## Frankston Dog Obsdisnce Club Inc APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to 2024

Hello to all, and welcome back to a new year of training and competition, and a big welcome to all our new members for 2024.
With another presentation evening well and truly behind us, I would like to congratulate all our members who gained titles in 2023.
Again this year, the presentation evening will be held at the club, so clear your calendar for the $14^{\text {th }}$ December.
I hope you all have a lovely easter break with your families and are looking forward to some great training and competitions.

Once again, we had great success with our first Bunnings barbeque for the year.
Thanks to all that volunteered their time on the day.
A big thankyou to all those who volunteer their time and effort to make this club successful and a special mention to all the new members who are helping out around the club as well.

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 First Nations People reading this edition of the FDOC Newsletter.


## Vale Audrey Thorn

March 1934 - March 2024

A founding \& life member of Frankston Dog Obedience Club, Audrey dedicated her time to get our club up and running. She passed just after her 90th birthday, which she celebrated with her nearest and dearest. Our thoughts are with her family, friends and loved ones at this time. She is pictured here with Life Members Janice James \& Wayne Collihole.


## Important Dates for 2024 \& beyond

Club Competition Days: 1st June 2024 \& 19th
October 2024
Agility Trials:
Saturday 11th May @ KCC Park
Saturday 7th September @ KCC Park
Flyball Competitions:
Easter Saturday 30th March @ FDOC
Sunday 12th May Co-hosting @ FDOC
Sunday 18th August @ FDOC
Sunday 15th September @ FDOC
Sunday 27th October Co-hosting @ FDOC
Sunday 26th January 2025 @ FDOC

## Scent Works Trials:

Sunday 23rd June @ FDOC Clubrooms
Sunday 25th August @ FDOC Clubrooms
Sunday 26th May - Co-hosting MODC @ FDOC Clubrooms

## 2024 Year's End

Last Training Day: 30th November 2023
Breakup Day: 7th December 2023
Annual General Meeting: 14th December 2023 @ 11:00 am

Presentation Dinner: 14th December 2023 @ 6pm


Into 2025...
Working Bee: 25th January 2025
Training Resumes: 1st February 2024


## 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!

## CLEANING ROSTER <br> 2024

FEBRUARY
MARCH
APRIL
MAY
JUNE
JULY
AUGUST
SEPTEMBER
OCTOBER
NOVEMBER

OBEDIENCE
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## 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.

## 2024 FDOC Management Committee

President - Kim Dearden<br>Vice President - Lauren Dolley<br>Treasurer - Tammy Beattie<br>Secretary - Peter Gibson<br>General Committee - Zach Day<br>Danielle Marsh<br>Lisa Retford<br>Charles Mouton<br>Jessica Thompson<br>Mailie Gibson<br>Lauren Monohan<br>Bruce Saunders

## Editor's April Picks



## READ: The Forever Dog by Rodney Habib \& Dr. Karen Becker


#### Abstract

The Forever Dog is a heartfelt guide that explores holistic approaches to dog care, longevity, and well-being. Rodney Habib and Dr. Karen Becker offer invaluable insights into nutrition, lifestyle choices, and healthcare practices that can help extend the lifespan of our beloved canine companions. With a blend of science, personal anecdotes, and practical advice, this book is a must-read for every dog owner who wants to give their furry friend the best possible life.


## LISTEN: Shaped By Dog podcast hosted by Susan Garrett

Shaped By Dog, hosted by Susan Garrett, is a captivating podcast that delves into the world of dog training and behavior. With her wealth of experience and infectious enthusiasm, Susan shares invaluable insights, tips, and stories that will inspire and educate both new and seasoned dog owners. Whether you're looking to improve your training techniques, deepen your bond with your dog, or simply enjoy heartwarming tales of canine companionship, Shaped By Dog is a
 podcast you won't want to miss.


## WATCH: Zak George's Dog Training Revolution on YouTube

Zak George's Dog Training Revolution on YouTube is a game-changer for dog owners seeking effective, positive reinforcement training methods. With his engaging personality and clear, step-by-step instructions, Zak George makes training accessible and fun for both dogs and their humans. From basic obedience skills to addressing behavior challenges, Zak covers a wide range of topics to help you build a strong foundation of communication and trust with your furry friend. Tune in to Zak George's Dog Training Revolution and unleash your dog's full potential!

## RALLY - A DIFFERENT SORT OF OBEDIENCE

Rally was first created in the US in 2000. Rally was introduced into Australia in 2010 with the first trials being held in 2012. Originally called Rally O (for Obedience) it is now just called Rally. It is based on traditional dog obedience but carried out in a more informal and relaxed style. Rally aims to provide a fast-moving and motivational sport for both dogs and their owners, requiring them to work as a team to complete various exercises in a set course that demonstrates competency in basic obedience exercises.

