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From The Editor

After a break with the cold weather hopefully now behind us, we step back onto the field for another great season of training both you and your fur baby.

Our Club Christmas Tea is coming up, so please keep an eye on our facebook page for updates as to time and place. You are all invited to attend. This is always a great way to mingle socially with your fellow trainers.

Our trainers are here to help both of you so please take advantage of their wealth of knowledge and experience. If you have any concerns, please speak to them.

We do have our AGM coming up on 20th November. Please keep this date locked in. If you feel that you have something to offer your club, please completed the nomination form that is email out to you, or ask a committee member for one, and hand in to Sade or one of our current committee members. Remember, NO COMMITTEE, NO CLUB!

Hope you all enjoyed your break and we look forward to seeing you all each week!

Please take note of our club page which has some important dates and further club details on it. Hope you have all checked out the photos on our facebook page.

Here is the link if you have not followed us yet.

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

Our club is increasing to gain some great sponsorship and support from around our town, of which there will be more to come, so please get behind these great businesses and lets support them and show our appreciation.

If you have any suggestions for further inclusion in our newsletter or facebook, please contact me via either facebook or email at jcook017@gmail.com.

See you all around the grounds

Jodie & Ted





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Beginners- John

Grade 1 – Andrew

Grade 2 – Ian/Dave

Grade 3 – Gail

Grade 4 – Paul

Grade 5 – Paul

Trial – Ros



Graduations

June



Puppies:

Pam & Kira

Grade 2 to Grade 3:

Chelsea & Pumpkin

Paddy & Soli

Grade 3 to Grade 4:

Dave & Coco

Grade 4 to Grade 5:

Sandi & Bess



October

Puppies:

Rhonda & Gracie

Barbara & Opal

Deanne & Evie

Ann & Monty

Monique & Bowser

Catherine & Alfie

Beginners to Grade 1:

Satu & Reef

Grade 1 to Grade 2:

Gail & Nyah

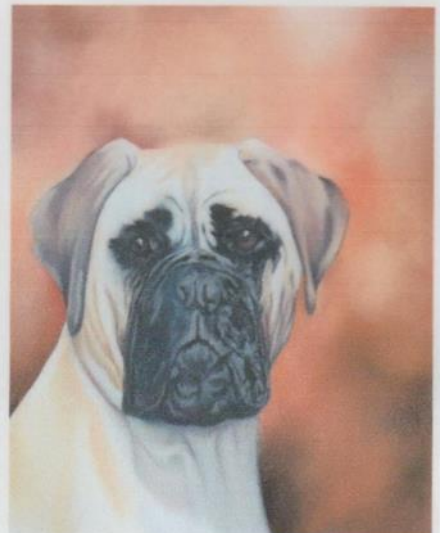
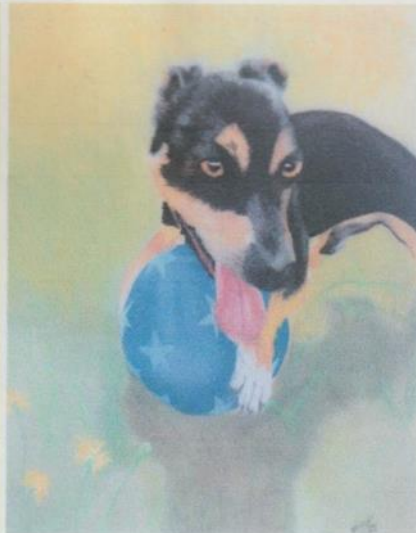
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Lisa & Cleo

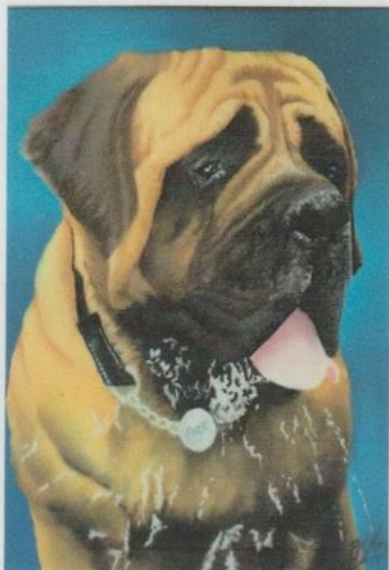
Rebecca & Marlo

Karen & Teddy





Pet Paw-traits By Penelope McKay



Penelope J McKay - Fine Art & Photograph

It really is so much fun creating pet paw-traits for people so they can have a forever treasured memory of their fur baby. It is also very rewarding to have a gift that can be shared with others and bring great joy.

