was being renovated, sustained \$300,000 damage. Mopsy got a pig ear for her effort.
- Shanghai, China. A one-dog per household policy has been imposed. And dogs have to be licensed, micro-chipped and vaccinated. Too much barking, too much dog poo and too much growling at pedestrians explained civil authorities. To encourage dog-owners to participate in good citizenship licence fees were temporarily discounted from Y2000 to Y500 (\$75).
- The annual RSPCA Million Paws Walk in May attracted more than 10,000 dogs and one pig called Polly. Don't laugh. Many dogs were embarrassed by Polly's fetching, hand-shaking and agility skills, winning a prize. They might have to change the name of the event.
- Beijing, China. At the Beijing zoo, two rare cubs from lion father and tiger mother are being nursed by a dog after the mother abandoned the cubs. Cubs from such matings are called ligers.

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Dr Murray Sykes

Dog Behaviour Myths

The following abridged article originally appeared as *Fairy Tales: the top 10 dog behaviour myths* by *Jean Donaldson*, available from the excellent website: www.dogsincanada.com

There are a lot of myths about dog behaviour so I whittled it down to ones that were pervasive and that made myth criteria, which are:

- there is no (zero) scientific evidence supporting the contention;
- there is scientific evidence against the contention and/or scientific evidence supporting alternatives.

1. Dogs are naturally pack animals with a clear social order.

This one busts coming out of the gate as free-ranging dogs (pariahs, semi-feral populations, dingoes, etc.) don't form packs. As someone who spent years solemnly repeating that dogs were pack animals, it was sobering to find out that dogs form loose, amorphous, transitory associations with other dogs.

2. If you let dogs exit doorways ahead of you, you're letting them be dominant.

There is not only no evidence for this, there is no evidence that the behaviour of going through a doorway has any social significance whatsoever. In order to lend this idea any plausibility, it would need to be ruled out that rapid doorway exit is not simply a function of their motivation to get to whatever is on the other side combined with their higher ambulation speed.

3. Dogs have an innate desire to please. This concept has never been operationally defined, let alone tested.

A vast preponderance of evidence, however, suggests that dogs, like all properly functioning animals, are motivated by food, water, sex, and like many animals, by play and access to bonded relationships, especially after an absence. They're also, like all animals, motivated by fear and pain, and these are the inevitable tools of those who eschew the use of food, play, etc., however much they cloak their coercion and collar-tightening in "desire to please" rhetoric.

4. Rewards are bribes and thus compromise relationships.

Related to 4), the idea that behaviour should just, in the words of Susan Friedman, Ph.D., "flow like a fountain" without need of consequences, is opposed by more than 60 years of unequivocal evidence that behaviour is, again to quote Friedman, "a tool to produce consequences." Another problem is that bribes are given before behaviour, and rewards are given after. And, a mountain of evidence from decades of research in pure and applied settings has demonstrated over and over that positive reinforcement – i.e., rewards – make relationships better, never worse.

5. If you pat your dog when he's afraid, you're rewarding the fear.

Fear is an emotional state – a reaction to the presence or anticipation of something highly aversive. It is not an attempt at manipulation. If terrorists enter a bank and order everybody down on the floor, the people will exhibit fearful behaviour. If I then give a bank customer on the floor a compliment, 20 bucks or chocolates, is this going to make them more afraid of terrorists next time? It's stunningly narcissistic to imagine that a dog's fearful behaviour is somehow directed at us (along with his enthusiastic door-dashing).

6. Punish dogs for growling or else they'll become aggressive.

Ian Dunbar calls this "removing the ticker from the time bomb." Dogs growl because something upsetting them is too close. If you punish them for informing us of this, they are still upset but now not letting us know, thus allowing scary things to get closer and possibly end up bitten. Much better to make the dog comfortable around what he's growling at so he's not motivated to make it go away.