Rally is an excellent next step for those looking to take their basic obedience training to the next level in an informal atmosphere. There are 4 levels - Novice, Advanced, Excellent and Masters.

As quite a few members have shown interest in Rally, Frankston Dog Obedience Club is going to run its first Foundation Rally Course in early April. It will run for 6-8 weeks and the format will be Group class lessons working through the requirements of Novice level Rally. Regular obedience movements will be refined and Novice rally signs introduced each week, culminating in a full course. At the end of the course if there is interest in continuing training a Rally course will be set up each week gradually introducing advanced signs.

If you would like to participate in the Foundation Rally course, please email your details to our Head Instructor, Bruce Saunders, at bruce@scorpion.asn.au

If you have already registered your interest at the canteen could you still email Bruce with your details please as we need to be able to contact you prior to the course starting on Saturday April $13^{\text {th }}$.

You must be training at PINK level or above, as a certain level of skill is required for Rally.


## If We Can Teach Wild Animals

 WITHOUT FORCE or PUNISHMENT

## We can also train our BEST FRIENDS without force or punishment.

The drawings above were inspired by REAL LIFE examples of Clicker Training and Operant Learning. No force, intimidation, pain or "dominance" was needed or used in training these animals.

References: www.doggiedrawings.net/animaltraining
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## What is Positive Reinforcement Dog Training?

- Teaching dogs desirable behaviors using SCIENCE-based \& REWARD-based methods.
- Helping dogs learn and succeed step by step.
- Motivating dogs with fun exercises and games. No force! No pain!
- Encouraging dogs to think more for themselves.
- Valuing dogs' voluntary behaviors.
- Understanding dogs' feelings from their body language.
- Understanding how dogs learn, their needs and wants.
- Using methods that work humanely with ANY dog. Big dogs, small dogs,
 puppies, senior dogs, disabled dogs, fearful dogs, reactive dogs... can all learn and have fun!




## 1. develop

 dog's self-control

Positive Reinforcement Training
= HAPPY RELATIONSHIP


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## T.CH Clemkirk Standing Ovation RN, TSDX

In May 2019 I picked up Sophie from her breeder Clemkirk Labradors and what a journey we have been on. Sophie is the niece of my older dog Lucy. Sophie first started her career in the show ring then I started tracking training with her and then enter some trials but due to COVID we were in lockdown. As we could not do any tracking trials or training, Sophie went back to her breeder for her first litter. We started trials again the following year and again we were locked down so again Sophie went back for her second litter. Again the following year we started tracking again and also doing rally, we have had fails and passes. Sophie turned 5 this year and we have been on a wonderful journey together. So far Sophie has:
$3^{\text {rd }}$ place at the Royal Melbourne Show - confirmation show
2 litters
3 titles in Tracking
2 titles in Track and Search
1 title in Rally
We are continuing our journey together to see what else we can achieve together. A big thank you to Danielle and Margaret at Clemkirk Labradors for entrusting me with my gorgeous girl.

Fran Mills


## Community Recommendation -

## Doggy Play Park, Dingley

Here is Kona and Sadie at the Pooch Smooch stand and Bonnie near the tunnel when we recently visited "Doggy Play Park" in Dingley. We love going to Doggy Play Park over the local dog parks because you pay a small affordable membership fee for ten social visits to access the park, it is fully enclosed, there are four separate parks and it is in a safe environment as opposed to your local dog parks. Park 1 has lovely agility equipment but I love Park 4 because it's bigger and the dogs get a good off lead run. Kona, Sadie and newest addition, Bonnie give their paws of approval



The program is now calling for expression of interest from enthusiastic people to fill some vacancies. If you enjoy talking to children, own a happy and healthy dog (18months - 8 years) that resides with you and enjoys socialising with children please consider this program We are seeking educators based throughout Victoria

Pet Educators visit schools and pre-schools to promote the message of responsible pet ownership.

This is a casual position and appropriate remuneration is applicable. Please contact our head office for an application.

Would you like to bring your dog to work?

Would you like to only work school terms?

Would you like to have school holidays off?

Would you like to get paid to visit schools and preschools with your dog?

To express your interest, contact us via:

1800000776
or
vic.pet@agriculture.vic.gov.au

## Editor's Bowl Toppers

Best efforts have been put into making sure these bowl toppers are safe for the average dog. If you are unsure about adding them to your dog's bowl, contact your vet to be sure. I have also provided links for you to peruse about these toppers if they are not mentioned on the graphic.

