## Frankston Dog Obedience Club

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Wow, where did 2016 go? What a jam packed 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year we have had at FDOC. In addition to our regular Saturday classes we have held three fun filled members competitions, our inaugural agility trial our annual obedience and Rally-O trial and two open flyball competitions. Well done to everyone involved!



## A Word from the President...

With the end of our  $25^{\rm th}$  year as Frankton Dog Obedience Club fast approaching, we can all be proud of our achievements for 2016 and another successful year for our club. I hope you enjoy reading our last newsletter for the year and many thanks goes to our editor Lauren Dolley, who spends a great deal of time and effort putting it together.

A couple of highlights for the year include our annual Flyball competition "On the Fly" held at our club grounds on Friday the  $30^{\rm th}$  of September. As every year this was a successful event, this year the event was organised with our new Flyball competition organiser Natasha Sleep.

Also recently, Frankston's Open Obedience and Rally trial was held at KCC park on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October. This was once again a huge hit, with a great deal of positive feedback about the day. A big Thank you to Peter Gibson, our open trial secretary, for all his hard work behind the scenes and on the day. There were many members who made these events possible. Those people behind the scenes who I haven't thanked, you're not forgotten and we highly value your input.

## **Upcoming Dates**

18<sup>th</sup> November – Last formal class for the year

26<sup>th</sup> November – Games session 11am start.

3<sup>rd</sup> December – Presentation Evening

10th December - AGM





The 5<sup>th</sup> of November marked our final Funday for the year, with poor weather, however all those involved still managed to enjoy the day. We made this Funday special by surprising the competitors with medallions and a beautiful celebratory cake.

On a sad note, on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October, our club rooms unfortunately experienced a break in. However, we bounced back with the help and support of our dedicated members. This day also marked the loss of our founding member Coleen Bowden. All our thought and sympathy are with her family and friends.

In closing, our upcoming end of year presentation evening is nearly upon us. With tickets still available please see me in the kiosk to secure your place. Hope to see you there to celebrate our  $25^{\rm th}$  year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members.

Regards, Kim

President



Saffron Owned by: Kim Dearden

Obedience training really pays off. A beautiful drop stay by my kitten, Saffron



## Meet the Committee...

Have you found yourself wondering who is behind this amazing club? It's time to meet your committee! Each newsletter will feature some of the FDOC committee members so you can get to know them all!

Name: Kim Dearden

Committee Position: President

Roles at FDOC: Kiosk Manager, Sponsorship

Coordinator

**Tell us a bit about yourself:** I am a manager for Woolworths full time, have been for nearly 30 years. I am married with 2 grown up children. Bec who runs the kiosk with me, and Taylor who trains her dogs at the club. I love to bake which is why you get yummy cakes each week. I also make the dog toys and accessories that are for sale at the club.

Tell us about your dogs: Our family joined the club to train our chocolate lab, Reggie, in 2009 whom we bought for Taylor as a 12 year old for Christmas 2008. I went on to extend the family by getting Taylor Kody for Xmas in 2011 and Albert's dog Teddy joined the family in 2012. Then came Monty, a rescue dog whom was a birthday present for Taylor in 2015. So all up our family has 4 dogs who have provided us with many achievements.

What made you decide to get involved in the committee: IN 2009 I was asked to take over the running of the kiosk as Vera wanted to retire. Not long after, Bob Mertens asked me to join the committee, so I took the opportunity to assist the redevelopment of the club that my daughter had become so heavily involved in.

In each of the newsletters this year we have published profiles provided by our committee members so you could get to know who they are. Here are the basics on those that opted not to complete the entire profiles.

