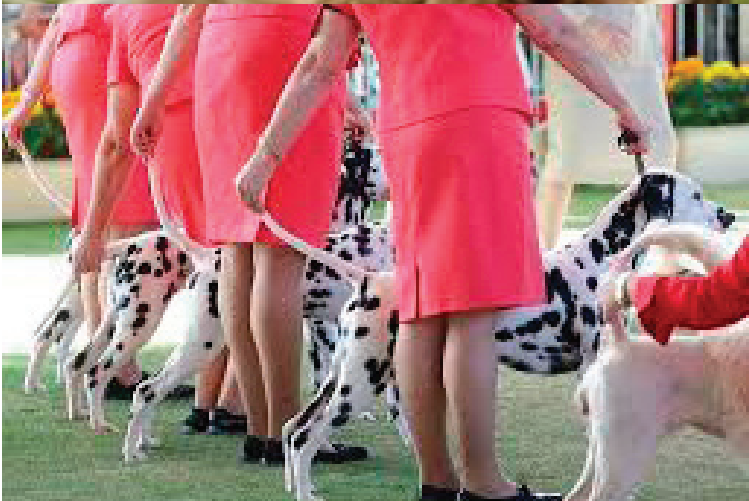




# Blacktown BARK

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**Head  
out to the Easter  
Show to learn about  
a range of dog sports and  
activities - from Breed showing  
to Agility, Herding to Police  
work**

# important dates 2015

7th April	New beginners orientation night
25th April	Anzac Day
5th May	No new beginners in May
2nd June	New beginners orientation night
3rd June	General Meeting

**21st June** **Obedience Trial**

7th July	New beginners orientation night
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<b>25th July</b>	<b>Interclub Challenge Match Day</b> <b>hosted by Blacktown K &amp; T Club</b>
4th August,	New beginners orientation night
5th August	General Meeting
1st September	New beginners orientation night
2nd September	Annual General Meeting

<b>19th September</b>	<b>Obedience Trial</b>
<b>20th September</b>	<b>Double Rally O Trial</b>

6th October	New beginners orientation night
7th October	General Meeting
3rd November	New beginners orientation night
1st December	No new beginners in December
2nd December	General Meeting
8th December	Last night of training
15th December	Christmas Party/Presentation Night
25th December	Christmas Day, Merry Christmas



*7 BIG trials this year!!*

*Can you help the Club with stewarding?*

*No experience needed, and your family is also welcome to help.*

*We need just half or 1 day of your time. Its a lot of fun, great learning and a free lunch.*

*Please let Ron or the guys on Canteen know. Get into it...*

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The due date for material for the next edition of the Bark is

**Friday 29 May 2015**

Send your pictures or contributions to the Editor or hand it in at the canteen on training nights.

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# training ground rules Tuesday night

- ✓ Please ensure you have a suitable collar and lead for your dog when attending training. There have been some incidents of dogs slipping their collars or simply snapping their leads. If you have any questions talk to your Instructor. They are there to help you.
- ✓ Dogs MUST be kept on a lead at ALL TIMES unless your Instructor instructs otherwise. This is for your safety, as well as others.
- ✓ Please clean up after your dog. Keep one or two doggy bags in your pocket just in case. Doggy bags can be obtained at the canteen.
- ✓ Keep the equipment clean - make sure your dog does not urinate on the witches hats used for class assembly at training.
- ✓ Bitches in Season are NOT allowed on the grounds. Please leave the girls at home for the duration of the season as it upsets the male dogs.



## Canteen service for you & your dog

A Canteen service is available on Tuesday nights at training. We offer everything from a hot cuppa to chips, lollies and drinks.

There are even treats for your dogs. We also sell leads and Collars. Check chains & soft collars. Come and meet the Team, there is Jan, Ian, Rika & Sylvia. They are friendly and helpful and will help you with anything you would like to buy. Also any Information you want to know. So before or after training come and say hello.



Got any thoughts about how we can make our Club better? Drop a note in the box at the Canteen or tell the guys there what you think! All suggestions are welcome! (well ... almost all)



## president's report

Well the Easter period has been and gone - I wish all our members the very best of luck at the Royal Easter Show.

