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THE MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER OF THE
EAST GIPPSLAND
DOG OBEDIENCE
CLUB Inc.



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EGDOC – UPCOMING EVENTS – 2016 / 17

**SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER 2016 – SAUSAGE SIZZLE
FUNDRAISER – IN SUPPORT OF RESCUE
COMPANION DOGS FOR ADF VETERANS LIVING
WITH PTSD**

**SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2016 – LAST EGDOC
TRAINING DAY FOR 2016**

**SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER 2016 – EGDOC CHRISTMAS
BREAK UP FUN DAY – FREE BBQ – ALL ARE
WELCOME**

**SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2017 – FIRST EGDOC
TRAINING DAY FOR 2017**

**SATURDAY 20th MAY 2017 – EGDOC AGILITY AND
JUMPING TRIAL - HELPERS NEEDED - PLEASE**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR ARE ABLE TO
ASSIST IN ANY WAY – PLEASE APPROACH ONE OF
YOUR FRIENDLY INSTRUCTORS**

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A yellow ribbon on the leash or on the dog could mean...

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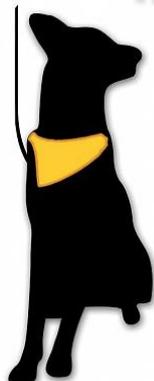
I've just
been adopted



I get
too excited



I'm deaf



I'm recovering
from surgery



I get
grumpy



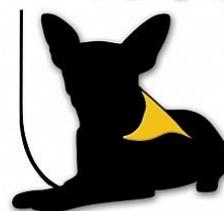
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training



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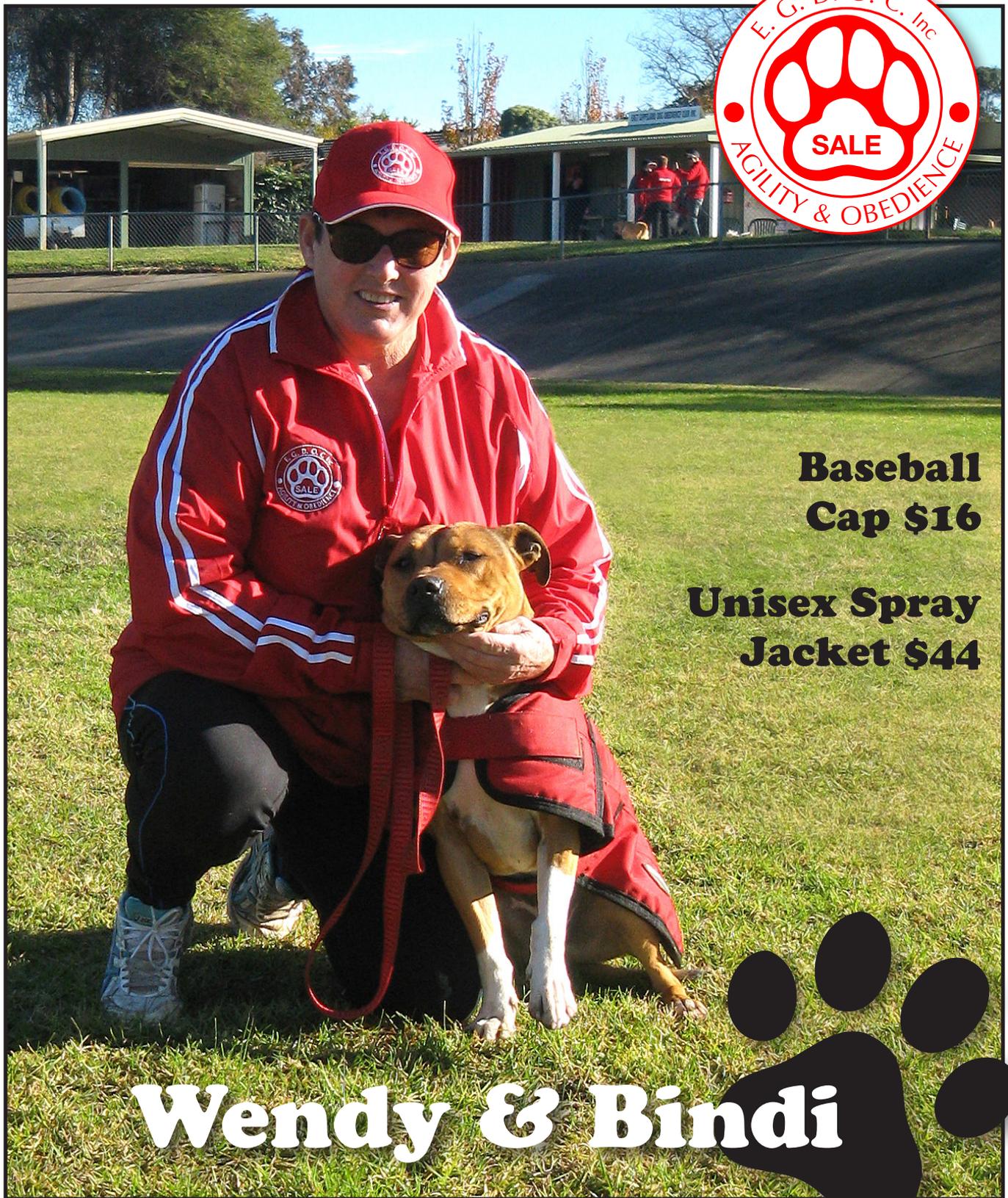
I'm old
and tired



