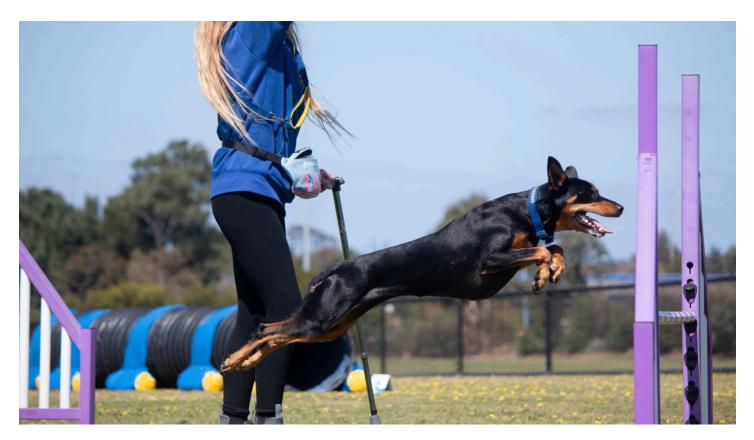
Frankston Dog Obedience Club Inc

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President's End Of Year Wrap Up

What an incredible few months we've had - it's been a great way to round off a fantastic year of FDOC achievements! Our recent Flyball events and Agility trials have been a huge success, with outstanding performances from our members and dogs alike. It's also been wonderful to welcome so many new members into our club—your energy and enthusiasm are truly appreciated!

Our instructors have been busy too, attending workshops to further build their skills and bring even more value to our training sessions. These had a great response and have deepened our understanding of dog training values.

As we approach the end of the year, we're looking forward to our upcoming AGM and, of course, our annual Presentation Night to celebrate everyone's hard work and achievements. Please email me to secure your tickets to this event.

Thank you to each and every member for their constant contributions to our club community! Without this support, we wouldn't be the thriving club that we are.

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.



Important Dates for 2024 & beyond

Flyball Competitions:

Sunday 26th January 2025 @ FDOC

2024 Year's End

Last Training Day: 30th November 2024

Breakup Day: 7th December 2024

Annual General Meeting: 14th December 2024

@ 11:00 am

Presentation Dinner: 14th December 2024 @

6pm

Into 2025...

Working Bee: 25th January 2025

Training Resumes: 1st February 2025





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

2024

FEBRUARY OBEDIENCE MARCH FLYBALL APRIL AGILITY MAY **OBEDIENCE** JUNE **FLYBALL JULY AGILITY AUGUST OBEDIENCE SEPTEMBER FLYBALL OCTOBER AGILITY NOVEMBER OBEDIENCE**

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

Vice President - Lauren Dolley

Treasurer - Tammy Beattie

Secretary - Peter Gibson

General Committee - Zach Day

Danielle Marsh

Lisa Retford

Charles Mouton

Jessica Thompson

Mailie Gibson

Lauren Monohan

Bruce Saunders

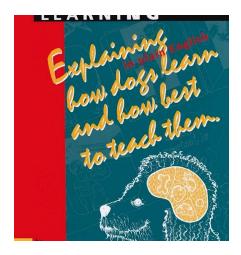
Our Club runs through the goodwill of our members and volunteers. From everyone who helps keep our Clubrooms looking spick and span, our instructors, and Management Committee and everyone in between.

Each year, on the second Saturday of December, we hold both our Annual General Meeting and our Annual Presentation Evening.

Our Management Committee is made up of 12 members, 4 office bearers and 8 general members. The Management Committee, who meet on the second Saturday of each month, ensures that our club is run in accordance with legislation, is accountable for income and expenditure, and makes decisions on the day to day, (week to week) running of the club.

Each year, half of the Committee has to either re-nominate or stand down from their position. This allows continuity of knowledge within the committee for the smooth operation of the club. This year there will be opportunities to nominate for 4 general positions and two office bearer positions, (Vice-President & Secretary). A Notice of Annual General Meeting will be sent to all financial members. This will include a Nomination Form.

Editor's November Picks



READ: Excel-erated Learning: Explaining in Plain English how Dogs Learn and how Best to Teach Them

This insightful book by Pamela J. Reid breaks down the science of how dogs learn into simple, easy-to-understand concepts. Whether you're training a new puppy or working with a seasoned dog, *Excel-erated Learning* provides practical strategies to enhance your training techniques, grounded in behavioral science and positive reinforcement methods.

LISTEN: Fenzi Food For Thought Podcast

A fascinating podcast series from the Fenzi Dog Sports Academy, *Fenzi Food For Thought* dives into various topics related to dog training, behavior, and the human-animal bond. Hosted by knowledgeable trainers, it's packed with expert advice, personal insights, and thought-provoking discussions, perfect for any dog lover wanting to deepen their understanding of canine behavior.





WATCH: The Dog Wellness Centre on YouTube & Instagram

A channel dedicated to promoting the overall well-being of dogs. The Dog Wellness Centre offers expert advice on training, health, behavior, and more. With informative videos and practical tips, it's an excellent Melbourne-based resource for owners looking to ensure their dogs are happy, healthy, and well-behaved.

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.







INGREDIENTS

- · 1 free-range, organic chicken (whole)
- · 1/2 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- · 1/2 cup fresh parsley, chopped
- · 1/2 cup fresh medicinal mushrooms
- · 4 cloves raw garlic, chopped
- 1/2 cup cruciferous veggies (broccoli, cabbage, or brussels sprouts)
- · 1 Tbl unfiltered, raw apple cider vinegar
- · 1 tsp Himalayan salt



INSTRUCTIONS

Cover chicken (or leftover carcass or raw soup bones of your choice) with pure filtered water, and add ingredients. Cover and simmer 4 hours. Turn off stove. Add 4 decaf tea bags, if desired. Steep tea in broth for 10 minutes, then discard tea bags. Remove any remaining meat from bones and discard bones. Puree remaining meat, veggies, and liquid until it's a smooth, gravy consistency. Cool then freeze in individual portions (ice cube trays work well). Remove a portion and let thaw to room temperature or reheat to warm the broth prior to adding it to your dog's food.



Feed one cube or 2 Tbl per 10 lbs of body weight.

