

FRANKSTON DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB

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A Word From Our President

Here's hoping that you enjoy our Winter Edition of FDOC newsletter, which our cool editor Lauren has kindly compiled once again for us to enjoy.

Seminars

Back in May FDOC held a seminar at our club room; Dr Katrina Gregory BVSc.MACVSc. An animal Behaviourist and Vet kindly agreed to offer the members of FDOC a talk on working with our dogs (she also works with a number of larger animals). She spoke and showed video clips on how to live with a well behaved social dog obtaining positive results in forming bonds never to be broken.

The seminar was well attended by many of our members from the beginner classes up to the trialling level in all of our dog sports and was extremely interesting.

Thanks to Peter Gibson and Jenny Pepper for organising this event.

Then a couple of weeks ago Peter and Albert went to The BAT seminar (Behaviour Adjustment Training) which was run by Joey Iversen. I believe it was interesting, Peter and Albert will be sharing some of this information with us at an Instructors Meeting.

FunDay

The weather was kind to us for FDOCs second FunDay for the year, it was a great success; With large classes in Obedience, Rally, Agility and Flyball.

First thing in the morning the Agility Crew and The Flyballer's were up and out early setting up courses and runs ready to compete at 9am. Then at 12 noon, the Obedience and Rally rings opened.

I would like to thank the many people including committee members, instructors, ground crew, judges and stewards also the members who bought plates of food for the judges stewards.

This all helped in making the day the success that it was, without you all it wouldn't have happened.

Tracking

Tracking is in full swing during these winter months, the main contacts for tracking are Melanie and John, who you can speak with at the club room.

Open Obedience Trial

Note for your diary..... Saturday 11th October FDOC will be having our 4th ANKC Open Obedience and Rally Trial, which will be held at KCC Park, Westernport Highway, Skye.

Even if you do not wish to compete at this trial, it is always an interesting day out to come and watch the different levels of Obedience and Rally being judged.

Once again our thanks to Lea Cogley our Trial Secretary; Being a trial secretary is a huge job we do appreciate Lea for donating her time, whilst sharing her vast



knowledge with us.

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It is very rewarding to see lots of positive dog handling throughout the classes, with members having fun whilst spending time with their dogs, which is building the foundation steps for a social well mannered dog.

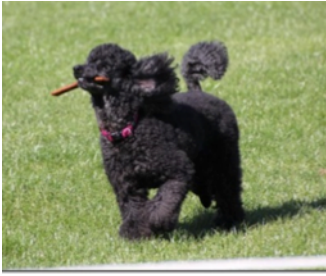
Should you ever have an interesting article that you would like to add to our newsletter just have a word with Lauren who will be with our Flyball Group.

Penny Roberts
President of Frankston Dog Obedience Club.

Enjoy the unconditional love that you receive from your dogs



Sit, Drop Stay: Obedience News



Looking at our members working in the 12.30 Advanced Classes and at the results from the Members Comp. I note several are working their dogs at, or very close to, Trial standard. If any of you are interested in finding out more about competing at official Dogs Victoria Trials please feel free to ask me or one of our Instructors and we will

organise some ring-work for you.

Rally Obedience is a relatively new addition to the Dog Sport Agenda and is gaining popularity at a great rate.

We are fortunate at Frankston to have Roger bringing along the equipment and setting up a Rally Ring at the Club on a regular basis. Do have a look at the ring and a chat to Roger – you might find this is a great fit for you and your dog once you have mastered the basic obedience exercises. At the beginners' level all exercises are on lead, you can talk to and encourage your dog and it is a lot of fun.

We do use a lot of food rewards in training but don't overlook the value of play – remember to bring that special toy that is reserved for training days and use it to relax and motivate your dog. This will help make Class work much more fun and you will see good results.

Pat



Rally Obedience

My name is Diane Gnieslaw and I am excited to share my story. I came 1st with Jodie, with a score of 92/100, got my Rally Novice (RN) title and won the Labrador Club trial in the Novice class.

Before we began I was so nervous that my mouth was dry. At the end I thought I might have passed, so I looked at my sheet and I was very excited to see my score.

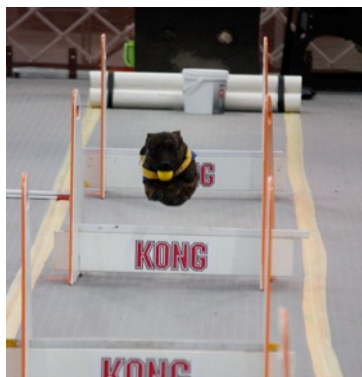
I have worked very hard

with Jodie, who is a very powerful dog. However I never expected to do so well. We now have new signs to learn and will now compete off lead.

