



HEEL NEWSLETTER

June 2021



Clover



Masie



Ollie



Training—Sunday's & Wednesday's
Puppies and Beginners—Arrive at 9.00am for a 9.15am Start
Levels 1-5—Arrive at 10.00am for a 10.15 Start
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COMMITTEE

Mary Hewitt	Kate McSpadden	Heinz Hein
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LIFE MEMBERS

Margaret Brain	Don Brain (dec)	Mary Hewitt
Russell Corrigan	Ann Fordham	Jack Paez (dec)
Mavis Johnson	Christine Knuckey (dec)	George Vis
Dawn Robinson	Daphne Bester	Carol Johnson
Lyn Reynolds	Kate McSpadden	Shirley Sawyer
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INSTRUCTORS

Shirley Sawyer	Lyn Reynolds	Kate McSpadden
Daphne Hein	Sally Eagle	Mary Hewitt
Bruce Saunders	Lin Moran-Woods	
AGILITY INSTRUCTOR	Bruce Saunders	

Members Sign In- Brett Woods & Kate McSpadden
Membership Officer- Daphne Hein
Equipment- Daphne, Sally or Lin
Newsletter- Lin Moran-Woods

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Members and Friends,

I'm hoping that all members are now enjoying some very much needed freedom and that you're getting back to some normality since our last newsletter.

PODC has had a very busy year thus far. We've had many new members join our club this year and they're all enjoying their Obedience and Agility classes.

As our classes are getting bigger by the weeks I'm very pleased to inform you that we are in the process of training up some new Instructors. So keep your eyes open for the new Instructors that are presently in training.

Our Agility classes are now on Sunday mornings given that daylight saving has changed. So if your interested in joining these classes then please come along.

You'll see more information on this in the following pages.

We'll also be announcing some other new and exciting activities that the club will be introducing in the next coming weeks. So please keep a look out for announcements on our Facebook page and signs around the club house.

Many of you may not be aware that all the Committee and Instructors are Volunteers, we give our time willing and happily because we are passionate about what we do to help you train your puppies/dogs.

If you have the time and interest we're always looking for members to help out.

Whether it be at the Committee level, as an Instructor or just generally helping our around the club. Please speak to me or any other official and or instructor.

Thanks again for your support.

PODC President

Lin Moran-Woods

Membership Report:

I'm very pleased to inform you that since our last Newsletter we've had 96 new members join PODC with their puppies and dogs.

We've also had 30 Members renew their Memberships.

Note from Newsletter Editor:

Our front cover of this Newsletter we have some of new puppies. Clover who's a Spoodle, Masie who's a Maltese Shih Tzu and Masie who's a Mini Schnauzer

If you would like your Dog to be on the front cover or on the back cover then please email a clear photo, details and a story.

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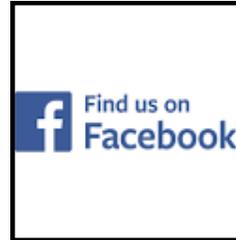
Any articles that you would like to have published can also be sent to this email.

Welcome all new Members and existing Members

Become more involved with PODC and join our Facebook page.

A great way to communicate with other members and find out what's happening at the Club.

Find us on Facebook at
Peninsula Obedience Dog Club Inc



PODC Agility Training Classes

Agility classes are now on Sunday mornings

Beginners 8.45-9.15

Advanced 9.45-10.15

Please speak to Bruce Saunders PODC Agility Instructor

Classes are free to all Members who attend
Obedience classes.

For further information please speak to
Bruce PODC Agility Instructor.



Photo featuring Jackie and Ghost

Your dog's welfare needs

The five key welfare needs of all animals are:

1. Environment — the need for a suitable environment and place to live.
2. Diet — the need for a suitable diet.
3. Behaviour — the need to express normal behaviour.
4. Companionship — the need to consider your pet's social needs.

The need to be protected from pain, suffering, injury and disease.

