

# FRANKSTON DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB

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## A Word From Our President

Here's hoping that you all enjoy the final newsletter for 2015. Once again thank you too Lauren our editor for putting this publication together even though she has just given birth to the cutest baby girl Aylah. Many Congratulations to Lauren, Aaron and Riley.

Please take some time to read the newsletter as it's always full of interesting little snippets....Should you wish to add anything to the next newsletter you'll usually find Lauren with The Flyball teams.

### *Competition Days*

So far this year we have held 3 Competitions Days, which are a whole lot of fun for the Flyball Team, Agility Addicts, and our Obedience / Rally Crew.

I would like to thank our Committee, Ground Crew, Instructors,

Judges and Stewards, you each helped in making the day's flow beautifully, a lot of work does on behind the scenes from a few people whom I thank.

Also thank you to some members who bought a plate of food for our judges and stewards, which were very much appreciated.

### *Tracking*

The tracking season will commence once again in April 2016, when the tracking sniffers will be out in full force. We do NOT run tracking during the summer months due to the snakes being out and about, we also do not want to put pressure on our dogs by working them in unsuitable weather conditions.

Please contact John on 0408123080 or Mel on 0414955430 if you are interested in going on to the tracking messaging list.

### *Open Obedience Trial 2015*

Another successful day was had by all...The weather was beautiful, competitors happy



and many pass cards were handed out.

Peter has written a more informative account of the day which has been published in this newsletter.

### *Flyball*

The flyball team ran another successful competition in September with a record breaking number of entries. They are growing into an unstoppable force with 4 - 5 teams regularly representing Frankston DOC at competitions all over the state.



### *Agility.*

On the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016 Frankston DOC will be holding their Inaugural Agility Trial at KCC Park very exciting times ahead.

Also in the New Year you will notice that the agility circuit have some very pretty new winged jumps.... And yes they are very pretty and look fantastic but these wings have all been manufactured with safety in mind for both the dog and the handler.

### *Penny the President.*

In January 1991 along with my Border Collie Misty we joined Frankston DOC for ME to learn how to live happily with my keen, eager, fun loving girl.

This crazy girl opened so many new interesting and fun doors for us; Along the way I also made many

great friendships with people who are still very special friends in my life.

I never thought (this coming January) 24 years later that I would still be a member of the club!!

During my years at FDOC I have held the positions of Treasurer, Instructor, Secretary, Vice President and President, at the moment I am enjoying the challenges of being The Agility Trial Secretary.

So far!! I am the only member who has held all of the executive committee positions, quite an accomplishment for someone who just wanted to train her dog.

I had a break from committee, when my partner John and I opened "4 Paws Boarding Kennels" and lived in Whoop Whoop for a few years. But Audrey Thorne another FDOC friend soon got me back asking me to be secretary all I needed

to do was write a few letters mmm.

In 2001, much to my surprise and delight I was made a Life Member of The Frankston DOC, which is very much an honour indeed.

But the time has come, after all these years for me to retire from the committee, as I would like to spend more time with my family and of course having heaps of fun with our dogs Ella and Izzie.

I leave the committee in VERY CAPABLE hands, with interesting things happening in 2016 and future years.

Thank you Frankston, thank you to my many friends you have been a huge part of my life.

See you up at Agility or when I take My Living with your Dog Class.

Penny

***...The dog never makes a mistake. He is just a dog, and thinks like a dog. It is you that makes the mistake because you haven't trained him to do what you want him to do when you want him to do it. Or you have misjudged what he is able to do, physically or mentally. So if a mistake is made in that team, it is you that has made it, not the dog.***

## Tracking News

### CLEMKIRK CUSTOM MADE TDX

When I first got Lucy, I decided to get her started at tracking as there is no pressure on her joints or bones as she grows. We did our first tracking test at Pyalong which we passed.

Our next tracking test was at Inverleigh which we passed and we then had a chance to do



a track on – which means that you have the opportunity to do your next tracking test as well, so we did test 3, which we passed and Lucy came home with her TD title (Tracking Dog Title).

We then did out Test 4 at Broadford which we passed, then onto Morwell for our Test 5 which was also a pass.

