DOG TRACKS

A Day to Remember



On Saturday 4th August Manly Club held its annual agility trial at Frenchs Forest Showground. This particular day was a day of **firsts** for Manly. It was the **first** time we had held our trial on any day other than the first Saturday of July, it was the **first** time we had an international judge and the **first** time one of our junior handlers gained an agility title.

We woke to a cold morning, but clear skies and in need of coffee. Adrian from Roaming Cafe helped out there and throughout the day. A number of our members arrived early and helped our judges, Jody Brown from Queensland, Jenny Taylor from NSW and Cam List from New Zealand set their first courses of the day. Then across the day about 120 handlers ran 180 dogs across 3 rings, completing over 500 runs to finish off a fabulous day.

The canteen and BBQ proved very popular again, along with the raffle, in which all monies raised was donated to the "Golden Oldies Rescue"

Facts about the day included the awarding of **36** Jumping qualifications, **26** Gamblers qualifications, **29** Agility qualifications and **15** clear rounds in a highly contested RQH Agility round, with Mia Cody and Polly obtaining their Novice Jumping Title. The team from Manly did really well across the day with the following picking up at least one important piece of cardboard. Those were Cass Fox & Kaia, Mia Cody and Polly, Gunilla Doyle and Noddy, Lyn Shaddock and Bonne, Virginia Mumford and Attila, Patricia Cooper and Skye, Belinda Clark and Louis, Ashley Roach and Jake, Jenni Meggitt and Ash, Nicole Van Barneveld and Bowie along with Angela Hamilton (aka 'my alternate handler') and Moose.



Overall the day was another huge success, which could not have been accomplished without the generous donations from our sponsors, along with the many hours our volunteers from both agility and obedience gave up to ensure the day ran as smoothly as it did. Here's looking forward to next years event and many more to come.



by Jo Comber

Agility Trial Raffle







Thank You to All the Wonderful Companies who Donated Prizes

Nutrimetics Schwarzkopf

Agility Fit Black Dog Wear

Pods for Pets Love'em

Blackmores Groomingdales

Petstock Jahzzy Agility

Premier Pet Kumalong

K Mart

The Raffle raised an amazing \$1,375.00

Thanks to all those people who bought tickets and congratulations to all the prize winners

All the Raffle money has been donated to a wonderful charity.



The Club was so touched by this amazing organization that we added to the Raffle amount and increased the donation to

\$2,000.00

Please keep giving to The Golden Oldies

The Beauty of Balance

Canine conditioning equipment is becoming an integral part of dog training. Wether training for the show ring, strength training for agility and dog sports, injury rehabilitation or the health and well being of the

family pet dog.

Increases trunk and core strength

Stabilizes weak areas

Improves reaction and control

Increases the range of motion in joints and the elongation of the muscles



Improves confidence

Aids in preventing sports-related injuries

Strengthens the bond with your dog through interactive positive training





The Club has balance equipment for use in class ask your instructor.

Jump Fit / Work Fit

Many agility dogs that are willing and able to compete, upon closer inspection, aren't necessarily so. Our dogs willingness to perform a task or their attempt to perform for us should not be mistaken with being truly

fit/strong enough to do so.

Canines are amazing at hiding lameness and working in the presence of pain (they're hardwired to do so), it is up to us to be observant and know what is "normal" for our dog(s) and be prepared to take advice/seek advice or even scratch from runs if our dog isn't presenting right before each run.



A really good gauge/check is doing a pre-run warm up routine where the dog has a series of stretches and exercises to do.

For my dog it's walking briskly/trotting for 5-10 minuets and then doing a series of already known behaviours, a combination of sit-to-stand-to-down in various orders, controlled spins to the left and right, backing up, and a few other tricks.

I expect the quality and fluency at a trial to be the same quality as what I see at home. If it isn't I evaluate why??

If in doubt I don't run my dog, just because she WILL run, doesn't mean she SHOULD.



Further to this, Dogs should also be fit enough to perform this very athletic work that we ask of them, is your dog muscular and strong? Are they carrying extra weight? Are they in peak performance condition or could they do with a fine tune? Have they seen full competition height jumps prior to competition and practiced jump skills?

There are many considerations to take before stepping into the ring, hopefully all your mental boxes have been ticked off your readiness-forthe-ring list next time you step up to the line with your team mate.

Happy trialling Angela Hamilton

Noddy & Bon a Family Tale



Kerodan Country Road (Noddy) & Kerodan Bonne Chance (Bon) are litter mates and have trained together and trialled together starting with Obedience at the Club and they are now into their second season of Agility trials.

On Saturday 4th August 2018 they competed together at the Manly Club Agility Trial in Novice Agility. Noddy won and Bon came second and obtained her Agility Title (AD).

