
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. Your dog is to be kept on leash at all times. The only exception is when given explicit instruction to work off lead in class.
2. Handlers wishing to leave their dogs tethered on Club grounds should only do so if their dogs are safe with people, especially around children. No dog may be tethered when it can reach another dog.
3. Dogs must be fully immunised before coming to classes which needs to be kept up-to-date.
4. Any sick dog, or one suffering from a communicative illness, are not to come to classes until Vet cleared.
5. Handlers are responsible for removal of their dogs' excreta from the training area.
6. We teach rewards-based training. Physical and excessive verbal abuse of dogs is not allowed. Any observed behaviour of this type will lead to expulsion from the club.
7. Instructors have authority over their classes and may ask a member to take their dog out of class if it is overly disruptive.
8. While at the grounds, before and after classes, please remain in control of your dogs, and respect the space of other dogs and handlers.
9. Dogs in season should not attend training for four weeks. However, this does not mean you should stop attending classes nor cease the training of your dog.
10. If an Instructor considers your dog to be aggressive, the Chief Instructor will evaluate your dog as to its suitability to be trained at ESODC. If required, the dog may be asked to wear a muzzle while at training or private professional instruction / organisations may be recommended. Remember, we are a Community Dog Club, we do not offer specialised behavioural modification training.

President's Report

A brisk winter's welcome to you all. I do trust you enjoyed the beautiful autumn weather, but as I write, the winter chills have definitely set in.

A very special welcome to all our new members. I trust by now you too have settled in to regular classes, and are suitably inspired to make time every day for your homework/training.

We changed over to the new class structure just over a year ago, and are incredibly proud of how well the 'on-field' layout, and structured weekly classes are evolving. With a minor tweak here and there to constantly improve our delivery, I excitedly watch you all thrive in our weekly classes. Some weeks your excitement on the field is tangible and we can feel it.

An important reminder for everyone 'on-field'.

*If a dog is tethered to the wall, (or lamp post)

*tied to a stake in the ground, or in the middle of a circle of orange cones

*If a dog is in a crate, , or

*If a dog is wearing YELLOW anything (lead/harness/bandana)

PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH IT.

Please understand that a dog that is tethered or crated (and unable to escape) is there for its own safety whilst its owner/handler is occupied close by. The dog has been trained and feels safe in that contained environment, and you must NOT approach it (or let your dog approach it) EVER!



This includes your children, no matter how cute a dog looks. Please especially remember this when you are walking your dog across our field - keep your dog on lead - and do not enter the ring of orange cones (ring of protection). And, if you see someone else about to.... please remind them too.....!

Oh, and if you see a dog wearing YELLOW, this means that dog is potentially reactive (could be one of a million reasons) and that dog requires more considerations than normal. It is essential we honour that 'yellow alert', take responsibility for our own behaviour and respect that another dog requires more space/reasons to feel safe. Most dogs will not react.... But, there are always exceptions. After all, there are many reasons we all come to dog training.



President's Report (cont)

We recently completed and printed our new ESODC brochure. Your committee has been kept busy dropping small bundles off to neighbouring vets, grooming salons, pet shops, food suppliers etc. So if you happen to see our new bright navy brochure on display, please acknowledge the store owners for their generosity in helping promote our dog club.

A little bit of kindness goes a long way.... They're at the clubrooms if you want to see them up close and personal.

Thank you everyone for your support and commitment to training. It is lovely seeing you all in classes, scattered across the field every Sunday. Keep up your good work, stay warm, stay dry.

Happy training,

Rhonda Cheesman

CLUB DATES FOR 2025

Date	Event
8/3 (Labour day Weekend)	No classes
20/4 (Easter Weekend)	No classes
8/9 (Kings Birthday Weekend)	Fun Day (to be confirmed)
5/10	Club Obedience Trial, no classes
30/11	Last formal class of the year
7/12	Fun Day and AGM

Welcome to our New Members

May

Owner	Dog	Breed
Kunal	Leo	Cairn Terrier
Kaylene	ECHO	PAPILLON
Emilia	Luna	Labradoodle
Leonie	Remy	Schnauzer
Lynette	Indie	Border Collie
Hanah	Stewie	Japanese Spitz
Emily	Austin	Australian Shepherd
Adel	Dusty	English Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Amelia	Remi	Medium labradoodle
Molly	Boston	Weimaraner
Agata	Poppy	Border collie
Kate	Jacky (Jack) Chan Pegotty	Jack Russell Terrier Cross

Training News and Tips

Winter is upon us, however every Sunday you will still find our dedicated team of volunteers at the club grounds prepared and ready to support you in your dog training journey.

We suggest you wear waterproof footwear at the grounds as the oval often becomes quite wet. Pop a towel in the car to dry off your pup after class too.

Training tip – the value of a treat
The type of treats we use and how we use them when training can make a huge difference to the outcome of your efforts.

We highly recommend small, soft, 'gulpable' treats. This means treats that your pup doesn't really need to chew. A small, soft treat that can be swallowed quickly, results in your pup looking back up for another. Whereas a treat they need to chew gives the pup time to be distracted whilst they are busy chewing, thus losing the value of your treat, losing focus on you and training will take exponentially longer.

I feel we should acknowledge that Tamara is currently on an overseas holiday and is still providing items for the newsletter and overseeing Rhonda and I as we start the next class cycle, her dedication to this club is just amazing!

Liz



Keep treats just for training. Only give treats when your pup has completed a cue or action that you desire. Giving treats just for being cute devalues the treat and makes rewarding your dog harder because it's not special anymore.

And, remember to keep your training short, sweet and regular.

If you have any questions please let us know. You can reach out to anyone wearing an ESODC t-shirt or jacket, drop us an email or send us a message on Facebook.

Tamara Taylor
(Chief Instructor)

Trial Round up

We've had some real achievements over the last two months! Congratulations to every one of you



Dodo and Heidi were very pleased about their second place in Novice at the Golden Retriever retrieving trial in Glenburn on 3rd May. Well done team.

Susan and Paris did an amazing job on their first attempt at Rally Novice at Croydon Dog Club on 13th April. They also had a pass on Easter Sunday at the OTEC trial. Well done both of you.



Tamara and Harvey also had a good Easter Sunday, gaining a pass and second place in the ring in the Morning's Rally Advanced with 95. They came back in the afternoon to gain a 92 point pass and their Advanced Rally Title.

Congratulations to both of you, Harvey looks well pleased with his ribbon haul!

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.

Blackdog wear **10% DISCOUNT**

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CODE: ESODC10

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Special Offer



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Products available:

- Raw meats
- Raw meaty bones (assorted cow, duck, emu, chicken, kangaroo, turkey, veal)
- Ready made meals (raw and cooked options)
- Treats and chews
- Supplements
- and more

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.

BM Animals
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ESODC Instructor Training course



Take your passion for dogs to the next level with our comprehensive Instructor Training Course - designed to build your confidence, deepen your understanding and prepare you to teach others within our club.

Course Features:

- 3-month program
- In-depth theory and practical sessions
- Understand dog behaviour and psychology
- Master the foundations of effective dog training
- Learn how to teach any skill with clarity and confidence
- Plus 8 week supervised student-teacher practicum

Benefits:

- Make a positive impact by giving back to our ESODC community
- Strengthen the bond and communication with your dog
- Gain valuable skills in canine communication

This course offers you the tools, support and experience you need to strengthen your training skills, deepen your connection with dogs and share this with other members of our club.



Theory and practical 13 July - 28 Sept

Practicum 12 Oct - 30 Nov



11:15am - 12pm *(after regular classes)*



ESODC Clubroom and oval

REGISTER

