

TRAINING CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

TRAINING DIRECTIVES

1. Dogs and handlers joining Werribee Obedience Dog Club Inc. (WODC) from other obedience clubs will be assessed by the Chief Instructor or an experienced instructor, with a minimum of 5 years experience, then passed to train in the appropriate class at WODC. This assessment will include a dog association test if placed in Class 3, 4 or 5.
2. Dogs and handlers from others clubs who have gained an obedience title can be given a verbal induction on the club rules etc. of WODC before being able to train in the rings or they can attend an induction class if they wish. Proof of Title to be viewed upon joining.
3. Members with an additional dog or taking over the training of another member's dog will be assessed by the Chief Instructor or an experienced instructor, with a minimum of five years experience, at the current class level of either the dog or handler which ever is the lower.
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 - (a) The recommended training equipment to be used at WODC is either a correction chain, fixed/buckle collar, martingale, halti or gentle leader, and leather lead.
 - (b) Spiked/studded/electric collars are not to be worn at WODC. No other form of collars are allowed unless approved prior to use, by the Chief Instructor and/or an experienced instructor.
 - (c) The use of any other types of training equipment at WODC to be approved prior to use, by the Chief Instructor and/or an experienced instructor.
 - (d) The Club will not tolerate physical or verbal abuse towards dogs or other members or Committee or Instructors.
5. WODC Instructors and Committee Members who have been involved in instructor or administration work on the day are permitted to train their dogs in Class 5 irrespective of the current level of the team. The Instructor taking this Class will be advised by the handler at which level the team is training at and they will be instructed accordingly.
6. Members may train in a Class lower than they are currently at after consultation with the instructor of that class, providing that they adhere to that particular classes exercises. This does not apply to Fundays.