



SCRATCH n SNIFF

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LIFE MEMBERS: 1984 Val Karpys – 1987 Mike White, Karen White – 1989 Janice Vanatta,
Mavis Weymouth – 1990 Rob Williams, Carol Williams – 1994 Rex White, Jo Morgan - 1998
Joan Kingshot

2000 Alicia Larsen, Fiona Gilbert – 2001 Willy Lucas - 2011 Lynne Rapson, Kathy Vernon, Peter McMaster,
Beryl Walden – 2012 Sue Bryant, Natalie Brown, Frank Vanatta – 2018 Pam Darby, Vickie Green,
2022 Faye Jondahl, Emily Hunt, Gail Lopez, Peter Lopez

2024 AGM - DONE AND DUSTED

Please check-out your new Executive, Committee and other Position Holders below.

These people along with your Instructors, are the people who make your Club possible.

EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT – Frank Vanatta

VICE PRESIDENT – Vickie Green

SECRETARY – Lu Cornwell

TREASURER – Amanda Bates (Public Officer)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Janice Vanatta	Jane Anderson	Gail Lopez
Pam Darby	Faye Jondahl	Peter Lopez
Ann Fuggatt	Steve Reason	Karla McKinlay

OTHER POSITIONS

Assistant Secretary	Ann Fuggatt
Trials Secretary	Sue Bryant
Membership Officer	Miriam Smith (ass. Faye Jondahl, Janice Vanatta)
Intake Coordinator	Janice Vanatta
Newsletter	Chris Josephs
Clubroom Supplies	Ana Butcher
Equipment Officer	Steve Reason (Sales – Janice Vanatta, Vickie Green)
Fundraising	Pam Darby
Misc. Maintenance	Peter Lopez
Club Awards	Frank Vanatta
Webmaster	Phil Miller
Publicity	As required
Uniforms contact	Vickie Green
Therapy Dogs Finance	Vickie Green, Pam Darby
Uniform Contact	Vickie Green
Grievance Officer	Meg Ryan

EGDOC at Stratford Agility Trial – 27,28th April

Sandi McCann and Schorch, Karla McKinlay and Zac,
Jane Anderson and Gretel, Sue Bryant and Sylvie



ZAC



SCHORCH



BUZZ

Four EGDOC handlers with five dogs entered the Stratford Trial.

Schorch and Sandi obtained two passes in Excellent Jumping with one Second Place and one third place plus a 2nd place in novice agility but no pass.

Sue and Sylvie obtained their first pass in Novice Agility with a second place and two passes in Excellent Jumping, with a first place and a third place

Karla and Zac obtained one pass in Novice Jumping and a second place. This was Zac's first run in any trial. No more passes but he gained a first and a second in novice jumping and fourth in novice agility with points lost but no pass

Sue and Buzz and **Jane and Gretel** had a lot of fun but no qualifying scores.

We look forward to seeing the progress of these Agility members as well as a few others, at our own Agility Trial in October.

Sunday 9th June – EGDOC Inc.

Obedience & Rally Trial

There will be no Club training on this day so you will be free to **come along** to see what Trialling is all about.

Better still, you could **help out** with catering, stewarding, setting up or tidying up – just ask an Instructor or a Committee member and they will point you in the right direction.

ps. please do not bring your dog unless you are competing.

The East Gippsland Dog Obedience Club Inc would like to welcome into our family a new 'Proud Supporter'.



Kwik Tip Bins is a locally owned and operated business providing waste management and recycling services.

Located at 1 Wellington Park Way Sale Vic 3850 - (03) 5144 3900

ADVERTISING COST SCHEDULE

Newsletter advertising - A4 Colour Page - 12 months

Full page \$100

Half Page \$50

Quarter Page \$25

Includes:

- Added to the 'Links Section' on the club's website.

- Post on club's Facebook page with advert from newsletter.

