

# Frankston Dog Obedience Club

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## Club news to you from a safe distance

2019 was a tough year for FDOC with classes moving from available venue to venue while we patiently waited for the ground works to be completed by Frankston City Council.

The arrival of 2020 saw the grounds leveled, the grass grown, fabulous new fenced training pens and a renewed spirit of the club as

we returned to our beloved training grounds and rejoiced as classes returned to normal time, normal place. Friends, both human and K9, reunited to once again share coffee and cake. Everything was as it should be! Until it wasn't!

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Suddenly, without much warning as social distancing regulations rapidly increased FDOC was shut.

It hurt! Here we were finally back, finally able to enjoy training at our grounds, with our friends and bam it's gone... again! AGAIN!

It'll be fine, I thought, as regulations started trickling in, we train outside, we can maintain safe distance we will be fine...

No way! I thought as the news came that we would indeed have to close, how dare they! I thought, after all we went through in

2019, I was angry! (Now please don't get me wrong, I understand the danger and recognize that everything done is necessary and important).

Then I was sad, sad for my dogs, they love their days at dog club as much as I did. Sad that I wouldn't see my doggy club friends for who knew how long and super sad that I was facing another period of time without Kim's cakes.

But as I worked through the stages of grief I finally came to acceptance. I looked at

my dogs and how much they were enjoying having everyone home and we started working on some new tricks with them, a little each day.

It's not the same, I still miss physically being at club. But I know that we, as a club, are strong! We made it through the obstacles of 2019, and we can make it through the challenges 2020 throws at us too.

When the dust settles and the threat passes we will rise from the ashes and return once more to our great club.



## President's Report

I sat down at my computer to write my presidents report, and was lost for words. I am sincerely hoping that all our members are safe and well as we all work our way through this extremely difficult time.

Rest assured the Frankston Dog Obedience club will be ready and waiting for all members to resume their training with their 4 legged

companions, when life returns to normal.

Memberships will be extended for the period of the clubs closure. This means, if we are closed for 3 months, then your membership will be extended for three months or however long the closure is for.

Continue your training at home with the tools you have

learnt so far. Remembering to always reward good behaviour.

Please take care of yourselves and each other.

Kim Dearden  
President

## News from Agility

As most of you will know this is Izzie, who has been a part of FDOCs agility community since she was a puppy 8 years ago. In 2015 we entered our first agility trial and since then we have had a whole lot of fun together.

In May 2018 along with 3 other members of FDOC , Scott, Geraldine and Penny S we gained a place in Top Dog Victoria, which was a huge achievement and experience.

Bfn Penny ....unlike people dogs enjoy doing EVERYTHING and going EVERYWHERE...as long as they're with you..



## Reflections on this morning's training

By Lana

I'm dozing in the front window. It's raining, so there are less people walking too close to our house to warn my humans about. Dad is in the kitchen, but I've already had some 4legs, so no need to get up. It did take AGES because mum forgot how it works. I sit,

she says the yummy word and feeds me. Simple. But she kept forgetting to say the yummy word. It was an excellent sit, all straight and doleful eyes and slight tail wag. The baby appreciated it. He was all happy sounds. He wasn't... WAIT! Intruder!

False alarm. The man was

alone and moved on quickly when I growled. I probably didn't need to go and watch him from the far room, but you can never be too sure. Sometimes, when there is a big group with a dog and I have to bark really loudly to get them to go away, the baby also gets upset. Got to make sure they don't upset him.

Anyway, now I'm curled back in my warm pillow by the front window. Mum is in here, so she can guard the house and I'll nap. But I'll tell you about how slow she was this morning. I already said, she kept forgetting to feed me for sitting. Doesn't she realise it's the baby who can't stand? I had to keep showing her I can stand and she remembered to say the yummy word and feed me, but then said the 'stay' word, which goes much better with sit, and she forgot the yummy word again. Eventually she was saying the yummy word just for me standing like a fool (see, Baby? it's not that hard), but she was remembering to feed me, so all good. I will do some more training with her later. Maybe she will finally understand what a good sit means.

(with help typing from Katrina)



## News from Flyball

The 2019/2020 flyball year was off to a bang! Despite the ground closure in 2019 we made the best of the situation last year and continued to train as best we could and hit the racing season in September running hard. Numbers were down due to the lack of new members coming through to replace the retiring dogs, however the 3 teams we had were strong!

We saw some fantastic results from our teams this season with Blizzards securing some elusive division 1 wins, tornadoes kicking goals in division 3 and Storm Chasers showing that consistency is more important than speed in division 5.

In very exciting news our Blizzards team, made up of Mac, Monty, Gypsy, Dakota and Joey finished the 2019/2020 flyball season on top of the State Premiership ladder and are officially the 2019/2020 Victorian State Premiers! An absolutely amazing achievement and a testament to the work everyone puts in training their dogs both at the club and at home.



