



Coming Events

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

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

- **Sunday 5 July**
Endurance Test

CLASS TIMES

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ANNUAL

GENERAL

MEETING

Sunday 24th May
2015

TO BE HELD AT
10:00am

(between classes)

Please stay around or come
early so you can have input
into YOUR club!

HELPERS NEEDED

For Sunday 7th June Obedience/Rally Obedience Trial

Janice is looking for volunteers to help with the following

- Set up of rings 8am

- People to serve in the canteen

- *** Donations of cakes & slices are also wanted

IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE SEE JANICE OR

YOUR INSTRUCTOR

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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



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

Committee Meeting
Thursday
14th May
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

May Mini Trial

On **Saturday 16 May**, EGDOC will run a Mini-trial for agility and jumping of one ring only.

This is a great opportunity for Club members new and old to see training in action and to enjoy watching dogs having fun with their handlers.

7:30am set-up— all help appreciated
Agility - Judging to commence 9.30am.

Open/Excellent/Master/Novice

Jumping - Judging to commence not before 1.00pm.

Open/Excellent/Master/Novice



June Long Weekend - Obedience and Rally Obedience Trial

On the long weekend in June the Club will be running a full Obedience and Rally Obedience Trial.

Held on Sunday 7 June, this will be a fantastic event bringing competitors from all over Gippsland and Melbourne and giving our members a chance to test their skills.



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.

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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.**

TITLES:

An explanation of titles



Janice & Cedar Vanatta whom regularly enjoy competing in Obedience trials

Have you been into the club rooms and ever seen those big wooden boards on the walls and ever wonder what all the letters after the dogs names are? Well you better keep reading.

When you get to a stage of competing with your dog you can gain ‘Titles’

Please find on the following pages explanations of titles you can gain and what your dog needs to be able to do for you to compete in **OBEDIENCE**. (Information taken from the Dogs Victoria Website)

PURE FUN, PURE SPORT, PURE OBEDIENCE

Why Obedience?

- Dogs have many career opportunities open to them such as:
- showing, hunting, searching, rescuing, detecting, protecting, earth-dogging, pulling, guiding, assisting, tracking, herding, plus many other activities for which they were developed
- they can be seen trialling in obedience, agility, endurance and many other activities and competitions
- above all, most dogs are loving and loved companions
- many are multiskilled and can be seen doing one or several of the above in their busy lives
- but the most important thing to remember is that any of these activities demands an obedient dog ***because a dog which pleases itself and not its person is not much use at all***

Obedience Trialling

Trials are held all over Victoria during most of the year. To compete you need a trained dog that is registered with a controlling body – in Victoria it is DOGS Victoria - and you must be a member too. Any dog can trial regardless of its parents, purebred or not. Dogs without registration papers trial as associates and everyone competes together.

All the exercises are based on useful things dogs can do for us and which make for a better companion.

There are five levels of obedience in Australia, they become progressively more challenging, the dog has to attain one title at a time working up a ladder. A title is completed when the dog has three passes at that level. Most levels require a pass of 175 points or more out of 200, and the dog must pass every exercise within the test. The exception is the entry class of Community Companion Dog which requires 85 points out of 100 on offer.

CCD - Community Companion Dog

In this class:

1. the dog and handler work together as a team to perform a heel on lead exercise, including sits, stands and downs as the judge calls them
2. next is stand for examination where the dog stands quietly on lead whilst the judge comes up and strokes the back and head
3. finally the dog is left sitting whilst the handler walks away 10 meters then turns and recalls the dog, which should come straight in and sit in front, the handler returns around it and releases, usually with much praise for a job well done
4. when all dogs in the class have had their turn, they all come together to do a one minute sit stay and a two minute down stay, all off lead in a row with the handlers standing six metres away.



