

FRANKSTON DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB

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President's Report

Hello everyone, and welcome back to the club after such a long forced break. It's great to see you all back and enjoying your club once more. A big welcome to our many new members and their 4 legged fur kids, we hope you are settling in and gaining some valuable training.

The club hosted the inaugural scent works trial at the beginning of March. The first one in Australia. It was a huge success and the positive feedback the event received was largely due to the event organiser Tammy Beattie.

Easter Saturday saw our first home ground, flyball competition for the year. Thank you to everyone involved for your support!

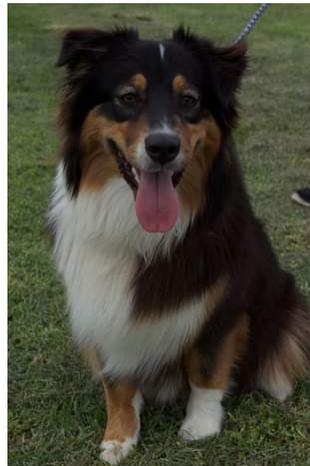
In other news, our 4 week clicker course is currently running on a Wednesday evening by Mailie Gibson. Some great tips on clicker training your dog. This course may be offered again in the months to come.

In closing, I hope everyone has a wonderful Easter. Look forward to seeing you all enjoying time with your dogs.

Kim Dearden
President.

Obedience News

It's great seeing the grounds busting with dogs and handlers again and these happy puppy faces say it all!



Welcome back to Covid-Safe FDOC! Please remember to stay up to date with current government requirements.

You must:

- Carry a mask with you at all time and wear your mask where you cannot social distance
- Practice good hand hygiene – Sanitizer can be found around the grounds. Please ensure to sanitize your hands when handling club equipment and after touching frequently touched surfaces
- Maintain a distance of 1.5 meters from other members

Welcome to our New Members

Milena & Jane Burridge with Jersey
Karen Aarsman with Bobby Tara
Jane Newman with Elle
Rebecca Bortolus with Kenzie
Catherine & Rohan Murphy
Edmonds-Wilson with Alfie Lauren &
Adrian Trevis with Spencer

Anne & Andrew Cox with Charlie
Robyn & Steven Andrews with Elly
Steve & Saba Waters with Freeda
Bonnie Salmon with Jasper

Maria & Marcus Cornejo Baconwith
Zeus
Adele Howell with Lucy
Jessica & Matthew Bottomley -
Thompson with Milo
Chloe Mitchell & Shelley Kandasamy
- Davis with Zeus Bonnie Cameron &
Rebecca Collins - Symingtonwith
Maggie
Jessica & Sean Hegarty with Juno
Hannah McColl with Harley
Daisy Tatlis with Humphrey
Tracey Murray with Rosie
Libby & Lachlan Arnold -
McInneswith Quinn
Matt & Leanne longley with Yogi
Casey & Russell Webb - Fultonwith
Lyla Lucy
Karen & Tim Slater - Iveswith Angus
Nicole & Chris Answer - Aingerwith
Dexter Willow Abby

Simone & Gabriel Baillie with Hazel
Amee & Nathan Answer -
Hoekstrawith Brandy
Catherine Iredale with Mia
Karley & Jordan Czajjka - Flynnwith
Shelby
Trish Miller with Daisy
Jacinta & Blake Sparrius -
Hooperwith Arlo
Jarrad & Ashley Swanborough -
Graywith Roxy
Katherine Espinoza with Chica Indio
Charlotte & Lee Allen with Maverick
Wendy & Dennis Morgan with Max
Millie
Clarise Jennings with Murphy
Terri Miles with Buddah
Christine Goulas with Luna
DANI, MICHAEL & KIMBERLEY
RZESZUTEK with RUBY MERLIN
Michael & Lishai Cleary with Forest
Teddy
Debbie Warry with Chiquitita
Roxanne & Rupert Oakley with Meiji
Tilly
Lydia & Chantelle Kemish with Joey
Michelle & Cameron Holter -
Elliottwith Benson
Brigitte & Jack Dalach - Harrison with
Hardy Bonti
Ellenor Harris with Snooy
Stephen & Barbara Fairy with Pirate
Mike & Mikaila Sa with Goose

Jacqui & Lachie Walsh - Adamswith
Ziggy
Darren & Sian Myles - Billingsley with
Buster
Dawn & Nelly Hemsley with Coco
Oksana Androsov with Benji
Nicole, Jack & Libby Mcleish -
Ryanwith Kuta
Ryan & Susan Onley with Johto
Helen Parker with Jack Boo Lenny
Jil & Travis Boyle with Ted
Darcey Cunningham with Frankie
Ashlee (Elizabeth) Shannon (Letch)
with Billy
Raegan Mayne with Flip
Caitlin & Steven Knight - McCannwith
Gus
Russell & Maria Walters with Ziggy
Bailey Marsh with Moscow
Susannah Young with Otto Rusty
Gabby & Zac Bloch - Deeringwith
Panko
Carol-Anne & Anderson Horo -
Stonewith Hobie Stone
Jewel Zuijdwijk with Jilly
Wendy Lawrence with Colonel Sophie
Jenny Williams with Woody Jessy
Michael & Jan Callanan -
McKenziewith Paddy Marble
Antoine, Amie & Chloe Amad - Mills-
Zielinskiwith Murphy
Reide & Rachael Mulholland -
Phillipswith Ralph
Genna Young with Missy
James & Michelle Owen with Eddie
Alex & Andy Gibson with Marley
Catalina & Eddie Eduardo with Rex
Katharine, Lorriane & Kirra Rigby
with Ollie Daisy

