



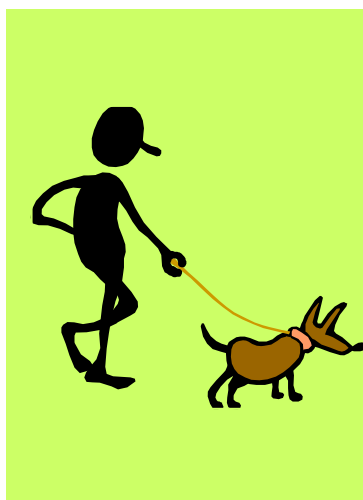
WANGARATTA KENNEL & OBEEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC

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⇒ Results no more than 3 months old please



Our goal is to teach you and your dog to work together with respect

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OBEDIENCE REPORT

Firstly I must say thank you to the hard working team of Instructors who have continued the excellent team work with our weekly classes.

Congratulation to all our members who have gained passes and had a win in the breed rings since my last report.

Most importantly welcome to all the new members who have joined our club and continue to participate in our classes, it is good to see so many continuing on into the next class. Training is progressive as you go on throughout the various classes you will see the rewards of having a happy well behaved companion.

We must keep in mind our June show is almost here and our August trials are fast approaching. We need your continued support, so if you can assist us with stewarding or baking a cake or slice let us know as this is your club as well so help us to continue with its growth.

To run these events it takes a great deal of work the more our members do the less we have to pay outsiders to do, if you can support your club in any way don't be frighten to let us know.

Our club Participated in the Million Paws walk that's held annually. thanks to Sara, Kelsey, & Travis for your help on the day this year. I felt it was a success with many enquiries regarding our club and its training and next year our plan after speaking with the coordinator of this event, it will start from our club grounds.

I would also like just to mention the seminar held at the Albury & Border Kennel Club last weekend 21st and 22nd of May Sue Hogben from Western Australia Sue is without a doubt the best dog trainer in Australia. Maree will give a more detailed report as she attended the whole weekend.

Until my next report
Keep up the great training

Kevin Felmingham

Chief instructor





Entries close: Friday 12th August 2011

Shepparton & District Obedience Dog Club Inc.

Chas Johnson Reserve, Cnr Balaclava Rd & Packham St, Shepparton
(VICROADS map 673 N5)

Obedience/Rally O/Agility/Jumping
Fun Day Competition

This competition is open to all dogs and handlers, unregistered or VCA registered.

Sunday 28th August 2011

On lead Obedience – **All exercises on lead, see below for exercise details**
(For dogs & handlers that have never VCA trialed)

Junior handler under 16 years – **All exercises on lead, see below for exercise details**

Class 1 & 2 exercises - Heel pattern with sits, stands and drops; Stand for examination; Recall; 1 minute Sit stay; 1 minute Down stay

Community Companion Dog as per VCA Trial standard

Novice as per VCA Trial standard

Open as per VCA Trial standard

Rally O Ribbon Event - Novice

On lead Agility – **on lead** (For dogs that have never VCA trialed)

Novice Agility as per VCA Trial standard

On lead Jumping – **on lead** (For dogs that have never VCA trialed)

Novice Jumping as per VCA Trial standard

Check in Time: Obedience/Rally O - 8.15 am – 8.45 am - Agility/Jumping 11.30 am – Noon

Judging Time: Obedience 9 am start, Rally O to follow - - Agility/Jumping – 1 00 pm start

Awards – Trophy and Ribbon to each class winner, place getter ribbons.

Catering - Available

Note - Dogs can only enter one Obedience class, one Agility class and/or one Jumping class.



**Shepparton & District Obedience Dog Club Inc
Entry form for Sunday 28th August 2011**

Cheques payable to: Shepparton & District Obedience Dog Club Inc.,
Trial Secretary, 465 Harston Road, TATURA 3616 Phone: 5854-8265

Entry fee: \$5.00 per class (Please Print clearly, 1 entry per form)

Name of ExhibitHandler

Class entered.(1 entry per form) Height at Shoulder in mm.
(Agility & Jumping entries only)

SignatureClub

SHOW RESULTS

Corowa & district KC Camp Show—Sat

Shannon Lovell's

Ch Shirvin Magnolia Lady (Bull Terrier)

BOB

Lesley Osmotherly's

Langrigg Scrumptious (Beagle)

BOB

Amie Hourigan

CH Ovensview Hot Chilli Woman (Aussie Shepherd)

BOB & 1st Place junior handler 10-13 age group

Albury & Border KC Champ Show—Sun

Shannon Lovell's

Ch Shirvin Magnolia Lady (Bull Terrier)

BOB & Open in Group

Lesley Osmotherly's

Langrigg Scrumptious (Beagle)

BOB

Shepparton & District Kennel Club

Lesley Osmotherly's

Langrigg Clearing Showers (Beagle)

