



## Coming Events

- **Sunday 16 May**  
Agility/Jumping Trial

- **Sunday 7 June**  
Obedience/Rally  
Obedience Trial

- **Sunday 5 July**  
Endurance Test

## CLASS TIMES

- see back page

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## DID YOU KNOW....

That the green dog poo bin near the gate as you enter the velodrome was placed their by council.

WHAT YOU MAY NOT KNOW is that it is the clubs responsibility to arrange for the bin to be emptied. This not so rosey smelling task is carried out by members of the club.

Also the black plastic poo bags that are available from the bin are paid and provided by the club for public use. So if you can please bring you own bags along it could help so save the club some money.

The club is lucky enough to have our wheelie bin that the poo bin gets emptied into collected and emptied for free by Handy Bins

## HANDY BINS

PO Box 3, Newry Vic 3859  
Ph: 5145 1513

### Need an extra wheelie bin?

NO WORRIES! NO FUSS!

#### Ideal for:

- Homes
- Farms
- Clubs
- Restaurants
- Caravan Parks

### ○ ALSO AVAILABLE SKIP BINS

- ✓ General Rubbish
- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Paper
- ✓ Glass
- ✓ Garden Waste

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Please feel free to contribute articles, ideas and photos or to make requests. All feedback on the newsletter is welcome.

## ALWAYS REMEMBER TO....

- 🐾 Wear your name tag
- 🐾 Sign the attendance book
- 🐾 Pick up after your dog
- 🐾 Help out in any way you can



WEEKEND, SHORT TERM & LONG TERM

EGDOC Committee  
Please speak with  
any Committee  
member if you  
would like anything  
addressed at club

## Committee Meeting

Thursday 9th  
April  
7.30pm

\*\*\* You can place  
suggestions and  
ideas in the  
membership mailbox

**CLUB ESTABLISHED: 1979**

### LIFE MEMBERS

1984 Val Karpys  
1987 Mike White  
1987 Karen White  
1989 Janice Vanatta  
1989 Mavis Weymouth  
1990 Rob Williams  
1990 Carol Williams  
1994 Rex White  
1994 Jo Morgan  
1998 Joan Kingshott (dec.)  
2000 Fiona Gilbert  
2000 Alicia Larsen  
2001 Willy Lucas  
2008 Pat Brewer  
2011 Peter McMaster  
2011 Kathy Vernon  
2011 Lynne Rapson  
2011 Beryl Walden  
2012 Natalie Evans  
2012 Sue Bryant  
2012 Frank Vanatta

### **EGDOC Committee Positions**

**President:** Sherran Howlett

**Vice President:** Frank Vanatta

**Secretary:** Tracey Gall

**Treasurer:** Nicole Summers

**Committee Members:** Janice Vanatta, Ana Butcher, Tee Watt, Kathryn Trad, Vickie Green, Peter McMaster, Natalie Brown

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

to support  
**Anna Larkin and Janice Vanatta**  
with organising trials  
on **May 16 and 7 June 2015.**



### **Agility**

Agility is an active sport . Courses are set up with jumps, tunnels, dog walks, weave poles and other items. Dogs with their owners are timed as they go through the course and need to be fit and active. Agility helps you build a wonderful relationship with your dog. The trick is not so much to train your dog, but to train yourself so the dog knows, without confusion, what you want him to do. Be prepared to challenge yourself and have fun with your dog.



Club members interested in becoming involved in the agility program are able to do so on the Club's agility intake days, provided they have completed Grade 1 and the Introduction to Agility classes, and passed the agility assessment test.

Improving your existing skills will need to be done at home, and the club library has DVDs for hire that will help you

with this. The club web site has a listing of the DVDs available.

Many of these skills will have already been taught to you, but you will need to work at and improve on these at home.

#### **Necessary**

- Dogs must have a temperament suitable for agility, exhibiting socially acceptable behaviour towards other dogs and people in the group, each to be assessed on its own merits.
- The handler must be able to fully control their dog and keep their focus when off-leash. We want to see the dogs willingly staying with their owner when the leash is removed. We are looking for the dog to want to work with their handler and not take the opportunity to rush up to other dogs.
- Dogs must have a good off-leash recall, over distance, in the agility training environment which has many distractions.

Club has a handout which goes into further details. Please ask your instructor.

**If you have any questions please feel free to come down to talk to the agility instructors between 10:00 and 10:15 on Sundays.**



Thank you to all  
our club members  
who give up their  
time to be part of  
the EGDOC  
Committee &  
contribute greatly  
to the successful  
running of the Club.

Please visit [www.egdoc.org.au](http://www.egdoc.org.au) to view the full range of EGDOC Club Clothing.

