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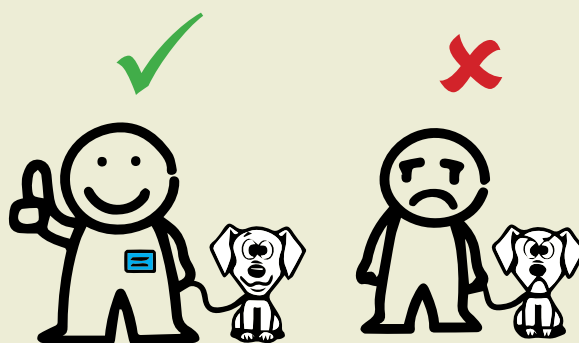
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8.30am to 9.30am
Sunday mornings

**Current
Membership
Card**

**No
Membership
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Training

No Training

**Members are responsible for the
behaviour of their children at all
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From the President



On 24th May 2024, we had our Annual General Meeting at the clubrooms. At the meeting we elected our Committee of Management for 2024-2025. Our previous secretary, Alli Berry, retired from her position. We are very grateful for the professionalism that she brought to the job and the untiring commitment that she had in seeing that all tasks were done in a timely manner. A big thank you Alli.

I am pleased to announce that we have a new secretary, Ana Villanueva. We welcome her to the committee. Ana is a relatively new member of the club but is keen to contribute to the running of the club. We appreciate her willingness to volunteer. Russ Grosvenor retired as vice president and his position has been filled by Bob MacArthur. Thank you, Russ, for all you have done for the committee and the club. Anne Dengate also retired from committee; we thank her for all her work on the committee. Jo Gaskin our previous editor also retired from her position. Thank you, Jo, for all your wonderful work as editor. The position of editor is not a committee position but I am pleased to say that this role has been filled by Diana Herman. Thank you, Diana, for answering the call for a new editor.

We have three new members on committee, Stephen Dengate, Tracie Owens and Kristian Thomas. We hope that all of you enjoy your time contributing to the running of the club. I want to sincerely thank everyone who was on the committee during the past year. It has been wonderful working with all of you. I look forward to working with all those who have been re-elected and with our new members

on the committee. Our cohesive, hard-working committee is at the core of our successful club and I am sure that it will be no different in the coming year.

Also at the AGM, we presented 21 Service Awards to our volunteers. We appreciate all the work that our volunteers do and this is just one small way in which we can show our appreciation. In addition, members who had achieved titles at trials in various disciplines throughout the year were presented with their title awards. There were also a number of prestigious perpetual trophies presented. We congratulate all the members who have achieved titles throughout the year. Congratulations also to our perpetual trophy winners.

Every Sunday it is lovely to look around Silcock Reserve to see handlers and dogs enjoying themselves while training. Most of our members come to us to get basic training for their dogs. For many, it is sufficient to achieve a well-mannered dog at the end of the training process. For an increasing number of people, they have their eyes opened to the world of dog sports and they opt to continue their training with us in one or more of the disciplines offered at the club. There are many other disciplines that are not taught at club such as Scent Work, Tracking, Track and Search and Tricks but many of our instructors have experience in these disciplines and can advise interested people where to go to get appropriate training.

From the President cont.

For the disciplines that we do teach – Agility, Flyball, Obedience and Rally, we have quite long waiting lists to get into them. We are limited in how many people that we can teach at a time due to space constraints and the availability of suitably qualified instructors. Handlers wanting to do a particular discipline should put their names down on the appropriate discipline sheet available on the table in the clubroom. The coordinator of the discipline will contact handlers when places become available. Handlers are advised to be patient in waiting for a place.

Don't forget to visit the shop where you will find lots of different tasty treats for your dog as well as all your dog training needs. Bob is trained in fitting suitable harnesses and head collars on your dog. While we do not allow the use of these during training some people like to use them when they are walking their dog. Thank you, Bob, for providing this service for the club.

As always, the barbecue operates on Sunday morning providing a tasty sausage for you. We are very grateful to Charlie Chamberlain for organising the roster and ensuring that all runs smoothly. We welcome a new member to the team, Gerri DÓrival. Thank you, Gerri, for volunteering to do this important role.

We will be running another instructor training course soon. If you would like to become an instructor do not hesitate to speak to our chief instructor, Mark Johnson, about what is involved. The more instructors we have, the more we can offer to our members. Our instructors are currently doing a great job of teaching our handlers with very little opportunity to take a break. The workload on everyone would be eased with more volunteers.

Happy training!

Jacinta Burke



Chiefly Chatter



Well... we can't complain about the weather! It's been perfect for training over the past few weeks. Puppy school is as busy as ever and Off the Street Classes get filled in minutes of opening the enrolments on the website. We also have a steady stream of enquiries from handlers with older dogs looking to join for basic training or higher disciplines.

