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## ENDURANCE TEST

At Lake Guthridge and Lake Guyatt

### UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY 14TH &  
SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2017  
- Agility & Jumping Trial

THE CLUB HELD IT'S 8TH ENDURANCE TEST  
ON SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST 2017.

It was an early and dark start on Sunday morning. We had some rain on the Saturday night which made for a bit of a challenge having puddles and mud around. The council had decided on Thursday or Friday to put some new gravel down on some of the tracks that we used in the test which unfortunately meant we had a couple of bike riders come off. No animals or humans were injured.

We had 19 entrants with the test only allowing 20 so the test was almost full. The EGDOC Inc had 3 members enter the test. One person jogged the 20kms and the other 18 rode their bikes. Half the field was local entrants (Sale, Morwell, Bairnsdale) and half came up from Melbourne.



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## **At Lake Guthridge and Lake Guyatt**

I would like to thank the Wellington Shire council for allowing the club to hold this test around the picturesque Lakes that showcase our town to visitors. Council were more than helpful with all aspects of the test. Victoria Police, Sale branch for the help that they provided to allow us to hold the test.

A very big thanks also needs to go out to the tests sponsor SASHAS BLEND and INTERPATH who once again supplied lovely leads and a 200g Tub of product to each competitor.



Thanks to our head vet club member Dr. Maribeth Murphy VMD for rearranging her tracking test to be there on the day for us. To Longford vet who once again supplied the vet nurses for the other 3 stations, Glenda Anderson, Marlee Cochrane and Denielle Saunders. These 4 ladies volunteered and gave up part of their weekend to assist the club with their skills.

To my scribes on the day for assisting the vet and vet nurses Pam Darby, Tara Dean, Julie Lovell and Willy Lucas you all did a great job.

My pace setter once again was Liv Frescrua who I think knows the track better than the back of his own hand. Having such a committed and responsible person doing this job is greatly appreciated.

My bike stewards and helpers Callum Dean, Scott Dizais, Anne Lee, Bill Sherrin, Frank Vanatta and Janice Vanatta all your help and assistance was definitely appreciated by everyone.

To those that organized the catering back at club in particular John Kenihan the BBQ man and Mavis Weymouth. Thanks to Ana Butcher for taking photos of the group after presentations.

I would also like to thank my husband Justin who not only puts up with me organising trials at home quiet often but for also doing the traffic management that is required on the day. I need to also thank my ET Trial Secretary in training, my 2.5 year old son Toby who helped out with getting the signs up around the lake the week before the test.

This year we had a new judge in Mrs K. Dawn Ayton. Dawn made comment that "It was the most organised ET that she has ever attended either as a competitor or Judge. Congrats to EGDOC on a super event." It is wonderful to receive feedback like this from a judge.

We were very lucky and grateful on the day to have such lovely weather with it not getting too hot or raining. All the dogs and owners behaved themselves immensely which saw all 19 that entered pass and received their Endurance Test title.

Thank you to the club for once again entrusting me to run this event for another year.

Natalie Brown, Endurance Test Secretary

# CONGRATULATIONS

To our EGDOC Inc members who gained their ET



**Meagan Brown and her Golden Retriever Luna**



**Steve Reason and his Shetland Sheepdog Nessie**



**Fiona Gilbert and her Italian Greyhound Lukey (Pictured with our judge Mrs K. Dawn Ayton)**

# ThD - THERAPY DOGS

## 'BREEDS AT CLUB'

Thanks to Pam Darby for the article.

## POODLE

In the Therapy Dog group there are 2 poodles, a toy and a standard.

Known since the 13 century the poodle is a gundog originally used in Germany and France as a retriever of waterfowl. Later it was favoured by circus performers for its comic appearance and ease to train. France has been officially recognised as its country of origin. Poodles come in 3 recognised sizes; Standard (largest), miniature and toy.

Considered by many as the most intelligent breed the poodle makes a very good watchdog for its size, seldom becoming aggressive. It has a great sense of fun and loves to play.

Poodles and their owners in Therapy Dogs:

### WILLY LUCAS WITH DAISY

Daisy the toy poodle who belongs too Willy Lucas. Willy got daisy as a pup after having German shepherds all her life. Daisy has been doing aged care visits for a few years now and the elderly love the little dogs.

### GAIL AND PETER LOPEZ WITH SHADOW

Shadow is a new member to the group, she is a standard poodle and also a rescue, now in a loving home and doing lots with her new owners.



Willy &  
Daisy



Gail &  
Shadow



Peter &  
Shadow

# SUNDAY FUNDAY

On Sunday 30th July the club held a FUNDAY in conjunction with a presentation from LEAP Petcare. Those who attended enjoyed some games organised by Julie. We then had a demonstration and presentation from LEAP Petcare about their range of toys and Cold Pressed Food. We finished off the day with a lovely BBQ, once again cooked by our resident BBQ man John. There was a great raffle organised by Pam! Thanks to everyone involved with organising the day and who helped on the day and everyone from the club who got involved it was a fantastic day.

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# CONGRATULATIONS

## CASH & JULIE LOVELL

Cashman CCD RN competed in his first tracking trial at Morwell's Open Tracking Trial on Monday 17th July.

Track 1 is the first track you must pass before moving onto the next level.