7. Playing tug makes dogs aggressive.

There is no evidence that this is so. The only study ever done, by Borchelt and Goodloe, found no correlation between playing tug and the incidence of aggression directed at either family members or strangers. Tug is, in fact, a cooperative behaviour directed at simulated prey: the toy.

8. If you give dogs chew toys, they'll learn to chew everything.

This is a Pandora's box type of argument that, once again, has zero evidence to support it. Dogs are excellent discriminators and readily learn with minimal training to distinguish their toys from forbidden items. The argument is also logically flawed as chewing is a 'hydraulic' behaviour that waxes and wanes, depending on satiation/deprivation, as does drinking, eating and sex. Dogs without chew objects are like zoo animals in barren cages. Unless there is good compensation with other enrichment activities, there is a welfare issue here.

9. You can't modify "genetic" behaviour.

All behaviour – and I mean all – is a product of a complex interplay between genes and the environment. And while some behaviours require less learning than others, or no learning at all, their modifiability varies as much as does the modifiability of behaviours that are primarily learned.

Canadian Jean Donaldson is the founder of the San Francisco SPCA Academy for Dog Trainers. Her books include *The Culture Clash*, *Dogs Are From Neptune* and *MINE! A Guide to Resource Guarding in Dogs*.

Whose Walk is it Anyway?

A personal view on walking your dog from the Dogster Blog, an excellent source of information on all things dog. Check it out on the Web (blogs.dogster.com)

Quite often, when I'm out walking the dogs, I see numerous other dog/handler teams out and about for a stroll in the neighbourhood.

I see all kinds of things that I don't particularly like – dogs getting yanked around on leashes, yelled at, and constantly scolded. I can't recall a single time I've seen a dog in my neighborhood actually get a treat for doing the right thing when out on a walk.

But of all the things I see on walks, one of the most frustrating for me is seeing dogs being punished, incessantly, for being dogs.

Sometimes it seems as though owners take their dogs on a walk and forget what a walk is all about for their dog. For dogs, a walk is about sights, sounds, experiences. It's about checking "p-mail," sniffing hydrants and trees to find out where the neighbour's dog or cat last peed. It's about munching a particularly tender blade of grass, saying "hello" to a friendly stranger they'd like to greet, lifting a leg on every fire hydrant, sign, or tree you pass, splashing in a puddle or creek, or chewing a stick for a brief moment.

This is what walks mean to dogs. It's a chance to investigate and interact with their environment. It's mental and physical stimulation.

Many owners approach a walk with the mentality that, "It will be your exercise for the day and you'd better well like it." It's a "let's just get this over with" mentality, a "you're an imposition to me and I'm doing this because I have to, not because I like to," mentality. For these people and their dogs, walking is a chore.

Let's face facts. For many, many dogs, a half hour leash walk every day barely scratches the surface of their true exercise needs. A walk is certainly more about mental stimulation than it is about physical stimulation. A 30-minute walk is a drop in the bucket for most dogs.

Despite the fact that I'm a trainer, I also don't insist on perfect obedience from my dogs when we walk. A colleague once said, "well, my dogs would NEVER pull on the leash because I'm a dog trainer." Dogs are dogs. They move faster than we do and think poop is more interesting than we do. I'm not saying I let my dogs pull me around, but sometimes the leash does go tight. So what? I just stop, wait for the tension to come off the leash, and we start walking again.

I do use equipment as a cue for the type of walk we're having. If I'm going on a training walk, where we're going to work on heeling or obedience, my dogs can wear their collars and six foot leashes. If we're going on fun "for the dogs" walk, they get to wear *front-clip* harnesses and a long-line or flexi leash. (For dogs — and owners of dogs – that are not already trained to walk politely on a regular leash, a flexi leash can actually be both a safety risk and inhibit the learning of appropriate leash manners.) When they have those "clothes" on, they know they're off the hook. It's dog time – do whatever you want. Sure, I'll still call them back and reinforce their coming, ask for a few steps in heel and reward, or ask for a few hand targets and reward.