It was a special day for Bon who got three Qualies and got Fifth Prize in the Raffle and another second in Novice Jumping.

Noddy not only is an outstanding Agility dog with a Jumping Dog Title but also is an awarded Herding Dog with PT HAS titles.



They create are a lot of fun for Gunilla & Lyn.

From Greyhound to Greenhound



Make Room for One at Your Place

No other canine is as closely associated with speed, grace, and overall agility as the greyhound. For millennia greyhounds have been cherished and bred as hunting dogs, their keen sense of sight and capacity for great speed, endeared the greyhounds to the most prestigious of owners throughout time. It is their ability to fill this unique hunting niche and to simultaneously live as loyal devoted companions which elevated the greyhound to the courts of kings, and rulers throughout their long history.

Greyhounds have been mans companion for a very long time. Experts suggest that the breed dates back about 4,000 years to the kingdoms of Egypt, Greece, and Persia. Greyhounds became so revered by royalty, that they were often found in depictions of royal courts, and in some cases, they were even found mummified in ancient Egyptian tombs, where they were preserved as companions for their former owners in the afterlife.

The greyhound features prominently in Homer's epic "The Odyssey" - where a returning Odysseus is not recognized by anyone but his trusted greyhound Argus. Having 'Argus eyes' has since become a byword to describe a person with a most keen sense of sight. During that time the depictions of ancient gods most commonly associated with hunting, the goddess Diana for example, came to include figures of hunting dogs that bear an extraordinary likeness to modern day greyhounds.

During the middle ages nobles became so enamoured of their phenomenal hunting dogs that it was a capital offence to kill a greyhound. Human life at times was valued less than the life of one such dog. Before long, commoners were forbidden from owning these dogs, and it was only the noble who had permission from the king to own and breed greyhounds.

As the middles ages gave way to the age of enlightenment, the status of the greyhound did not significantly shift. Although they were no longer valued above human life, they still were considered one of the premier status symbols that a man of means could aspire to. This explains their presence in many of the portraits commissioned by the wealthy and notable clientele of the famous painters of the age.

Before long the hunt was no longer considered a worthwhile endeavour. The highly bred hunting dogs were then used in the arenas of sports, where their agility once again became a highly prized asset.

England is credited with being the originating nation for modern day greyhound racing.

For the majority of greyhounds, a race track surrounding is their life since birth, as a result their life is very sheltered, becoming a pet is almost like being "reborn", most have not been exposed to daily sights and sounds commonly found in everyday life, e.g. Car rides, toys, televisions, children, stairs, kitchens, street noises.



Greyhounds enjoy being with people and other dogs. Most have spent their entire lives with other greyhounds and usually adapt very well to other dogs in the house. Most also get along well with cats and children. Greyhounds are docile and tolerant and make the best pets for quiet, gentle children.

The greyhound is a low-maintenance dog. Their skin produces little oil so only a few baths a year are needed. Using a grooming mitt a few times a week will keep the coat in good condition.

Greyhounds love to live indoors . They differ from other breeds in that they have very little body fat and fine hair making them intolerant to extreme heat and cold. You'll regularly see greyhounds wearing cosy jackets in winter. Due to their bony body, they require a soft bed for relaxing and sleeping.

Greyhounds love to run and chase things. The chase instinct has been characteristic in the greyhound for thousands of years. For centuries they have been bred to chase without human direction and cannot be expected to change. No amount of obedience training will stop a greyhound in pursuit of an animal. Because of this, greyhounds should never be trusted off the leash, except in a completely enclosed, fenced yard. They can reach speeds of up to 70 km by their third stride.

Male greyhounds are usually 26-30 inches at the shoulder and weigh 35kgs and up. Females are usually 23-26 inches at the shoulder and weigh 25km and up. With proper care, they live to be 12 - 15 years old.

Greyhounds rarely bark, generally are not territorial, and do not make good watch dogs.

Many greyhounds find it difficult to sit, this is a physical limitation, and may also look awkward when trying to lay down.

Greyhounds come in a variety of colours including: - Black, white, white and black, red, blue, fawn, fallow, brindle, red brindle, blue brindle and any of these in combination with white.

Under NSW legislation Greyhounds are required to wear a muzzle when in public. Owners of pet greyhounds can register for the Greyhound in-home retraining program and have their greyhounds assessed for a "greencollar" and become a "greenhound".

Once a greyhound has passed the assessment, they will receive a greencollar, which has a specific number on it for each individual greyhound. When the dog is out and about and wearing their green collar, they are no longer required to wear the muzzle.

The NSW greencollar is only applicable to NSW. When travelling interstate, the muzzle still needs to be worn where required.

The ACT has now removed the requirement for muzzling of greyhounds, Victoria is also removing their legislation from 1st January 2019. NSW will likely follow in the future.