## - $\quad$ D <br> ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL ANTI-AGING DOG TREATS ON THE PLANET!

New studies show blueberries can slow down the aging process in several species by repairing DNA damage \& modifying genes associated with aging, which produces significantly longer life spans!
Researchers have also found pterostilbene \& anthocyanins found in blueberries reduce the risk of cells becoming cancerous while the polyphenols aid in the prevention of cognitive decline in aging dogs.



Garlic -https://www.balanced-canine.com/post/garlic-the-confusion-about-safety


## What's valuable to my dog?

Understanding what rewards are most valued by your dog is essential for effective training and behavior modification. Every dog has their own unique preferences when it comes to reinforcement, so it's important to experiment and observe to find what motivates your furry friend the most.

Start by offering a variety of rewards during training sessions and observe your dog's response. Some dogs may be highly motivated by food treats, while others may prefer playtime or affection. Here are a few examples of rewards to try:

1. **Food Treats:** Most dogs are highly motivated by food, so offering tasty treats such as small pieces of cooked chicken, cheese, or commercial dog treats can be very effective.

2. **Toys:** For some dogs, playtime with their favorite toy is the ultimate reward. Experiment with different types of toys, such as balls, squeaky toys, or tug-of-war ropes, to see what your dog enjoys the most.
3. **Affection:** Many dogs are motivated by affectionate praise and petting from their owners. Take the time to give your dog plenty of love and attention during training sessions to reinforce their good behavior.
4. **Opportunities for Exploration:** Some dogs are motivated by the opportunity to explore their environment or engage in activities such as sniffing and searching for hidden objects. Incorporate opportunities for exploration into your training sessions to keep your dog engaged and motivated.
5. **Life Rewards:**In addition to traditional rewards, such as treats and toys, consider using everyday activities as rewards for your dog's good behavior. For example, allowing your dog to go outside for a walk or play in the yard can be a powerful motivator.

By experimenting with different types of rewards and observing your dog's response, you can determine what motivates them the most and use that knowledge to reinforce their behavior effectively. Remember to keep training sessions fun and engaging for your dog, and always use positive reinforcement techniques to encourage desired behaviors.

## Minty's Story

Our family adopted MINTY from the MPDR in March 2023. In a couple of weeks we have had Minty for 1 year!

Minty attends training on a Saturday with my daughter Isabel Freeman-Wright and husband Karl Freeman-Wright. She has come such a long way, placing first in the last Club Competition!

Minty was rescued with her 7 litter mates by the MPDR and travelled all the way from NSW where unfortunately alot of the dogs are rescued from! The rescue who are all volunteers do an incredible job!

As we celebrate Minty's 1 year of joining our family, I thought it appropriate to share how grateful we are to the MPDR and to the Frankston Dog Obedience Club! You are both community minded organisation that are passionate about dogs of all shapes and sizes and have assisted us with Minty's journey!

Attached is a fundraiser for the MPDR in which we have taken part in. A beautiful book is too be published by Shireen who takes incredible photos of dogs and their families. The cost of $\$ 90$ goes directly to MPDR. We have had Minty's photo taken already and some stunning family photos with Minty in them!

Thankyou again to the Frankston Dog Obedience Club for running such a family friendly, caring and supportive club that can accommodate dogs such as Minty who come with special needs and understanding!!

Sharon Freeman-Wright


Mornington Peninsula Dog Rescue Incorporated


Hi, my name is Max.
I am a black miniature poodle, ten years ago I was picked up by my new Mum and from that moment my life changed.
I slept in Mums bedroom for two weeks till I was toilet trained then crate trained with a doggy door in the office.
Mum took me to puppy school at the local Vet. From that moment on, I was happy to go to the Vet. (they give you liver treats).
Dad took me to the local obedience dog school, which was good to learn new things and mix with lots of dogs and do competitions.
When I turned twelve months, I was taken to FDOC for Agility lessons this was the most fun and Mum always gave me some of her yummy fish and chips from the kiosk.
Dad always takes me for a long walk in the mornings and Mum takes me for the shorter walk in the evenings rain hail or shine, she then started a game to get me to find home.
She also had a game of hide and seek which I always won (I could smell her).
From time-to-time Dad has dogs stay at home some of them were allowed to sit on the furniture which I was not, they were little dogs and I suppose they were allowed to at their own home, then Dad gave me a new bed and mat between Mums and Dads chairs, and I was happy.
We went on many holidays together some were very long in the car, but it was all fun.
I don't bark much really only to tell Mum when strangers are outside, or when the pesky cat and possums from next door come into my yard.
I get to play lots of games with Dad when he is home, my favourite is jumping, weaves and retrieving dumbbells and frisbees.
I have started Tracking which is so much fun, because I am the only one that knows where we are going!
I even tracked Mum when she went missing it was easy to find her as she was only two streets away.
I miss Mum as she has moved to a new home, I have visited her there, but she doesn't know me sometimes which I can't understand, and I feel sad.
I often go to their bed and smell if Mum is back.
We go out a lot to play and track which is fun, new places and smells and it is now just me and Dad.
(Please remember if there are any spelling or grammatical errors, I am only a Dog).
Thanks