# WOULD YOU LIKE **SUPER** COMFY **RED?**



Then go  
for the  
President's  
favourite –  
the unisex  
Rugby shirt.

Only **\$43** with logo



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Local stockist is **JSM** 73 Macarthur Street, Sale VIC 3850. Telephone (03) 5144 6898.  
OPEN Monday to Friday 8:30am – 5:30pm, and Saturday 9am – 12:30pm.

## UPCOMING EVENT

**Endurance Test, Sunday 5 July 2015**

**Around Lakes Guthridge and Guyatt**



**PURE FUN, PURE SPORT, PURE ENDURANCE**

### **What is endurance?**

Can you ride a bike at the same time as controlling your dog on the end of a loose two meter lead, or are you a runner who will be quite happy to run 20kms with your dog? If so, then read on.

You have to be able to train your dog to run along side you whilst you either ride your bike or run with him/her. Experience has shown that you do not need to cover long distances during training, frequent runs over shorter distances, gradually building the dog's fitness is the way to go.

The endurance test is over a distance of 20kms & is split into three sections, the first being eight kilometers. The second & third are six kilometers. There is a break of 15 minutes between the first & second sections & 20 minutes between the second & third sections.

All this is carefully watched over by a judge. The dog's fitness & condition is monitored by a team of vets who examine each dog during the breaks.

Any person entering an ET must supply a certificate from their vet confirming the dog's fitness to take part. You do not have to worry about your dog's ability to continue during the test, as it is being constantly checked.

At the beginning, & before any running takes place, the team of vets will check each dog and compare the data on the certificate supplied on entry with its current condition. If all is OK the judge will give the handler and dog a very simple obedience test to check its willingness to obey.

The running or cycling part of the ET is carried out at a speed of 10kms per hour or one kilometer every six minutes. This is really a very gentle jog for cyclist or runner and most dogs enjoy gaiting at this speed. The whole test takes two hours and 35 minutes including the intervening breaks.

During the breaks & again 15 minutes after the end of the 20kms the vets will check your dog's condition. After the final vet check, there will be a repeat of the simple obedience test to prove your dog is just as willing to obey as he was before the ET began.

**THE CLUB WILL BE HOLDING IT'S 7TH ENDURANCE TEST ON SUNDAY 5TH JULY 2015.**

If you are interested in competing or helping out on the day please contact  
Natalie Brown 0407 842 532 or [natjbrown@hotmail.com](mailto:natjbrown@hotmail.com)

## Honorary Membership Presentation

On Sunday 22nd March Pat Harris was presented with an Honorary Membership for the East Gippsland Dog Obedience Club.

Pat has been a valued member of the club for several years and has always put her hand up to help out with activities and trials at the club. You better watch out at future trials as she can talk anyone into buying some raffle tickets.



Pat Harris  
turns 90

Pat Harris also recently celebrated her 90th Birthday, so what better reason than this milestone to have some cake and eat it too!!!!!!



The social side of club



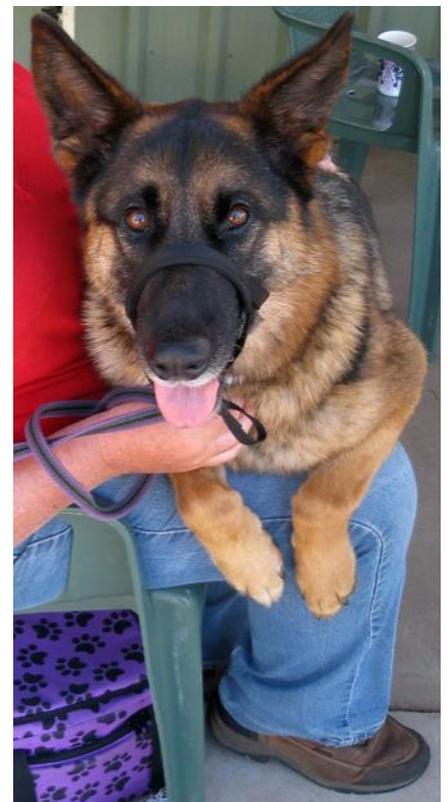
Pat Harris having cuddles with Toby on his first visit to club



Julie Lovell with Cash 'The totally suitable lap size dog'

Cash is a German Shepherd who is 4.5 years of age and weighing 38kg!

"Glad its Julies lap and not mine"



Exciting new sponsorship trial!

5% of your purchase is donated back to the Club to use in any way we wish!

Free shipping for orders over \$49.99!

Trial starts NOW and ends 30 May 2015.

