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**Knox Obedience Dog Club Newsletter**

**September 2011**



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**The first Knox Obedience Dog Club  
Track and Search Dog**

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(Affiliated with the Victorian Canine Association Inc.)

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## Knox Obedience Dog Club Inc. 2011 COMMITTEE

### Committee

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### Life Members

|      |   |      |   |      |  |
|------|---|------|---|------|--|
| 1975 | Mr. E. Hendrickson †<br>Mrs. E. Hendrickson | 1996 | Mr. G. Roberts  | 2005 | Mr. B. Thompson<br>Ms. S. Timperley                          |
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### Instructors

| 9.45 - 10.45 am            |   | 8.30 - 9.30 am |              |
|----------------------------|---|----------------|--------------|
| <b>Baby Puppy</b>          | Megan, Pat                              | <b>Class 2</b> | Andrew, Mark |
| <b>Beginners</b>           | John                                    | <b>Class 3</b> | David, Bert  |
| <b>Advanced Puppy</b>      | Henk                                    | <b>Class 4</b> | Ray, Kevin   |
| <b>Class 1</b>             | Bob, Bert, Ray, Amanda                  |                |              |
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| <b>Tracking Instructor</b> | Trevor                                  |                |              |
| <b>Trainee Instructors</b> |   |                |              |

## EDITORS REPORT

Well, the nicer weather has arrived and the ground is drying up. Keep an eye out for snakes if your walking in the long grass, there are reports that they are out early this year.

Only 3 more Testing days this year, so get out in the sunshine after work and play with your dogs, and incorporate some training into your walks, and have some fun!

Till next time  
Chris and Toby

## YELLOW BANDANAS

The Knox Obedience Dog Club has available **Yellow Bandanas** to identify dogs that may need a bit of space around them.

The reason for needing one could be:

- Nervousness
- Recovery from an operation (i.e.: convalescing)
- Unsociable to people or other dogs

When approaching a yellow bandana dog please make sure your dog doesn't go running up to it freely, just as the handler of the yellow bandana dog should be mindful of the space around their dog at all times.

So if you feel your dog needs to be given their own space, then go to the office and obtain a bandana for the day. Please return them when you have finished, so that other dogs can have their turn.



## THE KNOX OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB LIBRARY

The Knox Obedience Dog Club maintains a small library in the club house. There you will find a selection of books and videos on various topics of interest, including:

- Dog training theory and practise
- Dog psychology and behaviour
- Dog care and nutrition
- Tracking
- Canine evolution and breeding

Members may borrow items from the library for up to one month. Please speak to an instructor or staff in the Dog Shop or Kitchen for help.

Articles appearing in this magazine are considered to be of interest to the members, but do not necessarily express the opinions of the Committee or of the Editor.

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## **WANTED:**

### **Labrador & Golden Retriever volunteers for a research project**

My name is Diane van Rooy. I am a veterinarian undertaking a Masters research project on genetics of separation-related distress in dogs.

Affected dogs show physical and behavioural signs of distress in the absence of their owner, with the most common signs being barking, howling, destruction, pacing, house soiling, escape attempts and self trauma.

Anyone who has had a dog with separation-related distress knows how devastating it can be for both dog and owner. If we can identify the genes involved, we can potentially help breeders select against the disorder. We could identify at-risk dogs before they show signs, possibly preventing the onset with early management. This project could even help develop more specific medications to improve the quality of life of affected dogs.

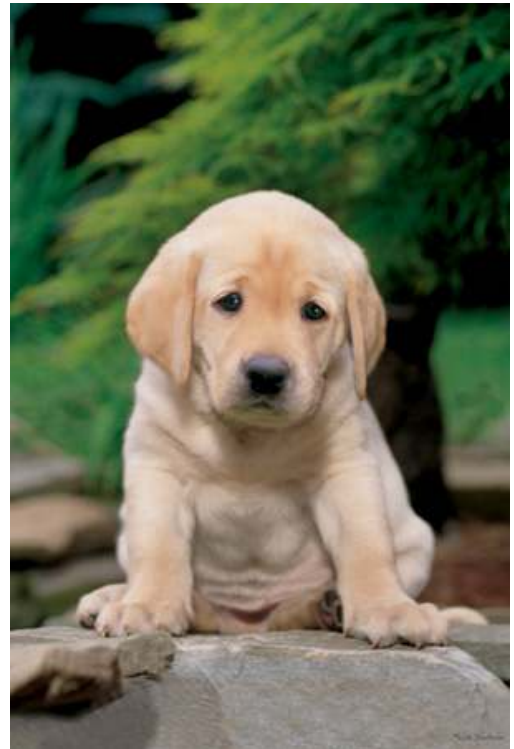
We are looking to recruit Labradors and Golden Retrievers and we need dogs that show signs of separation related distress and those that do not.