To obtain your RN title you need to achieve three passes. I got my first one at the Moorabbin trial, my 2nd at KCC at a Dogs Victoria trial and the Labrador club trial was my 3rd pass.

Rally Obedience made up of a range of signs, that are placed on the ground that you follow along a course. There are 30 different signs to learn in Novice. On a course you usually get about 15 signs including turns, sits, drops, weaving, walking around cones and walking at different paces. It is most important to have a loose lead. In order to pass you cannot loose more than 30 points.

Having a ball: Flyball News



As always the Frankston Storm flyballers have continued to train hard over the winter. The winter months are a great opportunity to really work on skills and have been enjoying spending time working through some of the quirks that of the dogs have developed!

We have welcomed several new beginners to our flyball family and are enjoying watching them progress. We have also welcomed a couple of

members from other clubs to Frankston over the break and look forward to racing with them when the racing season returns in September.

This June many of our members who only started competing in the last few years experienced their first indoor competition. Indoor racing is ultimately the same as the standard outdoor racing, although at the same time is very different with matting for the dogs to run on. And with nowhere for the noise to escape it's a little harder on the eardrums than the typical grass comps!



Recent Competition Results

Ringwood Highland Games

Lightning Bolts – 3rd
Blizzards – 1st
Hurricanes – 2nd
Chasers – 2nd

Hastings Flyball Comp

Lightning Bolts – 3rd
Cyclones – 1st
Hurricanes – 4th
Chasers – 2nd

Kong Indoor Challenge

Typhoons – 1st
Cyclones – 1st
Hurricanes – 2nd
Chasers – 3rd



Gilberts Story

Gilbert and I used to do obedience, but when it got cold and wet he wouldn't sit or drop (can't blame him really) so I thought we could try Flyball instead. He was quick at picking things up, but wasn't interested in the ball, which as you can imagine is a big part of Flyball. Then in came Lauren she jumped around played games and made it exiting for him. She gave him food and taught him about a clicker and he was won over! He loves her to this day. Now we are competing regularly and loving it. It's exciting to have one racing beagle and maybe another one on the way, with Kimba now in training!

Christine Baleisis

Core Strength and Performance Dogs



Core conditioning is an essential part of any K9 athletes training program. FDOC offers several performance dogs sports including agility, flyball and tracking. If your dog participates in any of these competitions, it is important to ensure your dog is in prime physical condition. As humans we know that our performance is enhanced when our bodies are in peak physical condition and a very important part of that conditioning comes from our core muscles. If these are lacking in strength it is very difficult to ensure our other muscles are in peak condition.

To help our members with this we have recently purchased some new FitPAWS® equipment, which is designed for exactly this purpose. This equipment is being used in several classes already, with members really taking on board activities to

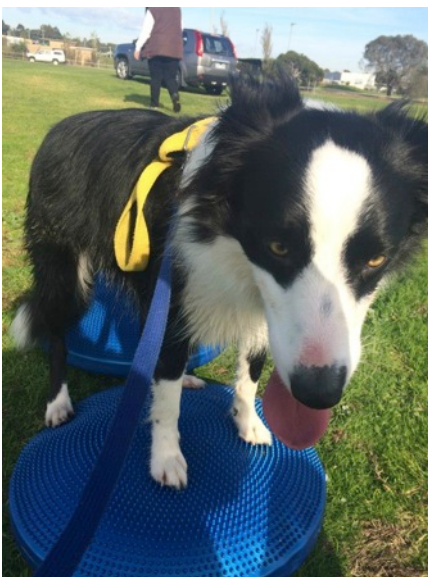
help improve their dog's condition.

By using the FitPAWS® conditioning equipment, the dogs body will automatically react to the shifting movement, causing the dog to use different muscle groups simultaneously in order to remain upright. Adding this strengthening activity to our dog's training activities regularly has many benefits, including:

- Improved reaction and control
- Increased trunk and core strength
- Stabilisation of weak areas
- Improved balance and proprioception
- Increased range of motion in joints and elongation of the muscles
- Improved sensory and body awareness



The same FitPAWS® Canine Conditioning Equipment that we have available for use by our members is used by animal rehabilitation professional, veterinarians, sport dog enthusiasts and professional dog trainers all over the world for core strengthening, increased range of motion and flexibility,



neuromuscular facilitation, sensory and perceptual stimulation, joint alignment, and balance control. Core strength is a fundamental element used by our dogs to control their bodies when jumping, turning, and running.

