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## Naughty Dogs

Dr Jacqui Ley, a Veterinarian and Animal Behaviourist, joined the Companion Dog Club for the July *Walk and Talk* to discuss the naughty things our dogs do and whether they are a behavioural problem or a problem behaviour.

A problem behaviour is akin to a bad habit and can be 'broken' with appropriate obedience training.



*Polite behaviour must be taught. Dogs have no sense of right or wrong.*



*Dr Jacqui Ley speaks to Companion Dog Club members.*

A behaviour problem, such as obsessive tail chasing or separation anxiety may require the help of a professional.

Dr Ley also reminded dog owners not to have unreasonable expectations of their dogs. Dogs don't have morals the way that humans do - they don't

know right from wrong and will do whatever benefits them at a given moment. She also suggested you try to see everything from the dog's point of view. You don't like every person you meet so why should your dog like every dog?

For more information visit [her website](#) or [email](#) questions to the CDC.

## Who let the dogs in?

*It can be tough to go from racing dog to companion pet, but these Greyhounds are getting help in an unexpected place!*

Retired Greyhounds are being prepared for life as pets by in-mates at the minimum security

Dhurringile Prison in Victoria's north. The Prison Pet Partnership, an extension of Victoria's Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP), is an *(Continued on page 2)*



*A Greyhound gets a cuddle from its in-mate foster carer at Dhurringile Prison.*

## Who let the dogs in? (continued)

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Australian first and was officially launched by Deputy Premier and Minister for Racing, Rob Hulls this year.

“It’s a great partnership between Corrections Victoria and Greyhound Racing Victoria, and the pilot has been so successful that it will soon be extended to other Victorian minimum security prisons Beechworth, Tarrngower and Langi Kal Kal”, Minister Hulls announced.

Four Greyhounds at a time spend six weeks undergoing foster care at Dhurringile Prison, where they become acclimatised to domestic life and learn basic obedience training before being adopted into society.

Melanie Luscombe, the Greyhound Adoption Program’s Foster Coordinator, has been thrilled with the results of the Prison Pet Partnership since it began.



“Eighteen Greyhounds have received foster care at Dhurringile Prison so far, and the results for all 18 have been overwhelming.

“We currently have a shortage of foster carers so being able to have Greyhounds fostered through Dhurringile enables us to put a lot more Greyhounds through the Greyhound Adoption Program.

“The Greyhounds that go through the prison are

generally more advanced than Greyhounds that go through normal foster care, partly because they are in foster care for a couple of weeks longer than usual, and also because the inmates are spending additional time training the dogs”, she said.

For more information on this program or on adopting a Greyhound as your next companion please visit the [GAP website](#) or see page 4.

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## The Benefits of a Breed Club

Although having a purebred dog is certainly not a requirement for membership in the Companion Dog Club, many of you have chosen a dog of a particular breed to suit your age and stage of life.

The Companion Dog Club would like to remind you that while we offer general dog information for all dog owners, breed clubs offer fantastic breed-specific advice.

Many breed clubs hold fun social days for members and some even let you show your desexed pet dog at their club shows, offering even more socialisation opportunities for you

and your dog in addition to Companion Dog Club events.

If you have any specific concerns about health or grooming, there are no better experts than your breed club.

To find the club associated with your breed, please visit the [DOGS Victoria breed list](#).

To find the ideal breed of dog for you and your family, please read [The Right Dog for You](#).



# Adoption Directory Highlight



Available in a variety of colours, the low-maintenance Greyhound makes a great pet.

**Have you renewed your annual Companion Dog Club Membership?**

Renew within your anniversary month to get a bonus voucher from Purina Pro Plan.



Bring a friend to any of the Companion Dog Club events

## 40 HOUNDS NEED HOMES

This group helps to rehome Greyhounds, many of which are ex-racers.

Once this high-velocity breed hits retirement, they make low-maintenance pets and adjust from professional racer to professional couch potato quite well given proper foster care.

The lazy older Greyhounds also require

minimal grooming and don't have much of a doggy odour. There is a Greyhound to suit almost any age and stage of life. They suit elderly people particularly as they are very gentle dogs.

For more information please visit [40houndsneedhomes.com](http://40houndsneedhomes.com) or contact Erin Paton by phone: 02 4423 8295 or 0418 601 879 or [email](mailto:erinp@40houndsneedhomes.com).  
[Click here for the online Adoption Directory.](#)



*If you or someone you know will soon add a new companion dog to their family, don't forget about all the beautiful dogs needing homes on the Adoption Directory.*

## Big Day Out for Dogs - 14 December

Did you attend the Big Day Out for Dogs at KCC Park last year?