Up to Haddon for our Test 6 which we also passed and Lucy came home with her TDX title (Tracking Dog Excellent Title).

Also while we were Haddon Lucy's breeder Danielle Kirkham from Clemkirk

Kennels came down to see how Lucy was going and also followed Lucy's track.

I am so proud of Lucy and what she has achieved but none of this would had happened without the help and advice from the trainers John Scott and Melanie Larcombe because without them Lucy would not have been able to achieved what she has. Lucy just loves tracking so we will be continuing next year.

Fran Mills

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## Agility News: Remi and Me

Remi is a 3 year old mini schnauzer and I am a mature woman enjoying the sunset years. Training began for Remi as a pup and it soon became evident that he was a timid and fearful little dog. The training was rewarding as it gave both of us some behaviour guidelines (we can be a wee bit naughty).

When Remi matured we joined the foundation agility class. Initially Remi was scared of the tunnel and other equipment, but under the guidance of Sandy, Remi blossomed and became a confident dog. After many months of care from Sandy, myself and, special friend, Eileen, we were thrown out of foundation and into beginner agility. Marg then became out main trainer and Remi and friends were introduced to a range of new equipment. Remi was so enthusiastic in this class that the quiet dog became a cheeky agility devotee. The confidence that Remi has gained is wonderful.

I wish to give my heart felt thanks to Marg and Sandy. These wonderful women share their experience, time, patience and caring every week. Thank you both for making Remi and myself have the best fun ever.

Love from Wendy West and Remi



## Having a ball: Flyball News

The flyball team has been training and racing hard over the past couple of months. We have welcomed Phin, Dart and Polly to our team from another club and Amber, Scruffy and Monty have graduated from our beginners program to also join the racing team, with OnxyT and Brody also preparing for their



first competitions.

Our annual On The Fly competition was a raging success again this year with an unprecedented 25 teams from all over the state entering. A massive thankyou goes out to Taylor for her work as Competition Coordinator. Thanks also to the canteen ladies for their amazing work and of course to the flyball crew for all their work.

While the club takes a well earned break over the holiday season the flyball teams will continue to train and compete through December and January.



### Some Recent Results

#### **Dandenong Show**

Div 5: Lightning Bolts 2nd  
Div 4: Blizzards 2nd  
Div 3: Cyclones 1<sup>st</sup>  
Div 2: Tornadoes 1st

#### **Pet's Day Out**

Div 2: Typhoons - 1st  
Div 3: Hurricanes - 3rd  
Div 4: Tornados - 4th  
Div 6: Chasers - 5th

## Gypsy's Story

We found Gypsy on the pet rescue site, she was part of a litter of 10 puppies up for adoption. We knew we wanted to do something with Gypsy and had seen FDOC training at the club grounds.

We started with obedience but knew with Gypsy being active we wanted to do more. Agility was my first thought until we saw the flyball team competing at the Berwick show.

Since joining the flyball team Gypsy has progressed with her training beautifully (I am getting there too☺). Even though we are not ready to compete yet we have attended quite a few of the comps to help the team and learn but also to help Gypsy get comfortable in the comp environment. Sometimes there is lunchtime training in the ring, which is great

experience for Gypsy.

The flyball team could not have been any more welcoming to us. We have enjoyed our flyball

journey so far and look forward to our future flyball career with not just our team mates but people I can now call friends. Joining the club has not only been great for Gypsy but for myself as well.

We are now preparing for our new furry addition to join our family. Looks like you will be seeing me in the obedience ring next year.



Tash Sharp and Gypsy

## FDOC's Annual Open Trial

Sunday, October 12th saw our annual Open Obedience and Rally Obedience Trial take place at KCC Park. We had 128 entrants across 12 classes. There were dogs of all sizes, Chihuahuas to Great Danes and all sorts in between. The highest scoring Frankston Member, Helen Campbell with Seyoso My Back Street Student RE CCD, (Minx), also scored the Highest in Trial with 195 points. Prizes for all place getters were supplied by our trial sponsor, DogSmart and their Meals for Mutts dog food

was greatly appreciated by all recipients. DogSmart also provided Tug-E-Nuff toys for some. A "thank you" goes to our trial sponsor, DogSmart and trial supporters The Pet Food Co, Tough Dog Beds, Strike Bowling, APCO, Carrum Downs Pet Clinic and Carjack, a stalwart for our club. There will be those that I have missed but everyone's support is appreciated. Also an expression of appreciation to our Judges, Stewards, volunteers on, before and after the event and those who entered.