Helping our dogs to develop strong core muscles can also reduce and prevent injuries. This is true whether the dogs are involved in sport, are working dogs, or just are couch potatoes with healthier aspirations.



KEY DATES

18th September – 'On the Fly' Flyball Competition at FDOC grounds

11th October – Frankston Dog Obedience Club Open Obedience Trial at KCC

28th November – Members Competition

5th December – break up/games day

Saturday 12th December – AGM - 11am

Saturday 12th December - Presentation evening at Chelsea RSL

30th January 2015 – Working bee and planning meeting

6th February 2015 – Training returns



FDOC Welcomes it's Newest Members

Janice Dedman and Luna
Linda Johnson and Baisy & Roxy
Maria English and Cinders
Fiona & Dennis Anderson and Finnegan & Bella
Sandy Curtayne and Bruce
Olga Vaseo and Max
Linda Fulton and Jethro
Rebecca, Kimberley & Braden
Skinner and Jazz, Charlie & Bugsy
Emily Rees and Juno
Kym & Peter Gilliland and Ringo & Biff
Miriam & David Joy-Smith and Lily
Jo, Ema & Jess Raulin and Oliver
Jennifer & Robert Abreu and Bonnie
Lauren & Andrew Gell - Jones and Toby
Katharine & Alison Prata and Poppy
Gaynor & Tiffany Lowery and Patch
Kim Cheeseman and Dior
Robyn Adamson and Jazz
Kristy Hourigan and Milly
Cadell & Ashlen Falconer and Molly
Roz, Paul & Kirstin Gersdahl and Nala
Sharon & Anthony Bartley – Anderson and Kira
Clair Manson and Frankie
Gabby Loizou and Sox
Sophie Liewes and Piper
Rob, Anne & Scott Keays and Sammy
Amy & Jerimy Witting - Smith and Peanut
Sue & John Filius and Billy & Poppy
Andrew & Bernadette Moody and Buddy
Laura Hill and Bonnie
Marina & Clint Lysenko and Jedi
Nelson Fesolai and Neo
Karen Heysham abd Barney
Melinda & Bernard McLean and Dakota
Amanda & Mathew Hemetsberger and Sophie
Andrew & Sue Maitz and Tarkin
Mitchell & Jo Grant and Oakley

Lisa & Ash George - Foreman and Harley & Karma
Geraldine Kisielnicki and Roxy
Jennifer Bain and Gypsy
Denis Cody and Luci, Sam & Wynton
Lyn Scott and Tiger
Vicky & Marko Nudrinic and Shadow & Ghost
Tony, Jo & Shannon Hanna – Johnstone and Opie & Ben
Elysha & Chris Bini - Grundy and Billy
Melinda & Alice Grant and Shadow
Dani & Darryl Seal - Hayes and Cooper
Lisa & Ivan Winding - Key and Lucy
Denise Halliwell and Grace
Amder, Jade & Michael Krause – Kobe and Nala
Deborah & Sean Ogden - Power and Willow & Inara
Kirsty \$ Daniel Pope and Pippa
Scott & Veronika Kurtini and Tippy
Maree, Kasey & Elyssa Jones – Barratt and Baron & Duke
Emily & Nick Irwin and Loki & Lumen
Paul, Michele & Ben Fairclough and Drift
Shannon & Christine Elkins ad Cooper
Shaun & Lisa Caddy and Murphy
Candice Storme and Charlotte
Shelley & Greg Pendlebury and Scooby
Laura De Lange and Nellie
Abraham & Melissa Greenwood – Swiers and Roy
Jari-Ann Cox and Finley
Jacqui, Jack & Lyn Dalton and Sam & Jessie
Paul Mackay and Lucky
Jim Kondarios and Zeus

Charmaine Hawkins and Delilah
 Hailey & Leigh Dawson and Bonnie
 Marie & Holly Gibbon and Gabriel
 Troy Emmerson and Tricky
 Josephine Chitty and Vador
 Zac Harris and Zhade
 Wendy Clipsham and OnxyT &
 EbonyT
 Georgie & Lisa Male and Remy &
 Razzle
 Isabelle Pinder and Sam
 Mandy Emery and Sophie
 Grace & Clem Green-Issaevitch and
 Spiro
 Anne, Therese & Josh Grant and
 Addie
 Jemma Harrison and Willow
 Lauren Castles and Stella
 Tegan Stait and Lulu
 Dary & Jamie Baxter and Bella &
 Ollie
 Robyn Ledwidge and Ginny
 Angela Brindley and Sherry
 Margaret Zimmer and Barney