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animalaid

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A fantastic morning was held at EGDOC on Sunday 25th September - topped off with a sausage sizzle in support of Victorian Animal Aid - we are happy to inform all that we ended up collecting a very nice total of \$175.00 from both the Sausage Sizzle and other donations to support to this very worthwhile organisation - a very big thanks to everyone who contributed.



Dog Talks

Saving one dog will not change the world, but surely for that one dog, the world will change forever.

DOG STORIES



Emily Hunt is one of our EGDOC members who was extremely happy to contribute towards the fundraising sausage sizzle held in support of Animal Aid on Sunday 25th September 2016.

Emily adopted her canine companion, Samson, from Animal Aid in Bairnsdale in 2012. He was about 4 months old at the time and was in residence there with his sister Delilah, who was lucky to have been adopted a week before Samson.

Unfortunately Emily does not know Samson's full story from before he was at Animal Aid, all she does know is that he was terrified of cars, something she has worked on for the better with Samson.

Samson was advertised as a Staffy cross although his true breed/mix is not known to this day. Emily says he is very energetic as most dogs are and can tell you exactly what he wants with one look.

After talking to Samson, he agrees that his adoption by Emily is one of the best decisions she has ever made.



A big thankyou to each and every one of you who donated and purchased a cup cake or two or three on RSPCA Cupcake Day - a grand total of \$240.00 was raised for this very worthy cause - the money was sent to the RSPCA on behalf of EGDOC members





Puppy, Sheep and Piggy Cupcakes were the order of the day.

Nessie and Myrtle doing their bit to fly the flag for RSPCA Cupcake Day





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PARALYS TICKS

Paralysis ticks are especially lethal and need proactive and careful treatment.

Paralysis ticks, *Ixodes holocyclus*, are found in bush areas that are inhabited by bandicoots, the ticks' usual host. Ticks commonly reach suburban yards by hitching a ride on native wildlife, or on your pet after a walk in the bush. The parasite bites your dog, burying its head under the skin to feed on blood and inject a neurotoxin. As the poison is absorbed it causes paralysis, as well as affecting the major organs.

Prevention

Preventing tick paralysis is a much safer and cheaper alternative to treating the condition once it has occurred. A range of methods is available to prevent tick infestation, including regular topical application of an appropriate product; use of an oral insecticide; and fitting your dog with a tick collar.

Some sprays and rinses also repel mosquitoes and fleas, but keep in mind that any product you choose needs to be used regularly and thoroughly to maintain their effectiveness.

Oral products similar to the tablets used to treat fleas have the advantage of ensuring that no areas of your dog are missed. As it is ingested and excreted through the dog's skin, you can be assured that there will not be any places where a tick may attach to your dog.

However, care must be taken with these products, as the dosage for tick prevention often differs greatly from the regular dose for flea treatment.

