

Frankston Dog Obedience Club Inc

NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Wow, I can't believe how quickly this year has gone, and what a busy year it's been...

Scent works trials, agility competitions, club competition day and Flyball competitions.

Speaking of flyball, what an amazing achievement at the Flyball Nationals. Frankston sent three teams and all three teams came first, which is unheard of. They also brought home the Malcolm award making Frankston Storm, (Frankston Dog Obedience Club) the best club in Australia. Congratulations to all, for all the hard work that goes into training for these competitions each week. All our clubs' sports have put in an outstanding effort this year to achieve some fantastic results.

We have our end of year presentation evening coming up on the 9th of December at 6.30pm, following on from the AGM in the morning at 11am. This will be held once again at the club with Neils spit roasts catering for us. Cost is \$25 a head, desserts included, BYO drinks. Presentations will be held after dinner with a major raffle draw. Please email me at kim@fdoc.org.au to book your places. Title achievements will be awarded on the night; therefore I require all titles achieved for this year from November 2022 to November 2023 emailed to me at the above email address. Please include your dogs pet name, registered name, abbreviated title achieved and the sport. Also include a copy of your certificates. Remember you must have attended and scanned in at the club at least 10 times for the year to be eligible to receive a trophy.

Anyone that doesn't have a scan card or has lost or misplaced it you can get another copy emailed to you upon request. Please have your scan card ready with you to sign in before class starts and please be on time as late commers will miss out on important information from their instructors.

Our new trees are ready for planting and council has been sent a request to let us do so. They will provide much needed shade for our grounds with a proposal for some bench seats made from recycled materials to be placed between them.

I hope you have all enjoyed another year at your club. I wish to thank all who volunteer their time and effort to make our club as successful as it is. I hope you all have a very merry Xmas and a safe and happy new year.

Kim Dearden, FDOC President.

We acknowledge that we train and gather on the land of the Bunurong people of the Kulin Nations. We pay respect to their elders, past and present. And also extend this respect to any elders reading this edition of the FDOC Newsletter.



Important Dates for 2023 & beyond

2023 Year's End

Last Training Day: 25th November 2023

Breakup Day: 2nd December 2023

Annual General Meeting: 9th December 2023 @ 11:00 am

Presentation Dinner: 9th December 2023 @ 6pm



Have you seen the FDOC cleaning roster?

Each month, a different group from FDOC is enlisted to clean our club rooms each week. 2-3 people each week need to clear, sweep and mop floors, change bins, wipe surfaces & clean the toilets. This is a quick and easy job when it is shared among our members. Check our notice board for our roster this year and sign up with your coordinator when it is your discipline's month!

Editor's Notes 2023

Heya Readers!

I hope it has been as much of an eventful year for you as it has been for me. It's almost hard to believe we are preparing ourselves for 2024!

Editing the newsletter this year has been a very insightful experience for me. In this role, you get stories from all walks of club life and it is important to me that they all get shared in the best light possible. I really hope I have been able to serve our community well through this role as I have

