

PAWS ... and take Notice

November 2015



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Committee Members:

Joy Allen	Helen Learmonth	Daryl Jolley	Bryan Crowley	Carol DiTeodoro
Michael Williamson	Sylvia Sabato	Gerard Lynch	Julie Merryfull	Marie Schellekens
Max Schellekens	Nicolle Cheriton			

CLUB RULES

1. Handlers must arrive **AT LEAST** 10 minutes prior to training.
2. All members are responsible for any damage or loss caused by themselves, their dogs and or other persons or property under their control or ownership whilst participating in any of the activities of, or on the premises of, the Keilor Obedience Dog Training Centre Inc. Notwithstanding that Committee members, Instructors, Helpers and other members of the Club may direct or request certain behaviours and activities, participation in all activities and attendance upon the property of the Club is of a voluntary nature and is thus at the total discretion and risk of each and every individual member. Members shall therefore take into account any conditions and or limitations inherent upon their person or property that may prevent their or any other parties' safe participation in the activities of the Club.
3. Dogs must be **immunised** before they will be permitted on the ground for training.
4. All dogs must be **immunised** annually.
5. All dogs must be kept **on lead** at all times, unless otherwise directed by an instructor.
6. Club joining fees and membership fees are **non-refundable**.
7. Dogs are not permitted on the concourse/paved area in front of the clubrooms.
8. Dogs are not permitted inside the clubrooms unless requested by an Instructor or Committee Member.
9. Children under the age of 12 years will not be permitted to train a dog unless assessed and approved by a Training Manager/s.
10. Handlers of bitches in season must not bring the bitch to the grounds.
11. Any owner whose dog fouls the grounds **must clean it up**.
12. Dogs must be a minimum of 18 months of age before being permitted to use the agility equipment. Younger dogs are permitted limited access to equipment under supervision provided the dog is not put at risk for its physical development.
13. Dogs must be a minimum of 12 months of age before being permitted to use the Flyball equipment. Younger dogs are permitted limited access to equipment under supervision provided the dog is not put at risk for its physical development.
14. No dogs are to be put over any jumps at any time without an instructor's supervision or prior approval.
15. Stay pegs are to be used if you are leaving your dog unattended. Any dog creating a nuisance may be requested to be removed.
16. Members must wear their **Identification Badge** during training sessions.
17. No person is to remove a dog that has been pegged out by its owner. Beware of and do not pass too closely to a pegged dog.
18. **Children must be supervised by their parents.** Parents bring their children to the grounds at their own risk.
19. **NO FIGHTING.** This includes dogs and handlers.
20. If in the opinion of an Instructor a dog is excessively aggressive or bites, the handler will be required to muzzle the dog until the Training Manager/s advises otherwise. NOTE: A muzzle is defined as a device, made of wire or straps, placed over the dog's mouth such that it cannot bite or eat.
21. **No smoking** during training sessions. **No alcohol** shall be consumed during training sessions.
22. All leads and collars must be approved as suitable by an Instructor.
23. Any member mistreating a dog shall be dealt with by the Committee of Management.

From the President

It has been a busy year and we are getting closer to the end of the training season and final Club fun day.

As this will be the last News Letter for the year I ask that you keep up your training and look forward to seeing you back next year.

Don't forget that 2015 year starts the second week of February for existing members. The first week of February is used to sign up all of the people who want to join KODTC.

Our AGM is on the 22nd of November. If you would like to nominate for a position on the committee we will still take nominations on the day. If you would like to find out about what is involved speak to the members working on the counter or one of the current Committee members. The classes will be cut short on this day as the AGM will be held between the two groups. Without the volunteers this club would not survive.

Enjoy Your Training

Joy Allen

From the Training Managers

As we move into the final stages of the training year, we want you to start considering what you want to achieve with your dogs over the summer break. You need to continue your training. You can do what we do each week at home or even look at teaching your dog some new tricks.

Don't forget to take care of your dog by implementing an appropriate heat management strategy over the summer months.

Don't forget to:

- Provide pets with a cool, shaded area with good ventilation at all times - adequate ventilation and air flow are important as many animals cool down via evaporative cooling (panting) which requires adequate air flow.
- Provide plenty of clean fresh water and extra water sources in case of spillage.
- Bring animals indoors on hot, humid days if the indoor environment is cooler for the animal (e.g. air-conditioning, child-safe fans, open windows where possible and shade).
- Not exercise animals in hot, humid conditions. On hot days try to walk your dog very early in the morning or very late in the afternoon and avoid the hottest part of the day.
- **Not leave your dog in a vehicle for any period of time-** even when the windows are down dogs can still overheat and die.

