

# PAW PRINTS

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**Newsletter**

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*Sundays in Centennial Park since 1962*

## Xmas Fun Day 2014!

The Clubs annual Xmas Fun was a great way to end the year of training in 2014. Loads of fun was had by all club members and their dogs who attended. The morning was filled with fun, competitive games and prizes were awarded to those who won a place in the end. There were demonstrations by our top performing club members in obedience and agility along with club trophies awarded to wrap up the day.

We mustn't forget our ever popular free sausage sizzle, drinks and a special visit from Santa who came with doggy gifts for all our four legged friends. A big thanks to those who attended and a very special thanks to all the volunteers who helped make it a special and fun day. We can all look forward to this year's Xmas fun day!

Here are a few happy snaps! A full array of pictures can be found on our Facebook page to download.

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Here is a list of winners from the day events:

<b>FANCY DRESS</b>	<b>SOCK &amp; SCARF RACE</b>
1st Julie Brandon & Lucy (surf rescue)	1st Julie & Lucy
2nd Sherlyn Koo & Tyler (Tiler)	2nd Nicole & Charlie
3rd Nicholette Vorlow & Merlin	3rd Brooke & Sunny
<b>KOOLMINT RACE</b>	<b>SIT HAPPENS</b>
1st Daniel & Milton	1st Jennifer & Callie
2nd Siobhan & Rafo	2nd Jan & Bonnie
3rd Julie & Lucy	3rd Robyn & Saffy
<b>WAGGY TAIL</b>	<b>PANDORA's TRIAL</b>
1st Leonie & Jessie	1st Jennifer & Callie
2nd Lisa & Dakota - Lucy	2nd Fee & Fizzy
3rd Tony & Riley	3rd Nichole & Milo
	Encouragement: Dan & Ollie
<b>GOODO EATING (small dog)</b>	<b>GOODO EATING (Large dog)</b>
Winner: Alana & Lucy	Winner: Julie & Matti

## Club Trophies

Congratulations to the obedience trialers who won annual trophies presented at the Xmas Fun Day:

ESDTC Trophy for Utility Dog Excellent: Julie Huber & O.CH Kellyvix Waltzing Matilda UDX RN HT

ESDTC Trophy for Utility Dog: Julie Huber & CH Nahrof Scouts Honour UD RN HT

ESDTC Trophy for Open Trophy: Jeff McMahon & Eraky Heres The Boss CDX RA

ESDTC Trophy for Novice: Sandra Walker & Jerralong Red Dust CCD RA

ESDTC Trophy for CCD: Ilka Kolodiej & Muppet CCD RN JD

ESDTC Dog of the Year: Jeff McMahon & Eraky Heres The Boss CDX RA

DAWN HARRISON MEMORIAL SHIELD  
Sherlyn Koo & Tyler RN

## President's Award

The following was presented with the President's Award for "Outstanding Service to the Club" during 2014 at the Xmas Fun Day:

Sherlyn Koo



Julie Huber with Matti and Stella

## Amazing results achieved at the 3 day Sapphire Coast Dog Trial

Julie Huber and her Border Collies Matti and Stella outdid themselves in the 3 day Trial.

Matti is Julie's first GRAND OBEDIENCE CHAMPION and Stella is her first DUAL CHAMPION.

Matti had to have achieved the titles of "Obedience Champion" and "UDX" then had to score at least 185 on five occasions in UDX!

Stella is now a Show Champion (conformation) AND an Obedience Champion. This makes her a DUAL Champion!

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Frederic Baudry



### 1) When did you join the club?

I joined the club late 2011.

### 2) What breed of dog(s) do you own?

I live with a Persian cat (rescued in the middle-east and who migrated down under with me), as well as Will, a Tenterfield terrier mix who was only meant to be a foster dog but never left, and Penny, a cocker spaniel.

### 3) What encouraged you to join the club?

After completing puppy school at a vet's, I thought it would be a good idea to keep on training to fulfil Penny's needs for mental stimulation, as well as continue with socialisation / neutralisation in a controlled environment.

### 4) What activities do you enjoy with your dog at the club?

Now that I instruct classes, I do not get to take part in activities at the club, but activity classes were good fun!

### 5) What activities do you enjoy with your dog outside of the club?

Outside the club, we dabble in Rally-O and nose work as far as "formal" dog sports are concerned. But there's plenty more fun to be had in a casual manner. Swimming, retrieving, trick training etc.... As well as just lazing on the couch!

