



# Blacktown BARK

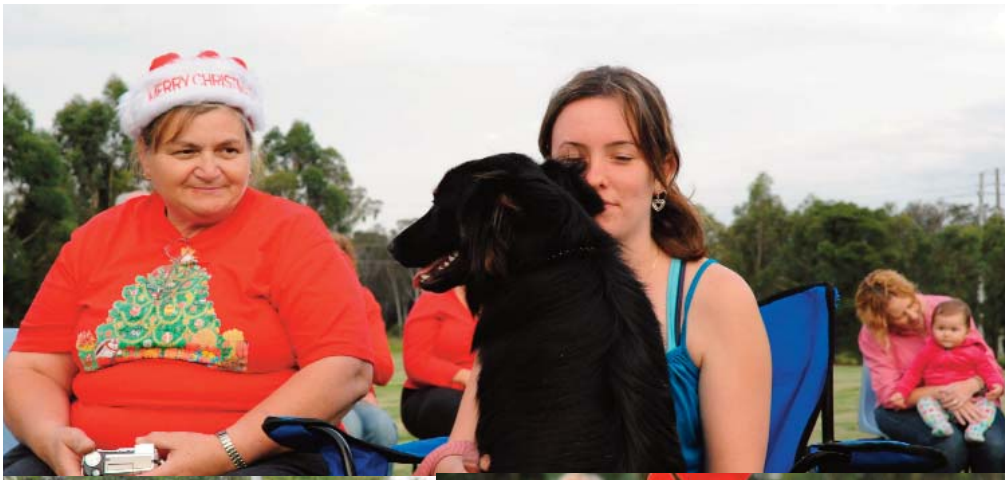
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## Merry Christmas everyone!

So dress up again and join us for the party Tuesday 11 Dec 7pm. Bring a plate and your mate!  
scenes from our 2011 Xmas Party









# President's report

I would like to thank the members of Blacktown Kennel & Training Club Inc for allowing me to stand as President of this great club. I would also like to thank the committee for restanding for their positions on the committee.

Our Obedience Trial held on the 24th June, 2012 was a great success together with our first Rally O Trial held in conjunction with our Obedience Trial held on the 22nd September, 2012, was also a great success.

Thankyou to the many members who came along and helped out at the Trials. What a great effort from everyone involved.

The club has seen a spate of break ins with the containers being broken into and equipment to the value of \$1,200.00 being taken. Members are reminded to watch out, if they are going past the centre for any unusual activity or if you notice any of the doors open to the containers, please let me know by ringing me on 9622 1783 or email:

lovalab@bigpond.net.au, so that I can arrange for the containers to be repaired and made secure again.

Our last night for training for this year will be Tuesday, 4th December, 2012. Our Christmas Party and Presentation Night will be held on 11th December, 2012. So put your thinking caps on for an idea for the "Dog & Handler Look-a-like" competition. Please bring alone a chair to sit on and a plate of festive food for supper.

If members are going away over Christmas, have a safe journey and make sure your pets are well looked after. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and training will recommence on Tuesday, 29th January, 2013.

Regards  
Ron Probert

## Important dates to start 2013

**2 January RallyO training 7pm - all welcome and particularly anyone trialling in Jan**  
**29 January - Training restarts**

## 1st, 2nd & 3rd person to win her RAE title

Congratulations to Rita Thompson as the first person in NSW to gain her RallyO RAE title

This means that after attaining her excellent title for each of her 3 dogs - Sally, Pixie and Bella, she has competed successfully at 10 more trials - and at each trial in the Advanced and Excellent rings.

And she did with all her 3 dogs. A remarkable achievement and a first for Blacktown - as another member was the first to gain the Excellent title in NSW.





# Christmas party

Come along with your dog for a fun night. Bring your own fold up chair and a plate of festive food, to share. Family are most welcome and make sure you bring your dog.