What's involved?

We will ask you to fill in a questionnaire that will assist us to determine if your dog will be helpful to our research. Depending upon your responses in the questionnaire we may also be collecting a DNA sample (cheek swab) from your dog. This procedure will cause minimal discomfort to your pet.

The behaviour questionnaire can be done online or I can post one to any interested owner. If the dog is a suitable candidate I can either meet the owners & dog at a time & place convenient to them or I can post a swab to them.

Anyone happy to be involved can email me at [diane.vr@sydney.edu.au](mailto:diane.vr@sydney.edu.au) or phone 0423 087 823.



This project is being carried out by The Faculty of Veterinary Science at the University of Sydney.

## How to Reward Calm Behaviour

Most of us never consider rewarding our dogs when they are calm, but did you know that by not rewarding calm behaviour you may be missing an important training opportunity?

Behaviour that is rewarded is likely to be repeated, so by rewarding your dog when he is calm encourages more calm behaviour!

So what's the best way to reward your dog when he is calm? Nan Arthur, offers the following tips from her popular book, *Chill Out Fido! How to Calm Your Dog*.



Dogs continually offer calm behaviours, but unfortunately, they are often ignored (this happens to children also)! This can lead them to believe that calm behaviours are not worth much.

Dogs can and do learn calm behaviours as quickly as they learn the wild and unwanted ones, so show your dog what you would like him to do by rewarding the behaviours you like. You can simply smile and say, "Good dog," in a quiet voice, or you can walk by and drop a treat at his feet, or you can do a combination of both. (Get in the habit of carrying a few treats with you, or have treats stashed around the house so you don't miss opportunities to reward your dog.)



When you use praise to acknowledge your dog's calmness, make sure your voice is calm and soft, say it only once, and resist making eye contact so your dog will not feel obligated to engage. This will really help him get the message that all he has to do to get your attention or a food reward is kick back and relax!"

<http://www.clickertraining.com>

## NEW IN THE CLUB LIBRARY

In the August Guest Speaker talk on Canine Behaviour, Dr Linda Marston recommended a book called "Calming Signals" by renowned Dog Trainer Turid Rugaas.

The club has managed to obtain several copies of the book "Calming Signals", and has made them available in the club library, for anyone who wishes to read it.

### On Talking Terms with Dogs: Calming Signals

Norwegian dog trainer Turid Rugaas is a noted expert on canine body language, notably "calming signals" which are signals dogs give other dogs and humans that denote stress. These are dogs' attempt to defuse situations that otherwise might result in fights or aggression.

Turid Rugaas has training thousands of dogs, and helped many of them to enjoy a better life. It was Vesla - a little Elkhound stray who had major behavioural problems - who showed Turid that it is possible for dogs to re-learn their communication skills.

Turid lives on a mountain-top farm in Norway. She has travelled to many countries helping dogs and people understand each other.

How well do you communicate with your dog? By understanding their language - especially the Calming Signals - you will know how your dog is feeling.

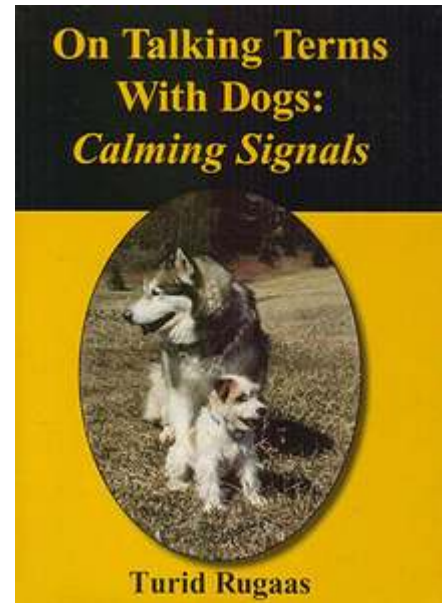
Dogs communicate through signals using their body, face, ears, tail, sounds, movement and expression. Of great importance are the Calming Signals which are used to avoid conflict. These powerful signals can soothe stressful situations, and help dogs to make friends with other dogs and people.