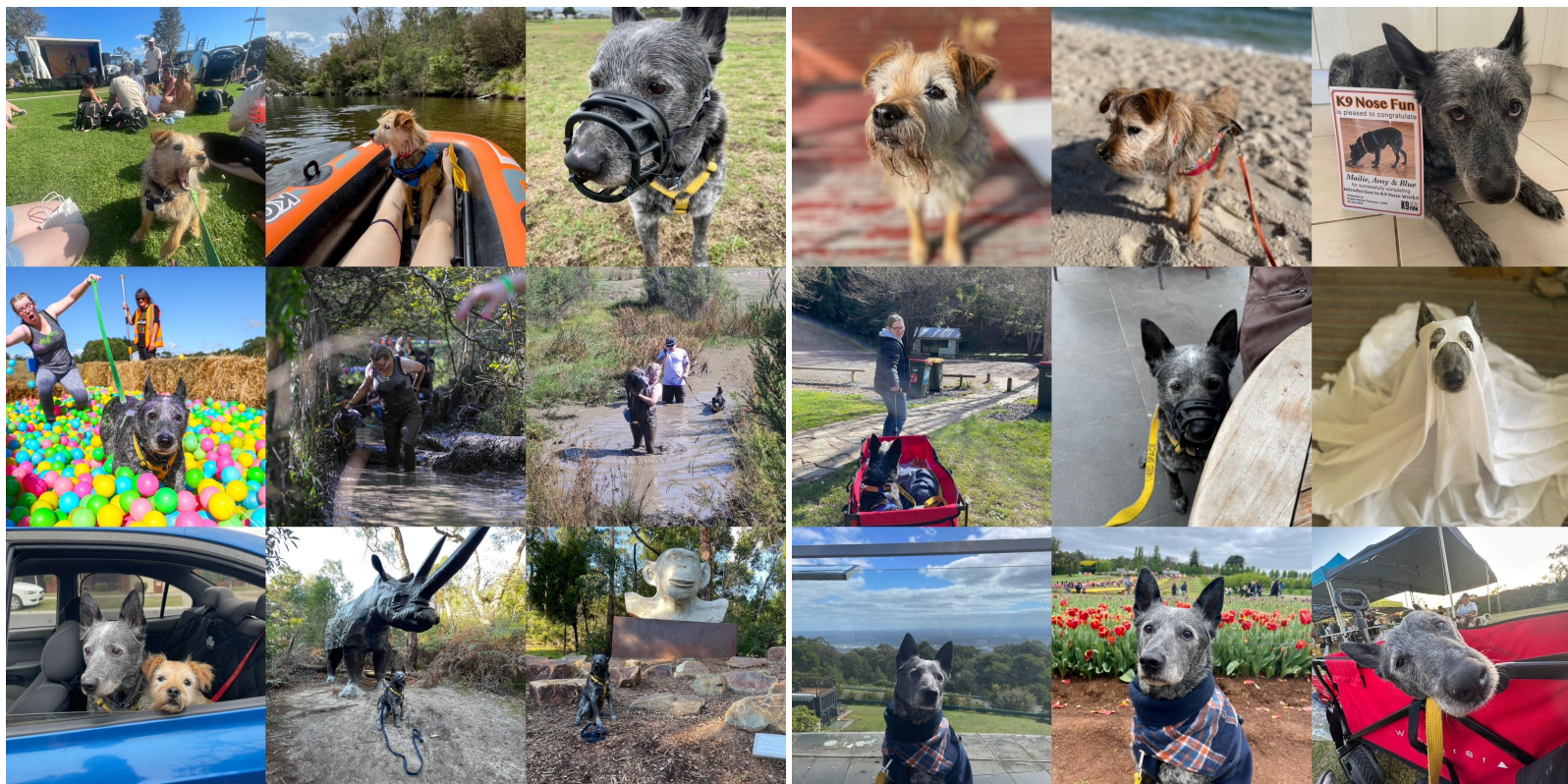
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thoroughly enjoyed the process. It has been an incredible journey and I can't wait to see what 2024 has in store, whether it's me editing the Newsletter or someone else taking on the role.

Speaking of "taking on roles", there has been plenty of discussion in and around the grounds about volunteering. Frankston Dog Obedience Club Inc is a community organisation dedicated to servicing our local community. All of our roles are voluntary and I cannot thank all our fantastic volunteers enough for their assistance in running the club smoothly, no matter how they assist or in what capacity. If you are looking to volunteer, whether that be for an event we are hosting, or on a regular Saturday, the assistance is always welcomed.

Thank you for reading this edition of the FDOC Newsletter (and all of the others!), I hope you all have a fantastic Summer & Holiday Season no matter how you celebrate. Here are some of my adventures with my dogs this year for you to enjoy.

Mailie Gibson, 2023 Newsletter Editor



Volunteer Spotlight

Instructor

What's involved? Taking classes or assisting with beginner sessions. Managing dogs and people to ensure everyone makes progress and feels successful. This usually requires some experience and knowledge.

When: agility and flyball beginner sessions are in the morning, and obedience sessions are 11.30 & 1.30.

How can I help? Talk to your instructor or discipline coordinator. Each sport has a different structure for teaching their new instructors so it is best to enquire directly to them.

Sponsorship Assistance

What's involved? Liaising with sponsors for club events, securing prizes, organising raffles, being on raffle tin duty at events to ring up some support.

When: we have sponsorship opportunities at almost all of our FDOC events (see our upcoming events on our website, updated yearly), whether that is in the form of competitor prizes or raffle.

How can I help? Lauren M is our sponsorship coordinator and can pop you in the right direction, email her at sponsorship@fdoc.org.au



Thank YOU

To all of our amazingly fantastic volunteers in any and all capacities- thank you. All your help is appreciated by your peers and it truly keeps the club running.

Do you want to volunteer? Get involved! We are a volunteer only club that relies on our volunteers to make sure that training happens every week. There is always a chance to assist and it's always appreciated.



