

Service Dog Training

2010 will be a great year for the pro-bono arm of K9Coach helping more people in need train their OWN assistance or service dogs. Very rewarding work and unbelievable what a little help can do for people. For more details visit our [website](#).



If you wish to read the success story of Deanna and Cookie, click [here](#). Client and assistance enquiries welcomed.

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Victorian State Government is doing a survey on proposed legislation for dangerous dogs. Please have your say and visit:

<http://dpidangerous-dogs.questionpro.com/>

DOG TRAINING MADE EASY (I)

Much of my work is dogs with issues—[or is it issues with dogs?] The role a dog should play in the family is often misunderstood, resulting in stress and destructive behaviour. Another issue that seems to crop up frequently is not having a balance between dogs' instincts - nature—and nurture (what we train them to do). There has been very little success over time trying to change canine behaviour through training and breeding. This results in a dog turning to its natural inherited 'wolf' instincts which are suppressed, with sufficient nurture (training, guidance, leadership, understanding etc).

Most owners make sure their dog gets sufficient physical activ-

ity, whereas the need for mental stimulation of a dog is often overlooked and using it's little brain is just as important. The beauty is that physical exercise can incorporate some of your dog's mental stimulus needs. Change the pace of Walkies, from extremely slow through to almost a trot, and to slow again. Do this frequently but remain alert to the dog getting tired. The outcome is similar to humans doing repetitive work—we also get bored. Varying speed [and direction] will make the dog think, which consumes much more of the **right** energy. Most dogs have a desire to learn and work—understanding this and using it can improve interaction with your dog.

Doing fetch games, long recalls, long drop-stays and giving your dog a Kong with goodies are all 'brain exercises', tiring, yet relaxing. A long run often achieves the opposite, physical exhaustion but still hyper-active. Without mental stimulation the dog will revert to their natural instincts of lower response to recall, more jumping etc.

Use obedience training—have your dog sit at the door when the visitor arrives, stop it from jumping and barging in, knocking everyone over. Obedience should really be named "Self Control" as it puts the dog in a 'controlled' & known situation where it manages its own 'enthusiasm' better with a calm demeanor. Try it!

A Puppy is a dog for LIFE

Everybody agrees that beautiful, soft, cheeky, bouncy, lovable, cute, cuddly all describe the new puppy. BUT, puppies grow up and become dogs with needs such as attention, interaction, walks etc.

60% of a puppy's learning is between the 8th and 16th week - an ideal period for a puppy class, or puppy preschool. Here they learn the right social manners with people and with other dogs (puppies) -

a crucial learning period on the road to achieving a well behaved, balanced, problem-free dog for its whole life.

Be aware puppies (and all dogs, regardless of breed, sex, or size) have an inbred desire to get the most out of everything and have leadership aspirations. We are tempted to be drawn into these power games with puppies and like to treat them like babies, only to

discover that the puppy starts nipping, biting and chasing the kids - because puppies see children as littermates or prey.

A puppy class is a small investment in time and money, but a very important commitment to an early start to an ongoing training for your dog which will get the best out of your friend for life!

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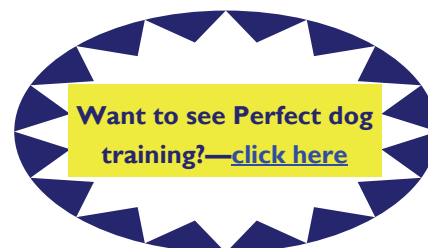
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People's choice for dog & puppy training

K9Coach Pty Ltd—including Puppy Coach was founded in 2007 and offers a new way of training and coaching dogs, rather than using old training techniques. Our approach is simple, easy to follow for handlers and dogs alike, making training fun and delivering results!

We specialise in behavioural modification training and dogs with issues— helping you create a better relationship between you and your dog. Our in-home sessions last between 90 min to 2 hours and our program is spread over a fortnight—and most can be done in 2 sessions. Going to 3 sessions is the exception—and the more owners work with us, the quicker the program works.

See what other owners have to say about K9Coach in home training and Puppy Coach puppy training. Please [click here](#)



Update of Courses for 2010

Over the last festive season we have been running several puppy classes a week and our current class is full again! We have listed a new class to start on TUE 2 FEB, see details on our [site](#).

From MON 1 FEB, we are fortunate to start a new puppy class a new location, PetCareVet, 234 Power Road, Endeavour Hills 3802 (Melway Ref: 91 A4) located @ the Heatherton Road turn off from the Monash Freeway. Cost is \$120 for the 4-week course, on Mondays from 7-8 pm. Please contact the friendly team @ 1300-VETPET (838738) or visit our [website](#).



Depending demand, our services here could be expanded to also include Juvenile classes at this location.

Our Burwood Juvenile class for January 2010 also filled quickly— the next date is

listed for [THU 25 FEB](#). Young dogs under one year old with socialisation issues are welcome [with handlers!] and we will start the process off to rectify any behavioural issues the dog may be starting to display. Please discuss your young dog's issues with us—we will try all we can to help. Included is a visit to a local shopping precinct to acclimatize the dogs to the noise and activity there.

Courses being hosted at our sister organisation, the Australian [DogTrainers Academy](#), which trains people to become professional dog trainers are also selling well. There are very few spaces left for both the 'Train the Puppy Trainer' course on SAT 13 March, and for the Nationally recognized training course—RUV4512A 'Conduct Companion Animal Training Classes' from 10 Apr—6 June 2010. Concurrently we



will host a further series of our highly successful BYO BOB (build your own Basic Obedience) classes. Each week includes a specialist subject. There is much focus on socialisation in these classes, open to dogs over 5 months old. The Academy students will help with issues, under K9C supervision and using the K9C approach.

To be held on Sunday mornings from 11th April to 6th June 2010 in Burwood—with class times @ 11.00am and 12.15pm. Full information will be uploaded on our website soon. Each week includes obedience refreshers, and a segment on that week's specific subject. Hope you can join us. For more details click [here](#). Please feel free to call 9889 8555 and discuss your training needs.