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| Instructors | | | |
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| 9.45 - 10.30 am | | 8.30 - 9.30 am | |
| Baby Puppy | Megan, Pat | Class 2 | Mark |
| Beginners | John, Christine | Class 3 | Kevin, David, Bert |
| Advanced Puppy | Henk | Class 4 | Christine, Ray |
| Class 1 | Bob, Bert, Ray, Amanda | | |
| Agility Instructors | Ross, Wendy, Pauline, Catherine, Norman | | |
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EDITORS REPORT

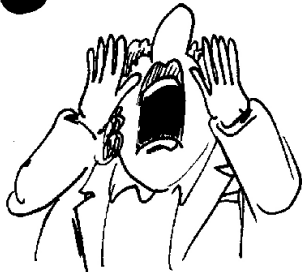
A big welcome back to all club members, new and old. After a fantastic 2011, we are in for an even more exciting 2012 with new furniture and facilities around the park and new challenges for our four legged friends.

Whether you signed up in December or have been coming to our club for a decade or two, the introduction of our newest sport, Rally'O, is an exciting event. With the opportunity for new trials (and tribulations,) this is a chance for your dog to become one of the first to achieve success in this discipline in Australia. Who will be the first to score their Rally'O Ribbon?

Excitement aside, the holiday period allows both us and our dogs a break from the regular routine of training, and it may take a week or two for your dog to become the well healed worker it was at the end of the last year. So let's do our best to make this week as fun as possible; after all, what's better than training in the park on a beautiful Sunday morning.

Remember support, encouragement and positive reinforcement are the cornerstones of a good training session. If you need any additional advice or assistance, please feel free to approach one of the trainers any time.

Volunteers!



HELP NEEDED...

The club has several events coming up which will require members to assist in the organising and setting up.

Any members, who can assist with setting up rings for the Obedience Trial on Sunday 25th March, please speak to your instructor.

It's a great way to learn all about how obedience trials work, without the added pressure of competing!



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Come and join the Knox Obedience Dog Club Facebook Group

See other members profiles, and their pets. Check out photos of the club and members.

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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EASTERN REGIONAL PET EXPO

On Sunday 1 April 2012 Knox City Council will hold its Annual Eastern Regional Pet Expo. The Expo will be held at Knox Park Reserve on Ferntree Gully Road in Knoxfield.

The aim of the Expo is to promote businesses, organisations and clubs at one event, incorporating all types of animals as pets, with the theme being "Responsible Pet Ownership".

Craig "Huggy" Huggins from Gold 104FM will host the day letting everyone know who will be on stage and when.



Come and speak with the experts

Visitors can speak with; Local Vets, Dog trainers, breeders, Animal Welfare Groups, Groomers and lots more.

There will be a wealth of knowledge and information available to all, visitors can find out which pet best suits their lifestyle, and what is needed to keep them a happy and contented pet.

Competitions

There will be many pet competitions on the day. Categories are currently being reviewed so watch this space!!

What else will be on?

- Polly the performing pig and her friends;
- Discounted pet microchipping;
- Reptile, creepy crawly and native animal display including a crocodile;
- Wrangler Jayne;
- Lure coursing;
- Working dog demonstrations;
- Pony Rides;
- Animal Nursery;
- The major winner of the 2011-2012 Responsible Pet Ownership Competition will be announced

A BRIEF LOOK AT

URBAN SLEDDING.

AUSTRALIA is a sunburnt country, a land with little snow. Certainly, the image of a dog pulling a person along a trail is one most of us would associate with movies like Snow Dogs or documentaries on the Alaskan wilderness. So when we encounter a sport such as Urban Sledding for the first time, our initial reaction can be one of curiosity or even scepticism.



It turns out that Australia is fortunate enough to possess some of the best Urban Sledding trails in the world, winding through wondrous native bushland, down fire trails and old dirt roads, through sand, stone and water.

The ride itself is exhilarating, rider and dog working as one to power up hills, while the dog is usually more than happy to pull both sled and rider down hills and along flats at speeds exceeding 30 km/h.

The competitive nature of the experience only adds to the challenge, and over time riders notice their dogs becoming leaner, stronger and more developed. Their quadriceps begin to grow and their speed increases. Racing against the clock along a timed course, the only real competitor is the previous time; to shave a second off here and there; to continuously improve. Like any sport, it is addictive.

It begins at the break of daylight, when the air is still cold, mist is in the air and the birds singing in the trees. Howls are heard around the campsite, for the dogs know the time is close and the moment they have been waiting for is about to arrive. The riders rouse from their slumber with the energy of anticipation running through their veins. The excitement is palpable. A horn sounds; ten minutes to wait.