We are still getting new members with 'covid dogs', those dogs that had little or no socialisation due to the pandemic.

Please remember that dogs with yellow bandanas need space. It's assumed that the yellow bandana on dogs means aggression. This is simply not the case. It means "please give me space", and the dog may be timid or nervous.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any issues with your dog. We are lucky to have some very experienced trainers in our Authorised Handler group ready to give advice.

For members whose dogs have passed B2, there are the Social classes at 9.30 and 11.00. If you are waiting to join a higher discipline or you just want to socialise, it's the perfect way to keep training in the most fun way. You can just turn up and join the class. Russ, Lisa and Tami make it so much fun for dog and handler.

As ever, we are on the hunt for new volunteers to take the Instructor Training Course this year and hope to start a course in June. We cannot fit many more classes on the field but with a

bigger pool of instructors we can help develop assistance for the higher disciplines and give everyone a break from time to time.

A big THANK YOU to all our instructors and volunteers who maintain a standard that makes our club so popular. In the future, I plan to acknowledge individuals who have gone above and beyond, whenever possible.

This edition I'd like to acknowledge Tami who has run the Social Class at 9.30 for the past 3 weeks while Russ is away and then takes her



Tami

B1 class at 11.00. A big THANK YOU Tami for doing this and its appreciated by the many members who attend the classes. Bet you have a 'nap' in the afternoon!

Wishing you all great success in your training and trialling this winter, and lots of fun with your furry friends.

Warm wishes,

Mark - Chief Instructor

Obedience Triallers' Report

By Anne Mann
Obedience Triallers' Rep

OTEC Easter trials 30/3/24

OPEN RING

AM trial: Judged by Mr Barry Cotton

Ian Woollard and Zeke (TS.GR.CH, T.CH, JAYELLA WOT R THE ODDS, CDX) 190 points, 1st Place. Another great result for this accomplished team.

Vu Huynh and Posy (Darncer Octa Vivacce CD TK.S RE ET JC) got a score of 187/200 placing 2nd. Terrific result Vu, congratulations!

PM trial: Judged by Ms Merrae Ballaam

Ian Woollard and Zeke (TS.GR.CH, T.CH, JAYELLA WOT R THE ODDS, CDX) 190 points, 1st Place. Not content with one 1st Place at this trial, Ian and Zeke excelled in the pm trial as well! Congratulations!

UDX RING

PM Trial: Judged by Mr Gordon Parsons

Pauline Williams and Chester (O.Ch R.Ch Adensley Fire N Ice UDX RM) 2nd place, score 185. Huge congratulations to this amazing team. This is Chester's second Grand Champion pass, he needs a total of five.



Ian Woollard's German Shepherd Dog Zeke



Trophy table at our April trial.
Generously sponsored by BM Animal Products.

Obedience Triallers' Report cont.

CROYDON DODC 14/4/24

A perfect trialling day with plenty of success for competitors. All ran smoothly due to the hard working team of volunteers on the day. Thanks to all concerned, we couldn't do it without you all.

CROYDON DODC Trial Results:

CCD RING

AM trial: Judged by Mr Ray Ashman

Jenna Steele and Julio (JulioThe Great) 1st Place, scoring 97/100. Highest Scoring CCD and Highest Scoring CCD Croydon Member. What a marvellous debut for this team, we were all waiting to see how Jenna and Julio would go in their first ever trial and we certainly weren't disappointed. Jenna said: "Nearly could have failed as I was about to walk into the 'sit stays' with my treat pouch! Also Julio had a little altercation with another dog just before we started the stays!"



Jenna Steele and her Border Collie, Julio

PM trial: Judged by Mr Ross Carlson

Jenna Steele and Julio (JulioThe Great) 2nd place with 95 points and Highest Scoring Croydon CCD Member. Jenna remarked: "First ever trials, I didn't really know what to expect for the day but learned a lot as I went along. Everyone was very lovely and helpful in explaining how the day and the scores work as I didn't even know we had placed so highly until the end of the day! My cat 'Bow' was very happy with all the treats that we won and was eager to get into them (hence the photo bomb)."



Kaye Ware's Aussie Shepherd, Bella

Kaye Ware and Bella (Wigglewag Take a Chance On Me CCD) 3rd Place on 94/100 and CCD Title! This team has gone from strength to strength and should be very proud of their achievements. Huge congratulations Kaye.

Obedience Triallers' Report cont.

NOVICE RING

AM Trial: Judged by Kim Houlden

Roger Cameron and Kelly (Kalan High Society, CCD, JDM) 3rd Place, scoring 179 and Highest Scoring Croydon Member. Roger remarked: "I was very pleased with my Australian Kelpie, Kelly (Kalan High Society), in her first attempt at Novice. We were equally delighted to be awarded the Graham Hocking Memorial Trophy for the Highest Scoring Croydon Member. The day was fairly relaxed and, as usual, extremely well organised. Our judges highlighted the areas we still need to work on, which is always a tremendous help. Thank you to all concerned."