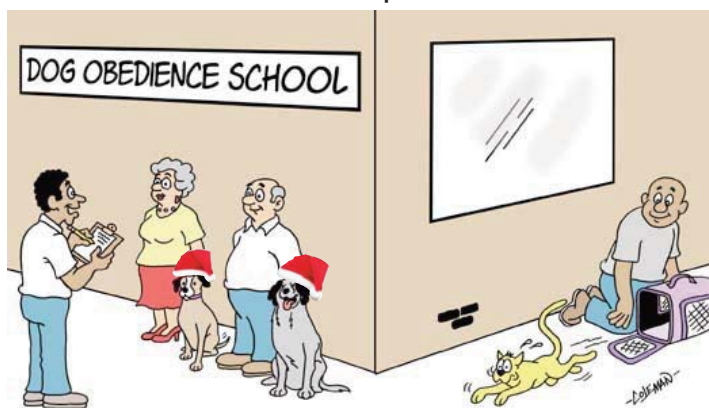
There will be Presentation of Trophies for Title gained throughout the year by members of the club and there will be the presentation of the Dave O'Rourke Memorial Trophy. Following the presentation there will be a few fun games, including "Dog & Handler Look-a-like competition".

So put on your thinking caps for a unique way of looking like your dog.

There will be heaps of lucky door prizes to give away throughout the night followed by a festive supper.

Soft drinks will be free and lolly bags etc for the kids.

Look forward to seeing you then.



"OKAY, ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR FINAL EXAM?"

## & what your dog wants for xmas

### Priority in your life

To pacify you, my dear pets, I have posted the following message on our front door:

*To All Non-Pet Owners Who Visit & Like to Complain About Our Pets:*

1. They live here. You don't.
2. If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture. (That's why they call it "fur"niture.)
3. I like my pets a lot better than I like most people.
4. To you, it's an animal. To me, he/she is an adopted son/daughter who is short, hairy, walks on all fours and doesn't speak clearly.



*Remember: In many ways, dogs and cats are better than kids because they:*

1. Eat less
2. Don't ask for money all the time
3. Are easier to train
4. Normally come when called
5. Never ask to drive the car
6. Don't hang out with drug-using friends
7. Don't smoke or drink
8. Don't have to buy the latest fashions
9. Don't want to wear your clothes
10. Don't need a "gazillion" dollars for college.



*And finally,*

11. If they get pregnant, you can sell their children. <

### A good laugh

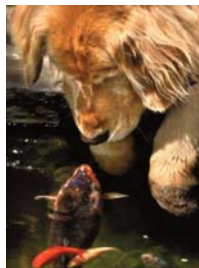


The cat slipped and fell into the toilet



I was pushed....

### A swim with friends



and a big snuggle at the end of the day. May 2013 bring you much furry happiness



# A bunch of horses couldn't do this!



On the 27th October, 2012, the members of Blacktown Kennel & Training Club put on an obedience demonstration for the Saddleworld Australian Dressage Championships held at the Equestrian Centre at Horsley Park.

Blacktown Kennel Club was asked to put on a performance for approximately 20 minutes during intermission. As we were only given this task at such short notice, Barb McKittrick rounded a few members up, & with Maureen Frost at the helm, they managed to do us proud.

Many thanks to Barbara McKittrick, Maureen Frost, Marion Garnham, Jan Baker, Trudy & Ken Dive, Sandy O'Neill, Gail Treister, Louise Patterson, Lyn Mansfield, Meegan Dortkamp, Joan Stewart with all their lovely dogs for a great effort. Thanks also, to Ron Probert for manning the microphone and guiding them through the routine, and Jan Probert for adding the photographer's touch.

The organisers of the equestrian event were full of praise for the fantastic demo the members put on. To our surprise, they donated \$500 to Blacktown Kennel & Training Club Inc. Way to go Blacktown!!!! A great job well done.



## The Basket Case

Oh darn, I'm dejected, my gosh but I'm sad,  
My obedience dog is driving me MAD!  
When we practice at home ... why, he works like a dream,  
Puts on a performance that rates high esteem.  
His recalls are groovy, he "drops" like a flash,  
He "fronts" with precision, what more could I ask?  
The high jump he clears with incredible flair,  
The dumbbell held high as he soars through the air.  
The broad jump's no challenge, he clears it with ease,  
As he soars on high just as smug as you please.  
On sits and on downs, well ... he's BETTER than steady,

Doesn't move one iota, doesn't sniff or get heady.  
But then comes the day that we enter a trial,  
He's NON COMPUS MENTUS, completely SENILE!  
He bombed on the heeling, the "recall" no better,  
And THEN on the "down" he made love to a Setter.  
So then as I stand looking grey as a stone,  
I utter out loud, "Well, he works great at home."  
From the judges' expression, he thinks I'm insane,  
For no dog has acted quite so inane.  
From this I have come to one brilliant conclusion,  
My dog rates first place in the art of illusion.

Author unknown.....