But my dogs aren't always "on." They're not always performing, I'm not always rigid. I don't spend every second we're together thinking of criteria, reinforcement schedules, etc. I think of behaviors I like, and try to find ways to make it fun for them to offer those behaviors by giving them the things they want and need. Yes, dogs do NEED to sniff things and interact with their environment.

Yes, I find their good behavior rewarding and fulfilling. It makes me proud to know how wonderful my dogs are. But at the same time, I want them to have plenty of opportunities to just do the things that they like to do, even if means that they're sniffing for 30 minutes out of a 45 minute walk and we only make it around four or five blocks instead of walking a few miles.

Next time you leash your dog up for a walk, ask yourself, "whose walk is it anyway?"

For dogs — and owners of dogs – that are not already trained to walk politely on a regular leash, a flexi leash can actually be both a safety risk and inhibit the learning of appropriate leash manners

Know Your Breed—Akita

The exact origin of the Akita remains unknown. Through skeletal remains and carbon dating, it was traced to 500 BC, although the Akita's specific breed history has only been recorded for the past 350 years. The Akita was also known as the Odate dog – named after the rugged mountainous area of Odate in the prefecture of Akita, on the island of Honshu. It is the National Dog of Japan.

As fishing has always been a major Japanese industry, the Akita, with its webbed feet and thick water-resistant coat, readily became the fishermen's workmate. Akitas were then used as cattle dogs, seeing-eye dogs for the blind, sled pullers and police dogs. They were also utilised as "babysitters" looking after children while their mothers worked in the rice fields. They first arrived in Australia in 1982.

AVERAGE LIFESPAN

From 8 to 10 years

BREED PERSONALITY, CHARACTERISTICS AND TEMPERAMENT

The Akita very much personifies the enigmatic character of the Orient. A dignified, proud, and courageous dog with a fearless yet steady disposition which does not lose control when confronted with unusual or sudden stress situations. Even as a puppy it displays a certain dignity. It is an ever-patient playmate for children and a no-nonsense protector of family and home. Most of all, in the hands of suitable owners it is a joy to own.

COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER PETS

Tends to show dominance over other dogs.

CARE REQUIREMENTS

The Akita loses its coat twice, sometimes three times a year and this is definitely something to consider if you are looking for a dog to live inside the house with you and your family. It requires extensive amounts of exercise and obedience training – this is a breed that needs to learn, from a young age, who is the "leader of the pack". When the Akita loses its coat, its fur literally drops out. At this time it is almost impossible to have it in the house with you so it is necessary to provide an outside fenced area with a warm, dry bed.

IDEAL OWNERS

Those who accept the challenge and understand what is required to do justice to this breed will be rewarded with a loyal and loving animal.



Source: www.optimumpet.com.au

Why?



Why is this dog wearing goggles?

- A.. He's going skiing
- B. He's just had an eye operation
- C. He has macular degeneration of the retina
- D. He's a bomb disposal squad dog
- E. He's specially trained to dive for objects
- F. It's the latest West Coast, USA, fashion
- G. To prevent eye contact to help in reducing dog aggression

Photo from The Age, Melbourne.

Did you know?

In the film, *The Wizard of Oz*, Judy Garland, the child star was paid US\$35 a week. The dog, Toto, was paid US\$125.

Read Your Dog's Body Language

Body Language of Fear in Dogs



Slight Cowering



Major Cowering

More Subtle Signs of Fear & Anxiety



Licking Lips
when no food nearby



Panting
when not hot or thirsty



Brow Furrowed, Ears to Side



Moving in Slow Motion
walking slow on floor



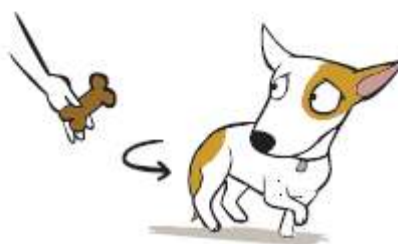
Acting Sleepy or Yawning
when they shouldn't be tired