All Pet Paw-traits are completed in soft pastels and start \$125 (A4). All pet portraits are mounted only. Additional framing can be organised through a local professional framer. All I need to complete your treasured memory is a couple of great photos.

All enquiries should be directed to Penny on 0421 331 305 or by emailing penelopejean59@optusnet.com.au

Club News

A gentle reminder, when arriving at the grounds, please sign in and move away from the entrance area. This avoids any unrest between other dogs. Also please avoid the area where any class is in progress.

Don't forget to join our facebook page!! Lots of pictures and funnies to keep you all amused.

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

**A huge
welcome
to our
many new
members!**

**Hope you
enjoy your
training**

Our AGM is fast approaching. Please come along on November 20th after training.

Come along and join the committee if you wish to have a say in your club.

Nominations are being emailed out to you all.

*A reminder that
membership fees
were due on 1st
October 2023*



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Border Collie

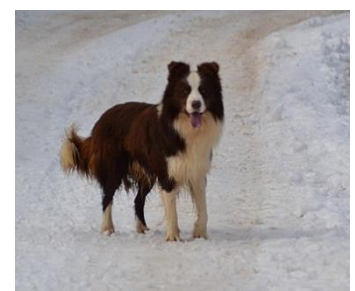
Border Collies are, on average, medium-sized dogs with a moderate amount of [coat](#), which is often thick and prone to shedding. They have a [double coat](#) that varies from smooth to rough and is occasionally curled. While black and white is the most common colouring of the Border Collie, the breed appears in just about any colour and pattern known to occur in dogs. Some of these include black tricolour (black/tan/white), liver and white, and red tricolour (red/tan/white) which have also been seen regularly, and other colours such as blue, lilac, red [merle](#), blue merle, [brindle](#), and Australian red (also known as [ee](#) red, blonde, recessive red, or gold) which is seen less frequently. Some border collies may also have single-colour coats.

Eye colour varies from brown to green, and occasionally [eyes of differing colour](#) occur; this is usually seen with merles. This trait is known as heterochromia. The ears of the border collie are also variable — some have fully erect ears, some fully dropped ears, and others semi-erect ears (similar to those of the [rough collie](#)). Although working border collie handlers sometimes have superstitions about the appearance of their dogs (handlers may avoid mostly white dogs due to the unfounded idea that sheep will not respect a white or almost all white dog).

Border Collies require considerably more daily physical exercise and mental stimulation than many other breeds. The border collie is widely considered to be the most [intelligent](#) dog breed. The border collie ranks 1st in [Stanley Coren's *The Intelligence of Dogs*](#), being part of the top 10 brightest dogs. Although the primary role of the border collie is to herd livestock, the breed is becoming increasingly popular as a companion animal.

In this role, due to their working heritage, border collies are very demanding, playful, and energetic. They thrive best in households that can provide them with plenty of play and exercise, either with humans or other dogs. Due to their demanding personalities and need for mental stimulation and exercise, many border collies develop problematic behaviours in households that are not able to provide for their needs. They are infamous for chewing holes in walls and furniture, and for destructive scraping and hole digging, due to boredom. Border collies may exhibit a strong desire to herd, a trait they may show with small children, cats, and other dogs. The breed's herding trait has been deliberately encouraged, as it was in the dogs from which the border collie was developed, by selective breeding for many generations. However, being eminently trainable, they can live amicably with other pets if given proper socialisation training.

The natural life span of the border collie is between 12 and 15 years, with an average lifespan of 12 years and the ability to live up to 18 years. The median longevities of breeds of similar size are usually 12 to 13 years.



A Guide To Snake Bites On Dogs

Last Updated: January 12th, 2023

Signs and symptoms of snake bites on dogs

Animal Emergency Service treats thousands of cases of dogs who have been bitten by snakes in Australia each year. Although there are subtle differences between the symptoms and signs depending on the breed of snake, the main signs of a dog snake bite include:

- Collapse followed by apparent recovery
- Lethargy
- Muscle tremors, shaking and reduced eye blinking
- Dilated pupils
- Sudden onset of weakness/wobbliness (ataxia)
- Complete paralysis
- Inability to control bladder and bowels
- Irregular bleeding from the nose, bit site, mouth
- Discoloured, dark urine (often bloody)

What is a snake bite?

