

DOG TRACKS



November/December 2025

Presidents Message

Congratulations to those competitors achieving title and championship awards this year. Huge achievements only come from big effort training with your dog. That is an inspiration for many others to engage with dog sports.



Our training year has drawn to a close with a definite switch from the very wet early and mid-year to the hotter dry end of year.

This time of the year brings with it the usual cautions about dogs in hot environments and the dangers of foods that maybe injurious as well as the ticks, snakes and even mosquitoes carrying viruses. Bottom line is if you are suspicious that your dog is unwell a trip to the vet (or if after hours the emergency vet) is safer than relying on you surfing the internet for solutions.

Returning to training in 2026 we rely on our fantastic volunteers to make the training sessions happen, be that obedience, agility, flyball and now frisbee. We are always happy to hear feedback from our members, you can contact the committee via email committee@manlydogclub.com.au or myself president@manlydogclub.com.au

Wishing all members and their families a fun Christmas and a prosperous new year!

Peter Coulthart

With editorial help from his English Setter, Venice



Cool!

Stuff for HOT Days

Cool Mats



These are great at trials and on days out. The mat is filled with a special gel which absorbs the dog's body heat.

Cooling Coats

There are a number of different types of cool coats on the market some work using evaporation by wetting the coat and some by reflecting the heat away from the body. You can also buy cooling collars. Shop around for coats as you need to get one that fits your dog.



Play Pool



The easiest way is to buy a kiddie pool. Easy to use and can be stored away when not in use. Your dog will love you for this on a hot day.

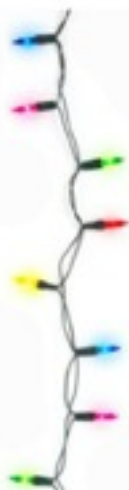
Inflatable ones not such a good idea, unless you have a puncture kit, as dogs just love to "dig"!!.



Christmas Can be a Dangerous Time for Dogs

Things to Remember to Keep Them Safe

With so much fun and activity happening over the Christmas period it is easy for dogs, especially puppies, to get into strife.



Tinsel can be very dangerous as dogs can get tangled up and even strangled. If swallowed can cause major digestive issues.



Fairy lights can cause the same issues as tinsel and the glass bulbs can cut the mouth and stomach if swallowed.



Christmas tree ornaments, especially appealing to the ball mad dog can cut mouths and do damage if ingested.

Snow Globes can contain anti-freeze which can be lethal if swallowed.



Raisins and grapes which are found in abundance in Christmas fare, such as mince pies, are toxic to dogs.



Alcohol is extremely dangerous to dogs.



Chocolate, especially dark chocolate, can be toxic and can cause damage to the heart and nervous system.



Cooked bones, can splinter and cause severe internal damage.

Lollies often contains Xylitol, an artificial *sweetener*, which can lead to the over release of insulin, kidney failure, and worse.



Macadamia Nuts can damage to your dog's digestive, nervous, and muscle systems.

Onions and Chives no matter what form they're in, are poisonous for dogs. They can cause anaemia and damage red blood cells.

Open Gates. In the excitement of friends and family arriving gates can easily be left open and visiting children can often be completely unaware of the dangers of letting a dog out.

Pointsettia Plants can irritate the mouth and stomach and cause vomiting.

Garbage bins especially if full of turkey bones and prawn heads can be particularly appealing to the determined dog.



Flyball Nationals 2025

The MAD Flyers Flyball Team made the big road trip from Sydney to Geelong for this year's Flyball Nationals, held on the 15th & 16th of November—and what a weekend it was! Competing across two full days in Open Division 1 were Zara, Tattie, Scooby, Poncho, Luka and Bandit, with a big thanks to Kate for her fantastic work captaining the team. A special acknowledgement goes to the Tassie

Flying Paws Club for hosting an exceptional Nationals especially not being in their home state.

The competition was fierce, with seven teams battling it out in the division. MAD Flyers ran their hearts out, clocking their best time of 20.231 seconds. All the hard work and team work paid off, bringing home a brilliant Runner-Up finish in Open Division 1.

If you like to check out some of the action from the weekend:

Saturday - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-SzI_vEoF0&t=7313s

Sunday - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ArdGsXlweZE>

Congratulations to the whole team—what an achievement! Let's do it all again next year!