### 6) What inspired you to become an instructor at the club?

I was lucky to have a passionate and inspiring instructor when I joined what was then the adult dog beginner program. I felt there was a need for more classes of this type for people new to dog ownership, and owners wanting their four legged companion to

become a well mannered canine citizen. I, since then, took the Delta course in companion animal services and am now a certified Delta trainer.

### 7) What is fun about running classes?

I really enjoy helping owners learn to communicate effectively with their dogs and watch their progression over the weeks. I also take pride in knowing that reward based training techniques are helping these owners enjoy fulfilled and enriched lives with their dogs.

### 8) What do you think is the most important thing when training your dog?

Be positive and patient at all times! If you are not in the mood to train your dog, don't do it!

Remember to always keep the training sessions short, fun and exciting and end on a positive note so that your dog is eager to train again next time.

Another thing is that I think it is crucial to be mindful of what our dogs are trying to tell us. Rather than obsessing about obtaining compliance, we should try and understand what goes wrong when our dogs "do not get it". Could they be sick, bothered by something, over aroused etc....

### 9) What encouragement do you have for anyone interested in becoming an instructor?

I would strongly encourage anyone interested to come and watch / assist a full puppy program and Responsible dog ownership programs. These two programs provide any new trainers with a very detailed structure. There are also a lot of great resources out there from reputable ethical trainers. Online courses, books and videos are all part of ongoing education.

### 10) What are your hopes for the club in the future?

I'd love for the Club to move completely towards a positive reinforcement only approach. And ideally, it would be great if other disciplines could be strengthened (agility and Rally O) or introduced (nose work, treibball, retrieving). There are a lot of activities out there that promote a healthy canine/human relationship and are the perfect outlet for our dogs' natural needs for mental stimulation.

## FOOD HAZARDS FOR DOGS



We are often told that this food or that should not be fed to our dogs, but more often than not we don't know why a certain food is fine for us to eat but can be lethal to our beloved pets. This article hopes to shed some light on this problem.

### Avocado

This fruit contains a toxic substance called persin. It is found in avocado leaves, seeds and even the bark of the tree. The Guatemalan variety (common in stores) is especially rich in this substance. Although this substance is not especially toxic to dogs, mild stomach upset can occur if your pet eats a substantial amount of it. The pit, though, can cause obstruction in the gastrointestinal tract if swallowed.

### Bread Dough

Raw bread dough made with live yeast, when swallowed, can cause the yeast to multiply in the moist environment in the stomach. This expansion can lead to decreased blood flow to the stomach wall, resulting in death of the tissue. The expanding stomach can also press on the diaphragm resulting in difficulty in breathing. As well as this, as the yeast multiplies, it produces alcohols that can result in intoxication. This can lead to, in extreme cases, to death.

### Chocolate

Chocolate contains a substance called **theobromine**. This substance can lead to vomiting, increased thirst, abdominal discomfort, restlessness to severe agitation, muscle tremors, irregular heartbeat, high body temperature, seizures and death. The rule of thumb is the darker the chocolate, the more dangerous.

I wrote an article on this a couple of years ago after a friend of mine lost her beloved Shetland sheepdog when he ate a block of dark chocolate.

### Ethanol

Dogs are much more sensitive to alcohol than humans. In severe cases, coma, seizures and death may occur. Sweet alcoholic drinks are very appealing to dogs so please be careful. Any dog that is so drunk that it can't stand up must be taken to vet!

### Grapes and raisins

Grapes and raisins have recently been associated with kidney failure in dogs. The exact cause is not clear. Some dogs can appear to eat a few without problems, others do so for a while only to become very ill later on. Grape and raisin toxicity is vomiting, lethargy or diarrhea within 12 hours of eating. As the dogs becomes more ill, there can be increase in urination or no urination in later stages. Death due to kidney failure occurs after 3 or 4 days.

### Hops

Hops are used to brew beer. Home kits for this can be found in many supermarkets. Both fresh and cooked are dangerous. Af-

ected dogs can develop an uncontrollably high body temperature (greater than 42 Celsius) which results in damage to and failure of multiple organ systems. Symptoms include restlessness, excessive panting, muscle tremors and seizures.