Frankston Dog Obedience Club Inc invites you
to our

Presentation Night

\$25 /head 6PM
catered dinner *9 /12 /23*
& dessert

Join us to celebrate our club's 2023 achievements at this social event.
Formalities will commence at FDOC Clubhouse after our Neil's Spit
Roast catered meal. Please contact Kim (kim@fdoc.org.au) for title
redemption or to book your place. BYO drinks

2023 FDOC Management Committee

President - Kim Dearden

Vice President - Lauren Dolley

Treasurer - Tammy Beattie

Secretary - Peter Gibson

General Committee - Zach Day

Janice James

Lisa Retford

Charles Mouton

Jessica Thompson

Mailie Gibson

Lauren Monohan

Bruce Saunders

Quick Tips for Cooperative Dog Grooming

Here are some tips for incorporating cooperative care methods into your dog's grooming routine.

- 1. ***Positive Reinforcement***:** Reward your dog with treats, praise, and affection during and after grooming sessions to create a positive association.
- 2. ***Slow Introduction***:** Start with short, stress-free sessions and gradually increase the time as your dog becomes more comfortable.
- 3. ***Use the Right Tools***:** Choose grooming tools that are suitable for your dog's coat type and size to make the process easier and more comfortable.
- 4. ***Regular Handling***:** Get your dog used to being touched and handled outside of grooming sessions, which can help reduce anxiety during grooming.
- 5. ***Desensitization***:** Gradually introduce your dog to the grooming tools, such as clippers or brushes, before using them on their coat.
- 6. ***Break it Up***:** Divide grooming tasks into smaller, manageable parts. This makes it less overwhelming for your dog.



7. ****Stay Calm****: Your dog can pick up on your emotions, so remain calm and patient throughout the grooming process.

8. ****Safety First****: Be cautious with sensitive areas like ears, paws, and the face. Use gentle and steady pressure to avoid accidents.

9. ****Know When to Stop****: If your dog gets too stressed or uncomfortable, it's okay to take a break and continue grooming later.

10. ****Professional Help****: If your dog has specific grooming needs or severe anxiety, consider consulting a professional groomer or trainer for guidance.

Remember that cooperative care methods can improve your dog's grooming experience and strengthen your bond. Patience and positive reinforcement are key!



Stress Free Pets is an animal handling and behaviour education program, certification and community for Veterinary professionals. This accreditation is available to veterinarians, vet nurses and other vet professionals with the intention of educate and empower Veterinary professionals, clients and the community to create environments and experiences that are free from stress and fear.

This can be an important tool for us as members of a positive reinforcement club as we do all that we can to minimise the stress our dogs are experiencing. By having Stress Free Pets accredited locations local to us, we can make informed decisions about our animal's veterinary care, and make these experiences as positive as possible.

There is a list of locations available on their website here, as well as other information about what the Stress Free Pets Accreditation is about

<https://stress-free-pets.com/en/accredited-clinics/>



Can you smell that?

Scent work involves training dogs to search for specific odours from certain essential oils in several situations called 'elements', in containers such as boxes, on the outside of vehicles, inside buildings and in the outside environment. Dogs need to find the source of the odour and communicate its exact location to their owner. Dog and owner teams compete to locate the source of the odour within a set time given by the judge to determine which teams are the fastest and most accurate in their searches. Owners and dogs need to gain several qualifications at each level to progress to more complex searches at higher levels

This sport has been recognized by Dogs Australia since 2020, with competitions starting in 2021, making it a fairly new sport. Did you know FDOC has hosted many scent works trials since then? Here is some more information on the sport <https://dogsaustralia.org.au/training-dog-sports/scent-work/>

Although FDOC doesn't run any beginner level scentwork classes, there are many in the area for those looking to participate. Just google "scent work training [your location]". As an editor's note here - Blue and I did the intro course through K9 Nose Fun and found that super enjoyable, but there are places like Crazy Canines, Helping Hounds, Awesome K9 Sniffers, that I know of in the area.

Here is a success story from one of our members...

I originally got into scent work when, due to injury, I was told Sasha would never compete in agility again. I was devastated, I wanted to get into some form of dog sports but was not sure what. It was just over twelve months ago I attended my first scent work course, since then Sasha has achieved her novice scent work title, has enough passes in Advance exterior and Advanced vehicles achieving two first places in her last two trials to move into Excellent in those elements. To say I am proud of her is an understatement, I would highly recommend scent work to anyone wanting to do something a bit different.

- Kaye Grant & Sasha



Why is Fundraising so important?