Melissa & Mark Bennetto and
 Indie & Kaylah
 Stacey & Caitlin Maughan and
 Charlie
 Belinda & Graham Kennedy –
 Forbly and Daisy
 Lee & Peter Eastwood and
 Cruzier
 Leigh Bock and Woof
 Theresa Sutherland and Dougal
 Jaclyn Morgan and Tucker
 Ian Wheat and Harlow
 Tony, Eloise & Nicola Eustace
 and Jack
 Greg & Rach Kainamu and Link
 Nichole & Akshay Lucker –
 Mhatrn and Marley
 Mat & Sandra Ryan and Iggy &
 Ozmo
 Melissa & Ray Gourley and Star
 Martine Seccull and Blondie
 Dusan & Georgy Sipic and
 Pappy
 Shari Hajdu and Juno

*Every effort has been made to correctly include all members. Please
 accept my sincerest apologies if there have been any errors or
 omissions.*

Club Attire

Love your club and want to
 wear your club colours with
 pride? Head to the kiosk to
 grab yourself a FDOC polo
 shirt or windcheater. Only a
 few left so get in quick!

Flyball uniforms will also be
 back in stock soon ready for
 the new racing season!

FDOC Polo shirts – now
 only \$20

FDOC Windcheaters – now
 only \$30

Flyball Polo shirts - \$35

Flyball Hoodies - \$60

Flyball Hats/Beanies - \$15

Do you have an interesting story about your dog? If you
 have a story you think other club members would be
 interested to read about in the FDOC newsletter please
 email the editor at flyball@fdoc.org.au

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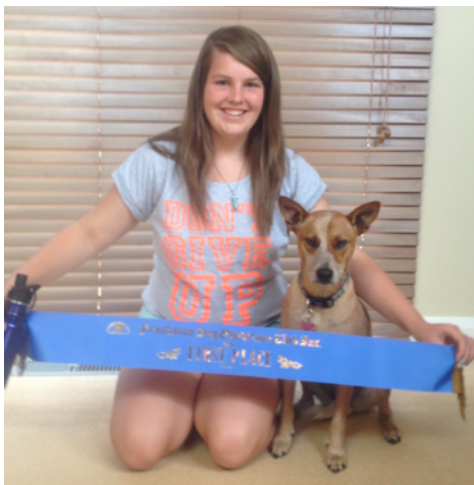


A Tail of Youth and Experience

Saturday, March 21, 2015 saw the first of this year's Club Competition days. Flyball and Agility held their competitions early, to beat any heat that may have occurred and also to allow everyone the opportunity to compete in all events, Flyball, Agility and Obedience.

For some time now, the club has been encouraging junior handlers to train and take part in competitions. This has resulted in three or four juniors taking part in each competition event. They work with their dogs at the dog's level, gaining experience and skills as they pass up through their respective training classes.

Frankston Dog Obedience Club also has several experienced and enthusiastic trialling competitor who enter many Open Obedience Trials and compete against and with the state's top triallers. One of



which is Pat Mattingley, our Chief Instructor.

Pat has years of experience and when the opportunity arises, is competing with Deltah to achieve that perfect run-through in the ring.

On Saturday, we had three junior members competing in their respective classes. Lana, Mailie and Stephanie. Pat was competing in Utility and Open classes.

At the end of the trial, scores were inputted on the computer, certificates printed off and presentation print-outs prepared. We give prizes to the winners of each class and also to the top scoring Junior Member and top scoring Frankston Member

When the scores were normalised, that is when the scores are made out of the same amount, it all became very, very close. The top four members at Frankston were separated by three point.

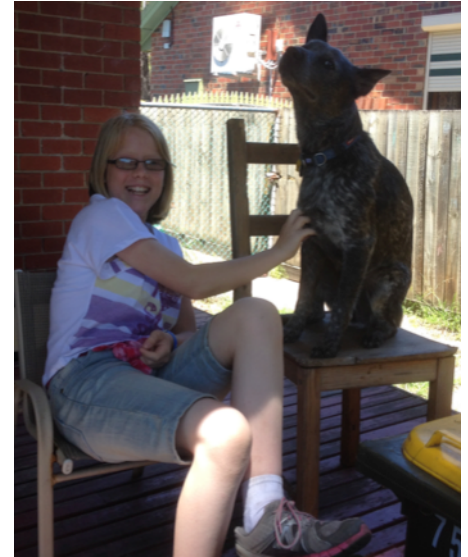
Fourth Place 181/200 pts

Second Place 182/200 pts

Second Place 182/200 pts

First Place 184/200 pts

This result, for a Funday, showed us the benefits of the



encouragement of our Junior Handlers and the true tail of Youth and Experience:

