

FRANKSTON DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB

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President's Report

Hello everyone, it's great to be back in full swing once again and enjoying training in your chosen dog sports. Our limited training sessions over the Xmas period were great for our sports to get back to doing what they love.

A big welcome to our many new members who have joined us this year, we hope you are all gaining valuable information in your weekly classes. Just a reminder our club competition day is fast approaching on the 21st May so don't forget to get your forms from the kiosk.

Your club is run solely by volunteers, so a big thank you to those that help in anyway they can. If you are interested in offering your assistance please come and have a chat with me in the kiosk.

Happy training everyone and remember stay safe and if your feeling unwell stay at home.

Kim Dearden
President

Welcome to our New Members

I would like to welcome all those who have chosen Frankston Dog Obedience Club and enrolled with our club this year. I would also like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we have transitioned to online pre- enrolment forms. A special thank you to those who have felt unwell and decided to take care of themselves at home rather than potentially putting others at risk. Re-booking their new enrolment date was greatly appreciated.

The pre-enrolment has allowed us to plan and process new members before they even arrive at Centenary Park. This has been very successful and the form filling has already been completed awaiting a signature and payment. We cannot complete enrolments online as it is important for us to sight and assess our potential doggy members before their humans commit to joining. There has been a couple of occasions in the past where we have had to advise people on either visiting a more suitable training establishment or giving advice on how to get their dogs ready for the busy, exciting and sometimes scary environment of a dog club. They have returned several weeks later ready to participate in group classes.

I hope that our new members are enjoying training and feeling progress with their pups, (and older pups).

Peter Secretary

Welcome to our New Members

Ian & Caitlyn Scott with Star
Cass & Hamish Gumm - Cahill with Ned
Courtney & Adam Steel - Fillis with Dexter & Juno
Shelley Finch with Kuta
Deborah & Musa Pantling - Khan with Coach
Melanie Coull with Taz
Diane Simpson with Gemna
Rumer & James Aldous - Van Rooy with Ollie
Rebecca & Joel Bottomley with Stryder
Steven & Bodhi Wallace with Harley
Michelle Wheatley with Molly & Storm
Laura & Sam Maher - Chaplin with George
Eliza & Monky Mango with Monty
Michelle & Matthew Mercy - Guess with Teddy & Rosco
Jacinta & Andrew McDermott with Samui
Kelly & James Corneliusen with Red Dog
Marilyn & Rod Graham with Bobby
Brad Bourne with Bamm
Jennifer Gedling with Micah
Nicole & Grant Steyn with Koda
Susan Morrison with Murray
Barb Sexton with Pedro
Stephen & Siobhan Gascoigne with Zara
Danielle & Richard Amer with Dougie
Louise & Ronald Hamilton - Medus with Gizmo Coco & Lily
Sharon & Mark Rasmussen with Zoe Bella & Charlie
Brooke & Daniel Brimelow with Arlo
Alexis Zerbe with Jessie
Pagan & Nina Davies - Sharp with Luna
Cloudiya Irippuge with Leo
Nicola & James Cameron - Smith with Tony
Chantelle & Cameron Bicknell with Frankie
Rachael & Robert Nahmias - Paterson with Willow
Steve & Kate Thomas with Maggie
Danielle & Luke Jones with Dash
Haniel & Mia Dalla Rosa with Charlie
Varun Kaushik with Tiger
Leslie Lepinne with Tilli
Nicole Wain with Leevi
Michael & Melanie Weinberg with Winnie