The Frankston Dog Obedience Club is a Community Organisation and all the trainers, ground keepers, kiosk staff and organisers are **volunteers**. This means no one gets paid. However, we still have expenses like any other organisation such as “rent, insurance, maintenance, and equipment”. Fundraising has multiple benefits for the club. It is a way to raise money to help support the clubs’ expenses and raise awareness in the community of our organisation and what we do as a club to help our community and their four legged companions. FDOC host a few fundraisers throughout the year and are always looking for new volunteers to help us raise money to keep training and membership fees down. Carrum Downs Bunnings invites the FDOC 2-3 times a year with the opportunity to host the Sunday Sausage sizzle. The Bunnings Snags generally raise over \$1000 allowing the club to purchase the more expensive equipment needed. AN example being the new spiffy gazebos that you may have seen up at our hosted events. The BBQ requires around 15 volunteers, and we only ask for a few hours of your time to cook some snags, place the orders or serve

the snags. Shifts are in 3 hour blocks and all you need is an apron and a smiling face. BBQ Sign up sheet can be found 4-6 weeks ahead on the window of the kiosk we would love your help.

Fundraising doesn’t stop there. **Presentation event Raffle**

While we come to the end of the 2023 training year, this year's raffle will be a treat. Thanks to Bunnings at Carrum Downs, a big supporter of the FDOC, they have generously donated a Jumbuck Rondo small Charcoal spit roaster and all the BBQ items to get you going this summer. (Inc., Disposable BBQ gloves, firelighters, thermometer, BBQ trays, Wipes, Tongs and Spices.) The major raffle also comes with a meat pack thanks to Woolworths. Bringing our *major raffle prize to a value of more than \$200*. The Raffle will be drawn on presentation evening on the 9th of December. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the kiosk.

A smaller raffle will also be held on the night thanks to our sponsors. \$2 each and 3 tickets for \$5



Sponsorship

Frankston Dog Obedience Club are always looking for new sponsors. Do you have a business interested in sponsoring the FDOC or know one that might?

Your contribution through product donations or gifts will help contribute to organising other fun fundraising options including guessing Jars, raffles, trivia nights and competition prizes. The FDOC would like to thank our sponsors from throughout this year of 2023, who have provided items toward our raffles, competitions and other events hosted by the FDOC. (click for direct link to websites)

[Kong, Mighty Mutts, The Bow Wow Store, Clear Dog Treats.](#)

[Squad 5 Just Pawfect, Antinol Australia, Zami pet Supplements](#)

[4 Legs Zoomies Dog Coats](#)

If you interested in how you may be able to help then come say hello to Lauren M over at the flyball training ring or email us at Sponsorship@FDOC.org.au. We are also always looking for extra help to seek potential sponsors for events so if you have a few hours spare, are great with emails or letter drops and may be able to help, we look forward to speaking with you.

Zoomies Dog Coats



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Saturday 9th December 2023 at 11.00 a.m.** in the clubrooms, McClelland Drive, Frankston. This is your Club and therefore all members are encouraged to attend. In accordance with the Club's constitution, there will be an election of office bearers and committee members as follows:

The **President, Treasurer** and **four committee members** are required to stand down or nominate for re-election for a further two year term. Office bearers are required to be financial members of the Victorian Canine Association Inc. and required to remain so during their term in office.

Members wishing to stand for any of the above positions are required to submit a fully completed nomination form and lodge with the Secretary not less than 21 (twenty one) days prior to the meeting. Successful candidates are expected to serve a two year period prior to having to re-nominate. Nominees for President and Vice President must have served on the committee for a full twelve months prior to the Annual General Meeting. Being an office bearer or committee member is no sinecure and the Club requires active administrators who are willing and able to accept responsibility and complete assignments as required by the Club's members and approved by the committee.

Although all members are invited to attend the A.G.M., voting rights are restricted to financial members who have been members for at least 3 (three) months preceding the meeting. One vote only is permitted per membership. Junior / Student members shall not be eligible to vote or hold office as an office bearer or ordinary member of committee. Members unable to attend may request a postal vote where the number of nominations exceeds the vacancies. Applications for a postal vote must be lodged in writing with the Secretary 14 (fourteen) days prior to the A.G.M.

Notices of other (special) business to be placed on the meeting agenda must be submitted in writing to the Secretary 21 (twenty one) days prior to the A.G.M.

The address for the submission of nominations, notices or postal vote applications is:

Frankston Dog Obedience Club Inc. P.O. Box 900 Frankston Vic. 3199

Peter Gibson
Secretary



OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

Official Nomination Form for the two year period from the date of the Annual General Meeting **2023**, for the positions of office bearers and ordinary committee members of the Frankston Dog Obedience Club Inc.

