



Puppy Tales

*Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club -
Promoting responsible dog ownership.*

May 2023

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Notices

- We are so fortunate to have such a great band of willing and knowledgeable instructors who turn up every week to help train your dogs. We know that they have other commitments so sometimes are not available for a Sunday. Their replacement is just as dedicated and will be able to support you and your dog with your training. Please be prompt to, and attentive, in class so all members gain the most from their class each week. If there is something you are unsure of, just ask the instructor to explain. Each instructor is only too keen to help you.
- Ring Craft happens each week (instructor numbers permitting) for those handlers who are ready, or already, competing in obedience trials. It gives them one-on-one feedback about their handling and also gives their dog a chance to experience the ring environment. All members are very welcome to watch. Remember anyone in the ring started out exactly where you might be now. It's inspiring and encouraging stuff to watch!
- As per club policy, it is against our regulations for bitches in season to attend training. Please be considerate of other dogs and their handlers, and do not bring your bitch to training sessions if she is in season.

Don't forget, you can access a copy of this edition, and past Puppy Tales, on the BDOC website.

Sunday Training Times

Tricks – 9.00

Obedience – 9.30 Puppies, Classes 1, 3, 4

10.30 Classes Puppy+ and Class 2

Agility – 9.30 Set up to start at **10.00** (Advanced Class)

11.15 Beginners with pack up at **12.15**

All participants are expected to either help with setting or packing up.

Rally for Beginners – 11.30

Flyball – 9.30 onwards

New Membership Sign Ups –

Sunday 14th May is the next date for new members to sign up. If you know someone who is keen to join us please tell them.

They will need to bring their dog's vaccination certificate but **not** their dog. Our fees and forms are listed on our website at www.bdoc.com.au. If they can download the forms and fill them out before attending it would be appreciated.

We also have eftpos facilities, but a 2% surcharge (\$2) will be charged on top of the membership fees so payment needs to be either cash or eftpos.



Agility and Jumping Trial - Sunday 7th May 2023

BDOC was extremely appreciative of the members who offered their help at our recent Obedience and Rally Trial. We are now asking for help with one more trial. This one is similar, however with the inclusion of multiple pieces of equipment in each ring, we certainly need 'all hands on deck' for this one.

Here are the main areas the club needs help with:

- Ring Setup** 7.00am to 9am
Putting up the rings (posts and ring rope), equipment distributed to rings, setting up of tables and gazeboes. You will be guided by an experienced club member.
- Stewarding** AM: 8.30am to noon'ish
PM: noon til 3.30 ish
Outside the ring - organising competitors so they are ready to enter, running sheets up to the office as a ring is completed and other 'runner' jobs.
Inside the ring –You will be under the guide of the judge, assisting with equipment, adjusting heights of jumps, positioning of equipment.
The roles of scribe and timekeeper are usually given to those with previous experience.
- Kitchen** Providing a 'plate' for morning or afternoon tea, preparation of lunches and afternoon tea, cleaning up after.
- Raffle tickets:** Morning or Afternoon
If you are good at selling/spruiking, this could be the job for you! The more tickets we sell, the more money goes back to the club!

We thank those members who have already offered their assistance ☺.

BDOC Obedience and Rally Trial

Well, the weather forecast looked VERY average for trialling but the really bad weather didn't eventuate until the end of the afternoon(almost). Truly, the conditions weren't great for trialling. Strong winds in the morning and drizzle in the afternoon but not as bad as forecasted. Trialers are such a diehard lot that they don't let iffy weather put them off!



Firstly a big thanks to our organisers, Ellen and Pat Mann. It was Ellen's first time coordinating a trial so hats off to her for a job well done. Thanks also goes to Pat for the support and advice she gave Ellen.

And then there were the volunteers who helped to make the day so successful.

From what needed to happen inside the clubhouse, as well as outside on the grounds, a heartfelt thanks to you all for making the trial happen. For a club to organise and run a trial takes a lot of effort and hard work so we are reliant on members to help out where they can. Some members were down on the Friday to tidy the clubhouse and also mark out where rings were to go. Then there were the early birds who were there Saturday morning. At the risk of leaving someone's name out, BDOC would like to thank you all for your contribution to a busy but great day.

Of course, a big thanks also to all members who competed. It can be nerve wracking walking into the ring, just you and your dog, but all competitors, whether successful or not, did a wonderful job of representing just how good BDOC handlers and dogs are!

So, onto results...

Community Companion Dog – David with Jy – Pass (196/200!) and first in ring, Highest Scoring BDOC member in CCD

Companion Dog – Ellen with Kai – 2 passes and 2 firsts and Highest Scoring BDOC member x 2!

