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About our Club

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## Welcome to the Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club Inc.

Our club is a not for profit organization, conducted by volunteers who are dedicated to promoting responsible dog ownership.

Members are taught how to achieve an obedient dog which will heel beside them, come when called and stay when told.

## We teach YOU to train YOUR dog.

Our committee members \& instructors are all volunteers. They give their time and share their knowledge freely.

The club offers a variety of training and fun activities. These include:

- ObEDIENCE: Learn how to achieve an obedient dog which will heel beside you, come when called and stay when told.
- Rally $\mathbf{O}$-A fun sport for dog and handler.
- AGILITY: Dogs negotiating obstacles, jumps, tunnels and see-saws in a race against the clock.
- TRACKING: Doing what dogs do best, sniffing. Dogs are trained to follow specific scents.
- FLYBALL: Ball crazy dogs, running a hurdle relay race.
- TRICKS: build a strong bond with your dog and learn tricks to impress your friends

After training you are welcome to join other members in the clubrooms. Canteen items are available at a reasonable price also tea and coffee are free at the dispenser.

On hot days please be aware of your dog's comfort - park in a shady area if possible and have cool water available for your dog at all times.

## If you have any training problems, please talk to a discipline Coordinator.

The Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club Inc. welcomes you and trusts that you have an enjoyable time training your dog.

The Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club inc. is affllated with "Dogs Victoria"

## NEW MEMBERS

- Enrolmentjoining time only: 6.30 pm at the club rooms on the second \& fourth Monday of each month. Also DVD \& information night.
- A current Vaccination certificate for canine enteritis, canine distemper and parvo virus must be produced when joining.
- Cash or cheque only - no eftpos available.

NOTE: MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - due the $30^{\text {th }}$ June of each year.

Club Constitution \& Rules available - see club secretary.
The club has a Privacy Policy ensuring confidentiality of members' records.

## TRAINING TIMES

## SUNDAY -

## SESSION 1 -

Obedience 9.45 am (walk) - 11.00 am .
Agility (Advanced)
Rally O-10.30am-11.00.am.
Tricks - 9.30am to 10am.

## SESSION 2 -

Agility (Beginners) 11.15am-12.15pm.
Flyball (Beginners \& Intermediate level to 11.45)
Flyball (Advanced \& Competition level from 11.45)

## THURSDAY -

## SESSION 1 -

Puppy Preschool - 7.pm to 8pm BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Age of puppy - from 8 weeks - 12 weeks.

## SESSION 2 -

Tricks. -8.15 pm to 9.00 pm
Note: Puppy preschool has a once only fee of $\$ 70$ per puppy for a four week course - a discount is given to club members.

The Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club reserves the right to deny entry to training any dog that is not completely under the handler's control and in an instructors' or coordinators' opinion is considered to be a danger to other class participants.

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## GUIDELINES

- Please be on time for your Training Sessions. Allocation of Instructors is very difficult when members arrive once training has commenced and this may lead to large classes.
- A current name badge must be worn and be visible whilst in class. See the Membership Officer before you commence class for a temporary name tag if you have forgotten or lost it. No badge - No training!
- Bitches in season are not permitted at the training ground.
- Handlers must clean up after their dog. Plastic bags are provided for this purpose at the dispenser next to the training area.
Cleaning up after your dog is not just a club rule but also a Local Government requirement of all dog owners.
- Club Equipment is to be used only under instruction. Members are not permitted to use equipment (Agility/Flyball/Puppy Class) out of class times.
- Children are to be supervised at all times by a responsible adult.
- Dogs are not permitted inside the Clubrooms. (Puppy Preschool and Tricks classes exempt.)
- All dogs are to be on lead and under adult supervision at all times. (except when training in advanced classes.)
Dogs are NOT to be tied or left alone in the vicinity of the wooden rails near the Clubrooms.
- Smoking is not permitted whlle training or inside the Clubrooms.
- Mobile 'phones and "beepers" must be SWITCHED OFF while training.
- Vaccination certificates must be maintained at all times. No current vaccination certificate - no training! Each year when you renew your membership, please show the membership officer the vaccination certificate so it can be recorded. Vaccination is for the safety of your dog as well as other dogs.
- Any mistreatment of dogs will not be tolerated.
- We seek your Cooperation.

Please:

- leave the training grounds clean and tidy It is a public ground provided by the City of Ballarat for our use.
- drive cars at walking pace in Military Drive, for the safety of members, children and dogs alike.
- wear SUITABLE clothing and footwear (eg, long pants, solid shoes,) when training.