### Macadamia Nuts

Although these are unlikely to cause death in dogs, the nuts can cause very uncomfortable symptoms that can last up to 48 hours. These include weakness in the hind legs, pain, tremors and low grade fever.

### Moldy Food

A wide variety of molds grow on foods and some produce toxins which can cause serious and even life-threatening problems if ingested by dogs. Signs of this type of poisoning begin as fine muscle tremors that progress to total body tremors and finally to convulsions that can lead to death in severe cases. If you can't eat it, neither can your dog!

### Onions and Garlic

All close relatives of the onion family (shallots, garlic, scallions, etc) contain compounds that can damage dogs' red blood cells if eaten in sufficient quantities. The rule of thumb is "the stronger it is, the more toxic it is". Garlic tends to be more toxic than onions. While dogs may be able to tolerate a small amount of these vegetables, exposure to concentrated forms such as onion soup mix powder or garlic powder puts them at risk to poisoning. The damage to red blood cells doesn't become apparent for about 3 to 5 days. Affected dogs appear weak or reluctant to move. They may appear to tire easily. Their urine may be orange-tinged to dark red in colour. In severe cases, blood transfusions may be needed.

### Xylitol

Xylitol is a calorie-free sweetener that is used in sugar-free gum as well as sugar-free baked goods. In dogs, xylitol can lead to a rapid and severe drop in blood sugar levels. Dogs may develop disorientation and seizures within 30 minutes of eating products containing this substance or signs can be delayed for several hours. Some dogs who have ingested large amounts of this substance can develop liver failure, which can be fatal.

### Caffeine

Caffeine can damage the heart, lungs, kidneys and central nervous system of dogs. Signs include restlessness, hyperactivity and vomiting followed by panting, weakness, a staggering gate, increased heart rate, muscle tremors and convulsions. Caffeine can be found in coffee and coffee drinks as well as large amounts of tea. Do not share your drinks with your dog.

### Apple seeds, cherry pips, peach, apricot and plum stones

These contain the toxin cyanide. Symptoms of cyanide poisoning include vomiting, heavy breathing, fast heart rate, cardiac arrhythmias and coma.

### Potato peelings, green potatoes and rhubarb leaves

These contain oxalates, which can affect the digestive, nervous, and urinary systems.

### Tobacco

This contains nicotine, which affects the digestive and nervous systems. Symptoms include a rapid heart beat, collapse, coma, and death. Keep your dog away from ashtrays and cigarette butts.

REF: [www.aspc.org](http://www.aspc.org) and [www.drkatrina.com](http://www.drkatrina.com)

## Obedience Class Promotions

Well done to Club Members and dogs who earned promotions from 16/11/14 to 8/3/15.

### Class 1-2

- \* Daniel Blake & Milton
- \* Peter Kandlbinder & Ollie
- \* Kerry Bradburn & Odelle
- \* Emer Mernagh & Murphy
- \* David Potts & Milly
- \* Julieanne Duncan & Harrison
- \* Rodney Macinnes & Buster
- \* Brooke Mullins & Sunny
- \* Jan Cooke & Wee Bonny

### Class 2-3

- \* Anne-Marie Snelling & Astra
- \* Miriam Krohn & Lily
- \* Leonie Kelly & Grace
- \* Emer Mernagh & Murphy

## Obedience Trialing Results

Club members regularly compete and progress at trial events. Please let the committee or editors know of your progress and it will be noted here!

### Too Wet to Too Wet to Train?

If you wake to a wet or threatening Sunday, then call the Club for a status update on 0412 645 154 *after* 7:30am.

**Please note:** We cannot respond to text or voice

## Training Dates

- March 1st Adult Joiner 8:00 am. Inspection Line 8:30 am. Puppy Training 10:15
- March 8th Promotion Testing 7:30 am. Puppy Joiner 9:15
- March 15th Adult Joiner 8:00 am. Inspection Line 8:30 am. Puppy Training 10:15
- March 22nd Promotion Testing 7:30 am. Puppy Joiner 9:15
- March 29th Activity Class Stability Testing (for Class 3 Members) 7:30 . Adult Joiner 8:00 am. Inspection Line 8:30 am. Puppy Training 10:15
- April 5th **Easter Sunday - NO TRAINING**
- April 12th Promotion Testing 7:30 am. Puppy Joiner 9:15
- April 19th Adult Joiner 8:00 am. Inspection Line 8:30 am. Puppy Training 10:15
- April 26th Promotion Testing 7:30 am. Puppy Joiner 9:15
- May 3rd Adult Joiner 8:00 am. Inspection Line 8:30 am. Puppy Training 10:15
- May 10th Promotion Testing 7:30 am. Puppy Joiner 9:15
- May 17th Activity Class Stability Testing (for Class 3 Members) 7:30 . Adult Joiner 8:00 am. Inspection Line 8:30 am. Puppy Training 10:15  
**10:00 am General Meeting**