Pat with Topsy – a 2nd and 3rd placing 'with not quite enough points' (a nice way of saying not a pass)

Companion Dog Excellent – Libby with Spark – a 3rd with 'not enough points'

Rally Novice – Dee with Coco – 2 passes and second in rings

Jen with Sammi – 2 passes

Grace with Molly -

Rally Masters – Yvonne with Ngaire – 2 passes and third in ring both times (1st time in Masters!)





Fabulous Work
Everyone!



Of course, there are other trials around the state that our members have been willing to travel to. Here are their results:

Grace and Molly – Intermediate Tricks pass and Highest Scoring BDOC member (Ballarat)

Pass in Rally (Southern Dog Obedience Club)

Pass in Tricks and 2nd place (Shepparton)

Pass in CCD Obedience (1st Place) and 3 passes in Rally and Rally Novice title (Mt Gambier)

Yvonne and Ngaire – Intermediate Tricks – 2 passes (Shepparton)



Now that the weather is turning, here is something to consider from Andrew Spanner BVSc(Hons) MVetStud, a vet in Adelaide.

Do Dogs Really Need Coats?

“They’re dogs; they don’t need coats!” Have you ever heard people say that? Well, thirty years ago I used to say it too. I’ve gone from someone who thought dog jackets were silly and pretentious to wanting more dogs to wear them.

Why? Let’s start with that old wolf-versus-dog chestnut.



The Wolf vs The Dog

Are dogs really only house-wolves? If they were, they certainly wouldn’t need coats. Modern scholars, however, say no. Here are just three reasons why:

- If you try to raise a wolf cub, it will never be a dog.
- Dogs can digest more foods than wolves.
- Dogs have a remarkably different physical appearance. The biggest single change is to their **coat**.



Here's a typical wolf. What I want you to see is the way snow can just sit on the coat without melting.

A wolf's coat is double-layered; rough guard hairs on the outside keep the warm air trapped in the inner downy hairs. It's so effective that this wolf can be warm at the skin while it's freezing on the outside.

Now compare this wolf to the dog at the start. Many breeds still have a double coat but that's not one of them. The critical fact is that most dog coats have been bred based on **how they look, not what they do**.

The Two-Dog Family

Another sign that some dogs need coats only appears when two dogs live together. Dogs of different breeds and ages often tolerate cold very differently. One dog may sit right against the heater while another can be outside chewing a bone in the rain. What you notice again and again is that they're always the same types of dogs. The fact that I can predict which dogs will do this means there's something real going on. Instead of saying "that dog's soft" we might start thinking, "these two dogs feel the cold differently."

The Anaesthetic Effect

What finally changed my mind for good was watching dogs under anaesthetic. As part of routine monitoring, we measure core body temperature. Needless to say, we always use Bair-Hugger-type warmers and body wraps. When we didn't, here's what happened:

- Small dogs dropped faster than big dogs
- Young & old dogs dropped faster than adult dogs
- Single-coated breeds dropped faster than double-coated ones

Put those three together and you can see why Chihuahua breeders used to say that their puppies reacted badly to anaesthetics. Once conscious control is removed, it's easy to see how some dogs lose heat faster than others. That means they're likely to be fighting harder when they're awake.

This is the best evidence we have to construct a guide for dog owners on...

Which Dogs Need Coats

The following dogs are likely to be more comfortable wearing coats in cold weather:

- Puppies and elderly dogs
- Underweight or unwell dogs
- Dogs under 7 kg
- All sizes of dogs with single coats

Single coats are so common that it's easier for me to tell you which dogs have double coats. (I have removed this due to its size, have a 'Google' if unsure of your dog – Pat)

A common mistake I see is letting the coat of a Poodle cross grow out over winter. Not only is the effectiveness of this debatable, but the coat gets matted, the skin gets unhappy and it's much harder to remove later.

I think these dogs are made better off by clipping year-round and adding a coat in cool weather.

Choosing A Coat

I don't sell coats but I see them every day and have a fair idea which ones are best.

First, I stress the importance of washability. Wool and oilskins look good, but they're harder to clean.

Second, the fit is important. If it's too tight, the dog will resent wearing it. Too loose and it turns into a skirt.

When To Wear A Coat

The best temperature to wear a coat will depend on the dog and the situation. I advise a coat for cold-sensitive breeds when it gets below 14 degrees celsius or 57 Fahrenheit. In southern Australia, that's most nights in winter.

If a dog will be in the wind or rain, that number should be more like 18 degrees, whereas if the dog can bask in the sun, it could be down to 10.

As the temperature drops further, even breeds considered to be cold-tolerant will eventually need coats. **Most importantly, always look at your dog's body language for signs of being uncomfortably hot or cold.** On the right dog you can usually see when they enjoy wearing a coat.

Keeping That Coat On!

What about those dogs that keep taking off their coats? Some of them will just be telling you they feel fine without them. My Loki is one of these; you can always tell when the night was warmer than expected by where his coat *isn't*.