If so then you know how much fun was had by all the visiting dogs who got to have a go at the Agility Course and Lure

Coursing. Those events will be part of the show again this year with the

addition of Retrieving, Doggy Dancing, Lure Racing and Herding. There will also be discount microchipping and hydrobaths and dog trade stalls for last-minute Christmas shopping.

For the younger crowd there will be face-painting, Shadow the Big Black Dog

and yummy treats like fairy floss and popcorn. The K9 Kiosk will also be open with hot food, coffee, ice cream and cold drinks.

**ENTRY IS FREE AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME WITH THEIR DOGS!**

[Photos from 2007 are on the CDC website.](#)

Walk and Talk, Intro to Obedience  
Presented by: [Western Port Obedience Dog Club](#)

**Thursday, 25 Sept**

Walk and Talk, Halloween Party - Prizes for best costumes  
Dress up yourself and/or your dog. KCC Park, 7:00pm

**Thursday, 30 Oct**

Doggy Pub Night - If the wine tasting wasn't your thing, join us at the Flying Duck in Prahran from 5:30pm. Dinner and drinks available and prizes to be raffled. Please RSVP.

**Tuesday, 11 Nov**

CDC end of year breakup party. We will have a BBQ and fun activities. Let us know what you would like for the event!

**Thursday, 27 Nov**

**CDC DIARY**

# Wine (and Dog Biscuit) Tasting

Our wine tasting in July was a very fun event and brought out some people from the Mornington area who hadn't known about our fantastic club.

Tuck's Ridge is beyond dog-friendly with a huge off-lead running area and lake where the dogs can swim. The staff were so happy to have us there and very accommodating.

Despite the cloudy, windy day plenty of the dogs decided to go for a swim in the lake. There were some wet, muddy (but extremely happy) Golden Retrievers and Leonbergers!

We were pleased to have quite a few of this big, fluffy and rare breed in attendance. The Leonberger breed is the official dog of the German town of Leon because they look like the town mascot - the lion.

It was so cold that our hostess



Verona decided to have the wine tasting indoors, and even let the dogs come in, too!

Purina Pro Plan provided food samples and toys for all the dogs, and there were several great prizes for the owners including a pamper pack from Lush and bottle of wine courtesy of Tuck's Ridge.

Visit the [Companion Dog Club website](#) for details and upcoming events to attend with your dog.

The wine tasting event will surely become an annual addition to our calendar, but dogs are welcome at Tuck's Ridge anytime.

Visit [Tuck's Ridge online](#) for information on the vineyard and café.



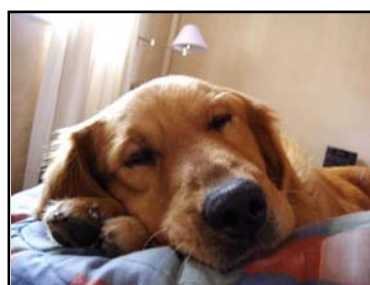
## A Few Simple Rules to Remember

1. The dog is not allowed in the house.
2. Okay, the dog is allowed in the house, but only in certain rooms.
3. The dog is allowed in all the rooms, but has to stay off the furniture.
4. The dog can get on the old furniture only.
5. Fine, the dog is allowed on all the

- furniture, but is NOT allowed to sleep with the humans on the bed.
6. Okay, the dog IS allowed on the bed but only by invitation.
7. The dog can sleep on the bed whenever he wants, but NOT under the covers.
8. The dog can sleep under the covers by invitation only.

9. The dog can sleep under the covers every night.

10. Humans must ask permission to sleep under the covers with the dog.



## What is the Companion Dog Club?



The club provides pedigree and non-pedigree dogs and their owners with a club that will promote and appreciate the uniqueness of all types and breeds of dogs. It also recognises that each one of our canine friends is in a class of its own and is a companion in its own right.

As a member of the Companion Dog Club you and your dog will receive a number of benefits that encourage responsible dog ownership and welfare from within your own community.

The Companion Dog Club is an initiative of DOGS Victoria.

### DOGS Victoria



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### Promoting Responsible Dog Ownership

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## Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Mob: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name & Breed \_\_\_\_\_

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Referred By \_\_\_\_\_

*Breeder's Kennel Prefix and/or DOGS Victoria membership number, if applicable*

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For only \$25.00 including GST, you and your family can become members of the Companion Dog Club. Yes, the \$25.00 covers everyone in your family AND you can include as many dogs as there are in your household!

\$25 (GST incl.) Payment can be made by Cheque, Money Order, Visa or MasterCard (Cash accepted in person only)

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card No: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Refer a friend to the club and receive a special gift from Purina. Be sure they put your name in the "Referred by" section.