181 pts Melissa Ferabend and Sir Shadow CDX RAE4 HTM.1 DWDF.1 ET TD (Senior)

182 pts Pat Mattingley and Jenuin Deltah CDX (Senior)

182 pts Stephanie and Peppa (Junior)

184 pts Mailie and Blue (Junior)

The Juniors in our club are showing great potential and showing us and the dog community that family dog ownership is fun and rewarding.

With proper training, guidance and dedication we all can achieve our perfect result.

Tracking News



I had a great weekend at Bendigo. Thanks to our Judge Necia Lynch, Link is now a Track & Search Grand Champion and Flex is now a Track & Search Champion. Flex is just so easy to track and gained an Excellent grade for tracking around the streets near the showgrounds in Bendigo on Sat night with some very

bold cats and many people and cars everywhere due to the music festival going on. Link did a great job too as it was a very busy night on the streets.

These tests are done after a wait of about 3-4 hours after the unknown tracklayer set off. The dog is given an article of the unknown tracklayer to sniff then they follow the tracklayer's scent to the end, about 1 km away, with turns and road crossings and distractions on the way. The tracklayer is picked-up by a car and driven 200m around a corner and over a cross street then the tracklayer gets out and continues on foot to the

end. Our dogs are amazing as they only get paid / rewarded at the end with a small My Dog sachet to eat but they love doing it. So do I !

Donna Merrilees



Agility Dogs Hard at Work!



Rain, hail or shine the agility dogs and their handlers are up the back training! With trials all year round, there is no rest for these performance dogs! Think you and you're your dog might enjoy agility? Head over and have a chat to Sandy about what you can do to prepare while you're waiting for the next foundation class to begin!

Members Competition Results For July 2015

Obedience

Puppies

- 1st – Troy Emmerson and Tricky
2nd – Melissa Gourley and Star

Beginners 1

- 1st – Mary Medinnick and Boof
2nd – Marina Lysenko and Jedi
3rd – Rob Keays and Sammie

Beginners 2

- 1st – Taylor Dearden and Monty
2nd – Shireen Longley and Byron
3rd – Mark McDermott and Benson

Pink

- 1st – Jenny Pepper and Delilah
2nd – Ian Smith and Lilly
3rd – Ann White and Bella

Yellow

- 1st – Tammy Beatie and Moby
2nd – Albert Dearden and Teddy
3rd – Diane Gnieslaw and Jodie

CCD

- 1st – Taylor Dearden and Reggie
2nd – Geraldine Kisielnicki and Jazz
3rd – Helen Campbell and Minx

Novice

- 1st – Janice James and Zarlie
2nd – Mailie Gibson and Blue

Open

- 1st – Jenny Pepper and Jemima
2nd – Melissa Ferabend and Shadow
3rd – Angela Brindley and Sherry

Veterans

- 1st – Andrea Torpy and Banjo



*Thank you to 4legs for
your ongoing sponsorship*

Rally Obedience Novice

- 1st – Geraldine Kisielnicki and Jazz
2nd – Jannelle Carlile and Emmy
3rd – Diane Gnieslaw and Amber

Rally Obedience Tried

- 1st – Melissa Ferabend and Shadow
2nd – Angela Brindley and Sherry
3rd – Jenny Pepper and Jemima

Flyball

Division 1

- 1st – Stevie G (handled by David Sharp) and Ash (handled by Ann Harlond)
2nd – Bowie (handled by James Wood) and Reggie (handled by Taylor Dearden)
3rd – Chad (handled by Paul Louziotis) and Rufus (handled by Romaine Berenger)

Division 2

- 1st – Skater (handled by Tazzie Eggins) and Ruby (handled by Jacinta Wellsted)
2nd – Stryker (handled by Charles Murton) and Jodie (handled by Diane Gnieslaw)
3rd – Willow (handled by James Wood) and Morgan (handled by Ann Harlond)

Beginners 2

- 1st – Brody (handled by Denise Male)
2nd – Amber (handled by Diane Gnieslaw)
3rd – Monty (handled by Taylor Dearden)

Beginners 3

- 1st – Onyx (handled by Wendy Clipsham)
2nd – Ty (handled by Danielle Marsh)
3rd – Georgie (handled by Robert Pastello)



Agility News and Members Competition Results

Brrr it was cold, the wind was biting but we had no rain thank goodness. A record entry of 46 runs made for a long 'morning'. Our trainee judge Scott Fletcher, once again gave us some lovely courses and lots of helpful advice to our new beginners.

