

Newsletter

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Our goal is to teach you to train your dog to walk on a loose lead!

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WANGARATTA KENNEL & OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB Inc

Obedience Report

Our Obedience classes are still progressing very well even despite the colder nights. We still have handlers coming to training, and our beginner's classes are still averaging between 5-8 new members per month. Great to see many new members put in the effort to come to our club for our training and continue coming after beginners class finished.

Our Trial on the 14th & 15th August was a great success. To all who helped organise this trial weekend thank you. Thanks also to the group of members who worked late into the night and made all the new jumps etc; To those who collated the entries, did the catalogues, assisted with the stewarding over both days, those who ran our canteen, trophy stewards, office Manager's and general helpers, including exhibitors. All in all a great weekend was experienced by all.

Those members who trialled and gained passes and titles congratulations, those that missed out this time, better luck at your next trial.

So once again thank you one and all for a great successful weekend.

We have ordered another new tunnel and measuring frame from Murray Tyler so we won't be short next trial just in case they decide they need the extra equipment for their courses.

Thanks also to our Instructors who are there week after week to assist with our classes without your dedication this would not be possible. I would like to have another instructors meeting early September to move on with our class structures.

Until my next report

Keep up the great training

Kevin Felmingham—Chief Instructor



Some Important Information on Kennel Cough

Due to the recent outbreak of Kennel Cough in Melbourne, it is a good time to take an overview of this disease and its management. Kennel Cough, or Canine Cough, as most reading will have experienced, is a common condition in dogs that affects the throat, trachea (windpipe) and on rare occasions the lungs. It is most commonly characterized by a dry harsh hacking cough. Dogs will often cough so much that they will dry retch and gag, often producing white frothy saliva. Owners will often comment that the cough is such that it appears as though something is stuck in the dog's throat.

Dogs do make an assortment of respiratory sounds. Usually a cough is recognizable, and once you have had a dog with Kennel Cough you will always recognize it, but it is important to be aware of another sound called a reverse sneeze. The reverse sneeze is often mistaken for a cough, for a choking fit, for sneezing, for retching, or even for gasping for breath. In fact, the reverse sneeze represents a post-nasal drip or "tickle in the throat." It is considered normal, especially for small dogs or dogs and only requires attention if it is felt to be excessive.

The point here is to know a cough when you see one. A cough can be dry or productive, meaning it is followed by a

gag, swallowing motion, or production of foamy mucus (not to be confused with vomiting). Kennel cough is caused by a whole variety of different viruses or bacteria. Unfortunately we can only vaccinate against the two most common strains. Because of this, some dogs vaccinated with kennel cough can still contract the disease. However, their disease is usually milder and not as prolonged as those not vaccinated against kennel cough.

It is also much less likely that the disease will progress to pneumonia if the dog is vaccinated. Kennel cough is extremely contagious. I often state, with only mild exaggeration that an infected dog has only to walk by another dog in order to infect the innocent bystander. The infection is transmitted by respiratory secretions by direct nose to nose contact or via aerosol transmission eg. sneezing or coughing.

It occurs most frequently in kenneled dogs because they spend a lot of time barking at each other, however dogs can also contract it just by sniffing noses through a fence or while on a walk. The normal respiratory tract has substantial safeguards against invading infectious agents. The most important of these is probably what is called the mucociliary escalator. This safeguard consists of tiny hair-like structures

called cilia that protrude from the cells lining the respiratory tract, and extend into a coat of mucus over them. The cilia beat in a coordinated fashion through the lower and more watery mucus layer called the sol. A thicker mucus layer called the gel floats on top of the sol. Debris, including infectious agents, get trapped in the sticky gel and the cilia shunt them upward towards the throat where the collection of debris and mucus may be coughed up and/or swallowed.

The mucociliary escalator is damaged by infectious agents, such as the bugs which make up the "kennel cough complex" helped along by things such as crowding stress, cold temperatures, poor ventilation etc.

