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Chatter Sheet

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An Honour Board of Life Members is situated inside the Clubrooms

2018 SAODC CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
SAODC Night Obedience and Rally Trial	Saturday 10 th March, not before 6pm. Entries closed.
SAODC Double Rally Trial	Sunday 15 th April, 10 am and not before 1 pm. Entries close 23 rd March.

Cover Story:

2017 SAODC Top Dog Of The Year Award

Ngalla Wish Upon A Star UD RA

Australian Shepherd owned and trained by Kiersten Coulter

Photo Hilary Cree

Facebook – SAODC Inc.

<https://www.facebook.com/SAODCInc/>

SAODC now has a Facebook page. This page provides information on important club events and other general club administration details. It also provides us with a quick, up to the minute facility for informing members about training cancellations. We would still encourage members, especially those who are not on Facebook, to check our weather policy on the club's website (<http://www.sadogobedience.org.au/>).

Editorial



Hi there

I've taken over as Editor of the Chatter Sheet once again, (it appears that no-one else wanted the job !) having done it back in the early to mid 2000's. Thanks to Hilary for having edited for the last few years.

Chatter Sheets are produced in even months February to October each year. Members are invited to submit articles etc for the Chatter Sheet, see "fine print" below. I welcome your input, please !

I have been involved in the dog world for well over 40 years competing with my Weimaraners in conformation showing, obedience, rally, retrieving trials, retrieving ability tests, tracking, agility, endurance tests and with my Briard also herding. I bred a few litters of Weimaraners and have trained all of my dogs to obedience titles, starting off in 1973 with my rescued stray "Snoopy", a Cocker Spaniel with whom I first joined SAODC, then my vet's Great Dane; both gained a CD title. I gained Utility Dog title with my first Weimaraner (early 1980's) and am now training my next (hopefully) UD dog, Velvet. I am proud to say I am still learning and loving training my dogs and 5 years into retirement there is plenty of time for that!

Jessie

Next Chatter Sheet Deadline: Tuesday 17th April 2018

Submissions including Feedback/Suggestions/Articles

Can be placed in the green box situated just outside of the clubrooms during training times or by emailing me, Jessie Hughes:

Jessie.h@adam.com.au (preferred method)

(Please put Chatter Sheet in the subject)

From The Editor: Chatter Sheet fine print:

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President's Message February 2018

On behalf of the SAODC Committee I wish everyone, whether you've just joined the club or are a long standing member, a very warm welcome for 2018.



We have so far been fortunate with the weather for evening training sessions, however the hot weather for the morning sessions has led to several cancellations. Hopefully, it won't be as bad as November last year when we only managed one morning training session on the first Tuesday.

The Committee still has a couple of vacancies and always appreciates assistance around the club on training days. If either you or someone you know is interested in helping out in any way please speak to one of the Committee members or talk to your Instructor.

Many new puppies - together with their families - have joined the club in 2018 and started their obedience training. Please remember the SAODC motto of "Kindness and Perseverance", be consistent with your training and do a little bit often.

Christine Koch
President

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The temperature inside a parked car can reach over 60 degrees on a typical Australian summer day!

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Dead in Minutes: Dogs and Heatstroke

Even very fit, athletic dogs can suffer heat-related illnesses during the sizzling days in summer. Dogs with compromised health are at even greater risk. Common sense strategies to protect your pup during heat waves:

Keep him inside during the hottest part of the day

Scale back vigorous outdoor exercise

Never leave your dog in a parked car on a hot day, not even for a minute

Signs and Symptoms of Heatstroke

On an 29 degrees day it takes only 10 minutes for the interior of your parked car to climb to 39 degrees, In a half hour, it can reach 49 degrees. Leaving windows partially open doesn't help to cool things down inside the vehicle.

