



# Media Release

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## Fun Activities for Dogs

*Beyond a walk in the park*

While a simple walk in the park with your dog is enjoyable and healthy, there are many other activities in which dogs and their owners can participate.

“Many people think DOGS Victoria is only about fancy, expensive show dogs and dog breeders,” said DOGS Victoria President Peter Frost, “But they couldn’t be more wrong.”

“DOGS Victoria recognises about 250 different dog clubs.” Mr Frost went on to say, “Many of these are regional clubs or specific to one event, such as agility, and are open to all types and sizes of dogs. It may surprise you to know that any dog can be registered with DOGS Victoria, not just purebreds.

“There is a special register, called the Associate Register, for dogs without pedigree papers, included cross breed dogs and dogs whose heritage is unknown. Literally any dog can be registered with DOGS Victoria and compete in these fun events.”

Events hosted by DOGS Victoria Clubs include agility, herding, obedience, jumping, flyball, lure coursing, retrieving, endurance, tracking, lure racing, dances with dogs, field, and earthdog.

Joining one of these clubs gives your dog the opportunity to have fun, socialise with other dogs and often get a great workout, too. It gives you access to expert advice and assistance in training your dog, which will lead to a better relationship between you and your dog.

Most clubs allow very young puppies to be involved. When you begin training your dog at a young age, you are more likely to have a happy, well-mannered dog that you can confidently take out in public. After all, even if you are competing in top-level agility, it’s still nice to have a simple walk in the park.

Many of these sports are very fun to watch, too. If you and your family are looking for something fun to do over the weekend, why not watch a dog sport competition? Take a look at the DOGS Victoria online at [www.dogsvictoria.org.au/GetInvolved/Activities/EventsCalendar.aspx](http://www.dogsvictoria.org.au/GetInvolved/Activities/EventsCalendar.aspx).

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