I..... hereby nominate
(Name of proposer)

..... for the position of
(Name of nominee)

Signature of Nominee Date / / 2023

Signature of Proposer Date / / 2023

Signature of Seconder Date / / 2023

Name of Seconder Date / / 2023

ALL NOMINATIONS TO BE LODGED WITH THE SECRETARY AT LEAST 21 (TWENTY ONE) DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.
NOMINATIONS BY MAIL SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO P.O. BOX 900 FRANKSTON VIC 3199

October Club Competition Day

We all had a fun filled day with our dogs at our last Club Competition Day for the year. All disciplines were showing off their skills and the day ran beautifully. Thank you to all of our volunteers that make these days as amazing as they are - judges, stewards, timekeepers, runners, kiosk hands, officials, ring set uppers & pack downers, competitors, visitors and everyone in between. FDOC would also like to thank 4Legs Pet Food for sponsoring this event.

This Club Competition Day was our first utilising ring side presentations. This allowed the day to go smoother and prevent waiting times. The Management Committee will be discussing the successes and challenges of this move so if you have any feedback, make sure to let the Secretary know!



Let's get into the results!

Obedience Results

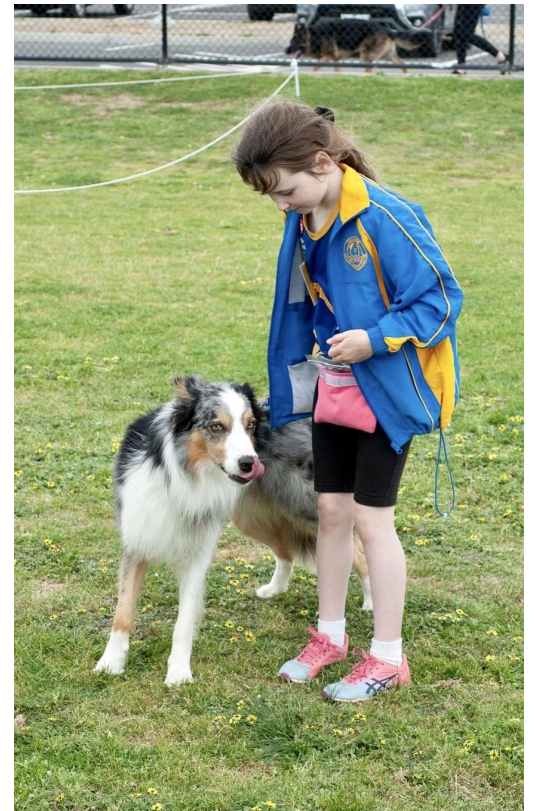
Dog	Handler	Place
Puppy		
Jazz	Suzanne Wilson	1
Murray	Bill Lewis	2
Milo	Sandra Laminski	3
Beginners 1		
Bear	Jennifer Johnson	1
Emmy	Nick Laminski	2
Joey	Aylah Dolley	3
Beginners 2		
Minty	Isabel Freeman	1
Maxie	Sharon Paeglis	2
Roxie	Diane Gnieslaw	3
Pink		
Micah	Jennifer Gelding	1
Yellow		
Connor	Yvonne Beswick	1
Cora	Kathryn Seirlis	2
Bruin	Sienna Noble	3
CCD		
Oliver	Jenny O'Toole	1
Pip	Bev Jacobson	2
Boots	Denise Gartland	3
Open		
Delilah	Jenny Pepper	1
Annabel	Trish Stewart	2
UD		
Delilah	Jenny Pepper	1
Tango	Helen Campbell	2
Veterans		
Amber	Diane Gnieslaw	1
Goya	Andre Torpy	2
Wesley	Matthew Pace	3

Highest Score in Trial:

Bear with Jennifer Johnson

Highest Scoring Junior Handler:

Joey with Allan Dolley (pictured)



Agility Results

Another enjoyable Funday with lots of beginners having their first experience in competition. They all performed well and several will be trialling very soon. Our trainee judge Stephy Lawrence also gained valuable experience under the watchful eye of Roger Padfield. Her courses were fun and enjoyed by all.

Masters Jumping

1st Sandra Scafocchia and Shilo

Novice Jumping

1st Michelle Raki and Boo

2nd Tammy Beattie and Speedy

Novice Jumping Not trialed

1st Sandra Scafocchia and Bosco

2nd Emma Arthur and Harli

3rd Shona Janky and Seiba

Masters Agility

1st Leonie Jasper and Drama

2nd Sandra Scafocchia and Shilo

Novice Agility

1st Roger Padfield and Maverick

2nd Michelle Raki and Boo

Novice Agility Not Trialed

1st Sandra Scafocchia and Bosko

2nd Willow Vanderwall and Duski

3rd Shona Janky and Seiba

Beginners Agility

1st Kim Benning and Pippi

2nd Katrina Turner and Edge

3rd Tania McGregor and Freya



Flyball News & Results

Frankston Storm has had a fantastic couple of months! Our AFA Flyball Nationals 2023 wrap up will be a bit later in the newsletter- stay tuned for that as we have some exciting news!

