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FROM THE EDITOR

Merry Christmas

Wow, what a wonderful year we have had at E.G.D.O.C. Inc.

I am very sure we are all proud of our 4 legged friends, and glad to see how far we all have come.

This is the last newsletter of this year, so I can say this has been a very rewarding year.

So we wish you all a safe and very Merry Christmas, and a Wonderful New Year.

So what's on?

December 9th – Break-up Fun Day. Bring your dogs, and be prepared to have Fun, Fun, FUN!

Next year classes will start the first Sunday of February 2019.

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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

DECEMBER 2018 – FRANK VANATTA

As 2018 all too quickly nears its end, it is a good time to slow down and reflect on the events of the past year.

The club has continued to attract new members in our Beginners' classes with several people continuing on to the upper grades and even going on to enter trials with their four legged companions. Many favourable comments have been made concerning the "sea of red" at local trials

Quite a few of our members continue to enter trials, with many passes and titles being gained. Several people are closing in on their CCD titles, and should gain them next year. There have been successes in the Agility rings. Rally continues to be strong, with people gaining passes and titles in most levels. We even had our first dog gain that elusive Rally Champion title with another one making steady progress in being able to add that prefix to their name.

This year has seen a dedicated group heading off to Tracking Trials and being very successful in gaining titles. One dog has even gained its Tracking Champion title.

The Therapy Dogs group has been very active this year, with numbers growing and demand for their visits increasing. We have had 11 dogs obtain the Club's Therapy Dog certificate. The group has gained recognition from hospitals, the Shire and the Bendigo Bank.

The new Committee has seamlessly continued the work of the previous team with everyone pitching in to spread the load of running the club for the benefit of its members. All in all, it has been a very good year.

I will leave you with the wish that you get past the commercial hustle and bustle of this time of year and let the warmth of the yuletide season wash over you. May you and yours have a Merry Christmas, in whatever way you choose to celebrate it, and may 2019 be kind to you and your furry friends.

Now, where did that turkey go.....?



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 Kingshot - 2000 Alicia Larsen - 2011 Lynne Rapson
2011 Kathy Vernon - 2011 Peter McMaster - 2001 Willy Lucas
2000 Fiona Gilbert - 2011 Beryl Walden - 2012 Sue Bryant
2012 Natalie Brown (Evans) - 2012 Frank Vanatta - 2018 Pam Darby
2018 Vickie Green**

ON OFFER

Here at East Gippsland Dog Obedience Club Inc, we have a range of activities on offer.

Obedience – we cover obedience, from basic, (to those who just want a well-trained pet). To extensive, (those who are interested in trialling, or in other words competitions. If you're interested in competing, please talk to your instructor.

Rally – is a form of obedience, with different rules and regulations. Same as above, if interested in Rally, please see your instructor.

Agility – is a fast-paced sport that requires a different form of training. Any interest, please see instructor.

Therapy Dogs – This group does fantastic work, within the community. As above please see an instructor for more information.

All these forms of dog sport are a lot of fun, and very rewarding in every way. To see our dogs having fun, to see how they progress from week to week.

To all those competing already, we wish you all the best of luck!

THERAPY DOGS

This year our Therapy Dog group have been doing a great job in the community.

They have visited numerous hospitals, aged/assisted care living and nursing homes.

This year they obtained a grant to help with the expense of traveling to these places, as they bring a smile to the faces of many residents and patients who are in these places of residence. It is a joy to know that the dedicated members who are in this group strive to keep our community happy on their outings.



REMINDERS for 2018 & some House keeping

- * Wear your name tag
- * Sign the attendance book
- * Pick up after your dog
- * Give space to dogs wearing yellow bandanas
- ***** Help out in any way you can by: helping fill water buckets & placing around the club, hang name tag board up, place sign in book on trolley out near name tag board, unlock the toilets & check fridges have stock of drinks.
- 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 and bottles of water in the fridge are \$1 ea. There is a money tin in the fridge. This runs on an honour system.

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO . . .

Spread the word about our Club!

DID YOU KNOW....

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

WHAT YOU MAY NOT KNOW is that it is the club's 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 mainly paid for and provided by the club for public use, with the Council providing rolls as they can. 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



YELLOW BANDANAS AT CLUB

If you see any dogs at club wearing a yellow bandana, please GIVE THIS DOG SPACE.

The dog may be scared or nervous around other dogs and just requires some space so please respect this.

ALSO, before approaching other dogs at club with your dog please ask the owner if it is ok to approach.

IF a dog is tied up to a fence without the owner near please keep clear of the dog.

ALWAYS watch what your dog is doing at club, although club is a great place to stop and chat keep an eye on your dog at all times (this cannot be expressed enough).