Roger Cameron's Kelpie, Kelly

PM Trial: Judged by Ms Merrae Balaam

Deborah Chandler and Edra (Weischoice Busy Being Fabulous (LH) CCD RN NRA) 1st Place on 187 and Highest Scoring Croydon Member and Novice Title! What an amazing day all round for Deborah. Huge congratulations to a fantastic team!

Roger Cameron and Kelly (Kalan High Society, CCD, JDM) 2nd Place, scoring 178. Continuing on from their morning success, two Novice passes in the one day... not bad Roger and Kelly! Congratulations team.



Deborah Chandler's Weimaraner Longhair, Edra

OPEN RING (2)

AM Trial: Judged by Mr Clive Makepeace

Mrs L Holland and Enya (T.CH Pawsitive Elite Performer CCD CD RA) 2nd Place, Score: 177. Always a pleasure to watch Lorraine with her happy and exuberant Enya. Congratulations team!



Lorraine Holland's Aussie Shepherd, Enya

Obedience Triallers' Report cont.

OPEN RING

PM trial: Judged by Mrs Kim Houlden

Pia Butcher and Ollie (Pawsitive Secret Agent HT CD PT) 3rd Place scoring 186. Such lovely work from this beautiful team. Their success is so well deserved, congratulations! Pia commented: " I was very pleased with our result, especially 37 out of 40 for our heeling, despite me making a few mistakes that didn't help my dog.

Vu Huynh and Posy (Darncer Octa Vivacce CD TK.S RE ET JC) Score 172. Congratulations! Vu said: "The AM trial was too exciting for her, and she forgot to put her listening ears on for Distance Control, and I could see her realise that she didn't know what was going on, as she tentatively tried a Sit instead of a Down."



Vu Huynh's Doberman,
Posy

UD RING

AM Trial: Judged by Ms Merrae Balaam

Bobbee Terrill and Lola (Dual Ch (N)(RO) Starkehre Run Lola Run CDX RAE PT TDX TSD WWPD SWN) 1st Place, scoring 176/200. Huge congratulations to this talented team.

Pia Butcher's Aussie
Shepherd, Ollie



Please send Obedience trial results, stories and photos to trial@croydondogclub.com.au



Recent successful graduates from the Advanced Class pictured from left to right:

Paul Beutel with Belle,
Karen Soo, Advanced Class Instructor,
Pam Scott with Darcy,
Joan Howard with Archie,
Roger Cameron with Brandy.

Service Award

At the Annual General Meeting on the 24th of May 2024, the following Service Awards were presented to the following volunteers:

1 Year Service Award



Nicole Barr

Sean Lalla

Steven Dengate

Sue Page

Robyn Fraser

Jake Smit

Laura Hartley

Kris Thomas

Tessa Lai Sang

Lisa Willingham

5 Years Service Award



Wade Ashford

Brian Jones

Carol Jones

10 Years Service Award



Merrae Balaam

Debbie Karandais

15 Years Service Award



Vicky Desouza

Elizabeth Graham

Lorraine Holland

20 Years Service Award



Anne Dengate

Kaye Ware

25 Years Service Award



Rita Thomas

Awards Photo Gallery



Title Award

Small Trophies

Rally Novice	Alli Berry	Atlas
Rally Novice	Dianne Eldridge	Kalville Pixelation CCD
Rally Novice	Bobbee Terrill	Ch Mocarott Hamriik Roman
Rally Novice and Rally Advanced	Pam Scott	Beereegan Fitzwilliam Darcy
Rally Novice and Rally Advanced	Lorraine Holland	T Ch Pawsitive Elite Performer CD
Rally Novice and Rally Advanced	Vu Huynh	Jayless Dragonfly JC
Rally Novice	Anne Mann	Dual Ch (T) Eliteview Leading Lady UD
Rally Novice	Anne Woods	Eliteview Here We Go Again HSAs JD
Rally Novice	Mrs K Soo	Ausfx Hunting High N Low
Rally Advanced	Tracie Owens	Lambart Black Drake CD RN
Rally Advanced	Leonie Keilour	Ch Tollerprance Faithfull Lilly RN TK.S
Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent	Ms H Walter & Mr J Schulz	Maadrica Amalie CCD RN
Rally Excellent	Vu Huynh	Darncer Octa Vivacce CD TK.S RA ET JC
Rally Excellent	Helen Charles-Hoare	Glenmave Exquisite Red Diamond CD RA
Rally Master	Wendy Waghorn	Alice UD TK.S
Scent Work Advanced	Bobbee Terrill	TS Grand Ch, Tri Ch (RO)(T), Neut Ch, TS Ch Rosarott Basko's Pride UD RAE SWN HSAs ET WWPB BH
Community Companion Dog	Dianne Eldridge	Kalville Pixelation RN
Community Companion Dog and Companion Dog	Mrs J Seach	Eliteview Leading The Way SWN
Companion Dog	Mrs H Charles- Hoare	Ch Glenmave Merry Dancer
Community Companion Dog and Companion Dog	Bobbee Terrill	Ch Mocarott Hamriik Roman RN
Companion Dog	Ms H Walter and Mr J Schulz	Maadrica Amalie CCD RA
Companion Dog	Tracie Owens	Lambart Black Drake RN
Freestyle Starter	Mr A and Mrs G Penny	Meltdog Fern TK.S
Trick Dog Starter	Mr A and Mrs G Penny	Meltdog Fern
Trick Dog Advanced	Mr A and Mrs G Penny	Topnotch Schillaci CD RN FS.A HTM.I
Heelwork To Music Advanced	Mr A and Mrs G Penny	Topnotch Schillaci CD RN TK.A FS.A HTM.I
Endurance Title	Vu Huynh	Darncer Octa Vivacce CD TK.S RA JC
Trick Dog Starter	Vu Huynh	Darncer Octa Vivacce CD RA JC
Community Companion Dog	Vu Huynh	Darncer Octa Vivacce RA TK.S JC
Junior Courser	Vu Huynh	Jayless Dragonfly
Companion Dog	Jacinta Burke	CH Kardibroke Be My Georgy Girl (AI)
Tracking Dog, Tracking Dog Excellent	Jacinta Burke	CH Kardibroke Be My Georgy Girl (AI) CD

