On Four Paws



Autumn 2021



A NOTE TO ALL TRIALLING MEMBERS

Please remember that all Obedience, Rally or Agility competitors who want to be included in the end of year trophies must have NCODC on their trial entries so it appears in the catalogues.

For Obedience & Rally results, fill in the results slip in the Clubroom or email Brigitte Kepler (brig1@internode.on.net) for an online results slip.

Agility Qualification Records should be submitted via email to Chloe Threadgold (chloe.threadgold@gmail.com) on the Master Record Sheet.

Don't forget to submit your results as soon as you have passed, not only when you gain a title, so they can be added to the newsletter and counted for end of year trophies.

All correspondence should be addressed to:

The Secretary

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COVER MODELS

Cooper, Ruby & Scout

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NCODC GROUND RULES

VACCINATIONS

 All dogs must have regular vaccinations for distemper and parvovirus. Certificates of vaccination or Titre testing must be shown when joining.

OH! SH*T!

- If your dog fouls the school grounds or precinct, it is your responsibility to clean it up in the bags and buckets provided for this purpose.
- If your dog poops—you scoop!

LEADS & COLLARS

- During Club training times, dogs must be kept on a lead at all times, except when instructed by a trainer to remove it during training sessions. This rule applies to the whole of the school grounds.
- Only approved leads and collars are to be used on dogs whilst on Club grounds.
- Dogs are not to be tied to the Club shed or allowed on the verandah whilst being left unattended by the handler. Dogs must be tethered to the hitching rails provided.

NOT PERMITTED

- Bitches in season are not permitted on Club grounds.
- Dogs are not permitted in Clubrooms
- There is absolutely no smoking whilst training in class.
- No training equipment to be used unless under the supervision of an instructor.
- Members shall not treat their dog in a manner which is unacceptable to the Club, ie no hitting or kicking your dog.

CHILD HANDLERS

- Must be a minimum age of 12 years and train at the discretion of the Head Instructor.
- Junior handlers aged 12-16 years must have a parent/guardian present during training sessions.
- Children under 12 years are not permitted to handle dogs whilst on grounds.
- Children are the responsibility of parents/ guardians whilst on grounds and are not to approach unattended dogs.

INSTRUCTOR'S DISCRETION

- The class instructor reserves the right to send the dog back to another class if it is to the dog's advantage.
- Any dog which is considered by an instructor to be a potential threat to either another dog or Club member, shall be required to wear a muzzle whilst on the Club grounds during training.

APPROPRIATE ATTIRE

 Appropriate clothing and footwear (closed in, flat) should be worn at all training sessions.

MEMBERSHIP BADGES

• Current membership badges must be worn in class at all times.

TRAINING TIMES

Sunday Mornings

8.30am—9.30am All Obedience Trialling Classes (Instructors & Office Staff

first)

From 9.15am Rally Obedience

9.15am—9.45am New Members

Beginners

Basic Training

10.00am—10.30am Puppy

Social Class Pre-Trialling

Monday Nights

6.45 pm—7.30 pm Agility Trialling—All Classes

7.45 pm—8.30 pm Intermediate

*Note: Agility Starters will be run as a 4 week course. Dogs must be at least 12 months of

age and have completed Basic Training. Email Head Agility Instructor, Mel, on

smmaiolo@bigpond.com to register

Wednesday Nights

7.00 pm—7.30 pm Puppies

Beginners

7.45 pm—8.15 pm New Members

Basic Training

7.45 pm—8.30 pm Social Class

TRAINING CANCELLED

Sunday Mornings	Training will be cancelled if the forecast maximum temperature for Noarlunga is 34C or more as per the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au)
Mon / Wed Nights	Training will be cancelled if the Noarlunga temperature is 34C or more at 5pm as per the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au)
Public Holidays	Sunday & Monday if a public holiday is a Monday

Any other public holidays

Please refer to our website (noarlungadogclub.net) or Facebook page for updates

NCODC INSTRUCTORS

HEAD INSTRUCTOR

Kate Lloyd

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Cathy Miller

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Karen McFarlane Kym McFarlane
Robyn van der Linden Cathy Miller
Maureen Bishop Karen Mort

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Michelle Chapman Sharon Gahan

Sophie Wright

INSTRUCTORS—RALLY OBEDIENCE

Kate Lloyd Rae Hedger

CLUBROOMS

CANTEEN - Yvonne Hardwick

Our Club consists of Volunteer Instructors, Committee & Helpers!