Luke & Natalie Hamilton - Smithwith
Lady
Melissa Arbaci with River
Michelle & Aaron Podnecky -
Pappaswith Ollie
Hazel & Dave Barker with Tiki
Cassandra Clarke with Nikeeta
Emily & Matt Scott with Kublai
Kirsty McMorrison with Molly Maeve
Mark & Naomi Nagel with Echo
Kristie & Vatt Sounthakith with Jazzy
Susie & Steve Booth with Kaiser
Silvia & Sergio Cancado with Rocky
Lauren & Tim Robinson - Bakerwith
Alfie
Michael & Catherine Bromley with
Dexter
Courtney & Keyane Dalton with Gigi
Jazz
Christine Magee with Beau
Sam Fox with Kettle
Geoff Oreilly with Couper
Luisa & Paul Harwood with Jax
Annee Riley with Ralph
Susan Ralph with Coco
Patricia Bickell with Buddy
Georgia & Justin McLaren -
McMilinwith Luna
Stephen & Kim McDonald with
Sundae
Irene & Peter Miller with Bailey
Cathie & Daniel Bailey with Brindy
Louise & Kate Martino - Edneywith
Daisy
Lauren Britt with Nala Britt
Cameron Mosley with Archer Rocko
Joanne & Mark Wright with Finley
Jill Whitehead with George
Michelle Collins with Kenna

Kerry Godwin & Jasmine De Rosayro
with Summer
Helen Richards with Maggie
Clover & Jake Laurier - Blewettwith
Maisie
Stuart & Liah Moodie with Billy
Shelley Hansen with Toto
Kay Clifford with Mia
Marleen & Michael Ling with Snow
Madi & Jason Wickramasinha -

Shahwith Moon
Katrina & Cruze Barker -
Peermanwith Maya
Heidi Olsen with Titan
Brittany Schulz with River
Genevieve & Paul Ayre - Mumfordwith
Tiny
Rebecca Eddison with Prince Eddie
John & Megan Sedgwick with Bodie
Roger & Christine Little with Bluey

Agility News

No news is good news! Our agiliters have been very busy away competing. We look forward to a full report of their adventures in the next newsletter!



Train a trick!

Tricks are a great way to keep your dog's mind stimulated and can also be really useful. Teaching your dog to touch a target stick is great fun and can also be a useful tool for teaching other tricks.

You can use anything as a target stick, a glitter wand from the \$2 shop does the trick as does a stick from your garden with a Ping-Pong ball stuck to the end!

Step 1: Hold your touch stick in front of the dog and wait.

Step 2: Dogs are naturally curious, so when your dog touches it with his nose, click and treat. Timing is important! Keep doing this until he starts touching the stick without hesitation. As he builds confidence move the stick around so that he must move towards it to touch it.

Step 3: Once he is touching the stick every time you present it you can add a verbal cue. "Touch it" is great, but as always you can use anything you like as your cue. Remember not to add a verbal cue until you are sure he will do it so that you can reward it.

Step 4: When he touches the stick on command, give him a jackpot, and make sure to praise him for his good work.

Once the dog will move towards the stick and touch it reliably you can use this to create new behaviour such as crawling under something, jumping up onto something and weaving through your legs. Your options are only limited by your imagination!



2021 Committee

Executive

President – Kim Dearden

Vice President – Lauren Dolley

Secretary – Peter Gibson

Treasurer – Janice James

General Members

Tasha Sharp

Charles Murton

Kate Dunkley

Penny Roberts

Pauline Dodd

Mailie Gibson

Katrina MacDonald

Bruce Saunders

Flyball News

The Flyball teams were so excited to get back into the racing lanes this year!

Two teams hit the lanes for the Aussie Weiner Party in January and the dogs ran as if they hadn't had a year off at all! The handlers may have been a tad rusty but there's nothing like a full day of racing to blow the cobwebs off! We headed back to Berwick in February for another day of great racing!



Sami and Zeke show how crossing is done!

East Saturday saw our first home completion since our grounds have been upgraded and the flyball community was very impressed! The sun brought it's A game for the day providing a glorious beach day as teams from all over Victoria enjoyed a day of racing. Lunchtime saw the juniors race to collect eggs in an Easter Egg hunt and everyone left happy at the end of the day with prizes for the dogs generously sponsored by 4 legs. A huge thanks to 4 legs for their ongoing generosity and support of our club!

The following weekend the weather gods weren't in quite as good of a mood as we headed to Hastings for two very wet cold days of racing. Despite the weather, the teams had a blast running between downpours and socialising in the team tents in between racing.

Congratulations to our 2020 annual flyball award recipients:

Most Improved Dog – Kona

Steve G award for consistency and reliability – Monty

Congratulations also to Charles on being acknowledged as a VIP. While we believe all our members are very important we also like to recognise that every now and again a person comes along that goes way above and beyond. Charles can usually be found at the grounds with a small on his face from early morning to late afternoon, no job is ever too much to ask. Regardless of whether we are at training or competition, if you look closely Charles can always be seen quietly working away in the background.

VALE Jessie

Jessie crossed rainbow bridge July 2020. She was a challenge from the start, you came to me fearful of the world but together we worked to build trust. It was hard work, but my motto is that I like a challenge. As we got over your fears and you learned to trust again we got the devastating news that you had degenerative myelopathy. This is normally found in older dogs, but you were so young so we began our next journey together to give you quality of life. Together we went to the pool, to physiotherapy and for K9 massage but what you needed most of all was positive mental health. As time moved on and your physical abilities deteriorated we got you a wheelchair and so began your training to use it. You did so well despite your physical limitations and I was so proud of how you adapted. Together we modified your training so that you could enjoy the remaining time we had together and we proved how adaptable dogs are. On 20 July you peacefully crossed rainbow bridge to join your best buddies Banjo and Axel. Now you don't need any help, you can run free! RIP Jessie.

Andre Torpy

