

Frankston Dog Obedience Club Inc

JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the latest addition of your jam-packed newsletter.



Even though the weather has been cold and wet, training has been excellent.

Our club competition day boasted record entries and a great day was had by all. Well done to all our winners and a big thank you to all that helped make the day successful. Due to the lengthy time members had to wait to gain results, it has been decided that ring side presentations for each discipline will take place once the entrants have completed their run throughs (more on this later).

Our scent works trial also took place last month, again with record entrants. A big thank you to Tammy and her team for all the hard work that went into the day.

I have just received confirmation that our new coffee machine has been dispatched and will be arriving very soon.

A very big thank you to all our bunnings BBQ team. A massive fundraising effort by all.

Before I finish for this edition, I would like to give a special mention to our major sponsor 4 Legs fresh dog food. This amazing family run business has sponsored all our major competitions for the year once again.

Happy (and warm) training everyone!

-Kim Dearden, FDOC President

Important Dates for 2023 & beyond



Frankston Club Competition Days:

28th October 2023

2023 Year's End

Last Training Day: 25th November 2023

Breakup Day: 2nd December 2023

Annual General Meeting: 9th December 2023
@ 11:00 am

Presentation Dinner: 9th December 2023

Events being hosted by Frankston Dog Obedience Club 2023

Agility:

Saturday 2nd September @ KCC Park

Flyball:

“Let’s Do It 2023” Sunday 6th August @ FDOC

“On the Fly 2023” Sunday 10th September @ FDOC

“Eastside Come South” Sunday 22nd October
Co-hosting @ FDOC

Scent Works:

Sunday 27th August @ FDOC Clubrooms

Newsletter Dates

November 2023- submissions due 31/10

Club Competition Day June 3rd 2023

It was fantastic to see the turnout for all our disciplines including beginners, all the way up to trial standard competitors. Thank you to 4Legs dog food for sponsoring our "Funday". The purpose of these events is to prepare you, as a prospective dog sport competitor, for a trial environment by exposing you to a mock ring, a mock judge, a mock catalogue etc. This is a part of our FDOC Statement of Intentions, as well as our Instructors Handbook - to prepare all members to participate in trial level disciplines if they wish to do so.

Here are the results from our disciplines...



AGILITY RESULTS

Funday 3rd June, 2023

It looked like being a miserable day with rain delaying the start for ½ an hour. Fortunately the weather gradually improved. Our 2 trainee judges put out some fun courses which everyone enjoyed - some dogs perhaps too much!

Masters Jumping

1st Sandra Scafocchia and Milla

2nd Katie Baird and Boudica

Excellent Jumping

1st Mitchell Raki and Dusty

2nd Eva Zubcic and Molly

Novice Jumping

1st Roger Padfield and Maverick

Novice Jumping Not trialed

1st Donna Dinsdale and Nala

2nd Shona Janky and Seiba

3rd Sandra Scafocchia and Bosco

Beginners Jumping

1st Bernie Quinlan and Millie (Pictured)

2nd Willow Vanderwall and Duski

3rd Katrina Turner and Edge

Masters Agility

1st Katie and Boudica

2nd Sandra Scafocchia and Shilo

3rd Geraldine Kisielnicki and Zena

Excellent Agility

1st Eva Zubcic and Molly

Novice Agility

1st Roger Padfield and Maverick

2nd Geraldine Kisielnicki and Flash

3rd Therese Lambert and Grace

Novice Agility Not Trialed

1st Donna Dinsdale and Nala

2nd Shona Janky and Seiba

3rd Sandra Scafocchia and Bosko



Obedience Results

Puppy

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| 1 | Lulu | Juliann Bowe | 1 |
| 8 | Tinsel | Nicole Wain | 2 |
| 4 | Roxie | Diane Gnieslaw | 3 |

Beginners 1

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|----|--------|----------------|---|
| 21 | Freya | Tania McGregor | 1 |
| 13 | Max | Helen Williams | 2 |
| 19 | Millie | Amber Perry | 3 |

Beginners 2

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|----|---------|-----------------|---|
| 26 | Gizzmo | Louise Hamilton | 1 |
| 27 | Freddie | Lani Quirk | 2 |
| 25 | Kira | Ben Xuereb | 3 |

