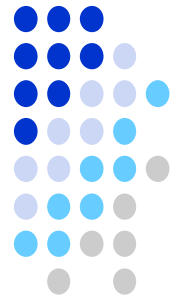




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**Presidents Report**

Hello all,

As days go by...Here we are again, another newsletter another few months have slipped past. One good thing about the relentless sun up / sun down arrangement is the way my dog has become old enough to enter agility competitions now. Caper is now over the required 18 months of age and we ran together in her first competition at PADS, last month. That is "Pine Agility Dog Sports Club Inc." for those of you who are not up to your eyeballs in ADAA agility. That is Agility Dog Association of Australia.

People, if I could apologise for the weather, I would. I know it seems to rain all the time nowadays, and especially on Tuesdays, but what can we do about it? It would like trying to keep our dogs puppies for ever, or never getting wrinkles or keeping our husbands happy all of the time. We have to put up with it. The biggest problem I have with that is we don't really know our new training spot (it's only a spot compared to our other luxurious spread....!) and so can't predict what the rain has really done to the field or to our parking areas. I guess we have only ever been there in the autumn /winter months and I haven't really

been able to inspect the place, on a Tuesday in the daylight. It can only get better.

The ADAA training camp. Great fun, great instructors, perfect set up. Not too expensive....so why didn't more of our people attend? There was something there for all novice dogs. Foundation exercises, elementary jumping, contact training and also stuff for the more advanced. Jumping skills, handling skills and much more. And also, all those people to talk to after the end of the class and over meals, drinks etc. If you did not take your self and dog to the camp this year, maybe next year is the time for you. Look out for it in June.

The Grand Prix is the next big thing. To be held at the Macksville Showgrounds on the weekend of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> October. Macks-ville is in NSW so you will see competitors other than Qlders at the GP. It's always fun to see how they are getting on outside Qld. See if they know how to train their dogs in NSW and WA. Often, they really do. Fast, competitive dogs hurling around the ring.

There will be a contingent of Suncoasters heading to Macksville this year, as per

usual. Caper and I are going this year. Yay! I am looking forward to it. If you are not ready to compete, but like our company, please consider coming along as a helper. A HERO. Go to the ADAA website to find out all the HERO details, but put briefly, if you come to the Grand Prix and help ringside, you will get your camping and meals for free. And you get to check out your future competition. Truly, it is a fun weekend. Please think about going.

Don't forget also about the 2010 World Agility Championship Team Selections. There has been one round already this year and ADAA will be holding a WAC selection at the Grand Prix . I intend to cheer loudly for my mates as they contend for places in the Australian team! How exciting to think perhaps, some of our club members could be going overseas to run agility and represent Australia next year.

Anyway, enough from me. See you at training on a Tuesday night.

Lyndal.



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## Agility Dates for 2009

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ADAA competitions for titles

#### July

19.07.09 (Sun) **WAAG**

Gold Coast

#### August

08/09.08.09 (Sat /Sun) **ADCQ**

Tivoli

08/09.08.09 (Sat /Sun) **PATS**

Mackay

23/23.08.09 (Sat /Sun) **TOADS**

Townsville

#### September

05.09.09 (Sat) **PADS**

Eatons Hill

#### October

02.10.09-05.10.09

Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon

**ADAA Grand Prix 2009**

Macksville NSW

#### October

17.10.09 (Sat) **FCAD**

Fraser Coast

24.10.09 (Sat) **PADS**

Eatons Hill

30.10.09-01.11.09 (Fri.Sat)

**World Dog Games/ADAA competition for titles**

Homebush NSW

For the newer members:

**WAAG** (Gold Coast Club)

**ADCQ** (Ipswich Club)

**PATS** (Mackay Club)

**TOADS** (Townsville Club)

**PADS** (Pine Rivers Club)

**FCAD** (Fraser Coast Club)

### MACKSVILLE (NSW)

June Double Header Weekend  
Incorporating Inaugural  
Australian IFCS World Agility  
Championships Selection and  
World Dog Game Try Outs  
held in  
June 2009