Title Award

Trick Dog Starter	Ms L Keilour	Ch Tollerprance Faithful Lily RN
Tracking Dog	Ms L Keilour	Dual Ch (RO) Tollerpoint Allye Faithful CCD CD TK.S RAE
Endurance Test	Bobbee Terrill	Dual Neut Ch (RO) Starkehre Run Lola Run CDX RAE SWN TDX TSD PT WWPD
Companion Dog	Lorraine Holland	T Ch Pawsitive Elite Performer CCD RN
Companion Dog Excellent	Mrs K Soo	Ausfx Hunting High N Low CD
Utility Dog	Anne Mann	Dual Ch (T) Eliteview Leading Lady CCD CDX
Utility Dog Excellent	Mrs P Williams	O.Ch RO.Ch Adensley Fire N Ice UD RM
Utility Dog	Mrs W Waghorn	Alice CDX RE TK.S
Coursing Ability	Mrs C Green	Karmarozzi Ruff Cut Diamond CCD RN
Jumping Dog	Anne Woods	Eliteview Here We Go Again HSAs RN

Champion and Grand Champion Trophies

Track and Search Grand Champion	T.Ch TS Ch Jayella Wot R The Odds CDX	Mr I and Mrs D A Woollard
Track and Search Champion	T Ch Jayella Wot The Odds TSDX CDX	Mr I and Mrs D A Woollard
Triple Champion	Tri Ch (O)(TS)TS Grand Ch Killarra Aella UDX	Mr I and Mrs D A Woollard
Obedience Champion	TS Grand CH Killara Aella UD UDX	Mr I and Mrs D A Woollard
Conformation Champion	CH Mocarott Hamriik Roman CD RA	Bobbee Terrill
Tracking Champion	CH Kardibroke Be My Georgy Girl (AI) CD TDX	Jacinta Burke
Conformation Champion	Glenmave Defying Boundaries (AI)	Ms J Hoare and Ms A McDougal

Perpetual Trophies

Rally Novice: Kerry Salomon	Rebecca McGroarty	Adderslot Rough N Ready
Rally Master	Wendy Waghorn	Alice UD TK.S RM
50th Anniversary	Jan Seach	Eliteview Leading The Way SWN CD
R M Legge	Charmaine Lee	Wynterval Mr Von Lipwig CD
K M Smith	Anne Mann	Dual Ch (T) Eliteview Leading Lady UD
George Todd	Pauline Williams	OCh RCh, Adensley Fire N Ice UDX
Cunningham	Anne Mann	Dual Ch (T) Eliteview Leading Lady UD
Novice Jumping Dog	Belinda Tebbett	Kelly Tebbett

Report on AGILITY

Congratulations to our Agility teams!

Adensley Glory Days AD JD SPD / Codger

Owned and handled by Anne and Steve Dengate

Results:

Moorabbin 07/04/2024 - Judge: Geoff Taylor

Novice Agility 5th place

Moorabbin 07/04/2024 - Judge: Steph Lawrence

Novice Agility 3rd place and Title

Dogs Victoria Games 20/04/2024 - Judge: Fiona Shelton

Novice Strategic Pairs 7th place and title



Interested in Agility? Want to know what it's all about?

Email our agility co-ordinator, Anne, at: anne.dengate@croydondogclub.com.au



What is Rally?

