



Welcome to

Term 2 2017

Celebrating Our 20th Year

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Code of Conduct

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!



Presidents Report

Welcome back to training for another term, I hope everyone had a great Easter break.

The club is hosting a double obedience trial on the 6th of May (Saturday) if you want to see some great dogs and their handlers in action, come on down . It starts at 9.30am.

With the start of the soccer season, the car park may get a little full but there is plenty of parking across the road and it's now under lights.

A reminder also not to park in the disabled bay unless you have a valid ACROD parking Permit.

Happy Training!

Paul Skewes





The Committee

President	Paul Skewes	0419 942 282
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Our Instructors

Jill Houston
 Amanda Houston
 Paul Skewes
 Sally Pleece
 Lesley Lynam
 Clarissa McGuinness
 Kyran Bromilow
 Millicent Hayes
 Richard Manchester
 Jenny Bickmore
 Robbie Flynn



Training Classes

Obedience - Tuesday Nights

Obedience classes in Term 2 run weekly from May 2nd - June 27th

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

Class 5 Term Roster

Dates for Term 2:
 May 2nd - UD & UDX
 May 9th - Open
 May 23rd - UD & UDX
 May 30th - Open

(No Open, UD or UDX classes in June)





Training Classes

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 run at 7.00pm on the third Tuesday of each month. Please speak to Amanda Houston for further information.

Dates for Term 2 May 2nd (in lieu of April)
 May 16th
 June 20th



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 2 April 20th
 May 18th
 June 15th



Agility

Experienced Members - 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. Please see Paul for further info.

For Beginners

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

cloverdalecaninecompanions.weebly.com

Northern Suburbs Dog Club

www.northernsuburbsdogclub.org

Perth Training & Obedience Dog Club

www.perthtraining.com





Upcoming Events

Obedience Trial Double Header Saturday 6th May

Instead of our traditional Rally-O and Obedience trial, this time we are hosting a double Obedience Trial to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Midland Dog Training Club.

Starting at 9.30am, dogs and handlers will work together in this show event to demonstrate their combined skills, all aiming for those qualifying scores and hopefully titles for their dogs. All competing levels will be on display in various rings for you to see.

Come down to see what it's all about and join us after presentations between trials for some light refreshments to help us celebrate. The second trial will start at approximately 11.30am.



For Sale

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
- Dumbbells



Club Clothing

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, we have these available in a variety of sizes. (The jackets also have a built in hood in the collar which makes them perfect for those winter doggy walks!) Please speak to us at the sign in desk and we can help you out.



\$30.00



\$70.00



Noticeboards

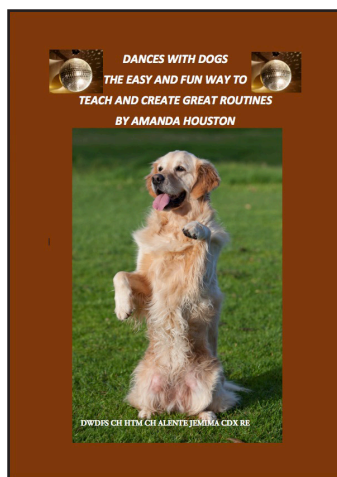
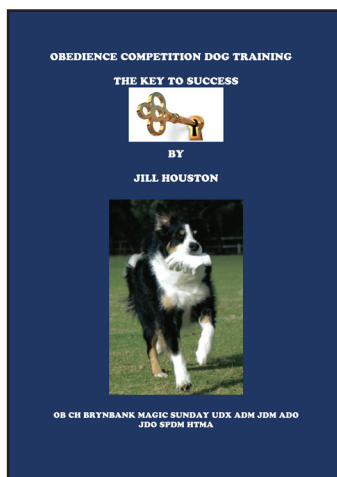
Thankyou - Better Pets and Gardens



Thankyou to Better Pets and Gardens for continuing their sponsorship of Midland Dog Training Club for 2017.

Training Resources

These fantastic resources are available in limited numbers if you want to give your training an extra boost. Written by the amazing Houston team, if you would like to purchase a copy of these highly sought after books, please speak to Jill or Amanda at training sessions. Obedience book \$25.00, Dances with Dogs book \$35.00.



Making a Snuffle Mat

Dogs need mental exercise as well as physical exercise. A Snuffle Mat can be used to help provide your dog with mental enrichment by making your dog work for its food like a puzzle. It's also great to slow down speedy eaters and for dogs on restricted physical exercise due to illness, injury or age.

To make a snuffle mat, all you need is a rubber mat with holes (try your local hardware shop), sharp scissors and light-mid weight polar fleece material - about 3-4 metres for a doormat size.

Cut the fleece into strips approximately 2-3cm wide and 20cm long. You don't have to be perfect but cut a lot of strips – you will be surprised at how much you need.

Begin making the mat by looping a piece of fleece through 2 holes in a corner of the rubber mat and tying a knot. The knot side is the side that will face upwards, however it is actually easier to work from the underside to push the material through. Fill in all of the edges before working around the rest of the mat. The more strips you tie in different directions, the thicker your finished mat will be.

When finished, sprinkle some dry food through the tassels of your mat and let your dog “snuffle” through to find them. Do not leave your dog unattended with the mat, particularly if destructive chewers.



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