If you live in a tick-prone area, the most effective way to protect your dog from ticks is to use one of the repellent treatments in conjunction with a daily 'tick check'. Have your dog stay still, and run your fingertips firmly across its skin, checking for any small lumps on the surface. Make sure you check those easy-to-miss spots such as between the toes, the ears, under the collar and on the inside leg. Pay particular attention to the head and neck, and remember that a visual check for ticks isn't sufficient – and your dog is sure to enjoy the pat. Even if there are not many ticks around your house, check your dog thoroughly after a walk in the bush or a camping trip.

Recognise the symptoms

Hopefully, your preventative measures ensure you don't get to this point, but it is essential to be able to recognise the symptoms of a tick attack so that you can act quickly.

The paralysis tick causes paralysis in a variety of forms, but a 'typical' case starts with weakness of the hindquarters, progressing to total paralysis of all four legs. Other early symptoms your dog might display include the appearance that it has something stuck in its throat, vomiting or heavy, loud breathing.

If you notice your dog experiencing any of these symptoms it is essential you check for, and remove, any ticks and see your vet immediately. The dog is not likely to survive if the paralysis reaches the muscles of the chest and throat.

Removal

The best way to remove a tick causes great debate. Many veterinarians feel that you should not remove it while it is alive, as this usually causes it to inject more toxin into your dog. Instead, kill it while it is on your pet. You can kill a tick by applying a fast acting insecticide. If you do not have a specific pet insecticide, then a quick knockdown household aerosol insecticide will do the job well.

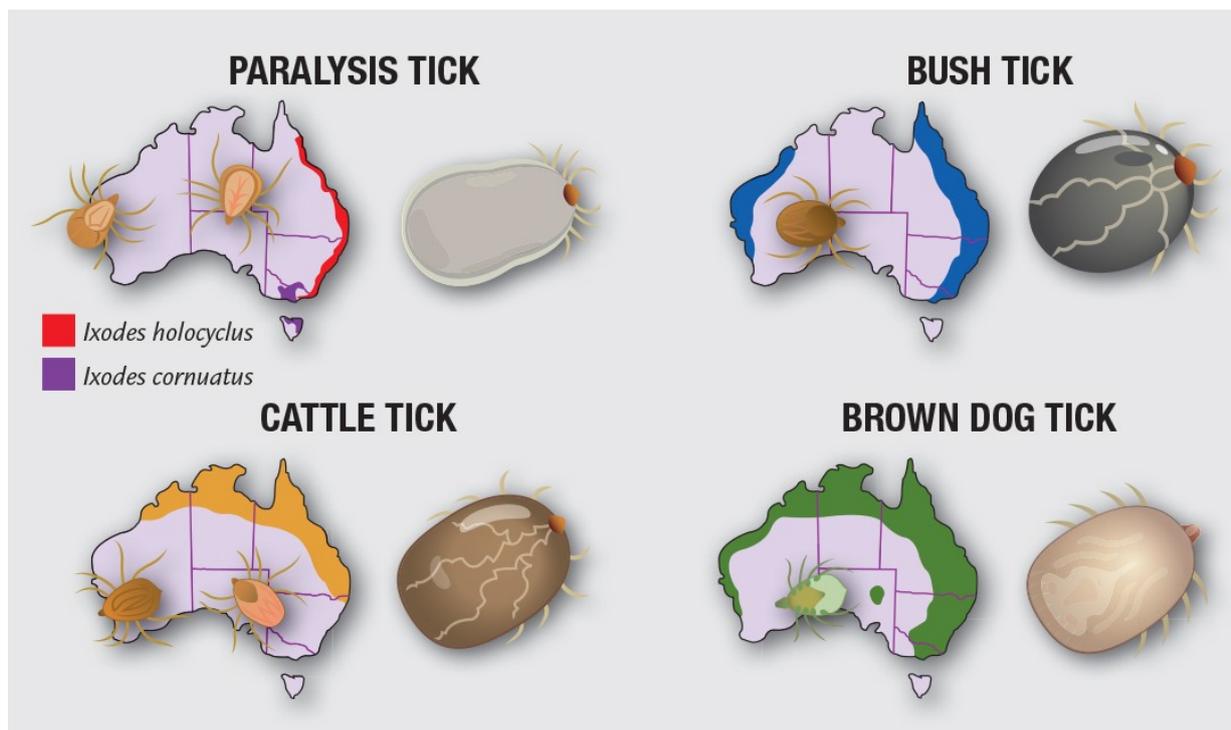
Hold the nozzle close to the tick and drench it, or apply the spray to a cotton bud, and then to the tick, as this will avoid getting too much of the spray onto your dog. The tick will soon die and shrivel up, and may then be removed.