Rally is a fun and flexible dog sport, designed to promote a positive relationship between dog and its handler. It highlights positive reinforcement, promoting an enjoyable experience for both the dog and handler. It is fun for dogs of all ages and abilities.

In Rally you and your dog navigate a course with up to 20 different signs, with each sign displaying a skill for the dog and handler to perform. The focus is on having fun, working as a team, and developing your dog's skills. You may talk to your dog and use lots of encouragement and praise.

While some handlers choose to enter trials, we have many handlers who do not. No matter what your goal is, Rally gives you the opportunity to improve your relationship with your dog, learn new skills and have fun together.



To join Rally, you must have passed B2.

If you are interested, email Helen at:

helen.charles-hoare@croydondogclub.com.au



Rally Trial News

Croydon Double Rally Trial 14th April 2024

Hugh congratulations to all who entered our trial. It was a very busy day, blessed by some beautiful trialling weather and fabulous ground to trial on.

Special congratulations to the following Croydon Members:

Trial 1 - Highest Score Rally Novice
Croydon Member, Wade Ashford and Pallas



Trial 1 - Highest Score Rally (Excluding Novice)
Croydon Member, Helena Walter and Amalie
(Maadrica Amalie AZ CD RE)



Trial 2 - Highest Score Rally Novice
Croydon Member, Janine Morgan and Ellie
(Tamesis Ellie Morgan)



Trial 2 - Highest Score Rally (Excluding Novice)
Croydon Member, Vu Huynh and Posy
(Darcner Octa Vivacce)



Rally Title Achievement

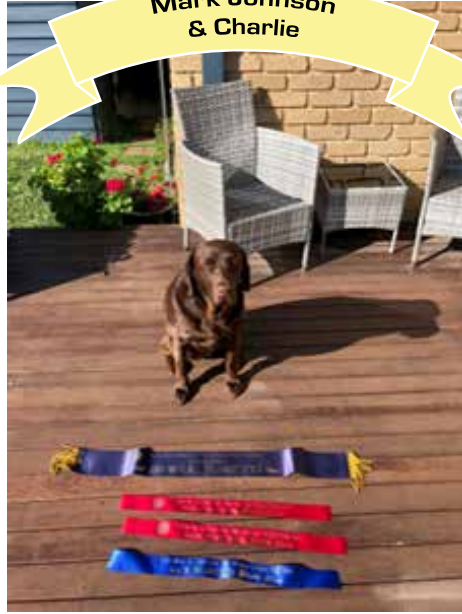
Congratulations to the handlers who have achieved a Rally Title recently!

Rally Novice Title

**Bindi Bates
& Luna**



**Mark Johnson
& Charlie**



**Janine Morgan
& Ellie**



**Hannah Evans
& Milo**



Rally Advanced Title



Rally Advanced / Excellent Title



Rally Trial Results 05/12/2023 - 14/04/2024

Trial Date	Handler	Dog Call Name	Dog Reg. Name	Breed	Trial	Class	Judge	Score	Place	Notes
05/12/2023	Helena Walter	Amalie	Maadrica Amalie AZ CD RE	German Shepherd	Dogs Vic - OTEC	RA	Sharon Sempel	97		
05/12/2023	Helena Walter	Amalie	Maadrica Amalie AZ CD RE	German Shepherd	Dogs Vic - OTEC	RE	Lisa Sinclair	94		
16/12/2023	Helena Walter	Amalie	Maadrica Amalie AZ CD RE	German Shepherd	Collie Club of Victoria	RA	Amy Butler	93		
16/12/2023	Helena Walter	Amalie	Maadrica Amalie AZ CD RE	German Shepherd	Collie Club of Victoria	RE	Helen Evans	97		
16/3/2024	Pam Scott	Darcy	Beereegan Fitzwilliam Darcy	Labrador	Southern ODC	Rally Advanced	Ray Ashman	98	1st	Points lost for out of position and slow response, but I was very proud of Darcy.

Rally News cont.