Then there are the other dogs that benefit from coats but still take them off or destroy them. It can get quite expensive, not to mention frustrating. My old dog Tinker won't tolerate anything so all I can do in winter is make sure he's inside.

That's the other trick, of course. Even if your dog fits the description above, there are alternatives. Plenty of dogs wouldn't know what being 'outside' feels like. Others, like the dog at the start, might not even need a coat if they're keeping warm by exercising.

Perhaps all I'm really asking is this: that we throw out the dogma and try to imagine the world from our dogs' point of view.





DOGS VICTORIA CONFIRMED
DATE: 01/02/2023
SIGNATURE:

BALLAARAT DOC Inc
Open Agility & Jumping Trial
Venue: Military Drive, Victoria Park, Ballarat

Sunday 7th May 2023

Entries Close: Sunday April 30th 2023

Online entries: <https://www.k9entries.com>

Paper entries to PO Box 383, Ballarat, Victoria 3353 (paper entries close 21st April 2023)

Trial Secretary: Ellen Mucha Ph: 0438 389 421 Email: ballarataquility@gmail.com

Entry Fee: \$9 per class

No vetting or check-in. Numbers available between 8.15 – 8.45am & must be collected before judging starts.

Event conducted under COVID-19 Restrictions current at the time

All classes will be judged on Adjusted SCT for each Height.

Rubberised Contacts, Wing Jumps & Timing Gates in use.

Catalogue: available at <http://www.vicdog.com> and Vic Agility FB page a few days prior to the trial

Rings A & B – Start time: 9.00am

Ring A: AD#, ADX, ADM Agility – Annette Cloughton

Ring B: JDX#, JDM#, JD# Jumping – Maxine Corey-Thomas

Rings C & D – Not before 12 noon

Ring C: ADX#, ADM#, AD# Agility – Caroline Bentley

Ring D: JDM, JD#, JDX Jumping – Roger Padfield

All Rings will have a lunch break at a time that suits the ring.

This Trial is held under the Rules and Regulations of the VCA and a copy of the Rules may be perused at the office of the Trial Secretary. BDOC reserves the right to substitute judges if required.

Not For Competition (NFC) available in classes indicated by # (see note below)

Awards:

Sash and prize for 1st place

Sash only 2nd and 3rd place. Qualifying runs only

Presentation will be held at the conclusion of pack up.

- NFC available in these classes:

When you enter the ring, you need to clearly identify to the judge that you are running under NFC, by raising two arms in the air and making an X. No pass can be obtained with the dogs running as NFC. You are ineligible to also enter that class for a competitive run. No food is allowed in the ring. Any toys used must be small, noiseless and not leave the handlers body. The course must be run in numerical order, as designed by the judge, however, you may start at any point within the course. The maximum time for each NFC run is the SCT for that class and if the judge asks you to leave, you must do so immediately.

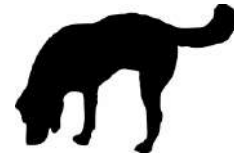
Catering: Limited catering will be available

Sponsors:



Please note that there will be no other training on the grounds on this day.

Tracking Training is Back!



Here's a positive for cooler Ballarat weather! No unexpected reptiles and scenting is easier for a dog.

If you don't know anything about tracking here is some information from Dogs Australia:

Tracking aims to showcase a dog's ability to locate people lost in either paddocks or bush landscapes.

All breeds of dogs can learn to track using their natural scenting instincts which is enjoyable and rewarding for them to use.

Tracking involves training a dog to follow a ground scent trail and find any discarded articles of clothing along the track. Dogs need to wear a tracking harness and be at the end of a minimum 10-metre lead, but length can be shortened if the terrain requires it.

There are two types of scents, ground, and body scents.

Ground scent: is the scent of the ground disturbance left where the tracklayer has come into contact with. It contains odours coming from the bruising and damaging of grass and foliage, the crushing of roots and the scent of soil bacteria and moulds, released where surfaces of soil soil has been broken by the tracklayer. As a track ages, the scent of the decay organisms working on the damaged roots and plants is present.

Body Scent: is a personal scent left by the tracklayer coming from normal body odour left in the air. The tracklayer may have also touched a scrub or grass leaving their scent on it. Scent can also come from particles of skin, hair, clothing, fluff, or shoe leather shed on the track.

A trained tracking dog is expected to smell an article belonging to a tracklayer and find the track, following it until it finds the end of the track. A dog must also find and indicate any articles dropped along the track by its tracklayer.

Source: <https://dogsaustralia.org.au/training-dog-sports/tracking/>

BDOC has a Tracking FaceBook Page that will have more details regarding training.

There is also a Tracking Trial scheduled for July.