Riders check their dogs thoroughly, by stretching their muscles and examining their feet. The dogs are carefully fitted into their customised harnesses, designed to pull from the chest and back rather than the neck, and once ready begin making their way down to the starting line. A timing clock emits a loud beep. One minute to go. The howls and barking raise to a deafening cacophony as the dogs pull in their harnesses, riders gripping brakes to hold them back. Then finally, after the long car trip, the camping, the waiting, the ten second timer counts down to zero, and finally... it's time to run.

All Dogs Welcome.

The Siberian Husky Club of Victoria runs a Social Sledding program each year during the autumn & winter months, open to all breeds.

The program consists of a series of workshop and racing events, conducted during weekends; usually Saturday afternoon through to Sunday morning.

The weekends provide a relaxed, yet competitive, environment that are a fantastic introduction to the sport of dog sledding. Events are held at a variety of bush locations, mostly within a 90 minute drive from central Melbourne.

The club is running two introductory workshops for beginners in 2012.

WORKSHOP 1

7th April – Bendigo Region

WORKSHOP 2

28th April – Geelong Region

For more information:

www.siberianhuskyvic.org.au

New Year's Resolution: To Become More Like My Dogs

I really don't like New Year's Resolutions because, I think, once we make them we don't usually adhere to them. A poll taken in 2007 showed that 78% of those who set New Year's Resolutions fail.

This year I thought long and hard about it, who can resist a small New Year's Resolution? I am pretty confident with whom I am and what I do, but I wondered what would make me a better person? And, I came to the conclusion I would be a better person if I was more like my dog(s). That's right! I want to be more like my four legged family members and less like the two legged variety.



Let us review some of the traits I would like to better embody.

- **Innocence:** Dogs are innocent, like small children. Even when they make mistakes, they are never made with spite in mind. I miss the innocence of childhood!
- **Vulnerability:** Dogs are vulnerable; they need us and are happy to rely on us humans for their needs. We all need help sometimes, even though it is hard to admit.
- **Kindness:** Our dogs are always kind no matter what mood we are in. How often are we short tempered?
- **Gracious:** My dog never asks me for the new, better dog toy, he is happy with whatever I give him! We should be thankful for what we have!
- **Forgiving:** It doesn't matter if you just trimmed a nail a little too close or met your dog with a harsh word; he will always forgive you and meet you with a soft kiss and a happy tail wag. I definitely need to be more forgiving.
- **Happiness:** No matter what is going on in your life, your dog is probably always happy! I, some days, wish I was as happy as my dog!
- **Trusting:** No matter what you do to him, he will always trust you. Wouldn't it be nice to trust in the goodness most people, instead of opposite?
- **Humility:** My dog never brags, even when he should! Humility is a great quality.
- **Teachable:** He is always willing to learn, it never matters how late at night, or how early in the morning or if I change my mind, my dogs are always anxious to learn and do something new! They love change! I wish I was as anxious and happy to learn and change!

Go to a dog park or just sit and watch a group of dogs; watch how they play. They live in the present, not in the past or the future. They know nothing of money or bills, or being "cool". Dogs lose themselves in the moment. They are happy to play with anyone and everyone, looks, abilities or disabilities matter not to your dog.

Play with your dog and watch his eyes light up in happiness as you lose yourself in games, joy and playfulness!

Dogs are curious about everyone and everything; they really do stop and smell the roses (and other things) ;)

A dog sees meaning in everything and does not judge from past experience. Everyone and everything gets a clean slate!

Join Me, and Find the Joy in Your Dog's Life!

I want to take the opportunity to see the world with new eyes, to see the miracles and fascination that is around every corner.



I want to be kind to everyone and not judge on looks or the superficial garbage we humans see first.

I want to be trusting, happy, teachable and most of all forgiving.

How wonderful a world would we live in if we could forgive each other like our dogs forgive us for our trespasses?



I want to lose myself in play! I would like to go outside run around, jump, slide, climb, kick a ball and just find solace in good old fashioned playtime!

But most of all, I would like to be the person my dog thinks I am! Because if you were to ask him, or her, or him...they would tell you I am the best person on earth! And, for that adoration, I will try to do my best to become just a smidgeon more like them this year!

I know they will always welcome me with a warm heart, a warm nose and a comforting snuggle whenever and wherever I need it!

What is your dog's best quality? What can you learn from your dog?

*January 2nd, 2012 by Minette
www.thedogtrainingsecret.com*



Knox Obedience Dog Club Inc. KODC AWARDS 2011

Perpetual Trophies

Highest Achiever Award

For the Highest Achiever, Registered/Associate,
Dog/Bitch trained at Knox.

Donated By Hurtle Lupton OAM JP.