To make matters worse, dogs have a higher body temperature than people and they don't cool down as efficiently as we do. Your canine buddy is designed more for insulation from the cold than for cooling down. You have sweat glands all over your body, but your dog's are confined to their nose and their pads of their feet. A dog that is heating up can only normalise their body temperature through panting, which just doesn't get the job done under extreme conditions. In a very short period of time, an overheated dog can suffer critical damage to their brain, heart, liver and nervous system.

Symptoms of overheating include:

Heavy panting

Excessive thirst

Glazed eyes

Vomiting and bloody diarrhoea

Bright or dark red tongue, gums

Staggering

Elevated body temperature 40 degrees and up

Weakness, collapse

Increased pulse and heartbeat

Seizures

Excessive drooling

Unconsciousness

If your dog's body temperature gets to 42 degrees or higher, heatstroke is the result. The cells of the body rapidly start to die. The brain swells, causing seizures. Lack of blood supply to the Gastrointestinal tract creates ulcers. Dehydration leads to irreversible kidney damage. All these catastrophic events take place within a matter of minutes.

Dogs at a Higher Risk

If your dog is one of the following, you'll need to be extra vigilant keeping the dog safe from heat-related illness:

Dogs with flat faces and short noses, like Boston Terriers, Pekingese, Boxer, Bulldogs, Shih Tzu, Maltese, Chow Chow, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel – these breeds don't pant as efficiently as breeds with longer noses.

Older Dogs, sick dogs and overweighted dogs.

Any healthy dog left outside in hot weather.

Dogs that are over exercised or are allowed to overexert themselves in the heat.

Puppies.

What to Do If Your Dog Gets Overheated

If you think your dog (or any dog) is suffering from heatstroke, you need to take immediate action:

Move the dog immediately to a cool area – either into the shade or preferably into air conditioning.

Assess his condition – is he able to stand? Is he conscious and panting? If so, offer him carefully and keep offering small drinks of water. A large volume of water all at once might cause him to vomit, which will add to the risk of dehydration. When he seems more comfortable, call your vet for next steps. The vet may want to evaluate your dog even if he seems fully recovered.

If your dog is unable to stand on their own, is unresponsive to your voice, touch or the sight of you, or is having seizures, check for breathing and a heartbeat.

At the same time call a veterinary hospital to let them know you'll be bringing your dog in right away. It's important to alert the clinic you're on the way so they can prepare for your arrival.

Begin cooling procedures by soaking the body with cool water – cool, but not cold. Use a hose, wet towels or any other source of cool water that is handy.

Concentrate the cooling water on the head, neck and in the areas underneath their front and back legs. Carefully cool the tongue if possible, but don't let water run into the throat as it could get into the lungs. **Never** put water in a dog's mouth that can't swallow on its own.

How to Keep Your Dog Safe from the Heat All Summer Long

Dogs can dehydrate very quickly, so make sure yours has **plenty of fresh, clean water available at all times**. If he'll be outside on warm days for any length of time, he should have access to complete shade.

Exercise your pup early in the morning or after the sun goes down, during the coolest part of the day. Stay in the shade if possible, and if it's 30 degrees or hotter, your dog should be kept indoors.

Play in the sprinkler with your dog or hose him down with cool water if he must stay outside and can't avoid temperatures over 30 degrees.

Don't overdo exercise or play sessions, regardless of the time of day. Overexertion in hot weather – even after dark – can bring on heat-related health problems.

Don't allow your dog on the hot pavement – it can burn his paws and the heat rising from the concrete or asphalt can quickly overheat your low-to-the-ground pet.

And of course, **never leave your dog alone in a parked car** on a warm day. Leave him where he's cool, hydrated, and eagerly awaiting your return.

If you see an animal left in someone else's parked car, call animal control or the police. A dog can suffer permanent damage or death in a very short time when left in a parked vehicle on a hot day.