## Agility Juniors

At the State Agility Trial late last year there was a special class for juniors. Being a non-qualifying event the competitors did not need to be members of Dogs Vic or comply with normal competition requirements. What a great opportunity for our aspiring juniors to run their dogs in a relaxed trial environment.

Willow Vanderwall with Duski (pictured on right) and Emma Arthur with Harli (pictured on left) both ran the simple jumping course like pros. Nothing spectacular except they were the only juniors to run their own dogs which they had trained themselves. All the other juniors came from agility families and ran experienced competition dogs.

We are so proud of them.

Sandy \& the agility instructors


## Pest-y Reminder

Regular flea \& worm treatments not only ensure the health and well-being of our furry friends but also help maintain a hygienic environment for both pets and humans alike.

Fleas and worms are more than just nuisances; they can pose serious health risks to our dogs. Fleas can cause skin irritation, allergic reactions, and even transmit diseases, while worms can lead to weight loss, diarrhea, and other gastrointestinal issues.

Thankfully, modern flea and worming treatments are highly effective and easy to administer. They
 work by either killing the parasites directly or disrupting their life cycle, preventing reinfestation. Regular use of these treatments is essential to keep our dogs protected year-round.

So, when should you use flea and worming treatments? It's recommended to follow a schedule provided by your veterinarian, typically every month for flea prevention and every three months for worming. However, depending on your dog's lifestyle and environment, your vet may adjust this schedule accordingly.

For more information on flea and worming treatments and to find the right products for your furry friends, check out the following links:

## - https://www.petstock.com.au/blog/articles/dog-parasite-prevention-guide

-https://animalmedicinesaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/AMA-Parasite-Control-in-PetsFAOs FInal24May.pdf

Prioritising the health and wellbeing of our dogs can keep our whole community safe too. If you need more assistance with this, please contact your vet.

## Devil's Celebrations

Devil recently had his 1st birthday.
I took him to Miss Drew's Bakery in Tyabb.
It is a dog only Cafe. They make food for dogs and not people.

As it was his birthday he had a play in the room. I got him a yummy Kangaroo flavoured pupcake and he had an pupsicle also

He also recently gained his confirmation Australian Champion Title.

This makes Devil the first Long Haired male Dutch Shepherd and first Australian born Long Haired Dutch Shepherd to gain their Australian Champion Title.


We are so super proud of this pup!
Aisha


## Blue's Nose Knows!

Blue and I completed an Intro to Noseworks course in July 2023 as a new sport for him to try after his flyball retirement. Through the weeks, our instructor gave us information on why sniffing is important for dogs, what's happening in their bodies when they sniff, what to look for in their body language when they are searching, and how to set our dogs up at home to practice our sniffing.

For this course, our dogs were searching food - I bought Blue's favourites, Prime100 Boar, cheese \& poached chicken. He progressed through the weeks getting ever better at his game.

Since then, we have had some health scares with Blue so our sniffing practice has been lacking. I signed him up for another round of intro course recently to build both of our skills back up. It seems his keen nose still knows what to do and he's finding this course easy as pie!

From here, we need to practice our game in lots of places - like outside, inside, under things, in things, progressing through different difficulties. We will then be able to progress to an Intro to Odour course where competition level odours are paired with food.

It has been so interesting to watch Blue learn this skill, he's never been much of a sniffer before this course. He now sniffs on almost every walk we go on. Sniffing for dogs is a calming behaviour, and that's really contributed to his overall wellbeing post-health scare.

FDOC will be hosting some Intro to Noseworks courses (just like the one Blue has done!) for our members. These will be run through K9NoseFun. Keep your eyes peeled on your emails and social media if you are interested in participating!

Mailie \& Blue


## HOT STREETS BURN FEET

We are having a late summer with temperatures reaching into the 30's. It might seem like a good idea to take your dog for a walk in the afternoon/evening when it is a bit cooler but this may not be the case.

When the outside temperature is 25 degrees the temperature of the footpath can be over 50 degrees and may cause serious harm to your dog. Just imagine how hot it can get when the temperature soars into the 30 's. Concrete can retain heat so even though the ambient temperature seems cooler, the pavement can still be hot enough to burn. Sand at the beach can be even hotter.