Welfare worries for dogs

- Loneliness — Dogs are highly social animals, yet 8 per cent of dogs are regularly left alone for more than 12 hours at a time. 15 per cent are regularly left alone for 8 to 12 hours. 39 per cent of dogs have no other animals to keep them company while their owners are out.
 - Lack of exercise and socialisation — Dogs need daily walks outside the property and regular socialisation with people and other animals to keep them physically and mentally healthy. 63 per cent of dogs do not get walked daily and 62 per cent of dogs didn't attend socialisation classes as a puppy.
 - Obesity — Up to 40 per cent of dogs are overweight. 48 per cent of owners feed their dogs treats at least once a day. Obesity can cause major health problems such as diabetes and reduce quality of life and shorten lifespan.
 - Lack of preventative vet care — 15 per cent of dogs are not vaccinated against common diseases, 6 per cent aren't treated for fleas and seven per cent aren't wormed.
- Toxic treats — 3 per cent of owners feed their dogs chocolate as a treat, 3 per cent feed them grapes and 17 per cent feed them cooked bones as a treat.

Top tips for dog owners

Ease your dog's loneliness

Aim to spend a little extra time with your dog, especially if it's regularly left alone for more than 4 hours each day. You can keep your dog busy while you are out by leaving toys or food puzzles for mental stimulation.

Chat to a vet or animal behaviouralist if your dog shows signs of separation anxiety when left alone, such as:

- excessive drooling
- chewing

other destructive behaviours.

If your lifestyle and budget allows it, consider getting a second dog for company and ensure you understand how to safely introduce a new dog to the household.

Feeding your dog

It is highly recommended that your dog's diet includes meat. Talk to your vet to ensure your dog is on the right diet for its age and lifestyle. Follow feeding instructions on food packets carefully.

If you are considering a raw meat diet for your dog, chat to your vet to avoid health concerns if the meat is improperly prepared.

Limit treats and avoid feeding unhealthy or fatty treats, such as cheese or cooked bones. There are many safe and healthy alternatives available from commercially prepared dog treats to human foods, such as carrot sticks. If your dog is overweight, you might be surprised just how much treats are contributing to its weight problem.

Familiarise yourself with the list of human foods that are toxic for dogs.

Exercise

Make a commitment to walk your dog more often. Daily walks are the ultimate goal, but even one extra walk a week will make a huge difference to your dog's quality of life and yours too!

Dogs have an evolutionary need to walk. Take your dog to meet other people and dogs and to experience the sights and smells of their territory.

Here are some solutions to common reasons why many owners don't walk their dogs:

Your dog pulls at the leash. Consider dog training or buy a walking harness to gently and instantly stop your dog pulling on the lead.

You don't have time to walk your dog. A short walk is better than no walk at all. Try setting your alarm 20 minutes earlier in the morning and have an invigorating walk before work or school.

If motivation is a problem, try downloading a dog walking app on your smartphone. The apps can log your walks to help meet your fitness goals. They can also help you find dog specific facilities in your area, such as off-leash parks and dog walking clubs.

Your dog's health

Check when you last treated your dog for fleas and worms. Your vet can give you advice about safe and suitable treatments and ensure your dog's vaccinations are up to date.

If you are thinking of getting a puppy — find out where the 'puppy preschool' classes are in your area and enrol early.

It's never too late to teach an old dog new tricks. If your older dog has a behavioural issue diagnosed by a vet, it is possible to be corrected by a dog trainer. Chat to your vet first if you suspect your dog has a behavioural issue.

Doing just one of these things today could make a big difference to your dog's life.

Reference

Bennett, P.C., Mornement, K., & Howell, T. (2013). Pet-care practices in Victoria, 2013: a survey of bird, cat, dog and rabbit owners. Unpublished report, La Trobe University, Australia.

Peninsula Obedience Dog Club Inc.

MEMBERS-MEMBERS-MEMBERS

We have an extensive range of training equipment made by Black Dog Wear, which is of high quality and locally made in Victoria.

