

# On Four Paws



*Autumn 2023*



### ***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.

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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#### **COVER MODELS**

Wilderblu Mountain Romance (AI) CDX RM TK.S. - Georgie

O CH. R CH Wilderblu Tri Resisting Me RAE TK.S - Darcy

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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) |
| 9.00am—9.30am   | Rally Obedience (Beginners)  |
| 9.15am—9.45am   | New Members<br>Beginners<br>Intermediate (Obedience)               |
| 10.00am—10.30am | Puppies<br>Social Class<br>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)        |

### Tuesday Nights

|         |                                   |
|---------|-----------------------------------|
| 6.45 pm | Scentwork (every alternate week)* |
|---------|-----------------------------------|

### Wednesday Nights

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 7.00 pm—7.30 pm | New Members<br>Puppies<br>Beginners<br>Pre-Trialling |
| 7.45 pm—8.15 pm | Intermediate (Obedience)<br>Social Class             |

### Thursday Nights

|         |                                |
|---------|--------------------------------|
| 7.00 pm | Tricks (every alternate week)* |
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\* Tricks & Scentwork are held on alternate weeks. See Facebook page for further details

## TRAINING CANCELLED

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Sunday Mornings</b>  | Training will be cancelled if the forecast maximum temperature for Noarlunga is 34C or more as per the BOM website ( <a href="http://www.bom.gov.au">www.bom.gov.au</a> ) |
| <b>Mon / Wed Nights</b> | Training will be cancelled if the Noarlunga temperature is 34C or more at 5pm as per the BOM website ( <a href="http://www.bom.gov.au">www.bom.gov.au</a> )               |
| <b>Public Holidays</b>  | Sunday & Monday if a public holiday is a Monday<br>Any other public holidays  |

Please refer to our website ([noarlungadogclub.net](http://noarlungadogclub.net)) or Facebook page for updates

# **NCODC INSTRUCTORS**

## **HEAD INSTRUCTORS**

Megan Behrendt & Karen Mort

## **INSTRUCTORS—OBEDIENCE**

Pam Davis  
Robyn van der Linden  
Maureen Bishop

Cathy Miller  
Unetta Shugg  
Denise Quemard

Karen Mort  
Megan Behrendt

## **Aspiring Instructors**

Darren Hale  
Hans Tiedje  
Cody McCarthur

Sophia Gfrerer  
Tim Foster  
Nicola Parkman

Robert Jongenelis  
Jessica Hill

## **INSTRUCTORS—AGILITY**

Mel Maiolo  
Sharon Gahan  
Sophie Wright

Chloe Threadgold  
Michelle Chapman

Melissa Jolley  
Marie Warming

## **INSTRUCTORS—RALLY OBEDIENCE**

Unetta Shugg

## **INSTRUCTORS—TRICKS**

Megan Behrendt  
Sussan Baldwin (Aspiring)

## **INSTRUCTORS-SCENTWORK**

Narelle Medicott  
Sharon Gahan

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

# 2022 COMMITTEE & MEMBERSHIP FEES

|           |                |              |
|-----------|----------------|--------------|
| PRESIDENT | Brian Fielder  | 8326 5951    |
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|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| Sheila O'Neill   | Darren Hale |
| Charmaine Kenner | Bev Mayne   |
| Taylor Parsons   | Karen Mort  |

|                 |                                     |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| TRIAL MANAGER   | Brian Fielder (Agility & Obedience) |
| TRIAL SECRETARY | Denise Quemard (Obedience/Rally)    |
| TRIAL RECORDS   | Brigitte Kepler (Obedience/Rally)   |
| EDITOR          | Cathy Miller                        |

## **2023 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 INSTRUCTORS' REPORT

Hi everyone!

What better way to start the new year than with not one but two new Head Instructors! We are honoured to be given this opportunity to work together to support not just the Club, but all our members as well. Bring on 2023!

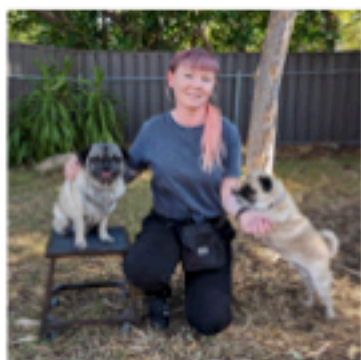
You may have already noticed some fresh new faces around the Club. We are very excited to share that we have taken on 8 new aspiring obedience instructors, one new aspiring tricks instructor and two fabulous new people to run the canteen. Be sure to say hello if you see them around!