Name: Joy Quinn

Committee Position: Vice President

Roles at FDOC: Head Obedience Instructor

Involved in: Obedience

Name: Jenny Pepper

Committee Position: General Member

Role at FDOC: Instructor, Fundraising coordinator,

Obedience fun day trial secretary

Involved in: Obedience

Name: Elaine Pearte

**Committee Position:** General Member

Involved in: Obedience

Name: Bob Mertens

Committee Position: General Member

Roles at FDOC: Tracking and Obedience Instructor

**Involved in:** Tracking and obedience

## Meet the Committee Continued

Name: Melanie Larcombe

**Committee Position:** General Member

**Roles at FDOC:** Head tracking instructor, Obedience instructor, Enrollment Officer. Author of Instructors

Handbook

Involved in: Obedience and Tracking

Name: Pat Mattingley

**Committee Position:** General Member

Roles at FDOC: Instructor, Obedience fun day trial

secretary

Involved in: Obedience

## Toby's Tale

Since joining F.O.D.C. around 4 years ago Toby & I commenced obedience training. During that time and with patient and excellent instructors we managed to reach yellow class. I believe obedience training with lots of persistence, patience and the all-important treats is a good start to having a happy and healthy dog. After 2 years I thought it was time to try something different. As Toby likes running, agility was worth a try. During the first few months I realised this isn't going to be easy. Toby seemed to be enjoying it and I think he knew what to do but I did not have a clue as I confused him in which direction he should go. I thought I will never pick this up. However with the help and advice I received from Sandy and

Marg it started to come together. Part way through this year Toby started to go to work with my partner Lynn every second weekend. Lynn is an Activities Assistant in aged care and it was worth a try to see if Toby would be good therapy for the residents. He now has another interest. The residents love him and to see the smiles on their faces when he jumps up onto their laps or sits on the chair beside them while watching TV is very rewarding. It is nice to know that he can give so much happiness to people unable to have a dog of their own. I would like to think that FDOC may have had a hand in Toby's "people skills".

As we progressed through the year Roger is now our instructor and with his patience and

experience I can now see that persistence pays off. It is worth noting not only Roger, Sandy and Marg are always on hand with good advice and

support but other club members are also forthcoming with their advice and experiences.



Dog's in Action at FDOC





## 2016 Committee

**President**Kim Dearden

Vice President
Joy Quinn

**Treasurer**Janice James

**Secretary** Peter Gibson

## Committee

Jenny Pepper
Kris Daniels
Pat Mattingley
Bob Mertens
Lauren Dolley
Melanie Larcombe
Candice Storme
Elaine Pearte

## When a Dog Needs a Job

My name is Duchess and my mum tells me I am very smart "too smart for my own good". I love to be on the move all the time and run around in circles and hide in your blind spot. Mum thinks it's because I'm a pesky little girl and I learnt to stay just over arm's length so I could not be hit. Prior to being adopted by her, I ran away from my first home and ended up in the Lost Dogs Home. My owner came and collected me. I did not learn my lesson while in jail and offended 6 months later. Friends of my owner were allowed to pick me up and they were going to keep me, but I guess I was not happy with them either and ran away again within 6 months. I must confess I like to see what interesting things are on the other side of the fence.

Christmas time is a very lonely time in the Lost Dogs Home, more Lonely than the 2 times before. No one came for me and I was moved to another area I had not seen before, and my photo was taken. I don't know what that was for Hmmmm

After a couple of days and very early in the morning, a lady came to my pen, took me out and we went into a bigger area with very very high brick walls. All I could do was run along these walls looking up trying to find a way out. I could see the sky but nothing else other than this strange lady who was talking to me. I had a lovely run and she called me over to have a cuddle. Heaven's sake, someone want's a cuddle from me and I gave her 100 licks as well. I liked her and so did the workers at the Lost Dogs Home.

Very soon after, I was taken outside, happily jumped into her car and glad to be leaving this place to who knows where. When I was allowed out I was in a totally new place and there was a little friend for me to play with, Poppy was her name. She told me that she had been taught Flyball and she loved to do it for her mum at dog school but that she was too scared to do it in front of all those people at a competition. We got on well and we are BFFs.

I didn't know much about mums rules, so she helped

me learn all I needed to know so that this place called a dog school, would let me play Flyball immediately. And my new mum changed my name to Ash and I am often called Ash the Flash, though not so much now that I am 10. I was 2 when I was adopted. New year passed and in February it was time to go to this place called school. A lady assessed me and said that I could play Flyball with all the others. Sounded great but I still didn't know what

that was.

Months went by and I had loads of fun pleasing mum and learning new things but secretly, I really did it for myself. I love to run and mum taught me to fetch a ball. At the end of the year I was taken to a competition and how exciting was that. I was allowed to bark and bark and bark and was happy all the time. It seemed to me that

everyone liked me as I was small and would keep the jumps to the lowest height every time I ran with the big dogs.