The advertisement is set against a dark background with a faint image of a dog. It features the logo for "PRO ACCELL ANIMAL THERAPY" at the top, with "PRO" in a white circle and "ACCELL" in large white letters, and "ANIMAL THERAPY" in smaller red letters below. Below the logo is the handwritten-style text "Proudly supporting local Clubs!". The main text reads "THE BENEFITS ARE ENDLESS AND REPEATABLE" in green and red. A list of seven benefits follows, each preceded by a green checkmark: "Improves blood circulation", "Improves lymphatic drainage", "Increases flexibility", "Reduce recovery times", "Relax muscles", "Competition warm-up", and "Injury prevention & support". At the bottom, it says "CONTACT CHRISTINE MCDONALD on 0407 526 993 for more info!" in white and green text.

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BARKING AT THE NEIGHBOURS?

CHEWING THE FURNITURE?

PULLING ON THE LEAD?



HOW CAN YOU GET YOUR DOG'S ATTENTION

WITHOUT INTIMIDATING OR HURTING THEM?

TRY TEACHING A POSITIVE INTERRUPTOR

A Positive Interruptor is a sound that your dog associates with good outcomes. If you are grumpy or worried, your emotions will come through in your voice so are best. Examples - Kissy sounds, trilling sounds, clicks, 'pup, pup, pups', a boop!, a coo-ee etc.

HOW TO TEACH A POSITIVE INTERRUPTOR

** By creating a positive CER (Conditioned Emotional Response) to your chosen sound.

1. Grab a bunch of your dog's fave treats.
2. Take your dog into a quiet, non-distracting place like your bathroom – put your dog on a leash and close the door.
3. Make your chosen sound, then treat your dog. Repeat 5 - 10 times
 - Do this 3 times or more on day 1.
 - Next day. Repeat, but in another non distracting room.
 - Continue for 3 days – each day in a different place around your house (avoid potentially problem areas for now)
 - Now make some space between you and your dog, before you make your sound. Make your sound and as soon as they turn, or come toward you, MARK (YES, GOOD, CLICK) and treat.
 - Continue, marking and treating in different, safe places, with varying distances, for the rest of the week.

By now your dog will probably be running from the other end of the house when they hear your **PI** sound. Start practicing around very gradually increasingly tempting distractions.

POSITIVE INTERRUPTORS are not a magic bullet.

XX They will not work if your dog is already over threshold (too scared or excited to be able to listen to you)

XX They will not work if you are not there to interrupt the unwanted behaviour.

BUT they are very useful for interrupting unwanted behaviours without resorting to hurting, punishing or yelling at your dog.

Postscript – a caution.

Beware of inadvertently creating a behaviour chain where your dog figures out if they do something naughty - like barking at something outside - you will then use your **PI** to call them away, then you will reward them. If you think this is happening:- After your dog has responded to your **PI**, and before you have treated them, ask for another behaviour that your dog knows well (a sit, a drop, or a spin - or a short series of easy behaviours) Mark and treat this behaviour – this will break up the danger of creating behaviour chains.





Housekeeping

* **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 up name tag board, place sign in book on trolley out near name tag board, unlock the toilets & check fridges have stock of drinks.



- **Tea and Coffee, biscuits AND SOMETIMES CAKE 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 and a chat.**

- **Soft drinks in the fridge are \$2 ea. There is a money tin in the fridge. This runs on an honour system.**

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO. . Spread the word about our Club!



EGDOC Inc. SUNDAY CLASS TIMETABLE - February 2023

8:45 - 9:00am	SETTING UP OF CLUBROOMS & EQUIPMENT				
9:00 - 9:15am	CLUB NEWS & UPDATES TALK - 15 Minutes				
9:15 - 10:00am (45 mins)	OBEDIENCE BEG 1 By Clubrooms	OBEDIENCE BEG 2 By Clubrooms	OBEDIENCE GRADE 1 On Velodrome	OBEDIENCE GRADE 2 On Velodrome	AGILITY On Velodrome
10:00 - 10:15am	BREAK - 15 Minutes				
10:15 - 11:00am (45 mins)	PREPARATION FOR TRIALLING On Velodrome	AGILITY On Velodrome		RALLY On Velodrome	
11:00am	PACKING UP EQUIPMENT				