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March 2017 Newsletter

End of Year Training Day 2016



On the 4th of December 2016 the club's End of Year Training Day was held. The format was slightly different this time in that there was a short training session before the games began.

The weather was kind and it was a great day to enjoy the sausage sizzle, have a go at various games, join the parade in the Fancy Dress contest, and celebrate the achievements of the club's trialers. Santa came to visit with a big bag full of treats, which made him an instant favourite. A lot of prizes were up for grabs at this year's raffle, thanks to the generous donations from club members. All the Fun Day photos have been posted on the ESDTC Facebook page.

The day was a great success thanks to the help of all the volunteers. A lot of work went into conducting the training in combined classes, organising the games and running the rings on the day, arranging the club trophies, operating the barbeque, and setting up and packing up at the end of the day. The ESDTC committee would like to thank everyone who was involved in Fun Day for their contribution. A special thanks goes to Sandra & Lee (games and prizes), Colleen, Cameron and Heather (raffle), Jeff (trophies) and Sid (BBQ).

- By Ilka Kolodziej

End of Year Training Day 2016 (cont)





CLUB TROPHIES

CCD Trophy	Dog
Patricia Cooper	Skye CCD, RA, JD
Open Title Trophy	Dog
David Givney	Singha Hector CDX
Main Register Trophy	Dog
Jeff McMahon	Eraky Heres The Boss CDX RA
Top Trialing Dog Of The Year	Dog
Jeff McMahon	Eraky Heres The Boss CDX RA
Dawn Harrison Memorial Shield	Dog
Jan Evans	Asproundas Shadow Sorcerer CDX RA
Rally Novice Trophy	Dog
Patricia Cooper	Skye CCD, RA, JD
Rally Advanced Trophy	Dog
Patricia Cooper	Skye CCD, RA, JD
Rally Advanced Trophy	Dog
Patricia Cooper	Skye CCD, RA, JD
Rally Advanced Excellent Trophy	Dog
Alaina Graham	Southstock Miss Sophia CD RM RAE4 AD JDX SD GD
Rally Master Trophy	Dog
Alaina Graham	Southstock Miss Sophia CD RM RAE4 AD JDX SD GD
President's Award	
Alisa Sannikova	



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

With Puppy Instructor Alisa Sannikova



I joined the club in 2011 with our Jack Russell Terrier, Prada. She was quite a nervous puppy, and the vet who was supervising my university work at the time suggested I join the club to give her a chance to be around adult dogs in a controlled, on-leash environment. I've trained animals before (mostly horses), but I really enjoyed learning to train a dog and before the end of the year we had passed enough promotion tests to do Class 3 and Activity class. Prada really loved the jumping! When not at the club, Prada is a ball fiend and also insists on running into every pond and puddle you walk past.

I don't have a dog at the moment, as my sister took Prada with her when she moved to Queensland. But I enjoyed the training so much that I stayed at the club as an instructor, and have been getting my weekly dog fix ever since. My favourite part of running classes is seeing that "aha!" moment when the human or animal I'm teaching understands, it's the best feeling as a teacher and I get to see the improvements straight away. At home I have a small parrot called Shark. I do training with her too, of course. It's the same methodology as what I do with dogs, except that she gets seeds and fruit as rewards instead of hot

dogs and liver.

The most important thing when training a dog is to have fun and relax! I feel like people get caught up in trying to achieve perfection too quickly and don't notice when they're making it harder for themselves. If you plan to chip away at things slowly, it removes a lot of tension from the process and you find that the dog will actually learn faster in the long term.

For anyone who wants to become an instructor, I highly encourage you to talk to your current instructor and get information about our training program. We've developed a 6 month course designed so that anyone can get a feel for the process. Becoming an instructor at the club is very rewarding and such a great way to spend a Sunday morning.

My hope for the future is to get more people involved in the club, even if it's just helping at the desk or packing up the trailer for a few minutes every week. The more hands we have on board, the more we can expand our activities and make the club better for everyone involved. I'd love to see more trick-oriented classes and events such as doggy dancing or disc dog at the club, to really encourage members to think broadly about the sorts of behaviours they can enjoy with their pets.

Alisa Sannikova

B. Sc. (Adv) (Hons)



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 the 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. Signs of grape and raisin toxicity are 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. Affected 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.

FOOD HAZARDS FOR DOGS Cont.