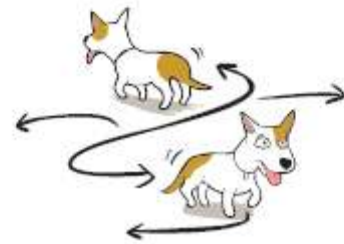
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Suddenly Won't Eat
but was hungry earlier



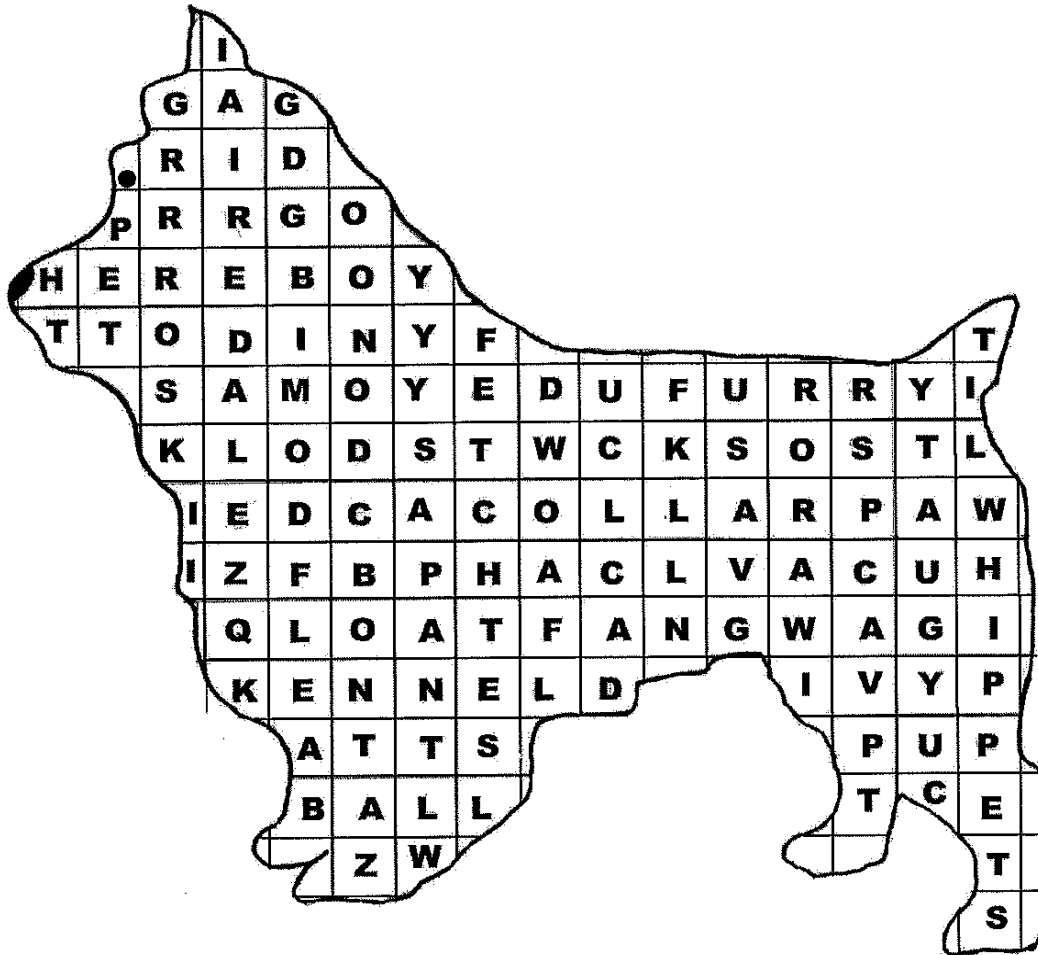
Moving Away



Pacing

More excellent information from Dr Sophia Yin's website: www.drSophiaYin.com

Find Those Hidden Words



Airedale Ball Collar Fang Fetch Flea Furry Grrr Hereboy
 Kennel Lead NODC Pant Paw Pup RSPCA
 Samoyed Whippet Wag Pet

