

WANGARATTA KENNEL & OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC

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President's Report...

As your newly elected President, I would firstly like to pass on my thanks and gratitude to all our outgoing committee that served your club in the past 12 months and certainly like to welcome all those newly elected committee to support me and your club for the coming year.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all new members that have joined our club in the past months and hope your time with us is an enjoyable one.

We held a very good micro chipping night in the past month and what a great success this was. We would like to hold another one later in the year.

Remember we are here not only as a training club or to show dogs, we are here to help people in our community to understand and accept responsible dog ownership.

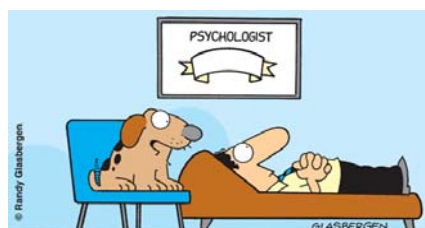
Again thanks to Claire and Debbie for the photo and article in the local paper. This is positive publicity for our club and for the chronicle to do a follow up story was fantastic. We had Council support with their presence on the night, so well done to all involved especially to Elizabeth for giving her valued time to carry out the micro chipping for us. Again, thanks to you all working as a team as this is what we are about.

I would also like to pass on my congratulations to those Obedience members who participated at the recent trials in Albury. Well done to those who passed and good luck to those who just missed out. Your hard work and promotion of your club does us all proud.

We are at the moment discussing the possibility of running a market trip to Melbourne to help raise some money for your club, so remember to ask mum, aunt's, uncle's or whoever if they would like to join us to make this worth while.

Thanks

Leslie Osmotherley
President



"My therapy is quite simple: I wag my tail and lick your face until you feel good about yourself again."

Obedience Report

Obedience classes have been running smoothly for the last 2 months, with classes averaging between 4-5 students per month. People participating in the beginner's course are improving each week. Although a few expressed concern about not be good enough to graduate to the next class after the four weeks.

I think that everyone has those thoughts in the beginning especially after watching the advanced dogs working in the 8pm class, but I do assure all newbies to obedience, we all started out in the beginners class and some also from the puppy class, the same as you, and consistent training each day for at least 5-10 minutes will reap the rewards for both you and your dog.

The main thing to keep in mind is it takes longer than 4 weeks to have a well trained dog, so make it fun for both of you.

The key to training a dog is **patience, kindness and consistency**. The instructors are there to guide and help you, should you have any problems, so please talk to one of us if you feel overwhelmed with any aspect of training.

We were sorry to hear that Cory and Hannah from beginners class lost their dog 'Lucy' (Pointer/Lab x) to a car last week.

Happy Training.....Maree



Micro Chipping A Success

The Club held a micro chipping night on the 18th March from 7pm til 8:30pm, at a cost of \$20.00 per dog or cat.

With qualified micro chipper Elizabeth Chapman (a club member) at the helm, the night was run very smoothly with 36 dogs and 4 cats now permanently identified for their owners.

This night proved a great asset to the club with numerous expressions of interest in joining the obedience classes, and also some fantastic advertising opportunities with the Wangaratta Chronicle who were very pleased to run an article for us. The Chronicle also contacted the club for a follow up article which was published the following week.

Thank you to all our members who helped on the night. Great teamwork made it a very successful venture!

The club has already received further interest in having pets micro chipped, so if you know of anyone that may wish to involve their pets, please let a committee member know as soon as possible so we can organise to have these done promptly.

TRIAL RESULTS

Albury & Border Kennel Club Inc. Obedience Trial
Saturday March 21 & Sunday March 22

Our club had a good number of entries for the obedience trial, with some very good results as follows;

Novice Trial – Saturday Judged by Mr. S Schuck (ACT)

Pass - Sheridan Hicks with Becagem Hot Asset, 'Sorrow', (Dobermann)

CCD Trial – Saturday, Judged by Mr. F Valastro (Vic)

Pass - Sheridan Hicks with Sunniva Beautiful Vision, 'Holly', (Dobermann)

CCD Trial – Sunday, Judged by Mr. S Schuck (ACT)

Pass - Sheridan Hicks with Sunniva Beautiful Vision, 'Holly', (Dobermann)

Also

Open Trial

186 points – Billie Louwrier with T.Ch.Pastoraleman Baronesa CDX, 'Jackie' (German Shepherd)

Well done to Sheridan and Billie for an excellent weekend of trialling!

Well done also to those who trialled but missed out on a pass. Better luck next time.



For those of you who haven't had a look at our website lately, it has been updated with new photographs and information.

*Log on to: www.wkodc.com
It looks great – thankyou Tracey.*



For Sale

THE CLUB HAS A SMALL AMOUNT OF REASONABLY PRICED ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE.



Check chains
Cotton webbing leads
Nylon leads
Nylon cloth slip collars



Nylon Dumbbells - all sizes, by order only
Scent Discrimination Articles, by order only

Any of our instructors will be happy to fit your dog for a check chain.

Puppies: check chains can be fitted from club products, and changed for bigger ones as the pup grows - only paying the cost difference for the bigger check chain.



Upcoming Events



As advertised in the Gazette March 2009

Corowa & District Kennel Club and Albury & Border Kennel Club Inc.
Two Championship Shows & Obedience Trials

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd May 2009 at Albury Showgrounds,
Eames St, Albury.

Entries close Friday April 3rd, 2009.

Seymour District Kennel Club Inc.
Two Championship Shows

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th May, 2009
Chittick Park, Alfred St, Seymour

Entries close Tuesday April 28th, 2009

Caulfield & District Kennel Club Inc.
80th Championship Show

Saturday May 23rd, 2009
KCC Park, Westernport Hwy, Skye

Entries Close Friday April 24th, 2009

Geelong & District Kennel Club Inc.
Championship Show

Sunday May 24th, 2009
Geelong Showgrounds, Breakwater Rd, East Geelong

Entries Close Friday April 24th, 2009

Please note; these are just a selection of upcoming shows and trials. Please refer to your Gazette for more information, and for those further afield.

Articles for the newsletter:

If you wish to contribute articles, results or other newsworthy items to the newsletter, please email these to Deb at myallakc@bigpond.com no later than a week prior to the newsletter being printed.

Otherwise you may ring (03) 57 213589 or 0427 170 983, or catch up at training on a Wednesday night.

Next newsletter due out: Wednesday 3rd June 2009

Cut off date: Wednesday 27th May 2009

I would love to hear where you are entering your dogs to be shown or trialed (obedience, agility, jumping, tracking etc.), as your attendance is great for our club and other members may be interested in getting involved if they know that other members attend.

Thanks,

Deb

We wish all our members and
their families a happy and
safe Easter!

