

Welcome to

Term 1 2018

We hope you have a fantastic year with lots of training successes

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Code of Conduct

Presidents Report



- 1. Closed-in shoes must be worn at all times while training
- 2. No smoking is permitted on the grounds
- 3. It is your responsibility to supervise your children at all times
- 4. Dogs must be on a lead at all times, unless instructed otherwise
- 5. Membership badges must be worn
- 6. Remember to pick up after your dog.

Doggy Etiquette

Please ensure you have full control of your dog at all times. Like humans, dogs need their personal space. Please check with other handlers before letting your dog approach another. Some timid dogs can be greatly stressed when boisterous dogs approach, sometimes causing aggression. Some of our dogs are still learning to be nice to each other and progress can be hindered after an unpleasant encounter. You may see a yellow ribbon or scarf used to indicate a very timid dog. Please be aware of this and respect each other.

- Please remember to sign in at the desk and pay your \$2 grounds fee to your instructor each week.
- When signing in, please CLEARLY print your name (not your dog's!), your membership number and which class you are in to help with our records.

Thank you!



Welcome back for another year of training, we hope that your Christmas/New Year break was enjoyable for all.

We welcome to the club our new instructors, in the beginner class Loral and Louise will join Lesley. Class 1, Erin will be assisting Emma. I am sure that their contributions will be an asset to the club.

Our club offers members more activities than Obedience and Rally O, once a month we have a DWD (Dances With Dogs) training night where you will learn different moves and tricks with your dogs, eventually this will be set to a music track to create a routine. If you are interested in this ask your instructor for more details.

We also conduct a Agility jumping class for advanced dogs and handlers, but if you are interested in starting agility with your dog, you can join Eden Hill Dog Fellowship as they run beginners classes for new dogs and handlers. You will need basic obedience control of your dog with a good recall as your dog will be off lead while working. Details of the Eden Hill Dog Fellowship can be found here on page 7.

Throughout the year we will be conducting Obedience and Rally O trials as well as DWD competitions. We encourage all our members to come down at these events to see what you and your dogs are capable of achieving. Our first DWD competition will be held on Friday the 9th of February at 7pm. This event will be held on our training grounds Jack Mann Oval, we hope to see many spectators from the club there but please leave your dogs at home if not entered.

On a general note, please remember the basic rules of the club. To clean up after your dog and don't allow your dog to rush up to other dogs especially if they are tethered.

Paul Skewes

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The Committee

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Training Classes



Obedience - Tuesday Nights

Obedience classes in Term 1 run weekly from February 6th - April 10th

Beginners	6.30pm	Beginners of any age
Class 1	6.30pm	Basic pet training
Class 2	6.30pm	Obedience training
Class 3	7.30pm	Obedience training
Class 4	7.30pm	Preparation for CCD and CD
Class 5	7.00pm	For dogs who are in competition

Rally-O - Tuesday Nights

Rally-O is like an obedience obstacle course for dogs and handlers. Handlers navigate the course with their dogs following a series of signs that give specific obedience style commands. Classes for Rally-O will commence at 7.00pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Please speak to Carmen Wong for further information.

Dates for Term 1 February 27th March 27th



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Training Classes

Agility



For Beginners

Dances With Dogs - Thursday Nights

DWD incorporates Heelwork to Music (HTM) and Freestyle, both of which involve traditional obedience moves choreographed to a musical sound track. DWD classes will be held on the third Thursday of each month, starting at 7.00pm. Dogs that are confident in working off-lead are welcome to join in this fantastic opportunity to learn with some of the best. Please speak to Jill or Amanda for further info.

Dates for Term 1

February 15th March 15th

April 19th

Advanced Agility Jumping - Thursday Nights

For members who are experienced Agility Handlers only, we will be offering jumping practice sessions throughout the term. Sessions start at 7.00pm. If you are a beginner with Agility, please see information on the next page, otherwise see Paul for further info..

Dates for Term 1

February 8th
February 22nd
March 8th
March 22nd
April 12th
April 26th



Unfortunately we will not be running beginners Agility classes this term. If you wish to start in Agility but have no prior experience, we recommend contacting Eden Hill Dog Fellowship to get you started.

Eden Hill Dog Fellowship

Contact: Pamela Connor (08) 6296 7128

or Leigh-Ayn Absolom 0422 516 743

email: EdenHillDogFellowship@yahoo.com

www.freewebs.com/edenhilldogfellowship/

Alternatively, you may wish to contact other clubs that may be closer to your area.

Cloverdale Canine Companions

Contact: Vicki 0421 889 898

email: carolannf@westnet.com.au cloverdalecaninecompanions.weebly.com

Northern Suburbs Dog Club www.northernsuburbsdogclub.org

Perth Training & Obedience Dog Club www.perthtraining.com



^{**}Note: Beginners are accepted during the first three weeks of each term only.



Upcoming Events

Dances With Dogs Competition

Our club is hosting the first 'Dances with Dogs' competition for 2018 on Friday 9th February. Judging begins at 7.00pm so come along and see what fun can be had in this entertaining sport as participants at all levels enter 'Freestyle' and 'Heelwork to Music' divisions.

Each handler and dog will perform routines to music, sometimes using props, while the handler also wears a costume (dressing up dogs is not permitted). If you are interested in pursuing this sport, Midland Dog Training Club runs classes for beginner and advanced members every third Thursday of the month.

Photos below are of some of our members at previous events.









For Sale



Club Clothing - Taking Orders Now

If you would like to show your support for our club and wear a Midland Dog Training T-Shirt or one of the super warm shower-proof Winter Jackets (which also have built in hoods making them perfect for dog walking too!), we are currently collating orders for new stock. If interested, please email our committee member Michell Bairstow at Michell20@bigpond.com





Training Items

We have a number of items for sale that may assist you with your training. Please see us at the sign in desk if you require any:

- Leads
- Collars
- · Gentle Leaders
- Harnesses
- Dumbells







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Musings....

"Just a Dog"

From time to time people tell me, "Lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "That's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent or the costs involved for "just a dog." Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog."

Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted. Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and, in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise." "Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that makes me a better person. Because of "just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

So for me, and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past and the pure joy of the moment.

"Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day. I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a human."

So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog." just smile....because they "just don't understand."

- Anonymous

Noticeboards



Term 2

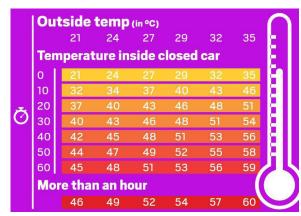
Term 2 training will commence Tuesday 1st May 2018. Term 2 is a 9 week term and will conclude Thursday 28th June.

Thankyou - Better Pets and Gardens



A big thanks to Better Pets and Gardens for their donation of vouchers to last years AGM and Christmas Wind-up. The vouchers were used as prizes for some lucky members.

Summer Reminders



The Five Second Rule: Place the back of your hand on the pavement, it you can't hold it there for at least 5 seconds, it's too hot to walk your dog.



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