Understanding Local Dog Control Laws and Safety Tips

In our local community, understanding the rules about on and off-leash dogs is crucial for ensuring everyone's safety and enjoyment. According to Frankston City Council's bylaws, dogs must be under "effective control" at all times. This means that whether your dog is on or off-leash, you must be able to control your dog with verbal commands, ensuring it responds immediately to your direction.

Effective Control Explained

"Effective control" involves several key points:

- Visibility and Proximity: Your dog should be within sight and within 50 meters of you at all times. This allows you to quickly intervene if necessary.
- **Recall Ability**: Your dog must reliably return to you when called, even in the presence of distractions such as other dogs, people, or wildlife.



- Leash Requirement: In designated on-leash areas, your dog must be on a leash at all times. In off-leash areas, you must carry a leash and be ready to use it if needed.

Tips for Keeping Your Dog and Others Safe

1. Use Long Lines: If you want to give your dog some freedom while maintaining control, consider using a 5-10m long line. This allows your dog to explore while still being within your control range.

- **2. Bring Treats or Toys:** Carrying high-value treats or a favorite toy can help keep your dog focused on you. This is particularly useful for practicing recall and rewarding good behavior.
- **3. Training:** Regular training sessions can reinforce commands and improve your dog's response to you. This can be particularly useful in off-leash areas where distractions are high.
- **4. Be Aware of Other Dogs:** Not all dogs are comfortable with others. Keeping your dog close and under control can prevent unwanted interactions and ensure a pleasant experience for everyone.

By adhering to these guidelines and utilizing these tips, we can create a safer and more enjoyable environment for our dogs and the community. For more detailed information, you can refer to the Frankston City Domestic Animal Management Plan - https://www.frankston.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/our-community/animals/pdf/dome stic_animal_management_plan_-_2020-2024.pdf and other local resources provided by the council.

Remember, responsible pet ownership benefits everyone, ensuring that our public spaces remain welcoming and safe for all.



HOW TO TELL IF YOUR DOG IS ENJOYING THE DOG PARK

Does Your Dog Want To Be Here?

Does Your Dog Want To Be Here?



Great! Stay A While!

Appropriate and polite dog play includes lots of short breaks for sniffs, drinks or laying down so dogs don't become overly boisterous or hyper-stimulated. Ensure your dog gets a chance to relax in good company too!

If you're not sure whether your dog is enjoying himself here, or you're worried about the behaviour of another dog, take your dog out of the dog park to give him a break. Not all dogs are social butterflies, some prefer the company of a few good friends instead.



Why Not Try Some Different Activities?

Long explorative walks along a trail or outside of the dog park

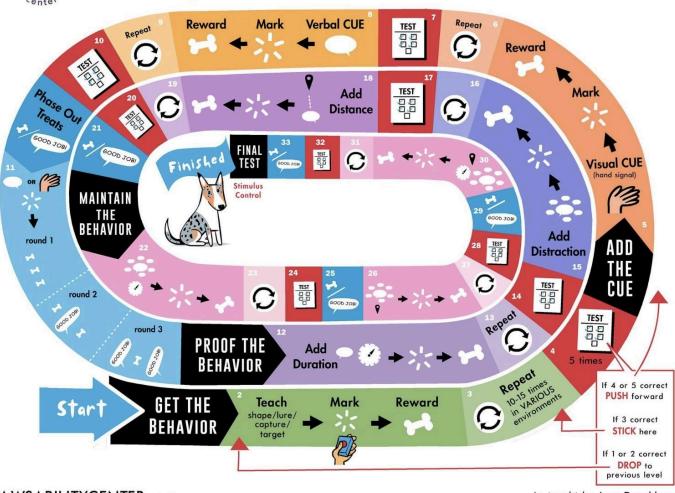
Attend the park at a time where there are less dogs, or where the other dogs' play styles match your dog's

How about a bit of training?

Sniffy walks along the beach or linear park

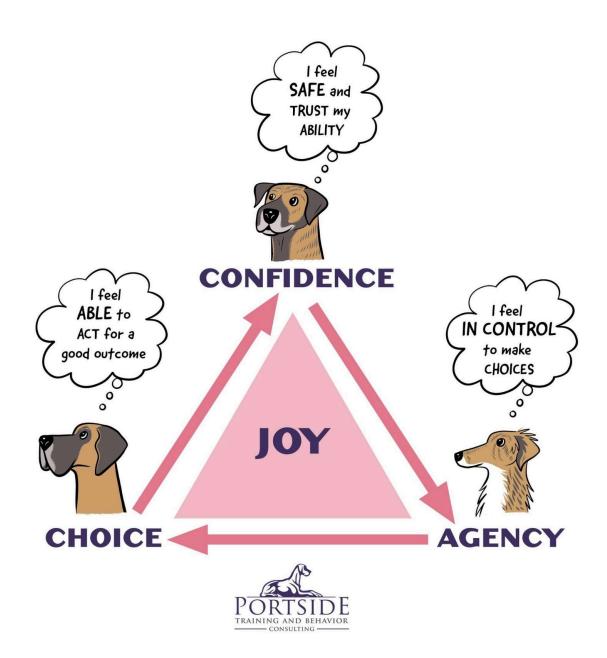
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As taught by Jean Donaldson



Noseworks

We have had some successful turnouts to our Noseworks Courses, run by K9NoseFun. Here are some pics of our most recent Introduction to Noseworks Course. If you are interested in joining a course, keep an eye out on your email inbox for course dates.

















Scentwork Successes - Storm's Story

We decided to try Scentwork and found three different trainers to guide us on this journey. After enjoying a four-week introductory course, we moved on to the next step: introducing four odors and pairing them with food.

Watching my dogs has been a joy. They're full of excitement as they use their noses, doing what they do best. They've been successfully identifying scents in various environments, including container, vehicle, interior, and exterior searches.

We've now reached the third step, where the dogs search for odors and are rewarded with treats from the handler. The challenge in Scentwork lies in recognizing when your dog has found an odor and how they signal their discovery.

It might sound simple, but as you progress to higher levels, distractions become more frequent.

At this point, my Border Collie, Storm, has passed five novice-level tests and needs just one more to earn his first title. He clearly loves Scentwork, having even won first place in an exterior search at Warragul. I truly believe this sport builds confidence in dogs.