It is easy to leave to recognise the Calming Signals, and they will help you to :

- truly understand your dog
- strengthen the bond between you and your dog
- develop two-way communication with your dog

Dogs all over the world use the same signals; it is a universal language. Welcome to the world of dogs and to dog language!

Author: Turid Rugaas  
ISBN: 909223823 Format: Paperback  
Published: 2004



# DOGGIE LANGUAGE

starring Boogie the Boston Terrier



ALERT



SUSPICIOUS



ANXIOUS



THREATENED



ANGRY



"PEACE!"  
look away/head turn



STRESSED  
yawn



STRESSED  
nose lick



"PEACE!"  
sniff ground



"RESPECT!"  
turn & walk away



"NEED SPACE"  
whale eye



STALKING



STRESSED  
scratching



STRESS RELEASE  
shake off



RELAXED  
soft ears, blinky eyes



"RESPECT!"  
offer his back



FRIENDLY & POLITE  
curved body



FRIENDLY



"PRETTY PLEASE"  
round puppy face



"I'M YOUR LOVEBUG"  
belly-rub pose



"HELLO I LOVE YOU!"  
greeting stretch



"I'M FRIENDLY!"  
play bow



"READY!"  
prey bow



"YOU WILL FEED ME"



CURIOUS  
head tilt



HAPPY  
(or hot)



OVERJOYED  
wiggly



"MMMM...."



"I LOVE YOU,  
DON'T STOP"

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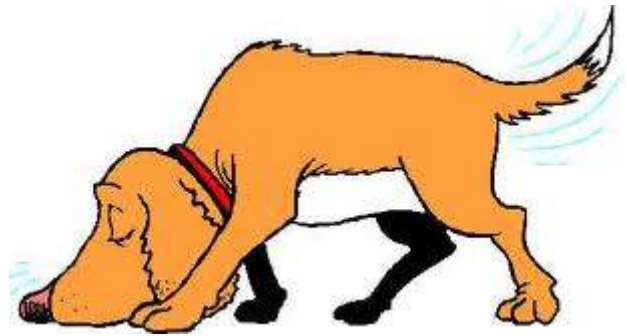


# THE AMAZING ABILITY OF DOGS TO INTERPRET SMELL

Ever wondered how a dog, with a sense of smell that may be thousands of times more sensitive than ours, can bear to bury its face in a rubbish tin? Alexandra Horowitz, a dog-cognition researcher at Columbia University in New York City and author of *Inside of a Dog: What dogs see, smell, and know*, says it's because the dog isn't simply smelling a stronger version of the revolting mono-stench that we smell. "It is not that smells are 'louder'," she says. "The smells have different layers, which probably give dogs a much bigger range of types of information."

She compares it to the way we might enjoy a painting from across the room, but appreciate it in a different way when we can get up close and see the brush strokes.

This makes a dog's experience fundamentally different to our own. When we go out for a walk, for example, we get almost all of our information from vision. But the dog's eyes are just a back-up. This was shown when police tracker dogs were given a scent trail that seemed to run in the opposite direction to a set of footprints on the ground; they invariably followed their noses and ignored the contradictory visual cues (*Applied Animal Behaviour Science*, vol 84, p 297).



This reliance on smell explains why a dog that isn't expecting to see its owner will often stop a metre or so away for a quick sniff before jumping all over them.

To imagine the scent-based world of a dog, says Horowitz, look around and imagine that everything you see has its own individual scent. And not just each object - different parts of the same object may hold different types of information. Horowitz gives the example of a rose: each petal might have a different scent, telling the dog it has been visited by different insects that left telltale traces of pollen from other flowers. Besides picking up on the individual scent of humans that had touched the flower, it could even guess when they may have passed by.

In this way, smell might give a dog a way of understanding the passage of time, Horowitz suggests. A dog can perhaps perceive the past by smelling that a dog urinated here long enough ago that the scent has changed in character and become weaker.

One recent study, from 2005, showed that dogs may even be able to detect the subtle differences in odour from one footstep to the next as they follow a human's scent trail (*Chemical Senses*, vol 30, p 291). The dog could imagine the future by picking up the scent of the dogs, humans or other objects coming towards them on the breeze.

Unfortunately there's no way for a mere human to get inside this highly detailed world. Even if we get down on the ground and sniff, we cannot do it like a dog. When we sniff we are sporadically blind to scent as we breathe in and out through the same holes.

