
Newsletter



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INTRODUCTION

Our Club was founded in 1969 to cater for those owners of purebred dogs who were interested in training their dogs to Obedience Trial standard. The club was so successful in this regard that it was

granted affiliation with KCC (Kennel Control Council). In 1979 Victorian Canine Association (now Dogs Victoria) accepted all dogs into Obedience trials and the club was then also opened to all dogs.

CLUB RULES

1. All dogs should be kept on leash at all times, except when given permission to work off lead in class.
2. Handlers wishing to leave their dogs tied up on the Club grounds should only do so if their dogs are safe with people especially around children. No dog may be tied up where it can reach another dog.
3. Dogs must be fully immunised before coming to classes. This should be renewed annually.
4. A dog suffering from any illness or skin problems should not be brought to classes until a Vet has pronounced the condition not contagious.
5. Handlers must remove their dog excreta from the training area.
6. Physical punishment of dogs is not permitted in training classes.
7. Instructors have authority over their classes and may ask a member to take their dog out of class if it is disruptive.
8. Instructors are not permitted to handle and train a member's dog in class.
9. While at the grounds before and after classes please control your dogs.
10. If Committee consider a dog to be aggressive then that dog must wear a muzzle while at the training ground.
11. Dogs in season should not come down to training for four weeks. However, this does not mean you should stop the training of your dog

President's Report

Hello Members,
Well hasn't it been a rather chilly past few weeks.... Welcome to our August 2024 Newsletter. And, a very warm welcome to all our new members. As I wrote August, I paused August already! My how this year has flown by. It seems just last week we were discussing what our club's new class structure might look like, and yet a blink later, its now been actively in place for 9 (plus) weeks. Congratulations to everyone involved for completing the first of our new 8 week class structure, I do trust you are still practicing daily, getting the most out of your Sunday classes, celebrating just how far you have all come, and what an amazing team you and your dog have become.

With the successful completion of our first Advance class, we now have the 9am Obedience ring AND the 10am Rally ring set up and available (sadly though, these are 'ground and weather' permitting...!) Both these rings are intended to teach you the exercises and the etiquette of competition. To a beginner, there appears so much to learn, but we have experienced instructors with very willing and friendly attitudes, so please wander across when you are ready.

In time, I am hopeful we will also reintroduce the amazing world of tracking. ESODC has more than two decades of history with Tracking, with many past members and their dogs achieving Champion status.



With my (and Meka's) recent success in Tracking and Track & Search, I hope to reintroduce these teaching/training sessions back into the club offerings. If Tracking spikes your interest, please let your instructor know, or come over to the clubrooms for a chat.

Looking ahead though, the next event on our calendar is our Obedience and Rally Trial on 6th October. This is our annual Dogs Victoria sanctioned event where we host a competition 'Trial' on our Simpson Park grounds, attracting entries from all over Victoria. There will be 5 Obedience rings and 4 Rally rings in action; with 100 dogs (or more) all doing their best dog/handler teamwork. It's a big day to organise, and we will need lots of help in setting up, running the day, and packing up. If you feel you have time to help please put your hand up when we ask for helpers. Of course there are no classes that Sunday, and please leave your dog(s) at home if you wander down to watch.

Earlier this year I announced on Facebook that we are looking at updating our ESODC website. We then chose to embed all the other changes we were making within the club first, which we have mostly done, and we are now ready to return our focus to the website.

President's Report (cont)

My preference is to support club members first, so if YOU have expertise in the web development/creative content/website management area, and have some time to support us, please contact me for a chat.

Also of great excitement is our successful application for grant funds towards a Defibrillator unit. We have been granted \$770.83 which is about a third of the overall cost. The unit will be stored in the clubrooms, (locked away between Sundays due to the recent break-ins). Now, not only do we have five fully accredited First Aiders on the grounds every Sunday, but we will have a Defibrillator unit too (fingers crossed we NEVER need to use it though).

Continuing the Meet the Committee theme, this month we meet with Committee member / Instructor, Dodo Kelly.

Thank you everyone for your support and commitment to training. It is lovely seeing you all in class, scattered across the field every Sunday with your dogs and a variety of coloured mats. I love watching you all, keep up the great work.

Happy training,
Rhonda Cheesman



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Meet the Committee - Dodo Kelly

I have been around the 'doggie world' for a long time and happily a recent member of ESODC and now a Committee Member. I have been on numerous committees – dog breed clubs, obedience clubs, school councils, Neighbourhood Watch, environmental groups.

I arrived in Sydney from Ireland with John, and later with our two children Stephen and Louise we lived in Newcastle, Penang and finally Melbourne with the RAAF. We settled here, John joined the Vic Police and the children enjoyed uninterrupted schooling. In time Stephen and his family settled in Queensland and Louise and family live nearby in Croydon.

