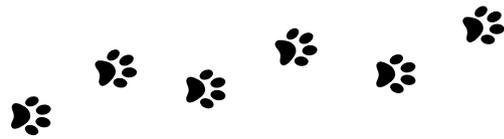

Newsletter



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INTRODUCTION

Our Club was founded in 1969 to cater for those owners of purebred dogs who were interested in training their dogs to Obedience Trial standard. The club was so successful in this regard that it was

granted affiliation with KCC (Kennel Control Council). In 1979 Victorian Canine Association (now Dogs Victoria) accepted all dogs into Obedience trials and the club was then also opened to all dogs.

CLUB RULES

1. All dogs should be kept on leash at all times, except when given permission to work off lead in class.
2. Handlers wishing to leave their dogs tied up on the Club grounds should only do so if their dogs are safe with people especially around children. No dog may be tied up where it can reach another dog.
3. Dogs must be fully immunised before coming to classes. This should be renewed annually.
4. A dog suffering from any illness or skin problems should not be brought to classes until a Vet has pronounced the condition not contagious.
5. Handlers must remove their dog excreta from the training area.
6. Physical punishment of dogs is not permitted in training classes.
7. Instructors have authority over their classes and may ask a member to take their dog out of class if it is disruptive.
8. Instructors are not permitted to handle and train a member's dog in class.
9. While at the grounds before and after classes please control your dogs.
10. If Committee consider a dog to be aggressive then that dog must wear a muzzle while at the training ground.
11. Dogs in season should not come down to training for four weeks. However, this does not mean you should stop the training of your dog

President's Report

Hello Members,
A brisk Winter's welcome to all our members. I do trust you have been enjoying the beautiful autumn outings in the parks with your families, and of course, your family pets. Autumn is an especially beautiful time in nature and my favourite season by far. A special welcome indeed to **all our new members**, you have joined Eastern Suburbs at an exciting time as we transition to our **new** class times, structure and content delivery. We are incredibly proud of how well the changeover transitioned last weekend (2nd June) and I eagerly look ahead to watch you all thrive in the new programmes in the months ahead. Thank you all for your patience, and your support. Your excitement on the field was tangible.

This is our third Newsletter (for the year) and I trust you enjoy reading about the achievements in the trials/rings by just a few of our competing members. It is quite some list! We are a dedicated team of Instructors, working together to teach one core curriculum for all club members, but outside of Sunday classes, we compete in a variety of dog sports. We train our dogs because we love what we do, and we especially love spending time with our dogs. There is so much to explore in the dog world beyond our Foundation/Intermediate/Advanced classes, but these classes form the essential start/base from which all other dog sports build on. If you have questions about any of the dog sports please ask your Instructor, or come over to the clubrooms after class for a chat.



We're always excited to share what we know. And, did you know that we have an Obedience Trial ring and now a Rally Trial ring set up every Sunday too. So perhaps over the next few weeks, pop on over and watch for a few minutes. You might be lucky to catch some of our competing members going through their own trialing practice.

As I mentioned earlier, winter has arrived...! Please remember that our Instructors brave all weather conditions, so no matter, rain/hail/shine, we rock up ready to teach. Remember that when you truly want to hit snooze again because its freezing cold outside. If we can do it, so can you! If you have a doggy jacket for your Fido, please remember to bring it. Being cold or wet is no fun for Fido either. And, yes! there are classes on Kings Birthday weekend, see you there.

We are continuing the **Meet the Committee theme** this month with another brief outline, (this time on me) and a wonderful and entertaining article by club member Matt Elder. Martin Rowledge our Chief Instructor has an exciting update of training news too.

Thank you everyone for your support and commitment to training. It is lovely seeing you all in classes, scattered across the field every Sunday.