Have you tried our brand new Rally class yet? What about Pre-Trialling, Tricks or scent work? We are thrilled to be offering all these classes this year, along with our usual Obedience and Agility classes. Why don't you make this year the year you try something new? Talk to your instructor to find out more.

We will keep this update short and sweet, but we wanted to finish off by saying a big thank you to everyone for making us feel so welcome in our new roles as Co-Head Instructors. When you see us on the grounds (look out for the yellow vests), come up and say hi! We would love to get to know all of you, as well as find out what you love about the Club and what we can do better!

Happy training everyone!

Karen & Megan  
Co-Head Instructors



Karen, Zero & Miles



Megan, Cooper & Ruby



## OBEDIENCE & RALLY RESULTS

| HANDLER         | DOG     | DATE       | CLUB                | EVENT         | PLACE | SCORE |
|-----------------|---------|------------|---------------------|---------------|-------|-------|
| Hayley Quemard  | Meara   | 15/10/2022 | SDK & ODC           | CCD           |       | 90    |
| Hayley Quemard  | Meara   | 05/11/2022 | SAODC               | CCD           | 1st   | 92    |
| Megan Behrendt  | Ruby    | 17/09/2022 | State Championships | CD            |       | 179   |
| Sue Wynbergen   | Teddy   | 05/10/2022 | SAODC               | Open          |       | 172   |
| Brigitte Kepler | Darcy   | 18/09/2022 | State Championships | Utility       | 1st   | 191   |
| Brigitte Kepler | Georgie | 17/09/2022 | State Championships | Rally Masters | 1st   | 98    |
| Brigitte Kepler | Georgie | 18/09/2022 | State Championships | Rally Masters |       | 95    |
| Brigitte Kepler | Darcy   | 17/09/2022 | State Championships | Rally Masters |       | 95    |
| Brigitte Kepler | Darcy   | 18/09/2022 | State Championships | Rally Masters | 2nd   | 98    |
| Brigitte Kepler | Darcy   | 15/10/2022 | SDK & ODC           | Rally Masters | 3rd   | 96    |
| Brigitte Kepler | Georgie | 15/10/2022 | SDK & ODC           | Rally Masters | 2nd   | 96    |



# Congratulations!

Megan & Ruby

1st & 2nd Place in Rally Novice—SAODC 02/04/2023

3rd Place in Trick Dog Intermediate—SAODC 02/04/2023

## NEW MEMBERS: SEPT 2022— FEB 2023

We extend a warm welcome to all our new Members:

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Paula Hutt & John Flynn & Ted                | Troy Spence & Deanna Blesing & River      |
| Matthew Rankin & Karli Vickerman & Vegas     | Ashleigh Barker & Alfie                   |
| Wendy Welton & Johnny                        | Sophie Bammann & Adam Proud & Digby       |
| Peggy Wagner & Bailey                        | Jayne Stanfield & Buddy                   |
| James Brown & Neo                            | Lyn & Graeme Wynwood & Barnie             |
| Natalie Fielke & Lily                        | Vicki Finn & Shandi                       |
| Athol & Ann Maxwell-Davis & Eddie            | Rachel Humphrys & Jackson                 |
| Sharon Chilarski & Genie                     | Renee Roberts & Sage                      |
| Deborah & Paul Hoppo & Arya                  | Dot Hogarth & Rocky                       |
| Chris Burns & Apollo                         | Rosalyn Tinsley & Riley                   |
| John Evans & Jenny Roe & Ruby                | John & Kylie Schirripa & Naya             |
| Ian Miller & Lucy                            | Shelley Mair & Max                        |
| Nyree & Sophia Papoutsis & Ollie             | Sam Metcalfe & Felise Rhodes & Marzipan   |
| Jack Bagshaw & Alana Moxon & Winter          | Antje Dietz & Luke Squire & Rosie & Bella |
| Mario Carbone & Loki                         | Alan & Jane Morgan & Charley              |
| Elen Shute & Rads                            | Shelly McClean & Doug                     |
| Ryan Crowley & Nakoa                         | Zach Ferris & Kobi                        |
| Kerry & Scott Jones & Daphne & Daisy         | Amanda Braund & Dakota                    |
| Ray Housley & Coco                           | Monike & Kimberley Sowden & Maverick      |
| Amy Annells & Cyrus                          | Tahlia Reynolds & Lola                    |
| Che Porter & Kobe                            |   |
| Mel Shrimpton & Bek Cook & Pinot & Biscuit   |   |
| Rebecca Hayden & Damien Staunton & Nectarine |   |