DOGS VICTORIA CONFIRMED DATE: 19/04/2023
SIGNATURE:

BALLAARAT DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB INC RAELEEN MCLEOD MEMORIAL OPEN TRACKING TRIAL

VENUE Ballarat Field & Game, 729 Bells Road, Haddon
ON Saturday 22nd, Sunday 23rd and Monday 24th July 2023

JUDGES Mrs Lynn Klecka, Ms Jude Lowe, Mr John Scott

ENTRY FEES NONMEMBERS-\$40.00

CLUB MEMBERS - \$35.00

(Fees include Dogs Victoria surcharges and levys)

Catalogue will be available a few days prior to the trial on www.vicdog.com

Catalogues will not be available at the trial

**THIS EVENT SUBJECT TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS CURRENT AT THE
TIME**

TRIAL MANAGER Mrs Lisa Staszek, Telephone Number – 0432597754 (no
calls after 9.30 pm please) or ljs68@optusnet.com.au

ENTRIES Online entries via www.showmanager.com.au

**Postal entries to 27 McNulty Drive, Wendouree Vic 3355 Cheques to
be made out to – Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club Inc**

ENTRIES CLOSE Monday 10th July 2023 at 10 pm

CHECK IN 6.30 am to 7.00 am and judging to commence at 8.00 am

If an excessive entry is received a ballot will be held at our clubrooms at
Military Drive, Victoria Park at 7.00 pm on Thursday 13th July, 2023. The
committee reserves the right to substitute judges or add to the judging
panel should the entry be excessive.

**CLUB POLICY – only 2 dogs to be worked on the one day by one handler and
same handler to lay only one track**

THERE WILL ALSO BE NO CATERING AT THIS TRIAL



Dog Shop



Come in and say hello to Karen or, in her absence another friendly club member, and they will be able to advise you and help fit your dog with what they need!

PRICE LIST

Leads:	\$20.00
Martingale collars:	\$20.00
Treat bags:	\$20.00
Snuffle mat:	\$40.00
Tug toys:	\$10.00



We also have the bright yellow "GIVE ME SPACE" vests for \$20.00



Just in case the weather is too bad to train your dog outside(as if there is any reason for not training!).

Name: _____ Date: _____

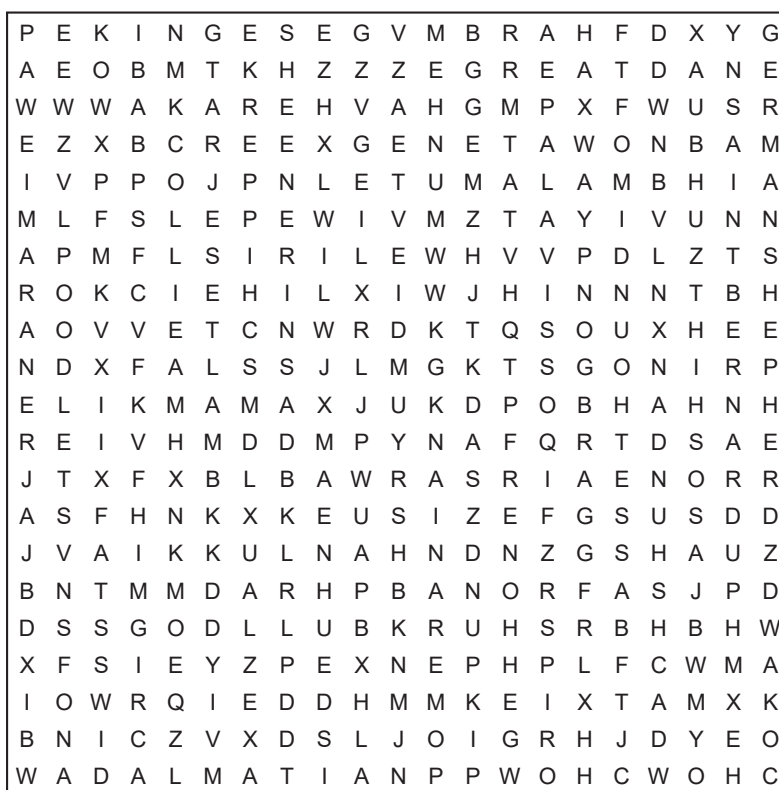
DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



AIREDALE
AKITA
BASSET HOUND
BEAGLE
BOXER
BULLDOG
CHIHUAHUA
CHOW CHOW
COLLIE
DACHSHUND
DALMATIAN
GREAT DANE
GERMAN SHEPHERD
LHASA APSO
MALAMUTE

Dog Breeds

Word Search



MALTESE
MASTIFF
PEKINGESE
POMERANIAN
POODLE
PUG
ROTTWEILER
SAINT BERNARD
SAMOYED
SCHIPPERKE
SHAR-PEI
SHIH-TZU
WEIMARANER