16/3/2024	Pam Scott	Darcy	Beereegan Fitzwilliam Darcy	Labrador	Southern ODC	Rally Advanced	Amy Butler	86	3rd	Handler error lost us 10 points - I moved off too quickly on halt-fast pace as I was too keen to get to the next station - finish!
16/3/2024	Hannah Evans	Milo	Milo SWN RN	Beagle X Foxhound	Southern ODC	RN	Amy Butler	78		Points lost thanks to my nerves mucking up 2 signs. Milo was a bit distracted (good smells)
23/03/2024	Pam Scott	Darcy	Beereegan Fitzwilliam Darcy	Labrador	Geelong ODC	Rally Advanced	Maribeth Murphy	92	7th	Darcy was very distracted by the surroundings - it took a lot of work to keep his mind on the job. However, this pass gave us his Rally Advanced title! What a clever boy!
23/03/2024	Vu Huynh	Posy	Darncer Octa Vivacce	Doberman	Geelong ODC	RM	Lynn Klecka	90	6th	I remember nothing about trials :(as soon as I get into the ring, it's as much as I can do to remember to breathe. I'll have to enter the results in immediately!
23/03/2024	Vu Huynh	Posy	Darncer Octa Vivacce	Doberman	Geelong ODC	RM	Maribeth Murphy	93	3rd	
31/03/2024	Cindy Christensen	Riley	Neut CH Skyesong Funky Foxtrot CCD RM RAE TD NRA AD JDX ET CAX WPD	NSDTR	Dogs Vic - OTEC	RM	MS H Evans	96		
31/03/2024	Vu Huynh	Posy	Darncer Octa Vivacce	Doberman	Dogs Vic - OTEC	RM	H Evans	96		
13/04/2024	Helena Walter	Amalie	Maadrice Amalie AZ CD RE	German Shepherd	GSDCV	RA	Helen Evans	97		

Rally News cont.

13/04/2024	Helena Walter	Amalie	Maadrica Amalie AZ CD RE	German Shepherd	GSDCV	RE	Helen Evans	93		
14/04/2024	Wade Ashford	Pallas		Kelpie X	CDODC	Rally Novice	Lisa Sinclair	88		Happy with the pass, the warm weather and end of day Pallas had had enough, took quite a bit of motivation to get her to work.
14/04/2024	Wade Ashford	Pallas		Kelpie X	CDODC	Rally Novice	Graham Eades	92	3rd	Very happy with results my fault for losing points holding lead too high. Pallas did well
14/04/2024	Mark Johnson	Charlie	Tracklea Charlie Bear	Labrador	CDODC	Rally Novice	Lisa Sinclair	94		Entered ring with more confidence. Charlie's focus was great. Very happy with result. Obtained our Novice Title. :)
14/04/2024	Mark Johnson	Charlie	Tracklea Charlie Bear	Labrador	CDODC	Rally Novice	Graham Eades	79		A bit of nerves at first. Very tight course
14/04/2024	Janine Morgan	Ellie	Tamesis Ellie Morgan	Golden Retriever	CDODC	Rally Novice	Graham Eades	92		Very nervous in the am! A few silly mistakes
14/04/2024	Janine Morgan	Ellie	Tamesis Ellie Morgan	Golden Retriever	CDODC	Rally Novice	Lisa Sinclair	99		Much more relaxed with Lisa. Wasn't half as nervous. We had a great time! Only made one mistake! Changed pace to rev her up, going into the Weaving ! Lost one point!
14/04/2024	Gaye Penny	Fern	Meltdog Fern TK.S FS.S	GSP	CDODC	Rally Novice	Graham Eades	85		Very happy with Fern today as she is a very sensitive girl. Did not worry about anyone. Just need to do slow pace slower!
14/04/2024	Gaye Penny	Fern	Meltdog Fern TK.S FS.S	GSP	CDODC	Rally Novice	Lisa Sinclair	92		
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Irene, Australian Kelpie

Irene was born on September 1st 2019 on a working sheep farm in rural Victoria. Her first seven months were spent on the farm, living in a pen in a shed with thirty other Kelpies. No cruelty or neglect but no socialisation with the outside world. I have a video of her working the sheep at 7 months and she was impressive, she was sold to a Kelpie breeder who was going to use her for her breeding program but at 12 months old made the decision that Irene's working instincts were too strong for her breeding program.

Irene was desexed and came to me at 14 months, never having experienced the suburbs or any breed of dog other than Kelpies! Poor girl it was a very stressful settling-in period and it took 12 months before she was exposed to Croydon Dog Club. Somehow with the help of a "yellow bandana" and cooperation from many members we got through Basic training and then it was "is there anything else we can achieve at Dog Club which Irene has any hope of enjoying".



Irene

We thought about agility but too stressful for my girl and so we tried Rally and because she only works with me and does not have to interact with other dogs this has been good for both of us. Irene finds it hard to concentrate and listen to me with all the distraction happening at the Dog Club but I believe the teamwork we share during our time at Rally really helps. Irene still cannot be in the ring with other dogs and I suspect she never will but everyone is understanding of this.

The important part of this is Irene and I are doing something we both like which helps our bond. Irene still loves to herd the sheep but unfortunately, I am scared of the sheep! Nose work was another success, again not having other dogs distracting her.



Shelley Large and
'fire cracker Irene'

Let Them Sniff!

By Jacinta Burke

You have probably noticed that your dog's nose is rarely still. It is constantly taking in information about all the odours in its surroundings. Unlike us, odour plays a huge part in a dog's life. The dog's nose is perfectly designed to carry out the role it plays for the dog.

