



Welcome to

Term 2 2018

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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 break and you are ready to get back into training,

The club is holding a double header obedience trial on the 5th of May and we invite you all to come down and support the club members who have entered. It starts at 9.30am.

With the weather being as unpredictable as it is, if it looks like thunder storms or rain please check our Facebook page for updates. Updates will be posted as soon as it is reasonable to assess the weather.

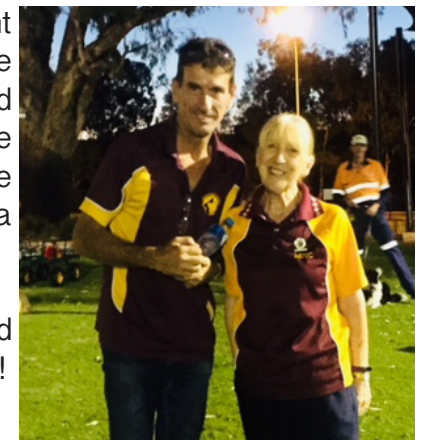
Happy training

Paul Skewes

## Congratulations!

A big congratulations to our President Paul Skewes for being awarded Life Membership. Paul was recognised by the committee for the incredible work and support he has given to the club over a number of years and in a number of roles.

Thankyou Paul for your time and dedication, we all really appreciate it!





## The Committee

President	Paul Skewes	0419 942 282
Vice President	Michell Bairstow	0409 293 811
Secretary	Carmen Wong	
Treasurer	Diane Webb	
Trial Secretary	Jill Houston	
Newsletter Editor	Naomi Adams	
Committee Members	Kathy Phillips	
	Trevor Hazelden	



## Our Instructors

Jill Houston  
Amanda Houston  
Paul Skewes  
Sally Pleece  
Lesley Lynam  
Clarissa McGuinness  
Kyran Bromilow  
Emma Capelli  
Loral Franklin  
Carmen Wong  
Erin Wade - Assistant



## Training Classes

### Obedience - Tuesday Nights

Obedience classes in Term 2 run weekly from May 1<sup>st</sup> - June 26<sup>th</sup>

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 2     May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
                                   June 26<sup>th</sup>

A limited number of Rally-O rule books are also available for purchase at the reduced rate of \$10.00. If you are interested, please see Carmen or Di Webb.





## Training Classes

### 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     May 17<sup>th</sup>  
                                 June 21<sup>st</sup>

### Advanced Agility Jumping - Wednesday 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 2     May 9<sup>th</sup>  
                                 May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
                                 June 13<sup>th</sup>  
                                 June 27<sup>th</sup>

\*\*Please note the shift to Wednesday nights.



## Agility

### 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/](http://www.freewebs.com/edenhilldogfellowship/)

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

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](http://cloverdalecaninecompanions.weebly.com)

#### Northern Suburbs Dog Club

[www.northernsuburbsdogclub.org](http://www.northernsuburbsdogclub.org)

#### Perth Training & Obedience Dog Club

[www.perthtraining.com](http://www.perthtraining.com)







## Upcoming Events

### Double Obedience Trial

As we did last year, Midland Dog Training Club will again be running a double Obedience Trial on Saturday May 5th. Gates open at 8.00am with competitors check-in between 8.45-9.15am. We highly encourage you to come down and have a look at the fantastic training levels you can aspire to. Judging starts at 9.30am for the first trial and 11.30am for the second. We expect to conclude events at approximately 1.00pm.

## Congratulations!

We would like to offer a huge congratulations to the winners and place getters of our February Dances With Dogs competition. Once again the night showed off some fantastic routines and teamwork between each of the dogs and handlers, all set to their musical soundtracks. All competitors should be extremely proud of themselves and their dogs.



## 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 taking orders for new stock. If interested, please email our Vice President Michell Bairstow at [Michell20@bigpond.com](mailto:Michell20@bigpond.com)



\$30.00



\$70.00

## 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





## Training Tips.....

### *Fading the Lure*

Why Fade? Lures and prompts are excellent tools for helping dogs to understand what we are attempting to teach them. Luring a dog with food helps them interpret what we are asking them to do. However, the longer you continue to use lures and prompts, after your dog has already learned the new behaviour, the more dependent upon them your dog becomes and the more difficult it will be for them to respond to a verbal cue alone. In the case of food lures, you wind up bribing, rather than training your dog.

There are different reasons for the necessity of fading food lures and hand signals, but the most practical reasons for doing so are: you won't always have food with you and your hands won't always be free to gesture. Teaching your dog to listen to a verbal cue alone provides more security in a variety of situations.

### *How to Fade the Lure*

- Once you are reliably getting the behaviour that you desire (such as sitting) with the food lure and hand gesture, you can begin to fade the visual presence of the food.
- Leave the treat in your pocket or in your other hand, then move your empty hand exactly as you did before.
- When the dog responds with the correct behaviour, mark with a "yes" or a click, then deliver the food reward from your other hand.



## Training Tips cont....

### *How to Fade the Hand Signal*

- Add the verbal cue once the behaviour is reliably occurring ninety percent of the time with the hand gesture. The verbal cue should be given just before the hand gesture.
- After using the verbal cue and hand gesture successfully, just use the verbal cue.
- The dog will likely pause. Wait until he does what you have asked. Let him think it out.
- When the dog performs the behaviour, mark with a "yes" and reward with a treat.
- Repeat a couple of times and end your training session with the goal of getting rid of hand signals in the next session.