Submitted by
Barbara Richter-Winter



Recycling

If you don't need your paper Chatter Sheet, please hand it in at the clubroom where it can be made available for others to read. There is a copy to download in colour on our website on the membership page if you prefer

New Titles

Club Secretary, Judy Zollo and dog Lily have completed their Rally Advanced title with the following results:

23rd Sep 2017 with Brian Fielder as judge they scored 81 points
Aug 5th 2017 with judge Julie Brown they scored 80 points

Well done Lily CD RA !!



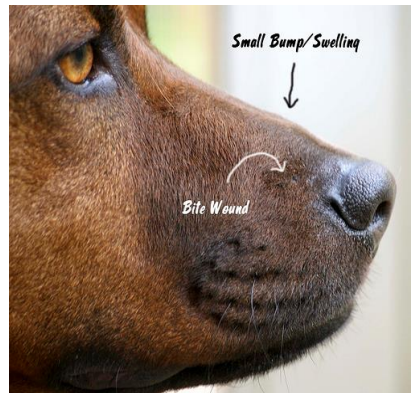
Snakes and Domestic Pets



Pets regularly come into contact with snakes, unfortunately it is not always in the best circumstances and can result in a snake bite. It is important you know what to do if your pet is bitten by a snake and how to prevent this from happening if possible.

Below are signs you may see if your pet experiences a snake bite so that you can quickly bring them to your local emergency veterinarian to be seen.

- Local or Generalised Swelling in the region of the bite (if generalised swelling, it can cause other signs such as difficulty breathing based on location of bite)
- Bleeding
- Extreme pain
- Low Blood Pressure
- Dead tissue around the region of the bite
- Shortness of breath or respiratory difficulty
- Weakness
- Kidney failure



If your pet experiences a snake bite or you notice some of the above clinical signs, you must remain calm as well as try to keep your pet calm by reducing their activity. If your pet was bit around the neck region, remove their collar to decrease issues with swelling. Bring it to your local emergency veterinarian right away so your pet can get immediate veterinary attention. **Treatments you may read online to do at home such as icing, tourniquet, alcohol, sucking out the venom, etc. will not help and ultimately waste precious time when it comes to giving your pet the best care.**

Of course, the best treatment of Snake Bites is prevention in the first place. This can be achieved by the following methods:

– **Solid Fence Line:** This is by far the first line of defence. A good solid fence constructed of either colorbond or wood which is all the way to the ground with no gaps beneath or in between palings is recommended. Another option is the application of a 5 mm gauge mesh called 'Snake and Mouse Mesh' which is available from most leading hardware stores.



– **Short Grass:** Snakes travel through long grass hunting for food and adequate hiding spots. Keeping grass short will remove the hiding places for snakes to move through.

– **Sensible Gardens:** Snakes will hide in overgrown gardens and ground hugging plants where their food also often can be found. Removal of these types of plants removes the places snakes can hide.

– **Remove Excess Rubbish:** Left over building materials, sheets of tin, old plant pots, rubbish piles and wooden piles are great places for snakes and their food to hide.

– **Bait for Rodents:** This removes a food source of most larger Australian Venomous Snakes such as Brown Snakes (all types) and large Tiger Snakes will be attracted by Mice or Rats. Laying Baits or setting traps for these is essential. Bear in mind that these should be set well away from where a pet may be able to get into and digest any baits. Most commercially baits do not affect any animal which digest the target species. i.e. if a dog eats a baited mouse the dog shouldn't be affected by the bait.

– **Snake Deterrent:** There are a lot of product of the market which claim to deter snakes. To date these have shown limited to not effect on deterring snakes. Snakes have no ears and only feel limited vibrations so any sound emitting device could not work. Some trials have been done on scents and in a lot of cases these do not work at all.

Keep in mind that snakes will only stay in an area if there is ample food, water and shelter. Snakes unfortunately bite domestic pets; however this is usually under duress, i.e. if a dog is harassing it, a cat is playing with it, it is stood on. The most common place a dog is bitten is on the nose, neck region or on the leg as they accidentally stand on them.