There are many species of snakes in the world, and the most venomous snakes are found right here in Australia. Snakes are unlikely to bite dogs, cats, and humans; however, if they are stepped on, attacked or provoked they may bite, piercing through fur and flesh to deliver often a fatal dose of toxin.

Some species of snakes are classified as non-venomous, meaning that other than mild symptoms and site wounds, they are not dangerous to dogs, cats, and humans. These bite wounds may also need attention at your local vet, and regardless of whether you are sure of which breed of snake has bitten your dog, it is always best to seek emergency vet treatment.

What does a snake bite look like on a dog?

Snake bites can be difficult to identify, as your dog may not appear to be in pain and the bite wound may be hidden underneath their fur coat. Because snakes have small, razor sharp fangs, the site of the wound may only have faint puncture marks (these could even look like a scratch). It is rare to find the bite site as there may not be a bruise, swelling, or redness, so if you suspect your dog may have been bitten by a snake, it is important to take note of the signs and symptoms of snake bites in dogs.



What are the symptoms and signs of dog snake bites?

If your dog is showing any symptoms or signs listed below, seek emergency vet treatment immediately.

- Collapse followed by apparent recovery
- Lethargy
- Muscle tremors, shaking, and reduced eye blinking
- Dilated pupils
- Sudden onset of weakness/wobbliness (ataxia)
- Complete paralysis
- Inability to control bladder and bowels
- Irregular bleeding from the nose, bite site, mouth
- Discoloured, dark urine (often bloody)

A little known symptom of snake bites in dogs, includes an immediate collapsing event followed by apparent recovery and seeming normal. This is a sign that the dog has been given a lethal dose of the venom. For more information about these symptoms and others, read our blog post – [What are the symptoms and signs of snake bites on dogs?](#)

How can I tell if my dog has been bitten by a snake?

A dog's reaction, signs or symptoms from being bitten by a snake can be varied and not appear clinically significant for up to 24 hours after the bite occurs. For this reason, it can be difficult to know if your dog has been the victim of a snake bite. Even the most experienced emergency vet may be unable to tell that your dog has been bitten by a snake based on these symptoms alone, and will need to perform testing with a snake identification kit upon arrival.

If you have witnessed your dog being bitten by a snake, it is important to seek immediate veterinary attention – the longer your dog goes without treatment, the lower the rate of survival. If you have seen your dog playing with a snake, and your dog collapses but then gets up immediately and appears to be fine – call your nearest veterinarian to check if they have snake anti-venom as it is likely your dog has been bitten.

Tony Harrison, a popular Gold Coast Snake catcher, has had his own personal experience – losing two of his beloved dogs to a brown snake. His top 5 tips on looking out for snake activity in your backyard include:

- Noisy birds: heightened bird activity can be associated with snakes
- Dogs barking: excited dogs can be a hint that a snake is present
- Cats stalking: be on the lookout for cats that are stalking ground prey, especially in long grass
- Pet birds: may be agitated in cages and be making a lot of noise
- Dog behaviour: dogs attracted to a particular place in the backyard or clawing at the ground – can indicate cane toads or snakes

What do I do if my dog is bitten by a snake?

Top first aid tips for snake bites on dogs:

- Do not panic, and keep your dog calm
- Seek veterinary assistance immediately
- Phone your local vet and let them know you are on your way (in case they do not stock snake anti-venom they will be able to point you towards a vet that does)
- If it is at all possible, apply a firm bandage above, below, and over the site of the bite (if you know where your dog has been bitten). This assists in stopping the venom from spreading to the heart
- If the bite wound is on the face or neck, remove your dog's collar as the area may swell
- Attempt to reduce your dog's movement and activity

What not to do if your dog is bitten by a snake

Snakes only bite when they feel threatened, so don't attempt to pick up, capture, or kill the snake. If you can identify the breed of snake, make sure to tell your vet, as this will allow them to administer life-saving anti-venom. Try not to over-excite your dog, as this can worsen the effects of the venom due to the adrenaline running through the body. Do not attempt to suck the venom out of the dog's bite wound – if you have an open wound in your mouth and the venom enters your bloodstream, this could be lethal. Don't apply a tourniquet, as this stops the supply of fresh blood to the limb causing major health problems (which could include causing the limb to die).