Any help you can give is always appreciated

2020 COMMITTEE & MEMBERSHIP FEES

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2021 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Joining Fee \$15.00

Annual Membership Fee

Single \$20.00
Double/Family \$25.00
Pensioner—Single \$13.00
Pensioner—Family \$15.00
Junior/Student \$15.00

Class Fees Per Training Session

Obedience \$2.00 per dog
Agility \$2.00 per dog
Rally \$2.00 per dog

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⁽iii) accepts no responsibility for error in the publication of any material. The opinions expressed in any material in the NCODC magazine are not necessarily those of the Noarlunga City Obedience Dog Club.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello everyone,

It's good to be back out at the club putting some time into our dogs. I'm sure they appreciate it. Let's just hope that we can get through the year without any of the issues that presented themselves last year.

We have had a steady influx of new members to complement the return of a good number of our members from last year which is very encouraging.

For our more experienced members the trialling season has begun and we have had some good results there already, so keep up the good work. The first of our own trials is on the 20th March with double Agility and Jumping trials so we wish our members who have entered the best of luck.

Later in the year we will be holding Obedience and Rally trials on 19th June as well as Agility and Jumping again on 9th October.

Well, it's short and sweet from me this time.

Cheers, Brian



HEAD INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT

A warm welcome to all our new members, and welcome back to everyone who has renewed their membership for another year of training. Thank you to everyone for adhering to the COVID safety requirements - checking in on arrival and maintaining social distancing.

Some dogs need a bit of extra time to settle into class after the summer break - remember that "Distance is your Friend" and if your dog is concerned or over-excited, we encourage you to simply walk your dog around the Club's grounds and feed them some treats while they acclimatise to the busy environment. If your dog has difficulty focusing in class, take note of all the exercises that the Instructor covers and practice them at home and in less busy locations. Young dogs, and dogs that are new to training, often have difficulty concentrating for long periods, so give your dog plenty of mini-breaks between training exercises.

We endeavour to keep our class times consistent, but sometimes it will be necessary to change the time of one or more of the classes. Whilst we try to give you advance notice, if you do not attend regularly you may miss an announcement so please remember to keep an eye on the class times on the Club's website. Updates are also announced on the Club's Facebook Page.

Cathy Miller has kindly agreed to act as Assistant Head Instructor this year, supporting me in the Head Instructor role and filling in if I am absent. I'm also delighted that Mel Maiolo has taken on the role of Instructor-In-Charge for Agility, and welcome Mel to the position. Starting this year, Agility Starters will be run on Monday evenings as a short course consisting of a block of four consecutive weeks of instruction. To register for the Agility Starters Course, contact Head Agility Instructor Mel on smmaiolo@bigpond.com

We hope to see a return to normal competitive dog events this year and I wish lots of luck to all our Trialling Members. The new Rally Rules have come into effect, and we may even see the new sport of Scent Work get off the ground here in South Australia later this year.

All the best for 2021.

Kate—Head Instructor



INTRODUCING MEL MAIOLO HEAD AGILITY INSTRUCTOR

My name is Mel Maiolo, your new Agility Head Instructor. Many of you may not know me, so I thought I would use this time to introduce myself and tell you a bit about my background in agility.

I have been involved in the dog world in some way or another for most of my life. My parents have been involved in the dog world for 40+ years. I was only a little kid when my parents were competing in Obedience. I competed in many lunchtime obedience junior handler competitions, with many different dogs.

