

MURRAY BRIDGE OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INCORPORATED

Thursday 17th May 2007

Welcome, we hope you have a fun and rewarding time with our club. The Committee and Trainers are all volunteers and give their time freely.

You will find training sometimes frustrating, discouraging, disappointing and even humbling but if you are persistent and patient you will be rewarded over and over again.

Beginners is the stepping-stone to all levels and it is extremely important to get your dog working on a loose lead before you graduate.

Above all it must be fun, so enjoy yourself and please don't take it to heart if things don't go well. We have all been in the same situation at some time. **JUST DON'T GIVE UP** and don't be afraid to ask questions, no matter how silly you think they may be, ultimately the answer may help someone else.

A happy owner and an obedient companion is an achievement that both owner and dog can be very proud of. Our enjoyment and reward comes from seeing you achieve this.

Insurance is one of our major concerns and the excess is a significant amount for our club. It is important that you support the club by following the club rules.

VACCINATION:

Current Certificate of Vaccination must be sighted before **any training** can be undertaken and also yearly when booster is given. C5 is preferable but C3 is acceptable.

MEMBERSHIP:

Types of membership are **Single**, **Double** (where two people live at the same address), **Junior** (aged between 12 & 17yrs.), **non-Training**, **Life Member** and **Honoury membership**

Subscriptions become due in 1st July each year, and must be fully paid by 31st August. Any membership, which has lapsed for more than three months from 1st July, will be required to pay a re-joining fee. New members may receive discount on their fees depending in which quarter they join.

CHILDREN:

Children **must be supervised** and are not permitted to handle dogs whilst on the grounds, if they wish to play please go to the adjacent oval with an adult.

HOT WEATHER POLICY:

If the temperature at 4.30pm is 34° or over in Murray Bridge, there will be **no training** on that day. Training in the heat must be at the owner's discretion.

TRAINING TIMES:

Every Sunday except on public holiday weekends. (We also have a recess mid Dec. to 1st Sunday in Feb).

Normal times:	Beginners, Grade 1	5.00pm
	Grade 2 & 3	4.30pm
	Grade 4	4.00pm
Daylight Saving:	Beginners, Grade 1	7.00pm
	Grade 2 & 3	6.30pm
	Grade 4	6.00pm

TRAINING SYLLABUS:

Beginners - heel on lead, sit on command, sit stay on lead (close to the dog's head), left & right turns, stand, examine dog in sit position, basic recall, work to be done at varying paces.

Grade 1 - heel on loose lead, sit, sit stay (close to dog's head), stand, stand stay (close to dog's head), left & right turns, circles to left & right, drop, examine dog in sit position, basic recall.

Grade 2 - automatic sit, stand, drop, stays (sit, stand & drop), left, right & about turns, left and right turns, stand for examination, basic recall, all work to be done on loose lead (most important to pass).

Grade 3 - automatic sits, stand, drop, stay, left & right about turns, left & right turns, stand for examination, circle left & right, recall on short lead with owner returns. Teach finish, sit stay & drop stay. Work to be done at varying paces.

Grade 4 - All previous levels and additional exercised On and Off lead at varying paces and at a consistently high standard for Grade 4 Club Certificate.

Trial Training - (When possible with priority ring use) **Only members** who have Grade 4 Club Certificate and genuinely intend to Trial. When ready, pass Club Trailing Assessment in the ring before competing.

AND

Current South Australian Canine Association Trialling club members for ongoing training and problem solving. ALL CORRECT footwork, signals, commands, dogs correctly positioned is expected.

GRADUATION:

The Head Trainer or Assistant Head Trainer will assess handlers and dogs on the fourth Sunday of each month. It will be at the discretion of the Head Trainer or Assistant Head Trainer to decide whether graduation will occur. Dogs and handlers reaching the required standard in each exercise will graduate. To graduate each member has to attend regularly plus graduation day.

Graduation Certificates are issued in all Grades from Beginners to Grade 3 and include Best in Class, Dog of Month at the discretion of Trainers; Grade 4 Club Certificate and Club Trialling Assessment for members interested in Trialling and are accessed in the ring.

FUN DAYS:

Fun Day usually occurs when there is a 5th Sunday in the month.

TRAINING

1. Only financial members can train dog either their own or another members dog.
2. Appropriate footwear **should be** worn whilst training your dog. Eg: sneakers or similar.
3. Lead approximately 1m long either leather or soft material attached firmly to slip collar or halti and all in good condition.
4. Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times, unless an instructor asks you to do otherwise.
5. Smoking is prohibited whilst training your dog or in Clubroom.
6. Food rewards can be used when training.
7. Unwell dogs or Bitches in season are not permitted on the training ground.
8. Must advise Trainer/Committee if dog has bitten or attacked any person, or any other animals.

TRAINERS:

Trainers who join from other clubs must have documentation of Instructors qualifications and/or experience and be approved by Head Trainer and Committee.

Aspiring Trainers must be financial member for 12 months, and graduated from Grade 3. Undertake six week practical and theory training course with a further 6-12 months supervised class training. South Australian Canine Association Obedience assessment.

GENERAL

1. YOU are responsible for any damages caused to another dog or person.
2. Owner's responsibility to clean up after their dogs, poo bags, bins and pee-post are provided. If dog pees on verandah post or clubroom flush with clean water.
3. Sign Attendance book, pay ground fees, collect name badge before each training session.
4. The club reserves the right to expel any person for mistreatment of their dog in any way or inappropriate behaviour.
5. Trainers reserve the right to muzzle any dog they consider to be a threat to them, or any other person or dog.
6. Puppies under the age of 12 weeks should not be brought into the club grounds for their protection.
7. Please avoid any dog that is tethered or dogs in the instructed down position.
8. Equipment not to be used unless supervised.
9. Dogs must be properly restrained and under control at all times.

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GRIEVENCE PROCESS:

1. Speak to the Trainer, who will approach Head Trainer or Assistant Head Trainer.
2. If necessary a written report from complainant and signed by both parties.
3. Committee for discussion and outcome.
4. Out come written and discuss with complaintant.

INCIDENT REPORT BOOK:

Completed when required.

NOTICE BOARD:

The notice board is provided for your interest and information. Club notices, photographs, newspaper cuttings, trial dates and other information will be added each week or as it comes available. Items of interest will be welcome and will be displayed at the discretion of the committee.

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