For more information on the in-home retraining process go to **greenhounds.com.au**



Alex Surplice

Tuna & Anchovy Training Treats



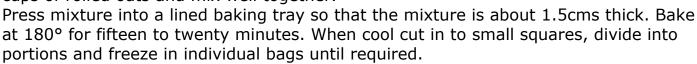


1 x Jar of Anchovy Fillets

5 x Eggs

2 x Cups of Rolled Oats

Drain tuna and anchovies and mash together in a bowl until well combined. Mix in lightly beaten eggs then add two cups of rolled oats and mix well together.



Did You Know That You Can Clean Your Dog's Teeth with Coconut Oil?

Try using Organic Coconut Oil instead of canine tooth paste to brush your dogs teeth.

Coconut Oil is inexpensive, chemical free and tastes good.

Due to its anti-microbial properties, coconut oil helps eliminate the harmful bacteria that live in your dog's mouth, which helps prevent plaque from forming. Less plaque means less tartar.

In addition to cleaning your dog's teeth, coconut oil can help immune function and digestion, improve skin and coat, and support joints.



Oscar's Law

Who is Oscar?

Oscar spent the first five years of his life in a puppy farm as a stud dog. He lived in a small pen in a shed alongside eighty other dogs. When Oscar was rescued his fur was so badly matted it had become solid felt which inhibited his movement.



He had rotten teeth, gum disease and ear infections, his skin was paper thin due to malnourishment and poor diet, he weighed 1.4kg.

Oscar's Law was established in Victoria in 2010 and has become the most prominent Australian anti puppy farm campaign. Finally the Victorian Government has listened and amended their Domestic Animal Act.

What does this mean?

Pet Shops - The legislation officially bans the sale of puppies and kittens in pet shops which closes off a major link in the supply chain of puppy farmers. The ban came into effect on July 1st 2018 and from that date pet shops will only be able to work with rescue groups and shelters to assist in re-homing rescue pets.

Cap on Dog Numbers - The legislation limits the number of female dogs a puppy farmer may keep, commencing April 2020 this will severely affect the financial viability of puppy farms hence many will relocate to other states.

Pet Exchange - The legislation also introduces a pet exchange register to improve traceability and accountability. Puppy farmers hide behind the internet and are difficult to identify and locate. As of July 2019 anyone who wants to sell a companion animal in Victoria must register their details and receive a source number, this number must be displayed on all online ads. Buyers will then be able to search the register and check out the seller's details. This will create a pathway of recourse and accountability if the animal becomes sick. Authorities will access the register in order to locate and inspect the puppy farms.

There are hundreds of puppy farmers in NSW and many will relocate here from Victoria. Make your voice heard, contact your local member we need the same, if not tougher, legislation as Victoria. There are thousands of Oscars living in horrendous conditions in NSW, they need your help.

www.oscarslaw.org

Promotions

Agility

Beginners to SI1

Jean & Opie Sophia & Patrick Helen & Mani Jill & Billie Ella & Padley

Obedience

Beginners to Class 1

Michele Quinn & Rome Jenny Garlick & Pippa Steve Doherty & **Jessie** Karen Lenehan & Indv Nicky Hammond & Fu Stuart Byrnes & Charlie Kirsty Manuel & Tilley Jan Devine & Nova Jenny Lloyd & Alfie Di Bal & Roque **Emily & Hunter** Bruce & Christine & Elsa Allison & Scout Nicky & George Katrina & Flash Judy & Billie Samantha & Roo Ann & Cleo Amy Hosking & Buddy

Class 1 to Class 2

Greg Byrne & Molly
Pascal Grant & Dash
Catherine Yetts & Kiki
Philipa MacLennan & Ash
Nicky Hammond & Fu
Peter Kaupert & Bailey
Lesia Mortensen & Reg
Robin Russell & Aurora

Promotions

Class 1 to Class 2

Amy Hosking & Buddy Phil Cartwright & Chase Andy Fricker & Bella Lance Stewart & Weslie Greg Forsyth & Lola Shannon O'Brian & Maple Ashley Overton & Floyd Scott Burdon & Felix Mike Lawson & Walter Brook Hammond & Similien Shane Watts & Tatsu Dom Ellis & Billie Liz Lees & Paddington Wendy Pearce & Jessie Jenny Grundy & Willow Casey Thompson & **Iskra** Myra Custovic & Zepha

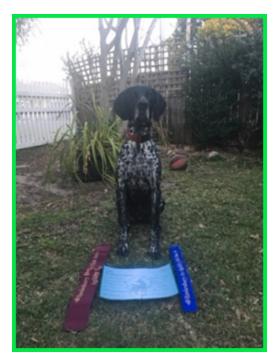
Class 2 to Class 3

Paul Hyles & Sox

Congratulations



"Jette" Novice Jumping Title



"Darcy" 1st Place 600 JD