Dog challenge

Euroa Kennel Club Inc

Lesley Osmotherly's

Langrigg Scrumptious (Beagle)

BOB - Gaining

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION TITLE

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

- ⇒ **Congratulations** to Mikayla Lovell gaining 1st place junior handler at Euroa Kennel clubs Champ Show 8th May handling Janet Palmers Doberman (Thor) CH Coppertop Rumor Haz It ET.
- ⇒ **Congratulations** Amie Hourigan gainging 1st Place Junior handler at Corowa & District Kennel club Champ Show, handling Lesley Osmotherly's Beagle
- ⇒ Amie & Mikayla have also qualified to compete for junior handler of the year in Melbourne @ KCC Park

ENDURANCE TEST RESULTS

Hungarian Vizsla Club Inc

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Passed Endurance Test gaining his

ET—Endurance Title CONGRAULATIONS!!!!

BUILDING ENTHUSIASM—Sue Hogben

Games to teach your dog: Why? Simple games can become very rewarding for the dog and can be used in the ring as a 'Reward' between exercises, firing a dog up before obedience/Agility and are a way of building a training partnership.

Hand Touch—Used as a reward in heeling between exercises etc. Food and clicker in one hand, hold out the other hand, when the dog touches it with its nose, click, then deliver the treat on the hand that was touched by the dog. Shape further away, higher, lower, harder, more.

Spin—Used as a stretching exercise to warm up a dog for obedience/agility etc., and again as a reward game. Use the hand touch game, use one and to get the dog part way around a circle, c/t, gradually get the dog coming around further and further before the click and treat. Train the spin in each direction.

Chasey— Used as a warm up and motivating game. Have your reward (food or toy) hidden in your right hand, turn a little away from the dog to your right, encourage it to chase you and reward from the right hand when the dog catches you. Do the same top the left so you can move quickly left and right and the dog will chase you.

Ready— Used to teach the dog to go from completely still to high activity. Many ways to teach it, one way is to have a toy/food hidden in one hand, ask the dog to sit, say 'ready' (long drawn out tone), then 'go' and take off, rewarding the dog as it comes up out of the sit. There are lots of variations on this valuable game.

OBEDIENCE SEMINAR

OBEDIENCE SEMINAR WITH SUE HOGBEN

I was very pleased to participate in a weekend of obedience at the Albury & Border Kennel Club on the 21st & 22nd May, and what a great weekend it was.

Just to give you a bit of background knowledge of Sue's vast experience in training dogs of different breeds and varying sports. Sue comes from WA where her impressive record speaks for itself. She has successfully trained breeds such as Dobermans, Aussie cattle dogs, border collies, Golden retrievers, Aussie Shepherds, jack Russell terriers, koolie's & Labradors to name just some, gaining 11 utility titles, 1 obedience champion title, 18 perfect 200 scores, 14 times top obedience dog in WA, 3 times top retrieving dog in WA, 1 Agility champion & 6 National Agility titles.

Over the weekend Sue showed us how to get the best out of our dogs using positive training methods, of which our club has begun using. She taught us how to build a training partnership, which started with the puppy group in which Indi & I were in. Sue began highlighting the importance of establishing the puppies appetite & the kinds of food used to reward. This was of varying types such as cheese, hotdog, cabana etc, each type of food has high or low value according to your pups tastes. Although Indi would eat anything, out of the different foods her (high value) food was cheese. Toys are also a reward you could use, along with mandatory praise/petting.

Because you want to build a working relationship with your dog a training relationship must be your priority. This means playing particular games to build a quick response, enthusiasm and recall or muscle memory. This is done with games, such as Crate games (sending your pup to his crate on command, touch game (rewarding the dog when they touch your open hand on command) this game then transfers to a reward for a good job done for an exercise in the ring, and many more. These are building on your relationship with the dog to want to work with you and respond happily and enthusiastically and importantly accurately, because rewards are not given for nothing just because they are cute or they almost got it right.

The other topics were advanced ring work, retrieving and how our bodies move when training and the importance of correct body language so our dogs can interpret exactly what it is we want. Where we place our hands, our footwork must be consistent, the use of shoulders on turns so the dog feels confident to work close to us without being stepped on.

Recalls were practiced with both restrained and using food bowl games for quick response, scenting for articles starting close to build memory, teaching the dog to go for scents you command him to go find.

Problem solving and questions were at the end of each day. All in all a great informative weekend was had by approx 60 people & 30 dogs.

HEELWORK

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Your aim in heelwork is to make the entire exercise very rewarding to the dog. People have often asked me why my dogs so obviously love to heel. It's because they see every bit of it as leading to an opportunity to earn more rewards. Attention, heeling, turns, position, changes of pace, distractions, all give the dog the opportunity to earn rewards. It's wonderful to have a dog which does not want to stop heeling!

Great heelwork is the most complicated exercise you will ever teach your dog. It needs to be broken into many parts which are trained separately and then gradually put together. It's the same as training several different 'tricks', then asking the dog to perform them randomly one after the other.