4 years ago, my mum, her name is Ann Harlond took us to another school in Frankston. Now mum was having so much fun as well. The two of us are always excited to go to Flyball training and competitions with our team mates and when we are done, I scrunch up my bed and am usually asleep before we are outside the gates and on the way home. I may be doing the same thing every time, but

I meet new team mates, people, see different places and



## FDOC's Annual Open Obedience and Rally Trial



On Sunday 9th October 2016, Frankston Dog Obedience Club held its annual Open Obedience and Rally Obedience trial at KCC Park. We had 159 entrants

across 13 classes.

The morning looked glorious as the sun rose. Just as set up was finishing, the wind started to pick up but the sun continued to shine. The competition was hot even if the wind cooled the dogs and handlers. Despite the challenging conditions most dogs rose above

it and performed well. Forty six passes on the day proved that conditions can be overcome.

Smiling faces and wagging tails were the signs of appreciation and a day well spent.

Thanks go to all our entrants, judges and stewards, helpers setting up and taking down, catering and support. Canidae, our major sponsor deserve a special mention giving FDOC the reputation of generosity.

Peter Gibson Trial Secretary

## Some regular FDOC faces













## Fun Day Results - Obedience

#### **Puppies**

1<sup>st</sup> – Gary Heinze and Gem 2<sup>nd</sup> – Helenda Revell and Toby 3<sup>rd</sup> – Theresa Brazil

#### Beginners 1

1<sup>st</sup> – Jessica Hibberd and Lexi 2<sup>nd</sup> – Luke Studd and Storm

#### Beginners 2

1st – Simone Robbins and Evie

2<sup>nd</sup> – Natasha Sleep and Blue 3<sup>rd</sup> – Susan Millward and Razzamatazz

#### Pink

1<sup>st</sup> – Simone Roberts and Zircon 2<sup>nd</sup> – Denise Cartland and Boots 3<sup>rd</sup> – Anna Guzeeva and Sochi

#### Yellow

 $1^{st}$  – Candice Storm and Charlotte  $2^{nd}$  – Andre Torpy and Jessie

#### **CCD**

1<sup>st</sup> – Stephanie Johnson and Peppa 2<sup>nd</sup> – Amanda Taylor and Benny 3<sup>rd</sup> – Natasha Sleep and Jovi

#### **Novice**

1<sup>st</sup> – Robert Mertens and Rastus

#### Open

1<sup>st</sup> – Petroula Osianlis and Maverick 2<sup>nd</sup> – Pat Mattingley and Deltah 3<sup>rd</sup> – Carol Buxton and Kenny

#### **Veterans**

 $1^{st}$  – Wayne Collihole and Inga  $2^{nd}$  – Andre Torpy and Banjo  $3^{rd}$  – Christine Netterfield and Ruby

#### Rally-O Beginners

1<sup>st</sup> – Natasha Sleep and Jovi 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jannelle Carlile and Emma 3<sup>rd</sup> – Nicola Millward and Sparticus

#### Rally-O Intermediate

 $1^{st}$  – Taylor Dearden and Reggie  $2^{nd}$  - Jennifer Alleyne and Ollie  $3^{rd}$  – Simone Robbins and Evie

#### Rally-O Expert

1<sup>st</sup> – Carol Buxton and Missy 2<sup>nd</sup> – Melissa Ferabend and Shadow 3<sup>rd</sup> – Carol Buxton and Kenny



A huge thank you to our sponsor 4 Legs for your ongoing support.

# Fun Day Results - Flyball

Division 1

1<sup>st</sup> – Bowie and Kody 2<sup>nd</sup> – Colby and Gypsy

3<sup>rd</sup> - Kali and Willow

Division 2

1st - Ella and Scruffy

2<sup>nd</sup> - Skater and Rufus

3<sup>rd</sup> - Pip and Stryker

Beginners 1

1st - Blue

2<sup>nd</sup> – Cole

3rd - Mac

Beginners 2/3

1st - Maya

2<sup>nd</sup> - Stevie

3rd - Chase

## Fun Day Results - Agility

Brrr we thought it was mid winter, wind, showers and very cold. Neverless we had a record 80 runs and everyone really enjoyed Scott Fletcher's lovely courses. The advanced tunnellers did test the stamina and memory of competitors with 24 different entries thru 8 tunnels. Someone asked for oxygen ringside in future – foolish lady ran 2 dogs in the event!