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

|            |                         |            |                             |
|------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| 08/06/2022 | Claire Bergmann & Ace   | 30/10/2022 | Renae Petersen & Bunji      |
| 22/06/2022 | Georgie Lavery & Ollie  | 30/10/2022 | Gaynor Petchell & Lucy      |
| 28/08/2022 | Michelle Smith & Marvin | 13/11/2022 | Chloe James & Rosco         |
| 18/09/2022 | Emily Rowe & Mia        | 13/11/2022 | Anna Yablonska & Denie      |
| 25/09/2022 | Sam Jongenelis & Louis  | 23/11/2022 | Greg Currie & Lester        |
| 16/10/2022 | Molly Haigh & Teddy     | 12/02/2023 | Athol Maxwell-Davis & Eddie |
| 16/10/2022 | Linda Haigh & Bonnie    | 26/02/2023 | Troy Spence & River         |
| 26/10/2022 | Khalil Ztati & Stitch   | 01/03/2023 | Sharon Gahan & Zebedee      |
| 26/10/2022 | Tayla Benzi & Stitch    | 05/03/2023 | Ann Maxwell-Davis & Eddie   |
| 26/10/2022 | Belinda Harris & Logan  |            |                             |

### BEGINNERS

|            |                                |            |                           |
|------------|--------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| 24/08/2022 | Vicky Wilkins & Bodie          | 05/02/2023 | Ruth Bell & Bea           |
| 09/10/2022 | Samantha Chamberlain & Mr Bean | 05/03/2023 | Michelle Chapman & Rocket |
| 16/10/2022 | Susan Constable & Lolli        | 08/03/2023 | Melissa Edlington & Luna  |
| 16/10/2022 | Ellen Beresny & Tara           | 15/03/2023 | Antje Dietz & Rosie       |
| 16/10/2022 | Kim Marttinen & Cleo           | 19/03/2023 | Daniel Marttinen & Cleo   |
| 30/10/2022 | Ewa Majcherczyk & Benji        | 19/03/2023 | Paul Hoppo & Arya         |

### INTERMEDIATE

|            |                            |            |                             |
|------------|----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| 28/08/2022 | Libby Colyer & Ettie       | 20/11/2022 | Bev Mayne & Kevin           |
| 04/09/2022 | Dominique Power & Nellt    | 01/03/2023 | Lynette Skingsley & Luna    |
| 04/09/2022 | Lisa Cameron & Ruby        | 01/03/2023 | Sam Jongenelis & Louis      |
| 11/09/2022 | Melissa Thompson & Billie  | 05/03/2023 | Yvonne Hutchinson & Cassady |
| 25/09/2022 | Elaine Shahinger & Flame   | 05/03/2023 | Ann Stevens & Isla          |
| 15/09/2022 | Julie Naylor & Cruiser     | 05/03/2023 | Renae Peterson & Bunji      |
| 16/10/2022 | Emma Hassam & Finn         | 05/03/2023 | Jill Hoggard & Riley        |
| 16/10/2022 | Morgan Michie & Jelly Bean | 05/03/2023 | Molly Haigh & Teddy         |
| 02/11/2022 | Mike Duffield & Kirra      | 19/03/2023 | Deb Schofield & Harvey      |

# GRADUATIONS

**Congratulations to all our Graduates!**

## **TRAINED DOG CERTIFICATE**

24/07/2022 Greg Currie & Archie

## **DOG OF THE MONTH**

25/09/2022 Sam Jongenelis & Louis (Puppies)