Minx, 195 points Novice Obedience

## RallyO - Way to Go

I think we all agree that Obedience training is a necessary part of a dog's development, however, there are some 'dogs', 'handlers', or 'times' when a different approach may be of benefit. The 'time' for me was after almost a year of Obedience when Onyx was still pulling on the lead and running off on recalls and again a year later when I realised that Obedience wasn't for my dog or myself, though we did continue with it for quite a few years. Obedience was too rigid and structured and my dog and I wanted a training method which was more variety, with a greater range of skills and more playful as we both loved learning new tricks.

RallyO was just coming in and I realised that this discipline may be the platform for Onyx and I. In RallyO, even in a formal trial, you can TALK to your dog, PAT them, REASSURE and REWARD them

verbally. You can actually enjoy communicating with your partner and this was the way for us. Of course in training food is used as well.

RallyO is also an excellent addition to formal Obedience training as you are both sure to enjoy the communication and diverse range of skills required. I had also introduced Onyx to Dog Dance in his first year and noted that the three disciplines at an early age produced very flexible movements. He could work on his right side or turn left much easier than an Obedience trained dog.

RallyO consists of 59 movements performed at 'stations' and you need to learn these particular skills and exactly how to do them. It is quite different to Obedience, where you only need to follow the commands of the instructor or adjudicator. There are four levels in RallyO - Novice, Advanced, Excellent and Master. Novice requires knowledge

of skills 1 through to 32, Advanced 1 through to 46, Excellent 1 through to 52 etc.

These skills may include walking in a tight circle, left or right, walking backward with your dog, or sit side step sit. There are very specific explanations on how to perform every station and unlike Obedience, you need to do some homework and read up on the signs when training seriously or before going to trial. For example, footwork patterns are very set, you need to know when to pause or not and some signs are quite complex without study.

Next year is an excellent time to start RallyO as the Signs are changing dramatically, especially at the higher levels. The Rules are also changing as of January 2016. So if you are a beginner, or Obedience, Flyball, Dance or Agility handler come and try out a RallyO class next year. All enquiries to Peter Gibson.

See you there,  
Wendy, OnyxT and EbonyT Clipsham

## KEY DATES

5<sup>th</sup> December – break  
up/games day

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December –  
AGM - 11am

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December -  
Presentation evening at  
Chelsea RSL