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.asPCA.org and www.drkatrina.com



MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF EASTERN SUBURBS DOG TRAINING CLUB

HELD ON SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2017 AT THE TRAINING GROUNDS IN
CENTENNIAL PARK.

Present: Jason Lau (President), Ilka Kolodziej (Secretary), Sherlyn Koo (Treasurer), Martin O'Loughlin, Leonie Kelly, Jan Cooke, Sandra Walker, Lee Davis & 35 members

The meeting opened at 10.05am

1. Apologies for non-attendance: Julie Brandon (Vice president), Alisa Sannikova, Chris Hely
2. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th September 2016 were read and confirmed. Proposed: Jan Cooke, Seconded: Robert Fairhead
3. The minutes of the previous General Meeting as displayed on the noticeboard were confirmed as a true record. Proposed: Lodi Kramer, Seconded: Sherlyn Koo
4. Reports from Committee:
 - 4.1. Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported as at 18/2/17 there was \$12,801.38 in the Club cheque account, and that as at 15/1/17 there was \$114,519.53 in the term deposit account.
 - 4.2. Secretary's report:
 - 4.2.1. The Secretary reported that there was a change to one of the judges for the 2017 ESDTC Obedience Trial. Pat Connoley was appointed to judge the Novice ring but is no longer able to do so. The matter was discussed by the Committee and it was agreed to invite Tiki Friezer to judge instead. Ms Friezer has accepted the appointment.
 - 4.2.2. The Secretary made the following general announcements:
 - Dogs NSW, with whom the Club is affiliated, has recently released a new template for the Constitution for Affiliates. The Committee will review the new template and initiate updates to the Club's constitution if indicated.
 - The Committee is planning to review the current process of restricting intake for the RDO and Puppy beginner courses. The aim is to keep class sizes manageable as well as being able to accept all applicants. There will be further information and discussion in the coming months.
5. Motions as presented in Notice of Motion:
 - 5.1. To agree to the donation of \$200 each to the Guide Dog Association and Assistance Dogs. Proposed: Robert Fairhead, Seconded: Frederick Baudry. Motion carried unanimously.
6. To receive notices of motions:
 - 6.1. Motion put forward by the committee: To agree to the donation of the proceeds of the raffle held at the 2016 End of Year Training Day to Canine Cancer Research. The proceeds amounted to \$350. Proposed: Sandra Walker, Seconded: Lee Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING (CONT)

6.2. Motion put forward by the committee: To agree to retrospectively approve the course fee structure for the Responsible Dog Ownership (RDO) and Puppy courses, which consists of pre-paying \$30 in course fees at the time of registration, in addition to the usual membership fees. The amended fee structure was approved by the Committee at the time, but not put before a General Meeting. Proposed: Robert Fairhead, Seconded: Jan Cooke.

The motion was discussed:

- Heather Martyn enquired why RDO members were paying \$30 for a 6-week course, which amounts to \$5/week, and also why RDO and puppy class joiners are paying up front instead of weekly like other members.
- Robert Fairhead responded that since class is capped at 10, the class size is smaller than most other classes. The up-front payment also gives more perceived value to the class and encourages attendance.
- Anna Zelenko (a new member) indicated that as someone who had recently joined, she was happy to pay the increased fee and felt that the value for money was good.

The motion was voted on: For 20, Against 8. Motion carried.

6.3. Motion put forward by Robert Fairhead: To agree to raise the Ground Fees to \$5 beyond the beginner courses. Proposed: Robert Fairhead, Seconded: Ilka Kolodziej.

The motion was discussed:

- Robyn Goldsmith enquired as to whether it should be suggested to raise the fees to \$4 now rather than \$5, and to possibly raise the fees again in 2 years' time.
- Martin O'Loughlin noted that expenditure and income have been on par the last few years. The term deposit was a safety net and not part of the cash flow.
- A new member commented that raising the ground fees to \$5 would be justified, as the lessons were very good value for money.