At training we were thoroughly enjoying our new fenced off training pen. The reopening of the club saw a new group of dogs and handlers begin their flyball journey. The new group of beginners has been working hard on the important foundation skills. Much of this work is done at home and requires dedication from the handlers and this group rose to the challenge. It was exciting to see them progressing so successfully and we are excited to watch them grow into fully fledged flyball dogs and take on the racing lanes when training returns.

The Kingston Pet Expo competition, hosted by FDOC, was set to be the last competition for the season, and would have seen Pippa's debut in the racing lanes. Unfortunately the competition was cancelled, however we are excited to see Pippa join the team next season.



## Welcome to our new Members

Bernadette Gray with Tommy

Stuart & Alex Mouton - Sandy with Lilah

Melissa & Chris Williams - Gahan with

Hurley

Alanna & Matt Hickey - Baker with Izzy

Oscar

Denise Medo with Skye

Jay & Julian Pharaoh with Nala

Susan Scott with Hamish Brynn

Vikki & Mick Marshall - Williams with  
Hunter

Frankie

Fiona & Rohan Trott with Shade

Narelle, Jesse & Amelia Sibly with Ernie

Sophie

Mandy Emery with Harlow

Sara, Glenn, Joshua & Jake Marchant -

Hutchins with Cason Evie

Mary King with Missy

Julie & Carl & Natalie Hutchings with

Bailey Betty

Melanie, Glenn, Madeline & Nathan  
Gillham

with Zac Lola

Sharon, Geoff & Ashlea Rush with  
Daisy

Adrienne & Jayson Barker - Delaney with  
Rubble

Jade Mizzi with Neo Leo

Natasha, Alex & Mavis Bowman with Daisy

Shelley, Paul, James & Benjamin Cooper  
with Cindy

Honor, Jacob, Charli & Josiah Klan with  
Blue

Sue & Kirsten Laimbeer with Karma

Natally & Daniel Puc - Jones with Neo

Ian Prince with Lily

Felicity & Tim Dillon with June

Rothany Ward with Jackie Harps

Trent, Lucy & Rosie Smith with Angus

Monique & Harley Lia - Kelly with Leo

Melissa Wallace with Coco

Belinda Cincotta with Aria

Mikaela Ramsay with Benji

Shirelle & Robert Lean - Wilson with Zak

Buster Tui

Tracey, Chris, Emily & Josh Bennett with

Zeus

## Welcome to our new Members

Suzanne & Jordan Young with Remi

Luana & Mark Van Rangelrooy with Poppy

Jenni & Greg Milner with Myst

Gitta Hunter with Sam

Kim Collins with Castiel

Susan, Jonny & Katy Bell with Mac

Amelia Brown with Enzo

Christina Winter with Jasper

Rebecca Powell with Shodow

Paula, Maryanne & Jordan Fleming with

Lola

Belinda & Joey Ross Budai with Mishka

Martin, Sonja & Isobel Cole with Luna

May Babb with Benji

Suzie & Ben Carey with Daryl

Alice Greenaway with Iggy

Barry Groves with Charlie

Vicky Mullan with Molly

Therese Lambert with Grace

Monica & Gary Kwiecien - Clark with Flick

Kara McCracken with Milly

Jasmin & Tenae Underwood - Browne with

Lucy Odie

Bonnie Priestley with Lunar

Kay & Teneatha Long - Peck with Roxy lola

Rebel

Grace & Keith Mackellin with Rosie

Kenneth & Christine Klan with Lex

Andrew & Ivana Van De Beek with

Highland

Matthew & Genevieve Storey - Barlow with

Rosie Lucky

Rachel Dave Claire Isaac & Brianna

Lomulder with Maxi

Sasha & Amit Porter - Pawar with Maximus

Jack & Hollie Jenner - Rafter with Scout

Jeff Wall with Bialy

Cyril Hannah & Corey Lionnet with Kodi

Gail & Shane Porter with Buddy

John & Annie Flynn with Tia

Lee & Jack Dungan with Rexx

Dean, Dana, Aimee & Maddie McFadden