I started competing in Agility with my own dogs in 2003. I have been an agility instructor since 2007 and I'm also a life member of the Agility Dog Club of SA. In the past I have been a committee member on the Dogs SA Agility Advisory Committee and the Agility Dog Club of SA. I also played a part in the organisation of the 2007 Agility Nationals.

My first agility dog, Thomas, had a stellar agility career. He won multiple Dogs SA awards Including Top Snooker Dog in 2008 & Top Strategic Pairs Dog in 2008, 2009 & 2010. We competed in the 2007 Agility Nationals and came 3rd in the Excellent Strategic Pairs Final. Thomas also won the Masters Agility Class at the 2010 Royal Show. Thomas became the first dog in the State to gain his Masters Strategic Pairs title and his Masters Snooker title. Thomas gained all of his Masters titles in agility, jumping & games. He never had the opportunity to become an Agility Champion as he was retired when the new Agility Champion title came in.





Murphy is my second agility dog, and my first Toller. After having Thomas to learn from, I also did really well with Murphy. We have won many Dogs SA awards and are also multiple State Championship winners. We have competed at the Royal Adelaide Show, winning the Excellent Jumping class in 2011, and in 2012, winning the Open Agility class. Murphy is also a Dual Champion, having gained his Conformation title then gaining his Agility Champion title at the end of 2017. Murphy and I have represented South Australia in the State Team for the 2014 and 2016 Agility Nationals.

INTRODUCING MEL MAIOLO HEAD AGILITY INSTRUCTOR



I am currently trialling Chilli, my young Toller. In his short agility career so far, Chilli has been a Royal Adelaide Show winner in 2019, winning the Novice Jumping & Novice Snooker classes. He has won awards at both Noarlunga & Agility Dog Clubs and competed in a couple of State Championships so far. In Conformation, Chilli got Puppy of Breed at the 2016 Royal Adelaide Show but he really didn't like showing, so I never pursued his conformation title. He always enjoys his agility, and that's more important to me.

I have also had the pleasure of competing with other people's dogs over the years, the highlight getting 3rd place in the Excellent Strategic Pairs Final at the 2014 Agility Nationals held in Queensland.

My fourth dog, Marley, an Aussie Shepherd, is currently being trained by my Dad, Neville Cox (for me, training and trialling two young dogs can be tricky, so I offered him to my Dad to train and keep him in the sport). Hopefully their agility career will kick off sometime this year.



Mel—Head Agility Instructor

NEW MEMBERS: DEC 2020—FEB 2021

We extend a warm welcome to all our new Members:

Lisa Chuganoff & Angus Alex & Lia Poznak & Atticus Ellie Roper & Mamba Silja Dagg & Ajay Sophie Manning & Lexi

Kylie McKinnell & Lexi

Emma-Kate Lindsay & Poppi

Margaret Watson-England & Tex & Mikki

Melissa Scheer & Elara

Yvetta & Rodney Snelling & Hurricane

Brooke McGree & Gus

Lisa Clark & Scott Coombe & Jack & Jasper

Bernan Channing & Josh Prasad & Collin

Lia Asrawe & Ruby

Clancy Wallace-Gravett & Rusty

Becky Hoggard & Bella

Pam Whisson & Puddle Duck

Michelle & Barry Kappler & Leo Lennard

Daniel & Janelle Thomas & Marble

Bruce, Leanne, Alex & Connor Dalton & Spoticious & Perdita

Kellie Farrugia & Stanley Hayley Caldicott & Missy Alex Bittner & Sarah Jeynes & Murphy