# Farewell Jake

**VALE DYKINTA FARNAM UD 1999-2012**

Jake passed away on 10 November after a short battle with a very aggressive form of cancer.

He was always a very happy dog and enjoyed everything he did. He gained his UD Title on 29 September 2007 and trialed a few times in UDX before being retired. He also gained his Novice and Open Gundog Working Tests in 2004 and participated in a modest amount of Agility and Trcking work.

Jake was a bit of a clown when he was young and, because of his friendly nature, he made many froids both in the dog world and at home.

He is sadly missed by his family and many friends, especially myself and his doggie family Jenny, Star and Brandy. RIP Jake - you will live in our hearts forever.

Lynne Amos



# Sandy & Duke successful at Mudgee

Ron and Jan Probert did their annual trek to Mudgee this year and came away with Sandy's Title in Open with 185 pts on Friday and Duke's first pass in Novice with 183 pts on Friday as well.

Duke's win is particularly wonderful as he has a habit at trials of taking off out of the ring on more important matters and Ron (as the picture shows) is getting a little bored with this behaviour!



# Floyd climbs more heights

Owned by Jenn Gambell, Floyd the Aussie Shepherd, competed successfully ... **and since July!**  
**Herding Instinct Certificate – Pass – Saturday 4th August and Neuter Champion.**

At the Campbelltown Forward show, his last and final show he took out Neuter in class, Group and Show, he has also been very busy gaining his Rally Novice title and 2 passes in Agility 1 in Novice Jumping and 1 in Novice Agility.







Get well soon!

Kingsley from Yellow class - who belongs to Laurie and Margaret - has been fighting a tumour on his nose. We wish him all the best with a good recovery in time for christmas.



## JULY

Toni & "Bella"  
Pamela & "Merlin" x3  
Zina & "Slivka"  
Cassandra & "Beau"  
Brett & "Molly"  
Rachel & "Gemma"  
Hagen Rieck & "Jake"  
Dorothy & "Rocco"  
Caraline & "Sullivan"  
Lisa Farrelly & "Rex"  
Ted Michalak & "Jessie"  
Matthew Murphy & "Mak"  
Lauren Parsons & "Gypsy"  
Jodie Hill & "Picasso"  
Mary Mohr & "Archie"  
Sam Baker & "Roxy" x3  
Kirsten Bartolo & "Charlie"  
Kerriann Fenton & "Dexter"  
Colleen Hamilton & "Holly" x2  
Faye Jones & "Noah"  
Andrea & "Sasha"  
Narele Bowman & "Blizzard" x2  
Suzanne Stanfield & "April"  
David & "Lady"  
Cassandra & "Beau"  
Amanda Ryan & "Coco"  
Lisa & "Rex" x2  
Bruce Murray & "Sasha"  
Ashoka & "Rafael"  
Ardi Momenzadeh & "Bora"  
Gay & "Molly"  
Alan Currie & "Minay"  
Maureen Gawthorne & "Thai"  
John Clifton & "Gypsy"  
Sharon & "Riley"  
Monica Oehm & "Tiger"  
Janelle Sharpe & "Rogue"  
Maree Fenton & "Lilly"

**AND THE WINNER IS SHARON & "RILEY"**

## SEPTEMBER

Greg & "Raffaello"  
Rachel & "Gemma"  
Christine Ward & "Kaiser"  
Alfred & "Benji"  
Marina & "Slivka" x2  
Jess & "Diesel"  
Carly & "Diesel" x2  
Suzanne & "April" x2  
Rose Guthrie & "Pebbles"  
Bev & "Buddy"  
Alan Currie & "Mindy" x2  
Norman & "Ned"  
Tony Rowe & "Gina"  
Ann & "Sunshine"  
Jennifer & "Wilson"  
Joel Bowman & "Hunter"  
Kirsten & "Charlie"  
Catherine & "Bella"  
David & "Lady"  
Jason Farrugia & "Boss"  
Brad & "Soal"  
Amanda Cox & "Grover"  
Karim Habash & "Sugar"  
Troy Farrugia & "Xena"  
Cathy & "Casper"  
John Clifton & "Gypsy"  
Toni & "Bella"  
Kayla Brandt & "Bindi"  
Laurie & "Kingsley"  
Hayley Harkness & "Hunter"  
Niki & "Trevor"  
Donna Jackson & "Flynn"