#### **Novice Jumping not Trialed**

1st Ron Deane with Toby

2<sup>nd</sup> Suzanne Tracev and Frankie

3<sup>rd</sup> Katie Baird and Brightly

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Danielle Marsh and Ty

3rd Aven Lines and Wally

#### Novice Agility not Trialed

1st Ron Deane and Toby

#### Sandy

#### Masters Agility

1st Tammy Beattie and Madison

2<sup>nd</sup> Kave Grant and Beau

3rd Sue Kirwin and Flynn

#### **Beginner Agility**

1st Suzanne Tracey and Frankie

2<sup>nd</sup> Stephanie Johnson and Pepper

3rd Katie Baird and Brightly

Masters Jumping

1st Kaye Grant and Beau

2<sup>nd</sup> Penny Roberts and Izzy

3rd Sue Kirwin and Flynn

#### **Excellent Agility**

1st Sandra Scafocchia and Shilo

2<sup>nd</sup> Marg Boreham and Penny

3rd Cathy Jaques and Missy

#### **Advanced Tunnellers**

1st Jenny Williams and Woody

2<sup>nd</sup> Joanne McComiskie and **Iack** 

3<sup>rd</sup> Sue Kirwin and Flynn

### Excellent Jumping

1st Cathy Jaques and Missy

2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Cleghorn and Kasey

3rd Jenny Williams and Woody

#### Novice Agility Trialed

1st Jannelle Carlile and Emmy

#### **Novice Tunnellers**

1st Jannelle Carlile and Emmy

2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Kirwin and Karla

3rd Lisa Retford and Jackson

### Novice Jumping Trialed

1st Jannelle Carlile and Emmy

2<sup>nd</sup> Danielle Marsh and Tv

3<sup>rd</sup> Judy Tricker and Snoopy



## Frankston Storm at the 2016 Flyball Nationals

Frankston Storm this year fielded 2 teams for the 2016 Flyball Nationals at Hawkesbury in NSW. Storm was very apt as most of the crew drove for hour upon hour through torrential rain to meet at the overnight stop at Gundagai. Those with tents had to wait for ages for the rain to ease off so they could pitch their tents in the shallowest grassy areas. The Murrumbidgee River was just centimetres from causing the park to be evacuated.

The next day saw the final leg to Hawkesbury, via the obligatory photo stop at the Dog on the Tuckerbox, in much better conditions. Our tents and camper trailers were pitched and actually dried out over the course of the day.

Friday saw Singles racing with the muchimproved Gypsy and Maya racing. Gypsy ran over 14" all day in warm conditions and did a brilliant job at it. Maya also did a great job although was a little distracted a times.

Saturday was the first day of the competition



for our teams. The weather was perfect and the forecast for Sunday wasn't too bad either... Both teams ran well and made few mistakes although Dover from South Australia and Weiners from Ballarat in Victoria were slightly quicker in each of the divisions. Tired dogs and owners adjoined back to the campsite and talked tactics about the

following day over a few cold soft drinks.

Sunday, how to describe it... The first couple of hours were OK then it rained heavily then got heavier. Racing pretty much continued all day in it and our new team jackets couldn't cope. Every so

often we'd push the pooled water off the marquee roof and poor Natasha was in the wrong place at the wrong time once. The dogs again ran brilliantly and crosses were improving throughout the day. The end of racing saw all

competitors retreat to the cover of the grandstand for presentations. Frankston Storm finished with two seconds, a brilliant effort for all