Happy training,
Rhonda Cheesman

Welcome to our New Members

March new members

Handler	Dog	Breed
Julia	Alfie	Border Collie
Peter & Trish	Zara	Murray River Retriever
Natalie & Lionel	Bubby & Beanie	Moodle
Manuela	Milly	English Springer Spaniel
Janet	Bonnie	Chi cross
Lisa, Zach & Abi	Calvin	Spoodle
Roger & Anthony	Bodie	Border Collie
Naomi	Max	Maltipoo
John	Wally	Jack Russell
Brenton & Emily	Wesley	Vizsla
Steve	Missy	Jack Russell Terrier
Stephen	Daisy	Cavoodle
Jude	Mabel	Labrador x Golden Retriever

April new members

Handler	Dog	Breed
Margaret & Malcolm	Marley	Maltese Shitzu
Jo	Maggie	Miniature Schnauzer
Shalveen & Sarah	Bambi	Toy Poodle
Jane & Derek	George Michael	Italian Greyhound
Sheridan, David & Rosalind	Ryuki	Snoodle
Josh & Cerrita	Betty	Border Collie
Sonja & Stef	Missie	Cavoodle
Antonio	Nina	Cocker Spaniel
Mikayla & Micheal	Hugo	Spoodle
David	Milo	Bernedoodle
Rachael	Hazel	Cavoodle
Simon & Carmen	Stanley	Italian Greyhound
Emily	Chewie	Cavoodle
Michael & Yianna	Archie	Labrador
Simon	Tux	Sealed Brindle Boxer
Victoria	Marlo	Aussie Shepherd
Dan & Anne	Jessie	Bordoodle

May new members

Handler	Dog	Breed
Danielle	Leilani	Chi
Alex	Cleo	German Shepherd
Cheryl	Levi	Doberman
Molly & Sean	Willow	Puglier
Jo	Devo	Whippet
Kate	Daphne	Cavoodle

Meet the Committee - Rhonda Cheesman, President

Can you introduce yourself (and your dog) to us?

Hi, I am Rhonda Cheesman, and ESODC President since December 2023. I am a life-long dog lover/owner, more specifically Cocker Spaniels with our first two female puppies (one black, one gold) way back in 1983. I've showed, I've bred, but I didn't get involved with dog sports until our current black and white Cocker (Meka) entered our lives as a super sniffing 8 week old.

What brought you to the club and how long have you been with us?

I'd known Andrea Sciberras since the 80s (and the Cocker Spaniel club) and followed her here. I joined ESODC mid 2015 with the dreams of learning how to track. I spent almost four years learning Obedience and Rally work, competing in Obedience trials at Open level, and Masters in Rally, before getting my chance to learn tracking. I have been instructing Obedience weekly since 2018, mostly the Green or Blue classes and irregular Rally specialty classes. I gained my Dogs Victoria Obedience Instructors accreditation in February 2021. And, Meka has earned Champion titles in both Tracking, and now Track and Search....

What do you love about being part of the committee and part of the club?

Since being at ESODC and *working* with my dog, I've learnt to bond with her *differently*. I love how much richer *our* lives become when our dogs are at *their* happiest. Whether she be snuggling; gardening with me; or responding to all my creative endeavours to obedience train.



As an Instructor, I love watching other owner/dog relationships evolve over the weeks they attend classes. I love receiving feedback of personal feel good stories. I love knowing that what we teach makes a difference to not only this puppy's life, but that knowledge deepens over every other puppy's life that owner subsequently owns. I love that my teaching, my relationship building, my passion, makes a difference to both the dog's, and the owner's lives. And, this is why I joined the committee, because I feel my contribution makes a difference in this world. Several years on, I know we make a solid contribution to creating a more compassionate world, one dog family at a time.

If you could give your beginning training self one bit of advice what would it be?

Practice with commitment, and do home 'work' daily (even when you don't want to...) Be present with your dog at ALL times, and enjoy their company. Our dogs are a delight in our lives, and share so much love with us, make sure you recognise and absorb it.

Anything else you would like to share?

Our club is small in comparison to most Obedience clubs and we operate with a dedicated handful of volunteers doing a lot of work each. When you can, offer to help out! Your gestures of kindness and support are always greatly appreciated by us all.