Nose structure

A dog's nose includes the following features:

- Two separate chambers in the nasal cavity.
- Two nostrils (nares) that can wiggle independently. The nose itself is supported by a range of cartilaginous structures, ligaments, and muscles which all act to hold the nares open and allow for the movement and direction of the nose towards certain smells.
- A moist and cool rhinarium (tip of the nose). The hairless pigmented area that is visible externally is covered by a thick layer of keratinized epidermis. Moisture is provided by lacrimal and nasal gland secretions.
- A bony and cartilaginous nasal septum dividing the nostrils. The nostrils are held open and supported by alar cartilage. In some brachycephalic dogs (e.g. pug), this cartilage is so weak that the nostrils collapse in on themselves during inspiration.
- Each nostril contains a labyrinth of thin turbinate bones. The turbinates, covered in epithelium tissue, are intricately arranged and fold in random directions to increase the overall surface area for air to pass over and serve to create turbulence within the passing air. The epithelium in the anterior part of the nose produces mucus to trap any debris entering the nose, whereas the epithelium in the posterior part of the nose is of the type that contains the scent, or olfactory, receptors.
- Cilia, which are hair-like extensions of neurones, project into the posterior part of the nose to detect the odour molecules in the air and convert these stimuli into electrical impulses that are relayed to a brain area dedicated to olfaction, known as the olfactory lobe. It is here that the impulses are interpreted. It is thought that up to 30% of a dog's brain is dedicated to analysing odour.



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What a dog smells

Dogs have roughly forty times more odour-sensitive receptors than humans, ranging from about 125 million to nearly 300 million in some dog breeds, such as bloodhounds. Dogs' sense of smell also includes the use of the vomeronasal organ, which is used primarily for social interactions. This organ helps them sense pheromones and other chemical cues from other animals. The dog's nose is designed so that the scent molecules accumulate in the nasal chambers and the scent builds with intensity, allowing the dog to detect the faintest of odours and can even detect emotions.

Dogs process odours differently to us. For example, when we smell a perfume, the dog smells every chemical in the perfume and can concentrate on just one chemical in the mix of chemicals. This is why dogs are so useful for detecting drugs and other illicit substances.



Brain processing

A great part of a dog's brain is dedicated to acquiring and interpreting odours. A dog utilises its nose as a guide in sniffing in order to follow a trail. The brain of a dog is able to memorize more 100,000 different odours and its ability to smell is 1,000 to 10,000 times stronger than that of a person.

The predominance of this sense allows a dog to associate odours with situations and contexts, in a manner quite similar to the visual memory of humans. The anatomy related to the sense of smell—for example brain areas related to smelling, such as the olfactory bulb and the olfactory cortex—are relatively large in dogs compared to those of the human body. Odour is the only active sense which a dog possesses from birth, this allows young puppies to find their mother's nipples. It is also the last sense which remains during old age after the other senses are progressively diminished.

The accuracy of a dog's nose is very high. For example, a dog is able to differentiate odours of members of the same family or the scents of two identical twins. Dogs are equally able to recognise the odour of a hand on an object after two seconds of contact, and are in fact able to detect the trace scent of fingers on glass six weeks after contact, even if this glass has been handled by different people. The sense of smell of a dog is so acute it can even tell the direction in which an animal or person was travelling.



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Activities for Your Dog that Involve Sniffing

Walking is by far the easiest way to let your dog sniff. Taking your dog for a walk should not be a march around the street. While the street may look boring to us, it is a treasure trove of wonderful odours for your dog. Many other dogs, people, foxes, cats, possums and other animals will have passed by that way as well. Your dog wants to be kept informed about what is going on in its environment. From the odour left behind by a dog your dog will be able to determine its sex, whether it is well or not, as well as, many other things that we cannot even imagine. Instead of dragging your dog away from all the odours, let it have a really good sniff while it processes all that information. It may take you longer to walk your dog but your dog will get more tired from all that sniffing.



Hide and Seek is a game that you can play inside the house or outside. You can hide your dog's favourite toy or treats in various places and tell it to go find them. A sand pit is a great place to hide things. Your dog will have the joy of digging up the toy or treat. There are Snuffle Mats that consist of short

pieces of material clustered on a base. You can hide treats amongst the pieces of material and allow your dog to find them all. It will keep your dog happily sniffing for ages.



Scent Work is a Dogs Australia performance sport for which your dog can receive titles for passing the different levels of difficulty. It is based on the work done by Border Force dogs in finding illicit substances. The dog is trained to sniff out particular odours and indicate to its handler where they are. Only four specific plant essential oils are used. These are Birch, Clove, Anise and Cypress. Dogs thoroughly enjoy this activity especially as they get rewarded with treats for finding the odour. This is something that can be done at home and in various indoor or outdoor spaces. The dog is challenged by placing the odour in different types of containers or hidden somewhere in a defined space.