## OUR CLUB

Our club is run by a Committee of Management (all volunteers) elected each year by members at the Annual General Meeting.

Committee meetings are held on the $1^{\text {st }}$ Monday of each month and are advertised on the notice board and in the monthly newsletter.
Members are welcome to observe Committee of Management meetings. See club president or secretary for information. The club communicates with members via a monthly newsletter, the club noticeboard, web site and the clubs Facebook page.

## WHAT'S ON?

"PUPPY TALES"
Is the clubs newsletter. We welcome original articles for publication such as general interest stories, poems, doggie facts, puzzles or information about you \& your dog. Articles will appear at the Editors Discretion.
You may like to have your business acknowledged in "Puppy Tales".
 Puppy Tales Sponsorship

We would be pleased to acknowledge your business.

You can promote your business in our newsletter. Further enquiries see the Editor.

## Noticeboard

Please check the club notice board to keep up to date with information and activities of the club

## Emall

We may email members to inform them of club activities (refer to the club's privacy policy).

Web Site - (also on facebook)

## PUPPY PRESCHOOL

A four week course for puppies from 8 to 12 weeks

## Socialization

Basic Obedience Training Responsible Dog Ownership House Training Dog Behaviour General Puppy Problems
Puppy Pre-school provides the perfect opportunity for your puppy to socialize \& learn with other healthy vaccinated puppies in a safe, friendly environment.
Entrants must provide a current vaccination certificate BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

## AGILITY

Do you want to have FUN with your Dog?

Your dog MUST

- be able to work OFF LEAD

- COME when called.
- be NON-AGGRESSIVE,
- be healthy
- be over 12 months of age

Do you also want a challenge?
Complete your enrollment form \& come over to agility. Testing advertised in Puppy Tales.

FLYBALL
IS YOUR DOG BALL-MAD?


FIT \& HEALTHY? OVER 12 MONTHS?

## SOCIALISES WELL WITH OTHER

DOGS AND PEOPLE?
DO YOU WANT TO HAVE FUN TOO?

Flyball classes are held each week @ 11.10am See a Flyball Instructor.

## TRICKS CLASS

CAN YOUR DOG JUGGLE?

CAN HE RIDE A BICYCLE?
MAYBE NOT...
WHY NOT TRY THE NEXT
BEST THING AND JOIN


OUR TRICKS CLASS WHICH
ALSO INCLUDES DANCING WITH DOGS.
INTERESTED???
TALK TO A TRICKS COORDINATOR FOR MORE DETAILS.

## TRACKING

Tracking is natural for dogs.


Dogs can be taught from a young age
TRACKING IS A SATISFYING ACTIVITY, ESPECIALLY IF YOU ENJOY WALKING.

INTERESTED?
ASK TO SPEAK TO A TRACKING COORDINATOR

## TRIALING <br> OBEDIENCE, RALLY-O, AGILITY, FLYBALL, TRACKING. <br> DO YOU WANT A CHALLENGE? <br> DO YOU WATCH OTHERS AND THINK "I CAN DO THAT"

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR DOG TO ACHIEVE A
"TITLE"?

THEN TRY TRIALING

ASK AN INSTRUCTOR OR COORDINATOR AND WATCH THE NOTICEBOARD FOR TRIALS AND COMPETITIONS

## DOGS VICTORIA

The Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club Inc., is affiliated with Dogs Victoria (Victorian Canine Association or VCA) this body represents dog owners in Victoria.

Dogs registered with Dogs Victoria are eligible to compete in various competitions and trials approved by Dogs Victoria.

Successful dogs may qualify for titles awarded by Dogs Victoria.

## FUNDRAISING

Our club runs various fundraising events throughout the year. We hope you will support these events. If you have any fundraising ideas, or would like to help, we would love to hear from you. Please speak to a committee member.

## CANTEEN

Open from 10.30am to 11.45am. on a Sunday morning.

Lunch orders taken before 10am. Cold drinks - water - cappuccino coffee all sold at reasonable prices.

## CLASS LEVELS

As you progress, you will be promoted to another class where you will learn more exercises and refine the skills of the exercises you already know.

You will receive a ribbon acknowledging your pass from one class to another.

Obedience has class levels from one to four. The requirements of each class are explained on the notice board in the club rooms.