**AND THE WINNER IS CARLY & "DIESEL"**

## AUGUST

Carol & "Sol"  
Daniel Jenkins & "Gypsy"  
Michael McCarney & Oscar"  
Brooke Zammit & "Sledge"  
Alan Currie & "Mindy"  
Justin & "Ryan"  
Donna & "Archie"  
Nikki & "Trevor"  
Ryan & "Aytan"  
Mathew Picone & "Bow"  
Suzanne & "April"  
Kayla Brandt & "Bindi" x2  
Narele Bowman & "Blizzard"  
Matthew Murphy & "Mak"  
Monica Oehm & "Tiger"  
Faye & "Noah"  
Sharon & "Riley"  
John Clifton & "Gypsy"  
Anthony & "Toffee" x2  
David & "Laika" x2  
Catherine & "Bella"  
Bruce Murray & "Sasha"  
Alfred & "Benji" x2  
Terrie & "Storm"  
Rachel & "Gemma"  
Connie & "Indie"  
Lee & "Cotto"  
Bob & "Shultz"  
Kerriann Fenton & "Dexter"  
Michjael Marchek & "Rocky"  
Justin & "Digger"  
Steve & "Sierra"  
Dorothy & "Rocco"  
Bev & "Buddy"  
Carly & "Rocky"  
Nada & "Medo"

**AND THE WINNER IS SHARON & "RILEY"**

## OCTOBER

Emily Briffa & "Bentley" x3  
Jennifer & "Wilson" x2  
John Queenan & "Sasha"  
Terrie Scott & "Buddy"  
Brett & "Molly" x2  
Natalie Coop & "Austin"  
Kirsten & "Charlie" x3  
Carly & "Diesel"  
Terrie & "Storm" x2  
Greg & "Raffaello"  
Ty Hayes & "Bosco" x2  
Peter Gunther & "Andy"  
Heather Hanly & "Meeka" x2  
Monica Oehm & "Tiger" x2  
Kevin Soriano & "Bruce"  
Kayla Brandt & "Bindi"  
Bev & "Rufus"  
Rebecca Pandelis & "Ziva"  
Cain Taylor & "Dash"  
Leanne & "Lily" x2  
Thomas Ersenhammer & "Harley" x2  
Catherine & "Bella"  
Dorothy & "Rocco" x3  
Kevin Soriano & "Bruce"  
Sue Hyatt & "Roxy"  
Steve Ward & "Kaiser"  
Robert & "Keira"  
Anthony & "Toffee"  
Faye Jones & "Inca"  
Rebecca Pandelis & "Woody"  
Michael Marchek & "Rocky"  
Cathy & "Casper"  
Satyam Roy & "Rex"  
Nikki & "Trevor"  
Nada Ljoloic & "Medo"  
Nick & "Jack"

# Bone award



Him? No, he doesn't want a cookie. He says I can have two.



Rachel Robertson & "Bonnie"  
Hayley Harkness & "Hunter"  
Marilou & "Princess"  
Glenda Clifford & "Phoenix"  
Dohle & "Manni"