30<sup>th</sup> January 2015 – Working  
bee and planning meeting

6<sup>th</sup> February 2015 – Training  
returns



## FDOC Welcomes it's Newest Members

Donna, Erin & Darren Baker – Struthers  
and Bella

Christine Davies and Sammie

Sussanna Coyle and Gypsy

Janet & Paul Measham - Charles and  
Toby

Kristen-Lyn Hill and Memphis

Glen & Tony Gray and Fern

Phillip & Mary Birley and Luki

Aida, Andrew & Vicky Elliu and Chopper

Antonio Fonti and Leo

Kevin, Nicole & Correna Stevens - Diaz  
and Hermes

Keith Scott and Benji

Courtney Louise Bowen and Maximus

Lauren Atkinson and Ace

Samantha & Michael McMahan – Buckley  
and Harvey

Matthew Dooley and Havok

Vicki & Barry Pincombe and Bobby

Deborah & Madison McGlone and Lady  
& Ruby

Kristine & Adam Zgela - Burks and Elroy

Narelle Bertalli and Ben

Gabrielle Houston and Cook

Lindsay & Shannon Maloney - Byrne and  
Neo

Ciarra Lavery and Birdy

Mikayla Laffan and Oscar

Kenneth & Tiffnay Gundy - Senior and  
Clyde

Lorna & Donald McDonald and Olive

Travis & Jacqui Brown and Opie

Niall & Terri Field-Jamieson and Rastas

Nicole & Wes Kan-Wilmnk and Ollie

Anthony Jacobsen and Buddy

Bianca & Lynda Jacobsen and Sterling  
& Honey

Rose Youil and Titus

Robyn & Lynda Benson and Blu

Jayde, Justine & Jamie Moove and Willow

Jude Driver and Archi & Ted

Liza & Sam Allitt and Scout

Judy Ross and Tea

Damian & Toni Breen and Stevie

Jacey Singh and Pippa

Alana & Ross Spencer - Court and Turbo

Stephen & Jennifer Parsons - Fin and  
Jax

James & Leah Deery - Mills and Bella

Debbie Cameron and Lola

Gail, John & Sophie Ponting - White  
and Billy

Trae Toh and Koda

Julie, Owen, Josh & Ella Donohue and  
Roxy

Roddy McNeill and Spike

Paul & Louise Zinzopoulos and Ruby

Candice & Brent Davidson and Gus

Wayne & Julie Cooper and Chevy

Kathleen & Carole Armstrong and

Penny

Jess & Damo Townsend and Foxie &  
Teddie

Steve Brinson and Bella

Michele & Josh Allen and Mack

Steffanie & Beau Eastwood - Briant  
and Trigga

Karen & Garry DeWildt and Missy

Dawn & James Dalgarno and Flynn

Aimee & Gary Lonjak and Shadow

Carly & Erin Collins and Giovanni &  
Mr Peabody

Sarah Watson and Max-E

Jenna & Daniel Taylor - Burnside and  
Harley

Yodishtra Jagatheson and Zimba

Kerry & Sharon Ford - Stevenson and  
Poppy & Missy

Jessica & Nick Oliver - Cheong and  
Annie

Brodie & Gabrielle Norfolk-Tarabolsi a  
nd Vadar

Meagan & Andrew Hillier and Alice &  
Kane

Stephanie Watt and Tank

Karla Fulton and Jade

Patricia Haidle and Clanch

Rebecca & Jordan Ward - Farnbach  
and Bowser

Jessica & Scott Sudul - Taylor and  
James

Narelle & Dannika Newland and  
Charley

Christine & Eric Simmonds and  
Pfluger

Angela, Chris & Jake Mills and Kloe  
& Archie

Debbie Smith and Ruby

Ralf Bernd & Anne Schittenhelm –  
Walter and Sage

Monica, John & Kate Joy - Valgan and  
Alfie



Bruce Sanders and Max  
 Deanne & Sahin Adams - Cinar and Jasper  
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 Tracy & Matthew Jackson and Lucy  
 Danielle & Natasha Gore - Glenister and Andie  
 Sandi, Matt & Cory Smith and Bodhi  
 Brendan & Lisa Jenkinson and Dash  
 Samantha & Bryan Harris - Harrison and Lola  
 Nick & Micala Jansen - Witton and Scout  
 Chris Overton and Lex  
 Ilia & Valentina Rusakov - Sornkina and Zoe & Toby  
 Brian & Jade Ferreri - Ryan and Gizmo  
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 Lisette Marley and Rayner & Silo  
 Sarah Greenstreet and Grace  
 Melissa & Shane Jakins and Pippalotta

Katie & Xavier Vaughn - Proud and Gizmo  
 Amanda Arthur and Charlie  
 Michelle & Matt Vuong - Bales and Lenny  
 Debra Morrow and Louie  
 Liz Sullivan and Pebbles  
 Donna Carey and Toby  
 Renaye Upton and Indee  
 Jaimie & Aaron Murray - Lees and Lola  
 Shanelle & Adam Wilford and Barry  
 Kate & Chris Williams and Oscar  
 Sue & Margaret Matthews - McPhan and Chief & Hugo  
 Natalie Threlfall and Rocky  
 Craig, Dianna & Brea Trotter and Rambo  
 Matthew Aitken and Alan  
 Brooke & Jason McCartin and Sassy  
 Brooke & Mitchell Ottaway-Waddington - Wainwright and Zoey  
 Rebecca & Hayden Abbey and Lazer  
 Bek Chadwick and Pearl  
 Joyce & Gabby Stocker and Cassie  
 Tim Silk and Jet

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



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](mailto:flyball@fdoc.org.au)