**NEW SPONSOR!!!!—trial sponsorship until 30 May 2015**



Exciting new sponsorship trial from My Pet Warehouse online store.

For every dollar you spend at the online store, 5% will be donated back to the Club when you write "East Gippsland Dog Club" in the comments section in the checkout.



[mypetwarehouse.com.au](http://mypetwarehouse.com.au)

My Pet Warehouse sells supplies for dogs, cats, birds, chickens, fish, reptiles and small pets such as rabbits and guinea pigs.

They cover a wide variety of products from a range of top quality suppliers including our sponsor for the June Trial, [Black Hawk Dog Food](#).



- Food and treats
- Toys
- Beds
- Collars, leads, leashes and harnesses
- Veterinary supplies
- Shampoos, skin care and grooming
- Worming and tick treatments
- Kennels, crates, crate covers and carriers
- Identification tags
- Bowls and feeders
- Dog and cat doors
- Coats and apparel



The range of products includes:



Our Club relies on sponsors to provide prizes for our Trials.

This My Pet Warehouse sponsorship goes further in that cash from each sale is donated back to the Club to use in any way we wish.

It's a great opportunity for every Club member to contribute to the improvement of the Club without any personal cost.

The products are great, you can choose what you want to buy, shipping over \$49.99 is free and your order will arrive within days with email tracking provided.

[Frequent Feeder Loyalty My Pet Warehouse Club Benefits](#)

- ✓ Receive a FREE \$10 voucher when you **accumulate** \$500 in spending in store and online over time.
- ✓ Receive a FREE bag of [premium dog food](#) or [cat food](#) for every 10 equivalent bags bought over time.\*
- ✓ Receive exclusive member offers, news, pet care tips and advice.

You will also be eligible for My Pet Warehouse Frequent Feeder Loyalty Program

**If this sponsorship is successful, My Pet Warehouse will continue the sponsorship**



*Check out the clubs website!*

[www.egdoc.org.au](http://www.egdoc.org.au)

The website has details of :

- What new members need to bring with them
- More information about Club activities
  - Puppy Pre-school
  - Obedience
  - Rally Obedience
  - Agility
  - Therapy Dogs
- Videos and photos
- Club news
- Books, info, web links

Generously hosted by



## **SOME HOUSE KEEPING AND THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP OUT AROUND CLUB**

- Before class - fill a water bucket, help the instructors with equipment, grab a poop scoop & clean up the ground you are about to walk on, **help stack & keep stock of drinks in the fridge**, check there's enough toilet paper in the toilet
- Please remember to wear your name tag, if there is not one on the board please speak with the membership officer
- **Name tag board is by alphabetical order, Surname**
- Please sign the book provided every Sunday for insurance purposes. It is located on the table near the name tag board
- Please make sure you pick up after your dog! There is a bin provided for all your garbage and dog poo. Please make sure that poo is in a plastic bag before it goes into the bin
- Tea and Coffee is free for members; all that is asked is that you clean up after yourself. So please feel free to stay after classes and "have a cuppa".

BLACKDOG  
WEAR



**Remember that the club sells these products to assist  
you with your training**

**\*These products are made by dog people, for dog  
people**

# EGDOC SUNDAY CLASS TIMES – from 1st February 2015

CLASSES	
TIMES	
7.45AM – 8.30 (45mins)	
8:30 – 9:15 (45mins)	<b>OBEDIENCE GRADE 3 Advanced</b> On Velodrome
9:15 – 9:30	<b>BREAK – 15 Minutes</b>
9:30 – 10.15 (45mins)	<b>OBEDIENCE BEGINNERS</b> With Janice By Clubrooms
10:15 – 10:30	<b>CLUB NEWS AND UPDATES Talk – 15 Minutes</b>
10:30 – 11.15 (45mins)	<b>OBEDIENCE GRADE 2</b> With Peter On Velodrome
11:15 – 12PM (45mins)	<b>OBEDIENCE BEGINNERS</b> With Vickie By Clubrooms
	<b>OBEDIENCE GRADE 1</b> With Julie On Velodrome
	<b>RALLY NOVICE</b> With Frank and/or Ana On Velodrome
	<b>AGILITY INTRO</b> With Sherran By Clubrooms
	<b>AGILITY BEGINNERS</b> On Velodrome
	<b>AGILITY ADVANCED</b> On Velodrome
	<b>AGILITY ADVANCED</b> On Velodrome
	<b>AGILITY ADVANCED</b> On Velodrome
	<b>AGILITY INTERMEDIATE</b> On Velodrome
	<b>RALLY ADVANCED OR EXCELLENT</b> On Velodrome
	<b>RING WORK – TRIAL TRAINING</b> With Peter On Velodrome