



## Coming Events

### Sunday 9 March 2014

Although this is the long weekend, classes will still run—as they do every weekend from February to December except Easter Sunday and weekends when trials are on.

See page 9 for class times.

**PLEASE NOTE**—In March and April 2014 puppy classes will start on the **SECOND** Tuesday of the month.

**Articles for April Newsletter due by Friday 21 March 2014.**

Please see bottom of p2 for how to contact the editor—Anna Larkin.

## Disclaimer

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**Let's make 2014  
our best year ever!**

**It's easy to make friends at East Gippsland Dog Obedience Club**

**Our Club is a great way to enjoy time with your dog and learn skills that will help both of you have a happier life together.**



**Every member can help the Club to run well by putting in a little time.**

**On page 4 Natalie has provided a list of jobs you can do if you arrive early.**

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## ALWAYS REMEMBER TO . . .

-  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
- Spread the word about our Club!

We welcome new members on the first Sunday of each month.





## Did you know?

The next Committee Meetings is at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th March 2014 at the Sale Bowls Club.

A table or two are always booked for 6pm for those that would like a meal at the bowling club ahead of the meeting. Please talk to Frank Vanatta in advance of the meeting if you wish to attend for dinner.

All members are always welcome at Committee meetings and encouraged to participate to have a say in the running of the Club.

A big thank you to all



our club members who give up a little of their time to be part of the EGD OC Committee and contribute greatly to the successful running of the Club.

## EGDOC Committee Positions

**President:** Peter McMaster

**Vice President:** Natalie Evans

**Secretary:** Nicole Jenkins

**Treasurer:** Nicole Newman

**Committee Members:** Janice Vanatta, Pat Brewer, Frank Vanatta, Mavis Weymouth, Beryl Walden, Casey Stagg, Ana Butcher, Tee Watt, Kathryn Trad, Janet Leemon, Leah Hepworth, Vickie Green

**Club Room Supplies:** Ana Butcher

**Equipment Sales:** Natalie Evans- Equipment Officer, plus Nicole Newman, Pat Brewer, Beryl Walden, Janice Vanatta and Peter McMaster

**Instructors:** Pat Brewer, Sue Bryant, Anan Butcher, Laura Duck, Vickie Green, Sherran Howlett, Peter McMaster, Lynne Rapson, Melissa Tatterson, Frank Vanatta, Janice Vanatta, Kathy Vernon, Beryl Walden, Mavis Weymouth, Leah Hepworth, Natalie Evans, Sarah Vranek0

**Instructors in Training:** Tee Watt, Janet Leemon, Kathryn Tradd

**Librarian:** Anna Larkin

**Membership Officer:** Natalie Evans

**Newsletter Editor:** Anna Larkin

**Public Officer:** Nicole Jenkins

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

**Therapy Dogs:** Mavis Weymouth

**Raffles/Fundraising:** Beryl Walden

**Club Awards:** Leah Hepworth

### Sub Committee Coordinators

**Agility:** Melissa Tatterson (liaison officer)

**Catering at trials:** Looking for volunteers to assist at each trial

**Obedience:** Janice Vanatta

**Webmaster:** Phil Miller

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## 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