## 2015 COMMITTEE

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## A Tail of Mischief

My dog experience has been mainly with Chihuahuas so when OnyxT my ShiTzu/Poodle arrived, it was quite a shock. He was wildly active, strong willed and determined and only responded to a fishwife voice, rather than my Chihuahua voice. From the beginning he got into so much mischief, ate all of his fluffy beds (until I realised he only liked flat beds) and destroyed anything else he could find, so I added 'Trouble' as a middle name. OnyxT wanted to play with my old, delicate Papillon Zeus who was frightened of him. He would drag the terrified Zeus backwards by his tail. I was horrified!! I had to keep them separate unless I was close by. In frustration, Onyx ate through doors, walls and both sides of the dog door in the garage.

Yet he was a loveable dog who even now never leaves my side. He wanted to be a gardener and would go berserk when he knew I was about to start. He'd be beside me digging holes as I weeded, pulling out good plants as I thinned, tugging at good branches as I trimmed and removed dead ones. How clever, he copied my movements! He was lucky not to lose his tail, which was always wagging in my face.

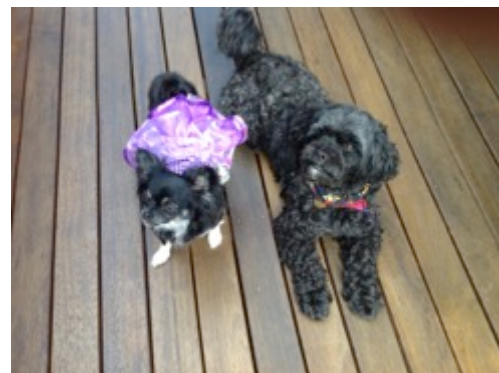
We started training as early as possible at Pre-Puppy School at the Vet's where with his boisterous exuberance, he frightened the other



puppies, many larger than he. He was threatened with the sin bin most weeks but it made no difference, two overwhelmed pups left the group. As soon as that training was over we went onto Mornington Obedience Dog Club whose trainers had been very supportive in the past. They were most understanding and we attended every week rain, wind or heat for years. He absolutely loved the people there and befriended anyone who gave him any attention. He got on with all dogs as he ignored them but did meet his best friend there, Toby. Onyx loved the Puppy and Advanced Puppy classes, especially the off lead time where he went crazy. Unfortunately, as he progressed through the Beginner and Coloured classes, he continued to run off whenever off lead. I had no control!

It was suggested that I extend his training so we went to private lessons with Glenys Biggs for over a year but even though he loved Glenys, he would still run off. We also spent over a year at Dancing With Dogs where he learned skills easily. However, when he was ready to progress to the Advanced class, he wasn't allowed in the group as he was likely to run off. This led me to more private lessons in Dancing with Sue Cordwell, she was so patient and understanding. I started a little Dance group on Wednesday nights in a barn where he loved extending his dancing skills with the other dogs but was still running off.

During this first year, RallyO was introduced and OnyxT and I began to learn with enthusiasm. It was much more interesting than Obedience, which suited neither of



us. Dance training and RallyO developed a flexibility in movement especially with such a young dog. Before our first 'trial', as I'd never trialled a dog before, OnyxT knew all of the 50 RallyO moves and could execute them quite well. He gained his on lead RallyO Novice Title in four attempts. I was so proud. It was after this, that it all began to go down hill.

OnyxT had learned some complex moves in Dance, which we incorporated in his first routine. The reason for this was because he concentrated better if he had a challenge, something to think about. It was never the complexity of the moves that were a concern, it was keeping him focussed and with me. We went for his first Dance trial which was a double at KCC. Sue C said if he runs off, just call him back and keep dancing. Well, I completed the dance routine and OnyxT just ran off in circles, came back to me and ran off again, he did execute a beautiful bow at the end which he maintained for an impressive time. In the second trial he was off as soon as the music started. Two NQ scores.

