

Welcome to The Jolly Dog School (JDS)

JDS was founded in 1958 and is affiliated to the Kennel Union of South Africa (KUSA).

The club is run by a committee, which is elected at an AGM and any club member is eligible to be on the committee.

We operate according to our constitution and the rules of KUSA.

JDS aim to be one of the most affordable schools around

The JDS school year runs from the middle of January to the end of November. In November, we have a few fun days, and our prize- giving at the end-of year-braai, which is included in your fees.

Fees are payable in advance, before your first lesson. We offer a reduce membership fee for family membership and where more then one dog is being trained. Single members get a reduce rate on their second and subsequent years fees.

We do not let children under the age of fourteen (14) train a dog at the club, and we reserve the right to refuse to allow older children to train, if in our opinion they will not be able to handle the dog later on.

Remember a dog grows faster than a child and the child might be able to handle the dog currently, but not in a few months time. Also the dog will see the child as a “sibling” and not as “the boss”

If you are not able to attend any particular class, please do not send the dog with someone else, this will only confuse the dog –as most of the training is towards the handler.

We work on positive enforcement of actions, and hitting or punishing your dog will not be allowed by either us or KUSA

General training is from 14.30 to 15.30 hrs each Saturday. See below for holiday details.

Agility training is offered for those who would like to do this, which is included in your training fee, see below.

WHAT WE OFFER

During your training you will be amazed how much your puppy learns and how much fun you both can have. As you progress up through the classes you will hear about people competing in Competition Shows and as soon as your trainer thinks you are ready you can be guided in the finer aspects of competing.

You would start at the level of Elementary Beginners and work your way up to the difficult “C” class –

And what seems impossible now, might not in a year or two.

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We also offer Dog Dancing training.

We will attempt to train you and your dog from knowing next to nothing up to the top class, which in shows terms means, we train from Elementary Beginners through to “C”, test as define by KUSA.

We will assist you with shows if you wish to enter them.

TRAINING

Soft treats like Vienna sausages or cooked chicken as a reward, and a toy for “fetch”.

Please remember to bring a bowl and water.

We request that you clean up after your puppy if they make a “mess”, so please bring a plastic bag or two, for this purpose

PUPPY CLASS

The puppy class is intended for puppies up to the age of six months, after which you will graduate to Des’s class 1, for more advanced training.

You will need a soft webbing collar and lead..

The Puppy Class is for basic training and socialising.

At first the puppy class looks a bit chaotic as we do lots of different little things, but they are all part of an exercise and as time goes on those little exercises are put together and you will see what your dog is achieving

We start with basic handling -- the dog on your left and lead in the right hand, food in your left hand by the dog’s nose.

Rewards for doing what you have asked your dog to do

You will learn the commands like heal, come in, stay, wait, sit, down, fetch and their different uses

Socialising and getting used to noises

Using one command for one instruction

An introduction to agility work

The dogs learn what we are showing them quicker than you will, so we also train you on handling your dog.

Different trainers and handlers find different techniques work for them, so within the limits of what we are teaching, you might find different methods are given to you from trainer to trainer. Find what works for you and use it, there is no right and wrong method, and methods do change, as people come up with new ideas that work.

Always end each exercise on a positive note, if your dog does what you wanted it to do, reward it and do not do it again at that point in time, because next time it more than likely will fail, and the failure is what the dog will remember.

If a dog runs away and comes back – reward it – you see it running away, but the dog sees it as “I came back to you - so reward!

A dog not only listens to your voice, but also to your eyes and body language.

To avoid slipping and falling we suggest you wear takkies or rubber soled shoes, not flip-flops.

Graduation from the classes above puppy class depends upon you and your dog's achievements.

We all use the agility equipment and we request that at the end of the lesson you assist in packing the equipment away.

SNACKS AND DRINKS

Near the car park, under the shelter is a little tuck shop where there is a selection of snacks and soft drinks on sale during training. There are also dog biscuits that can be used as training treats on sale. They are very popular and you can order them through Ingrid or Peter.

AGILITY

Agility starts at 13.30 hrs and you are welcome to come and learn Dale and Alan will show you the way around. No dog is allowed to jump if it is under sixteen (16) months. This is to prevent injury to the dog's joints. If you are interested your puppy can in the meantime learn the other apparatus –the tunnel, bending bars, “A” frame etc.

WATER

There are taps around the field for water.

NOISE

As respect to the neighbours of the ground we request that your dogs be not allowed to bark

HOLIDAYS

We do not train on long week ends, i.e. if Friday on Monday is a public holiday, but we do train if Saturday is a holiday.

CLEANLINESS

Please keep the ground clean by using the rubbish bins that are around the field

TOILETS

Toilets are in the security guards rooms at the ground entrance

LEADS

Please keep your dogs on their leads at all times, except where instructed by your trainer.

NEWSLETTER

We publish a regular newsletter, but to keep your fees as low as possible, we prefer to send the newsletter by email. Unfortunately sometimes we cannot read the handwriting, therefore we ask new members to send an e-mail to us at etebutt@worldonline.co.za so that we can pick up the correct address.

WEBSITE

Our website address is www.jollydogs.co.za where a copy of the newsletter will be found and other details about the club

PROBLEMS

If you have a problem, first speak to your trainer. You may also speak to any other trainer, or committee member to resolve the problem. If they are unable to help, please speak to Des Bekker, Chairperson, also the trainer for Top Class and Class One

If Des cannot resolve the matter, as a KUSA affiliated club, you have the right approach them.

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“The Jolly Team”