**AND THE WINNER IS DOROTHY & "ROCCO"**

# Promotions



## WHITE TO ORANGE

7/8 Brooke & "Sledge"  
 14/8 Prea & "Kovu"  
 14/8 Daniel & "Gypsy"  
 14/8 Alan & "Mindy"  
 14/8 Mervyn & "Jake"  
 14/8 Sam & "Roxy"  
 14/8 Ashoka & "Rafael"  
 14/8 Les & "Wolf"  
 14/8 Hagen & "Jake"  
 14/8 Rachel & "Gemma"  
 14/8 Narele & "Blizzard"  
 14/8 Alma & "Abbie"  
 14/8 Suzanne & "April"  
 14/8 Mary-Christine & "Archie"  
 14/8 Galavizh & "Bora"  
 14/8 Saulav & "Caalu"  
 14/8 Monica & "Tiger"  
 14/8 Jeff & "Chiquita"  
 11/9 Carly & "Rocky"  
 11/9 Alfred & "Benji"  
 11/9 Ryan & "Aytan"  
 11/9 Xiaoping & "Riley"  
 11/9 Terrie & "Storm"  
 11/9 David & Veronica & "Laika"  
 11/9 Donna & "Shan"  
 11/9 Jeyaparan & "Manni"  
 11/9 Nick & "Jack"  
 11/9 Tony & "Gina"  
 11/9 Ziyen & "Riley"  
 11/9 Mathew & "Bow"  
 9/10 Carly & "Diesel"  
 9/10 Sanjeev & "Dre"  
 9/10 Hayden & "Mack"  
 9/10 Emily & "Bentley"  
 9/10 Paulene & "Halo"  
 9/10 David & "Sammy"  
 9/10 Emily & "Lockie"  
 9/10 Leanne & "Lily"  
 9/10 Jason & "Boss"  
 9/10 Norman & "Cassandra"  
 9/10 Ned & "Lexie"  
 9/10 Rose & "Pebbles"  
 9/10 Brad & "Soul"  
 9/10 Jacpb & "Maffie"  
 9/10 Karim & "Suga"  
 16/10 Marilou & "Princess"  
 16/10 Sabine & "Maddie"  
 16/10 Glenda & "Phoenix"  
 6/11 Ty & "Bosco"  
 6/11 Amanda & Dave & "Toovey"  
 6/11 Felix & "Lila"  
 6/11 Rachel & "Bonnie"  
 6/11 Sue & "Roxy"  
 6/11 Thomas & "Harley"  
 6/11 John & "Charlie Girl"  
 6/11 Cain & "Dash"  
 6/11 Greg & "Raffaello"  
 6/11 Heather & "Meeka"  
 6/11 Adam & "Pepper"  
 6/11 Cathy & "Lucy"

6/11 Kevin & "Bruce"  
 13/11 Kate & "Annie"  
 13/11 John & "Sasha"  
 13/11 Ekin & "Roxy"  
 13/11 Matthew & "Romeo"  
 13/11 Terrie & "Buddy"  
 20/11 Sue & "Hallie"

## ORANGE TO GREEN

14/8 Lisa & "Rex"  
 14/8 Keira & "Frank"  
 14/8 Donna & "Flynn"  
 21/8 Kayla & "Bindi"  
 21/8 Natalie & "Austin"  
 21/8 Jodie & "Picasso"  
 21/8 Amanda & "Coco"  
 21/8 Kirsten & "Charlie"  
 21/8 Diane & "Stella"  
 21/8 Gay & "Molly"  
 21/8 Marina & "Slivka"  
 4/9 Cassandra & "Beau"  
 11/9 Jeff & "Chiquita"  
 18/9 Wayne & "Skyler"  
 2/10 Satyam & "Rex"  
 2/10 Les & "Wolf"  
 2/10 Brooke & "Sledge"  
 2/10 Narele & "Blizzard"  
 2/10 Suzanne & "April"  
 0/10 Catherine & "Bella"  
 9/10 Mervyn & "Jake"  
 9/10 Lee & "Cotto"  
 9/10 Justin & "Digger"  
 9/10 Alfred & "Benji"  
 16/10 Faye & "Inca"  
 16/10 Jeyaparan & "Manni"  
 23/10 Rose & "Pebbles"  
 23/10 Carly & "Diesel"  
 23/10 Paulene & "Halo"  
 23/10 Brad & "Soul"  
 6/11 Marilou & "Princess"  
 6/11 Tony & "Gina"  
 6/11 Jason & "Boss"  
 6/11 Leanne & "Lilly"  
 6/11 Emily & "Bentley"  
 6/11 Sabine & "Maddie"

## GREEN TO BLUE

31/7 Michael & "Oscar"  
 31/7 Dorothy & "Rocco"  
 31/7 Carol & "Sol"  
 11/9 Brett & "Molly"  
 9/10 Anthony & "Toffee"  
 9/10 Nikki & "Trevor"  
 9/10 Nada & "Medo"  
 16/10 Beverly & "Rufus"  
 23/10 Janelle & "Rogue"  
 23/10 Marina & "Slivka"  
 30/10 Natalie & "Austin"  
 6/11 Narele & "Blizzard"  
 6/11 Henry & "Yogi"  
 6/11 Gay & "Molly"  
 13/11 Faye & "Inca"

## BLUE TO YELLOW

7/8 Michael & "Rocky"  
 4/9 Dorothy & "Rocco"  
 4/9 Jess & "Diesel"  
 4/9 Andrea & "Sasha"  
 4/9 Michael & "Oscar"  
 11/9 Bob & "Shultz"  
 18/9 Hayley & "Hunter"

## YELLOW TO MAUVE + RED

18/9 Faye & "Noah"  
 18/9 Pamela & "Merlin"  
 23/10 Jess & "Diesel"

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## Club Officials

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