Pink

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|----|-------|-------------------|---|
| 36 | Cora | Kathryn Seirlis | 1 |
| 32 | Bruin | Gabrielle Lansche | 2 |
| 35 | Bruin | Sienna Noble | 3 |

Yellow

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|----|-------|----------------|---|
| 39 | Nala | Donna Dinsdale | 1 |
| 41 | Pip | Bev Jacobson | 2 |
| 40 | Titan | Heidi Olsen | 3 |

CCD

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|----|-------|-----------------|---|
| 42 | Molly | Mark Herbstrem | 1 |
| 45 | Flame | Lisa Retford | 2 |
| 43 | Raffi | Trish Stewart | 3 |
| 44 | Boots | Denise Gartland | 3 |

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| 46 | Tango | Helen Campbell |
| 47 | Delilah | Jenny Pepper |

Veterans

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|----|--------|--------------|---|
| 50 | Adun | Andre Torpy | 1 |
| 51 | Jemima | Jenny Pepper | 2 |



Flyball Results

All of our flyballers (humans & dogs) made some great progress on our Club Comp. It was a fantastic exposure to the EJS lights for our beginners and our team dogs got to pair up with someone they don't usually work with. All of our handlers should be incredibly proud of their achievements. Special thank you to Mailie & Belinda for officiating the day and everyone who assisted boxloading, ball shagging and everywhere in between.

Beginner Recalls Div 1

1/ Jesus

2/ Poppy

3/ Ellie

Beginner Recalls Div 2

1/ Gizmo

2/ Juno

3/ Mylo

Beginner Full Runs

1/ Luna

2/ Zane

Pairs Div 1

1/ Casper & Cobber

2/ Gypsy & Storm

3/ Mac & Kona

Judge's Encouragement- Molly

Pairs Div 2

1/ Sami & Coco

2/ Zeke & Joey

3/ Minx & Riley





Editor's YouTube Recommendation - Kikopup

Emily Larlham is a renowned dog trainer that has a range of topics on her channel using reinforcement based methods. This is a great resource for learning fun tricks or loose lead walking.



Hi everyone.

I will be conducting a new **Obedience Instructors Course** starting the first week in July, there are a few places left.

So if you are interested in furthering your dog experience and learning to become an instructor

Please contact me at the club or bruce@scorpion.asn.au / 0414 612 888

Thanks

Bruce Saunders



Have you seen the FDOC cleaning roster?

Each month, a different group from FDOC is enlisted to clean our club rooms each week. 2-3 people each week need to clear, sweep and mop floors, change bins, wipe surfaces & clean the toilets. This is a quick and easy job when it is shared among our members. Check our notice board for our roster this year and sign up with your coordinator when it is your discipline's month!

Off leash parks are becoming more and more popular and provide an alternative way to exercise your dog without having to pound the pavement. Frankston Dog Obedience Club grounds are available as an off leash dog park when not in use by the Club. Unfortunately, there are increasing reports of accidents and incidents happening to both handlers and dogs at some of these parks so please consider the following points to make sure you and your best friend stay safe when using these facilities.

1) Before taking your dog off leash make sure you have a solid recall. Your dog needs to come back to you 100% of the time, even when distracted by other dogs. If you need help with your recall talk to one of our instructors who will be happy to help you.

2) Don't assume every other dog handler in the park is as responsible as you. Some dog owners are just plain lazy and see an off leash park as an easy way to exercise their dog without any effort. Their dog may not come back when called so be vigilant and stay away from any dogs that you think might be a threat.

3) Entering and exiting the park can be potentially troublesome. Fenced dog parks often only have one gate to enter and exit and dogs can congregate in this area and may cause problems so be extra careful in these areas.

4) Big dogs and small dogs are generally not a good combination. Rough play can result in a small dog being unintentionally hurt by a larger dog, so be vigilant and look after your dog and make sure they are safe.

5) If someone asks you if it is ok for their dog to say hello to your dog and you are concerned that it may not be a good idea, say 'thank-you for asking but not today' and turn and walk away – better to be safe than sorry.

6) Finally, make sure that going to the park is a happy experience for you and your dog; one that you both enjoy and look forward to.