Shortly after that we trialled in one Obedience and a double RallyO Advanced off lead trial, OnyxT ran off in all three. He was booked into yet another RallyO and the same thing happened. Therefore six NQ scores. I was devastated. While I never adopted him to perform in trials, he



was so clever that I wanted to show him off and we both enjoyed the training sessions. I had learned that any fault with the dog was usually that of the handler and I accepted that, even so I was also cross, for a little while, with Onyx for misbehaving. I realised that I needed to back off and remember how much I loved this mischievous, loveable boy. So I left all training for two years, we just hung around home and had fun.

When his baby sister arrived, a Chihuahua, EbonyT we realised we needed formal training and socialisation, so off to MODC again. From EbonyT's first day at Puppy Obedience school, I took her through the RallyO course after OnyxT, she didn't know what she was doing and could only sit crookedly sometimes. She healed fairly closely to me naturally which helped, so she went through RallyO every week from then on. Other handlers may have thought me silly with her being so young but I knew it would pay off in the end, which it did with her first two trial scores of 93% and 98%. It sometimes pays to start them young.

I realised that giving OnyxT a 2 year break waiting for him to grow up, was probably not the best idea, so took on another suggestion from MODC and started Flyball training. He was a ball fanatic and I had used balls as the major reinforcer for years, so my hope was that with Flyball, I may be able to gain some control off lead. Well, he absolutely loves it and has improved his off lead responses. Unfortunately, his next two trials in RallyO after his break, despite the Flyball training both ended in NQ scores running off again, we now have 8 NQs. I realise it is a pattern of behaviour I have allowed him to maintain and my increasing levels of anxiety have only exacerbated the trial situation.

Recently, I found out about FOOs and we have been going there for three weeks to practise RallyO in a trial environment. On one occasion he actually got through the course staying with me but I used food as a lure. We have three more RallyO trials booked this year. I don't know whether there will be an improvement in RallyO but

working off lead in Flyball doing what he loves best - running, jumping and catching a ball is certainly teaching him to do as he is asked when off lead in this environment. I was quite amazed at how he watches the other dogs and copies their behaviour, he obviously wants to be like them. He still doesn't always come back to me immediately but there has been a significant improvement in a game that involves 'balls', his top reward. I have been so fortunate in that all of his Flyball coaches have been extremely supportive, understanding and knowledgeable. I am hopeful that our Flyball training under the guidance of Lauren, James and the team will help us both and OnyxT's improved behaviour will generalise to RallyO and Dance.

I really enjoy RallyO as you are communicating throughout with your dog in a positive way and it is extremely rewarding for both dog and handler. OnyxT is up to date with the skills required and even knows the new, harder skills coming in next January, he just needs to stay with me. If you see a little black ball of curly fluff running wildly around, please grab him for me.

Luckily both of my dogs love their training sessions in class and at home. We are working towards EbonyT continuing to do well in RallyO and to begin her first Dance routine to the music of 'I'm a Barbie Girl'. With OnyxT, I would love him to stay with me during his Advanced RallyO trials, his Dance trials and succeed in his first Flyball competition.

Thanks everyone at Frankston Obedience Dog Club for your support.

Wendy Clipsham



## Obedience Members Competition Results For November 2015

### *Puppies*

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Janice James and Rose  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Renaye Upton and Indee  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Liza Allitt and Scout

### *Beginners 1*

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Eric Simmonds and Pfluger  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Lorna McDonald and Olive  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Damian Breen and Stevie

### *Beginners 2*

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Ruth Travis-Dorelan and Kelley  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Fran Mills and Lucy  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Marina Lysenko and Jedi

### *Pink*

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Taylor Dearden and Monty  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Janice Dedman and Moo  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Andre Torpy and Jessie

### *CCD*

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Diane Gnieslaw and Jodie  
2<sup>nd</sup> – John Scott and Ella  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Shirley Goodried and Ruby

### *Novice*

- 1<sup>st</sup> – John Scott and Ella  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Tammy Beatti and Moby  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Mailie Gibson and Blue

### *UD*

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Melissa Ferabend and Shadow  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pat Mattingley and Deltah

### *Veterans*

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Wayne Collihol and Inga  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Jancie James and Bundy  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Andrea Torpy and Banjo



*Thank you to 4 legs for  
your ongoing sponsorship  
of our fun days!*

## Flyball Members Competition results

A huge thank you to Sam and Chris Brown from the Altona Arrows Flyball Club for coming along and judging for the day. Everyone had a fabulous time and all the dogs ran brilliantly!