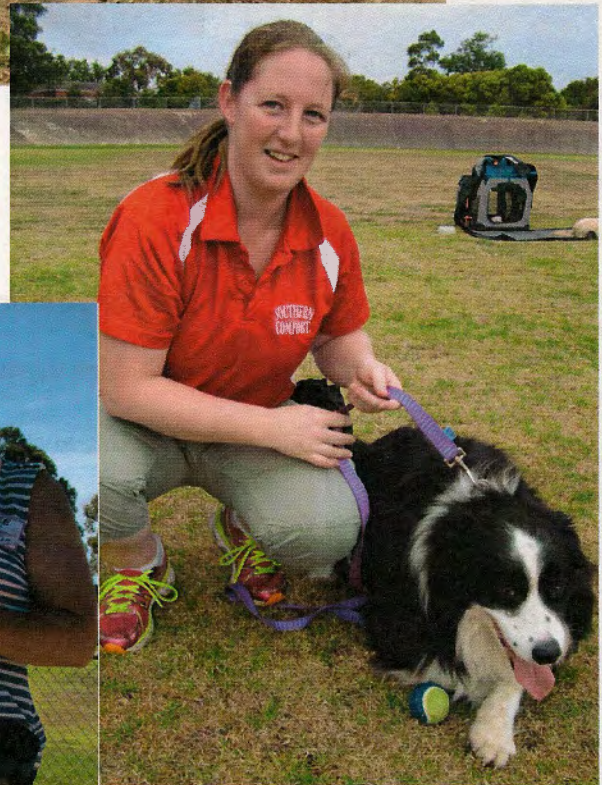


## EGDOC Events

A normal  
training day  
at EGDOC

## EGDOC Training Pics

It's easy to make new friends at East Gippsland Dog Obedience Club....



...or just spend some time with your best friend!

# Simple things you can do around *YOUR* club to help out!

## First thing on a Sunday morning

### Setting up

- Hang name tag board outside (Located in the new shed)
- Put Sign in book & table outside (Located in the office area)



### In the toilets

- Unlock Ladies' & Men's Toilets
- Unlock storage cupboard - Ladies' toilets to access supplies
- Put toilet paper in cubicles
- Put hand wash/soap & paper towel near sink
- Take Wheelie Bin out of ladies' toilets & place near council poo bin

### Water for the dogs

- Tap & hose located inside office roller door
- Fill **GREEN** buckets marked dogs' water only
- Fill small double stainless steel drinking bowl
- Put filled buckets around clubrooms
- Ensure tap is turned off after use



### In the kitchen...

- Turn On Water – tap located under sink in kitchen area
- Turn On Hot Water Service - power point marked 'H' above kitchen sink area
- Fill the urn and turn on

A Word From  
Our Sponsors

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VETERINARY  
CENTRE  
Dr Steve  
Dr Ruben

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**ARK VET**



Business hours:  
**8.30am - 5.30pm**  
**Monday - Friday**

PLEASE PHONE  
FOR AN APPOINTMENT  
**5143 3118**

**Companion Animal  
Veterinary Centre**

320A York Street, Sale  
(opposite the car and boat wash)

**Dr Steve  
Postlethwaite**

B.V.Sc.(Hons), Cert.(IVAS)

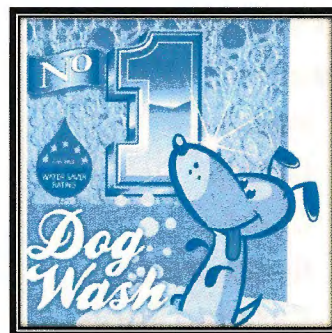


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**SALE DOG  
WASH**



**Sale Car & Boat Wash**

**Incorporating #1 Dog Wash - The Number 1 Dog wash**

(Sale Car & Boat Wash) is one of the proud sponsors of the EGDOC so why not show them we appreciated their sponsorship!

321-325 York Street, Sale

**\$10 for 10 minutes**

## The Vets

Dr Jeremy  
Dr Rachael



# THE VETS

Ph: 5143 0577

Emergency: 0429 796 353 (after hours)

Dr Jeremy Mannix  
Dr Rachael Taylor

Address:  
36 Cunninghame St  
Sale VIC 3850

(on the corner across from the  
Safeway Petrol Station)



## Handy Bins

### HANDY BINS

5144 6111  
6 Wade Court, Sale

#### 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



**WEEKEND, SHORT TERM & LONG TERM**

## Club Activities

Obedience

Rally-Obedience

Agility

Therapy Dogs

Endurance

Trials

Plus social opportunities for you and your dog

## Puppy Pre-school

A safe, clean environment for puppies between 8-14 weeks to socialise and for owners to learn basic puppy handling skills. Only initial vaccination required. Classes are held on Tuesday evenings as required. Please contact Janice on 5143 3345 for more details or to register your interest.

