

Beginners Information

Welcome to Maitland Dog Obedience Club's Beginners Information page.

If you are interested in joining our club please ensure you phone our Training Coordinator to book in. 0429 933 220 Please do not text a message as there is too much information to reply by text

Please read through this information and print and complete a membership form

New members to the club start in our beginners class starting the first Sunday of each month February to November.

Handlers are to be over the age of 12 years and dogs over 16 weeks. Training is "Train the Trainer" so one person joins and that person trains the dog. NOTE- you cannot send someone else if you cannot make training. If another family member would like to train the dog please speak to the Training Coordinator.

Joining fee is \$40 which includes Club Membership and a book called "Who's the Boss", weekly training fee \$7. Payment by card (preferred) or cash . Please bring correct money.

Your training starts at 8.30am and consists of two session. First session 8.30 to 9.10, break for 10 minutes, second session 9.20 to 10.00. These times are approximate. Please arrive at Ernie Jurd Oval, Largs Ave, Largs by 8.15am

A message will be posted on club face book page or web site after 7.30am Sundays if the club has to be closed for any reason. (Grounds closed due to wet weather, Covid Regulations)

Club closed long weekends

What to Bring

DO NOT bring treats for your dog. Our club trains with positive reinforcement using your praise as the reward for the dog. If you want to train with treats there are other clubs who use this training method.

Please bring a completed membership form, dogs vaccination record (cannot start without this) a training lead approx. 90cm in length. Collar – either flat collar, combination collar or check chain. NO harnesses. A bowl and water for the dog, Handler to wear enclosed footwear.

The first month you will be in Class 1A, second month Class 1B. At the end of the second month the Training Coordinator will assess you and if you and your dog are ready you will be promoted to Class 2. The highest class is Class 4/5. If you are interested there is also a class for members interested in training for competition (this class is not run every week) **NO** bitches in season to attend class or grounds. Before training have your name marked off and pay fee at canteen

Dogs to be on lead at all times including surrounding grounds unless under direction of your Instructor (Class 4/5 only)

NO dogs in the amenities. If you need to go to the toilet ask a Committee member to hold your dog for you. If your dog fouls the area pick it up and dispose of it in the bins provided. Only Members allowed on the oval