



Coming Events

Thurs 13 December:

EGDOC Committee Mtg.
Sale RSL Meeting Room
(York Street, Sale),
7.30pm. All Welcome.

Sunday 16 December:

Club Christmas Break Up

Sunday 3 February:

2013 Club Start Date



Yellow Bandanas

Have you seen the dogs at club wearing the yellow bandanas?

This means these dogs need more space than other dogs. This can be for various reasons like they are uncomfortable greeting other dogs.

PLEASE DO NOT let your dog rush up to these dogs.

Please talk to the owners, keeping your dog under control i.e.: sitting at your side & making sure that your dog is not staring at the dog wearing the Yellow Bandana.



Message from the Editor

On behalf of the East Gippsland Dog Obedience Club (EGDOC) and its Committee members, we would like to wish all our members a very..

**MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY
NEW YEAR.**

Thank you for your support over the year and we hope you and your dogs have enjoyed coming to the Club, learning new skills and participating in our events, trials and activities.

I would also like to sincerely thank all members who have contributed to newsletter articles this year.

IMPORTANT INFO

The last day at the Club for 2012 will be on **Sunday 16 December**. This will be our **Club Christmas Breakup Day** and there will be loads of fun activities for you and your dog to participate in.

We will **recommence** training on the **first Sunday in February 2013**.



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REMINDERS for 2013

House keeping - poo pick up

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 first.

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 & 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".

Soft drinks in the fridge are \$1 ea. Chocolates are \$0.50 each. Help yourself. There is a money tin in the fridge. This runs on an honour system.



Did you know?

The East Gippsland Dog Obedience Committee (EGDOC) now meets in the Sale RSL meeting room once a month on every second Thursday.

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 13 December 2012 at 7.30pm.

New members are always welcome and encouraged to participate to have a say in the running of the Club.

We are still looking for volunteers to act as the Librarian, Publicity Officer and also to assist with Catering at Trials. If interested, please speak to any member of the Club Committee.

EGDOC Committee Positions

President: Peter McMaster

Vice President: Pat Brewer

Secretary: Julie Hollonds

Treasurer: Kathy Vernon

Committee Members: Sue Bryant, Natalie Evans, Vicki Green, Leah Hepworth, Nicole Jenkins, Nicole Newman, Lynne Rapson, Frank Vanatta, Janice Vanatta, Tee Watt

Club Room Supplies: Denise Hennessey

Equipment Sales: Natalie Evans & Nicole Newman

Instructors: Pat Brewer, Sue Bryant, Laura Duck, Sherran Howlett, Peter McMaster, Lynne Rapson, Melissa Tatterson, Anne Thomas, Frank Vanatta, Janice Vanatta, Kathy Vernon, Beryl Walden, Mavis Weymouth

Instructors in Training: Leah Hepworth, Julie Hollonds, Sarah Vranek

Librarian: Your instructor, but we are looking for a volunteer.

Membership Officer: Pat Brewer

Newsletter Editor: Nicole Jenkins

Publicity Officer: Looking for a volunteer

Puppy Preschool Instructors: Sue Bryant, Natalie Evans, Leah Hepworth, Janice Vanatta, Mavis Weymouth

Raffles/Fundraising: Beryl Walden

Sub Committee Coordinators

Agility: Pat Brewer

Catering at trials: Looking for Volunteers

Obedience: Janice Vanatta

Webmaster: Phil Miller

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



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We also have sample bags for you to take home for your beloved pet to try. Make sure
you get yourself a bag when you are next at Club.

EVENTS

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Frank Vanatta

SALE CHRISTMAS PARADE

At the November General Meeting, it was agreed to accept an invitation to participate in the Sale Christmas parade. The Longford Lions Club has taken on the role of organising the parade, which has not been held for a couple of years.