Do you need a vet?

The next step should always be a trip to the vet. Even if the tick has been killed and removed, and your dog is behaving normally, your pet can still become paralysed from residue toxin under the skin. The poison is slowly absorbed and may cause paralysis hours or even a day or two later.

A single paralysis tick that goes unnoticed can mean losing your dog, so see your vet for expert advice before you have to deal with a paralysis tick, rather than later. This will not only help you keep your dog clear of ticks, but will help you be prepared if your dog is attacked.

And as with all safety issues, being prepared is key to the successful treatment of tick bites. It will allow you to stay calm, deal with the situation and hopefully save your dog.



BIG DAY OUT

FOR DOGS

WHEN: Sunday 11 December 2016

TIME: 10.30am-4.00pm

WHERE: State Dog Centre
KCC Park, 655 Westernport
Hwy, Skye

- Canine Christmas Market – a great opportunity to purchase gifts for dog loving family and friends.
- Dog sport competition and demonstrations.
- Breed displays.
- Plenty of dog activities and fun competitions including owner and dog look-a-like.
- Face painting and jumping castle for kids.
- Great prizes to be won.
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Grab one while you Can

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Could those who have gained titles/points this year please email your info including your name, dog's name and the title/points gained to michellemorrison59@hotmail.com no later than Wednesday 9th November.
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THE "ANIMAL" POPPY

Most people are unaware that as well as the traditional red poppy worn to mark the Armistice Day of 11 November 1918, that there is also the purple poppy, remembering animals that died during conflict.

To commemorate all the animal deeds and sacrifices in war, the **Australian War Animal Memorial Organisation (AWAMO)** has issued a purple poppy, which can be worn alongside the traditional red one. Just like other countries including the United Kingdom people are encouraged to wear the purple poppy alongside the traditional red poppy as a reminder that both humans and animals have and continue to serve.

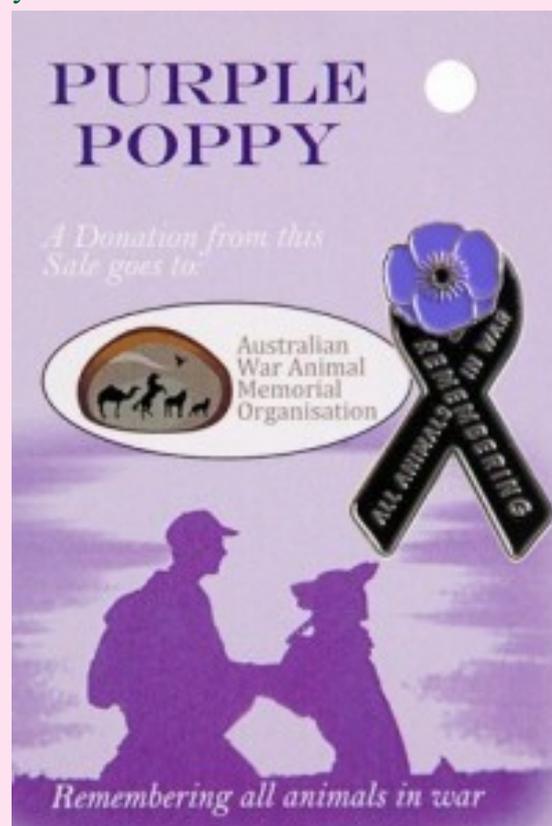
AWAMO is a volunteer organisation made up of community members from diverse backgrounds that have the like-minded aim to recognise the deeds of animals during Australian military service and to educate the next generation of Australians to understand the sacrifices of our four legged diggers have made.

Funds raised from donation and the sale of purple poppies are used by AWAMO to establishing memorials around Australia and overseas in places like France and Gallipoli to recognise the sacrifice animals have made in the aid or comfort of defence personnel.

We all remember the story of Simpson and his donkey and as far back as the Boer war horses that carried our soldiers across the veldt in the Boer War. Animals continue to serve in places like Afghanistan, where explosive detection dogs and their handlers work the frontline and animals have helped soldiers cope with post-traumatic stress.

