

On Four Paws



Autumn 2022



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.

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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 Intermediate (Obedience)
10.00am—10.30am	Puppies Social Class Pre-Trialling

Monday Nights

6.00 pm	Equipment Setup
6.45 pm—7.30 pm	Agility Trialling—All Classes
7.45 pm—8.30 pm	Intermediate (Agility)

*Note: To enquire in relation to Agility Starters, please email Chloe Threadgold on Chloe.threadgold@gmail.com. Dogs must be at least 6 months of age and have graduated from Intermediate Class (Obedience).

Wednesday Nights

7.00 pm—7.30 pm	Puppies Beginners
7.45 pm—8.15 pm	New Members Intermediate (Obedience) 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)
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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)
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Public Holidays	Sunday & Monday if a public holiday is a Monday Any other public holidays
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Please refer to our website (noarlungadogclub.net) or Facebook page for updates

NCODC INSTRUCTORS

HEAD INSTRUCTOR

Vacant

ASSISTANT HEAD INSTRUCTOR

Vacant

INSTRUCTORS—OBEDIENCE

Pam Davis	Heather O'Brien	Megan Behrendt
Karen McFarlane	Kym McFarlane	Unetta Shugg
Robyn van der Linden	Cathy Miller	Aspiring
Maureen Bishop	Karen Mort	Becca Everest

INSTRUCTORS—AGILITY

Mel Maiolo	Chloe Threadgold
Melissa Jolley	Sharon Gahan
Michelle Chapman	Marie Warming
Sophie Wright	

INSTRUCTORS—RALLY OBEDIENCE

Vacant

CLUBROOMS

CANTEEN – Yvonne Hardwick

*Our Club consists of Volunteer Instructors, Committee & Helpers!
Any help you can give is always appreciated*

2022 COMMITTEE & MEMBERSHIP FEES

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TRIAL RECORDS	Chloe Threadgold (Agility) Brigitte Kepler (Obedience/Rally)
EDITOR	Cathy Miller

2022 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Joining Fee \$20.00

Annual Membership Fee

Single \$20.00

Double/Family \$30.00

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

Tricks \$2.00 per dog

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HEAD AGILITY INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT

Hi all, my name is Chloe Threadgold and I am taking on the task of Head Agility instructor for 2022. I have been competing in agility for about 12 years now. It started out as something fun to keep my family dog fit and has grown from there and I have now competed with 4 dogs. Currently I am competing with my rescue Koolie, Darcy, a fun loving fast blue merle boy who loves his agility and herding.

I decided to take on this appointment to share my handling experience and love of agility with others so they too can build their bond with their best mate and inspire them to improve their handling techniques and have fun doing it. I am excited about some new initiatives happening in 2022 to push our competitors to the next level. We also have a few in our classes that are just having a ball giving their dog something new to learn and challenge themselves.

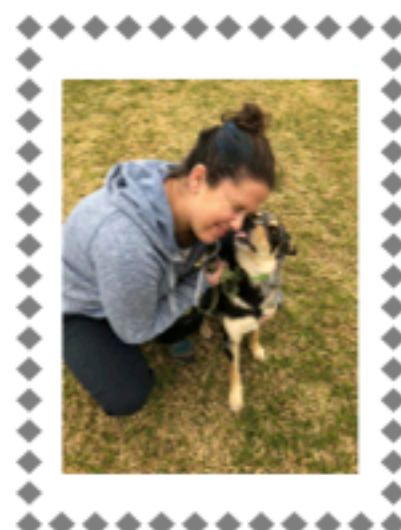
The instructing team, which I have dubbed the magnificent M's (Michelle Chapman, Melissa Jolley, Mel Maiolo and Marie Warming) are excited for 2022. I thank them for continuing on this year to share their knowledge and support the Club. Thanks for volunteering your time team.

Agility is suitable for all dogs, providing they are in fit condition, to enjoy. Keep an eye out on the Club Facebook page for information about our new starter intakes throughout the year. We structure it this way so that we can provide group learning to those at a similar level which includes agility safety, introduction to equipment and agility handling homework.