Thirteen members came along on the day to represent the Club. Pat Harris was eager to attend, so a wheelchair was produced to allow her to join in. We don't know who had more fun -- Pat being wheeled along like the Queen with Charlie prancing along beside her or the people in the crowd who were shown that our Club caters to people of all ages. Several people came up to the group after the parade to ask questions about the dogs and the Club. Those who came along had a fun time, laughing and waving to the crowds as they walked along.

The Lions Club organised the groups in a very logical order this year. We did not have to follow any horse groups that may have left behind any tasty morsels to tempt the dogs as we came along. We were thanked for our participation, and the Lions Club hopes that we will attend again next year.



RALLY 0 TRIAL - BAIRNSDALE



A FANTASTIC EFFORT CHARLEE!

Having attended her first Rally 0 trial on a November weekend in Bairnsdale., we would like to congratulate Charlee on her fantastic effort in receiving 2 passes out of 3 tries. Way to GO!

Charlee is 7 years old and decided 3 months ago that she would try learning Rally 0 with Masie. She reluctantly entered her first ring on the day and missed out on a pass by 3 points, however later on she had entered 2 more rings and got Passes in both of them. This is a score of 70 or more out of 100.

Masie is 10 and a half and due to a spinal disease I had retired her this year from Agility after a very successful 'career'. Charlee attended her first trial when she was 3 months old and many people know her. It was great to have competitors cheer and applaud her.

A very happy Charlee and Masie with their pass certificates.



A FUN MORNING OF GAMES!

The Agility group held a Games morning on Sunday December 2nd at the brisk early start of 7.30am.

The wind and rain kept at bay and both the advanced and novice groups participated in two fun and separate games called (1) Strategic Pairs and (2) Gamblers. Although it took us a little while to get used to a new set of rules, it was a great morning. There were lots of laughs, words of encouragement and cheers as we worked around the well set up course (thanks Lynne).

Strategic pairs was a great opportunity to work in the ring with another club member and their dog, and think through clever strategies to coordinate who would do which obstacles in the quickest time. I think we all surprised ourselves (well I know I did) at just how well behaved the dogs were working in the ring with another dog and keeping their focus on you.

Gamblers was a little trickier, but equally as fun with the challenge to accrue at least 20 points throughout the course (obstacles were scored differently) before you could compete the last line of obstacles. You only had 45secs to accrue the points, which also required a fair bit of strategy. You couldn't go over each obstacle any more than twice, and once the whistle went (after 45sec), you had to race towards the final set of jumps to finish the course.

Thanks to everyone who made the morning a success :) it was a great activity.

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AGILITY GAMES DAY - SUN 2 DEC

Nicole Jenkins

CLUB NEWS

SHED EXTENSION



SHED COMPLETE!

Many of you will have seen the completion of the Shed extension :)

We are very excited to have this extra room and there is a buzz in the area about how best we can use the space to store all our Club materials and equipment.

Thank you to Natalie Evans who took on the very important role of liaising with the council and builder to get it organised. No easy task! Her efforts are very much appreciated by the EGDOC Committee.

MEMBERS TO NOTE - Use of area around Lake Guthridge

As the weather gets warmer and we enjoy the outdoors with our dogs some more, please remember that all the Lake Guthridge area in Sale, including the Botanical Gardens, is an **ON LEAD** area for all dogs.

All the birdlife in that area, including introduced species such as Peacocks, are protected, and dogs are not allowed to chase or harass them.

The local council can be very strict in enforcing this rule, particularly if a bird is injured. As we do not want our dogs to be restricted from this beautiful area we need to be vigilant that their natural instinct doesn't take over. Chasing one of these birds can be very tempting and rewarding for our dogs.

CHOOSING THE PERFECT DOG FOR YOU



Tailor the characteristics on the left to shortlist the breeds which will suit you.

MY LIFESTYLE
.....▼
Inactive Normal Active

GARDEN SIZE
.....▼
None Small Large

NEED SECURITY?
.....▼
No Yes

MY FAMILY
.....▼
Young Older

DOG SIZE
.....▼
Small Medium Large

GROOMING REQUIRED
.....▼
Little Medium Lots

Christmas is a popular time for families to commit to buying a new dog, but have you ever wondered how to decide what may be the best type of dog for you?