Liam Warne, Emma Hassam & Ava Warne & Finn

Patsy & Gemma Burley & Pippa

Aiden Forbes & Doug

Frances & Vivi Gore & Jack

John Donaghay & Tulla

Georgia Wood & Harry Firth & Tilly

Andrea Sutherland & Tango

Lisa & Shane Stanley & Ollie

Kathy Wills-Davis & Marli-Rose

Leigh & Jana Donnellan & Millie & Franklin

Charlotte & Lauren Bierer & Greta

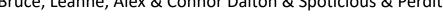
Julie Gates & Travis

Joanne Hunting & Lexi

Judie Kent & Bonza

Kathryn Platten & Cherie

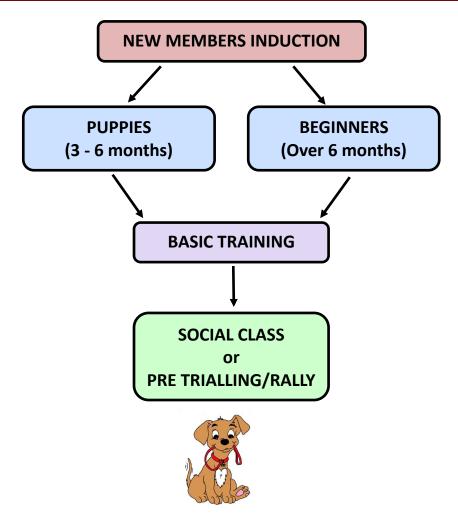
Martine & Stuart Gregory & Nahla





- 1. Wear your badge in class.
- 2. Bring plenty of soft treats cut up into small pieces (e.g. fritz, chicken, cheese, hot dog). If you leave your treat bag at home, treat bags are available in the Clubroom for \$1.00 each
- 3. Clean up after your own dog. You should always carry your own poo bags but if you forget, there are poo bags available in the shed, together with a bucket to dispose of bags.
- 4. Do not approach another dog without asking the owner first as not all dogs want to say "hi". Do not feel embarrassed to say no if you do not want someone else to approach your dog.
- 5. Most of all, have FUN and ENJOY your dog training

CLASS STRUCTURE



New Members Induction Class is for all new Members and covers Club Rules, suitable training equipment (collars, leads etc) for class, why we use food, toys and praise in training, plus the basic exercises of sit, lie down, pay attention (Watch), come when called and walking on lead.

After attending the New Members Class, you will start in either Puppy or Beginners Class, depending on your dog's age.

Puppy Class (for dogs 3-6 months) and **Beginners Class** (for dogs over 6 months) will include basic training (sit, lie down, come, pay attention, come when called, stay, walk on a lead), how to teach your puppy to be comfortable with being handled for grooming etc., to go to a bed and stay there, confidence building activities such as walking over different surfaces, and good manners such as waiting at doors, not jumping up to grab food etc.

On graduating from Puppy or Beginner Class, you will go into the **Basic Training Class** which further develops these skills to a more advanced level, and introduces some new exercises.

On graduating from Basic Training, you can then choose either the **Social Class** (for fun, manners and real-world obedience training) or the **Pre-Trialling Class** (for those interested in Trialling in Obedience and/or Rally). You are welcome to try out both Social and Pre-Trialling Class options to see which one suits you best.

GRADUATION CRITERIA

PUPPY/BEGINNER CLASS

Dog and handler demonstrate the skills on two separate occasions. The "1" on their Membership Card is marked off for the first successful assessment and the "2" is marked off for the second successful assessment. A red graduation ribbon will be awarded.

Puppy/Beginner Class Graduation Criteria

- Sit/Stay—Dog sits close to handler for 10 seconds
- Down/Stay—Dog lies down close to handler for 10 seconds. Can be on a mat.
- Recall—Call dog to a reward while dog is walking freely on a loose lead 1-2 metres from handler.
- Walking on Lead—Handler can get and keep dog's attention while walking 5-10 metres with at least 2 changes of direction. Exercise can be conducted by Instructor giving verbal instructions, or by the handler walking a designated route between plastic cones or similar.

BASIC TRAINING CLASS

Dog and handler demonstrate the skills on two separate occasions. The "3" on their Membership Card is marked off for the first successful assessment and the "4" is marked off for the second successful assessment. A blue graduation ribbon will be awarded.