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Puppy to Class 1

Elyse William
Maree & Tom Catton
Olivia & Wayne Hines
Marijka Keane
Karen Holder
Cristi Munoz
Deidre
Martin/ Sarah
Paul Robillard
Phil Whiteman
Wendy Cecchini
Janet Butler

Class 1 to Class 2

Shelley Seggie
Judy Peek
Chris McCaffrey
Claire Feely
Judith Markham
Elisabeth Crow
Rachael Amon
Julia Tahourdin
David Rimmer
Tim Campbell
James Marland
Joe Cerjan
Elisabeth Crow
Gail Mayes
Eva Rimmer
Vicki Lawson
Paul Robilliard
Wendy Cecchini

Class 2 to Class 3

Danielle Miller
Rosemarie Pell
Ravi Kandasamy
Katrina Kauzmina
Victor Rajevski
Sandra Glass
John O'Sullivan
Kate Abfalter

Class 3 to Class 4

Daryl Andrews
Danielle Miller
Alfie Mercuri

Class 4 to Class 5

Darryl Andrew

Riley
Harry
Rosey
Rory
Ckemmie
Atila
Evie
Hamish
Hunter
William
Coco
Sally

Jack
Skye
Portia
Baxter
Domino
Ruby
Jake
Peta
Erin
Zoe
Aggie
Jack
Henry
Hudson
Erin
Poppy
Hunter
Cocoa

Henry
Jasper
Richy
Grant
Baxter
George
Darcey
Millie

Remi
Henry
Henry

Remi

Sponsorship Opportunities

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Congratulations!

Track & Search Dog Trial

On 28 May at Haddon (Tracking Club of Victoria) Julia Tahourdin put Paddy (formally known as TCh Killara Padraic 'A'Z) through the TSD Test 1 event gaining the result of "Very Good". Judge was Ms D. Howard.

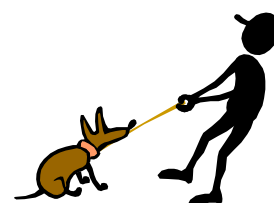
Well done, Julia.

New Members

Thomas	O'Driscoll	Katherine	O'Driscoll	Aelen & Verm
Kate	Legge-Wilkinson	Gerard	Legge-Wilkinson	Charlie
Houda	Lebbos			Charlie
Bettio	Milena			Bully
Carmen	Winter			JR & JP
Janine	L'Helgoualc'h	Pierre	L'Helgoualc'h	Trooper
Wendy	Cecchini			Cocoa
Caroline	Castellain	Oliver	Trembearth	Tillie
Josh	Chalmers	Annabelle	Wilson	Bach
Luke	Bennett	Heather	Wynne	Roxy
Maria	Versace	Bria	Versace	Pauly
Daniel	Batchelor	Nic	Millar	Meg
Alana	Mitchell			Ruby
Donald	Matthews			Max
Greg	Campbell			Molly
Natasha	Mitchell			Spencer
Lee	Fahry	Mark	Rufus	Micah
Jolien	Dorgelo			Molly
Fiona	Kainey			Chelsea
Rodrigo	Batal			EJ
David	Lovatt	Chris	Michael- Loratt	Spike & Echo
Marguerita	Ferdinand			Zac
Jamile	Nimeh			Ollie
Tim	Campbell			Zoe
Rodney	Hamill	Rani	Hansen	Benny Crane
Sherry	Saluin			Dusty
Damian	Harlow	Clint	Rogan	Columbus
Marijka	Keane			Rory
Albert	Lipari	Clarissa	Lipari	Buddy
Stacey	MacDonough	Frances	MacDonough	Leni
Mark	Stella	Amanda	Stella	Ringo
Chelsea	Kiewit	Kieran	Fitzpatrick	Sam
Jenny	Collins			Harry
Sarah	Coghlan	Tim	Coghlan	Snoopy
Janine	Kocjancic			Roxy
Trudy	Dawson	Fiona	Dawson	Zak
Aleeta	Carpenter	Peter	Carpenter	Wolfgang & Atticus
Sharon	Ryan			Titan
Scarlett	Sexton Bennetts			Gypsy
Robyn	Malcolm	Jack	McIlwraith	Monty
Cindy	Craig			Roid
Megan	Phillips			Georgie