How do I protect my dog from snake bites?

Australia's climate is the perfect backyard for snakes; particularly in the spring and summer months when the weather heats up. Add to this, Australia has the top ten most venomous snakes in the world.

With the dry and hot conditions prevalent through vast parts of the Australian states, reptiles will seek food sources in places they are not normally found – enter the suburban backyard (porches, empty pot plant pots, sheds, fencing, piles of wood, junk piles and more).

Keeping your pets away from snakes can be difficult, as often you may not be home to monitor them – particularly during the heat of the day. Animal Emergency Service Veterinarian, Dr Courtney Reddrop, offers valuable tips on how to protect your dog from snake bites.

“The most important thing to note is that in protecting your pets from snakes, you must attempt to minimise their known habitats. Keep scrubby and bushy areas cleared and pruned. Remove potential food sources that bring in rodents, as rodents are top food sources for snakes. Mow your lawns, as snakes hide in long grasses which can also make them difficult to see.”



How do I treat a snake bite on my dog?

Anti-venom is the life-saving product administered to pets, and is available at most veterinary clinics and emergency hospitals. Animal Emergency Service has stock of anti-venom at all times, but your local vet may not – so it is important to phone your vet before you visit to ensure they can give your dog appropriate medical care. For more information, read our article: [What is the best treatment for snake bites on dogs?](#)

Dog Breeds Word Search

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COLLIE

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DACHSHUND
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GOLDEN RETRIEVER
GREAT DANE
LABRADOR

MALTESE
MASTIFF
POMERANIAN
POODLE
PUG
ROTTWEILER
SHEEPDOG

New Members

Ann & Monty

Desiree & Wolfie

Denise & Evie

Peter & Donnie

Anke & Jesse

Michael, Susette & Maggie

Harriette & Acta

Angus & Moses

Welcome

Rhonda & Gracie

Rodney & Billy

Barbara & Opal

Jackie & Rusty

Nola & Hachi

"I'd better not eat that"
(said no dog ever)



MEMBER OBLIGATIONS (new member info below)

1. Current membership name tags must be worn in all classes.
2. All dogs must be currently fully vaccinated if they are taking part in our classes or in their vicinity.
3. Puppies should not be brought onto our grounds if they are under the age of 12 weeks.
4. Dogs must be kept on a short lead at all times, except when they are in grade 3 or above and requested by the Trainer to remove the lead during a specific section of a lesson.
5. Bitches in season are not permitted to enter classes or come onto the club grounds.
6. It is the owner's responsibility to keep his/her dog under control at all times and not allow their dog to interfere with any other person/dog.
7. Dogs are not permitted in the clubrooms.
8. If your dog fouls the grounds, plastic bags are provided to clean up the droppings. This is the owner's responsibility. The used plastic bags are to be placed in the blue lid bin.
9. Please do not allow your dog to urinate on the building walls or the veranda posts. If this should occur, please flush with clean water.
10. If you should see a dog tied up to a post or pegged, please keep away from it.
11. Playing or running your dog after class. If your class is finished, please consider other classes or grades that are still in progress. Walk your dog on leash away from the club grounds.
12. Dogs should not be given to children to run around with. There is no way a child could control or hold a larger dog should a situation occur. Your dog may be trained and reliable; however, other dogs may not be as secure.
13. The club's minimum age for handlers to train dogs is 12 years of age.
14. If the estimated maximum for Victor Harbor is 34°C or higher for our training night, then training is cancelled. If a significant cool change spreads across our area before 5pm on our training evening, which lowers the temperature **well below 34 C**, training **will** be available.
15. Current vaccination certificates must be shown at the time of renewing membership.
16. Appropriate footwear should be worn while training your dog. Thongs must **not be worn**.
17. Also please avoid wearing flapping clothing.
18. In the interest of the health of our members smoking is prohibited while handling your dog in class and also within 20 metres of the club room.
19. We do not accept the kicking or hitting of dogs.

New Member Info

You need to attend at 6pm on the first night to allow time for the joining process

(Also, please note that dogs are not permitted inside the clubrooms)

Please introduce yourself to the Club Officials on your arrival –Entry to clubrooms through the front door –adjacent to the training area.

IMPORTANT**–Please note that we need to sight the current **vaccination** documents and any **concession** card(s), at the time of joining. *** A club official will process your application on your first attendance.

You will need to pay the required fees before joining a class.