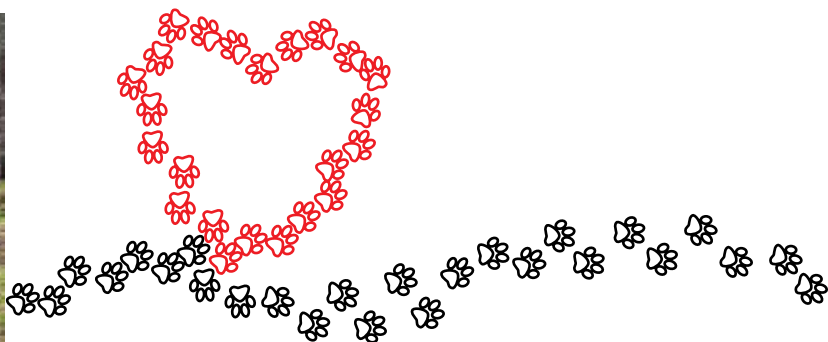
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Tracking involves the dog following the scent left by the footsteps of a tracklayer and then finding the tracklayer at the end of the track. Along the way the tracklayer will drop socks for the dog to find and indicate to the handler. The tracks are laid in bush areas necessitating quite a lot of travelling to reach the trial area. The degree of difficulty of the track increases as the dog passes each level until it reaches the final title of Grand Champion. The Tracking Club of Victoria conducts a workshop in April each year for aspiring handlers.



Track and Search is similar to Tracking but most of the tracks are laid in suburban streets. As with Tracking, the degree of difficulty increases as you progress through the different levels. Rather than using socks, the tracklayer drops various common everyday items such as a wallet or glasses case along the way for the dog to find. With the higher levels no items are dropped on the track and the dog must follow the tracklayer's scent alone. There are ten progressively more difficult tests for the dog to do. The dog will achieve titles along the way culminating with the Grand Champion title.



Your Club needs you!

Your club is run totally by volunteers and we are always on the lookout for additional people to help spread the load.

- ▶ We need people to help in the Equipment shop
- ▶ We need people to help in the Kiosk
- ▶ We need people to help set up the Agility Equipment
- ▶ Instructors
- ▶ We always need help on Fun Days and Trial Days
- ▶ From time to time we need the help of various tradespeople, and we would like to know if there are any plumbers, electricians, carpenters, etc. among our members who would be willing to help out.



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Trophies!

Do you want a trophy?

All handlers whose dogs gain a title between 1st April and 31st March of the relevant financial year are entitled to a trophy.

For Rally, Flyball and Agility please give or email a copy of your Title Certificate(s) to your Discipline Coordinator.

For Obedience or in the absence of a Discipline Coordinator (and all other ANKC sports and conformation events) please send your results to the Trophy Coordinator, Anne Woods at: anne.woods@croydondogclub.com.au

All pass/title information must be provided by no later than 31st March of each financial year.

If you wish to be considered for one of our Perpetual Trophies, please also provide copies of the relevant pass cards.

Ask your Discipline Coordinator for a copy of the Trophy Policy or visit our website. croydondogclub.com.au (under policies).



Wanted!

Do you have an article you would like to include in Croydon Capers?

I encourage members to submit articles that may be suitable for inclusion in Capers.

It could be a dog treat recipe, something funny that your dog has done, a funny dog meme or a more serious article, so don't be shy!

Send your article to diana.herman@croydondogclub.com.au

Please supply any photos separately and not embedded into the Word doc.

Note: We try to include as many articles in Croydon Capers based on their relevance and appropriate content.

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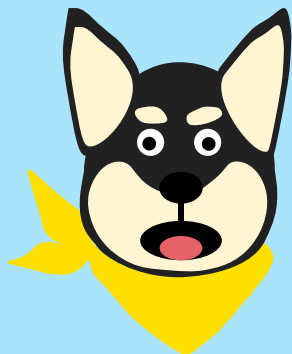


Attention!

Yellow Bandanna?

A number of our dogs at CDODC wear yellow bandannas... this is because they might be hyper, nervous, protective or excitable.

Please give these dogs SPACE and ask the handler for permission BEFORE you or your dog approach.



Need a yellow bandanna?
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Congratulations!

If you requested a pass certificate, they are available in the club rooms



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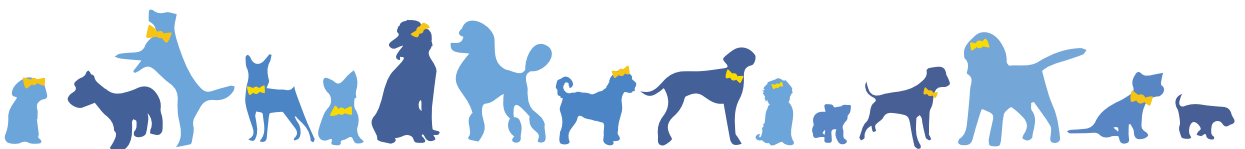
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