As for our home competitions, our teams have been racing superbly. Our Let's Do It & On The Fly have been successful with all the Victorian teams running well and enjoying themselves.

We have our upcoming Chelsea Dog-A-Thon Demo Event approaching on November 19th at Chelsea Bicentennial Park where we will be displaying our champion racing dogs, and exposing our beginner dogs to some ring noise. Come on down to that event if you're interested!

Before we bring it back down to grassroots flyball, I want to congratulate James & Cobber on joining the competitive teams these past few months. We are super proud of you and it's great to see you in the lanes!

Our Saturday morning training has been making some thunder recently. We have had some big improvements from all of our beginner dogs, however I would like to congratulate Robyn & Ellie and Tony & Poppy on joining the full run club since our last edition! This is a big flyball milestone and we are so proud of our newest full runners.

If you are interested in joining in the flyball fun, our beginners training session is 11:30am-12:30pm every Saturday morning - all are welcome! Dogs over 12 months are given access to train on flyball equipment however we do have flat ground activities for those with dogs under 12 months that build the groundwork for great flyball dogs.

DIV 1

🏆 Monty & Zane

🥈 Poppy & Minx

🥉 Mac & Mocha

DIV 2

🏆 Kona & Coco

🥈 Cobber & Riley

🥉 Casper & Zeke

RECALLS

🏆 Evie

🥈 Juno

🥉 Ellie

🏆 Judge's
Encouragement to
Robyn & Ellie



Count back for 2nd & 3rd

Flyball Nationals 2023

This September, Frankston Dog Obedience Club had three Frankston Storm Flyball teams travel to Canberra for the 2023 Australian Flyball National Championships. This was the largest number of teams we have ever sent to an interstate Flyball Nationals. The Frank & Weans, captained by Josh hit the lanes in division 3, the Lightning Bolts, captained by Lauren D were seeded in division 5 and the Hurricanes, captained by Tash, landed in Division 11.



When racing began on the Saturday we saw the close racing you would expect to see at nationals. We saw nail biting finishes from all three teams, where everyone was left staring at the times (which were at times only hundredths of a second apart) to find out the winner, with the judges and line stewards unable to call the races by eye. After a gruelling day of racing on the Saturday all three teams headed into the Sunday leading or tied for first place in their divisions.

Sunday morning the teams arrived refreshed and ready to fight to keep their places at the top of their respective divisions. With a day of nailing starts and crosses under our belts we started to pull ahead, we no longer had to look at the clock to call the winners. And as the day continued it was clear that our teams had the stamina needed to race two full days and while our times remained as consistent Sunday afternoon as they had been Saturday morning our opponents started to slow just a little bit. We could focus on running our best races and let the other teams worry about catching us.



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At the completion of the event the three teams emerged victorious as Division 3, 5 and 11 Australian Flyball Nationals Champions. To top off a brilliant achievement, Frankston Dog Obedience Club was then awarded the prestigious Malcolm Steward Award. This award is presented to the club with the highest percentage of wins over the weekend. This award is usually won by small clubs who send 1, perhaps on occasion 2 teams to nationals. To win this award with 3 teams is an incredible achievement that we believe had never happened before.

This year in another massive achievement, we also had 7 year old junior handler, Aylah, independently handle a dog as part of one of our winning teams. Without any adult support, she handled the dog proficiently, nailing her crosses and starts with the professionalism of any adult in the team.

These achievements show the enormous value of the training program our dogs work through week in week out to not only learn to complete a flyball run, but also develop strength, body awareness and control, fitness and stamina.

I want to acknowledge the following brilliant handlers and dogs as 2023 Flyball National Champions. These teams worked together like a well-oiled machine and should be incredibly proud of their achievements.

Frank & Weans - 2023 Division 3 National Champions

Josh and Fly
Belinda and Cookie
Lauren D and Joey
Zach and Casper
Tash and Gypsy





**Frankston Storm Lightningbolts -
2023 Division 5 National
Champions**

Lauren D and Mac

Taylor and Monty

Kurt and Dakota

Lauren M and Storm

Brian and Kona

**Frankston Storm Hurricanes - 2023
Division 11 National Champions**

Kate and Zeke

Aylah and Minx

Marguerite and Sami

Tony and Coco

Zach and Riley



If reading this has piqued your interest in getting involved in flyball please come over and chat to any of our Flyball instructors about what is involved.

Diane's Club Comp Wrap Up

Last night at 5 pm I thought I would ask my Mum for help at the Funday.

I rang the home to see if Mum could come with me to dog school it was a competition day and I was taking 3 of my labradors; Amber, Mocha and Roxie.