- Michelle Wheatley



MADD - Maximum Air Disc Dogs

On Grand Final Eve, I had the pleasure of attending an introductory seminar hosted by Maximum Air Disc Dogs with my dog, Sadie. This exciting sport, which involves high-flying frisbee action and agility, will be officially recognized by Dogs Victoria in 2025, with titles eligible to be earned under the ANKC. The seminar was a fantastic opportunity to explore a new and growing sport that challenges both dog and handler in fun and engaging ways.

Sadie and I had a blast trying out the various techniques, from learning the basics of disc throwing to watching Sadie leap and chase with enthusiasm. As these photos show, she had an absolute ball and made the most of the morning! We're both looking forward to continuing our journey in this sport as it gains momentum in the coming years. It's not only a great way to keep dogs active and engaged, but also a wonderful bonding experience between dog and handler.

-Danielle Marsh







Ruby's Traveling Tails

Ruby and her owner left Victoria in early July for a 10-week holiday, traveling through outback NSW and QLD. They plan to cross into WA and return home via the Nullarbor Plain.

One of their stops was in Normanton, where Ruby was photographed in the mouth of a replica crocodile, which was inspired by Kristina, who famously captured a crocodile there. After this, Kristina

shifted her focus to saving wildlife and became a strong advocate for conservation.

Ruby also enjoyed her time at the dog-friendly Karumba Sunset Hotel, where there's a special area for dog owners to relax and have a meal. A lovely photo was taken of Ruby and her co-owner, Robert, at Karumba, with a beautiful view of the Gulf of Carpentaria in the background.

Hopefully, upon their return in early September, Ruby will progress from the B2 group to the Pink group. With her turning 2 ½ in September, we're also excited to explore agility training with her.

-Rosemary Feeley & Robert Templeton







Agility Nationals 2024 Wrap Up

FDOC had fantastic representation at the 2024 Agility Nationals in NSW. We are super proud of all our Agiliteers and we have some of their stories below. If you are interested in joining agility, keep your eyes peeled for their next Foundation Course Intake in 2025.

Leevi-

Masters snooker 500 18th NQ – Jo Comber

Masters Pairs 400 – 12th (time faults) Sandra Walker

Masters Agility 500 – 48th (2 faults) – Karen Winzar

Masters Agility 500 – pass 35th – Keri Nielson

Masters Agility 500 – 24th (2 faults and time faults) – Tamas Traj

Open Agility 500 - pass 28th and Title -

Open Agility 500 – 52nd (1 fault) – Karen Winzar

Open Agility 500 – 52nd (2 faults) – Stephen Pearson



Tinsel-

Novice Snooker 500 – pass 34th – Jo Comber

Novice Gamblers 500 – pass 52nd – Tenielle Thwaites

Novice Pairs $500 - 31^{st}$ (lots and lots of time faults, but so funny) Sue Eller

Novice Jumping 500 DQ – Libby Ellery

Novice Jumping 500 DQ - Tamas Traj

Novice Jumping 500 – 34th – 3 Faults – Tenielle Thwaites

Highlights

Tinsel first agility trial and getting a pass in Snooker as her first event, but even better than that, following up the next day in Gamblers, where she had to do the dog walk and Aframe and she had never done a full height one of either.

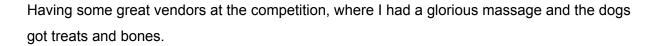
— I then forgot to remember that she is still a baby and didn't support her enough in jumping.

Leevi – It was super special getting a title at the Nationals.

This was our first National event and I thoroughly enjoyed competing and being in the top 30 to 50% of dogs even when we had some faults made me so proud.

Camping at Hawkesbury showgrounds, while a bit damp,

was fun with lots of other trailer's there, but the massive off leash dog area was fantastic for the dogs for a run and play to decompress.



-Nicole Wain





Brightly and Boudica qualified for the final in both Masters Jumping (JDM) and Masters Agility (ADM) in the 300 height group. This group was the second most competitive in the competition with over 50 dogs entered in each of the heats.

Personally my highlight and what I enjoyed was just being there and running with my dogs at the Nationals. These moments with them are special.

Highlight for Brightly was placing 3rd in the 300 Masters Jumping Final (JDM) with a clear run under Europeans Judge Tamas Traj. Brightly managed 5 qualifying runs (out of the 6 heats) in JDM and ADM. With a 2nd place in both



Summary of Achievements

Brightlys Achievements:

JDM 300 National Finals 3rd 3

JDM 300 Heats - 2nd, 8th & 10th.

ADM 300 Heats - 2nd & 4th.

Boudica's Achievements:

Highlight for Boudica was qualifying for both ADM and JDM finals on the first day where she placed 3rd in JDM and 4th in ADM. Overall she achieved 4 qualifying runs (out of six heats). This was an amazing achievement. And considering this was her first Nationals event, I was blown away.

Overall Boudica's results were:

ADM National final 8th place

JDM Heats - 3rd

ADM Heats - 4th, 9th & 11th.



-Katie Baird Letts

Masters jumping 500 had 139 dogs
Masters agility 500 had 91 dogs
Open jumping over all heights had 270 dogs

Flick – Agility and Jumping

4th place in Masters agility- qualifying for finals 9th place in Masters jumping- qualifying for finals

20th place in Masters jumping 12th place in Open jumpingqualifying for finals Finals 3rd

Masters jumping 500

3rd place in open jumping with all heights

Scratched from Masters agility >>

Drama - Agility and Jumping

17th place in Masters agility22nd place in Masters agility25th place in Masters jumping

-Leonie Jasper



I entered the nationals just for the experience of just being there, I mind was not about winning but to share excitement and experience with the girl friends.

I was so excited I had to buy all the uniform available when I received my clothes though the mail this added to the excitement.

I was going to go at first with Molly but once my partner Stephen decided he also would like the road trip Storm was also coming along so I jumped on board and entered him too.

We found accommodation at Orchard Hills, a dog friendly cabin which was completely cozy but no room for dogs to run free.

Great, we could set up at the Nationals and leave crates as it was a fair walk carrying all equipment and dogs to a friendly gazebo set up by friends the day before.

Wednesday - July 10th

We had 5 runs first was Agility ADX

Molly and I just did not seem into it believe too much happening.

Then we hit ring 5 in JDX jumping where we almost finished our run we were doing beautifully until I hit a patch of mud sinking right into it and losing my shoe and tried to run in the mud in my sock but I found I was just sinking into more mud I gave up my run as Molly went to sniff my shoe I gave up on the run.