### Division 1:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Kali (handled by Lauren Dolley) & Bowie (Handled by James Wood)  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Kenny (handled by Dave Sharp) & Ash (Handled by Ann Harlond)  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Ruby (handled by Jacinta Salomon) & Jodie (Handled by Diane Gnieslaw)

### Division 2:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Stevie G (Handled by Dave Sharp) & Reggie (Handled by Taylor Dearden)  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Ella (Handled by Tasha Sharp) & Rufus  
(Handled by Romaine Berenger)  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Monty (Handled by Taylor Dearden) & Renee  
(Handled by Joyce Millsom)

### Beginners 1

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gypsy (Handled by Tasha Sharp)

### Beginners 2/3

- 1<sup>st</sup> Maggie. (Handled by Thuy Pham)



## Agility Members Competition Results



Cool (brrr) and overcast but great weather for running dogs. With a record 60 runs, the usual half day promised to run way overtime. Agility is very popular and many experienced handlers are joining FDOC to gain more practice. As a result we had a record 15 entries in each Masters class. Many of our aspiring agiliteers came to watch the advanced classes and noted even the best can 'stuff up'! It was good to see so many of our beginners entering Novice Jumping as well as there special class 'Beginner agility' and performing well.

### Masters Jumping

- 1<sup>st</sup> Leanne Gray and Faun
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tammy Beattie and Maddie
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Karolyn deGraauw and Phoebe

### Excellent Jumping

- 1<sup>st</sup> Christa Oertel and Tosca
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cathy Jaques and Missy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Anne Rogers and Dash

### Novice Jumping Trialed

- 1<sup>st</sup> Joanne McComiskie and Jack
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Karolyn deGraauw and Eli
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Janice Dedman and Lulu

### Novice Jumping not Trialed

- 1<sup>st</sup> Charmaine Hawkins and Delilah
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Judy Trucker and Snoopy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ron Deane and Toby

### Masters Agility

- 1<sup>st</sup> Penny Roberts and Izzie
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Fletcher and Ollie
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tammy Beattie and Maddie

### Excellent Agility

- 1<sup>st</sup> Anne Rogers and Dash
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tammy Beattie and Moby
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cathy Jaques and Missy

### Novice Agility Trialed

- 1<sup>st</sup> Christa Oertel and Tosca
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Joanne McComiskie and Jack
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sandra Scafocchia and Shilo

### Beginner Agility

- 1<sup>st</sup> Danielle Marsh and Ty
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Judy Tricker and Snoopy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Eileen Foley and Dottie

## Banjo's Pet Therapy Dog Story

2 weeks ago banjo passed his delta pet therapy assessment to go into schools, nursing homes and even prisons. To achieve this status you have to do a special temperance test. I was very proud to achieve this as we've been working towards this since he was a puppy. At 4 months old we have been visiting rehab hospitals and working with special needs kids. We even attended the Good Friday appeal with the shepherd club It is even more special because Banjo has had 4 big operations so we are lucky his still, with us. He has even been a dog blood donor for other dogs that need blood. He is now 8 years old and is one of only a few delta pet therapy dog from Frankston Dog Obedience Club so I am very proud of this.





## VALE Bandit



Bandit was a seven week old puppy when we got him. We knew he was going to be a big boy because of the size of his paws. His favourite toy was a crocodile that he could squeak and he loved us to chase him around the kitchen table as he squeaked his toy.

He loved Chris's shoes! It didn't take him long to work out that he would get a treat if he gave up the shoe. Hence it happened quite a lot of Chris didn't put his shoes away!

He grew as dogs grow and by the age of 5 months we joined Frankston Dog Obedience Club where we made lots of friends. Bandit's best friend was Zac. WE also became good friends with Kris, Vera, Kim and Albert.

Bandit loved coming to the club to do his training where he reached Pink and then decided he had enough of training. We still brought him to socialise with his friends, Uncles and Aunts.

On 7<sup>th</sup> August he was diagnosed with aggressive bone cancer with no cure. On Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> he went to sleep.

We all miss him so much. He was out beautiful boy!

Chris and Sue

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