Laura & Ron Wever with Archie
Veronica & Samuel Richardson with Rafiki
Darelle & Brad Misso with Gracie
Rebecca & Justin Mckillop - Grant with Winter
Josephine & Matthew Ulvr-Green with Oreo & Sandy
Katie & Jim Farrell - Daunt with Peppa
Vanessa Kovarik with Tess
Mechelle Ellen with Tic
Virginie & Deborah Cornet - Marie with Ollie
Tahni & Sean McFarland - Rigby with Rudi
Nicole Robertson with Tilly
Ashlin Cecere with Hazel & Nick
Regina Kilbride with Mia
Ashley & Brennan McKern - Jenkins with Iggy
Kate & Matthew Adams - Boersma with River
James & Giulia French - Billi with Maisie & Jasper
Janine Tomlinson with Logan
Kim & Reece Taranto with Trigger
Kerry & Sharon Ford - Stevenson with North & Poppy
Cassandra & James Kennan with Charlie
Rachael & Matthew Johnson with Ellie
Megan & Andrew Purcell - Murphy with Stanley
Karen & Mark Taylor with Stella
Alan Cherian with Leo
Brooke & Tim Walsh with Molly
Ajit & Sheilah Fernandes with picklez
Jane Wells with Charlie
Mick Martine & Jade Ramstein with Zeus & Zoe
Cameron & Sarah Citrine - Williams with Daphne
Kerry & Kayden Young - Lee with Harvey & Astro
Nic & Darren Baker with Leroy & Buddy
Erica Hogan with Osha & River
Lani Quirk with Freddie
Simon & Amber Catzikiris - Perry with Millie
Heather Christensen with blue
Mary Jacinta & Richard Gunn with Sunny
Lisa Placentino with Barbie
Heather & Jon Hart - Blandford with Chester
Chelsea & Ian Fletcher with Ivy
Jenny & Willow Vanderwall with Duski
Rebecca & Shaun Schilling - Vandenbroek with Darcy
Tracey & Simon Kelly with Coco & Pongo

Sherrie Neilson with Mollie
Emily & Nathan Richards - Gasparini with Chief
Susan Mahoney with Matilda Chance & Envy
Sally Daniel & Bekie Jones with Rafi
Bec Simon & Harry Ginsberg with Freddie
Samuel & Kevin Cahill - Khe with Lu
Eva Zubcic with Molly
Barbara & Jack Andruch with Pat.....the dog
Ally Mcdonald with Gustuv
Meagan & Andrew Scott - Bridge with Benson
Chayse Ryan with Suki
Abdul & Mariamawit Abid - Tebebu with Oscar
Sonia Hamill with Harvey
Carmel & Ebony Ivers with Billie
Nathalia & Mariano Fontes Machado - Velázquez with Frankie
Shauna & Paul Byrne - Bourke with Maxy & Harley
Lavina & Binoy Paul with Kasper
Harumi McDonald with Bowie
Gabrielle & Andrew Lansche - Noble with Bruin
Hannah Smith with Lennon
Cindy & Jason Stubbs with Ragnar
Caitlin & Gordon Eldridge - Waterfall with Nora
Janette Mateer with Poppy & Griffin
Laurel & Vaughan Heisman - Coulthard with Alabama
Maria & Brett Fredrickson with Harry
Britt & Sam Watson with Panda
Jonte & Laura Weatherill - Ware with Eddie
Lexie Bajada with Koda
Elizabeth, Lucia & Patrick Venegas with Poppy
Matilda Day with Archie
Daniel Parris with Nala
Vicky & Bobby Harford with Bluey
Tanie & Brogan Calder - Armour with Fin Raziell
Mark & Deborah Boyes with Lilly & Nickle
Julie Clark with Luna
Tracy & Andrew Goldsworthy with Marley
Tilly & Adrian Martinez with Hunter

Agility News

New Equipment

There was much excitement on 15th March when our new lightweight contact equipment arrived. Thanks to Lisa Retford for organising the purchase and delivery from NSW. Many thanks also to Kurt Muldoon for transporting the equipment on its last leg to FDOC. This equipment, A-frame, Dogwalk and Seesaw, is made of aluminium and so much lighter than the old timber set. Given that we are mostly women participating in agility, we are very appreciative.



Our Old A-frame took 4 people per section to carry!

We have also purchased a non-slip tunnel, more tunnel bags, new weavers, plus a training set of weaves. All we need to do now is work out how to fit it on our existing trailer.



New dog walk and tunnel

Foundation Course.