There have been a number of reports of snakes being up and about so be careful where you let your dog run free.

We are beginning to prepare for our December Fun Day Breakup. If you have any ideas please share them with any instructor.

We are also looking for people who are interested in becoming instructors. Please contact Nicolle or Daryl if you are interested.

Happy Training!

Nicolle and Daryl

Training Managers



**Without my dog,
my wallet would be full, my house
would be clean, but my heart would
be empty.**

**When an eighty-five pound mammal
licks your tears away, then tries to sit on
your lap, it's hard to feel sad**



**Struggling to find a
weight loss program
that really works?**



Things to do over the break

Whilst we have a break over December and January we still need to keep our training going so that when we come back next year you can show the instructors how well you have done. Although it will be hot out, perhaps you could try to teach your dog some tricks over the break. With a bit of thought and planning you can teach your dog many tricks. You are limited only by your imagination and your dog's physical abilities. Using your bridge or clicker at the right time and gradually shaping your dog's behaviour, you can get your dog doing plenty of things. So when you don't have any training on the Sunday, why not use this time to teach a trick or five.

Speak on Command	Roll Over	Shake	Wave
Tidy up your toys	Over (jumping)	Through (go thru hoop)	Push a ball (soccer)
Ride a Skateboard	Fetch a Sausage	Fetch your keys	Fetch your slippers
Carry a basket	Lay on your left side	Lay on your right side	Bang your dead
Cross your paws	Open a Cupboard	Close a Cupboard	Wear a hat
Say your prayers	Fetch your lead	Ring a bell	Heel backwards.

Just remember to take it slow, and be realistic about your dog's abilities. Teaching your dog should be fun – for BOTH of you! And don't forget to start where there are no distractions..



Christmas Break Up

Sunday 6th December 9:30 am Start

Socialisation walk will take place before **all** Classes will gather on the oval at 9:30 am.