### Congratulations

**Karen Noud  
Ian Weston  
Sharyn Palmer  
All had successful results**



Go Karen Go

Go Ian Go

Go Sharyn Go

Go, Go, Go  
Go Suncoasters  
Go, Go, Go

Welcome New Members

Or existing members with new dogs

### Pre Agility1 - July

Leigh Croft & Czar  
Carlán Cranshaw & Lucy  
Georgia Sakrazewski & Lionel  
Elizabeth Potts & Lilly  
Bianca Aiono & Audi  
PeterRobertson & Indie

### Paying Fees or Purchasing Goods

If change is needed when paying for:  
1. Training, or:  
2. Purchasing equipment or:  
3. Enrolling on the designated nights for PreAgility & Beginners Courses they will need to be at the club between 6.30 - 6.45 pm or 7.30 - 7.45 pm.

**These are the only times that someone is available to give change if required.**

**Karen Noud  
Ian Weston  
Sharyn Palmer**

**Will be competing once again for selection for WAC at the ADAA Grand Prix 2009 at Macksville NSW**

**Go Suncoasters**



## Training Reminders To

While training any exercise, **NEVER progress forward until you are absolutely THRILLED** with the attitude, intensity, desire and overall performance of the dog at your current level (i.e. does your dog "Got D.A.S.H?")

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**Use your RECALL, to evaluate your relationship with your dog. (Susan Garrett).** Be diligent at making improvements each day in the level of intensity your dog has working for you.

Work at building a better relationship with your dog rather than making excuses for his performance. **Work with the dog at the end of the leash - and turn him into a dog other people wish they had!**

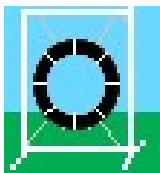
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**Don't ignore your dog when talking to an instructor.** Your partner should always be recognized for his effort to work with you.

### Susan Garrett Blog

This a a great site, it is entertaining and potentially very helpful. I'm sure you'll find it very interesting.

<http://susangarrett.wordpress.com/>



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Keep up to date check our Website  
[www.suncoastfundogs.org.au](http://www.suncoastfundogs.org.au)

If you are interested in a chat page, go to the forum on our website.



All our members are ambassadors for the Club, if you have friends, relatives, workmates etc. who may be interested in our sport, these are the dates our next courses commencing in 2009

**PreAgility 1 & 2 (4 wk courses)**

**Commencing 6.30pm**

4th August

1st September

6th October

**Beginners (7 wk courses)**

**Commencing 7.00pm**

4th August

6th October



**Suncoast Fundogs Resource Library**



Your club has an extensive range of books and magazines for you to borrow. The subject material ranges from serious agility training manuals to fun trick training for the family pet. Please get the most from this facility.

Something to remember... some of these books, magazines tapes & DVDs have come from the private collections of our members, past & present and need to be respected as such.

Write your name down as you borrow and please also donate a gold coin to help extend and update this wonderful service.

Suncoast Fundogs also subscribes to "Clean Run" an agility magazine which includes many useful training sequences and articles from agility enthusiasts.



**Donate a gold coin to help extend and update this wonderful service**

**Training on Rainy Nights...?**



If the skies are grey and the weather looks bleak, and you're not sure if it's on this week. Ring someone, ring Gill She'll make sure you're alright. She will know, if training is on for the night.

Ring Gill :  
54986673 / 0402469472 or  
Jane after 5.30pm  
0403825864

**\*-Attention:-\***

**Members It IS your responsibility to check with Gill or Jane to confirm whether training is cancelled due to inclement weather.**

Thank you



**Crate Hire**

For the duration of PreAgility Courses 1 and 2  
Cost: Deposit \$50.00  
Refund \$30.00 on return.

The Club is offering this service, to enable new members to see the advantages of crating their dogs, before incurring the expense of making a purchase.



**Crating your dog—try before you buy**

## Wednesday

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## Wherever We Want

(www)

There has been a change in the format for the get together on the 1st Wednesday of the month, (note the name change above). It was decided that as changes of environment and/or location is important for our dogs, that we would change the venue occasionally.

Lyndal still is welcoming us to Woodford, as the dogs just love going to the farm.

In June the group went further a field and ventured into the Sunshine Coast Hinterland and joined me at Dulong.