The motion was voted on: For 8, Against 19. Motion not carried.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.30am

Promotions 7th Aug – 23 Oct 2016

Class 1 - 2

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| • Michelle Dives & "Jipsi" | • Lori Sword & "Maya" |
| • Stephen Nicholls & "Mrs Beasley" | • Mairaed Bilmon & "Shady" |
| • Tricia Keys & "Millie" | • Jenny Monaghan & "Ebony" |
| • Alan Morris & "Slick" | • Meg Croft & "Holly" |
| • Mairaed Bilmon & "Shady" | • Michael Lippman & "Kasper" |

Welcome New Members Nov 2016 - March 2017

Alan Abdo	Rod Denson	Anna Hawter	Michael Mellon	Jakub Skyba
Aiyana Altrows	Rose Di Bartolo	Miriam Heatherich	Emer Mernagh	Liesbet Spanjaard
William Anderson	Vicki Dore	Michelle Holmes-Hackett	Nicole Molloy	Lee Spitler
Lauren Arnold	Monika Dziuba	Amelia Horan	Joanna Mooney	Peter Stevens
Joanne Bakis	Marianne Ebersoll	William Huynh	Penelope Mora	Ryder Stevens
Luke Barrett	Warwick Edgington	Ross Hynard	Aaron Morley	Jon Sword
David Bell	Sarah Edmondson	Annabel Jador	Rafitel Moses	Lori Sword
Mairaed Bilmon	Cecelia Elliott	Chao Jiang	Cameron Murray	Matthew Symmons
Nathan Bolton	Carol Engelman	Tara Kearney	Michelle Murray	Kerrie Tan
Kayla Borstein	Sam Evstigneev	Lance Kiewiet	Justin Myatt	Catherine Tate
Natalie Borstein	Derek Feebrey	Simon Kneebone	Sarah Myatt	Russell Tate
Dom Bower	Anna Ferdman	Elisabeth Kong	David Myers	Gemma Taylor
Oliver Bracewell	David Ferguson	Yun Lan	Sandra Myers	Felicity Toms
Geoffrey Broomhead	Bella Ferriera	Fiona Lanigan	Liam Nagle	Jensen Toms
James Brown	Warren Franks	Declan Latimer	Natalie Narunsky	Ros Toomer
Renate Brown	David Fraser	Julia Latimer	Sam Nicolopoulos	Lena Tsalimova
Sophie Burgess	Katie Fraser	Regina Lee	Tommi Nordstrom	Margaret Turner
Andrew Carrick	Geoff Freer	Jeannine Lew	Danielle O Meara	Ploy Varasuda Vi-partapunthu
Anna Carrick	Ashling Gaffney	Sophie Lew	Chloe Orkin	Sharon Wee
Rebecca Cass	Richard Garard	Guy Lightfoot	Hilton Orkin	Cosette Wheeler
Linda Chan	Karen Garb	Neel Lochunah	Andrew Oxlade	Suzanne Wheeler
Angela Chen	Alex Gardiner	May Lum	Michelle Polieri	Paul Whittaker
Da Ke Chen	Pippa George	Natasha Lum	Margaret Poppelwell	Jann Wiener
Fiona Church	Robyn Gilbert	Josh Mchet	Johnny Ranga	Kelly Wright
Andnes Cima	Lyndsay Gilchrist	Lauren Mchet	Diana Richards	Anna Zelenko
Narelle Clark	Marianne Gizycki	Nisar Malik	Niko Romberg	Ana Zivanovic
Uldis Clarson	Danna Goodman	Mchet Mark	Lydia Ronnenkamp	
Miriam Cobby	Ivan Goodman	Alex Mars	Rafaela Salzer	
Susan Cormack	Bernadette Gye	Phoebe McEgan	Jessica Sarak	
Arianna Cowling	Georgia Hackett	Simon McEgan	Ruby Sarak	
Miranda Cross	Justin Hallett	Kurt McFarland	Nicole Scoot	
Marie-Claire D. Sayers	Michelle Hallett	Oliver McGeachie	Samantha Scott	
Rodrigo De Oliveira Chedid	Julie Hancock	Sarah McLaughlin	Glen Silver	



2017 Calendar

APRIL

2nd	7.30am Promotion testing for Classes 1 to 2, 2 to 3, 3 to 4 9.15am Puppy Joiner Registration
9th	8am Responsible Dog Ownership registration
16th	NO TRAINING - PUBLIC HOLIDAY WEEKEND
23rd	7.30am Promotion testing for Classes 1 to 2, 2 to 3, 3 to 4 9.15am Puppy Joiner Registration
30th	8am Responsible Dog Ownership registration