**Julie & Cash Lovell
competing in CCD.
Doing on lead
healing**

CD - Companion Dog

Things get a little harder here:

1. the heeling exercise is off lead so it requires a lot more input and concentration from the dog to stay next to the handler
2. the stand for examination is also off lead with the handler standing two metres away
3. the recall is a bit longer at 12 metres and after the dog comes in and sits, it must go around the handler and sit at heel on the left side.
4. the last exercise has a handler's choice between retrieving a dumbbell over four metres *or* the dog doing a change of position where it is left in a stand and, with the handler three metres in front, goes into the down on command and stays there whilst the handler returns around it.
5. the stay exercises are harder too, the sit for a minute and the down for three minutes and the handlers are all 12 metres away.



**Cash Lovell competing in CD.
Doing off lead healing**

CDX - Companion Dog Excellent

Most dogs love this, because it is fun, but the standard of the work is expected to be higher:

1. the heeling is off lead and more demanding
2. the stand for examination has the handler five metres away and the judge touches all of the dog, except its mouth and tail
3. the recall has a drop somewhere in the middle of it, when the judge says, and must stay there until called in
4. the dog retrieves a dumbbell thrown at least six metres, sits in front, lets the handler take it, and returns to the handlers left side again
5. the other retrieve is over a solid jump set at the height of the dog measured at the shoulders
6. next comes a handler's choice between jumping over a broad jump and returning to the handler *or* a change of position where the dog is left in a stand and does a down and sit on the spot then recalls to the handler
7. the stays have the handlers all leaving the ring and hiding nearby whilst the dogs do a three minute sit and a five minute down

UD - Utility Dog

This gets really hard because the dog has to go away from the handler and do things which are really quite complicated, although it looks easy watching an experienced dog doing it.

1. first is the seek back, where the dog and handler heel around the ring to make a track and somewhere along the track an article of the handler's is placed, then the dog has to go and find this and bring it back and present it to the handler
2. most dogs love directed jumping where they run out 25 metres and sit in a square frame, then return to the handler over a bar jump or a solid jump on either side of the ring, whichever the handler points to
3. the dog performs scent discrimination, either on a canvas mat or on the grass, there are 12 metal, wood and leather articles put out by the judge or steward, and the dog is sent to the articles to retrieve a similar article which the handler has touched, this is done three times, once for each sort of article
4. the heeling is harder because the handler is not allowed to speak, it is all done by signals, and at the end the dog is left in the stand, the handler signals it to down, sit, recall and finish
5. a choice of three things, the dog can speak on command where it barks in the sit, stand and drop, *or* it can do food refusal where it refuses offered food in the sit, stand and drop *or* it may do directed retrieve where it retrieves the correct glove out of three placed six metres apart
6. the stand for examination is done as a group exercise
7. the only stay exercise is a seven minute down with the handlers hiding somewhere

UDX - Utility Dog Excellent

This is a rather new title in Australia. It is very difficult but many handlers and dogs are enjoying the challenge of something new. There is no jumping, so it suits our older dogs

1. the seek back is as in utility but there is a decoy article scented by someone else which the dog must not retrieve
2. a heeling pattern, positions in motion, in which signals or voice may be used, and three times the dog is left in a sit, a stand or a drop whilst the handler walks forward five metres, returns three metres past the dog and returns, collecting the dog on the way
3. the scent discrimination is finding a cloth article scented by the judge from amongst unscented ones
4. a two part exercise, directed send away and recall in which the dog goes out 25 metres and sits in a square marked by four cones, the handler walks towards the dog and, when instructed, turns and calls the dog to heel, does a right or left turn then a halt, with the dog at heel by this time
5. the dog is left in a stand and changes position six times as the judge instructs, including sits, stands and downs, all on the spot, this is called distance control
6. the dog retrieves three articles which it cannot see, following the handler's direction signal
7. the last exercise is a temperament test which is a group stand for examination



All these obedience titles are shown after the dog's name and in fact becomes part of the registered name. There is one exception – obedience champion - this title is shown before the name as OC or O Ch, depending when the title was achieved. An obedience champion has gained his/her UD title, after which it has achieved a further five passes of 185/200 points or more in the utility class.



Check out the clubs website!

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

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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".

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- Dog and cat doors
- Coats and apparel



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.

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WEEKEND, SHORT TERM & LONG TERM

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.



EGDOC SUNDAY CLASS TIMES – from 1st February 2015

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