Masters Jumping

- 1st Penny Roberts and Izzie
- 2nd Jenny Williams and Robbie
- 3rd Roger Padfield and Jazpah

Excellent Jumping

- 1st Ann Cleghorn and Kasey
- 2nd Tammy Beattie and Moby
- 3rd Donna Merrilees and Link

Novice Jumping Tried

- 1st Cathy Jaques and Missy
- 2nd Joanne McComiskie and Jack
- 3rd Jannelle Carlile and Emmy

Novice Jumping not Tried

- 1st Charmaine Hawkins and Delilah
- 2nd Judy Tricker and Snoopy

Masters Agility

- 1st Tammy Beattie and Madison
- 2nd Leonie Jasper and Cooper
- 3rd Roger Padfield and Wynta

Excellent Agility

- 1st Marg Boreham and Penny
- 2nd Donna Merrilees and Link

Novice Agility Tried

- 1st Ann Cleghorn and Kasey
- 2nd Jenny Williams and Woody
- 3rd Joanne McComiskie

Beginner Agility

- 1st Judy Tricker and Snoopy
- 2nd Ron Deane and Toby
- 3rd Eileen Foley and Dottie

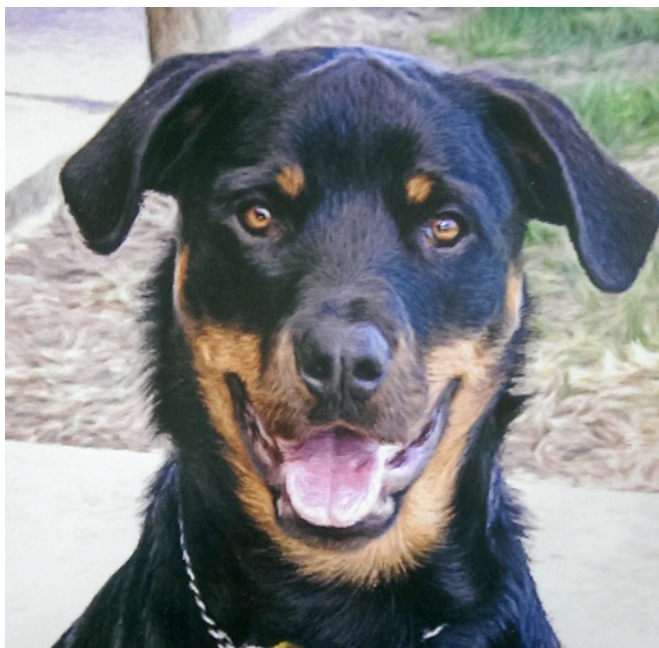


Scruffy's Story

Scruffy is my foster dog from Second Chance Rescue Services, he has been training with me in agility for around 6 months and has just graduated from foundation agility to beginners, he is always willing to please, ball crazy and is passionate about his training. He loves agility and is keen to have a go at everything. Rescue dogs are great dogs with huge potential if given the right home and love.

Christine Netterfield

VALE Zac



Hi, my name is Zac.

You all remember me! I loved all the people at Frankston Dog Club and especially all my four legged friends.

Eris was my favourite when I was a puppy. We used to chase each other around the green rubbish bin a lot. Melanie and my Dad thought us running around in circles was a great joke. When I was older I attached myself to various other dogs and they all liked me. We never had any arguments.

When my dad sat on the chairs outside, I usually sat on the chair next to him. Teddy came along with Albert and did the same, we made wonderful bookends.

My friend Bandit came along with Chris and I was very happy to meet him. I had great fun with Bandit.

I did very well for all the years I was at the club. I never missed a Saturday and I competed in all the fundays. My Dad placed all my certificates, ribbons and trophies on display and is very proud when he shows them to people.

Lately I had a lot of ups and downs with my health, but Mum and Dad looked after me very well with medication. They tried to help me but I got worse and sadly I had to leave my family, the club and all my doggie friends.

It has been a wonderful life for me. Being with my Mum and Dad and going to the club for over seven years. I will be watching you lot every Saturday, just to make sure I don't miss anything.

Missing you all! Zac.

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