How many parts can the heeling exercise be split into? Duration attention while stationary, in sit stand, drop. Duration attentions when moving and in different changes of pace. Sit, stand & drop while stationary then when transitioning into movement. Left turn, right turn, left about turn & right about turn, again taught when stationary, then when moving. Combinations of these turns can be taught eg right turn right about turn etc. Transitioning from one pace to another smoothly, moving forward from any position into heeling keeping the head up. There are many parts if you really want to split it down further.

There are several ways to start your dog heeling. I tend to use a combination of all of them as they all have their uses. Teaching a dog the same thing in several different ways is often a way of consolidating an exercise. It builds up a reward history than if you simply trained it one way. Some of the most important things to remember are that the handler is trying right from very early on to give the dog the 'heeling picture' it will see in the ring, & the handler does not talk to the dog during the heeling, but uses food paired with the handler's voice when rewarding the dog for what it has done after first 'marking' the correct behavior, and not as an incentive to work. Any switch from 'bribery' to 'reward' must be made as soon as possible.

The handler needs to maintain consistent footwork, & build the dog's confidence to be able to work very close to the handler without being stepped on or crashed into or even having its 'space' invaded. Rhythm is very important—when a dog & handler are working 'in sync' there is a lovely rhythm and balance & fluidity to the work. This is part of what you are trying to teach the dog right from the early stages of heeling training.

But first of all the handler must have a mental picture of what they are trying to achieve as a team. Watch some trailers working their dogs, decide what it is you like about their work, fix the 'picture' in your mind. Watch their footwork & how they & their dogs use their bodies to get around turns etc. Practice heeling by yourself until you feel you have a nice rhythm going, you feel balanced & know how to do your turns (before heeling with your dog).

'Style': It is up to you to decide how you want your dog to heel. Even for the obedience ring your dog does not 'have' to work in a certain way. You may not want a heads-up tail wagging attention totally on the handler style of work. You may simply want your dog to heel next to you, not looking up at you but staying in heel position. Maybe you'd like something in between those styles. Decide before you start training your dog, as it will be easy to get in the beginning but much more difficult to change later on.

Note: In training we do a lot of heeling work, make it fun by only doing small components of it then reward, but only reward when the dog is in the exact position you desire—otherwise you are rewarding a negative behavior. **Eg. Dog heels a few paces well. Handler stops, dog sits with butt out. Q. Do you reward?? Or do you repeat a small heel and reward a correct sit at heel?**

FOR SALE

2 ½ YEAR OLD Female


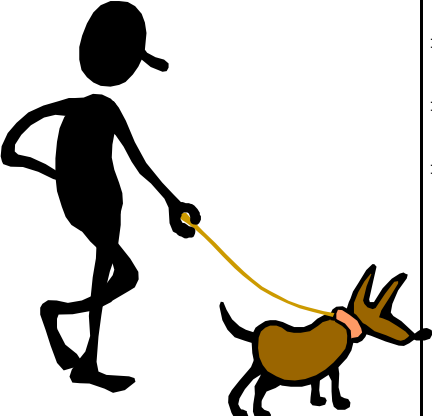

BLACK & WHITE COCKER SPANIAL

“Willow” is Spayed, Fully Vaccinated & Micro-chipped & needs a new family to love and give her a Good Home. Owner moving into unit and unfortunately no dogs are allowed

Price: \$250.00

**Contact: Rhonda on
57215634**



<p>June 2011</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Intake for beginners Wednesday 1st @ 7pm. Lecture night in clubroom No Dogs ⇒ 25th, 26th Wangaratta Champ Show ⇒ Kennel club meeting 29th @ 8pm No 8pm classes ⇒ Club free fun night & sausage sizzle 29th @7pm—8pm. Helpers appreciated. , tea & coffee available, Soft drink for sale.
<p>July 2011</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Intake for beginners Wednesday 6th @ 7pm. Lecture night in clubroom. No Dogs ⇒ Shepparton & District KC Champ Show 10th. ⇒ Victorian Gundog Club Open Show KCC Park 16th July ⇒ Albury & Border KC Obedience Trial 16th & 17th July. ⇒ 27th July Kennel Club meeting 8pm in clubroom No 8pm Classes
<p>August 2011</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ 3rd August Intake for beginners . Lecture 7pm in clubroom No Dogs ⇒ 13th & 14th August. Wangaratta K&ODC Double obedience & Agility/Jumping trials ⇒ 5th, 6th & 7th August, Murray Valley K C Champ Show ⇒ 28th August Shepparton fun day- Rally0/Obed/Agility/Jumping Entry form p,3&4 ⇒ 31st August Kennel Club Meeting. 8pm in clubroom No 8 pm classes ⇒ 31st August FREE FUN NIGHT 7pm—8PM sausage Sizzle Tea & coffee Provided. Soft drink on sale. Helper appreci-