Not sure what agility is about? Come out and see our dogs in action at our upcoming trial held on April 3 at the Club grounds.

The newsletter editor asked for a photo and in trying to find one I have realised that Darcy isn't inclined to stay still long to be in a photo! He much prefers the action shot! Here are some of us having a ball at the Riverland trials (it was colour your hair to match your dog day).

Chloe Threadgold



NEW MEMBERS: FEB 2022

We extend a warm welcome to all our new Members:

Sally Schild & Basil

Samantha Gross & Bruno Andre & Paco

Libby Colyer & Ettie

Leanne & Jemma Mattsson & Louie

Madeleine Whetstone & Mikey

Emma Hassam & Liam & Ava Warne & Finn

Julie Hocking & Halle

Sophia & Tim Gfrerer & Nola

Robyn & Brooke Mitchell-Porteous & Chester

Sam, Bailey & Alix Kuijpers & Sidney

Hailie Spakianos & Missy

Jane Tyler & Chayce

Raechel Norton & Cosmo

Mick & Erika Pech & Gus

Peter Stevens & Sean Patterson & Moose

Rebecca Greenwood & Astrid Caller & Parvo

Heather Saint & Sammy & Raxel

Liam O'connor & Caitlin Walter & Luna

Mike & Dani Duffield & Kirra

Lynette & Anthony Entwistle & Eva

Jenn & Martyn England & Simba

Graham Pilbeam & Daisey

Luke Williams & Elton

Mark & Lisa Gent & Lexi

Annette & Justin Monsoor & Ruby

Melissa Jarmyn & Sonic



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 \$2.00 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

GRADUATIONS

Congratulations to all our Graduates!

PUPPIES

20/02/2022 Teresa Park & Bella
20/02/2022 Jess Hann & Willow
06/03/2022 Sophia Gfrerer & Nola

BEGINNERS

27/02/2022 Libby Colyer & Ettie

INTERMEDIATE (formerly BASIC TRAINING)

27/02/2022 Shannon & Korra
16/02/2022 Heather Gibb & Maudie
16/02/2022 Tracey Chesterman & Tar
06/03/2022 Cristina Tiedje & Pepper
06/03/2022 Lorraine Moore & Harley

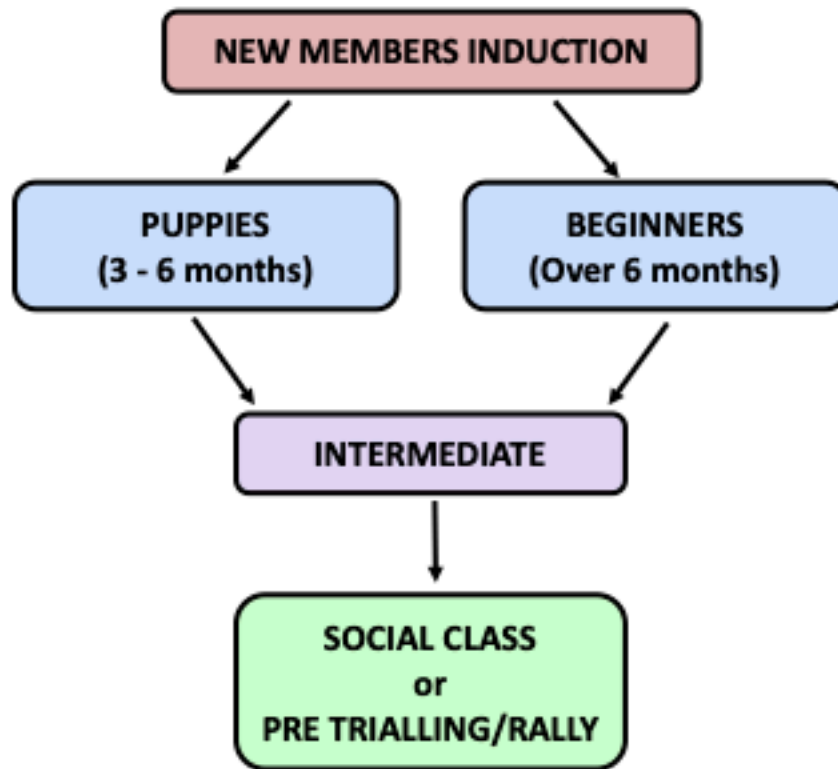
SOCIAL (TRAINED DOG)

Terrie Hateley & Honey
Nevin Christophers & Ollie

DOGS OF THE MONTH

Sophia Gfrerer & Nola

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 **Intermediate Class** which further develops these skills to a more advanced level, and introduces some new exercises.