We're selling Collars, Leads and Halters.

PODC are also selling leather leads which are also of very high quality and are locally hand made.

PODC are also selling Black Dog Treats.

We have stock of Pigs Ears-Big Dog Biscuits-Small Dog Biscuits and Liver Treats

Members Review Day

The Members Review Day was held on Sunday 20th March 2022

Congratulations to all who participated on the day.

The results are:

Beginners A

1st—Sue and Harvey
2nd—Valerie and Winnie
3rd—Michelle and Henny
Encouragement—John and Oscar

Beginners B

1st—Therry and Charley
2nd—Olivia and Holly
3rd—Jane and Ruby
Encouragement—Carol and Charlie

Level 1

1st—Kerry and River
2nd—Joanne and Benji
3rd—Eilish and Sundae
Encouragement—Karen and Gracie
-Lynne and Winnie

Level 2

1st—Karen and Noah
2nd—Jen and Barney
3rd—Elizabeth and Zoey
Encouragement—Robert and Elvis

Level 3

1st—Peter and Rani
2nd—Jackie and Ghost
3rd—Brett and Lucy
Encouragement—Heinz and Laddie

Level 4

1st—Lyndell and Betty

REVIEW DAY PHOTOS

**Beginners A
2nd-Valerie and Winnie**



**Beginners A
3rd-Michelle and Henny**



**Beginners B
1st-Therry and Charley**



**Beginners B
2nd-Olivia and Holly**



**Beginners B
3rd-Jand and Ruby**



REVIEW DAY PHOTOS

Level 1

1st-Kerry and River



2nd-Joanne and Benji



3rd-Eilish and Sundae



Level 2

1st-Karen and Noah



Level 2



PODC NEWS

Suggestions:

Don't forget that if you have any ideas that you care to make please feel free to put a note in the Suggestion Box or pass any suggestions on to a Committee Member. As a Club we welcome contributions which will provide for improvements in any of our endeavours for the benefit of you the members.

We also welcome any items of interest to members for publication in this newsletter.

Donations:

The committee wish to thank those members who have donated goods for sale in support of the club. Items suitable for sale are always appreciated.

Parking:

You are reminded not to park on the centre grassed area as it is reserved for dogs to be tethered. This is especially important over the hotter months as this area provides good shade for the dogs.

Please be mindful when arriving and entering the car park.

Please drive slowly as a Dog may on the loose. So take care and no speeding.

Helping out:

It would be very much appreciated if handlers when leaving the oval pick up the water and poo buckets and return them to the Club House. Help would also be appreciated with packing up any other items such as the agility pieces and puppy fence. If you have tied your dog to a stake in the area reserved could you please return the stake to the trolley when you have finished with it. Remember your Committee members work hard to ensure you have a successful training day and they are all volunteers, so any assistance you can give helps unburden some of their workload. After training join us for a cuppa and some chit chat.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE PODC HAS A GREAT SHOP?

With friendly service and at prices well below your regular pet shop!

We have-

Leads (Leather & Soft), Slip Collars, Halters

Fixed Collars (Leather & Soft), Car Restraints, Harness, Doggie Treats.

The correct sizes all expertly fitted to your pooch for you

We also have Club Uniforms

Short Sleeve Polo Shirts, Long Sleeve Polo Shirts & Jackets, Sleeveless Vests, Windcheaters & Caps— just ask any committee member if you are interested in looking at any of these items.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

On days of extreme heat and or extreme weather conditions.

Be aware that it may be unwise to attend Training.

Please use your own judgement on attending classes.

MEMBERS

At no time should any Dog be tethered to the fences or chairs.

Not only is this dangerous on many levels for yourselves but also for our 4 legged friends.

It can create territorial and protective problems as well as creating an unsafe situation.

On arrival once you have signed in could please leave the Club House area and not stand around the entrance.

It can get very busy at times and some Dog's do get nervous..