We followed a similar pattern, the dogs had a play, a couple of people were energetic and worked their dogs at Agility, a couple of the dogs went swimming, but not for long, it was too cold. Later we relaxed and had lunch.

July at Woodford as usual was very enjoyable, it was cooler for those of us who wanted to work at agility,

In August there is talk that the next venue will be at Red Beach, Bribie Island.

Because of constant changes, when a decision is made, we will make an announcement at training, and send an email to members, with the time, place, and directions if needed.

Why don't you join us sometime? Phone 54961411 or 0438051449, and let Lyndal know if you can make it.

Jane. Ed.

## I rescued a human today.

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her. I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid. As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage.

I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them.

As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life. She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship. A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well.

Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes.

I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors. So many more to be saved. At least I could save one.

I rescued a human today.

Source unknown.

## The Whale

If you read the front page story of the SF Chronicle, you would have read about a female humpback whale who had become entangled in a spider web of crab traps and lines. She was weighted down by hundreds of pounds of traps that caused her to struggle to stay afloat. She also had hundreds of yards of line rope wrapped around her body, her tail, her torso, a line tugging in her mouth.

A fisherman spotted her just east of the Farralone Islands (outside the Golden Gate) and radioed an environmental group for help. Within a few hours, the rescue team arrived and determined that she was so bad off, the only way to save her was to dive in and untangle her ... a *very dangerous proposition*. One slap of the tail could kill a rescuer. They worked for hours with curved knives and eventually freed her.

When she was free, the divers say she swam in what seemed like joyous circles. She then came back to each and every diver, one at a time, and nudged them, pushed gently around-she thanked them. Some said it was the most incredibly beautiful experience of their lives.

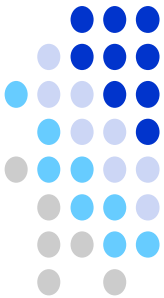
The guy who cut the rope out of her mouth says her eye was following him the whole time, and he will never be the same.

*May you, and all those you love, be so blessed and fortunate. to be surrounded by people who will help you get untangled from the things that are binding you.*

*And, may you always know the joy of giving and receiving gratitude.*

It's a beautiful story so I pass this on to you in the same spirit. Ed.

Why don't you join us sometime?



I instantly jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe



- ~ Crotch Feeding
- ~ Breast Feeding
- ~ Doing Obstacles on Own
- ~ Pulling on Lead
- ~ Running off with Toy
- ~ Barking while Shaping
- ~ Old Behaviours – Stalking Cat
- ~ Inconsistent Release
- ~ Shutting Down
- ~ Ignoring Handler
- ~ Jumping Off Contacts
- ~ Leaving Contact on Body Movement
- ~ Spinning Wrong Way
- ~ Jumping Up, Nipping, Barking while Running
- ~ Looking at Handler to Leave Contact
- ~ Jumping at Handler at End of Course
- ~ Crossing Behind Handler
- ~ Ignoring Cue
- ~ Attention Barking
- ~ Not Coming when Called
- ~ Multiple Names to Come
- ~ Stealing Reinforcements
- ~ Swapping Out for Favourite Toy
- ~ Breaking Stay (Sit / Crate / Door)
- ~ Movement during Reward Control Behaviour
- ~ Nagging
- ~ Imposed Control
- ~ Turning Wide
- ~ Routinely Missing Pole Entry
- ~ Handler Holding Next to Table
- ~ Turning Towards Handler Before / After Obstacle
- ~ Jumping Up at End of Chute
- ~ Leaving Ring Without Handler

**Good One Liners**

- ξ Aspire to inspire before you expire.
- ξξ My wife and I had words, but I didn't get to use mine.
- ξξξ Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses
- ξξξ Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.
- ξ The irony of life is that, by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.
- ξ God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question.
- ξ I was always taught to respect my elders, But it keeps getting harder to find one.