Storm was our next run in JD I was so happy with him he gave a start line run beautifully but knocking the last bar finishing with a NQ.

4 th & 5th run was novice Snooker I entered both dogs Molly got a pass and 16 th place.

Storm knocked a red bar so that was the end of his run.

Thursday – July 11th

Once again 5 runs

Once again Molly DQ in agility and this time DQ in JDX Storm DQ in JD But then we had Gambler's once again both dogs were entered in novice Gambler's Storm NQ as he ended up two points short of the first part of the Gamble.

Molly gained a pass in Gamblers and titled I was so happy to see one of the national's title ribbons.

Friday - July 12th



4 runs today

Once again Molly's ADX was good today but still no pass, I was glad to see her getting the weave poles.

Molly's JDX run was disappointing and I did question as to why it was not a clear round to be told she touched the broad with her foot oh! I said I did not see her do that, so a NQ.

For Pairs we matched up with someone we had meet on line though the NSW competition page who was looking for a partner, we kept in touch right up to date where we messaged each other to meet up at the national right before we paired up. Max and Molly seemed to get along so we had a team. I was sendingthe part of the course by Maxine she had decided what part we were both running.

All went well and we gained a pass and that meant another title for Molly.

Storm in JD once again a NQ as he circled around a little and I was not fast enough to give directions I was very pleased with him.

Saturday – July 13th

Open agility and Jumping

Molly was only entered

We DQ in 3 of the agility courses and I kicked myself on Stephen's course because we were perfect until the last second jump where I was meant to send to the back of the jump and I just could not get the right position and get the words out of my mouth.

But I learn Molly has a great send to obstacles.

Open Jumping I loved the courses we were on a great run but to miss the very last jump because it was on an angle Molly swung and took the back of the jump I could have almost cried I heard the crowd go Ooohhh.

We came so close in these courses each time so we just missed out on finals by not much.

The Nationals to me was a very exciting experience.



-Michelle Wheatley

Shine and Happy competed in Novice Jumping. It was Shine's first trial, with little preparation, but he surprised me with two fourth (NQ) places in the heat, but a lot of laughs with his screech to a halt and then tip toe through any mud style.

Happy got a third and fifth (NQ) place in the heats Minnie was all about the games with a fourth in both Snooker and Excellent Pairs, getting her title for pairs. Bindi got fifth in Novice Gamblers, second in Excellent Jumping heat and first in the only Novice Agility she made it to. Unfortunately, in the finals everyone DQ'd so there was no National Champion, but she did clock the fastest 200 Novice Agility of the event for her first pass. Moo would not run flat out in the jumping ring after starting with an interview in front of cameras first, that then filmed her running and then back in front of the camera again, but did manage fourth and sixth place heat passes in Masters Jumping.

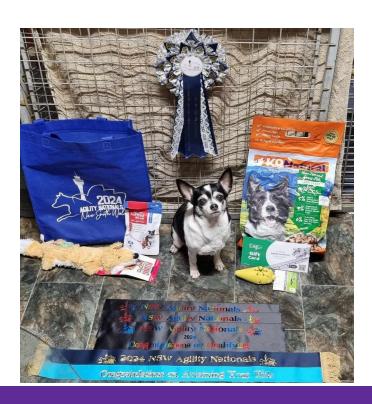


The big celebration though was Moo winning in Excellent Pairs.

So officially a National Champion. It says so on her rosette. The highlight was pairs, always so much fun, but especially watching the pair of Papillons whose array of chaos including one that kept stealing a course number and playing keeping off. Another was watching some of the handling of the experienced Victorians. A few master classes were observed.

-Nicci Bayswater





What a wonderful experience for my very first agility Nationals. I am so glad I made a hasty decision at the last minute to enter. Everyone in NSW was so helpful. Prior to the Nationals I did an agility trial in Castle Hill organized by the NSW Agility Dog Club with Kona getting third place in Masters Jumping.

Day One of Nationals with Kona

Kona gained a clear round in Novice Snooker. But the real highlight was getting interviewed live by TV Vet, Dr Harry from Better Homes and Gardens because Dogs NSW liked my story of how Kona belonged to Carly, starting her agility career at Frankston Dog Obedience Club and how I have kept Kona's agility career going. I had quite a long chat with Dr Harry before we went live so I am not entirely sure how much was cut from the interview. I was wired for Kona's Masters Agility run but we got an NQ as Kona just missed the last weave. It felt weird running with a small microphone in my pocket. I really enjoyed running Kona in Masters Jumping on Tamas Traj (from Hungary) course. We were



going around beautifully until I slipped in the mud and nearly fell flat on my back. Kona got a clear round in her open Agility course which was the day before the finals.

Sadie

Unfortunately Sadie did not take too well to the traveling and did not perform up to her full potential. I am so grateful to Sadie's breeder who showed me some de-stressing drills to do with Sadie.

-Danielle Marsh



Agility News - Pip's Story

Kim recently competed in her first agility trial in September which was Frankston's trial. I caught up with Kim recently and asked a few questions:

· When did you start agility training with Pip?

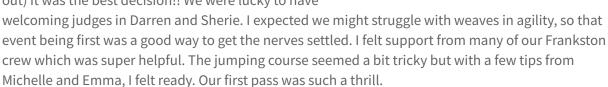
Pip and I started agility foundation in June 2023.

• Pip's favourite obstacle?

She loves the tunnel and dog walk; they just seem so much fun!

• How did you feel about your first agility trial?

I was excited about our first trial, the FDOC September edition. I knew we had gaps in our skills but that Pip would follow me around and do what was asked of her. I learn best by just jumping in and trying and (as it turned out) it was the best decision!! We were lucky to have



· Pip's favorite pastime?

Pip loves running at the beach chasing her ball or seagulls, stealing socks and playing with her buddies at the park.

Well done Kim and Pip





FDOC @ Precision Agility Trial

We had a great turnout to the recent Precision Agility Trial with some fantastic results.