October Most Improved

<u>TUESDAY MORNING</u>		<u>TUESDAY NIGHT</u>	
Puppies	Sue & Song	Puppies	Jackie & Fiddie Dan & Daisy
Grade 1	Nathan & Speedy Graham & Orlando Marilyn & Katie	Grade 1	Sarah & Ziggy
Grade 2	Jackie & Jose'	Grade 2	Helen & Katie
Grade 4	Alison & Kima	Grade 3	Bill & Bronson Kara & Hugo
Grade 5	Des & Mac	Grade 4	Terry & Sam

November Most Improved

Unfortunately it was too hot to hold graduation for the Morning session in November.

<u>TUESDAY NIGHT</u>	
Puppies	Graham & Billy
Grade 1	Sarah & Fletcher Melissa & Elliott
Grade 2	Sam & Kip Sarah & Baxter
Grade 3	Chrishelle & Benji Cortney & Pear
Grade 4	Robert & Jade Toby & Tilly
Grade 5	Ellen & Monty



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S.A.O.D.C. TITLES 2017

OBEDIENCE TITLES

Community Companion Dog (CCD)

Reetpetite Ella Rose CCD.	Mrs J Hamlyn
Bart CCD. RN.	Tony & Leonie Scholefield
Bella CCD. RN.	Leonie Scholefield
Cadbury CCD.	David Ogden
Bellamiscela Lief On Fire CCD. RN.	Kiersten Coulter
Milangimbi Summertime Blues CCD. RN.	Lew & Rhonda Hylton

Novice – Companion Dog (CD)

Bradycreek Star Stalker CD.	John Rawson
Ch. Bernation Paws For Applause CD. RA. HTM. N. FS. I	Miss Jo Murrell & Miss F Broome

Community Dog Excellent (CDX)

Laugharne Zay Call Me Charlie CDX. AG. JD.	Sue Cameron
Sambinor Silver Charm CDX. Mrs I Nicholl & Mrs Penny MacLaren	
Neut. Ch. Vikeyson Keiko CDX.	Denise French

RALLY O TITLES

Rally Novice (RN)

Ch. Bernation Paws For Applause CCD. RN. HTM.S. FS.N.	Miss Jo Murrell & Miss F Broome
Belgenbeau Rubon Saga RN.	Kimberly Hand
Milangimbi Summertime Blues CCD. RN.	Lew & Rhonda Hylton
Bellamiscela Lief On fire CCD. RN.	Kiersten Coulter
Ngallla Wish Upon A Star UD. RN.	Kiersten Coulter
Bart CCD. RN.	Leonie Scholefield
Bella CCD. RN.	Tony & Leonie Scholefield
Chispa RN.	Mary Vahaviolos
Ch. Belgenbeau Belignoio Big Bang RN. HT. ET. JC.	Leah Bingham
Rennylea Electra CD. RN.	Hilary Cree

Rally Excellent (RE)

Van Russelhof Jump N Jive RE.	Kimberly Hand
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Rally Advanced (RA)

Vanrusselhof Jump N Jive RA.	Kimberly Hand
Ch. Bernation Paws For Applause CCD. RA. FS. N. HTM. N.	Miss Jo Murrell & Miss F Broome

Lily CD. RA.

Scotsdream A Minute In Time UD. RA. TDX. JD. PT. Ann Farndell

Ngalla Wish Upon A Star UD. RA.

Belgenbeau Rubon Saga RA.

Judy Zollo

Kiersten Coulter

Kimberly Hand

Rally Masters

Collieston Rhythm And Rhyme CD. RM. FS. N. HTM.N. Julie Brown

Rally O Champion (RO. CH)

Collieston Kentucky Sage (AI) CDX. RO. CH. ADX/ ADO JDX.

GD. SPDX. SDX. FS.N. HTM. I.

Julie Brown

AGILITY TITLES

Agility Dog Masters (ADM)

Gumhaven Totally Cool ADM. JDX. GD. SD.