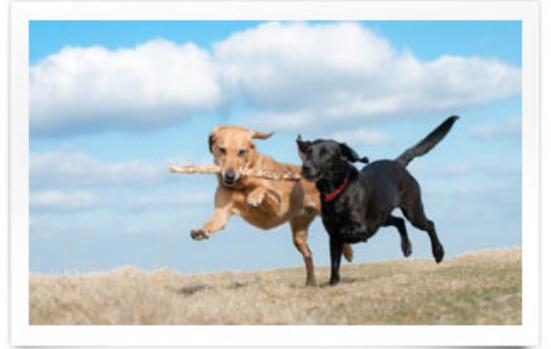
One that will suit your lifestyle, personal circumstances and home space?

The Paw Club (<http://www.pawclub.com.au/Puppy/ChoosingADog.aspx>) has a nifty little activity where you can select your situational requirements and it will automatically populate a table of the breeds most suitable to suit.

If you are aware of friends or family members considering a new pet in 2013, be sure to let them know this service exists to help them make the right choice.

HEAT STROKE

HEATSTROKE AND HEAT STRESS IN DOGS



During sweltering Australian summer days, dogs can easily suffer from heat stress and heatstroke - conditions that, without the right treatment, can prove very dangerous or even fatal.

Heat stress occurs when a dog's body temperature rises significantly and it can't cool itself down fast enough. At this stage, they usually:

- pant persistently and quickly
- look stressed and agitated

Heatstroke occurs when the heat stress isn't corrected fast enough and the dog's body temperature continues to rise, resulting in:

- Lethargy
- collapsing and having a seizure
- multiple organ failure, and eventually
- Death

That's why **it's so important** to prevent your dog from developing heatstroke in the first place.

HOW DO DOGS GET HEATSTROKE?

Unlike us, dogs don't sweat. So they can only really reduce their body temperature by panting. That's why breeds of dogs with shorter airways, like Pugs and British Bulldogs, develop heatstroke far more easily than many others.

HOW CAN I PROTECT MY DOG FROM GETTING HEATSTROKE?

Don't leave your dog unattended in the car

We wouldn't dare do it to children these days, and the same should go for your dog. Unfortunately, leaving dogs in parked cars is one of the major causes of heatstroke. Even with the windows slightly wound down, temperatures inside can rise quickly and beyond your dog's ability to cope. On very hot days it happens even quicker.

Provide shade and water

When you're at home, always ensure your parched pooch has easy access to plenty of water and adequate shade, especially if they are outdoor dogs. When temperatures reach 35°C +, keep your dog indoors and, if possible, in an air-conditioned room as they can still overheat with water and shade.

Make your dog 'summer friendly'

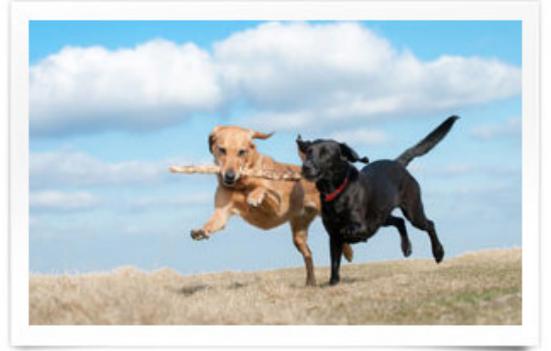
Groom your dog to avoid a matted coat or have its fur clipped. Be extra careful with longhaired, overweight, young and older dogs. Learn more about grooming your dog.

Avoid midday exercise

Australia's summer sun can be brutal in the middle of the day, so keep your walks and play sessions to early mornings and late afternoons when it is cooler.

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HOW DO I TREAT HEAT STRESS?

If your dog is getting overheated and suffering from **early heat stress symptoms**, such as:

- panting fast
- panting a lot
- getting agitated
- and appearing stressed, then

you may be able to **prevent heatstroke developing** by:

- giving them plenty of cool water
- placing them in front of a fan
- wetting their coat with a cool water shower
- placing a cool wet towel over them

DOES MY DOG HAVE HEATSTROKE?