Clare Donovan, FDOC Instructor

More information on free- roam areas in the area is available here -

<https://www.frankston.vic.gov.au/My-Property/Pets-and-wildlife/Pets/Free-roam-on-leash-and-prohibited-areas-for-pets>

Volunteer Spotlight

Grounds Management

What's involved? Setting up and packing up the rings on the ground as well as taking out and putting in all of our canteen displays. We often use the quad bike and trailer to relieve some pressure. It also involves assisting the flyball & agility crews getting their trailers out of the shed and onto the ground.

When: our grounds management team are usually the first and last people on the ground of a Saturday - about 9am for set up and 3pm for pack up.

How can I help? Talk to Albert, Paul, Kurt or Kris about getting involved. They are usually available before our 1.30pm classes.

Committee Member

What's involved? The Management Committee makes decisions on how the club is managed week to week, as well as delegating tasks for club events. There are many individual roles in the Committee and a range of opinions and recommendations is always appreciated.

When: the Committee meets once a month on a Saturday afternoon. Our Committee nominations will be open later in the year.

How can I help? All of our Committee members have an active role in the running of the club, and a list of our members will be available later in this edition. Contact any of them for more volunteering information.



Thank YOU

To all of our amazingly fantastic volunteers in any and all capacities- thank you. All your help is appreciated by your peers and it truly keeps the club running.

Do you want to volunteer? Get involved! We are a volunteer only club that relies on our volunteers to make sure that training happens every week. There is always a chance to assist and it's always appreciated.

Volunteering at a club can be a fulfilling and rewarding experience. Clubs often rely on the support of volunteers to help with various tasks and activities. Here are some tips for volunteering at a club:

1. *Understand the club's mission:* Familiarize yourself with the purpose and goals of the club. This will help you align your efforts with their mission and contribute effectively.
2. *Offer your skills:* Consider what skills and talents you can bring to the club. For example, if you are good at organizing events, you could volunteer to help plan club activities. If you have graphic design skills, you could offer to create promotional materials. Your unique skills can make a valuable contribution to the club.
3. *Be reliable:* Clubs often rely on volunteers to fulfill specific roles or tasks. Be punctual and committed to your volunteer responsibilities. If you are unable to fulfill a commitment, communicate it in advance and try to find a replacement or alternative solution.
4. *Show initiative:* Take the initiative to suggest new ideas or projects that can benefit the club. Clubs are often open to new suggestions and fresh perspectives.
5. *Work well with others:* Clubs are typically made up of a group of individuals working towards a common goal. Be respectful and cooperative with other volunteers and club members. Collaborate effectively and be open to feedback.



6. *Follow club rules and policies:* Familiarize yourself with the club's rules and policies, and adhere to them. This includes any safety protocols, code of conduct, or confidentiality requirements.

7. *Have a positive attitude:* Volunteering can sometimes be challenging, but maintaining a positive attitude can make a big difference. Show enthusiasm, be flexible, and be willing to take on new tasks or challenges.

8. *Respect diversity and inclusivity:* Clubs often have diverse membership, including individuals from different backgrounds, cultures, and identities. Be inclusive and respectful towards all members, and contribute to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment.

9. *Communicate effectively:* Good communication is key to successful volunteering. Keep lines of communication open with other volunteers, club members, and club leadership. Ask questions, seek clarifications, and offer suggestions or feedback in a respectful manner.

10. *Take care of yourself:* Finally, remember to take care of yourself while volunteering. Pace yourself, manage your time effectively, and prioritize self-care to avoid burnout.

Volunteering at a club can be a fulfilling and enriching experience. By following these tips, you can make a positive contribution to the club and help it achieve its goals. Remember to communicate, collaborate, and have a positive attitude, and you'll likely have a rewarding experience while volunteering at the club.

FDOC Cleaning Roster 2023

Thank you to all those that have volunteered their time to assist with cleaning so far this year. **As a reminder, all roles in our club are volunteer roles and will remain that way.**

July - Agility

August - Flyball

September - Obedience

October - Flyball

November - Agility



Scan Cards - How & Why?

All of our members have a *unique* QR code in our administration system that allows them to register their attendance at the kiosk each week. This register allows us to monitor numbers on a weekly basis, which is also used for trophy applicants at the end of year presentations to ensure the recipients are active club members. When you scan in, it will also flag with either a “membership recognised” or “membership not recognised” just after the scan - this is to let you know if your membership is *currently financial or not*.