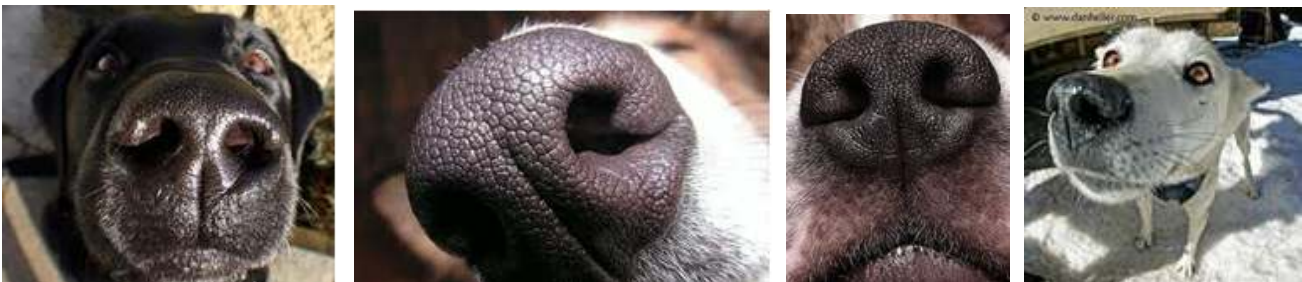
A 2009 study of the fluid dynamics of the dog's sniff showed that their system is far more complex. Each nostril is smaller than the distance between the two, which means that they inhale air from two distinct regions of space, allowing the dog to decipher the direction of a scent. They sniff in stereo! The sniff also funnels stale air out through the sides of the nostrils, an action which pulls new air into the nose. Once inside the nose the air swirls around up to 300 million olfactory receptors, compared with our measly 6 million (Journal of the Royal Society Interface, vol 7, p 933).

Even if humans could gather this information, our brains wouldn't know what to do with it: the dog olfactory cortex, which processes scent information, takes up 12.5 per cent of their total brain mass, while ours accounts for less than 1 per cent.



While we can never truly experience the world of the dog, we can at least imagine the kinds of fascinating information that a dog might get from sniffing that lamp post. And maybe, just occasionally, we will resist the temptation to tug the lead to get somewhere more "interesting".

*Adapted from an article by Caroline Williams, a writer based in Surrey, UK, and published in the magazine "New Scientist" dated 20 August 2011*





## Knox Obedience Dog Club Inc. TRIAL REPORT

Congratulations to the following people on gaining their passes.

### **Trevor May with Sheba**

|                       |                |               |                  |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Track & Search Test 3 | TCV (30/07/11) | 3rd pass of 3 | <b>TSD Title</b> |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|

### **Vy Lingham with Tim Tam**

|                |                         |               |           |                  |
|----------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|
| Open Obedience | Hastings (25/06/11)     | 1st pass of 3 | 2nd Place |                  |
| Open Obedience | Broadmeadows (26/06/11) | 2nd pass of 3 | 1st Place |                  |
| Open Obedience | Dogs Vic (7/08/11)      | 3rd pass of 3 |           | <b>CDX Title</b> |

Please continue to put copies of your pass cards in the box as I am starting to put together a list of titles gained in the current trialling year. (Nov 1 2010 – Oct 31 2011)

These will be pinned on the triallers noticeboard and placed near the sign in book. Please check and notify me of any errors as I will not be altering errors in trophies if handlers have not checked the lists.

Wendy Hansen  
Trial Reporter

## **DO YOU WANT A TROPHY?**

All handlers whose dogs gain a VCA approved title between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010 and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011 are entitled to a 2011 trophy; which will be presented at our 2011 Presentation Night.

To be eligible for these awards handlers must:

- be financial members of the club
- have submitted photocopies of all passes towards a title to the trial secretary (either via the box in the clubroom or by post to the Club's official postal address.

To be eligible for Special and Perpetual Trophies, you must:

- have signed the attendance book at least 10 times during the trialling year



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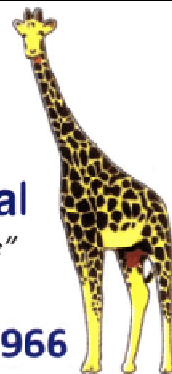
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# CLUB RULES