Alois Schnider

Montulata Jades Gem
CCD JD AD

Hasselbach Award

Awarded to the member with the highest
combined score obtained at KODC Obedience
Trials throughout the current trialling year.

Clive Galea

OC Tia Bao

KODC Highest Scoring Dog or Bitch

Awarded to the Obedience Dog or Bitch with the
highest combined total of all scores that
contributed to a single title.

Nola Williams

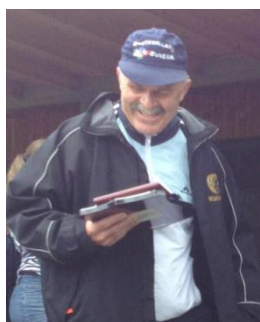
Bonola Silva Crystal
CDX JD SPD AD SD

KODC Agility Dog/Bitch of the year

Awarded to the Dog or Bitch with the greatest
number of Agility, Jumping & Games passes
obtained throughout the current trialling year.

Norman Morcom

Bonola Silva Crystal
CDX JD SPD AD SD



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Knox Obedience Dog Club Inc. KODC AWARDS 2011

Special Awards

OBEDIENCE

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| Highest scoring CCD Dog | Elizabeth McCarthy | Charmhill Rufus CCD |
| Highest scoring CD Bitch | Trevor May | TCh Manprince Now Sheba CD ET TSD |
| Highest scoring Open Dog | Marta McKenzie | TCh Yeoville Mastermind CDX |
| Highest scoring Open Bitch | Nola Williams | Bonola Silva Crystal CDX JD SPD AD SD |
| Highest scoring UD Dog | Marta McKenzie | TCh Yeoville Mastermind CDX |

AGILITY

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| Highest scoring Agility Bitch | Alois Schnider | Montulata Jades Gem CCD JD AD |
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JUMPING

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| Highest scoring Jumping Dog Excellent (Bitch) | Norman Morcom | Bonola Silva Crystal CDX JD SPD AD SD |
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DO YOU WANT A TROPHY?

All handlers whose dogs gain a VCA approved title between 1st November 2011 and 31st October 2012 are entitled to a 2012 trophy; which will be presented at our 2012 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

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.

TIRE OUT YOUR DOG BEFORE YOUR WALK

Many people use walks to provide their dogs exercise and to promote calm, well-mannered behaviour. But, with high-energy dogs that have poor leash-walking skills, this strategy can create a "Push me—Pull you" effect.

If you are training your dog to have better leash manners, consider offering a rousing dose of high-energy exercise like tug, fetch, or even some running off-leash in a safe environment BEFORE you begin a loose-leash walking training session or training walk.

Your dog will work off some excess energy and be better prepared to focus on the task at hand - learning how to walk politely with you!

By Casey Lomonaco, <http://www.clickertraining.com>

NEW RELEASES

The Reduced History of Dogs

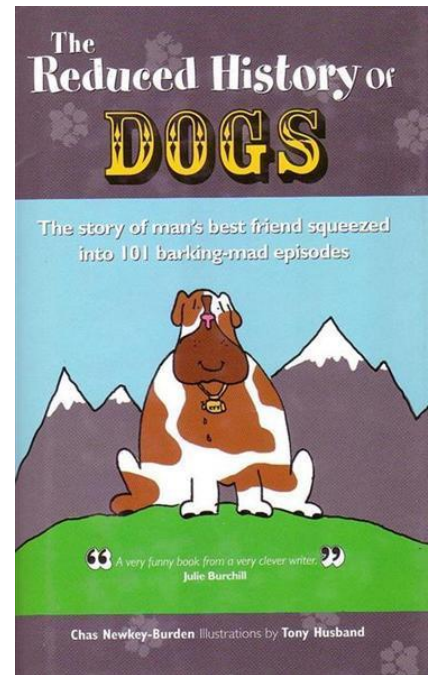
The Story of Man's Best Friend in 101 Barking-Mad Episodes

This is the story of man's most devoted four-legged friend as it has (perhaps wisely) never been told before: a somewhat dog-eared compilation of surreal news reports, spoof correspondence and quirky cartoons.

If it wags its tail, is loyal to its master, hunts in packs, barks at strangers and cocks its leg at any given opportunity, you'll find it in the book.

Well, they do say every dog has its day!

Author: Chas Newkey-Burden
ISBN: 9780233002040 Format: Hardcover
Published: 1st May 2007



HOW TO TEACH DOOR MANNERS

Teach your dog that an open door is not an open invitation to the outside world.

Put your dog on a leash so that you have control in case the dog does dart out during training. Start with a door that is boring, like a bedroom door; ultimately the finished behaviour will be generalized to all doors - front, back, side, sliding, French, etc.