Without this protective mechanism, invading bacteria, especially *Bordetella bronchiseptica*, the chief agent of

kennel cough, may make its way merrily down the airways unimpeded. *Bordetella bronchiseptica* organisms have some tricks of their own as well:

They are able to bind directly to cilia, rendering them unable to move within 3 hours of contact. They secrete substances that disable the immune cells normally responsible for consuming and destroying bacteria

Other members of the "kennel cough" complex include:

Parainfluenza virus, canine herpes virus, canine reovirus and canine adenovirus type 2.

Any of these viruses can produce a minor sore throat and cough ultimately allowing a way in for the more toxic

Bordetella bronchiseptica bacteria.

The cough normally has a sudden onset and occurs within 5 to 10 days of being in kennels or having been exposed to an infected dog. Most dogs will appear healthy apart from an annoying cough. The majority will also have a fairly normal appetite although some become lethargic with a fever and go off their food. On very rare occasions and depending upon the bug which caused the disease, kennel cough can spread to the lungs and cause pneumonia.

Treatment for kennel cough will give your dog relief, shorten the course of disease while also helping to prevent pneumonia. Treatment includes a short course of antibiotics and if required a cough suppressant can also help relieve your dog. Sometimes an anti-inflammatory injection is also given to help ease the throat.

The cough should start to improve within 3-5 days of beginning treatment. Sometimes the cough can get a lot worse before it improves. Any deterioration in your dog's health should be brought to veterinary attention as this may be the sign of a developing pneumonia which would obviously then require a more vigorous treatment regime.

Some important information on Kennel Cough (continued)

Due to the extremely contagious nature of this disease it is of up-most importance to keep your dog home and completely from other animals for 2 weeks after the cough has resolved. It is also important to limit exercise as activity tends to irritate the windpipe further which in turn worsens the cough. Also make sure your pet is kept warm, especially at night, as cold air tends to irritate the throat further. We will never eradicate the nuisance of outbreaks of Kennel Cough, but by being mindful of others through the self-imposition of strict quarantine measures, we can minimize the spread and impact of these occurrences.

Fawkner Veterinary Hospital Sydney Rd Faulkner

Dr. Toni Messy

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This is a disease that is still around and vaccinations are advisable if your dog is going into a kennel situation while you are on holiday or living with other dogs for a time. C5 covers Kennel cough. If you have ever heard a child with croup kennel cough is similar sounding, your dog develops a raspy, hacking cough and is quite distressing to the animal as well as the owner. If you are unsure make inquiries at your local vet who will be able to give you all the information you need.





Albury & Border KC Sat 17th July

Billie Louwrier's TCH Pastoraleman Baronesa UD (German Shepherd)
Passed Open 188 points

T&R McIntosh's Allerzeit Enya (Rottweiler)
3/3 pass in CCD with 94/100 points

This gives "Enya" her CCD (Community Companion Dog)Title

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Albury & Border KC—Sun 18th July

Maree McCabe's TCH Giday Rip Curl Girl CD ET (Poodle Standard)
3/3 pass in Open with 181 points

This gives "Tia" her CDX (Companion Dog Excellent)Title

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Sheridan Hick's Sunniva Beautiful Vision CD (Doberman)
Pass Open with 188 points **1/3 passes towards CDX**

Billie Louwrier's TCH Pastoraleman Baronesa UD (German shepherd)
Pass - 3rd Place Open with 189 points

Wangaratta K&ODC Sat 14th August - AM TRIAL

G & L Lovell's CH Korskote American Idol (Wirehaired pointer)
Pass CCD with 91/100 **1/3 Passes towards CCD**

Sheridan Hicks Sunniva Beautiful Vision CD (Doberman)
Pass Open 189 points **2/3 passes towards CDX**

Sheridan Hicks Becagem Hot Asset CD (Doberman)
Pass Open 184 points **1/3 passes towards CDX**

Wangaratta K&ODC Sat 14th PM Trial

Billie Louwrier CH Horton Park Royal Spirit CCD (Shetland Sheepdog)
Passed Novice 182 points **1/3 passes towards CD**

Sheridan Hicks Becagem Hot Asset CD (Doberman)
Passed Open 187 points **2/3 passes towards CDX**

Sheridan Hicks Sunniva Beautiful Vision CD (Doberman)
Passed Open 189 points
This gives Holi her CDX (Companion Dog Excellent) Title