Your support will help Australia's war animals receive the recognition they deserve "Lest we forget our four legged diggers served too".

Purple Poppy merchandise is available to purchase from EGDOC on Sunday club Mornings – just see one of your friendly club instructors.





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MY PET HAS BEEN BITTEN BY A SNAKE, WHAT SHOULD I DO ?

In the warmer summer months, snakes become much more active and pet owners need to be careful and safeguard their pets from snake bites, plus look out for the warning signs should an animal be bitten.

Dogs will often try to chase or kill snakes resulting in snake bites usually to the dog's face and legs. Cats, being hunters and chasing anything that moves, are also quite susceptible to snake bites.

The sort of reaction your pet has to a snake bite is determined by a number of factors: the type of snake, the amount of venom injected and the site of the snake bite. Generally, the closer the bite is to the heart the quicker the venom spreads to the rest of the body. In addition, at the beginning of summer, snakes' venom glands are fuller and their bites are much more severe.

The tiger and brown snake are responsible for most of the snake bites in domestic pets. The tiger snakes have a bite that can be fatal to not only pets but humans. Brown snake venom is milder than the tiger snake's. These snakes have a toxin that causes paralysis and also have an agent in them that uses up all the clotting factors that helps to stop your pet from bleeding. Tiger snakes also have a toxin that breaks down muscle causing damage to the kidneys.

Signs of snake bite include:

- Sudden weakness followed by collapse
- Shaking or twitching of the muscles and difficulty blinking
- Vomiting
- Loss of bladder and bowel control
- Dilated pupils
- Paralysis
- Blood in urine

If you think your pet has been bitten by a snake, you should keep them calm and quiet and take them to a vet immediately. The chances of recovery are much greater if your pet is treated early, with some pets making a recovery within 48 hours. Pets left untreated have a much lower survival rate and many die. If your vet is some distance away, if practical, you can apply a pressure bandage – a firm bandage over and around the bite site - to help slow the venom spreading to the heart. Do NOT wash the wound or apply a tourniquet.

If you can identify the snake, tell your vet what type of snake it is - but don't try to catch or kill the snake. If it is dead, bring the snake with you, otherwise there is a blood or urine test that can identify whether your animal has been bitten and the type of snake responsible.

Once the snake has been identified your vet can administer antivenom. Please be warned that antivenom is expensive and can result in a large veterinary bill, so it is best to try and keep your pets safe and away from snakes in the first place.



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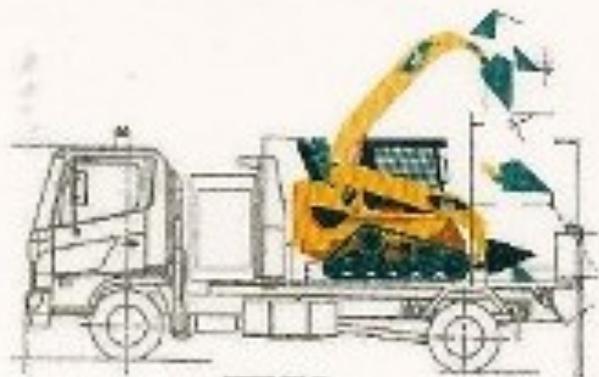
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HOW NOT TO GREET A DOG

Most people do this stuff and it stresses dogs out so they BITE!
 I don't care how cute you (or your kid) think Boogie is. Please show him some respect.



DON'T
 Lean over the dog & stick your hand in his face



DON'T
 Lean over the dog & stick your hand on top of his head



DON'T
 Grab or Hug him



DON'T
 Stare him in the eye
 (This is an adversarial gesture)



DON'T
 Squeal or shout in his face



DON'T
 Grab his head and kiss it
 (This is an invasion of space)

Doing this to a dog who doesn't know you is like a perfect stranger giving you a great big hug and kiss in an elevator. Wouldn't that creep you out? And wouldn't you have the right to defend yourself?