Begin any training with low distraction to set up your dog for success. Open the door one inch. Reward any behaviour that is related to ignoring the door - sitting, eye contact with handler, backing away from door, etc. Open the door another inch. Reward for ignoring the door. Repeat until the door is all the way open.

The ultimate reward for the dog is to go through the door with you. During training if your dog shows interest in the door or tries to go through, slowly and carefully close it and start again. Then, quickly work your way back to where the dog was ignoring the door successfully. Repeat the training at all doors leading to the outside. This little bit of training will give you peace of mind, and could save your dog's life!

By Amber Walker, <http://www.clickertraining.com>

Do you have an article or information that you would like to contribute to next month's newsletter? If so, please give it to a Committee member or email it to;
chrisd1@netspace.net.au or lckenny@bigpond.net.au

Proof that dogs really DO know what you're thinking - and they can understand as much as toddlers

Dog lovers like to think it is their masterful voices that make their pets so keen to please. In fact, it is more complex than that – with eye contact playing an important role alongside spoken commands.

Scientists have found the animals pick up not only the words we say, but our 'intent to communicate' with them. In fact, dogs are as advanced as a two-year-old child in following eye contact, a study has found.

Jszsef Topal, of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, said: 'Increasing evidence supports the notion that humans and dogs share some social skills.

'The way dogs work resembles that of a six-month to two-year-old child in a lot of respects.' Dogs even watch how we make eye contact, to work out what we mean and why we are talking to them. 'Dogs, as well as human infants, are sensitive to cues that signal our intent,' says Topal.



Topal's team tested dogs with videos of a person saying, 'Hi, dog!' in different tones of voice and using different levels of eye contact. The dogs can 'read' the eye contact and enthusiasm as well as youngsters, the team found. Dogs know when they are being spoken to - and can even make a guess at what you are thinking.

Dr Topal said that the results will undoubtedly confirm what many dog owners and trainers already know. However, whether or not dogs rely on similar pathways in the brain for processing those cues isn't yet clear.

Doctor Topal's team presented dogs with video recordings of a person turning toward one of two identical plastic pots while an eye tracker captured information on the dogs' reactions. In one condition, the person first looked straight at the dog, addressing it in a high-pitched voice with 'Hi dog!' In the second condition, the person gave only a low-pitched 'Hi dog' while avoiding eye contact.

The researchers found that the dogs were more likely to follow along and look at the pot when the person first expressed an intention to communicate.

Dr Topal added: 'Our findings reveal that dogs are receptive to human communication in a manner that was previously attributed only to human infants.'

However, it is the first study to use eye-tracking techniques to study dogs' social skills.

Dr Topal said: 'By following the eye movements of dogs, we are able to get a first-hand look at how their minds are actually working. 'We think that the use of this new eye-tracking technology has many potential surprises in store.'

The research was published online in the journal Current Biology.

By Ted Thornhill – www.dailymail.co.uk



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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.

| Knox Obedience Dog Club Membership Fees | |
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| 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. The financial year begins on the 1st November and ends on the 31st October</p> <p>REDUCED FEES APPLY for new memberships after mid year See Office Staff for details.</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)



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KODC Training Calendar 2012

| Month | Day | Club Activity |
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| February | 2012 | |
| Sunday | 5 | Normal Training Resumes |
| Tuesday | 7 | Twilight Training |
| Sunday | 12 | Normal Training |
| Tuesday | 14 | Twilight Training |
| Sunday | 19 | Normal Training - Class Testing (Class 2) |
| Tuesday | 21 | Twilight Training |
| Sunday | 26 | Normal Training - Class Testing (Puppies, Beginners, Class 1, Class 3) |
| Tuesday | 28 | Twilight Training |
| March | 2012 | |
| Sunday | 4 | Normal Training |
| Tuesday | 6 | Twilight Training |
| Sunday | 11 | LONG WEEKEND (No Training) |
| Tuesday | 13 | Twilight Training |
| Sunday | 18 | Normal Training - Class Testing (Class 2) |
| Tuesday | 20 | Twilight Training |
| Sunday | 25 | Normal Training - Class Testing (Puppies, Beginners, Class 1, Class 3) |
| Tuesday | 27 | Twilight Training |
| April | 2012 | |
| Sunday | 1 | EASTERN REGIONAL PET EXPO (Training at adjusted times) |
| Sunday | 8 | EASTER (No Training) |
| Sunday | 15 | Normal Training |
| Sunday | 22 | Normal Training - Class Testing (Class 2) |
| Sunday | 29 | Normal Training - Class Testing (Puppies, Beginners, Class 1, Class 3) |