Let's scan in together ...

1. Make sure your scan card is saved on your phone or printed clearly.
2. Turn your phone brightness UP so it is easier for the reader to scan.
3. The kiosk camera is faced towards you and you should be able to see yourself in the screen. Place your scan card in front of the camera about 20cm away, as if you are taking a photo of it.
4. The reader should beep and display the “membership recognised” screen in green *or* “membership not recognised” in red.
5. If you got the green screen, pay your \$3/dog and go enjoy your class!
6. If you got the red screen, pay your \$3/dog and go pay the enrolment officers or secretary a visit in the office to enquire about your membership status.

2023 FDOC Management Committee

President - Kim Dearden

Vice President - Lauren Dolley

Treasurer - Tammy Beattie

Secretary - Peter Gibson

General Committee - Zach Day

Janice James

Lisa Retford

Charles Mouton

Jessica Thompson

Mailie Gibson

Lauren Monohan

Bruce Saunders



Quick Tips for Cooperative Dog Nail Trimming

Trimming your dog's nails doesn't have to be a daunting task. By embracing cooperative care techniques, you can make the process calmer and easier for both you and your furry friend. Here are some quick tips to help you achieve successful nail trims:

Familiarize your dog with paw handling:

Get your dog comfortable with having their paws touched by gently massaging and holding them during relaxed moments or playtime. This helps build trust and prepares them for nail trims.

Choose the right tools: Invest in high-quality nail clippers or a grinder designed for dogs. Consult with your veterinarian or a professional groomer to select the most suitable option for your dog's breed and size.

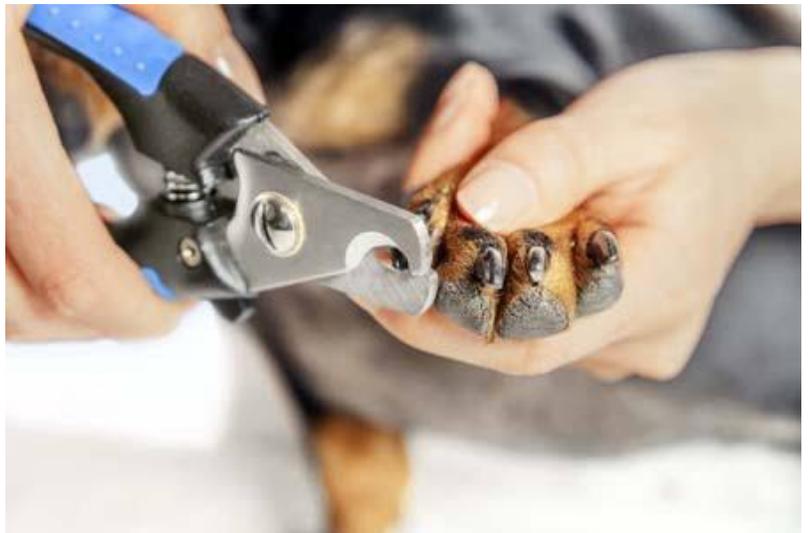
Take it slow and steady: Gradually introduce the clippers by allowing your dog to sniff and investigate them. Use positive reinforcement, such as treats or praise, to create a positive association with the clippers.

Start with short trims: Trim a small portion of the nail at a time, focusing on the sharp tip. Avoid cutting too close to the quick, the blood vessel inside the nail, to prevent pain and bleeding. If your dog becomes anxious, take breaks and resume the process later.

Stay calm and reassuring: Dogs can sense your emotions, so maintain a calm and confident demeanor throughout the nail trimming session. Speak to your dog in a soothing tone and provide gentle reassurance to keep them relaxed.

Use cooperative care techniques: Incorporate cooperative care measures, such as desensitizing your dog to the sound and sensation of nail trimming. Start by simply touching the nails with the clippers and gradually progress to trimming.

Reward and reinforce positive behavior: Reward your dog with treats, praise, or their favorite toys after each successful nail trimming session. This helps them associate the experience with something positive and makes future trims easier.



Increase frequency gradually: Aim for regular nail trims to maintain optimal nail length. Start with shorter, more frequent sessions rather than infrequent, prolonged ones. This helps your dog become accustomed to the process over time.