If you are not sure whether your dog has heat stroke the steps above and then take them to your vet immediately.

WHAT IF MY DOG HAS COLLAPSED OR HAS A SEIZURE?

If your dog has developed heatstroke and has collapsed and / or is convulsing:

- wet their coat with a cool water shower
- take them immediately to the nearest veterinary emergency centre

Taken from:

<http://www.pawclub.com.au/Conditions/Heatstroke.aspx>



LOOKING AFTER YOUR DOGS IN SUMMER

Information provided by 'The VETS', Veterinary Service in Sale.

Heat and Sunburn:

Dogs can suffer heat stress on hot days. Don't leave them in cars, and restrict their exercise on scorcher days (remember they are wearing a fur coat!) Give access to shade, and plenty of water.

Long term exposure to the sun can also lead to skin cancer. Animals at high risk are white dogs with pink bellies that enjoy sunbaking- especially breeds such as Bull Terriers, white Boxers and Jack Russells. You should keep your pet out of the sun during 11am to 3 pm.

Flies and Mosquitoes

These nuisances can bite the edges of the ears and cause a lot of irritation. There are products available from THE VETS to help to repel the flies.

Barbies

We all love a barbie but that special treat you give to your doggie friend can cause problems. Cooked bones are a no-no! Cooked bones (especially those chop bones) may be swallowed whole, and lodge in the roof of the mouth, the oesophagus or lower down, and can cause some nasty constipation. Raw bones are a safer option.

Fleas

The fleas rev up with the increase in temperatures. You may notice flea dirt as black dots on your pet. This is the poo of the flea- made up of your pet's blood. Remember to treat all of the animals in your household for fleas. We recommend a monthly tablet or spot-on.

Grass seeds

The grass has well and truly dried off and we've started seeing grass seed problems. Grass seeds can lodge in the ears, eyelids or penetrate the skin, especially between the toes.

If your pet has a seed in its ear, they often rub or shake their head. The grass seeds can penetrate the ear drum, and cause nasty infections. Seeds in the eyelids will cause squinting and a nasty ulcer on the surface of the eyeball, which can threaten eyesight. A trip to the vets is a must so that the grass seeds can be removed- sometimes sedation may be required due to the discomfort.

Grass seeds also often work their way into the skin, especially between the toes. As the seed becomes trapped, it can cause the body to react to it as a foreign object, leading to a small abscess. Many of these seeds need to be removed under general anaesthesia.

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Watch out for snakes!

Australia has many species of snakes- but did you know that Sale is home to 3 of the most deadly and potent venomous snakes in the world?! Do you know where the snakes are? Be particularly careful around waterways, and in long grass.

The 3 most common snakes in this area are:

- Common Brown Snake
- Red bellied Black Snake
- Tiger Snake

What does snake venom do?

The venoms of Australian snakes are a complex mix of powerful toxins. The main toxins cause

Paralysis

Coagulopathy (bleeding)

Rhabdomyolysis (damage and breakdown of muscle)

Haemolysis (rupture of the red blood cells)

If snake bite isn't treated animals will die from the muscle paralysis because of respiratory failure (the breathing muscles stop working). Bleeding and kidney failure can also cause death. Occasionally a dog will drop dead instantly due to an allergic reaction to the venom.

How can we tell if an animal has been bitten?

Can we see where a snake bites an animal?- usually not! The fangs of most Australian snakes function like hypodermic needles, barely leaving a mark. The fur also makes it difficult to see a tiny mark.

Instead we rely on the characteristic clinical signs. Your pet may show symptoms such as difficulty walking, vomiting, dilated pupils and difficulty breathing.

We may also do blood tests.

Can you treat snakebite?