**PLEASE NOTE—In March and April 2014**

puppy classes will start on the **SECOND** Tuesday of the month

## Obedience

Beginners obedience starts on the first Sunday of each month and is an 8 week class to help socialise you and your dog and provide basic skills in dog handling using positive reinforcement methods. The aim is to have a dog who is bonded with his owner, well-socialised with other people and dogs, attentive and able to respond to basic obedience commands such as Come, Sit and Stay in a distracting environment.

Grade One obedience builds on socialisation, the dog's ability to focus and increasing the duration of stands, sits and stays.

Grade Two obedience is for those who would like to continue their training and socialising and for those members who are interested in entering Obedience Trials.



## Rally-Obedience

Rally-O is a fun new sport for those who have medium obedience handling skills.

The main objective of Rally Obedience is to provide a fast-moving and motivational sport for both handler and dog that demonstrates a handler and dog's competency on basic obedience exercises without requiring exact precision for success. Dogs in rally Obedience events should show willingness and enjoyment. To that end, handlers may use praise, encouragement and patting throughout the Rally Obedience course.

Rally Obedience courses are set up with flowing numbered routes that are timed. However, timing only comes into play if there is a tie in scores.

Some examples of Novice Rally Obedience signs are 'Right Turn', 'Slow Pace' and '360 Right'.

## Agility

Agility is an active sport. Courses are set up with jumps, tunnels, bridges, weave poles and other items and dogs with their owners are timed as they go through the course. Dogs and owners need to be fit and active.



Our Club has established a Foundations of Agility course to teach basic animal and equipment handling skills to those who have completed Beginners and Grade One Obedience and are interested in moving to Agility.

There is a waiting list for the Foundations of Agility class. Please speak to Pat Brewer or one of the instructors if you are interested in going on the waiting list.

## Therapy Dogs

Some of our members regularly attend local hospitals and nursing homes to give the people there the opportunity to have healing animal contact.

## Endurance

The Endurance Trial is a one-off event held in Winter to demonstrate the a dog's stamina and willingness to work with his owner.



## Trials

Obedience, Agility, Endurance and Rally-O trials are held for those who like to compete in their chosen sport.

## Club Activities



Come rain  
or shine

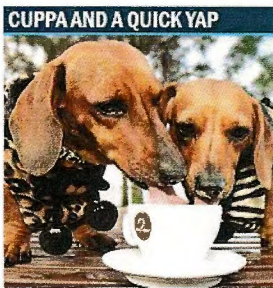
## Classes are held at

### The Velodrome in Inglis St Sale on Sunday mornings

Every Sunday morning rain or shine from February to December except Easter Sundays and weekends when a club trial is being run.

- **8:00am** - Agility members set equipment and get started—only experienced agility members can work on the equipment at this time
- **8.30am**—Club members start to arrive and set up—helpers always appreciated  
Beginner obedience please arrive before 9.00am. Please bring a flat collar and leash—no choker chains thank you.
- **9:15am sharp**—Beginners, Grade One & Grade Two Obedience classes start
- **10:15am**—Foundations of Agility class for those selected from the waiting list and Beginner Agility
- **10:30am**—Grade Three Obedience and/or Advanced Rally-Obedience

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



All members are welcome to stay back for a cuppa and a chat after their class. There is free tea or coffee and biscuits plus soft drinks and water available in the clubroom kitchen fridge for \$1.

You can take your dog with you when you get a drink and a biscuit.

**Please do not tie your dog to the verandah posts.**

You are welcome to have your dogs with you while you sit under the shade of the verandah top have a cuppa and chat.



*Check out our 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
- Videos and photos
- Club news
- Books, info, web links
- Contact details
- Map of where the club is
- Copies of the newsletter



**Copies of the EGDOC Newsletter are available at the Club  
on Sunday mornings and online**