Remember, cooperative care and patience are key when it comes to trimming your dog's nails. If you encounter difficulties or have concerns, consult with a professional groomer or your veterinarian for guidance and assistance



Welcome

...to all of our newest members! Thank you for choosing Frankston Dog Obedience Club. We can't wait to see the progress that you and your dog make as a partnership and we are all here to assist you on your journey.

Ursula & Andrew Miller with Bailey

Rob & Lily Shackles - Donovan with Stella

Christine Young with Zoe

Lynda & Jarrod Levin with Ghost & Alabama

Karl & Isabel Freeman with Minty

Antoinette & Daniel Foster - Duldig with Freya & Jager

Kassandra & Tim Turner - Mayor with Gus

Liv & Callum Blake - Gillard with Noojee

Andrew & Marilyn Cuddihy with Rosie

Racheal, Beau Simon Whitty - Allen with Obi

Ann Jenkinson with Frank

Jennifer Goard with Rusty

Nisha Mahesh with Kylo

Ken Rowland with Alfie

Tayla Wendy Coles with Bernard

Laura & Jack Russell - Roney with Evie

Kerryn, Lucy & Matthew Connor with Hiro

Andrey & Ekaterina Sidorov - Zinich with Ku

Matt & Natasha Yates - Cappel with Tilly, Gia & Milli May

Preeti & Skanthan Sharma - Arjuna with Akira

Miranda & Ben King with Ferris

Jason Griffith with Eddy

Tania McGregor with Freya

Heather Bishop with Maggie

Devika & Vilasini Panicker - Prabhakaran Sathyamma with MO MO

Fiona Hansen with Bertie

Taylah & Sultan Read - Timori with Mayo

Graham & Monica Doyle with Koda

Patrick Parsons with Maggie

Samantha Smith with Angus

Clinton & Alice Park with Bonnie

Louise Pearce with Teddy

Isabelle & Dan Giles - Thompson with Charlie & Dexter

Suzanne Kavanagh with Nugz & Cleo

Juli Bowe with Nikki & Lulu

Sivhong Lang with Thor

Charmaine & Michael Grunwald with Bear

Eileen & Paul Roberts with Bonnie

Diana & Sean Donaldson with Zena

Emma-Jean & Clarrie Mason with Charger

Leonie & Stephen Latcham with Bowie

Pauline & Syl Flynn with Millie& Molly

Marylin Collins with Geordie

Victoria & Steven Campbell with Cooper

Catherine Hillard with Daisy

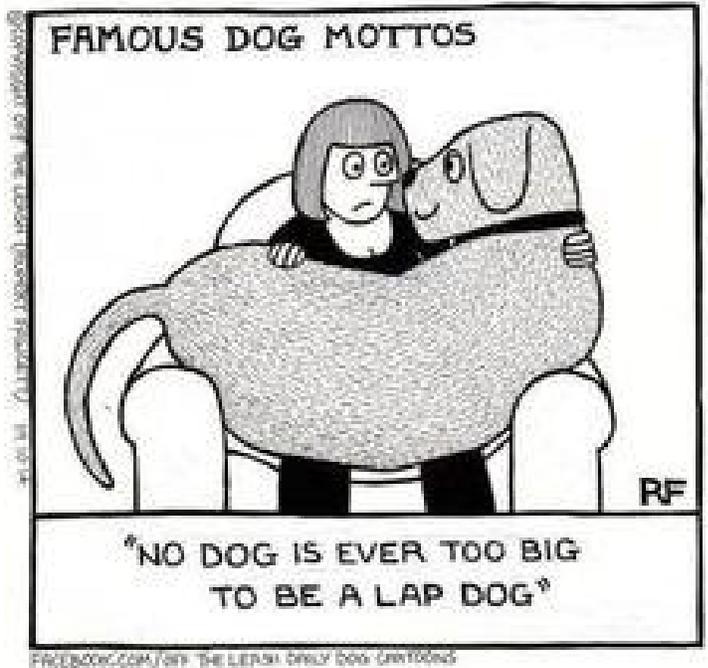
Emma Arthur with Harli

Joanne McDonald with Betty

Peter & Carolynne Boucher with Levi& Marlee

Gareth & Olivia Tanner with Alfie& Lucy

Ian Tulloch with Buddy



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Travel Tails

Ruby is just 15 months old enjoying an 8 week trip caravanning . The photo is at Nambucca Heads, NSW.In 2022 we travelled outback several states, including Cameron's Corner and the Dig Tree(Burke and Wills expedition) 10 weeks from July 2022.