Michelle Raki with Boo and Dusty with her Excellent jumping title

Therese Maraku with Gracie and their Novice Jumping Title

Emma Arthur with first 2 passes - one agility, one jumping and a 2nd and 3rd place

Willow Vanderwall with Duski first passes - 2 agility & 1 jumping and an agility 3rd place

Nicole Wain with Tinsel and Leevi and his masters agility Title



Kona at the Royal Melbourne Show

I was undecided whether to enter Kona in the agility competition at the Royal Melbourne Show this year but at the last minute decided to enter knowing that this will probably be her last Royal Melbourne Show appearance as she turned 8 in September. The Royal Melbourne Show agility competition is such a different environment for the dogs, number one factor being large crowds. Kona is also a seasoned flyball competition dog and has done numerous flyball competitions at shows, so you could say that Kona is well and truly used to the crowds.

She competed in three events on Saturday 28/9/2024 – Open Agility, Masters Agility and Masters Jumping:

Open Agility – we were going well until, classic Kona decides to do "number 2's" in the ring just before the dog walk.

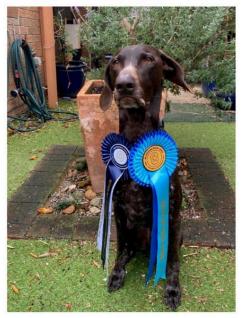
Masters Agility – she was doing some silly things in the ring – but the crowds were laughing and loved her.

Masters Jumping – A tricky masters jumping course set out by NSW judge Tenielle Thwaites. I went in the ring expecting nothing and was ecstatic when Kona not only pulled off a clear round but took out first place in Masters Jumping 600. The bright blue qualifying rosettes were generously donated by Jo Fairbairn especially for the show competitors.

On another note, Kona's agility handler is pretty good at making Christmas Puddings, so I entered a Gluten Free Christmas Pudding at the Royal Melbourne Show. I had to use the recipe supplied by the Coeliac Foundation. I got third place with my pudding! Although I will not be competing at the show with Kona at the show next year, I will enter another pudding in the cookery competition.







Muzzled Up!

I recently purchased a muzzle for Blue from The Muzzle Movement. I was sold on this company as they are <u>Force Free Certified</u> and work with professionals that align with my dog training values.

Blue has previous muzzle training experience in a different branded muzzle, however, this brand was a poor fit and didn't allow him to pant, drink or take treats. This made it an inappropriate fit for longer periods of wear. His current muzzle has all these features, making it far more appropriate for longer periods of wear, if we needed it. As this muzzle has a treat hole in the

front, it could also be used with care while he is under anaesthetic, to protect vet staff when he wakes up. This is a unique feature in The Muzzle Movement muzzles.

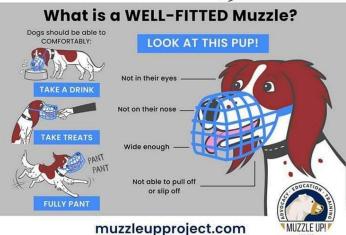
Muzzles are like the airbags in your car, they can prevent serious injury if an incident happens, but you hope you never get in that situation. Muzzles aren't necessarily "bite proof", but they can protect from



WHY USE A MUZZLE?

Muzzles are a training aid that can help dogs and people stay safe in many different situations





a more serious bite injury. I have muzzle trained Blue to make sure we have our "airbags" ready when we go into situations like the vet, new dog meetings, or strangers visiting. Muzzled dogs aren't bad dogs (just as airbag installed cars aren't "bad" cars) they are simply an extra safety feature.

So what's our version of a car's brakes to *prevent* incidents? Blue is trained using only force free and positive reinforcement methods, so the stressors in his life are minimised. He is also trained in cooperative care for vet care, and we always set him up for success in situations with strange people and dogs. We don't put him into situations where he is likely to get stressed out and resort to a bite.

Muzzle training should be universal as *any* dog has the capacity to bite.

-Mailie Gibson

Rally Rave

This year saw the introduction of Rally training at the Club. We have run two Novice Foundation courses and one Advanced course. I am delighted to say that everyone who participated graduated from their respective courses after completing a Mock Trial and gaining a pass score.

This means close to 20 people have been introduced to the joys of Rally and several have gone on to trial and gain titles. This is a wonderful start to the reintroduction of Rally to FDOC.

Now that the end of the year is drawing close we will not run any further courses this year. However we will have a course set up on our breakup day on the 7th December – all welcome to come and give it a go.

Moving forward into 2025, we would like to keep Rally going but it will be subject to interest. At this stage we may set up a 'come and try' course on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month and will run another Foundation Course if there is enough interest. Please email cj.donovan@bigpond.com if you would like to participate in Rally training next year and put forward any ideas you may have. Remember you must be training at Pink level or above as a certain amount of experience is required.

I would like to thank Helen Campbell who has been instrumental in the success of Rally at FDOC this year. Her knowledge and insight has been invaluable and without her we would not have been successful.

Thank-you to everyone who participated and I look forward to seeing you at Rally next year – come and give it a go; you never know you might like it!

-Clare Donovan



Instructors' Continual Learning

The Management Committee had the pleasure of inviting Alli Berry of Thrive Canine to host workshops for our Instructors. All instructors from all our disciplines were invited to attend two Saturday afternoon sessions with Alli around behaviour and class management.

As part of her preparation, Alli asked invitees to complete a short survey to help her assess what would be important and beneficial to the club as a whole.

Our first session on Saturday 21st September was well attended with instructors from Agility, Flyball and Obedience. Alli had prepared case studies and discussion points on dog behaviour. We discussed the differences between 'problem behaviours' and 'behavioural problems'. Our instructors discussed all the case studies and were impressed by Alli's knowledge and ability to communicate this

THRIVE CANINE IS COMING TO FRANKSTON DOG CLUB SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER AND **SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP 1: DOG BEHAVIOUR** • PROBLEM BEHAVIOURS VS **BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS** • BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS IN • WHEN TO REFER (AND WHO TO REFER TO) **WORKSHOP 2: CLASS MANAGEMENT** MITIGATING COMMON CHALLENGES IN CLASS HOW TO BREAK UP A DOG FIGHT MANAGING DIFFICULT HANDLERS knowledge.

Our second session on Saturday 28th September was less well attended. This coincided with a football final. Those that were in attendance were presented with class management situations which prompted ideas and solutions which may benefit both instructors and members.

Alli generously sent through all the slides used in her two presentations and a video recording of the second session for those who missed out.