It was an early start to pick Mum at 8 am. The home was great getting Mum ready with breakfast shower and being dressed and all ready to go.



We started with Flyball with Mocha. Mocha was great today with Flyball and a stepping up to rin in Division 1. Hoping to run with the team in the future, being in the dog crate. Having Mum sitting next to her I think made all the difference. Mocha got 3rd place together with her partner Mac, a border

collie.

Next was Roxie in obedience. Unfortunately Roxie got up with her drop stay and I was so sure that we would not place but we did, Roxie got 3rd place out of about 10 other dogs.

Then it was Amber's turn. Her class was for dogs older than 7 I think and Amber is almost 10. We had to do heeling, left and right and left about turns and right about turns. sit, stand, drop, recall and sit stay. and return to heel and drop stay. And a trick. My trick was for Amber to circle right and Left, sit pretty and speak on command. I knew Amber was good and she was. Amber got 1st place with a score of 99 / 100 and there were 3 dogs in it. I dog that came 2nd got 90.

It was a good day and as we were leaving I saw one of my good friends Christine and together with Joy and Andre we had a good catch up. Amber and Roxie were the crate too and well Behaved. Notice my new tee shirt that I had made with Amber on it.

Thank you Frankston Dog Obedience Club

- Diane



Welcome to our Newest Members

Thank you for choosing FDOC! we hope your journey with your dog is fun and successful.

Lorraine Patten with Laddie
Georgia Bailey with Sadie
Georgina Williams with Angel
Meaghan Grist with Millie
Nicole Byrne with Paddy
Brittany Kennett with Hank
Vicki McClelland with Coco
Deborah Gourley with Bonnie
Paul, Chelsie, Lorraine & Charlotte Fent with Luna and Miley
Linda Fredrickson with Waffles
Julie Newman with Max
Carolyn Johnston with Gymi
Rachel, Lincoln & Shaun Murray - Shakes with Rocket and Hodge
Tracey Bradford with Gary
Rebecca Crossin with Suki
Taylah Stock with Franklin
Betty & Steve Young with Angus
Tracey Brady with Ellie
Ayla & Jake Tsantefskis with Otis
Alana Davidson with Winston
Naomi Wiseman with Lucy
Matthew & Irene Jelenc with Daisy
Kerrie McDonald with Honey
Keely Diehl with Odie
Nikki & Michael Lee - Rigg with Ziggy
Nina & Caner Haddara - Yilmaz with Rio and Oslo
Amy Lee with Willow
Annette & Michael Price with Skye
Nicola, Mitch & Trevor Lucas with Marz Bar and Tank
Andrew & Megan Duke with Harpo
Sharon, Lauren & Tony Paeglis with Maxie
Shannon & Damian Hamilton - Taylor with Bagel and Biggie
Kim Lehmann with Millie
Andrea & Samuel Sabogal - Chalela with Arabella
Erin & Lance Rooney with Suki
Jason & Pria Dows - De Saint with Millie
Chantel, Gavin & Isobelle Yates with Lilah
Antonia & Vessela Karadjova with Arielle
Peter & Hayley Clough - Woodward with Frankie
SUZANNE & JACQUELINE WILSON - NEALES with JAZZ and OBI
Bill & Sally Lewis - Myers with Murray Myers

Catherine Smallbone with Tim Tam and Zoro
Nicole Butera with Murphy
Erin & Tim Le Souef with Molly
Krystal & Michael Blair - Breedon with Tina
Paula & Joe Lesjak with Boof
Jenny O'Toole with Barney and Oliver
Dina & Patrick Niko with Lucy
Sheree Seers with Leo
Sandra & Nick Laminski with Milo and Emmy
Julie Hoffman-Green with Gigi
Rosemary Lay with Lilly
Laura & Luke Thompson - Sinden with Ollie
Paige De Smit with Prince
Ally, Sianna & Vaughan Carbis - Harrison with Karma
Catherine Cerra with Lulu
Stephanie & Greg Coleman - Lamb with Charlie
Kiyomi & Michael Carroll with Coco
Lisa & Simon Code with Alfie
Vanessa Stafford with Jock
Deborah & Gail Grima - Williamson with Bonnie and Clyde
Ondrea & Randall Dennis - Mance with Cleo
Katrina & Jason Jones - Hill with Dawson
Tania & Lindsay Brooker - Batten with Simba
Kearin Lee with Ace
Cathy Hauser with Gemma and Ronan
Aisha Bierman with Devil
Lia & Micah Burch with Coco and Scout
Cait Ward with Kappa
Leigh & Helen Bramhall with Luna
Jane Stewart with Dudley
Harlem & Mena Pirere - Layfield with Atlas
Elise & James Woodthorpe with Jenny
Steve & Trudy Kirk with Spud
Colleen Heard with Penny
Martin & Debra O'Kane with River
Lee & Jack Dungan with Rexx and Bear
Kim Dapes with Zane
Miah Bailey with Rocket

Summer Enrichment Ideas

Enrichment for animals is about providing safe and managed opportunities for species appropriate behaviours. For our dogs, this means we have to provide opportunities for them to sniff, forage, chew, play, run, use their brain...