**Congratulations**

*For completing & graduating from the following courses*

**Pre Agility1 commencing April/May**

Rebekah Joy & Jack  
 Sharon Mellema & Reya  
 Lyn Witts & Millie  
 Rebekah Day & Q  
 Jodi O'Connor & Tucker  
 Sean O'Connor & Maxi  
 Mariji Smith & Mylie  
 Jeremy Bayliss & Oscar  
 Lynne Barling & Molly  
 Carol Gordon & Ruski

**Pre Agility2 commencing June**

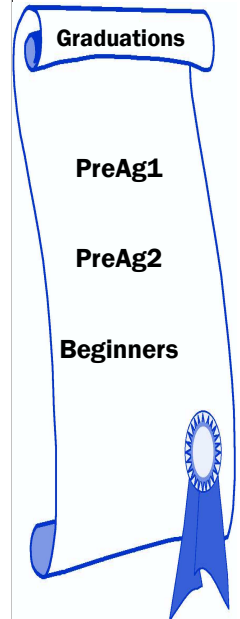
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 Lynne Barling & Molly  
 Carol Gordon & Ruski

**Beginners commencing May**

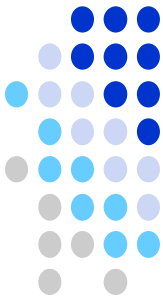
Ann Trubshaw & Bundy  
 Cheryl Brunskill & Jana  
 Chris Wood & Sweep  
 Amanda Schofield & Rocky  
 Joanna McCormick & Keg



**All members are encouraged to attend our meetings, held in the Clubroom on Monday's at 6.45pm. The input we receive from our members is of great value to us. Date T.B.A.**



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### Snippets

- ξ The dog has got more fun out of man than man has got out of the dog, for the clearly monstrable reason that man is the more laughable of the two animals. (James Thurber)
- ξ If a dog could talk, it would take a lot of the fun out of owning one. (Andrew A Rooney).
- ξ The reason a dog can be such a comfort when you're feeling blue is that he doesn't try to find out why. (Unknown - by me).
- ξ A dog wags its tail with its heart. (Martin Buxbaum).

### Check out

## Suncoast Fundogs Shop

2006 New Style Club Shirts have small logo on the front

<b>2006-Embroidered Club Shirt-child</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>2006-Embroidered Club Shirt-Adult</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
Embroidered Club Shirt-(Blue & White)	\$35.00
Embroidered Club Shirt-Blue	\$28.00
<b>2006-Cross Country T-Shirt (Brown)</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
Club Sweaters	\$15.00
Long Sleeved Club Shirts	\$24.00
<b>2006 Jackets (Blue &amp; White)</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>2006-Polar Fleece Jumpers</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
Club Polar Fleece Jumpers Large logo	\$40.00
Club Caps / Bucket Hats	\$15.00
Club Beanies	\$18.00
Dog Leads: 4'	\$7.00
6'	\$9.00
double	\$9.00
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**World Agility Championships 2010**

Early this year the ADAA Board announced to its members that they had negotiated perhaps one of the most exciting developments in Australian agility - the IFCS's World Agility Championships for 2010 were to take place in the UK and Australia had been offered up to 12 host nation dogs to form an Australian team. With only two events scheduled to select the team of handlers, six SunCoasters packed their bags and headed to Macksville in early June. Two cheerleaders - Allison Britton and Jeanette Durante - accompanied four of our best handlers vying for a spot on the team - Damian and Karen Noud, Sharyn Palmer and Ian Weston all stood up for the challenge and did us proud. All six handlers put in some great performances and many cards and personal bests were achieved over the weekend. Our four WAC competitors all competed admirably in the selection events. However, the point scoring system used for selection allocates points only to the first 3 placings in each event. With such a quality field of handlers and dogs competing it meant that some great dog/handler teams did not necessarily achieve points over the weekend. However, despite the fierce competition, Karen and Amber, Sharyn and Ripley, and Ian and Bobbi all managed to snatch some of those elusive points and are all looking good for the next event... and there is no holding back Damian and Tigereye so watch out Australia, there are some SunCoasters coming to Macksville in October and hopefully to the UK in 2010!!