Basic Training Class Graduation Criteria

- Sit/Stay close to handler while another dog walks past (no closer than 2 metres)
- Down/Stay while handler steps away to the end of the lead, then comes back to reward the dog and steps away again at least 3 times, then returning and releasing the dog (dog can be on a mat).
- Recall—Call dog while dog is walking freely on a 1.5-2 metre lead—dog must come on first call (handler can use name and/or call word) repeated 3 times in succession. Dog can be rewarded for coming, but not lured.
- Walk on Lead—Handler can get and keep dog's attention, while walking on a loose lead, with other dogs
 nearby but not so close by as to be an interference, for 10-20 metres including 2 changes of direction and 2
 sits. Exercise can be conducted by Instructor giving verbal instructions, or by the handler walking a
 designated route between plastic cones or similar.

TRAINED DOG CERTIFICATE

Dog and handler demonstrate the skills once. The "5" on their Membership Card is marked off for a successful assessment. A maroon graduation ribbon will be awarded, together with a Trained Dog Certificate.

Trained Dog Certificate Graduation Criteria

- Sit/Stay close to handler while another dog walks past (no closer than 2 metres) and while a person walks by (no closer than 1 metre).
- Off Lead Down/Stay for 1 minute while handler steps away to a distance of 5 metres—dog may be on a mat (test on long lead if unsure).
- Recall—Call dog while dog is approximately 5 metres from handler. The dog should not be put in a stay/wait i.e. should be free ranging as if at the park/beach. Dog must return promptly and allow handler to clip lead on. Dog can be familiarised with the test area prior to the assessment. (Test can be conducted in the holding pen, with the handler calling dog to the gate, or elsewhere on the Club grounds on long lead if unsure of dog's response).
- Walk on Lead—Handler can get and keep dog's attention, while walking on a loose lead, with other dogs in the vicinity but not so close by as to be an interference, for at least 20 metres including 4 changes of direction, 2 sits and 2 downs. Exercise can be conducted by Instructor giving verbal instructions, or by the handler walking a designated route between plastic cones or similar.
- Rewards may be given after each exercise, but the dog may not be lured/baited/distracted with food.

DOG OF THE MONTH

A silver ribbon will be awarded to the Dog of the Month in each Class.

CANINE ENRICHMENT

Enrichment allows your dogs to engage in their natural behaviours such as playing, chasing, smelling, chewing and foraging. Dogs that are allowed to engage in these behaviours are more physically, emotionally and mentally satisfied. Unstimulated dogs often find their own ways to stimulate themselves which can result in unwanted behaviours.

There are many puzzles or toys available to buy which provide enrichment to our dogs such as:

Kongs/Treat Dispensing Toys Interactive Puzzle Toys Snuffle Mats



Flirt Poles Tug Toys LickiMats

However, you can also find things around the home which can be used. Here are some easy DIY ideas:

• Scatter your dog's dry food in the backyard so they can hunt and forage for their food.



- Sprinkle some dry treats in a mat, towel or yoga mat. Roll it up and let your dogs find the treats.
- Hide treats under an upturned washing basket and watch your dog figure out how to get to them.
- Place some food inside a muffin tray and place tennis balls on top then let your dog figure out how to get the treats.
- Tricks are a fun way to provide mental and physical enrichment for your dog so grab some treats and teach your dog a new trick! Some simple tricks include shake hands, kiss, spin, paws up on an object and crawl. Keep your sessions short and have fun with your dog!



Fill a clamshell pool with balls and/or plastic bottles, throw in some treats and let your dog search through the balls to find the treats. You may need to start with only a few balls in the pool and gradually add more as your dog builds confidence. If they are not confident about getting into the clamshell, you can use an old tyre or join a piece of Ag-pipe into a circle.