So please, if the concrete is too hot for you to walk on barefoot, it is definitely too hot for your furbaby and could cause serious burns to their paws.

Smaller dogs can feel the heat more quickly than larger dogs as their tummies are closer to the ground and can absorb the radiant heat - this may even happen on grassed areas.


## So PLEASE look after your dog when it is hot and put off that walk until another day to avoid this happening.

## Welcome - FDOC's Newest Members

Paul \& Julie Page - Young with Paddy
Wayne \& Veronica Aubrey with Patrick
Michelle \& Stephen Dewar with Juicy
Franzi Marek with Nela
Jane \& Sebastian Perotti with Rosie
Holly Voller with Joey
Sera \& Chris Wilkie with COSMO
Julianne Randell with Maggie
Ebony Drew with Opal
Tahni \& Sean McFarland - Rigby with Rudi
Maya Rozner with Cosmo
Mick \& Kirstie Pocock-Davies with Mahli
Heather \& Samuel McGirr - Spink with Mela \&
Moose
Luke \& Rhonda Hill with Lou lou
Hazel \& Grace Addison with Dougal \& Evie
Bre Frazer with Finn
Rhonda \& Paul Edwards with Bella
Jennie \& Emily Manning - Jordan with Krystal2
\& Clancy
Laura \& Rune Rasmussen with Gracie
Robyn Goedhart with Nitra
Ma

Rebecca \& Shane Manning with Sally
Tara \& Scott Allan with Lexi
Maureen \& Joe Davis with Molly
David \& Julie Peck - Phillips with Bobbi Sox
Kathryn \& Daniel Offer - O’Keefe with Obi
Sarah \& Mitchall Boasman Coventry-Boasman with Capt'n Squid \& Skippa

Joanne \& Shelby Smith - Toull with Crumpet
Coral \& Wayne Webster - Brook with Treva
Dominique Oliveira with Rex \& Baxter
Tayla Curnow with Peach
Hannah Martin with Crumpet
David Brechin with Bonnie

Nicole \& Brett Bolden with Ellie

Carly \& Coban Tate - Paisley with Noodle \& Gnocchi

Ken \& Danielle McDowell with Gracie \& Wally
Sandra \& Phil Gilbert with Tobi
Tegan Ramsay with Norbit
Kaitlyn \& Brad Sutherland with Taco
Alana \& William Ryan with Max
Jazmyn McCullum with Sandy

Harin \& Nuwanji Wijewardena - Senanayake with Paddington

Linda Downing with Coco
Linda \& Dennis Jackson with Asher

Paula McNicol with Pearl

Stephanie \& Conor Gregory with Phoebe
Sheina Sandler with Princess Peach (Peaches)
Sharon \& Martin Carson with Sam \& Susie

Ann Anvari with Sophie
Cameron Rawnsley with Eevee

Amanda \& Jodie Fernando - Wood with Hooch

Thomas Grundy with Max

Melissa, Andrew \& Olive Leigh - Stevens with Cookie

Christine Slatter with Layla \& Selby
Katrina Coulson with Avery \& Bronte
Sharon \& Ron Webbers with Phoebe

Joy \& Joerg Boehme with Ayla

Ray \& Belinda Crawford with Mickey

TJ \& Elody Wickham - Trompeuse with Owlbear
Isabella Clinton with Georgie

Susannah Young with Rusty
Nicole \& Anthony Santvoort - Watkins with Kyra
Robyn \& Matt Green with Ruby

Emme Richardson with Buddy \& Spud
Rick \& Angela Palahinjak with Bella
Elysha \& David Paolilli-Treonze - Outrata with Biscoff

Heike, Darren, Ivy \& Lillian Godwin with Gem

Cameron \& Jihye Chenel - Park with Yogi
Ashleigh Little with Murphy

Ami \& Mark Whittaker with Freya
Gail \& Bob Murray with Isla
Cheryl Conquer with Coco
Rebecca \& Lainie Salomons with Boba

Daniel \& Kate Egan with Chilli

## VALE Goya

September 23, 2014 - February 26, 2024
We're saying goodbye to our special friend, Goya, who went to the Rainbow Bridge recently. Goya came to us when he was a bit older, but he filled our days with happiness. He was the sweetest boy and loved meeting new friends, making everyone smile with his wagging tail. We'll always remember Goya as a credit to his breed. Now he's running and playing with his buddies Jet and Paddy at the Rainbow Bridge. We'll miss him lots.

Love from Andre and Paddy.



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