By Jeanette Durante

**Competition Results**

**ADCQ — 6th May 2009**

**Saturday**

Damian & Jade (Q)	CE/MX/AT
Damian & Jade (Q)	CS/MX/AT
Damian & Jade (Q)	CS/MX/AT
Damian & Amber (Q)	O/MX/AT

**Macksville WAC - 6th & 7th June 2009**

Ian Weston & Bobbi 1st (Q)	OA/MN/IS
Ian Weston & Bobbi 1st (Q)	A/MN/JT
Sharyn Palmer & Ripley 1st (Q)	A/MD/JT
Ian Weston & Bobbi 1st	A/MN/AT
Karen Noud & Amber 2nd (Q)	A/MX/AT
Ian Weston & Bobbi 2nd	OA/MN/IG

**PADS 27th June 2009 - Saturday**

Ian Weston & Bobbi 1st (Q)	OA/MN/IS
Ian Weston & Bobbi 1st (Q)	OB/MN/IG
(Snakes and Ladders)	
Ian Weston & Bobbi 1st (Q)	ROA/MN/IG
(Quadrants)	
Ian Weston & Bobbi 1st (Q)	ROB/MN/IG
Jen Deuis & Darryl 1st (Q)	CE/MD/AT
Ella Dolan & Penance 1st (Q)	CE/MN/AT
Lyndal Nichols & Caper 1st (Q)	CS/MX/AT

**BAD 5th July 2009—Saturday**

Ian Weston & Bobbi 1st (Q)	OA/MN/IG
Ian Weston & Bobbi 1st	A/MN/JT
Ian Weston & Bobbi 1st (Q)	OA/MN/JT

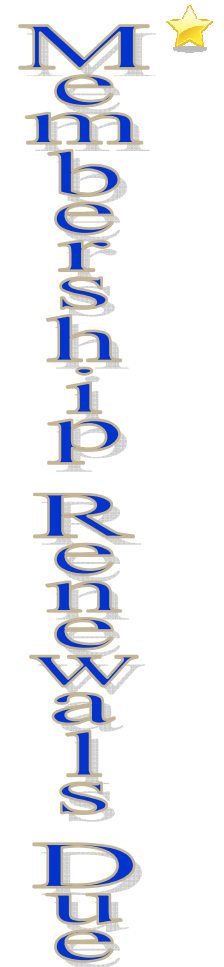


**Macksville 6th / 7th June**

**Ian Weston & Bobbi** ★  
Attained their MAAD8 Title

**Ian Weston & Bobbi** ★  
Attained their IAD2 Title

**PADS 27th June** ★  
**Ella Dolan & Penance**  
Attained their BAAD Title



**\*\*\*\* Membership Renewals are Due on or before 31st July \*\*\*\***

Memberships for people joining after February 2009 are valid until June2010.

'The Dog Trainer's Resource 2' book - an article written by Sue Sternberg Nov/Dec/ 2006 'Agility to the Rescue!'  
"Preparing for the Worst and Keeping Everyone Safe"

At the start of every class, and multiple times during class and at each subsequent class, I advise handlers on what to do if and when a dog gets loose and out of control. I tell them, if I yell 'Loose dog!' those handlers with healthy backs and small dogs will pick up their dogs and turn their backs towards the loose dog. Those handlers with weak backs or larger dogs are to place their dog's head between their legs, so that the dog's butt is to the loose dog, and his head is sticking out behind the handler. These handlers are then instructed to feed their dog continuously until the loose dog is caught.

I continuously remind students of this and practice fake drills every once in a while. I explain quite clearly to each class the risks and dangers agility training can produce, and the importance of being proactive and prepared. I remind students relentlessly that there are two types of dogs: predators and prey.

This set-up keeps the other class dogs safe, and also ensures that the loose dog doesn't get rewarded for his behaviour by playing or fighting with any other dogs."

It was a very competitive field across all height classes

**Macksville in June :** I was hoping someone would write an article about the weekend at Macksville, but alas that didn't happen, so I have extracted these comments from the ADAA Chat page. *Ed.*

I am sure they will be reluctant to blow their own trumpets so as a SunCoast blow-in I would like to be the first to say congratulations and well done to the SunCoasters who competed in the WAC selection events this past weekend. It was a highly competitive field (some really ripper dogs turned out to compete for a spot in the team) and all four handlers - Damian, Karen, Sharyn and Ian - did SunCoast (and Qld!) proud with some fantastic runs. I never checked the final placings for the WAC events but I know that both Ian and Sharyn have points on the board putting them in a great position for the final selection events at the GP. And the selection process made it very difficult to get points so this is no mean feat!