CANINE ENRICHMENT



Most dogs love ripping apart cardboard and paper so raid your recycling bin and build a box city! Hide treats in the boxes amongst scrunched up newspaper then let your dog have fun searching through the boxes looking for the treats. (Yes, there will be a mess to clean up but your dogs will thank you for it!)

Put treats inside a toilet paper roll and scrunch the ends.
Hide the toilet paper rolls around your garden or inside
then let your dogs use their nose to find them and have
fun ripping apart the tube to eat their prize! Start by
hiding them in easy places then gradually make it harder
as your dogs improve.





- An alternative to a Lickimat is a silicone ice cube tray. Spread soft foods such as natural yoghurt, natural peanut butter, cream cheese, mashed banana and sardines into the ice cube tray and let your dog lick it out. To make it last longer, you can freeze it first which is a great option for hot days. Silicone pot mats and silicone baking sheets can also be used. If your dog picks up the mat, you can put it in a baking pan that is slightly larger than the mat which will make it harder for them to lift up.
- Make a designated sandpit area for your dog to pursue their natural canine instinct to dig. Partially bury some of your dog's toys or treats then let them dig up their buried treasure. If they dig in areas that are not allowed, redirect them back to their sandpit and block access to other areas.



Enrichment helps build confidence and problem solving skills. If your dog is struggling, make the game easier until they get the idea. Whenever you make a toy for your dog, make sure it is safe for your dog and supervise their use.



New to the Club Shop

NCODC are now stocking Puppingtons Treat Pouches.

Two different designs available - \$30.00 each (including belt)



Pictured: Puppingtons Trainers Pouch

Treat pouches are a great investment for your dog training journey as they enable you to carry treats while keeping your hands free. It also allows you easy access to treats so that you can rapidly reward your dog.

CANTEEN FACILITIES



Feel like a refreshment? Pop on over to our Club Canteen and see the lovely Yvonne—tea, coffee, biscuits, cans of drink and confectionery are all available for purchase.

CLUB SHOP

Leads
Dumbbells
Club Polo Shirts
Treat Pouches

Slip Collars Pigs Ears (\$2.00 each) Club Jackets Dog Stakes
Training Aids
Club Badges

are all available for purchase in our Club Shop.

The erected enclosure is not just for instructors' dogs but for any dog that will be left unattended for a period of time. It's still ok to tie your dog to the verandah if you're only going into the Clubrooms to get a coffee etc., but if the dog is to be left for anything in excess of 10 minutes then it needs to be in the enclosure.

Don't forget to visit our website, Facebook & YouTube pages www.noarlungadogclub.net https://www.facebook.com/Noarlunga-City-Obedience-Dog-Club-Inc-







Monday Night Agility

Come and have fun!

You will teach your dog to go through, over, up & down and in & out of various obstacles including jumps, tunnel, see-saw, dog walk, weaving poles, scramble (A-frame)

You will need a long lead with a fixed collar Please bring some soft food treats, eg fritz, cheese, cooked chicken

\$2.00 per dog (with current membership)



SET UP 6.00 PM

Agility Trialling—All classes CLASSES FROM 6.45 PM—7.30 PM

Variety of novice, excellent & master level agility and jumping courses for those competing or ready to compete

Intermediate (Pre-Trialling Class) CLASSES FROM 7.45 PM—8.30 PM

Instructors teaching correct and safe use of the equipment and basic course handling

All handlers to help with pack up at end of session.

Agility Starters

Agility Starters is run on a monthly intake system. Dogs must be at least 12 months of age and have graduated from Basic Training

Bookings required

To register, contact Head Agility Instructor, Mel:

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"It's okay, my dog is friendly ..." No, it's NOT okay!

Just because your dog is friendly, doesn't mean all dogs are. Some may be nervous, reactive, fearful, in training or owned by people who want to be left alone.

Please remember:

Respect other owners and their dogs and their need for space.

Never let your dog run up to a dog on leash.

Not all dogs want the added attention or intrusion. If you have no voice control over your dog, then keep them on leash.