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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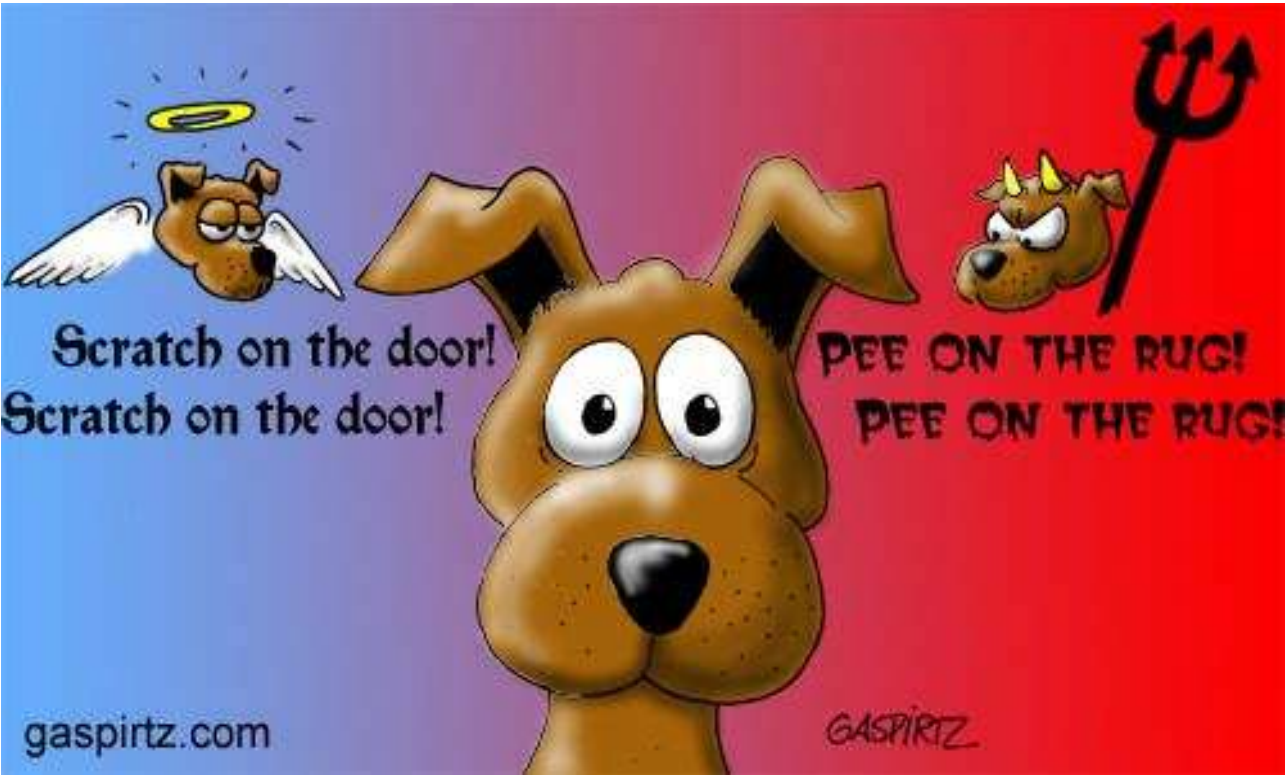
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