A new Foundation course began in February with 9 dog/handler teams. We decided to try running the Foundation course in 2 parts. Foundation #1 followed by Foundation #2. Teams had to attend and satisfactorily complete all 4 lessons in Foundation 1 in order to graduate to Foundation 2. This tested their commitment to train for agility. When we have more instructors, we plan to run Foundation 1 and 2 concurrently. It is hoped that several teams from the current Foundation 2 Course will graduate to beginners at the end of April.

On 19th March after training at FDOC, we organised an excursion to the K9 Agility Club trial at KCC Park. Those who attended learned a great deal about agility, not just competition. They found it most exciting and interesting to watch the wide variety of performances 😊 I think we gained a couple of trial converts that day.

The next Foundation 1 course will most likely begin after the Funday in late May.

Volunteers Wanted!

FDOC is completely volunteer run. Everyone from the person that signed you up on your first day to the kiosk ladies to the instructors and everyone in between are volunteering their time for the greater good of the club. Thankyou to all our volunteers for the time and effort. We are always looking for volunteers to help at the club. Sometimes we need small things done, other times we need larger, more time consuming roles filled.

This year we have already held 2 fundraising bbqs at Bunnings Carrum Downs. Thankyou to everyone that volunteered a few hours of their time to take a shift slinging snags. It was wonderful to see so many members volunteering to support these!

Can you help with any of the following?

Instructors! We are always looking for keen new instructors! We run an instructors course each year, if you're keen to get involved chat to Bruce – our chief instructor!

Cleaners! Our clubrooms don't clean themselves. Can you donate some time to help keep our amazing facilities clean? If yes please chat to your discipline coordinator or at the kiosk.

Maintenance! There are often little jobs need doing. If you've got some handyman skills that you could offer please chat to Kris or Albert - our grounds managers!



2022 Committee

Executive

President – Kim Dearden
Vice President – Lauren Dolley
Secretary – Peter Gibson
Treasurer – Tammy Beatie

General Members

Tasha Sharp
Charles Murton
Kate Dunkley
Pauline Dodd
Mailie Gibson
Janice James
Bruce Saunders
Lisa Retford

Flyball News

The flyballers are thoroughly enjoying being back to an almost normal state of training and competing this year! Our teams headed back to the racing lanes with enthusiasm and charisma!

We began the year with a home competition in January, where our dogs did us proud racing hard! February saw us head to Berwick, where 2 teams once again represented the club proudly racing cleanly and consistently.

Match saw the rescheduled 2021 Flyball National Championships in Canberra. 2 teams of brilliant dogs and handlers headed up to our capitol to race the country's best and they did not disappoint. After two days of nail biting racing, the Frankston Storm Lightning Bolts returned victorious as the 2021 Division 4 Flyball National Champions. Congratulations to John and Poppy, Tasha and Gypsy, Marguerite and Sammy, Lauren and Casper and Lauren and Mac on a brilliant achievement! They did our state proud and were the only Victorian team to bring home the gold. The Frankston Storm Chasers also did the club and state proud running their hearts out in division 7. They weren't quite quick enough to bring home the gold, however they too should be congratulated on a sensation effort of clean, consistent racing. Well done to Kate with Minx and Zeke, Diane and Amber, Tasha and Maya and Zach and Storm on a fabulous weekend of racing.

The teams then headed to Ringwood for the return of the Highland Games competition. This was the first public event since the impact of covid and for some dogs this was the first public event they had ever raced at! Concentrating is even more critical when there are marching bands, bagpipes and lots of spectators to take it and our dogs did their best to concentrate on the job at hand. With the distractions causing some of our dogs some headaches the Blizzards brought home and second and Chasers a 3rd.



My Champion Flyball Dog Jodie

Last month my black Labrador, Jodie, ran in her last competition of Flyball at Berwick. Jodie now has her Flyball Dog Grand Champion title. She will retire from flyball at the age of 13 years old. My black Labrador, Jodie, was always so reliable, she could cross with any dog. She would run even with other handlers. Jodie was so committed in Flyball. Her fastest time was 4.8 seconds. I am so very proud of Jodie. She is a National Champion that was in Canberra in 2015 and has one perfect start to her name of 0.000. Jodie loves flyball so much. Jodie's team came first at Berwick, which is a lovely way to finish.

Diane Gnieslaw