1. NO bitches in season permitted on or near the training ground
2. NO dog allowed on the ground without a lead, unless under the supervision of an Instructor.
3. NO children other than child handlers permitted on the training ground.
4. Dogs not to be left unattended, tied to a car or in the vicinity of the clubhouse or left in the care of small children.
5. Dog droppings must be cleaned up IMMEDIATELY.
6. A dog that has bitten or, in the opinion of the training panel, shows an extreme tendency of unprovoked aggression towards people and/or dogs, MUST be muzzled. Members have the right of appeal against muzzling if it can be proved, beyond doubt, that the dog was provoked. Removal of a muzzle will be decided by the committee, at the recommendation of the Training Panel.
7. No SMOKING in class or the Clubhouse.
8. NO hitting a dog except when trying to prevent a fight or prevent a dog biting a person.
9. Handlers must be a FINANCIAL MEMBER of the club to attend training and use the club facilities.
10. All members must wear their current membership card when attending training.
11. Dogs are allowed in the Clubhouse (excluding areas set aside for the preparation or serving of food), except on such days as committee considers inappropriate. No dogs are to be in the Office, except those belonging to Club members working there.
12. Any dog showing visible signs of any DISEASE or DISABILITY will be asked to leave training ground and seek veterinary advice.

| <b>Knox Obedience Dog Club Membership Fees</b>   |   |
|--|---|
| Juniors (10-16 years)  | Yearly Fee \$20 + Joining Fee \$25 = \$45 |
| Single Adult (17 years and over)   | Yearly Fee \$40 + Joining Fee \$25 = \$65 |
| Family (2 Adults, 2 Children 10-16 years)  | Yearly Fee \$60 + Joining Fee \$25 = \$85 |
| Pensioner/Senior   | Yearly Fee \$20 + Joining Fee \$25 = \$45 |
| Dual Pensioner/Senior  | Yearly Fee \$40 + Joining Fee \$25 = \$65 |
| <p>Note: Joining Fee is paid for the first year only, or if membership has not been renewed within 21 days of the due date.<br/>The financial year begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> November and ends on the 31<sup>st</sup> October</p> <p><b>REDUCED FEES APPLY for new memberships after mid year<br/>See Office Staff for details.</b></p> <p>Children under the age of 10 are not permitted to have control of a dog in any of the classes.</p> |   |

# TRAINING TIMES AND LOCATIONS

## Sunday Morning Training

First Session  
8.30 - 9.30 am  
Classes 2, 3, 4

Second Session  
9.45 - 10.45 am  
Baby Puppy, Advanced  
Puppy, Beginners, Class 1

Agility and Obedience Trial  
Ring Work is available from  
8.30am onwards

## Tuesday Night Training (during daylight savings only)

All classes 7pm  
(depending on availability  
of instructors)



## KODC DOG SHOP

Open every Sunday Morning - situated in the KODC Clubhouse

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## KODC Training Calendar 2011

| Month            | Day | Club Activity  |
|------------------|-----|--|
| <b>September</b> |     |  |
| Sunday           | 4   | Normal Training  |
| Sunday           | 11  | Normal Training  |
| Sunday           | 18  | Normal Training - Class Testing (Class 2)                              |
| Sunday           | 25  | Normal Training - Class Testing (Puppies, Beginners, Class 1, Class 3) |
| <b>October</b>   |     |  |
| Sunday           | 2   | Normal Training  |
| Tuesday          | 4   | Twilight Training  |
| Sunday           | 9   | Normal Training  |
| Tuesday          | 11  | Twilight Training  |
| Sunday           | 16  | Normal Training - Class Testing (Class 2)                              |
| Tuesday          | 18  | Twilight Training  |
| Saturday         | 22  | KODC AGILITY TRIAL   |
| Sunday           | 23  | Normal Training - Class Testing (Puppies, Beginners, Class 1, Class 3) |
| Tuesday          | 25  | Twilight Training  |
| Sunday           | 30  | LONG WEEKEND (No Training)   |
| <b>November</b>  |     |  |
| Tuesday          | 1   | LONG WEEKEND (No Training)   |
| Sunday           | 6   | Normal Training  |
| Tuesday          | 8   | Twilight Training  |
| Sunday           | 13  | Normal Training  |
| Tuesday          | 15  | Twilight Training  |
| Sunday           | 20  | Normal Training - Class Testing (Class 2)                              |
| Tuesday          | 22  | Twilight Training  |
| Sunday           | 27  | Normal Training - Class Testing (Puppies, Beginners, Class 1, Class 3) |
| Tuesday          | 29  | Twilight Training  |
| <b>December</b>  |     |  |
| Sunday           | 4   | Normal Training  |
| Tuesday          | 6   | Twilight Training  |
| Thursday         | 8   | AGM  |
| Sunday           | 11  | Normal Training - Break Up Day & Christmas Party                       |