MAY

6th	7.30am Promotion testing for Classes 1 to 2, 2 to 3, 3 to 4 9.15am Puppy Joiner Registration
14th	8am Responsible Dog Ownership registration 10.00am GENERAL MEETING
21st	7.30am Promotion testing for Classes 1 to 2, 2 to 3, 3 to 4 9.15am Puppy Joiner Registration
28th	8am Responsible Dog Ownership registration

JUNE

4th	7.30am Promotion testing for Classes 1 to 2, 2 to 3, 3 to 4 9.15am Puppy Joiner Registration
11th	NO TRAINING - PUBLIC HOLIDAY WEEKEND
18th	NO TRAINING - WINTER BREAK
25th	8am Responsible Dog Ownership registration

2017 Calendar

JULY

2nd	7.30am Promotion testing for Classes 1 to 2, 2 to 3, 3 to 4 9.15am Puppy Joiner Registration
9th	8am Responsible Dog Ownership registration
16th	7.30am Promotion testing for Classes 1 to 2, 2 to 3, 3 to 4 9.15am Puppy Joiner Registration
23rd	8am Responsible Dog Ownership registration
30th	7.30am Promotion testing for Classes 1 to 2, 2 to 3, 3 to 4 9.15am Puppy Joiner Registration

AUGUST

6th	8am Responsible Dog Ownership registration
13th	7.30am Promotion testing for Classes 1 to 2, 2 to 3, 3 to 4 9.15am Puppy Joiner Registration
20th	8am Responsible Dog Ownership registration
27th	7.30am Promotion testing for Classes 1 to 2, 2 to 3, 3 to 4 9.15am Puppy Joiner Registration



Inspection & Training Times

Inspection Line Times:

From 7:45 to 8am	Class 2 and Activity Class
From 8:30 to 8:55am	Responsible Dog Ownership, Obedience Foundations and Classes 1, 3 & 4 (Puppies are inspected by Instructors in class)

Training Times:

8am	Class 2
8am	Activity Class
9am	Responsible Dog Ownership, Obedience Foundation and Classes 1, 3 & 4
10:15am	Puppy Classes and Rally-O Class

Please ensure that you arrive on the grounds with plenty of time for inspection and training. Tickets for classes are **ONLY** issued for dogs that have been inspected.

If you arrive late and flustered, then your dog will be flustered and you may not be able to attend class!



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 messages.

Footwear!



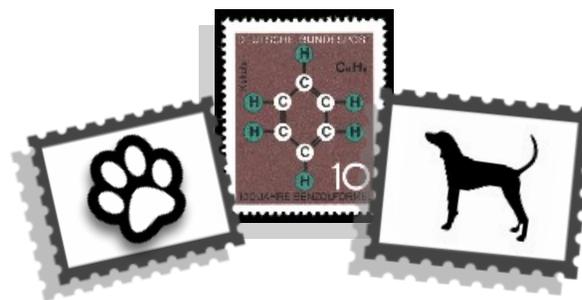
The Club reminds Members that thongs, slip-ons and open shoes are not appropriate footwear for training your dog. For instance, the flip flopping of thongs and slip-ons can distract your dog or another handler's dog while doing heeling exercises.

There is also the danger of slipping while doing right and left about turns, fast pace or jumps (for the higher classes). Should an incident occur and dogs start snapping at each other, your toes and the soft parts of your feet are highly exposed. So please wear covered shoes when training your dog.

Save Your Used Stamps!

Please deposit your used stamps in the collection box on the front desk on Sundays.

Proceeds from the sale of these stamps assist Guide Dogs.



Aggressive Dog Procedure

With the aim of providing a safe training environment for all dogs and handlers the club has implemented the following procedure:

After a serious attack by a dog on a person or another dog (as judged by senior club members who are present on the day of the attack) the offending dog must wear a basket muzzle if it is to continue attending classes at ESDTC.



Treasurer's Update

- Term Deposit balance is \$ 114,529.53 as of 03/04/17
 - Cheque Account balance is \$ 14,659.90 as of 03/04/17
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Club Committee

The Committee are volunteers who oversee the running and direction of the Club:

President:	Jason Lau
Vice President:	Julie Brandon
Secretary:	Ilka Kolodziej
Treasurer:	Sherlyn Koo
Activity Class Coordinator:	Sandra Walker
General Committee:	Leonie Kelly Martin O'Loughlin Lee Davis Jan Cooke



***Please feel free to discuss any ideas or issues with a Committee Member or email:
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