



MIDLAND DOG TRAINING CLUB

TERM 2 2013



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President's Report

Welcome to all our new members to Term2. Congratulations to all last term beginners who have graduated to Class 1.

A big thank you to the members who helped at the Obedience Trial. It was very much appreciated. I hope you enjoyed the experience and also learnt a lot. Congratulation to the members that trialled and qualified.

Our next trial will be in August when we will need members help once again so please think about putting up your hand next time.

The weather has changed so it's time to get out your raincoats. Make sure the coat doesn't hit your dog's head or the toggles don't dangle in front of his eyes. We do train in light rain but not in downpours or thunderstorms. The dogs enjoy the cold nights but if you have a dog that feels the cold, please put a coat on him for training.

Happy Training
Jan Welyky



Class Description & Times for 2013

Tuesdays

Beginners	6:30pm	Beginners. Any age dog can join
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
RallyO	7.00pm	Rally Obedience

- Please remember to sign in at the table and pay your \$2 grounds fee to your instructor each week.
- Please clearly print your name (not your dog's!) and which class you are in to help with our records.

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.



Obedience and RallyO Trial

Our club recently hosted a trial on Saturday May 4th at Jack Mann oval. Dogs and handlers from many clubs competed with some coming from as far as Esperance and Bunbury. The weather was fine and everything ran smoothly with some happy competitors gaining passes and completing titles.

We wish to thank those members who assisted the committee to make this a successful day by stewarding in rings and setting up equipment. Thanks to Sheila, Patty, Robert, Terry, Liahna, Enid, David, Diane, June and Wal (our president's husband), Gill and Lorraine kindly assisted before and after competing themselves.



CLASSES FOR TERM 3 2013

BEGINNERS

Registration July 23rd

Classes commence July 30th

ALL OTHER OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Resume July 23rd



Thursday Nights

Agility 6.30pm

Jan

March 21

April 4

April 18

May 2

May 16

June 6

DWD 7pm

Beginners Jan & Vicki

April 11

May 9

June 13

DWD Advanced 7pm

Jill and Amanda

March 28

April 25

May 23

June 27



**Remember to check out our website at
www.midlanddogtraining.com**



The 10 Commandments From a Dog's Point of View



1. **My life is likely to last 10-15 years; any separation from you will be painful for me. Remember that before you buy me.**
2. **Give me time to understand what you want from me; don't be impatient, short-tempered, or irritable.**
3. **Place your trust in me and I will always trust you back. Respect is earned not given as an inalienable right.**
4. **Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment; I am not capable of understanding why. I only know I have been rejected. You have your work, entertainment, and friends, but I only have you.**
- 5.



5. **Talk to me sometimes. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice and your tone. You only have to look at my tail**
6. **Be aware that however you treat me, I'll never forget it, and if it's cruel, it may affect me forever.**
7. **Please don't hit me. I can't hit back, but I can bite and scratch, and I really don't ever want to do that.**
8. **Before you scold me for being uncooperative, obstinate, or lazy, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right foods or I've been out in the sun too long, or my heart is getting old and weak. It may be I am just dog-tired.**
9. **Take care of me when I get old. You too will grow old and may also need love, care, comfort, and attention.**
10. **Go with me on difficult journeys. Never say, "I can't bear to watch" or "Let it happen in my absence". Everything is easier for me if you are there. Remember, regardless of what you do, I will always love you**

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Author of the "Ten Commandments For Pets"

You can visit his website and articles at [http://](http://www.doglistener.co.uk/)

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Activities To Do With Your Dog

Once you have established a positive, controlled relationship with your dog, you can consider further activities.

Obedience: Obedience Trials are held on most weekends of the year all over the State. This is an opportunity to meet other owners and their dogs as you compete to achieve passes at various levels which will enable you to achieve obedience titles.

"The idea of Obedience Trials is to demonstrate the usefulness of the dog as the companion of man not the ability of the dog to acquire facility in the performance of mere tricks."

Starting off as a beginner you can compete in Community Companion Dog (CCD) classes then progress through to Novice (CD), open (CDX) and through to the tough Utility Dog classes (UD and UDX).

Rally Obedience is another option. The dog and handler work through a course with signposted exercises. Novice is on lead, while advanced and excellent levels include more complicated exercises and are off lead.

A course is set up on Tuesdays for practice between 7pm and 8 pm.

Agility: Dog agility is a sport in which a handler directs a dog through an obstacle course in a race for both time and accuracy. Dogs must run off-leash with no food or toys as incentives. The handler can touch neither dog nor obstacles, except accidentally. Consequently, the handler's controls are limited to voice, movement, and various body signals, requiring exceptional training of the animal.

Agility classes are run fortnightly on a Thursday evening.



Tracking: The dog's ability to track is well known. Man has utilised this ability for centuries. Dogs have helped the hunter to find game and food and in France dogs hunt for exotica like truffles. Tracking dogs can be a competition sport where dogs compete for ANKC titles. All types of dogs of varying breeds compete in these trials from Cavalier King Charles Spaniels to German Shepherd Dogs.

Training and competitions are run in the Gngara pine plantation on Wednesday and Saturdays in the cooler months.

Dances with Dogs (DWD) is a relatively new canine sport, which began in the UK in the early 1990s. It was approved by the Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) as an official sport in Australia from 1 January 2009 with the first competition held in WA. Two of our instructors, Jill and Amanda Houston, were integral in establishing DWD.

DWD provides handlers and their dogs with an opportunity to demonstrate a skilful, choreographed routine, performed to music. While having its foundation in obedience heelwork, DWD enables the handler to include innovative and creative moves and movement in time to music, giving the illusion of dance. In Heelwork to Music (HTM), another division of DWD, which is more closely aligned to obedience heelwork, the dog performs in one or more of the prescribed heelwork positions for at least 60% of the routine.

DWD is suitable for handlers of all ages and dogs of all breeds, sizes and ages. There are no compulsory moves in DWD Freestyle and the handler develops the routine to showcase the individual dog's strengths and can omit moves which the dog finds difficult or which are not yet perfected.

Classes for beginners and the more advanced are held monthly on Thursday evenings.



CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Closed shoes must be worn while training.
2. No smoking.
3. It's 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.

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