I worked as a Vet nurse &/or Dog Groomer. I trained for both in Belfast plus ran a kindergarten in Penang. I owned four dog grooming salons around Melbourne and on selling out I managed fancy dress/dancewear stores. So I hope I can help at our club with my retail experience.

When I am not out with the dogs I love gardening and time with the grandchildren.

I have never lived in a household without a dog even in Penang. Two Golden Retrievers run the house at the moment. I have had this breed for over thirty years. I bred Danny and he is an absolute character. Apart from Obedience, Retrieving, Rally and Tracking (with Alan) Titles he has done numerous adverts.



Two year old Heidi took our hearts the minute she arrived at eight weeks old from Ocean Grove. She has titles in Obedience and Retrieving.

You will spot them both over in the Obedience ring while I am instructing Intermediate and Advanced groups. We all enjoy the easy friendly atmosphere of ESODC.

Friendly advice to new handlers; one hour at the club on a Sunday morning or waiting to train when you get to a park, is not enough to successfully train your dog. You are training and the dog is learning (good or bad!) from the time it wakes up till it settles for the night. 'No time to train'? You must have time to feed your dog – so train something [recall, drop, stand or sit] before placing down the dish.

Please find me on the grounds anytime. I would love a chat.

Cheers

Dodo

ESODC Obedience Trial

You are going to be hearing a bit about our Obedience trial in the next few weeks and you may be wondering what an Obedience trial is and how it might be relevant to you. ESODC runs an obedience trial every year except for the two when Covid intervened! We have trials in Rally and in Obedience. While there will always be someone placing first this is less a competition against others and more a test of handler and dog's abilities. Handlers are aiming for a pass rather than coming first. If you come along you will be able to see some of your trainers and other club members trialing with their dogs, some of them for the first time! We are all still learning at some level.

Rally

Rally is short for Rally Obedience. In Rally the handler will take their dog through a series of challenges presented on small metal stands. The challenges range from sit, drop or stand, which we are all familiar with, up to more complex challenges such as walking your dog backwards or asking them to finish to the left or right. The challenges become harder as you move through the levels and you must pass a number of trials at each level to advance to the next. In the early levels handlers work with their dog on a leash but as they advance the dog is expected to follow instructions off lead. When you are trialing you cannot use treats, so your dog must know what is required, the good news is that most dogs love working with you for the praise and the challenge once they get to this level.

Obedience

The obedience trial is similar but instead of following signs the handler follows instructions given to them by a judge in the ring. In CCD which is the beginning level the Judge will ask the handler to take their dog through a heeling pattern with sits, stands and drops. They will also do a recall off lead, a stand for examination where the dog is stroked by the Judge while the handler stands back, and two stays, one sitting and one dropped.

As handlers and dogs move through the levels more and more complex activities are introduced such as jumps, searching for a stick carrying the handlers scent and retrieving a dumbbell. A pairing at these upper levels is fascinating to watch.

How can I be involved

In the next few weeks your instructor will probably ask if any one is willing to help out on the 6th October. It takes a while to set up the rings for the trails and put all the things out in them. We provide lunch for the Judges and Ring Stewards, and everything needs to be put away afterwards. Any help you can offer with this will be gratefully received! If you can give a little of your time before or after the event it helps a lot, and many hands make light work and also more fun.

Even if you are unable to help it is worth coming along and taking a look at the trials. Please leave your dog(s) at home as only dogs entered in the Trial are permitted on the grounds.

ESODC Obedience Trial (cont)

Parking will be at a premium during the trial, some of our Judges travel long distances to attend as do some of the handlers. You will not be able to park in the carpark there but there will be parking in the streets around. You may be inspired to aim to trial your dog yourself, and even if this is not for you, watching a skilled dog and handler put through their paces is well worth the effort.

Our annual Obedience Trial is a major event for the club and we would love to see you there.

Liz Bruhn



This article is reprinted from last year 's newsletter

Welcome to our New Members

June New Members

Handler	Dog	Breed
Valda & Sagir	Daisy (Donuts)	Mini Groodle
Simone	Murphy	Bordoodle
Daniel & Leonie	Nigel	Vizsla
Sonia	Reva	American Bulldog x

July New Members

Handler	Dog	Breed
Samantha	Murphy	Border Collie
Tamlyn	Mazie	Labrador x Kelpie
Sean & Riley	Jem & Mini	Kelpie x Heeler & Border Collie
Kate	Maverick	Bernese Mountain Dog
Anne	Uno	Husky
Amanda, Dennis & Georgia	Wilson	Border Collie
Kelly	Gus	Westie