Our Championship Show held on the 7th & 8th March, 2015 was down on entries with our show competing with other shows at Robertson. Our thanks must go to our Show Secretary, Lyn Mansfield for all her hard work in organising the event and many thanks to Ian, Peter, Sandra, Faye and her sister for helping set up the rings on Friday to helping out on the Saturday and Sunday. Thanks also to Kevin for organising the ring stewards and also to Wayne Mansfield who helped us on Sunday, putting everything away. WHAT A GREAT TEAM EFFORT, THANKS EVERYONE!!

*Our next event is our Obedience Trial on Sunday, 21st June, 2015. So if you could help, please let Jan or Ian know in the canteen. Your help would be greatly appreciated, no matter how small. We cannot function without members' help.*

Regards,  
Ron Probert





## bone award February

Kristen & "Charlie"

Cherie & "Ollie"

Scott Kelso & "Mason" X 2

Johny Walia & "Borris" X 2

Genny McGuinness & "Xena"

Clint & "Buster"

John Gwiazda & "Ella" X 2

Dhrushil & "Shadow" X 2

Macha Mitchell & "Rosie"

Celina & "Milo"

Nicolle & "Narla"

Sally Rogers & "Lulu"

Eric & "Noa"

Rae & "Spice"

Allen & "Meeka"

nan & "Mar-

Suzanne & "April"

X 2

Grahame & "Ollie"

Georgia Bunbar & "Charlie"

Cherie & "Ollie"

Jessica & "Tiggy"

Marcus Cooper & "Peach"

Peter Jeffrey & "Bella"

Sunhil & "Boxer"

Satyam & "Rex"

Jenni Sillick & "Rosey"

Katie & "Kyuss"

Wendy & "Missy"

Lynette & "Lita"

Babak & "Cza"

Joanne & "Penny"

Vince Garzaniti & "Shadow"

Kristen & "Charlie"

Nick & "Jazz"

Lauren & "Louie"

Meg & "Fern"

Simone & "Minion"

Craig Eddy & "Bohdi"

Ronald & "Spot"

AND THE WINNER IS NICOLLE & "NARLA"

INSTRUCTOR OF THE MONTH TRUDY DIVE

## Some Presidential wins!

In between his hectic roles as Club President, ANKC Judge in Obedience and Rally as well as a DogsNSW Committee Member, Ron occasionally gets to actually trial his own dogs.

Congratulations on two well deserved successes at the recent Canberra Trials.

Loyalab Royal Duke CD RA "Duke"  
Owned by: Ron & Jan Probert

27/3/15 ACT Companion Dogs Club  
Pass in Rally Excellent A  
Judge: Mr. G. Field. 73 pts.  
This gave Duke his RE title.

28/3/15 Belconnen Dog Obedience Club  
1st place in Open Obedience  
Judge: Mr. G. Field. 171 points.  
1st pass in Open.

Driftway Special Gem CDX RA "Sandy"  
Owned by: Ron & Jan Probert

27/3/15 ACT Companion Dog Club  
2nd place in Rally Excellent A  
Judge: Mr. G. Field. 83 pts.  
This gave Sandy her RE title.



Ron with Duke



Ron with Sandy



## promotions

### WHITE TO ORANGE

10/2 Lisa & "Puppup"  
 17/2 Meg & "Fern"  
 24/2 Katie & "Kyuss"  
 24/2 Jill & "Maddi"  
 24/2 Jessica & "Tiggy"  
 24/2 Lauren & "Louie"  
 24/2 Liz & "Kiera"  
 10/3 Johnny & "Boris"  
 10/3 Nicole & "Narla"  
 10/3 Brunessa & "Zoey"  
 10/3 Marion & "Ella"  
 10/3 Margherita & "Avalon"  
 10/3 Wendy & "Missy"  
 10/3 Melanie & "Daisy"  
 10/3 John & "Ella"  
 10/3 Louise & "Poppy"  
 10/3 Jenni & "Rosey"  
 10/3 Aglaya & "Bazil"  
 10/3 Marcus & "Peach"  
 10/3 Antony & "Evie"  
 10/3 Katrina & "Pandora"  
 10/3 Babak & "Cza"  
 10/3 Matt & "Calvin"  
 10/3 Joanne & "Penny"  
 10/3 Miki & "Jessie"  
 10/3 Stephen & "Izzy"  
 10/3 Swathi & "Ashka"  
 10/3 Clint & "Buster"  
 10/3 Stuart & "Harley"  
 10/3 Brigitte & "Kia"  
 10/3 Sunil & "Boxer"  
 10/3 Nick & "Zoe"  
 10/3 Steve & "Roo"  
 10/3 Alison & "Bolt"  
 10/3 Sally & "Lulu"  
 17/3 Lily & "Guiseppe"  
 17/3 Vince & "Shadow"  
 17/3 Teresa & "Bowie"  
 17/3 Shreyes & Venkatesh & "Snoopy"