On graduating from the Intermediate Class, 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.

INTERMEDIATE 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.

Intermediate 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.

**** NEW TO NCODC ****

TRICK DOG CLASS

7.30—8.15 pm fortnightly on a Thursday (see dates below)

Open to members who have graduated Puppy/Beginner Obedience Class



Learn tricks for fun or competition
Ring Practice for Trick Dog Tests



Current NCODC membership required—please wear your badge
Class Fee: \$2.00 per dog

2022 Class Schedule:

Thursday, 17 February
Thursday, 3 March
Thursday, 17 March
Thursday, 31 March
Thursday, 14 April
Thursday, 28 April
Thursday, 12 May
Thursday, 26 May
Thursday, 9 June
Thursday, 23 June
Thursday, 7 July
Thursday, 21 July
Thursday, 4 August
Thursday, 18 August
Thursday, 1 September
Thursday, 15 September
Thursday, 29 September
Thursday, 13 October
Thursday, 27 October
Thursday, 10 November
Thursday, 24 November



**** NEW TO NCODC ****

SCENT WORK COURSE

Scent Work is a new sport where the dog locates an odour and communicates to the handler that the odour has been found.

Are you interested in learning how to train your dog in Scent Work? Our Club will be holding Scent Work training sessions which will be run over five weeks with two sessions each night starting at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Sessions are open to Club members only. New Members are welcome at the Club - please see the Club website for Membership details.

The first Scent Work Course commenced on Thursday, 3 March 2022 and continues on Thursday, 10, 17, 24 and 31 March 2022.

The next course will commence in April 2022 and will be announced via the Club's Facebook page.

How to Register:

To secure your place please email Narelle - Kanberchic@optusnet.com.au or speak to Narelle at Wednesday night training. Places will be limited, ONE dog per handler & you must register before the sessions start. By registering you are signing up to attend ALL 5 sessions.

How Much Will it Cost?

The course will cost \$25.00 which is payable on the first night.

What to Bring to the Sessions:

You, your dog (who must be in a harness or on a fixed collar), lots of yummy treats and a small jar so the instructors can give you some scent tips to practice with.

How to Find out More About Scent Work:

The Rules for Scent Work trials are available on the ANKC website <https://ankc.org.au>



SCENT WORK TRIALS

With the appointment of three inaugural Scent Work Judges, Kate Lloyd, Sharon Gahan and Narelle Medlicott, South Australia will be holding its first official trial on Saturday, 2 April 2022.

Scent Work is a great way to bond with your dog and work together as a team. Dogs of all ages, breed or physical ability are able to participate in this sport. When entering a trial, your dog may only wear a fixed collar or a suitable harness with no tags attached. Whilst any length of lead can be used for the search, it is recommended that the lead be a minimum of 5 metres. During the search you can use the lead to guide your dog away from the boundary of the search area but you must not use the lead to give corrections. When arriving at and leaving the search area, you must have your dog on lead and under control.

In Scent Work, you will teach your dog to recognise a variety of odours (birch, anise, clove and cypress) and indicate to you once they have found it. Dogs can be taught to indicate the location of the odour by way of a passive or active alert. Passive alerts include sitting or lying down beside the scent source, staring at it or putting their nose on it whilst active alerts include pawing at the location or barking.

Upon arriving at the search area, the Judge will indicate to you the time frame in which the odour must be found and whether there is an option to perform the search off lead.. You are able to communicate with, and praise, your dog during the course of the search. Once the odour has been located and you indicate to the Judge that your dog has found the odour, the Judge will confirm whether the alert is correct or not. You are then able to reward your dog with food or a toy but care must be taken not to drop food within the search area. If a toy reward is used, the toy cannot be thrown but must remain in contact with you (the handler) at all times.