Alli Berry has a Certificate IV in Animal Behaviour and Training, Delta Institute (2024) and a member of Pet Professional Guild of Australia, amongst an array of other qualifications. Alli prides herself on keeping up to date with the latest scientifically proven training methods, and only uses force free, humane training techniques tailored to suit the dog and family with whom she is working.

-Peter Gibson

Volunteers Wanted



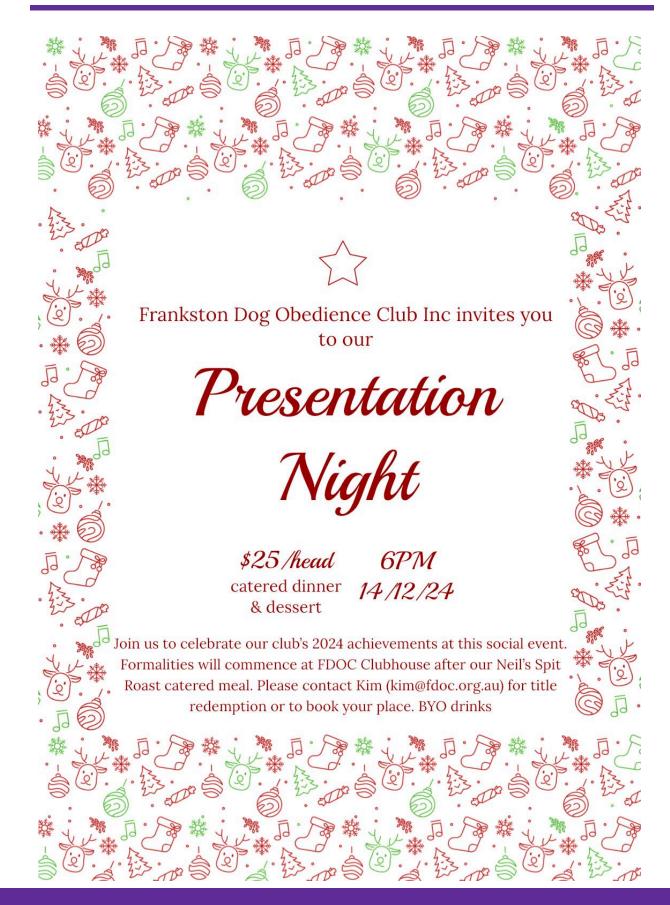
Bunnings Carrum downs – Sausage Sizzle 24th of Novembers 2024.

Do you have time in your day to Volunteer?

Just ask how you can help!

FDOC have been lucky enough to secure another BBQ in 2024. If you have an hour or 2 please pop your name down on the sign up sheet on Saturday at the kiosk.





Presentation Evening Raffle

The Frankston Dog Obedience Club would like to thank the following Sponsors for their donations toward the 2024 presentation evening raffle. Do we have some whopping prizes to be WON!

Tickets will be available for purchase during the Presentation Evening.

Frankston Dog Obedience are always looking for donations to go into the raffles. If you have any items you don't use, unwanted gifts, or are simply happy to donate toward the raffle please drop them to the club and place on the donations table.

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Flyball Update

Our Flyball Team has been hard at work!

We have welcomed many new dogs to training over the winter. Our instructors have been impressed with their progress over the last few months.

We have also introduced an intermediate training session, which has been well received and has given our pre-team dogs opportunities to work on their racing skills.

Our Teams have been hard at work with several events over the winter, with lots of fantastic racing and clean runs.

Let's Do It	Return of the Mats	On the Fly
<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Division 1</u>
Lighting Bolts - 3rd Place	Blizzards - 5th Place	Lightning Bolts - 2nd Place
<u>Division 3</u>	Open	<u>Division 2</u>
Hurricanes - 3rd Place	Super Storm - 2nd Place	Storm Chasers - 3rd Place
<u>Open</u> Frank N Weans - 1st Place		<u>Open</u> Frank N Weans - 3rd Place

We've had several dogs make their racing debut this season!

- Lauren D and Star
- Lynne and Tubs
- Rachael and Willow
- Josh and Jesus
- Lainie and Juno
- Melissa and Harley
- Kat and Avery

We are absolutely thrilled for these handlers and cannot wait to watch them continue to improve!









26th Australian Flyball Nationals 2024

Frankston Storm did not field a team this year, however, our fabulous team member Tony Rowland competed in the open team **Triple Surprise**.

We are thrilled to share that Coco, Riley and Poppy finished in FIRST PLACE in the Open 1 Division. This was no small feat, competing with dogs from ACT and TAS who they'd never raced with before.



October FunDay

We boasted one of our biggest FunDays in recent times, with over 50 races. The day was full of great racing and progress from our Beginner and Intermediate Dogs in particular! Congratulations to all of our dogs and handlers for participating and gaining valuable racing experience. You can see our video wrap up of this on our Facebook or instagram!

Beginners Recalls

- 1. Oscar
- 2. Lucy
- 3. Jesse

Intermediate Full Runs

- 1. Evie
- 2. Gigi
- 3. Tubbs

Teams Divison 1

- 1. Jesus and Milo
- 2. Casper and Molly
- 3. Tilly and Monty

Teams Divison 2

- 1. Sami and Milo
- 2. Cookie and Minx
- 3. Cobber and Zeke

Congratulations to our encouragement award winners:

Intermediates

Willow

Lulu

Ditto

Beginners

Alfie

Charlie

Howie



We are looking forward to continuing the competition season! Looking forward to getting some of our new dogs making their racing debuts.

If you're interested in joining Flyball, check out our website - www.flyball.fdoc.org.au - or join us on Saturday mornings from 11:15am. Alternatively send me an email flyball@fdoc.org.au for more information!

Jessica Thompson

Frankston Storm Flyball Coordinator







2024 Flyball Nationals

After their success at last year's Flyball Nationals, Coco and Riley were keen to take Poppy to Sydney for the 2024 event. Riley wanted to show his daughter how to perform against the best. Unfortunately, the Club didn't have enough takers to field a team, so they harassed their human to look at other options.

Jerry, a springer spaniel, from Tasmania was looking for a team so that made four. Only two more to go. The human contacted Cathy Vaughan in Canberra who he knew as he had started Flyball in Canberra in 2001 with Cathy. Great news Austin and Ember were looking for a team also. Coco and Riley had raced with Austin in Canberra in February 2021 in an Open team. Riley was very excited as he and Austin are cousins, and Riley had earned his first flyball points racing with Austin in that comp.