She is the most excited, energetic King Charles Cavalier that we have had the pleasure of owning. Previous dogs have been Border Collie, German Shepherd, Labrador Cross.

When Ruby becomes more attentive at Obedience Club, Agility is the next step. She loves all people and dogs and can be challenging taking her for walks, as seeks out people and dogs.

See you in B 2 when we return

- Rosemary Feeley & Ruby



...More Travel Tails

In April my husband and I set out for a holiday in Europe for six weeks. We flew to London as we both still have relatives in England, where we hired a car and stayed in a B& B for a few days while visiting our family members. While there we went to Birmingham for Keith to meet up with his half brother and for me to catch a train to Wales.

This journey was hair raising as I had no idea where I was going as the names of places were in Welsh. All I knew was the time it was going to take. The end result was good I got off at the right stop met my cousin and his wife and felt very proud of myself.

We then flew to Athens where we stayed in the Plaka area, this is the area that there are a lot of restaurants. We stayed in Athens for four days and flew to the island of Rhodes, which was beautiful except for the little lanes instead of roads, we made the mistake of going around these so-called roadways whilst looking for a particular seafood restaurant and got stuck around a corner as someone had drummed a fridge and were stuck. Could not go forwards and reversing was problematic. I had the job of directing the car when I heard a crunch the right fender now had a dent in it. However when we took the car back to the hire company they weren't bothered by it. We then flew to Croatia for a couple of weeks.

The country was spotless you could have eaten off the streets in the old cities around the country. After which we flew back to Greece and went to Thessaloniki for a few days before flying to Venice. Whilst there we did a day tour to Meteora these are a collection of monasteries built into the mountains. We were only allowed to go to two out of the several others. They don't all open on the same day. We then flew to Venice for the last leg of our holiday. Since we had been there before we did not have a gondola ride as we had done it previously. We did go to Verona and looked allegedly saw Juliet's balcony, we didn't have time to wait to go through the house. We also went to Padua for the day but preferred Verona probably it was more compact for walking around. This was the end of the holiday before returning to London to catch a plane home.

- Alison Broad





We acknowledge that we train and gather on the land of the Bunurong people of the Kulin Nations. We pay respect to their elders, past and present. And also extend this respect to any elders reading this edition of the FDOC Newsletter.



Volunteer for our Bunnings BBQ!

We have an exciting opportunity for you to get involved and support our club. The Frankston Dog Obedience Club will be hosting a Bunnings BBQ event on October 29, and we need your help!

Event Details:

Date: October 29

Time: Two-hour shifts morning, midday & afternoon

Location: Bunnings Carrum Downs

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join us for this fantastic day. By dedicating just two hours of your time, you can contribute to the success of this event and connect with fellow dog lovers. No experience is necessary. To sign up or for any inquiries about the event, please contact the club canteen. Our friendly volunteers will be there to assist you.



Let's make the Frankston Dog Obedience Club's Bunnings BBQ event a tremendous success!

Moving to Ringside Presentations

In past years, our Club Competition Day presentations were held at the very end of all of that discipline's entrants, to mock a presentation of an actual agility, flyball or obedience competition. It was discussed at a recent committee meeting that this method may not be beneficial to our membership, so a solution was developed.

Enter: Ringside Presentations

After the final entrant of a class is complete, the judge has the opportunity to determine placings and qualifications swiftly while the entrants grab a bite to eat or give their dog a walk around. The judge will then return to the ring with all the entrants to discuss the results, hand out qualification cards, and present the class placing. This is with the aim to reduce waiting times, increase presentation attendance, and give the opportunity for the judge to directly address issues or victories with the class.

This change may not alter much for our agility and flyball groups however, implementation will be discussed with those involved.

Ringside presentations will be in place for our next Club Competition Day, October 28. Feedback on this change will be encouraged via our committee or competition officials.