As a mini dog handler I am constantly in awe of Ian and Bobbi and they did not let me down this weekend even nudging out a terrific little sheltie from the west coast in at least 3 of the 4 events (I never saw the results of the gamble run, sorry Ian????). And Sharyn's purple card in the advanced jumping selection event in probably the most competitive field of midi dogs an ADAA event has ever produced, was fantastic.

I was very proud to be a closet SunCoaster this weekend:) *Jeanette*



Thanks, Jeanette. That sheltie was a great little dog! You made me laugh when you said "it's good to see Bobbi beaten by a sheltie" :) and she was beaten fair and square a few of times by it over the weekend. We had a great time, though. Bobbi won 3 of the 4 WAC events and hopefully she placed in the gamblers. That gamble was hard. She also got her MAAD 8 and IAD 2.



I saw some great runs by *all* the SunCoasters, including "closet" ones :), throughout the 2 days with Ripley the superdog on fire as usual. And it was a very competitive field across all height classes. Fingers crossed for the next round at the GP *.Ian*



It was a sensational weekend. I cannot profess to showing off our best stuff, but Allison B, Jeanette, Ian, Sharyn and Karen all did great.

I was especially proud of Karen and Amber having 5 clear rounds from their 8 events on Sunday. And Samuel looked cute all weekend too. *Damian*



Well i don't know if i showed off my best stuff, going A?? Up in the first event at obstacle 4...then again maybe it it was LOL... made it difficult for the rest of the weekend, but managed to get it together on one round with Buddy to gain a Qually... can't even remember which event it was, i think the panadol and rum had well taken effect to numb the pain in my ankle by then....

However just a HUGE!!! congrats to Sharyn & Ripley that win in the advanced was so sweet... also to Ian & Bobbi, an IAD2 & MAAD 8 that is totally awesome...Karen & Amber some great runs and well doen with 5 quallies on Sunday... didn't get to see any of your runs Jeanette but as a closet suncoaster you did us proud...

It was great to see some very talented dogs and handlers from the west, some great courses as well... totally looking forward to the GP... just to see you guys in action again will be worth and hopefully i will be able to stay on my feet or invest in some spikey hiking shoes for added grip.... *Allison*



Thanks everyone, it was a great but busy weekend, so busy in fact that I didn't get a chance to drink much at all.

There were some awesome dogs and yes Jeanette that Sheltie had very long legs. It was nice to think that we suncoasters were up there with them. Chipper also got a purple card - he only needs 2 more for his IAD hopefully he can manage that before he is too old to get them. HUGE congrats to Ian and Bobbi on MAAD 8 and IAD2 - well done.

And yes the bush pig spent alot of time screaming around the course - she has even started doing it when she is jumping now, not just in the weave poles anymore. .... *Sharyn*



OMG !!! I am so excited...Congratulations to you wonderful Suncoasters....I am so proud of you all....I just knew you guys would do us proud....thank you ..... *Julianne*

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## Wild dogs take Chewbilee Line

By VIRGINIA WHEELER Published: 11 Apr 2009

Extracted from The Sun UK

*Canine commuter ... wild dog waits on the platform*



STRAY dogs are commuting to and from a city centre on underground trains in search of food scraps

The clever canines board the Tube each morning.

After a hard day scavenging and begging on the streets, they hop back on the train and return to the suburbs where they spend the night.

Experts studying the dogs say they even work together to make sure they get off at the right stop - after learning to judge the length of time they need to spend on the train.

The mutts choose the quietest carriages at the front and back of the train.

They have also developed tactics to hustle humans into giving them

more food on the streets of Moscow.

Scientists believe the phenomenon began after the Soviet Union collapsed in the 1990s, and Russia's new capitalists moved industrial complexes from the city centre to the suburbs.

Dr Andrei Poiarkov, of the Moscow Ecology and Evolution Institute, said: "These complexes were used by homeless dogs as shelters, so the dogs had to move together with their houses. Because the best scavenging for food is in the city centre, the dogs had to learn how to travel on the subway - to get to the centre in the morning, then back home in the evening, just like people."

Dr Poiarkov told how the dogs like to play during their daily commute.