### WHITE TO BLUE:

17/3 Steph & "Monkey"

### ORANGE TO GREEN:

17/2 Dianne & "Max"  
 17/2 Debbie & "Calypso"  
 17/2 Genny & "Xena"  
 17/2 Nick & "Jazz"  
 24/2 Evelyn & "Jazz"  
 24/2 Meg & "Fern"  
 24/2 Ronald & "Spot"  
 17/3 Jill & "Madi"  
 17/3 Denise & "Bravo"  
 24/3 Clint & "Buster"  
 24/3 Nick & "Zoe"  
 24/3 Cherie & "Ollie"  
 24/3 Teresa & "Bowie"

### GREEN TO BLUE:

17/2 Mark & "Slater"  
 24/2 Scott & "Mason"  
 24/2 John & "Zeta"  
 24/2 Peter & "Bella"  
 24/2 Lisa & "Koda"  
 24/2 Genny & "Xena"  
 24/2 Steven & "Nucky"  
 24/2 Grahame & "Ollie"  
 24/2 Renato & "Kobe"  
 24/2 Ingrid & "Lucy"  
 10/3 Meg & "Fern"

### BLUE TO YELLOW:

10/2 Graham & "Kelly"  
 17/2 Alroy & "Max"  
 17/2 Georgia & "Charlie"  
 10/3 Allen & "Meeka"  
 10/3 Heather & "Riley"



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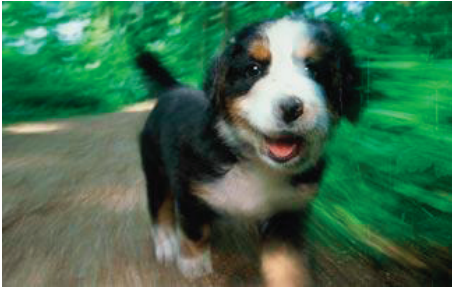
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# 5 outdoor adventures for puppies



## Go for a bush walk

If you enjoy spending time in the bush, bring your puppy with you on your next walk. Your pup will love exploring the trail and checking out the sights and the smells.

Check with your vet first. You'll need to wait until he's at least 16 weeks and fully vaccinated before hitting the trail, since a curious pup is bound to be interested in things like animal droppings and other animals. Also make sure he's fully lead-trained before you head out for a bush walk with him.

Keep your puppy on the lead while you're on the trail, and avoid treacherous terrain the first time. He might tire pretty quickly at first, so start with easier trails, and be prepared to let your pup rest or to carry him, if he gets too tired. It may take a few goes, but once your puppy gets used to navigating the trail, you can get more adventurous.

And in summer keep a close look out for snakes!



## Do you live near the water? You can take your pup on a boat ride!

Swimming in the open water isn't the best idea for a pup, since he may tire easily and the water might be contaminated. But, the two of you can still enjoy the open water on a boat ride. Check with local companies to find one that allows dogs on board, and pack a bag for the day. With a little preparation, a boating adventure can be as fun for your puppy as it is for you!

Just as you'd put safety first with kids on a boat, you need to take some

precautions when you're boating with a puppy. It may feel a little bit silly, but get your pup a doggie floatation vest, and make sure he's wearing it at all times. Even if your dog knows how to swim, he'll tire out pretty fast, and that can spell trouble in open water if he goes overboard. You'll also want to constantly supervise your puppy while you're out on the water. Keep him from drinking the water, by providing plenty of drinking water. And if you're heading out in the summer, stay conscious of the deck's temperature, since puppies don't wear shoes to protect them from hot surfaces like we do.



## Are you less into floating and more into riding? Take that sweet pup on a bike ride!

Have you ever wondered why dogs love to stick their heads out the window? It's not necessarily because they love the breeze. Dogs experience the world through smell, and zooming past so many different smells can be like ecstasy for your puppy. A bike ride is a little bit slower than a car trip, but your puppy can experience a world of smells on the bike all the same!