with Able

Sally & Tayla Kay - Gedye with Skoota

Lauren & Matthew Luckman - Grove with

Storm & Spencer

## Welcome to our new Members

Mick & Donna Barry with Gus

Shelby & Jeanette Gavine with Popcorn

Renaye Upton with Indee

Gavin & Karen Baumanis with Leo

Tom Les with Bruno

Kerrie Goodman with Indigo

Odette & Zachary Smith with Tiddles Smith

Tess Smith

Susan & Amy Edwards with Ollie

Adam & Brooke Lynch - Whyte with Beasley

Andrew, Monique, Jack & Elijah Manning

with Shadrach Mechach

Pamela & Caleb Lucas - Long with Loki

Kate & Sam Sciberras - Maxfield with

Cooper Bindi

Su-Lynne & Rick Arendze - Evans with

Monte Kobe

Vicki & Liam Jewson with Stanley

Sally & Fiona MacGowan - Young with Arlo

Julie Mikkola with abby Toby

Brian Keeling with Charlie

Natasha Moschoyiannis with Charlie

Penny Dunster with Dudley

Kelly & Daniel Sealey with Brandy Sealey

Dennis Volodomanov with Bikie

Terri Alderson with Archie

Mirela, Stella, Matt & Thomas Varley with

Bessie

Angie Frankeni with Aia

Nina & Trevor Karlhuber with Tigga

Paddy & Renee McGreal - Verkerk with

Ollie

Elizabeth & Ed Kneebone - Tato with Daisy

Renn

Melissa & Carl White with Storm

Jacqui, Lani & Rod Shannon with Jumper

Jade

Greta & Brian Wright - Sharpley with Arcky

Luffy

Tamara & Barbara Blok with Layla Millie

Robert Cook with Watson

Milly & Brendan Archer - Froling with Kobe  
& Ruby



## Welcome to our new Members

Cheryl & Simon Saffron - Walker with Zizy

Alfred

Kevin & Isobel Cooper with Billy jack

John Giorgetta with Tyson

Carol Condon with Hugo

Claire & Jake Seabury - Martin with Ruffey

Jean Wells with Opal

Jason Taylor with Marty

Kerryn & Phillip Campbell - Dodds with Dusty

Christine Rodgers with Domino

Leanne & Adam Hermsen with Molly

Annette & Ian Brown with Maggie

Micaela Ash with Milo

Debra Harris with Frank

Colin & Aura Parrant with Max

Lauren Doolan with Daisy

Bianca Saunders with Frankie

Veronique Russie with Milou

**WOW! What an amazing start to the year! Welcome all!**

**We look forward to seeing all our members, new and old, back training as soon as we can leave the couch!**



# FDOC Re-Launch Day

It feels like a distant memory now, however if we cast our memories back to January the FDOC re-launch open day was indeed a great success! As the mayor cut the red ribbon and officially opened the grounds it was wonderful to see so many people come along and celebrate. With dogs able to have a go at all the different elements of the club it was a great chance to try everything the club has to offer. Flyball and agility demonstrations ran throughout the day, while obedience games and market stalls from our local businesses and wonderful sponsors ensured that there was something for everyone. A huge thank you must go out to everyone involved behind the scenes in making this day a success!



# FDOC Re-Launch Day

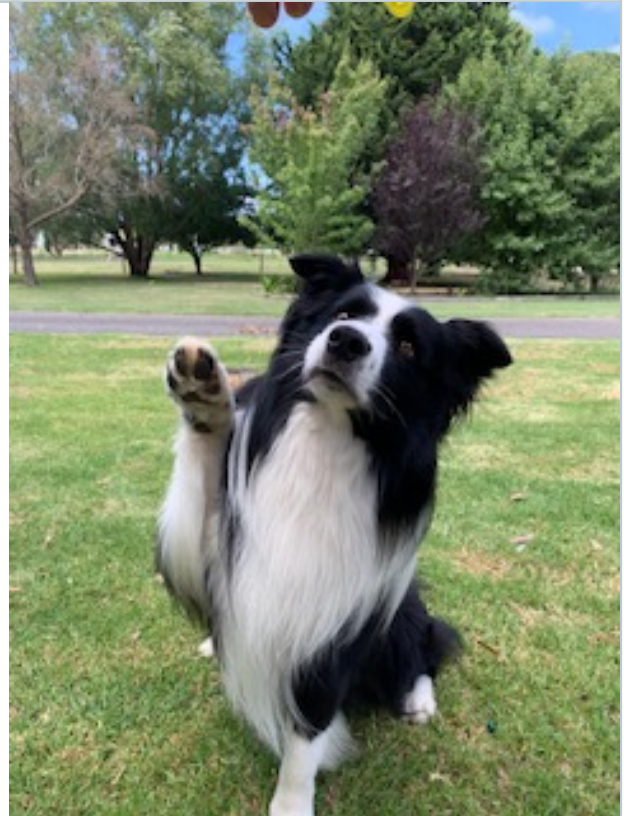


## Hands up if you can't wait to be back?

In the meantime consider teaching you  
dog some tricks at home

You could try...

- High 5
- Wave
- Spin
- Roll Over
- Weave through legs
- Beg



Our many thanks to Frankston City Council for the fabulous facility we now have both as a dog club on a Saturday and as a community, what a great place to be able to take our dogs during the week. It's great to see the pens being utilized during the week by the public!