### *Tips and Troubleshooting*

It's helpful to understand the difference between a reward and a bribe. When you ask your dog to perform a task that they have proven to know and they do it, giving them a treat afterwards is a reward and a reinforcement. If you ask your dog to sit, something they know how to do, and they do not do it until you lure them with food, it is a bribe.

Teaching them to work, without luring them into position with food, teaches them that they must complete the task before earning the reward. If possible, food lures should be removed in the first training session of a new command. If the behaviour is more complicated or if the dog is young, try removing the food lures by the second or third training session. When fading the hand signal, if the dog doesn't do the behaviour, help him out by repeating the hand gesture a few more times.



## Trick Tips

### "High Five"

Teaching your dog to "Shake Hands" or "High Five" is a great trick to teach your dog, it can also help to get them to present the paw on command should you need to check it over.

To start, hold a treat in your hand (closed fist) in front of your dog while they sit. The dog will nose at your hand with their muzzle trying to work out how to get the treat from you. Eventually, they will use their paw to try and get the treat. As soon as this happens, mark the action with a click or "Yes" and give the dog the treat.

After you have done this a few times, add the word "shake" or "high 5" as the dog uses their paw again. Don't forget to mark and reward the action. Continue presenting your hand and using the verbal command while now bringing the palm of your hand up to meet the paw. When palm and paw make contact, mark and reward.

During the practice, discontinue the food in your target hand (Fade the Lure) and use it as a reward only. On completion of the High Five action, mark and reward with the target hand (you will need to have the reward ready in a pouch or your other hand) This will make it easier to use the open palm for the high five signal as well.

Continue this practice in short burst training sessions and you will soon have a dog that High Five's on command.



## Recipe Corner

### Grain Free Blueberry & Banana Cookies

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup of coconut flour
- 1/2 cup of smooth peanut butter\*
- 1/2 cup of mashed blueberries
- 1/2 cup of mashed bananas
- 4 eggs
- 1/3 cup of warm water



\*Please make sure your peanut butter does not contain Xylitol

#### Directions:

1. Preheat your oven to 180 degrees.
2. In a large bowl, combine the coconut flour, peanut butter, crushed blueberries, mashed banana, eggs and water. Mix thoroughly, add more water if it is too dry.
3. Roll out your cookie dough and use a cookie cutter to cut out shapes, or place on a cookie sheet covered in parchment paper in your size and shape of preference.
4. Bake in the oven for 22 minutes.
5. Use within a week or freeze to store longer





## Positive Reinforcement

### What Is It?

Positive reinforcement utilizes anything that, when presented immediately following a behaviour, causes the behaviour to increase in frequency. The most commonly used reinforcers are treats and verbal praise, but some dogs respond well to favourite toys and activities. The most important thing is that the reinforcer must be pleasing to your individual dog.

After you determine what to use as a positive reinforcer with your dog, you can then utilize it to strengthen your dog's behaviour in various scenarios by presenting the desired item immediately following your dog's actions. By rewarding them for their behaviour, your dog will be more likely to repeat his actions the next time he encounters a similar situation.

An example of using positive reinforcement is - You ask the dog to sit, - he sits. You give him a treat - He is more likely to sit the next time you ask.

### Tips for Using Positive Reinforcement Effectively

For maximum effectiveness, a reinforcer should be given immediately after the desired response. Immediately means within seconds of your dog performing the desired action. This very small window is when dogs can make the connection between their actions resulting in a reward. If more time goes by, your dog may not understand why he is being rewarded. For example, if your dog stands up, after they successfully perform the desired sit, but you give them the reward anyway, they'll think you've rewarded them for standing up, not sitting. Remember, the reinforcer can only strengthen the behaviour that it immediately follows.



## Noticeboards

### Term 3

Term 3 training will commence Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Term 3 is a standard 10 week term and will conclude Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September.\*

\*DWD and Ju, ping Practices will continue after this date

### Thankyou - Better Pets and Gardens



A big thanks to Better Pets and Gardens for their continued sponsorship of Midland Dog Training Club. Your support is appreciated.

### We Have a New Website!

We've had a very clever team working behind scenes to build us a new website with lots of information and pictures on it. While the existing website is still running at the moment, it will be shut down in the not-too-distant future, which means you will need to find us at our new address.

[www.midlanddogtraining.com.au](http://www.midlanddogtraining.com.au)

We'd also love to get some feedback from people on how we are going as a club. If you'd like to do this, please use the form on the Contact Us page to send us some feedback or suggestions.



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The advertisement features a silhouette of a DJ with headphones, scratching two vinyl records. The background is a vibrant red with vertical light streaks. The text 'KGB DJ & LIGHTING' is in a glowing blue font, while the services listed below it are in yellow. The phone number '0433113865' is prominently displayed in large yellow digits. In the bottom right corner, there are three logos: a circular 'Australian Licensed & Operating' seal, a green 'Responsible DJs Certified' badge, and a Facebook logo with the text 'Find us on Facebook'.

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