

# Modern Manners

Petiquette questions answered



Dear Rodney,

What an awful experience for you all, especially Dorothy. As I always say, you can pick your chintz but you can't pick your family and their pets. You sound like the consummate hosts to continue your afternoon of hospitality despite an ill-mannered dog and appalling attitude of your sister. Many of us would have clicked our heels twice and said the words "there's no place like home-Yours!", and sent her and the bad dog packing.

Davin has every right to feel hurt and angry about this incident. At the very least he could ask that she pay for the dry cleaning bill. That could give you a perfect excuse to explain how you truly felt about her attitude. You would be wise to express that you're not comfortable having her dog around for another play date. I would also suggest that you keep any new interior installations quiet so as not to pique her interest in dropping by for a sticky beak.

**Miss Petiquette (not her real name) lives in a cramped urban cottage with her dog, two cockatiels and a partially blind bunny. Reluctantly embracing singledom, she's got plenty of time on her hands to answer your questions regarding manners in the modern age for pet lovers. Miss Petiquette is on hand to deal with your perplexing petiquette and personal problems when not considering revamping her interior design options.**

Email her at [behaviour@urbananimal.net](mailto:behaviour@urbananimal.net)

Dear Miss Petiquette,

I had a dreadful situation quite recently that is still reverberating throughout our household. My partner and I recently had a pair of vintage Eames chairs installed in our home. My sister loves our taste and organised to come around with her dog for a peek-a-boo and play date with our Bichon, Fabio. Her dog has never been to our house before and all was going well until our cat, our lovely Birman called Dorothy, made her entrance into our lounge.

My sister's dog started lunging and snapping at Dorothy and sent her flying around the lounge room. Poor Dorothy escaped by scaling up the curtains and ended up on top of the curtain pelmet. This is where she stayed, even hours after my sister and her little dog left. My partner, Davin and I continued our afternoon tea and tried to make pleasantries until she left. But Davin is still fuming as, to add insult to injury, my sister's dog cocked its leg on the very curtains that Dorothy shot up.

I would feel a little easier about the situation if my sister had shown some remorse, but instead she laughed and said that she liked the idea of her dog chasing cats. Davin never wants to have her back in the house again and he can really hold a grudge. I'm not sure if we handled the situation well at the time. She probably thinks all was fine as we kept up the charade that we weren't too bothered by the whole incident. Should I tell her that Davin is still very angry?

Rodney

## Furry Festivals & Animal Attractions

Sunday, 17 February

### Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Fair Day

Doggywood comes to Sydney in the form of the 30th anniversary of the gay and lesbian Mardi Gras. The fair day is a great even where you can buy great products and sample some excellent food. The Doggywood area is especially for dog loving people and will have dog themed stalls and competitions.

10am to 7.30pm

Victoria Park, Camperdown (off Broadway)

From March 1

### Sydney City Council free obedience training program

This annual event is held at both the West Hoxton and Ingleside shelters.

This great initiative is once again starting up. These half-hour free obedience sessions run over 10 weeks and are available to residents within the Sydney City Council's local government area. The half hour classes will run in Sydney Park, St Peters and Harmony Park, Surry Hills on Saturday mornings. Edmund Resch Reserve in East Redfern and Federal Park in Glebe will hold classes on Saturday afternoons.

Numbers will be limited, so book your dog's place in the free training program as soon as possible. Contact the City of Sydney on 02 9265 9333 or by email at [council@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au)

Sunday, 25 May

### Ku-ring-gai Dogs' Day Out Picnic Races

The theme for this Council day out is 'Fastest Dog in Town'. There will be a series of dog races including the Mayor's cup and Councillor's handicap. The aim is to encourage owners to get active with their dogs. The day's activities include agility courses and obedience testing for pet owners and there will be a variety of products and services available for people. Other fun events include Best Painted, Best Dressed and Dog with the Best Smile.

For further information on the day's events or if you want to be involved in a stall or the activities then please call Paul Hopwood on (02) 9424 0705 or email [pshopwood@kmc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pshopwood@kmc.nsw.gov.au)

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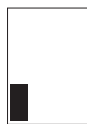
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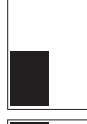
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