He said: "They jump on the train seconds before the doors shut, risking their tails getting jammed. They do it for fun. And sometimes they fall asleep and get off at the wrong stop."

The dogs have learned to use traffic lights to cross the road safely, said Dr Poiarkov. And they use cunning tactics to obtain tasty morsels of shawarma, a kebab-like snack popular in Moscow.

They sneak up behind people eating shawarmas - then bark loudly to shock them into dropping their food.

With children the dogs "play cute" by putting their heads on youngsters' knees and staring pleadingly into their eyes to win sympathy and scraps.

Dr Poiarkov added: "Dogs are surprisingly good psychologists."

The Moscow mutts are not the first animals to use public transport. In 2006 a Jack Russell in Dunnington, North Yorks, began taking the bus to his local pub in search of sausages.

And two years ago passengers in Wolverhampton were stunned when a cat called Macavity started catching the 331 bus to a fish and chip shop.



### Don't talk to my parrot... Submitted by email Lyn Witts

Wanda's dishwasher quit working so she called a repairman. Since she had to go to work the next day, she told the repairman, 'I'll leave the key under the mat. Fix the dishwasher, leave the bill on the counter, and I'll mail you a cheque. Oh, by the way don't worry about my dog Spike...he won't bother you.'

'But, whatever you do, do NOT, under ANY circumstances, talk to my parrot!'

'I MUST STRESS TO YOU: DO NOT TALK TO MY PARROT!'

When the repairman arrived at Wanda's apartment the following day, he discovered the biggest, meanest looking dog he has ever seen. But, just as she had said, the dog just lay there on the carpet watching the repairman go about his work.

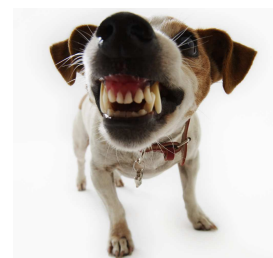
The parrot, however, drove him nuts the whole time with his incessant yelling, cursing and name calling.

Finally the repairman couldn't contain himself any longer and yelled,

'Shut up, you stupid bird!'

To which the parrot replied:

'Get him Spike!'



# Special Thanks

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**must be on lead**  
unless running the course

**So please be aware of your dog's actions**

**Thank you for your past and present support**

### Temporary Grounds

- ◆ Cars may be parked on the grassed area close to the fence, after rain please check before entering the grounds . Members to be aware of the ditch on the outside of the fencing, and are advised to park on the flat area a little away from the fence.
- ◆ The toilet area is away from the training area (green building with lights on), it can be seen from our grounds.
- ◆ If for any reason, that Gate 4 is locked before you leave, the main gate is always open. (this gate is at the southern end of the Show-ground area.
- ◆ The containers provided for our temporary grounds, are a little more difficult when removing and returning equipment, we appreciate your understanding.

To create a more personal aspect to our newsletters, members are encouraged to submit any articles that they would deem suitable. Items of interest involving dogs, members personal or dog achievements, etc. would be most welcome, So if you are competing don't forget to give me your results. They can be given personally or emailed to Jane. Ed.

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**Rat Bait** has been placed in the containers so in the interest of safety, please  
**DO NOT**  
take your dog into any of the temporary buildings.

**Ground Rules**

- ξ A current vaccination card (**antigen based C5 or above**) is to be produced annually for every dog. Any dog that has been in contact with any infectious animal will **NOT** be permitted on the grounds for a minimum of 18 days post contact.
- ξ Flat/fixed collars and head halters **ONLY** to be used on the grounds.
- ξ Check chains, pinch collars etc. are **NOT PERMITTED**.
- ξ All dogs to be on leash unless approved by an instructor.
- ξ Coats must be removed from dogs before they take part in any class. (Coats can be put back on while dog is resting)
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- ξ Handlers responsible for their own dog(s) **AT ALL TIMES**.
- ξ Handlers to accept complete responsibility for any damage done to any person, dog or property, by their dog(s).
- ξ We reserve the right to refuse membership to an aggressive dog.
- ξ We reserve the right to have a dog muzzled.
- ξ Handlers to help set up equipment prior to commencement of class, and to put equipment away at the end of class.
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- ξ Smoking is **NOT** permitted in class.
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