



# THE DOG'S DISH



Jan-Mar 2016 Edition

## WELCOME ONE AND ALL

Welcome everyone to another year of dog training for 2016! We also welcome all newcomers to the school and we hope you enjoy training your dog with us!

### APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR A MUST!!

Safety for you and your dog is number 1 priority, therefore we urge you to wear appropriate footwear whenever you are attending classes.

Please do NOT wear the following footwear:

- Thongs (rubber footwear variety)
- Open toe sandals
- High heeled shoes

We have seen people roll ankles trying to execute recalls whilst wearing thongs and not to mention the lack of footing this type of footwear provides, especially if you have a strong, pulling dog. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this!

### No Smoking at any time!

Remember that the Vic Govt's total NO SMOKING law is now in full force for both outside and inside the school grounds. Your co-operation would be appreciated and we thank you!

### Please arrive on time each week!

We ask that everyone please make an effort to arrive on time for class each week.

Arriving even as little as 5 mins after classes have started is not only disruptive to the class that has already commenced, but it puts you and your dog on the 'back foot' with regards to the quality of the session you will have.

Please remember to take into consideration the lengthy queues for check-ins...allow an extra 5 mins for this so that you don't run late!

### Extreme Weather

We train rain, hail or shine, so on hot days classes will still be running should you wish to attend. On mornings where temps may reach 30 degrees +, all classes will run for 40 mins only with no socialisation component. All classes will be kept very low key and with very minimal, if any, moving exercises.

If attending on hot days, please bring plenty of water for yourself and ensure you are wearing appropriate sun-smart apparel. There will be plenty of breaks given and we provide water for dogs!

\*\*Please diarise the "No Training" dates at the top right of this newsletter\*\*

Here's to the start of another fantastic year at Four Paws K9 Training!

## DATES TO DIARISE

### NO TRAINING DATES FOR 2016:

Labour Day Long weekend  
Saturday 12th March 2016

Easter Saturday  
Saturday 26th March 2016

Queens Birthday long weekend  
Saturday 11th June 2016

### OTHER DATES:

#### Gradings:

Master and Intermediate levels  
Saturday 27th Feb 2016  
(all other classes run as normal)

'Four Paws K9 Training'

## DOG POO !!

Remember.....it is **YOUR** responsibility to pick up after your dog at all times regardless of where you are on the school grounds.

Please also note the **NO GO** zone which is the synthetic turfed athletics track area to the back of the school!

## CHANGED ADDRESS?

Please let us know if you've changed your address or contact details

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[fourpawsk9training.com.au](http://fourpawsk9training.com.au)

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS 2015

On our last day of training last year, we were very excited to acknowledge and award some very special people at Four Paws K9 Training.

**Karyn McSweeney and Sniper**



### 2015 ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT

Karyn has been a client of Four Paws since January 2011 where she commenced training her 2 dogs, Bandit and Sniper with us.

After attending classes for a couple of years, Karyn took a short break but soon returned to Four Paws to concentrate on rehabilitating her deaf, and dog reactive dog, Sniper.

Working with a reactive dog is difficult enough, made worse when the dog is also deaf. Karyn has been an absolute trooper attending classes almost every single week and never letting the situation get her down. She powers on every week and the improvement to her dog's reactivity has improved immensely. Karyn does all this by communicating with Sniper using an array of hand signals and also ensuring she keeps him at a safe working distance each time. For the above reasons, the entire team all agreed that Karyn was a very worthy recipient of the Four Paws Encouragement Award 2015!

**Trainer - Jim Mulholland**



### CELEBRATING 10 YEARS AS A FOUR PAWS TRAINER

We celebrated the 10 year anniversary of Jim as a trainer with Four Paws K9 Training.

Over the years Jim has been instrumental in assisting with writing, improving and presenting all elements of the curriculum at Four Paws. His wealth of knowledge and experience is immeasurable. But most of all, Jim is a very valued member of the team...and a really nice person to boot!

(Oh and he's a great guitar player and music composer as well..shhh don't tell him we told you that!!)

THANK YOU Jim, from the bottom of our hearts, for being such a great

## PUPPY GRADUATES AND ASSESSMENT PASSES

Nov-Dec 2015

### PUPPY GRADUATES

Chester: A & S Gallo  
 Mojo: M McNamee  
 Killian: M Grouwstra  
 George: M Etheridge  
 Ari: N Leckie-Gannon  
 Nena: J Carretero

### BASIC PASS

Kosi: J Scholtz  
 Kramer: R Mihatsch  
 Chester: A & S Gallo

### INTERMEDIATE PASS

Beethan: J Osborn  
 Hemley: K Gilhome

### MASTER CLASS PASS

Gertie: M Kostraby



## ProDog Training Equipment Sales

Quality dog training equipment used and recommended by dog trainers is now available for purchase at the ProDog Training equipment stall at Four Paws Keilor Downs on a monthly basis.

On sale are quality imported leather collars and leads, treat pouches, tough quality on tug toys, training vests etc.  
 Stall dates: 30th Jan, 20th Feb and 19th March 2016.