THE CORRECT WAY:



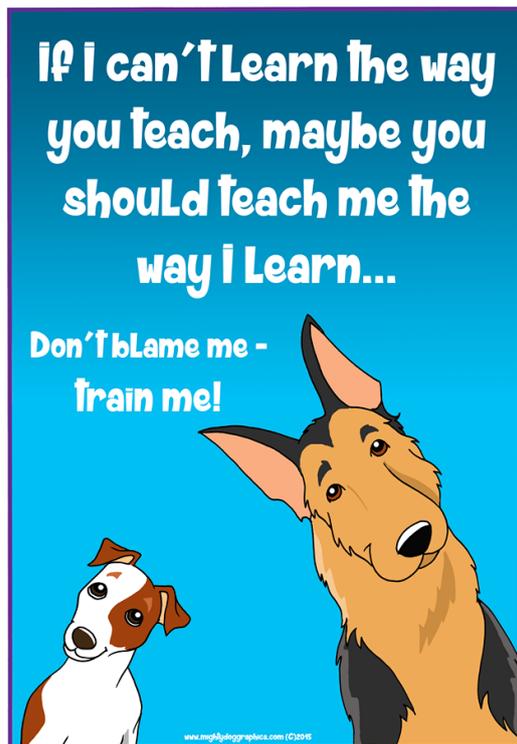
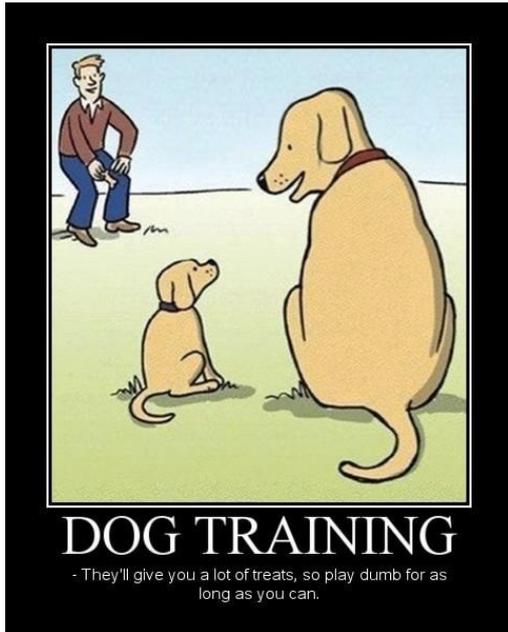
- * No Eye contact
- * Let the dog approach you in his own time
- * Keep either your SIDE or BACK towards the dog (non-threatening posture)



- * Pet or stroke him on the SIDE of his face or body. Or on his back.

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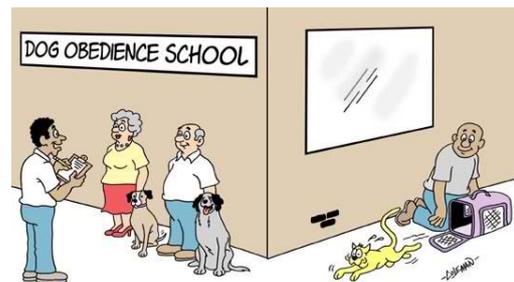
LIFE MEMBERS

- 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 Kingshot (dec.)

- 2000 Fiona Gilbert
- 2000 Alicia Larsen
- 2001 Willy Lucas

- 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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Vice President:	Frank Vanatta
Secretary:	Louise Reason
Treasurer:	Natalie Brown
Committee Members:	Janice Vanatta, Ana Butcher, Steve Reason, Nicole Summers, Sharyn Thompson, Sherran Howlett and Julie Lovell.
Membership Officer:	Natalie Brown
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Equipment Officer:	Michelle Morrison
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EGDOC SUNDAY CLASS TIMES – from 14th August 2016

CLASSES				
9:00 – 9:15	CLUB NEWS AND UPDATES Talk – 15 Minutes			
9:15 – 10:00 (45mins)	OBEDIENCE BEGINNERS 1 By Clubrooms	OBEDIENCE BEGINNERS 2 By Clubrooms	OBEDIENCE GRADE 1 On Velodrome	OBEDIENCE GRADE 2 On Velodrome
10:00 – 10:15	Break – 15 Minutes			
10:15 – 11:00 (45mins)	LIFE CLASS By Clubrooms	RALLY NOVICE On Velodrome	RALLY ADV (EX/MS) On Velodrome	AGILITY INTRO On Velodrome
11:00 – 11:45 (45mins)	INSTRUCTORS OBEDIENCE On Velodrome			AGILITY BEGINNERS On Velodrome
11:45 – 12PM	PACK UP EQUIPMENT			