So now we had six - five borders and a springer spaniel. Next step was to a choose a name. Combining dogs from 3 teams with no idea how we would go, so our Tassie component came up with Triple Surprise.

We all met in Sydney on the Friday afternoon before the comp & gave the 3 extra dogs a try on the Storm box so that it would not be new to them on the Saturday.

As there were only 3 humans we needed to conscript an extra handler, a boxloader and a shagger. Our first race was a disaster - false start, ball falling out of box and general chaos. A 1-3 loss.

Second race was not much better - a stray ball being picked up by Poppy on the way to the box didn't help. A 2-3 loss.

A change in boxloader and shagger solved some of our problems. A better focus on starts and crosses also helped immensely. Additionally, we worked out what times each dog was running so we could plan better for each race. 3-0, 3-0 and 3-2 wins in the next 3 races gave us some hope for a reasonable competition & that we weren't wasting our time.

Sixth and finally race of the day was the closest of the day with 5 clean runs with Jerry combining with Coco, Riley & Poppy. A 2-3 loss by the closest of margins.

End of day 1 saw us with 3 wins from 6 races and sitting mid-table. A lack of clean runs was hurting us only 19 from 25 heats with 14 wins. We had solved our handler and boxloader problem. Robert from 4PR jumped in as boxloader and the amazing Ula from Berwick run our 4th dog - which changed every race. No words can express the teams thanks to Ula.

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A team discussion at this point determined that Poppy and Austin were the fastest and most consistent so for day 2 we decided to work the other 4 dogs around these two.

Day 2 came, and we felt confident that we could improve from day 1. And that is where the real surprise came. The next 5 races were 3-1, 3-2, 3-0, 3-2 and 3-2 wins. Now we have 8 wins from 11 races. OMG! We quickly did the math and were fairly confident that it would be second. This was far better than we were anticipating, and we all felt that would be a great result.

Our last race was extremely close and a 1-3 loss. Well that definitely meant we would be second according to our math. Day 2 results were 5 wins from 6 races and 23 clean runs from 26 heats with 16 wins. Overall, a very pleasing result. Especially when you consider that Ula had never run any of the four dogs she ran over the two days. She even ran Poppy who had never been run by anybody else. Ula's starts were amazing under the circumstances and she almost got a 000 with a -0.002 starting Poppy.

An analysis showed on day 1 we had 4 DNFs and seven 4+ dog finishes. Whereas on day 2 we had 1 DNF and only two 4+ dog finishes. This improvement was clearly demonstrated in the better results for day 2.

Presentation time arrived and we semi-eagerly awaited our second-place announcement. 5th place called, then 4th, then 3rd so in anticipation of Triple Surprise being called for 2nd we all stood up & started to walk towards the presentation area. OMG they called Super Hornets for 2nd and not us Shock, horror, amazement as we all looked at each other ... WE WERE 1st. Definitely a Triple Surprise. We quickly sat down in case they changed their mind. 1st place was called and all the humans jumped up & eagerly accepted their trophies.

This was the 3rd National Champs for Coco, 2nd for Riley & 1st for Poppy with a 100% success rate for all three dogs. Dare we hope for more success in the future?

Jerry's humans were thrilled with the result as Jerry is the first Tasmanian dog to win a National Title. ACT dogs are used to success!

Over the two days we received messages of support from a number of Storm teammates and these were greatly appreciated. The photo of baby P watching one of our races live on YouTube was a highlight - thanks Jess. Although we must admit Lauren M's text was our favourite - "Wholly xxxx. Congratulations" as she watched the presentation live on Youtube. Lauren D your support was also much appreciated.

In summary, a thoroughly enjoyable two days for humans and fur kids having fun, getting to meet new Flyball fanatics and renewing acquaintances with old friends.

What did we learn from this? Get your seed time close to what you can run; but more importantly run clean & HAVE FUN!!!!!!!!!

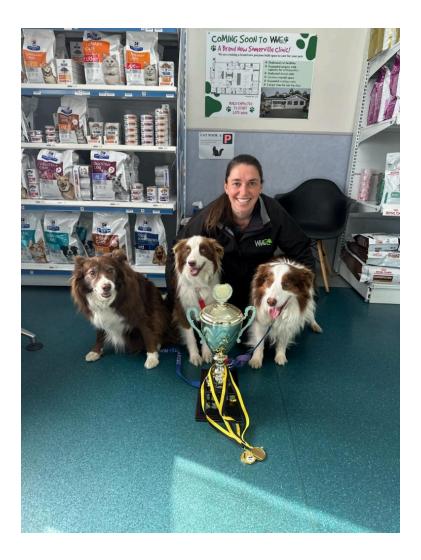
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We'd certainly recommend to all Flyball fanatics that they try to get to at least one of these great events - you get to meet a great new group of people and test yourselves against the best of the best.

On returning home Coco, Riley & Poppy took their trophy into Westernport Vets to show their amazing vet Dr Alison Tudor how well they had done. Ali has been an amazing professional support to them and Coco is indebted to Ali for helping keep her fit & healthy for Flyball at 11 years old. Riley owes Ali more than he can ever repay her for her diagnosis and specialist referral when he contracted polyradiculoneuritis and it was feared he would not survive.

FLYBALL .. Go hard or go home \bigcirc

-Tony Rowland



Welcome to our Newest Members

Thank you for choosing Frankston Dog Obedience Club Inc for you and your family. We hope your experience is insightful and enjoyable.

