



OXLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB BEGINNERS' BROCHURE

www.oxleydogtrainingclub.com.au

The Oxley Dog Training Club Inc is a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers, specialising in obedience training and dog socialisation skills. We are affiliated with Dogs NSW and have over 54 years of training experience.

Our mission is to work in a dynamic relationship with our members to create simple effective methods in a friendly, positive Club environment.

Our Instructors will assist you in training your dog to a level of obedience that will enable you to compete in competitions, if you desire. These competitions include Obedience, Rally O, Tracking and Scent Work Trials. Please keep in mind that most Instructors put training their own dog aside to help others and we therefore ask that each Instructor be treated with respect and courtesy.

Remember, training your dog takes time and commitment and the Club therefore offers ongoing support for all handlers to achieve their training goals.

COST OF MEMBERSHIP

Yearly Membership is \$40.00.

Registration forms are available here our website www.oxleydogtrainingclub.com.au or by clicking here: [ODTC Membership form](#)

We hope you and your dog enjoy being a Club Member and we welcome any feedback. General Meetings are held after training on the 2nd Sunday of the month, every 2 months. We encourage everyone to attend as we need Member's support and input to continuously improve the Club. Please speak to any of the Committee Members if you have any suggestions or queries.

GROUND RULES

1. The ODTG grounds are a **non-smoking** area
2. All children (younger than 12 years), and Junior handlers (12 to 16 years) are required to be always under adult supervision. This is required for insurance purposes as well as health & safety
3. Please arrive on time for your class
4. All dogs must be vetted by the Instructor before the commencement of training
5. Members must be wearing their membership cards during their class
6. All dogs must be immunised to C5 level (distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus and kennel cough). A copy of your current vaccination certificates must be provided when renewing membership or when your current certificate has expired
7. No bitch in season is allowed to attend training
8. Dogs must be always kept on a leash and under control unless under the supervision of an Instructor
9. Handlers of dogs who foul the Club grounds must clean up after their dogs
10. Classes using Club jumps or other agility equipment will be responsible for returning it to the Equipment Area
11. Vehicles are not allowed on Club Grounds without permission of an Executive or Committee Member
12. Observe all dogs with yellow ribbons and comply with the 'Yellow Ribbon' requirements (refer below)
13. Members must wear enclosed footwear. Thongs, sandals or open-toed shoes are not permitted
14. All members must keep their dogs and themselves a minimum of one metre from any tethered dog
15. No person or young child should approach a strange dog without the owner's permission
16. Grounds Access: Any member in Class 2 or above is authorised to access the Club Grounds to exercise and train their dogs outside of normal Sunday training. Members are responsible for their own actions and for cleaning up after their dog and closing the gates after use. Members are not permitted to exercise or train their dogs when the grounds are being used for a trial or event.

The Committee reserves the right to deny, or revoke authorised access to the Club Grounds outside of normal Sunday training, at their discretion.

At ODTG we believe in **POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT TRAINING**. That is, training with rewards to affirm and promote desired behaviours. Three rewards are commonly used and promoted by ODTG; affection, treats and toys. There is no correct reward except for the one that most motivates your dog to achieve the desired result. Ultimately, the choice is yours to employ the reward or reinforcement that works best for you and your dog.

Should you wish to read more about this subject, there is further information on the Dogs NSW website written by Dr Kate Mornement, an Animal Behaviourist who has written an [Tricks and Treats](#) Further reading to learn more about dog behaviour and how to solve some common behavioural problems can also be found on the Dogs NSW website: [How to solve some common behavioural problems](#)

"THE YELLOW RIBBON SIGNAL"

If you see a dog with a **yellow ribbon** or something **yellow** on their leash; this is a dog who needs space. Please do not approach this dog or its handler with your dog. They are indicating that their dog cannot be near other dogs. It means you must maintain at least 4m distance from this dog.

There are many reasons why a dog may need space and be wearing a yellow ribbon:

- The dog maybe has health issues and/or could be recovering from surgery
- The dog maybe a rescue dog and is being rehabilitated; the world can be a very scary place for these dogs
- The dog may have had a bad experience with another dog or just not like the kind of friendly dogs who always want to say "Hi"
- The dog may be timid or nervous around other dogs
- The dog may have had a bad experience around other dogs with behaviour problems.

Whatever the issue may be, the yellow ribbon signals "My dog needs space". Please speak to an Instructor or Committee Member to discuss if you require a yellow ribbon.

EVACUATION PLAN

In the unlikely event of a fire in the Clubhouse, the correct procedure is to notify a Committee Member, evacuate the building with your dog and proceed to the Emergency Assembly Area which is located near the Swan Street entrance gate. Please wait here until a Committee Member has checked to ensure all members are accounted for and safe.