## **STARTER TRICKS**

16/03/2023 Ann Stevens & Isla

16/03/2023 Carly Constable & Maxi

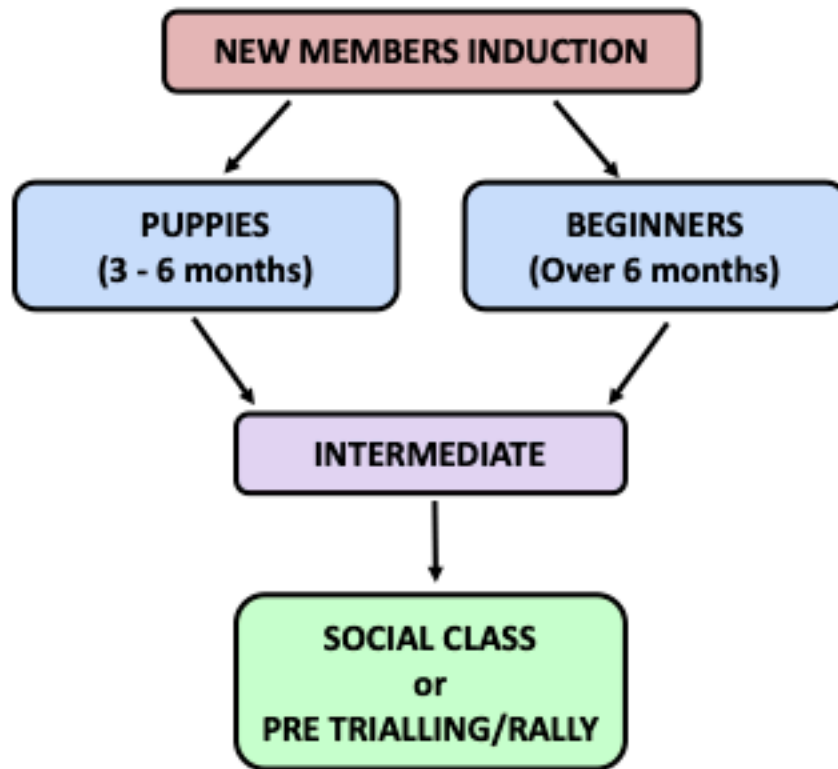
30/03/2023 Charmaine & Elvezet

30/03/2023 Hans Tiedje & Tassie





# 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.

# Training Tips

- ◆ **Be Consistent!** Always use the same verbal cues and hand signals and make sure everyone in the family knows and uses the same cues/hand signals. It can be useful to put a list of cues on the refrigerator where everyone can see them.
- ◆ Think about what words you are going to use for your verbal cues and ensure that you do not use the same word for two different actions, e.g. if you use drop to mean lay down, you cannot use drop to mean drop the ball.
- ◆ Say your verbal cue only once. Repeating your cue multiple times teaches your dog to ignore the cue.
- ◆ The tone of voice you use matters! If you want your dog to respond in a lively way, such as when recalling them, use a happy, exciting voice. If you are asking your dog for a calm behaviour such as relaxing on their mat, use a slow, calming voice.
- ◆ Use praise as well as your food rewards.
- ◆ Fade the lure! Once your dog is successfully following your hand with the food lure, start using just your hand signal and reward with your treat from the other hand.
- ◆ Dogs do not generalise behaviour well! Dogs may fail to perform a well known cue in a new location. Many people see this as their dog being stubborn but most often it is because they do not understand the cue in the new location. Once your dog is fluent in a behaviour in one place, training it in different locations and environments will help your dog to understand the behaviour well.
- ◆ Set your dog up for success! When training a new behaviour, start in a place where there are little or no distractions. As your dog improves, gradually add more distractions by training in new environments.
- ◆ Reward good behaviour! We are very quick to notice our dog's bad behaviour but they will often offer good behaviour which goes unnoticed. Try hiding treats around the house (out of your dog's reach) and, every time you see your dog offering a behaviour you like such as lying on their bed, not jumping up on you, sitting and looking at you, praise them and give them a treat. This will encourage your dog to offer you a lot of nice behaviours without you having to ask all the time.
- ◆ Practice, Practice, Practice! As the saying goes, practice makes perfect!! Train your dog for at least 15 minutes per day. You don't need to train for 15 minutes in one session—you can break it down into multiple small training sessions over the course of the day. Always end on a positive note and leave your dog wanting more.

***“When I'm training a dog, I develop a relationship with that dog. He's my buddy and I want to make training fun”***

**Ian Dunbar**



# CANTEEN FACILITIES



Feel like a refreshment? Pop on over to our Club Canteen —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](http://www.noarlungadogclub.net)

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