Andrew Butler

Agility Dog Masters 2 (ADM2)

Come More Than Me CD. ADM. ADM2. JDM. JDO. GDSP. SPDX.

Kiersten Coulter

Jumping Dog Excellent (JDX)

Ostoja Strawberry Fields CD. AD. JDX.

Sharon Taylor

Gambler Dog (GD)

Gumhaven Totally Cool ADM. JDX. GD. SD.

Andrew Butler

Snooker Dog (SD)

Gumhaven Totally Cool ADM. JDX. GD. SD.

Andrew Butler

Strategic Pairs Dog Excellent (SPDX)

Come More Than Me CD. ADM. ADM2. ADO2. JDM. JDO. GDSP.

SPDX.

Kiersten Coulter

Congratulations to all our members who gained titles in other disciplines not offered at the S.A. Obedience Dog Club.



Best Adelaide walking tracks

(Trail walks from Health Partners digital magazine)

Perfect for pooches...

[Pingle Farm Trail, Onkaparinga River Recreation Park](#)

The Onkaparinga River Recreation Park is full of picturesque walks, and the Pingle Farm Trail is a particularly popular one with the pooches. Pass by historic ruins, as well as the unique Encounter Marine Park - the perfect mix of bushland and waterways for your pooch to sniff and trot their way around, and only a 2 hour round trip (if you choose to conquer it all that is).

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[Tinjella Trail, Kuitpo Forest](#)

Meandering its way through the centre of the Forest, the Tinjella trail is just one of many different trails you and your furry friend can enjoy around beautiful Kuitpo. Start at the Tinjella hut, or off Christmas Hill Road and take it as long as you like (12km round-trip if you're feeling up to it). The great thing about Kuitpo is your pooch can run loose (within reason), unless there are other hikers or animals around, so make sure to be responsible for their whereabouts at all times.

[Walk The Dog Trail, Sturt Gorge Recreation Park](#)

At only 40 minutes round-trip, and with gorgeous views along the track, this is the ultimate dog friendly walk (hence the name!). There are a number of different easy loops around the Gorge, so make sure you check out the others while you're there too.

Weather

Wet Weather: Training will be cancelled any morning or evening when heavy constant rain has been falling.



Hot Weather: Tuesday morning classes will be cancelled if the forecast maximum temperature, broadcast at 9am that day is **32C** or over. Tuesday evening classes will be cancelled if the Temperature at **5pm is 34.5C** or over (as that is rounded up to 35).



You can check by phoning the club on 8223 6626 after 10.00am on Tuesday morning or after 6.30pm on Tuesday evenings - or by checking the Bureau of Meteorology website, following the link to "Latest BOM Adelaide hourly temperature" on SAODC home page (<http://www.sadogobedience.org.au/>) Should graduation coincide with a cancelled training session, it will be carried over to the following week.

SAODC Training Times: February to November Obedience Tuesday Mornings

9:30 - 10:15am New members' enrolment paperwork
New members talk will be held once enrolment is complete.
10:30 - 11:00am Puppies, Grades 1, 2, 3
11:15 - 11:45am Grades 4 & 5, Competition Classes (CCD & Novice)

Obedience Tuesday Evenings

6:30pm onwards: Competition classes ring practice
6:30 - 7:15pm New members enrolment paperwork
New members talk will be held once enrolment is complete.
7:30 – 8:00pm Puppies, Grades 1, 2, 3
8:15 – 8:45pm Grades 4 & 5

Rally Training Tuesday Mornings

9:00am Set up (please note that everyone is required to help with setting up and packing up)
10:00am Start
The class will be at the southern end of the croquet club and is only for members who have gained a Basic Obedience Certificate at SAODC, plus SAODC instructors.

Enrolment: Tuesday 9.30am & 6.30pm. Please bring your C5 vaccination certificate; payment by cash, cheque or bank transfer.

Running late for class?

Please try to arrive 10 minutes prior to your class start time. If you are late see our Chief Instructor who will assess if it is still appropriate for you to join the class.

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