Training can happen anywhere

I often train Aoife whenever I go to Petstock. It's a high distraction environment and all that jazz. But they let dogs in there, so it's a good training opportunity and she usually does pretty well. The problem is, a 10kg bag of dog food lasts her longer than a slab of beer lasts me!

This problem was solved on my way home from ESODC today when I stopped at Dan Murphy's on my way home and saw a lady in there with a Cavalier King Charles, I never knew Dan's was dog friendly! I about turned and went and grabbed my dog from the car.

Sit and down stays (30 odd seconds is as far as I pushed it each rep) in the scotch and beer sections, and heeling (she was allowed to have a sniff here and there, it's a very new environment after all) throughout the store.

This pretty much combines my two favourite things. If only she would play fetch while I drink the stuff!

Matt Elder

(Editors note: How very clever, talk about socialising to ones' environment.)





Training News and Tips

G'Day all at ESODC,
In my last update I outlined a plan for implementing the new ESODC class structure and training content. Happy to report that this has been completed and the first session utilising the new program and content took place on 2nd June, 2024.

The new program has taken many, many hours to put together over the last 6 months. So did the planning of changeover from the existing program to the new.

One of the changes is that attending members no-longer need to sign in at the clubhouse to register your attendance. This will now take place at your class location. Please make sure your attendance is logged as this is an important factor in your progression through the various levels.

If you are unsure of where on the grounds your class is situated, check the clubhouse front window as a map has been posted there with class and instructor details.

The Training Panel and I made our very best efforts to inform all active club members of where they fit into the new class structure first, by handing out notices of class and start times to those who were at club the week prior to 2nd June.

Second, by emailing those who didn't get a handout, and third, for those members who we didn't have an email address, we followed up with a text message or phone call to inform them of their respective new classes.

Despite all of this, we had a small number of members fall through the gaps, in particular, those that hadn't attended club for a number of weeks but still wished to train with us. We believe all members have now been captured. I hope you all look forward to participating in the new program. I had a couple of really nice sessions on Sunday, one Intermediate class and the other at Foundation level. It is most rewarding for me, and our instructing team, to see the progress you are all making, evident by the work you are putting in with your dogs and the results you are getting.

Many thanks to all involved in making this program a reality, we hope you enjoy being part of it for many years to come.

As always, I am happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the new program, and anything dog related, feel free to email me on martin_esodc@outlook.com or come have a chat with me at club.

In the meantime, enjoy your training and remember to have fun with your dogs...

Martin Rowledge
Chief Instructor ESODC

Trial Round up

*Our members have been very busy in the last couple of months!
Congratulations to every one of you on your achievements*

Capt JayTee Kirk (Mogh) with the rosettes he won at the Easter weekend trials. This was for First place in Novice Obedience and the second rosette was for highest scoring smooth collie from the Collie club. He also scored his second pass in Rally Excellence. Well done Monica



Congratulations to Capt Jay Tee Kirk (Mogh) with second place in CD at the Berwick Obedience trial on 19 May. Well done Mogh and Monica that is an outstanding effort.