If your pet is exposed to a snake, or you think it has been bitten, it is vital that you call the vet immediately. Often the snake will have failed to bite successfully but the early signs are difficult to spot and by the time your pet has trouble breathing it is usually too late. Any pet that is exposed to a snake should be taken to your vet so they can be observed for signs. Antivenom can be administered if required.

A Word From Our Sponsors

BLACKDOG WEAR

Looking for that addition to help boost the effectiveness of your training? Look no further than Blackdog wear!

Blackdog wear



The club provides a range of Black Dog products to assist with training. When purchasing through the club you receive the items at a better price than purchasing direct, as well as the club receiving some funds.

Black Dog Wear design and make equipment for Positive Reward Training and go to great lengths to ensure that everything is heavily tested, under all sorts of conditions, by dogs and trainers, before anything goes on sale.

Quality Guarantee is simple - they'll replace a Black Dog product if any of the workmanship or components fail within the first 6 months of normal use. Black Dog Wear don't consider an item which has been chewed as a guarantee issue, chewing is a training issue and not something Black Dog has any control over.



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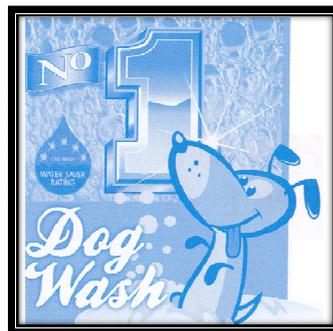


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A Word From Our Sponsors

MANNIX AND TAYLOR VETERINARY SERVICE

**** Updated ****



NEW VETERINARY SERVICE IN SALE (5143 0577 / 0429 735 353)

Mason House has had a 4 legged transformation.

Driving along Reeve St you've probably noticed a dramatic change in the Mason House building on the corner near the Safeway petrol station. Mason House was previously a human medical practice and it is now the permanent home base of THE VETS.



The Mason House Surgery has certainly undergone an amazing transformation in its upgrading to meet the standards of our 4 legged friends! This starts with the fantastic parking, so that it is safe to hop out of the car and get to the front door. As you walk in you may notice the solar panels on the roof. This is only a fraction of the panels which are also hidden in the central roof area.

Once inside there is a pleasantly clean and fresh, relaxing light filled waiting area. You may notice there is very little odour. Some of those solar panels are driving a ventilation system that causes an air change every 60 minutes. Making for a more pleasant environment for you and your pet, and better disease control.

There are 2 spacious, pet friendly consulting rooms with seating to create a private area for visiting ill patients that have been hospitalised, and another family friendly room with toys to entertain the 2 legged children. These consult rooms are computerised and also feature large screen LCD tvs so that you can see what the vet sees when they look down your pets ear.

There is a well equipped sterile surgical facility including state of the art anaesthetics, monitoring equipment, intravenous fluid therapy, hospitalisation facilities, digital x-ray, dentistry and ultrasound. The little things that mean better care for your pet have not been overlooked. The surgery has a large glass wall so that post-operative patients can be constantly monitored, not left unobserved in a closed off kennel area.

The mobile VET VAN has been up and running, for several months now. The Vet-Van which is on the road doing house calls caters for vaccinations, sick pet checks, routine worming and flea treatments and also has a pharmacy on board. This service will continue to operate alongside the Mason House Surgery in order to offer local residents a fully integrated, complete veterinary service.

THE VETS is an independent, locally owned veterinary service, operated by Dr Jeremy Mannix and Dr Rachel Taylor. They offer great personalised, professional service and are not part of an impersonal chain. You will see the same vets and nurses every time. They also have state-of-the-art treatment, but that doesn't mean they are more expensive. Many of the features of the clinic weren't all that more expensive to include, but just required a bit of extra care and thought to incorporate. The prices are in line with other 'average-priced vets'. THE VETS operate efficiently and pass on those savings to their clients.



THANK YOU

Thank to all our contributors to this months newsletter, your effort in pulling together the articles has been very much appreciated. If you have any comments, suggestions, articles you would like me to include in the next edition, please email Nicole Jenkins at: jenkinini@gmail.com

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