



# MIDLAND DOG TRAINING CLUB

**TERM 3- 2009**



A delighted Anne Rowe leaves the ring with Jack after winning CDX (or Open) and gaining her title.

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*Class Description & Times*

Beginners	6:30pm	Beginners. Any age dog can join
Class 1	6:30pm	Basic pet training
Class 2	6:30pm	Obedience training. Still on lead.
Class 3	7:30pm	Obedience training. Some off lead work
Class 4	7:30pm	Step off to Trialling
Class 5	7.00pm	UD

**Thursday Night Agility**

**Due to difficulties accessing equipment from the container.  
Agility has been cancelled until the renovations to the  
pavilion are complete.**

**Thursday Night Dancing with Dogs-Normally fortnightly.  
See page 10 for program till the end of the year.**

***NEXT BEGINNERS INTAKE:***

**13th October (Registration)**

**20th October (First Class)**



## *Trial Results.*

A number of our members have recently competed successfully.  
Congratulations to:-

### **Obedience**

Janet Pleece and Sasha CCD 2nd place

CCD 1st place August 8th

Jan Welyky and Kia Novice 1st place August 8th

Jan and Kia came first again on August 22nd and gained their  
Novice title.

### **Agility**

Paula Wilkins and Sophie gained their Novice jumping title.

### **Dancing with Dogs-July**

#### **Starters Heelwork to Music**

Anne Rowe and Jack came first and gained their title.

Vicki Long and Minx gained their title.

#### **Intermediate Heelwork to Music**

1st Amanda Houston and Ben

2nd Jill Houston and Pippa

#### **Starter Canine Freestyle**

Anne Rowe and Jack came second and earned their title.

#### **Novice Canine Freestyle**

1st Amanda Houston and Teddy

2nd Jill Houston and Pippa

#### **Intermediate Canine Freestyle**

1st Amanda Houston and Ben



## **OBEDIENCE TRIAL**

On Sunday August 30th, our club hosted a trial at the Canine Centre, Southern River. Despite overcast skies, all ran very smoothly with Jill Houston as trial secretary and Karren McClusky as chief steward. Our own Amanda Houston and Paul Skewes were part of the judging team.

Thanks to Yvonne, Peggy, Barbara, Janet, Amanda, Ray and Jan for stewarding.

Vicky Long and Anne Rowe represented us as competitors with Anne and Jack winning UDX and gaining their title.



Vicki and Minx go through their paces in CDX watched by judge Debbie Hyde.



CCD dogs do their group stays with judge Amanda Houston.



Paul presents awards for the Novice class under the watchful eye of chief steward Karren.



# *12 Golden rules for every Dog owner*

**by Ray Coleiro**

Discipline and good behaviour are not just for your Dog they apply to you, the pet-parent too. Buying a dog is not all "cochie coo" business -- it signals the beginning of a lifetime of commitment and responsibility.

1. Love your dog unquestioningly. Treat him like a friend. Never hurt, punish, beat or abandon him. Seek professional help if you are ever pushed against the wall - there are feasible solutions to everything.
2. Ensure good nutrition.
3. Take an informed decision about spaying/neutering.
4. Give him good veterinary care. Half yearly check ups, vaccinations, dental check ups, and more.
5. Ensure that all his papers are in order - get him an ID and license.
6. Training is a key to a long and fulfilled life.
7. Groom him everyday or as many times as necessary. Grooming is one way of bonding with your dog.
8. Socialize your dog from day one - this will help him be comfortable around other people and animals as well as in public places.
9. Devote at least 30 minutes everyday to play with your dog.
10. Ensure that you are a lawful dog owner-- obey all leash, vaccination, and noise pollution laws.
11. Always clean up after your dog - it prevents infections.
12. Exercise your dog for at least 30 minutes each day.

These golden rules will help you grant the boon of a good life to your dog and believe me a dog that leads a well balanced life hardly ever develops any behavioural problems.

Whether you are a first time dog owner or a seasoned veteran, your learning never stops as far as it comes to training your dog. Each and every dog presents different training challenges, and the more equipped you are to handle these training issues the more likely you are to prevent any permanent and long term future behavioural problems.



*What activities can I do with my Dog?*

**Dog Shows:** There are two main types of Dog Shows. A Championship Show is an exhibition of registered dogs at which Challenge Certificates are awarded. A Challenge Certificate evidences the number of points awarded at the fixture towards the title Australian Champion. At these shows only qualified Judges officiate. An Open Show or Parade is an exhibition of registered dogs at which no Challenge Certificates are awarded, but dogs which have been awarded the title of Australian Champion may compete. At these shows Trainee Judges officiate and it is considered the training ground for all young dogs and owners.