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

G & L Lovell's CH Korskote American Idol ET (Wirehaired Pointer)
Pass in CCD with 90/100 **2/3 passes towards CCD**

C Weeks & R Taylor's Trihound Artemis (Beagle)
Pass in CCD with 88/100
This gives Coco her CCD (Community Companion Dog)Title

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

SHOW RESULTS

Wangaratta Stock Foods and Farm Supplies

287 Tone Road, Wangaratta 3677 Ph: 03 5722 1700

Wagga Wagga Championship Show

R & T McIntosh's

Allerzeit Ashen Fletcher (Rottweiler)

Dog CC, BOB

This gives Radar his Australian champion Title

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

R & T McIntosh's

Allerzeit Ashen Feonix (Rottweiler)

Bitch CC, RUBOB

Vicki Wickenden

CH Ghostwind Latin Lover (Weimaraner)

Best in SHOW

Congratulations Tango & Vicki, & Well Done

Look back & Forward

Farewell Dinner for Tracie & Ron McIntosh

Tracie & Ron have relocated to Tasmania. We will miss them but wish them well in their new Adventure. Tracie will continue to look after our website and will be in touch with the club on a regular basis. We would all like to thank them both for their tireless efforts at our club as volunteers, helping us to move forward and make the club a place people will continue to come to for training their dogs and as a social place to make new friends with similar interests. We might be able to persuade Tracie to write articles in our newsletter at times of her doggie adventures, shows and trials from the island. Good luck from all of us back here!



<p>August 2010</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Intake for beginners class Wednesday 4th August, with lecture night 7pm in clubroom ⇒ Wangaratta K&ODC Double obedience & Agility/Jumping trial 14th & 15th August. ⇒ Wangaratta KC meeting 25th August, no advanced class that night. ⇒ 29th August Utility Gundog Test Strathewen Area refer to newsletter for details
<p>September 2010</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Intake for beginners class Wednesday 1st Sept with lecture night 7pm in clubroom. ⇒ 18th Sept Victorian Gundog Club's R/Trial ⇒ 19th Sept Beagle Club Of Vic CH/Show—KCC Park ⇒ Wangaratta KC Meeting 29th Sept. 8pm—No advanced classes that night.
<p>October 2010</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Intake for beginners class Wednesday 6th Oct with lecture night 7pm in clubroom. ⇒ Shepparton Agi Society CH/Show, 9th Oct, Entries close 10/9 ⇒ Benalla A&P Society CH/Show, 15th Oct, Entries Close 17/9 ⇒ Euroa A&P Society CH/Show, 23rd Oct, Entries Close 24/9 ⇒ Wangaratta KC Meeting 27th Oct, 8pm, No advanced classes that night. ⇒ Albury KC CH/Show & Obedience Trials, 30th & 31st Oct Entries Close <u>1st October</u>

INAUGURAL UTILITY GUNDOG NOVICE WORKING TEST

SUNDAY 29 of AUGUST 2010

Venue - Strathewen Area

To be held under the rules and regulations for the conduct of a Utility Gundog Working Test, a copy of which is available from the Trial Manager.

Entries Close: 20th of August 2010

Entries to: Trial Secretary
Mrs. Fay Park, 400 Deep Creek
Road,
Arthurs Creek, Vic, 3099

Trial Managers: Mr. D Blacker 9747-1227
Mr. N Scicluna 0447 992 948

Entry Fee: \$20.00

Cheques Payable to: The German Shorthaired Pointer Club
of Vic, Inc.

JUDGES:

Conformation TBA
Obedience Mrs. N McIlroy
Field: Mr. M Park
Retrieving: Mrs. D McCann
Trail Scenting: Mr. D Blacker

VCA Rep: Sylvia Meekings

Check In: 9.30am / Vetting: 9.30am - 10.00 am

Bitches in Oestrus will not be permitted on the trial site.

Entries will be limited to 15 dogs. If an excessive entry is received, a Ballot will be held on the 23rd of August 2010.

Pass Certificates towards the title of Utility Gundog (as defined by the ANKC) will be presented at the completion of the day - dogs must achieve a. pass in each discipline.

