

Welcome



Caroline Springs Dog Club would like to welcome you and your dog and congratulate you for taking the first step into what will be the very rewarding world of dog obedience.

Caroline Springs Dog Club is a non-profit organization. It is run by its' members on a purely voluntary basis. **All** instructors and committee are volunteers.

The Club does not train dogs - we only train handlers!

The Club

Caroline Springs Dog Club conducts training classes every Sunday morning during the months of February to December (**EXCEPT HOLIDAY WEEKENDS**).

Here we use colours to denote the class.

Times of classes are

Puppy class	10-45 to 11-40am.
Class Red and Blue	9-30 to 10-30 am.
Class Yellow and Green	10-45 to 11-40 am.

New Members are Welcome any Sunday of the Month with their dogs. On the first day new members go through our Introduction Class, which shows the new members around the classes and through the rules and basic obedience. If you have already taken part in any obedience training please let us know so that you can be assessed and join the appropriate class.

We accept ALL breeds of dogs from 8 weeks of age as long as they are up to date with vaccinations. Any concerns please check with your vet. The club does not discriminate between pure breed (pedigree) and cross breed (associate) dogs.

The Membership Fees are \$50 family and \$40 single. Training fees are \$3 per dog per lesson.

We encourage **ALL members of the family** to participate in **ALL** Club activities.

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Rules of the Club

As with all organizations, Caroline Springs Dog Club has laid down certain basic rules for day-to-day activities of the Club. We thank you in anticipation for observing the following:

- 1) Name tags must be worn during training and returned following the completion of class.
- 2) ALL dogs over the age of 3 months **must** be registered with a local council and registration numbers (along with your receipt) are to be supplied to the Club each year.
- 3) Current vaccination certificates **must** be produced every 12 months when due. You will be reminded each year when your dogs' vaccination is due. **NO DOG** will be allowed to train unless it is fully vaccinated. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- 4) Bitches in season are not permitted to attend training.
- 5) Dogs are to be kept on lead at ALL times unless told by the Instructor to remove leads.
- 6) If **YOUR** dog soils the ground **YOU** are to remove faeces immediately using the utensils provided. There are many diseases caused by dog faeces that remain on and in the ground for long periods. Children and Adults use this ground at other times, so think of others, and clean up after your dog.
- 7) No smoking in class.
- 8) No fighting of **DOGS** (or **HANDLERS**), **NO** Hitting or otherwise abusing dogs. (Offenders will be reported to the Committee). If handlers continue to abuse their animals then they will be asked to leave the club.
- 9) Any dog that is considered a threat, despite handlers' correction, may be required to wear a **MUZZLE** if deemed necessary by the Instructor. The muzzle will remain on until the Chief Instructor advises otherwise. If you are asked to apply a muzzle, do not think that you have failed. The muzzle can be a very effective aid to correcting anti-social behaviour in dogs.
- 10) Bring your dog's water bowl to training this lessens the chance of spreading communicable ailments such as **KENNEL COUGH**. If you or your dog tires during training, ask the Instructor if you may be excused from class to have a rest. You may re-enter the class later on. Handlers will be asked to remove sick dogs from class if asked by an instructor.
- 11) Everyone is welcome down to the club but you can only participate in the class if you are training a dog, children are welcome to watch but from the side lines unless they are also training a dog.
- 12) Please remain off the agility equipment unless being supervised by an agility instructor.
- 13) We are not a babysitting service. It is your responsibility to be aware of your children during class. We do not take any responsibility for them if they are injured whilst you are training.

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Clothing

Over the years it has been proven that loose and noisy clothing tends to distract your dog and other people dogs making it difficult to hear the Instructor.

May we suggest the following attire:

- a) Slacks or Jeans.
- b) Jumpers or T-shirts and/or windcheater.
- c) Lace up shoes or boots. If you wish to wear gumboots during training ensure they do not flip-flop causing a distraction for your dog. Open toed shoes or thongs are not advised.
- d) Waterproof Jackets (these should be done up) in inclement weather. Long coats should be avoided, as they tend to flap in the dogs face.
- e) In hot weather make sure you wear a hat and apply sun cream.

Members Fun Days

During the year Caroline Springs Dog Club will run MEMBERS competitions fun days. At these competitions you may compete against other members at the same achievement level.

Facebook page: if you would like to join us on Facebook please send through a request to Caroline Springs Dog Club. This is purely a social page for members to share articles and jokes and the committee to post events and notices about the club. It is not an advertising page, so we ask that members respect our request not to put up advertising, unless it has been previously approved by the committee.

Website: We have relaunched our website. We will have important information on the website as well as photos, fun facts etc. We can be found at carolinespringsdogclub.org