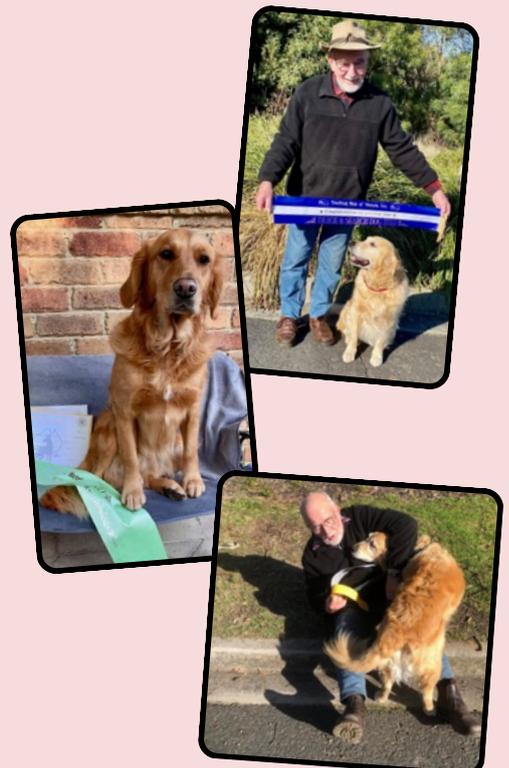


Congratulations to Alan Tee and 'Ruby' for gaining '2nd Place' AND their 12th(and final) pass at the 8th April Dogs Vic SW Committee Advanced Container trial in rainy Grovedale. Alan has gained his SW Advanced title a little while back but continued his trialling until he had passed all 12 element components to make it a clean sweep.... That's dedication Alan... Huge congratulations to you and Ruby.

Thanks to friend and handler Alan Tee, Dodo's Danny [CLANNARD O DANNY BOY QND. CD. RN. NRD. ORA. TDX.] was successful at the Track & Search Trial near Cranbourne on 21/4 and gained his TSD (Track & Search Dog) Title.

Huge congratulations to team Dodo Kelly, 'Danny' and handler Alan Tee on successfully tracking Test 7 at the Knox Tracking Trial at Inverleigh on 12/5.

Congratulations to team Dodo Kelly and Heidi with your success in RATG on 19/5. This was Heidi's third pass and gained her the ORA Title (OPEN RETRIEVING in RATG - Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs).



Congratulations to Rhonda and 'Meka' for passing Track & Search Test 9 on 20/4 at the TCV Trial at KCC Park. This is a huge achievement indeed!

Winners are grinners! Huge congratulations to Rhonda Cheesman and Meka for successfully passing their Tracking Test 9 today at the Golden Retriever Club tracking trial down at Inverleigh. What an incredible effort, in beautiful tracking weather (3degreesC at the 8am kickoff). Test 8 was originally the top level and tracks 9 and 10 will give Meka Grand Champion! They've been doing track and search in urban areas for the last year so it was a big step to go back to tracking in fields and the track was tough, taking more than 50 mins to complete. No wonder Meka was too tired for training the next day!



Huge congratulations to Karen and 'Pippa' for an amazing pass in Rally Novice at the CroydonODC Trial yesterday. With a pass score of 93, also awarded 2nd in the Ring.... AND, being their third pass, gained their Rally Novice title.... Outstanding effort indeed, well done team 'Pippa'.

Please remember to let us know if you get a pass or a place when you trial so we can all celebrate you and your dog's success.

Never give up training your dog, you can do it.

CLUB DATES FOR 2024

October 6th	Obedience Trial - no training
December	Fun Day to be confirmed
December	Last day of training to be confirmed



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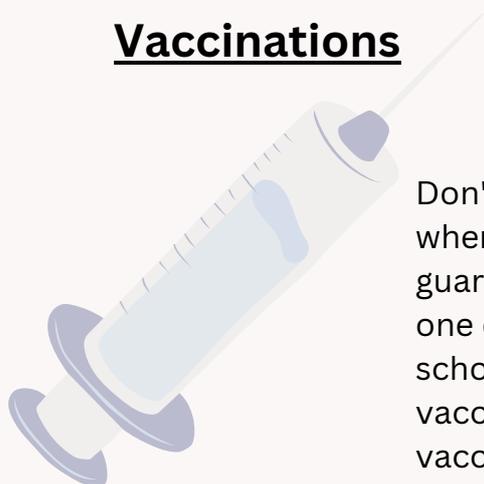
Have a dog with a sensitive tummy or health issues? Chat with John or Maree and they will happily share their knowledge to help you and your dog.

Show your ESODC badge or this flyer to receive 10% off your purchase.

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Vaccinations



Don't forget to have your dog vaccinated when the time comes around, to safe guard your dog while out and about, it is one of the requirements of the dog school so as soon as you have re-vaccinated your dog please show the vaccination card to your instructor, or email it to us.