**Obedience:** Obedience Trials are held on most weekends of the year all over the State. This is an opportunity to meet other owners and their dogs as you compete to achieve passes at various levels which will enable you to achieve obedience titles. "The idea of Obedience Trials is to demonstrate the usefulness of the dog as the companion of man not the ability of the dog to acquire facility in the performance of mere tricks." Starting off as a beginner you can compete in Community Companion Dog (CCD) classes then progress through to Novice (CD), open (CDX) and through to the tough Utility Dog classes (UD and UDX).

**Agility:** Dog agility is a sport in which a handler directs a dog through an obstacle course in a race for both time and accuracy. Dogs must run off-leash with no food or toys as incentives. The handler can touch neither dog nor obstacles, except accidentally. Consequently, the handler's controls are limited to voice, movement, and various body signals, requiring exceptional training of the animal.

**Tracking:** The dog's ability to track is well known. Man has utilised this ability for centuries. Dogs have helped the hunter to find game and food and in France dogs hunt for exotica like truffles. Tracking dogs can be a competition sport where dogs compete for ANKC titles. All types of dogs of varying breeds compete in these trials from Cavalier King Charles Spaniels to German Shepherd Dogs.





**Endurance Tests:** The test is over 20 kilometres carried out in three stages, 8 kms, 6 kms and 6 kms. Before the test there is a preliminary vet check and a simple obedience exercise. Between each leg is a short rest break during which time your dog is vet checked. After the last leg and a 15 minute rest there is a final vet check and the simple obedience exercise is repeated. At the conclusion

**Gun Dog Trials:** There are two types of trials conducted in WA. Retrieving trials where any registered Gundog is required to retrieve articles of fallen game with varying degrees of difficulty according to the level attained from beginner through to national Championship. Field Trials for Pointers & Setters and also for Utility Gundogs where dogs are assessed on their ability to find and point game and retrieve in the case of Utility Gundogs. Here again are varying degrees of difficulty according to the level attained.

**Heelwork to Music:**

This is a new competition and participant numbers are steadily growing. Jill and Amanda Houston run classes on Thursday nights.

**If you're going to the Royal Show, remember to check out the dog events.**

Saturday Sept. 26th-Agility and Jumping Teams and Open individual events.

Sunday Sept. 27th-Obedience

Monday Sept. 28th Individual Agility and Jumping classes

Wednesday Sept. 30th heelwork to Music and Canine Freestyle



## **THURSDAY NIGHT DWD CLASSES**

AUGUST 27 <sup>TH</sup>	LINK TRAINING
SEPT. 3 <sup>RD</sup>	MUSIC TRAINING
SEPT 10 <sup>TH</sup>	CIRCUIT TRAINING
SEPT 17 <sup>TH</sup>	CANCELLED
SEPT 24 <sup>TH</sup>	ROUTINE RUN THROUGHGS
OCT 15 <sup>TH</sup>	MUSIC TRAINING
OCT 29 <sup>TH</sup>	ROUTINE RUN THROUGHGS
<b>OCT 31<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>COMPETITION AT GOSNELLS</b>
NOV 12 <sup>TH</sup>	CIRCUIT & MUSIC
<b>NOV 26<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>MEMBERS COMPETITION INCLUDING AN ON LEAD SECTION</b>
DEC 3 <sup>RD</sup>	ROUTINE RUN THROUGHGS
<b>DEC 5<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>CHRISTMAS COMPETITION GSDA</b>



### Class 2 Members

Please note-Due to the absence of trainers and registration night for beginners, your classes will not resume till the 20th October.

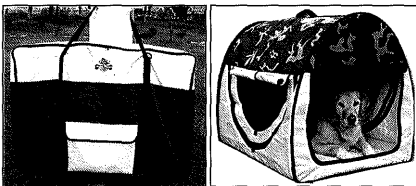
- Don't forget to bring water for your dog as the warmer weather approaches.
- Remember to pick up after your dog.

DELUXE PORTABLE PET HOME, DOG KENNEL, CRATE - XXL  
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FOR SALE - XXL Maroon Portable  
Crates 122cm

Brand new – still in packaging \$80  
Got a bit carried away on EBay and won a couple extra then I needed. These crates are huge and fold down completely flat. They are not suitable for dogs that chew or want to scratch their way out but are great for travelling, keeping them comfortable and safe at shows. Minx and Mindy (my rough collies) can fit with plenty of room in the one crate. If you are interested phone Vicki 9274 0408 or see me at club.



## *CODE OF CONDUCT*

1. Closed shoes must be worn while training.
2. No smoking.
3. It's your responsibility to supervise your children at all times.
4. Dogs must be on a lead at all times, unless instructed otherwise.
5. Membership badges must be worn.
6. Remember to pick up after your dog.

## *FOR SALE*

Next time you need a new collar or lead for your dog, don't purchase it from a supermarket or pet store. Come and see us at the front desk for some assistance with our products. We purchase our products from the same wholesalers but we pass the savings on to you.

- **LEADS**
- **COLLARS**
- **GENTLE LEADERS**
- **DUMBELLS**