The four elements of Scent Work are:

- Containers: Multiple containers (between 10 and 15 for Novice) are put in a search area with an odour being concealed in one of the containers.
- Interior: An odour will be concealed within an indoor search area.
- Exterior: An odour will be concealed within an outdoor search area.
- Vehicle: An odour will be concealed in a container on the exterior of a vehicle.

To achieve a title in Novice, you are required to gain 6 qualifying passes, with one pass in each of the four elements and a further two passes from any of the elements. In order to achieve a pass, the odour must be found within the allotted time with no non-qualifying faults.

As you progress through the levels, the size of the search area increases, multiple odours must be found and distractions added. Distractions can include non-food items, food items enclosed in a container, toys/dolls or another person (other than the Judge) within the search area.

Spectators are unable to watch Novice class however, at the Judge's discretion and depending on available space, spectators are able to watch any other class.

If you would like to find out more about Scent Work trials, speak to Narelle Medlicott or Sharon Gahan. Rules for the Conduct of Scent Work Trials can be found on the ANKC website.

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.

Cappuccinos, lattes and long blacks are now available for \$3.50.

CLUB SHOP

Leads
Dumbbells
Club Polo Shirts
Puppingtons Treat Pouches

Slip Collars
Pigs Ears (\$2.00 each)
Club Jackets
Bags of Fritz (\$2.00 each)

Dog Stakes
Training Aids
Club Badges

are all available for purchase in our Club Shop.

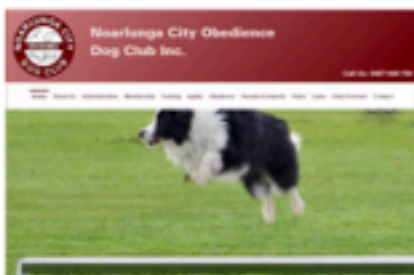
The erected enclosure is not just for instructors' dogs but for any dog that will be left unattended for a period of time. It's still ok to tie your dog to the verandah if you're only going into the Clubrooms to get a coffee etc., but if the dog is to be left for anything in excess of 10 minutes then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

If you use the enclosure, it is your responsibility to check the enclosure and clean up your dog's poo. Bags are provided for this purpose and can be disposed of in the bin provided outside the training shed.

Don't forget to visit our website, Facebook & YouTube pages

www.noarlungadogclub.net

<https://www.facebook.com/Noarlunga-City-Obedience-Dog-Club-Inc->



Could your dog be a blood donor and save a dog's life?



Is your dog:

Healthy and up-to-date with vaccinations, heartworm prevention and worming;

Aged between 1-7 years old;

Weighs at least 17kg (although over 25kg is ideal) and is not overweight;

Has no significant current or previous illness;

Has never received a blood transfusion;

Has a friendly demeanour

Then they could become a life saving donor-ask at reception for more details or visit our website www.sashvets.com!

Small Animal Specialist Hospital

99 Rundle Street, Kent Town

E: infos@ashvets.com

Poem from an Untrained Puppy

My family brought me home with them, snugly cradled in their arms.
They cuddled me and smiled at me, and said I was full of charm.

We would laugh and play all day, they showered me with toys.
I soon learned to love my family, especially the girls and boys

The children loved to feed me, they'd give me special treats.
They even let me sleep with them, all snuggled in the sheets.

They used to laugh and praise me when I played with my old shoe,
but I was never taught the difference between the old ones and the new.

The kids and I would grab a rag, and for hours we would tug.
So I thought I did the right thing when I chewed the bathroom rug.

They said I was out of control, and would have to live outside.
This I did not understand, although I tried and tried.

The walks stopped one by one, they said they didn't have time
I wish that I could change things, I wish I knew my crime.

My life became so lonely, in the backyard on a chain.
I barked and barked all day long, to keep from going insane.

So they brought me to a shelter, but were embarrassed to say why.
They said I caused an allergy, and then kissed me goodbye.

If I'd only had some training, when I was just a pup,
I wouldn't have been so confused when I was all grown up.

Author Unknown

Train your new pet from the beginning and you will both be happier!



"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.