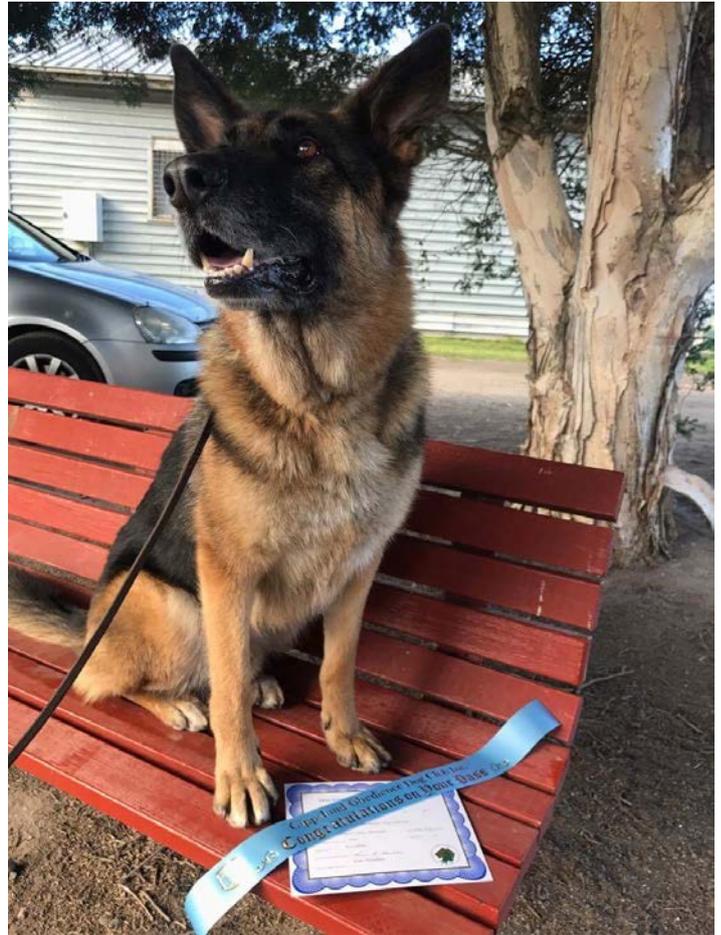
Track 1 consists of a "known to the dog" person. In Cash's case his favourite Hooman Brooklyn. Walking a pre designed track through the country side for a total overall distance of 400 meters and with two distinct changes of direction and an "article" (smelly old sock in this case) placed somewhere on the track.

The track layer then hides under a ground sheet and waits.

Cash's job was to "find" Brooklyn using his oversized schnoofers.

Cash really surprised Julie as he went straight onto Brooklyn's track at the start peg and did not deviate, indicated on the dropped article (smelly sock) and kept motoring his way along the track. As they got closer to where Brooklyn was hiding, he started running.

Julie was over the moon at Cash's tracking performance and knew he had passed, but when his judge gave him a grading of Excellent (the highest grading awarding in tracking), she couldn't believe it.



# **CONGRATULATIONS**

## **NESSIE, MYRTLE, STEVE AND LOUISE**



On Saturday 12th August - Nessie and Myrtle competed in their very first Rally Novice competition at the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Victoria - Restricted to Breed Obedience and Rally O Trial at KKC Park. Although a little apprehensive at the start - their training kicked in and both Nessie and Steve as well as Louise and Myrtle received their very first

Qualifying passes - only two more to go in order to gain their RN titles - hopefully at the Gippsland Trials in November.

# **CONGRATULATIONS**

## **MEG, JUSTIN, TOBY AND NATALIE**



On Sunday 6th August Meg the German Shorthaired pointer along with her Dad (Justin) took part in their very first Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs (RATG) Trial, held by Gippsland Obedience Dog Club Inc in Morwell.

Not expecting a pass they did Natalie (wife) and Toby (son) very proud receiving not only their first pass but a 3rd place as well.

# **CONGRATULATIONS**

## **HANSEL, GRETEL & MARIBETH**



Maribeth's goal for tracking this year was to earn TD titles for both her dogs with anything more being a bonus. On Monday August 14th TCV Tracking Trial at Inverleigh, Hansel joined big sister Gretel (who got her TD at GODC a few weeks ago) in passing his test 3 (with a Good) and getting his TD title. Gretel, not to be outdone, passed her test 4 with a Good, as well.

# **CONGRATULATIONS**

## **DECOY & JANICE**



Decoy gained his second novice jumping pass at Bairnsdale's trial on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August. Out of 20+ entrants Decoy was the only dog to do a clean run. Decoy and Janice only attended on the Saturday afternoon but were told that there were no novice jumping passes on the Sunday, which made Decoy's pass the only one for the weekend. Janice is pretty proud of her boy!

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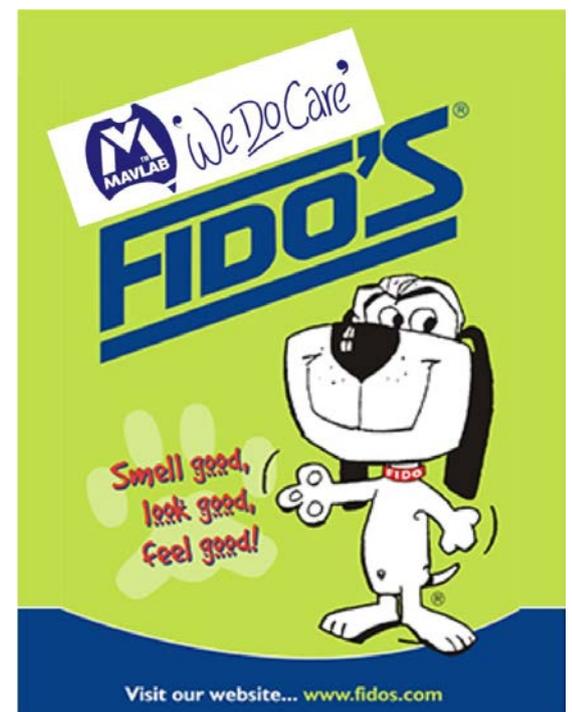
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