## DOG SHOP

## SALES FROM GARAGE

## HAVE YOUR DOG CORRECTLY FITTED WITH

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* training collars
* LEADS
* FIXED COLLARS
* HALTI'S
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Á correctly fitted training collar and a webbed lead to suit the size and strength of the dog is recommended to assist with training.

## Also available: <br> - DUMBBELLS o TREAT BAGS o SNUFFLE MATS

## TRAINING TIPS

To achieve results with your training, practice at home those exercises shown to you in class.

- Train your dog for approximately five minutes a day.
- Do not overdo the training.
- If you have had a stressful day do not train your dog.
- All training should be fun for you and your dog.
- Yellow ribbon - ("Give me space") for dogs who are anxious or stressed.
If you have any problems with your dog or the method of training, please approach an instructor (who is wearing a yellow vest) for assistance.


## PRESENTATION NIGHT

Many of our dogs participate in competitions or trials and gain titles. Obedience, Rally O, Agility, Jumping \& Tracking titles are granted by Dogs Victoria, Agility titles are also granted by NADAC and Flyball titles granted by the AFA these are all recognized by the Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club Inc.

BDOC members who don't compete in trials and competitions are also eligible for club awards.
Awards at the end of each financial year are given out to handlers (owners) in recognition of their achievement at our Annual Presentation Night. See club newsletter for more information.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF A DOG OWNER.

There are responsibilities attached to owning a dog, which include exercise, fencing, food, sleeping arrangements, health and the law.

## Exercise

It is advisable not to over-exercise a puppy until its bones are developed, - some of the larger breeds should only be lightly exercised up until the age of 12 months. As the pup grows, extend the exercise period, while keeping a close eye on its capability to cope. If you take your pup to the park for a free run, it is best to allow the dog to self-exercise, rather than throwing a ball all the time, as this could over exert your pup.

When you take your dog out of the backyard for its daily walk, there are many benefits. The dog gets to look at different scenery, you both get exercise, and it is something that you and your dog can enjoy.

## Fencing

Make sure that you have suitable fencing around your property. It is amazing how some small pups can squeeze through the tiniest gap in or under a fence. On the other hand, certain breeds can be good at jumping, so ensure the fencing is high enough to discourage jumping.

## Food

Ensure your dog has a balanced diet. You may choose to feed home cooked food e.g. veggies, pasta, rice or fresh meat. Or you could feed canned or dry food, or any combination of these.

Fresh cool water should be available at all times.
Never feed your dog cooked bones such as chop bones, as these bones could be fatal. (Human chocolate and onions are also a definite no!)

Feed raw bones such as brisket, lambs flaps, or marrowbones at least twice a week. Giving your dog raw bones will clean its teeth. Bones will keep the dog occupied for a while and help while it is growing. Rawhide chews and Nylabones are also an excellent way to satisfy your dogs' chewing needs.
If you are food training, reduce the dogs' overall daily diet by the amount of food used in training so the dog does not become overweight.

## Sleeping

It is your choice whether your dog sleeps inside or outside.

If you decide the dogs place to sleep is outside, make sure its kennel is free of draughts, facing away from the weather, and preferably within range and sight of your backdoor, so the dog can see the happenings of the household.

The kennel should have clean, dry bedding. Sometimes it is hard to keep the bedding dry, especially if the dog is wet, so straw is a good alternative to blankets and carpet. The dog will love the feel of it and it will stay clean and dry for a long time.

If you decide your dog is going to sleep inside, it is best to confine the dog to one room in the house, especially whilst toilet training. Your dog could sleep in a basket, mat or stretcher bed, whatever you prefer.

## Health

As a dog owner, it is your responsibility to worm your dog on a regular basis, and get yearly vaccinations to protect the dog from diseases.

## Grooming

Dogs usually have two major moults a year.
However, if it is an inside dog, you might find that the dog continuously moults. As such, you should brush the dog on a regular basis, at least once a week. While you are grooming, your dog is getting used to being handling.

## Law

Last, but not least, please be aware that when you have your dog out in public, it is the law to:

- have your dog on a lead at all times, and
- clean up after your dog.

Some areas are designated off lead areas. Contact your local council for further information. Also, when your dog reaches four months of age, it must be registered at your local council.
Finally, the most important thing you can do is to spend quality time with your dog, give your dog plenty of love and kindness, and in return you will receive love and loyalty.

## LIBRARY

BDOC has an assortment of books and magazines on dogs available for loan. They cover a wide range of topics such as Training, Breeds \& General Dog Stories. Please speak to a committee member if you would like to view the range available.