Fun and Games

FlyBall



Tricksed



Agility

Award Presentation

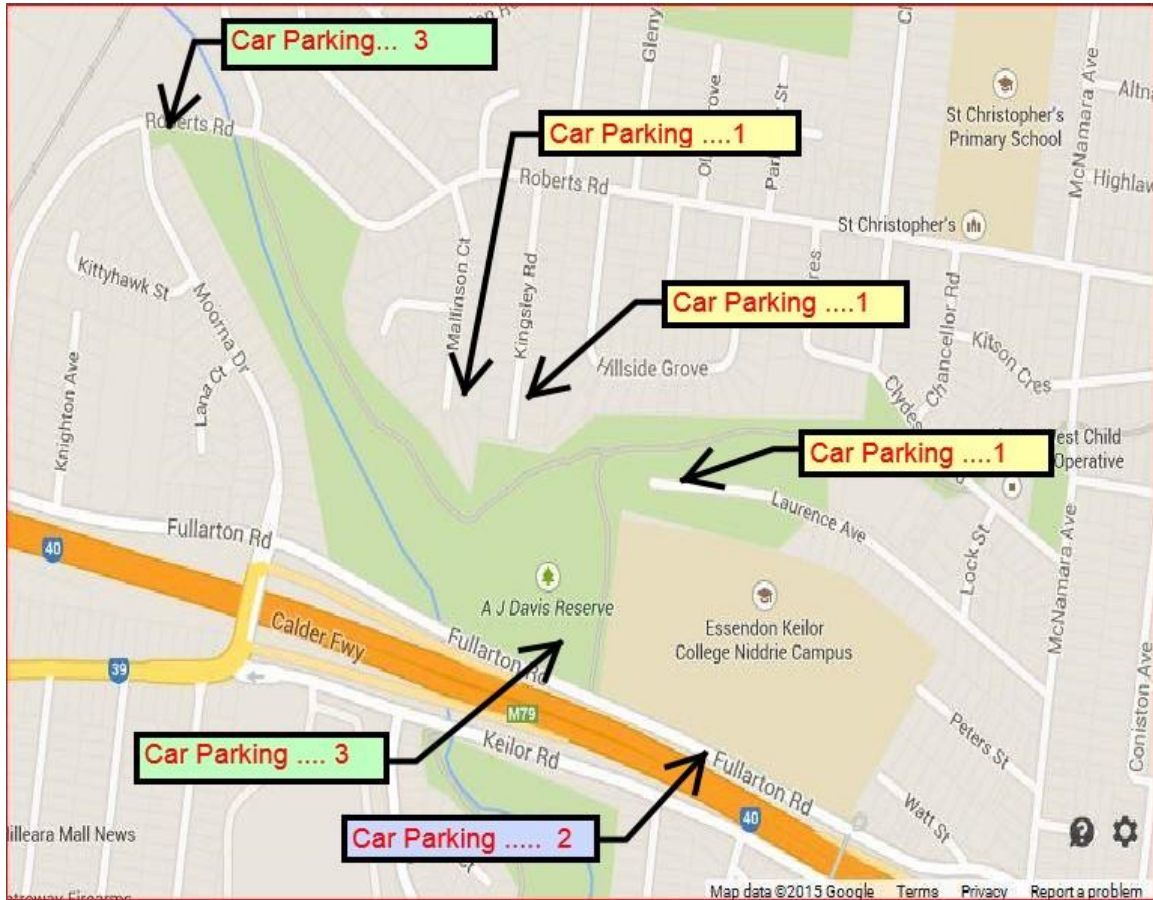


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Photographer?



Since the car park has been improved, members have experienced difficulty in gaining a car park. It is not legal to park on the side of the road outside the car park and the Club has been informed that if cars are found here they will be fined. Please find below a diagram of the park and surrounding areas with other parking areas around the Club.



Car Parking 1
Park in local streets
and walk through
park to Club

Car Parking 2
Park in Fullarton
Road designated
car parking

Car Parking 3
Park in Council
Provided Parking at
AJ Davies Reserve



KODTC needs your help

Keilor Obedience is run by volunteers.

All of our Instructors and Committee members give up their time so that you can learn to enjoy your dog.



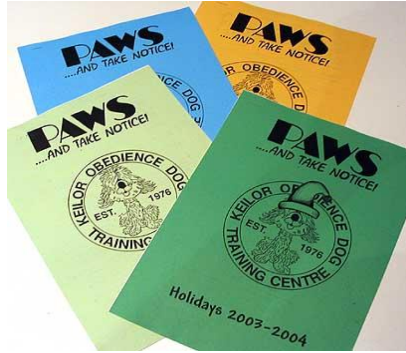
If you think you could volunteer a little of your time, it would be very helpful and appreciated.

You might be someone who can assist with setting up or closing down. Or you might like to spend an hour helping with enquiries at the counter.

We are always looking for new Instructors.

If you can assist the Club, please talk to an Instructor or Committee Member.

CLUB FACILITIES



NEWSLETTER

The Club produces a monthly newsletter, full of information, training tips and important news about club happenings. Pick up your copy on the **FIRST SUNDAY** of each month—they are found in the basket on the front counter

LIBRARY

The Club has quite an extensive library of books and videos on nearly every training topic. There is information about training tricks, problem solving, and even Tracking, Agility and Flyball. All members are welcome to borrow from the library. See the staff at the counter for details.



FREE TEA & COFFEE

There is **FREE** tea and coffee available for our members every Sunday inside the pavilion. Members are simply asked to wash their cup after using it. There is nothing better than a nice warm cuppa on a cold morning—or a 'heart-starter' if you are in one of the early classes.

TRAINING EQUIPMENT & TREATS

The Club stocks training treats and equipment to help you train your dog[?]. We also can help to fit and show you how to introduce training equipment such as head collars, leads, bait pouches, clickers, and harnesses. Fitting of equipment usually occurs **BEFORE** training (prior to 9am), or when an instructor or assistant is free to spend time showing you how to fit, adjust and use the equipment properly (which takes time!!)



Jean's Puppy Pre-School

Delta Accredited Canine Good Citizen Instructor
Certificate IV in Dog Behavioural Training
Advanced Veterinary Nurse
P.O. Box 1099, Niddrie, Vic. 3042
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- Classes run for 4 weeks, approximately 1.5 hours once a week.
- Puppies must have their 1st vaccination to commence.
- Positive Reward Based Training for puppies 8-16 weeks of age.
- Classes are held in veterinary clinics for the protection of your puppy.

