



THE HOBSONS BAY OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Message from the President

Welcome to the First Edition of the club newsletter. I hope you enjoy the regular features and articles and provide some feedback.



About the Club

HBODC is a non profit club staffed and administered by volunteer dog lovers. Training is held every Sunday morning from 10am to 11 am. (Weather Permitting). Where:- JL Murphy Reserve, Cnr Graham Williamstown Roads Port Melbourne

Profile of the Day {Trainers}

Jim Couch, President & head Trainer. Past member of several obedience dog clubs, and VCA. Over 30 years of experience in dog training.

What was your first experience with dogs?

Great Danes was my first contact with dogs, which grew and developed along the path of confirmation showing.

What is your current dogs name?

Jack.

Why did you choose him?

No-one could train him and I liked the challenge.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

Easter Sunday 23rd March – No Training

1st Trial – 6th of April

2nd Trial – 15th of June.

XMAS in July – details to be provided.

3rd Trial – 24th of August.

4th Trial – 30th of November.

Break up – 7th of December.

SPECIAL EVENTS

* RSPCA Million Paws walk, around Albert Park Lake - 18th of May 2008. Please see John for more information, pre-registration closes 9th of May.

(www.millionpawswalk.com.au)

CLUB RULES

1. Please report to the desk prior to joining classes.
2. Dogs must be on a lead
3. All dogs must be vaccinated.
4. All dogs must be over 4 months of age before enrolling in classes.
5. Dogs require a correction chain, Martingale or other effective system as approved by the trainer.
6. Dog droppings must be picked up immediately. Bags are provided in the office.
7. Training will be cancelled in inclement weather, including heavy rain or extreme heat.
8. Children are welcome to join training classes (subject to trainer agreement). However please ensure that very small children are supervised at all times.

Profile of the Day {Members}



Ellie (Golden Retriever) & Nick Georgiou.

Why did you join HBODC?

Nick never had a dog before and needed to learn how to be a good owner.

How is he doing now?

Well he has advanced to Gold, but still needs some work, but getting there slowly. I am trying to ween him off the treats. How long have you been training Nick? We have been coming to the club for over a year.

CLASSES

Introductory and socialization Class:

Bronze Dogs:

Socialising, Heel, Sit, Drop and introduce stay.

Silver Dogs:

Heel & Sit, Drop, Stay, Stand, Stand for examination.

Gold Dogs:

On Lead: Heel & Sit, Drop, Stay, Stand, Stand for examination, Recall

Diamond Dogs:

Off Lead: Heel & Sit, Drop, Stay, Stand, Stand for examination, Recall

On Lead: Heel & Sit, Drop, Stand.

Diamond Dogs Excellent

DID YOU KNOW?

1. You can be fined for not carrying a poo bag when walking your dog.
2. The sun rises in the East and sets in the West.
3. Dog training is another way to socialize your dog.
4. We are all here to learn, thanks to the time and patience of all the trainers.

ASK VANILLA



Q. I saw you wearing a yellow bandana with the words "Give Me Space", what was that all about?

A. Well I had a disagreement with one of the other dogs, so Michael decided to put it on so the other owners could tell I needed some space that day.

If you have a question for Vanilla, contact Nick or give your question to Vera.

CLUB WEBSITE

The club has its own website on the Internet. This is a very good source of information about the club, with lots of tips. There is a forum section where you can chat with the trainers and ask all those questions you never had a chance to ask.

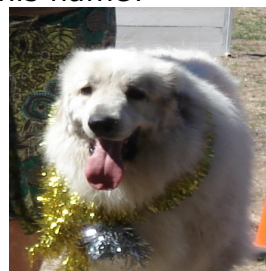
www.hbodc.asn.au/

HAPPY SNAP FROM CHRISTMAS 2007



KIDS COMPETITION CORNER

Q. What kind of dog is the big white one & what is his name?



*give your answer to Vera, with your name on it to win a small mystery prize.