Please read Page 14 for more Information on PODC Rules

PENINSULA OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC

TRAINING RULES

1. Striking or kicking your dog is not permitted.
2. Membership cannot be accepted without presentation of a current vaccination certificate.
3. No dog is allowed off-lead without an instructors permission.
4. No bitch on heat is permitted on or near the ground.
5. Members should keep an eye on their dog if it is left tied up or on a stake. **NEVER** leave your dog tied up with a correction chain.
6. You must keep your children under constant supervision and members must have due respect for the Club's equipment.
7. People, other than handlers and instructors, must keep off the ground when training is in progress.
8. **HANDLERS MUST CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR DOGS, USING PLASTIC BAGS PROVIDED.**
9. Membership badges are provided and must be worn when you attend training.
10. Training fees to be paid before training and attendance book must be signed.
11. Dogs are **only** permitted in Club Rooms for necessary purposes as approved by the Committee.
12. No smoking, eating or drinking in class.
13. **DO NOT WEAR THONGS.**
14. Members are advised that the carrying out of any Veterinary practices (including nail clipping) is forbidden by the Club.
15. Members are advised that the canvassing of any member of the P.O.D.C. for private tuition is unacceptable. This includes any form of advertising relating to private dog obedience training or any form thereof.
16. Members of the instructing team shall wear the appropriate Club uniform and the wearing of any other uniform is not acceptable.

THE PENINSULA OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC HOLDS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY INCIDENT CAUSED BY FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH OUR RULES.

YOUR DOG IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP		CONCESSION STUDENT OR PENSIONER	
SINGLE	FAMILY	SINGLE	FAMILY
Joining Fee = \$20	Joining Fee = \$20	Joining Fee = \$12	Joining Fee = \$12
Membership = \$15	Membership = \$25	Membership = \$10	Membership = \$15
Total = \$35.00	Total \$45.00	Total \$22.00	Total \$27.00
<u>Renewal \$15.00</u>	<u>Renewal \$25.00</u>	<u>Renewal \$10.00</u>	<u>Renewal \$15.00</u>
<i>Training Fee \$2.00</i>	<i>Training Fee \$2.00</i>	<i>Training Fee \$2.00</i>	<i>Training Fee \$2.00</i>

*There is a \$8.00 p.a. Insurance Levy payable per member unless you are a financial member of Dogs Victoria.
Credit card facilities not available, payments only by cash or cheque.*

**RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IS DUE 12 MONTHS FROM JOINING DATE
DUE ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF THAT MONTH
MEMBERSHIP BADGES MUST BE WORN OR YOU CANNOT TRAIN
A 50 CENT SURCHARGE APPLIES FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST NAMETAGS**

**TO BE ELIGIBLE TO QUALIFY FOR TROPHIES OR RIBBONS AT CLUB
REVIEWS YOU MUST HAVE ATTENDED A MINIMUM OF 50% OF YOUR
TRAINING SESSIONS PRIOR TO THE REVIEW DAY**

**AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FRIENDS
KEEP AWAY FROM TETHERED DOGS—APPROACH AT OWN RISK**

Dogs tied up can become very protective and territorial, so please take care when tying your dog up after training or return it to your car when possible

MEETINGS:

Instructors: 10.30 am - Last Sunday each second month

Committee: 10.30 am - First Sunday each month

ALL OFFICE BEARERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND INSTRUCTORS AT THE PENINSULA OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC. ARE UNPAID VOLUNTEERS, WHO GIVE THEIR VALUABLE TIME FREELY IN AN EFFORT TO HELP YOU TRAIN YOUR DOG.

Contributions to the Newsletter are welcome, however the Editor reserves the right for inclusion. Please pass on any information to a committee member relative to the Dog Club, dog owners in general or any article you feel will be of interest to our members or email to: lmwluck@gmail.com

REVIEW DAY PHOTOS

**Level 3
1st Place
Peter and Rani**



**2nd Place
Deidre and Gus**



**2nd Place
Jackie and Ghost**



**3rd Place
Brett and Lucy**