## Save Your Stamps

Please deposit your old stamps in the collection box on the front desk on Sundays. Proceeds from the sale of these stamps assist Guide Dogs.

## Welcome New Members 2 February to 1 March 2015

- Sonya Abbey
- Elizabeth Abrahams
- Heather Abrahams
- Antonir Amir
- Steven Anderson
- Kerry Anderson
- Rachael Arnold
- Melissa Asimus
- Hayley Bagshaw
- Kerry Barnes
- Rosie Bell
- Christopher Bourne
- Matthew Brady
- Adrian Brown
- Pietro Brunato
- Alana Cargill
- Sarah Carroll
- Gavan Carroll
- Amy Carslow
- Dylan Casey
- Edmond Chan
- Maree Chan
- Lisa Chesterman
- Eunice Chia
- Giordana Cocco
- Liam Coe
- Anna Cointrel
- Watson Conor
- Philippe Conry
- Patrick Conway
- Jennifer Cornish
- Louise Cramp
- Bart Cronin
- Wendy Danckert
- Teoh Darren
- Aoife Dennison
- Deepa Dhupelia
- Mark Dolan
- Tony Dolan
- Steven Dybacz
- Javier Fernandez
- Petra Fernandez
- Lindsay Funston
- Lee Godwin
- Angelique Gordon
- Anita Graham
- Jacob Graham
- Allan Graham
- Lily Graham
- Cassie Greene
- Jennifer Habgood
- Shelley Hallamore
- Justine Hallamore
- Vicki Hamilton
- Ema Harada-Krzyzanowska
- Xing He
- William Henderson
- Scott Henderson
- Stride Henrietta
- Ludhara Hetti
- Jamie Hodgson
- Nick Hollo
- Terry Hope
- Tegan Hope
- Lisa Hoppe
- Elisabeth Hurley
- Sheena Jackson
- Jo Jansyn
- Claire Jenkins
- Stacey Jenkins
- Jivajothi Jeyathevan
- Gary Jones
- Hernandez Joshua
- Sherrie Kelly
- Josie Kelly
- Gabrielle King
- Teresa King
- Steve Lee
- Mei Lim
- Sean Markwick
- Julie Markwick
- Ryan Marsh
- O'Kane Matt
- Tara McKay
- Sarah McMahon
- Aaron McMahon
- Miriam Meek
- Emer Mernagh
- Temy Milogiannakis
- Jordan Mountney
- Leesa Mountney
- Sayaka Nara
- Jack Novak
- Tracy Novak
- Julie Nudd
- Gavin Parkes
- Deborah Peart
- Claire Pirola
- Leon Pizanis
- Barbara Ragan
- Shishir Rajbhandari
- Tania Rakchae
- Stephen Reed
- O'Kane Renee
- Allysia Robinson
- Stefan Sadokierski
- Skye Sadokierski
- Steven Sadokierski
- Trish Sadokierski
- Ally Salet
- Renee Salisbury
- Emma Salmon
- Sally-ann Searle
- Sean Sheridan
- Kate Sinn
- Martin Smid
- Justine Smith
- Carl Stevenage
- Margaret Stocker
- Gerhard Stocker
- Anne Sutherland
- Lori Sword
- Jon Sword
- Sam Tardif
- Jane Taylor
- Angela Teklic
- Barbara Tesoriero
- Sam Tesoriero
- Stacey Thode
- Dinah Thomasset
- Kay Thyssen
- James Tiffany
- Stella Tse Kai Wai
- Milogiannakis Vanessa
- Derek Voller
- Angela Wade
- Cameron Ward
- Miles Wharton
- Chris Wilson
- Helen Wilson
- Ian Woodburn
- Andrew Woods
- Daniel Wycherley