Of course, you don't want to have to hold your puppy, and it would be unsafe to just stick him into your bike's front or back basket. You'll need a pet carrier or trailer, which attaches to your bike, so that you can tow your pup as you ride. A quick Google search will turn up pet trailers for puppies of all sizes. If your puppy is on the larger side, look for a medium or large dog trailer, and check the measurements to make sure he'll fit. Once you have your pet trailer, just mount it on your bike, and you and your pup are ready to ride!



These are just some of Animal Planet's ideas. Go to [animalplanet.com](http://animalplanet.com) for more adventure ideas



## Ready for a bigger adventure? Pack your bags and take your puppy camping!

As with a bush walk with a puppy, you'll want to start out slowly with your doggy camping trips, and not involve too much walking. You'll also want to get a checkup from your vet beforehand, since your pup needs to be fully vaccinated. Make sure the campground allows dogs, since not all of them do. Pack plenty of food and water, and supervise your puppy closely at all times.

Even if he sleeps in your bed every night, it's important that you bring a tent that zips completely closed on your camping adventure. There are a lot of new sounds and smells out in the bush, and you don't want your pokey little puppy to wander off in the night!



## If you want an outdoor adventure that's a little bit more low-key, take your puppy to the dog park to hang out with the other fellas!

Not only is the dog park a fun place for your puppy to burn off energy, it can help to socialize him. Your puppy needs all of his vaccinations before he can safely visit the dog park.

Remember: your puppy is probably not used to interacting with other dogs yet, so keep a close eye while he runs around, and don't let him off the lead at first. You want to make sure keep him away from any aggressive dogs or other hazardous situations.

Find a dog park that's not too crowded, because it's easy for your pup to get overwhelmed with all of the potential playmates at first. As your puppy gets more comfortable at the dog park and better trained, you can give him more freedom to roam while you're there.

# cold weather tips for dogs

Brrrr—it's cold outside! The following guidelines will help you protect your companion animals when the mercury dips.

Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet or rain.

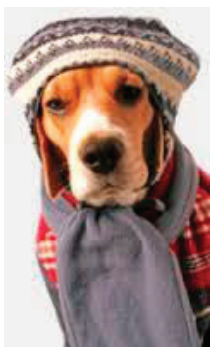
Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. When you bathe your dog in the colder months, be sure to completely dry him before taking him out for a walk. Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. For many dogs, this is regulation winter wear.

Never leave your dog alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.

Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If your puppy appears to be sensitive to the weather, you may opt to paper-train him inside. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only to relieve himself.

Does your dog spend a lot of time engaged in outdoor activities? Increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him, and his fur, in tip-top shape.

Like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol. Visit the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center more information.



Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.

## Entertaining dogs in winter

It can be hard enough to motivate ourselves to go outside during winter, but it can be even more difficult encouraging your dog that dislikes the cold to go outside too. Chilly weather or not, our dogs do need their exercise!

By being creative with your dog's entertainment during the cold of winter, you will be more likely to avoid unwanted behaviours as a result of boredom. There are many things you can do to encourage your dog to come outside with you for exercise, and here are just a few tips:

Use winter coats to keep them warm and ensure the coat is well fitted. You might want to consider a fleece lining to keep them extra toasty! And use dog waterproof gear for wet days.

Increase food intake, this may be necessary as staying warm during winter takes more energy. Make sure you are careful to not over feed however!

If you have tried everything and your dog is still reluctant to venture outside (or you are experiencing extreme weather), a great way to keep your dog stimulated is to engage them in extra activities indoors:

Consider some trick training for mental stimulation. This could be behavioural training or why not try training your dog to do some household chores e.g. fetch slippers etc.

Play games like 'find your favourite toy' or 'find a family member' around the house.



Use enrichment toys such as tug-o-war ropes for physical exertion or use food dispensing toys to develop fun foraging instincts.

Another option for dogs is socialising at doggy daycare or maybe you could plan a doggy play date.

Whatever your techniques are to keep your dog active during winter, do make sure they have good access to shelter and water at all times!



Tips are from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals



And the fun stuff is from the RSPCA VIC





Dogs are welcome in this hotel. We never had a dog that smoked in bed and set a fire to the blankets. We never had a dog that stole our towels and played the T.V too loud, or had a noisy fight with his traveling companion. We never had a dog that got drunk and broke up the furniture.... So if your dog can vouch for you, you're welcome too.

*The Management*

My windows aren't dirty...  
That's my dog's  
Nose Art



DOG  HAIR  
IS A CONDIMENT  
IN THIS HOUSE