Summertime can be a great opportunity to get creative with these activities as the weather can restrict our options. Here are some ideas!

Food related- offer frozen foods. This could be Greek yogurt, berries, meats or bones that have been frozen to keep your dog cool and add an extra level of difficulty for our hardcore chewers! Always supervise the consumption of bones.

Environmental- set up cool zones in the house or yard. This could mean you have a shell pool with clean water available, or a shaded area protected from the sun. Maybe this means buying a cool mat or allowing your dog to lie on the tiles.

Sensory- giving your dog the opportunity to engage their senses. Plant dog safe herbs or flowers, groom them with different textured brushes, turn on the tv or radio for them while you're away or include something hydrating and tasty in their meals like cucumber or bone broth.

Social- set up play dates at the beach or dam with their favourite people or dogs. Alternatively, invite them over to keep out of the heat!

Rest & exercise- keep your walks to the early morning or late night to avoid burnt paws and heatstroke. Make sure your dogs have somewhere cool to rest during the summer and that clean water is always readily available.

Tactile/learning- use the nice cool grass outside to set up nature's snuffle mat by spreading some dry treats into the grass for the dog to sniff out. You could also engage their brain in some summer trick training - kikopup on YouTube has heaps of tutorials!

Enrichment doesn't have to be hard and expensive but I hope these ideas keep you and your dog busy over the warmer months!



Alternative Behaviour - Cue It!

An alternative means one of many available possibilities, and when we are looking at training an alternative behaviour for our dogs undesirable behaviours, we come to realise the available possibilities are endless. However, for many of the undesirable behaviours, we can opt to put the behaviour on cue and give the dog an opportunity to display this behaviour at times we deem appropriate.

Let's discuss.

An example of this method that comes straight to mind for me is Blue. As a young pup, Blue loved jumping onto us, from the floor, from the furniture, and he would do giant leaps - he absolutely loved it! This obviously isn't a behaviour that we wanted exhibited randomly or to other people, as that can become a dangerous situation. However, he enjoyed this behaviour so much we wanted to keep it around as a high level reinforcer for him.

So we taught him how to jump onto our shoulders to get caught and carried in our arms. This was fairly easy once he figured out we were trying to catch him. And we put this behaviour on cue, just like you would a sit or a drop. He had two cues that had to be used together to make sure he never accidentally decided to jump at an inappropriate time - clap of the hands, "okay" and he could run and jump from a distance to get on our shoulders.



He had since never jumped, or even put his paws on, anyone that didn't request him to do so. This alternate behaviour for his undesirable jumping worked really well for us! This was his most valued life reward and came in super handy in his flyball career. All from an annoying puppy that wouldn't stop jumping on us. I've had to change this behaviour again to adjust for his age. He now can run up to me while I'm crouched on the floor and I will catch him and pick him up so his older body isn't strained.

So when we are looking at an alternative behaviour for our dogs “naughty” or “undesirable” behaviours, one of the many possibilities we have is to keep that behaviour and put it on cue, so it is used only at times that we deem fit. Choosing this method is just one of many methods and may not work for the undesirable behaviour you are experiencing with your dog. Discuss with your instructor if you are after more information on alternatives.

This graphic by Lili Chin & Elisabeth Weiss holds the same idea, sometimes our dogs are trying to communicate something they NEED, but we see it as undesirable. Blue needed to jump and put his paws on people, by putting it on cue we were able to get the best of both worlds.

AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'!

The most common cause for nuisance behaviors in dogs is boredom.
Dogs are social creatures and crave attention and affirmation.



Ignoring a dog for long stretches at a time and then reprimanding him for seeking attention is counterproductive. Reprimands are a form of attention. Behaviors that earn the dog attention will increase in frequency. Reprimands only confuse the dog.

1. **KEEP YOUR DOG BUSY: GIVE HIM SOMETHING TO DO.**
2. **WHEN YOU TAKE BREAKS, (PLEASE) DON'T FORGET TO PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR DOG.**
3. **TEACH/REWARD YOUR DOG TO RELAX ON HIS BED.**
4. **GIVE YOUR DOG EXERCISE, PLAY AND MENTAL STIMULATION EVERY DAY.**



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