The main aim of Jean's Puppy Pre-School is to teach and promote positive reward based training, and to produce informed, competent, caring owners with well mannered and well socialized puppies – good citizens on both ends of the lead.

The course focuses on:

- Good Manners
- Socialisation
- Owner Education (leadership, toilet training, play biting, enriching the puppy's environment, health issues such as fleas, heartworm prevention, intestinal worming, grooming and much more).
- Behavioural Management



The exercises the puppies learn are:

- Recall (come when called)
- Sit
- Watch Me (getting your puppy's attention)
- Drop
- Stay
- Settle on their Mat (having a calm puppy in the house)
- Leave It

Owners are provided with detailed information each week on all topics discussed in class and have homework allocated to practice with their puppy each week.

All puppies receive a certificate and photo from their graduation.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL



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PUPPY CLASSES

Puppy classes held week nights and Saturdays – 5 week course. Up to 3 different groups or more running a week

Reward based training methods – treats, toys, games, cuddles – you will use what ever it is that motivates your puppy the most

Body language and behaviour discussed and explained to owners so they are better able to read their dogs and help them succeed

Covering the puppy basics such as : Socialisation, Attention/Look, Handling, Toilet Training, Mouthing, How to get Calm behaviour, Sit, Drop, Come, Intro to walking on lead, Stay, On your Bed, etc.

Held in heated/air conditioned training room upstairs at the Caroline Springs Veterinary Hospital, 226 Caroline Springs Boulevard (Between the Police Station and McDonalds)

Maximum 6 pups in class

Play times kept short and controlled, so shy puppies develop confidence and over confident puppies learn to tone their behaviour down

Adult small dog in classes to help teach puppies how to behave around mature dogs and not just learn puppy rough and tumble play

Email follow up and homework after each class

I am passionate dog training, and want everyone to take the time and be patient enough to read and talk the language of dog and show our dogs what we want them to do with kindness

Mira Tomasello

Give me some space

Every now and then we get dogs at the club that need to have some “space” around them. These dogs do not like having other dogs rush up to greet them and be in their face.

Although we do teach and remind all our members to always ask the person first before allowing their dog to approach we know that this does not always happen and so sometimes incidents do occur.

The owners of these dogs are usually working on their dog’s “space” issues with the help of the instructors and by allowing your dog to rush up to these dogs you can be interfering with their hard work. To protect these dogs and their owners from having other dogs approach when they shouldn’t we are using “space vests” for these dogs to wear to let you know they are being managed and you should give them some space.

The vests are a very bright yellow and can be clearly seen from a distance and will make it easy for all members to identify that the dog wearing the vest requires space.

If you think that your dog could benefit from wearing a space vest please discuss it with one of the instructors who will be glad to assist.

The vests can be collected from the counter and we require a deposit of \$2 when you pick up the vest and you must return it at the end of class. Your deposit will be returned to you when you return the vest. If the vest has been damaged in anyway you will forfeit the deposit. The picture show some of our members utilizing the vest during training classes.

Some members will also walk on the outside of the group or the circle. You should also give these dogs some space as well as they also will be managing an issue with their dog..

Don’t forget:

- Other dogs may not like having other dogs encroaching in their comfort zone,
- you should always ask if you can introduce your dog to another dog,
- you should never walk up behind another dog without warning,
- you should always be aware of how your dog and the dog you intend to introduce your dog to are reacting to the meeting (and take your dog away from the meeting if necessary).



DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 2015

Sunday	1st	No Training	
Wednesday	4th		Committee Meeting
Sunday	8th	Normal Classes	New Members Day
Sunday	15th	Normal Classes	
Sunday	22nd	Normal Classes	AGM
Sunday	29th	Normal Classes	

December 2015

Wednesday	2nd		Committee Meeting
Sunday	6 th	End of Year – Fun Day	

Class Times

9:00 am	-	Socialisation
9:30 am to 10:15 am	-	Class 1 & 4
10:30 am to 11:15 am	-	Class 2 & 3

Please arrive 10 minutes before designated start times.

"In order to really enjoy a dog, one doesn't merely try to train him to be semihuman. The point of it is to open oneself to the possibility of becoming partly a dog."

- **Edward Hoagland**