BREAK – UP FUN DAY

We are holding our break up fun day on the 9th December 2018. There will be no classes.

Please come ready to have some fun with your 4 legged friends.

- Christmas Inspired Fun & Games
- Prizes for Best Dressed Dogs &/or Owners
- Club awards will be presented
- BBQ Lunch provided by the club
- Raffle to be drawn
- PLEASE bring a plate to share



CLUB CHRISTMAS BREAK UP
SUNDAY 9th DECEMBER
Fun start at 9:30am
with Best Dressed to be judged at 9:45am

Two Life Memberships

A big congratulations to Vickie Green and Pamela Darby on being nominated and receiving the Prestigious award of life membership.

These two lovely ladies do a lot of work around the club, and I myself am quite proud of what they do for our club.

So, on behalf of all members at E.G.D.O.C Inc, well deserved and congratulations.



TRIAL WEEKEND

November 10th – 11th

Over this weekend there was a buzz around the club, even though we as a club did not hold a trial.

Bairnsdale held their 2nd Obedience and Rally Trial of the year on the 10th, and Morwell held their Obedience, Rally, Jumping and Agility trial on the 11th.

We had numerous members entered in these trials, and had some great results. We as a club would like to congratulate those members who competed at these trials on a job well done!

CONGRATULATIONS (TEAM VANATTA)

November saw the Vanatta dogs gain passes to finish up a couple of titles.

Decoy, and handler Janice Vanatta, gained their fifth pass in Excellent Rally to give them their Rally Excellent Title. They also competed in Agility and Jumping at Morwell, and managed an Excellent Jumping pass.

Snickers, and handler Frank Vanatta, gained their last of 10 passes required to gain their Rally Obedience Champion Title. Snickers has titles in the disciplines of Obedience, Agility, Jumping, Games, Endurance, and Rally. Gaining their Championship was the icing on the cake for this wonderful girl and her handler. They are the first members of the club to receive this prestigious award.



CONGRATULATIONS

(TEAM CORNWELL)

Jenuin Ralph, with Handler Lucienne Cornwell. Trialled over the weekend.

They achieved their Rally Novice Title, and a third place.

Lu has worked hard for this achievement, and we congratulate her on this. Great work, you have come far. Keep going!



CONGRATULATIONS

(TEAM DARBY)

Pamela Darby and Nora had fun in the ring as usual. It's amazing how these two work and connect.

Together they received a 3rd place with 79 points NQ. They also were the Highest Scoring E.G.D.O.C. member at their trial.

Keep up the fantastic work!

Sorry missing photo, it didn't get sent in.

CONGRATULATIONS

(TEAM BROWN)

The golden girls Luna and Elsa, together with their handler, had a great weekend. Luna – first rally obedience trial at Bairnsdale. They received a score of 95/100 in the AM trial and a 2nd place, and then 82/100 in the afternoon.

Elsa – entered CCD at Morwell, no pass, however a lovely stand for exam and recall. They also entered their 3rd ever novice jumping trial. Got over the first jump which is an improvement from Sale. Elsa tried so hard, just let down a bit by my handling.

Minnie – attended both days, and got lots of cuddles.

Great weekend all round.



CONGRATULATIONS

(TEAM MCKINLEY)

Zulli, and handler Karla McKinley. CCD was a disaster, so forget that, no passes or anything near a decent score.

Rally we progressed with each event. First a fail with 71/100, then just scraped a pass in the arvo with 75/100 (Judge Maribeth being kind?)

The next day improved a fraction with a 78/100 and lastly whack-oh not spectacular, but a vast improvement of 89/100. They got the 3 passes to gain their Rally Novice Title. They also placed 3rd for that effort and received a ribbon.



CONGRATULATIONS

(TEAM REASON)

Nessie, and handler Steve Reason, ended the year on a high note.

At the Gippsland Obedience Dog Club in Morwell with a second CCD trial pass, and as an extra bonus received a second place and another E.G.D.O.C Highest scoring member in CCD ribbon. (Funny enough though the exact same result as the previous CCD pass - (second place at Morwell, second place and highest score of E.G.D.O.C.



CONGRATULATIONS

(TEAM REASON)

After about half a dozen attempts – Winnie, and handler Catherine have managed to gain their third pass to subsequently gain their Rally Novice Title at Bairnsdale.

(Exactly the same location, and a year after Nessie gained her title) – so a big congratulations goes to both Catherine and soon to be Once paperwork is done and approved) Kimbush Milady De Winter RN.



KIDNEY DISEASE IS A LEADING CAUSE OF DEATHS IN DOGS AND CATS

Did you know?

1 in 3 cats and 1 in 10 dogs will develop chronic kidney disease!

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