concerned! Congratulations to all handlers and dogs



## Welcome New Members

Will Keeney and Archie

Andrew & Jo Morey and Lexi

Benjamin Allison and Linkin

Jodie & Nicholas Myintoo - Foster and

Sunny

Maria-Franca Lachman and Milo

Kerrin & Taylah Avard and Billie

Brooke & Sam Allan - Walsh and Zephyr &

Lyla

Anthony & Joanna Davey – Norriss and

Sophie

Melanie Peck and Lucien

Scott & Shae & Mandy Rebecca and Mason

Jan Brown and Zelda

Debbie & Jon Hodgson – Pointon and Bella

Karen & Gregg Warner and Storm

Daniel & Emily Bourne and Mack & Bob

Norma & Peter White and Puff

Sarah & Patrick Donegan and Wally

Harumi & Tom Cavanagh and May

Fiona Harnett and Ziggy

Belinda & Andrew Simmons and Wilbur

Madeleine & Kylie Hill and Duke

Tim & Trudy Methot and Vali

Alice & Philip Needham - Chaplin and Cliffy

Tara & Lucas Sommerville - Bashford and

Flex

Ian & Angus Fitcher and Rusty

Maddison & Matthew Pulford -

Summerhayes and Maxy

Madeleine & Jake Hughes - Ducane and

Beau & Carloz

Amanda & Paul Williams and Axle & Bella

Jenny Millar and Bodhii

Jenny Yates and Toohey & Dash

Michelle Parry and Astro

Shaun & Sarah Kelly and Zeus & Sheeba

Deanne & Daniel Aubert and Sophie

Naomi Honeychurch and Buster

Honeychurch

Sarah & Phillipa McFarlane - Park and

Kelly & Merlot & Indy

Jo Bates and Timber & Murphy

Ali Mather and Bear

Amanda Brabham and Zoomer

Marina & Riccardo Geffrelot - Messora and

Otto

Gerri Neylan and Nash

Neville Hind and Bob

Sarah & Tahlia Mitchell and Harley

Hilary & Harold Bray - Luebbers and Albert

Joel & Juhi Saldanha – Raju and Max

Peter & Jane Hickey and Cooper

Bernadette & David Taylor - Sarfaty and

Stanley

Steven & Renee Vella - Hallett and Buddie

Denise Alder and Danny

Amanda & Mathew Roth - Trebilco and

Lenny

Sarah & Kayley Rimmer and Frankie

Claudia Shute and Eno

Danielle Smith and Harley

Linda Brack and Jax

Joshua & Codie Gissing and Koda

Susan & Andrew Windsor and Charlie

Sue Timperley and Inneslake Simply

Irresistible

Kat Yeap and Tortik

Kim & Eryn Larcombe and Teddy

Jacqui & Scott Harrington and Blanche

Sara Hunter and Charlie

Tracy Davis and Chevy

Madison & Nicholas Counsell and Oreo

& Alpha

Skylar & Robyn Rush – Tinetti and Boq Choy Ash & Cora Kay – Campbell and Jed Machelle & Brian Walker and Sultan Jenny & Peter Bucci and Ruby Phillip & Brittany Hickox and Luna & Ghost Cassandra Bowley and Maple Tara Bashford and Indi James & Lucy Malberg – Tan and Echo John & Michaela Mckenna and Simba Shez & Dean & Rocco & Duke Cantlie and Basil Hollie & Jordan & Tori Copelin - Mercuri and Rocko Gavin & Samantha Stewart - Aldred and Mack Cameron & Laura Allan and Bella Theresa & Michael Lynch and Buckley Daniella & Tim MacDougall and Zeus Aisha and Mark Quigley and Jamie Sally & James Mellor and Connie Matthew Hicks and Riley Luke & Maya McMahon - Kafrouni and Hank Heather & Peter Cole and Robbie Stephen & Davilyn Lynch – Williams and Chewy & Buckley Jennifer Alleyne and Ollie & Bliss Helma O'Conno r – Price and Bella Chris & Crystal Daly and Archie Stelian Tchapkanski and Jet Louisa & David Warnock - Robertson and Evie & Amy & Annie Warnock – Robertson Kim Pettigrew and Leo

Meagan & Rhian Dell-Giles and Lenni Anke & Jeffery Jankuloski - Schaefer and Murphy Elena & Aivar & Julia Rimsh - Channova and Muffin Daniella & Bianca Currie and Ryder Fran & Claudia Parshen – Howlett and Toby & Matilda Steve & Asian & Kurtzhyon Moloney and Fiona Ryan and Leo Judy Turnbull and Bonnie Janine & Peter Duncan – Sullivan and Karma Nathalia & Vu Gomes - Nguyen and Astrid Heidi & Sam Hinkley and B Dog Tristan Hopper and Winter Alysha Taylor and Indy Carrie & Dylan Teichelman - Leek and Hugo Marcela & Scott Carson and Zizou Fred Raymond & Jasmine Spence and Penny Samantha & Peter Miller and Marley Tiana & Nathan Hall – Beggs and Buddy Heather & Kevin Rolfe and Bella Janine & David Ritchie – Thompson and Chica Karen Anderson and Bo Benjamin & Samantha Bryant and Dexter & Lola Bryant Tori & Lee Mckay - Sharples and Millie Marnie Mackenzie and Rosie Sam & Michael Corbett and Buster Chantelle Murray and Willow Eileen Witterick and Max

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