Left to right: Paul & Scooby | Kate & Luka | Ren & Poncho | Lauren & Tattie | Lisa & Bandit | Kim & Zara

If you would like to find out more about flyball or come try, classes are held on Thursday nights from 6pm at Deep Creek or email on flyball@manlydogclub.com.au.

Let's Do Lunch



Christmas Turkey Loaf



500gm	x	Turkey Mince
1	x	Large Egg
3	x	Brussel Sprouts
1	x	Carrot
¼ Cup	x	Cranberries
Parsley & Cranberries to decorate		

In a large bowl mix together turkey mince, beaten egg, shredded brussel sprouts, grated carrot and sliced cranberries. Line a loaf tin with baking paper and transfer mixture into it.

Bake in 180° oven for 30 – 40 minutes until cooked through. Garnish with parsley and cranberries

Coconut Snowballs

3/4 cup	x	Dog-friendly Fruits or Berries
2 tbsp	x	Coconut Oil, warmed to liquid
1/4 to 1/2cup	x	Coconut Flour
(depending on the type of fruit)		

Fine desiccated coconut for rolling

Spinach, beetroot juice or turmeric to add colour

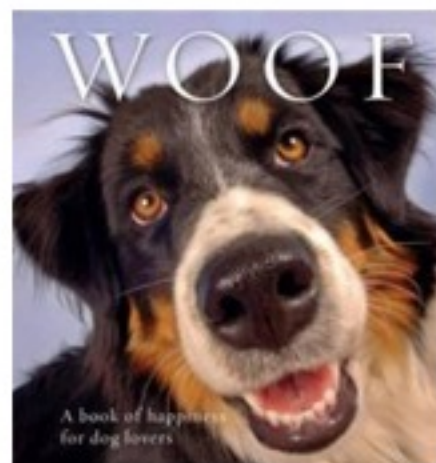
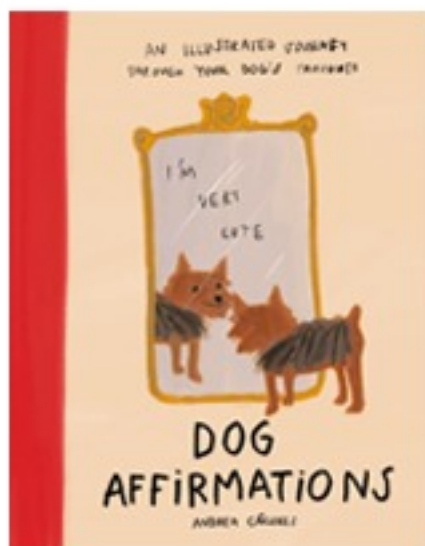
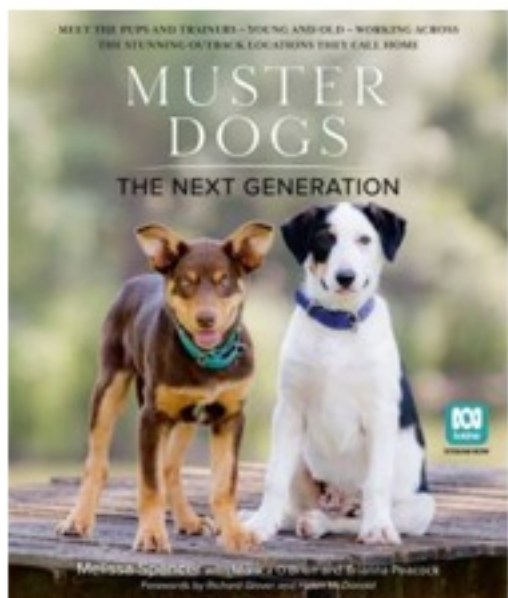


Mash well or puree the fruit and transfer to a suitable mixing bowl. Add the coconut oil and colouring and mix to combine.

Add the coconut flour gradually mixing thoroughly, until you've reached the desired consistency for shaping, the amount of flour will vary depending on the fruit used. Shape into small bite-sized balls and roll in desiccated coconut.

Refrigerate until firm.

Good Reads for the Holidays



We Woof You a Very Merry Christmas!



*From all the Instructors,
Have a wonderful holiday, we look
forward to seeing you and your
beautiful dogs at Deep Creek in 2026*

Editor Wendy Jones

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