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Janice Monk with Scout		
Peter, Caroline & Alice Long - Love with Charlie		
Sandy Walker with Tank		
David & Joanne Barry - Carlsson with Bingle		
Peter & Monica Smith with Milo, Penny		
Adam Riley with Bailey & Murphy		
Pamela Craig with Milly		
Maureen Ryan with Missy		
Felicity & Ross Smith with Bentley		
Kirstie Lord with Molly		
Candace & Mitchell Lindsay - Jarrett with Yoda		
Celeste Byron with Sunny		
Bruce & Isabelle Hosking with Lilly		
Tyree McPherson with Lottie		
Nina Martinus with Indy & Jinx		
Matthew Piga with Charly		
Andrea Armstrong with Alfie		
Lisa Davidson with Benny		
Aileen Pedersen with Roxy		
Albert, Karen, King & Alex Sim - Wu with Momo		
Nina & Michael Kozulin with Dexter		
Brigitte & Jeffrey Loulier - Reyes with Amy		
Matthan & Bhakey Siraveni with Haze		
Carolina & Michael Adones - Hall with Atlas		
Wayne & Vanessa Kerr with Hank		
Judy Gough with Barney		
Ruth Dean with Alfie		
Cill & Gareth Wyatt with Millie		
Bianca Timi with Maui & Penny		
Emma Scholes with Murphy		
Madeline Finlay with Sage		
Tammy Gledhill with Evie		

Johnny Parfitt with Boy & Tiggy
Melinda Dowswell with Gomez
Steph Wahl with Lala
Kaitlyn Drew with Tillie
Tom & Sean Anderson-Gatt with Gia
Olivia & Tyson Restuccia - Pagura with Murphy
Ling & Sharon Chua - De Castro with Quokka, Dream
Jade & Simon Payne with Yuki Payne & Chandra
Sue & Hayley Pajer with Benji
Melissa & Emily Ellen - Fletcher with Harley & Ned
Nathan & Olivia Ford - Beckley with Biscuit
Rosalea Strahan with Chaz
Drew Child with River & Maple
Jocelyn Hocking with Pippy
Tayla & Christie McArtney - Brewis with Leslie
Tim & Roanna Trenwith with Skye
Christine Young with Harvey
Mietta Flannery-serle with Comet
Wal & Alicia Shashkoff with Daisy
Luke & Angela Turner with Charlee
Glenda Exner with Cady
Paula & Will Rivera with Jessie
Daryl & Allyson Kelly with Millie
Carla & Shane Swart - Kres with Bob
Anastasia & Alex Butreva - Storah with Layla
Tom & Cate Wheeler - Deckout with Daisy
Monique LANE with Fred W Lane
Glen & Belinda Hawes - Jones with Mack
Judith Meier with Bessie
Michelle Tate with Zoe
Melany & Daniel Jory with Kiko
Patricia Lyons with Mary
Jordan Winter with Bear
Melissa & Jason Radich with Marley
Jason & Mardi Jansz with Alby

Snakebites in Dogs

As pet owners, it's crucial to be aware of the dangers that snakes pose to our furry friends. Snakebites can lead to serious health complications, and understanding how to respond can save your dog's life. Here's what you need to know about snakebites, their symptoms, and prevention strategies through training.

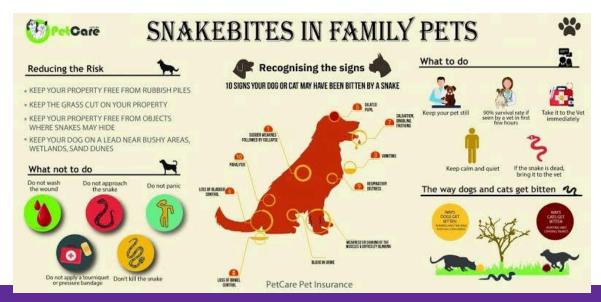
Symptoms of Snakebites:

- Immediate Swelling: Look for sudden swelling at the bite site, which may be accompanied by pain.
 - Lethargy: Affected dogs may appear weak or unusually tired.
 - Breathing Difficulties: Rapid or labored breathing can indicate a severe reaction.
 - Vomiting or Diarrhea: These can occur in response to the venom.
 - Bleeding or Bruising: Check for any unusual bleeding, particularly at the bite site.

Immediate Actions:

If you suspect your dog has been bitten:

- 1. Stay Calm: Your dog will pick up on your anxiety.
- 2. Keep Your Dog Still: Movement can spread the venom.
- 3. Transport to a Veterinarian: Seek emergency veterinary care as soon as possible.



How to Address Snakebites

- 1. Seek Veterinary Help: Time is critical. Call your vet or an emergency animal hospital immediately.
 - 2. Keep the Bite Area Below Heart Level: This can help slow the spread of venom.
 - 3. Do Not Apply a Tourniquet: This can cause more harm than good.
- 4. Do Not Suck Out Venom: This method is ineffective and can lead to further complications.

Snake Avoidance Training

Prevention is always better than cure. Training your dog to avoid snakes can significantly reduce the risk of a bite.

Finding Qualified Trainers:

- Look for Positive Reinforcement Trainers: Choose trainers who utilize humane methods based on positive reinforcement rather than aversive techniques.
- Check Credentials: Look for trainers certified by recognized organizations, such as the Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT) or the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants (IAABC).
- Read Reviews: Seek recommendations from fellow dog owners or local pet communities.
- Observe a Class: Many trainers allow you to observe a session before committing. This can help you gauge their methods and effectiveness.

By staying informed about the risks of snakebites and how to respond, you can protect your dog from potential harm. Additionally, investing in snake avoidance training is a proactive step toward ensuring your dog's safety in snake-prone areas. Always consult professionals when seeking training to ensure your dog receives the best guidance possible.





SHOCK

[aka "stim", "remote", "e-collar"]

GOAL: Administer pain to a dog so that they fear snakes and move away.



PROBLEMS

1. CONFUSION:

Dog is not given the opportunity to learn.

2. BEHAVIORAL FALLOUT:

The dog could learn to aggress/fear other things in the environment, like parked cars, trees, other dogs/people, even children.





3. STRESSFUL FOR THE SNAKE:

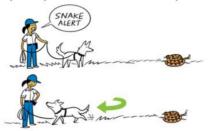
Live rattlesnakes are taken from their natural habitat and have been defanged or muzzled.



4. "Refresher Lessons" offered later repeat the painful experience.

POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT

GOAL: Teach your dog cues to move their own body away from snakes without pain or fear.



- 1. Dog is taught to respond to their human's cues by moving their own body away from a rattlesnake.
- 2. Dog is taught to see and hear the rattlesnake as a cue to move themselves away.



- 3. Dog is taught to assess the threat and disengage.
- 4. No pain, fear, or confusion in training.
- 5. Snakes are not used or harmed.





"Refresher Lessons" are not necessary if behaviors are maintained.



BONUS!

Progressive Rattlesnake Avoidance Training methods can also be used to teach your dog to safely avoid other potential threats in the environment, like coyotes, raccoons, toxins, or dangerous humans!



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