



Puppy Tales

Ballarat Dog Obedience Club -

Promoting responsible dog ownership.

October 2021

Due to the ever-changing nature of our training schedule to comply with COVID requirements, there is no calendar for October.

Please continue to check our website and Facebook page to keep up-to-date with latest training news.



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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, do not bring your bitch to training sessions if she is in season. Thank you.

Getting to Know Your Committee

Karen Brereton – Committee/Instructor

Hi, I'm Karen and I am the lady in the Dog Shop.

I started in Obedience in 1979 at the Malvern German Shepherd Club with my first dog, Aare. I then moved to Townsville in 1981 where I really became passionate about training and trialling my dogs. My first trialling dog was Rex who I got into UD. Many dogs followed him as we travelled around Queensland and the East Coast. I became a judge in 1986 which I enjoyed for 12 years before taking on my own business. Losing 5 dogs in the space of 18 months broke my heart so I gave dog training away until we moved back to Victoria and settled in Ballarat in 2011. I got another German Shepherd, Jonti, and started training for fun. I joined BDOC in 2013 I think and have been helping out where I can. I now have a Springer Spaniel which I am certainly having fun with, in Agility.



Obedience Training Times:

9.30 am Puppy, Groups 1, 3, 4 and Trial ring

10.30 am Puppy Plus and Group 2

These times are correct at time of printing but please also check our website or Facebook page in case of changes.

Please remember you must **sign in** using the QR code or paper sign in sheet before class commences.

Come down early and walk your dog around the grounds before class to get them ready for training.

Memberships are due!

Due to COVID, particularly that some training days in August needed to be cancelled, the date to renew is now the end of October.

What to do!

- Send a copies of your dog's current vaccination certificate as well as any concession cards you may hold to secretary@bdoc.com.au
- Your renewal form will then be sent to you
- Once the fee has been deposited into BDOC's bank account you will have renewed your membership. Please put your name as the reference.
- If you hear nothing, then your membership has been processed.
- We shall contact you if your membership fee has not been deposited.
- Pick up your new **PINK** membership badge when we have returned to training.

There are details of renewal fees, concessions, etc on our website at <http://www.bdoc.com.au/membership-renewals/>

Please continue to check our Facebook group for announcements about 'outdoors' new and renewal Membership Sunday dates that may be scheduled as we can organise them.

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Did you know?

You can access current and past copies of Puppy Tales from our website:

<http://www.bdoc.com.au/>

Or if you are a 'Facebooker', you can join our Facebook group:

'Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club Inc'

You can access your copy from there!

Due to the impact of COVID restrictions on training and trials, there has been little to report from each of the disciplines, hence we do not have our usual reports from all of them.

But from Agility...

Training Tips This Month: *Rear Cross*.

Our bilingual word this month is “Rear Cross” it is a handling manoeuvre that, like all crosses, is used to allow the handler to change from one side of the dog to the other or to turn the dog's path.

For the Rear Cross:

The dog *must* move ahead of the handler in order for the handler to cross behind the dog:-

- The handler remains behind the dog immediately afterwards.
- The dog is visible to the handler throughout the cross.

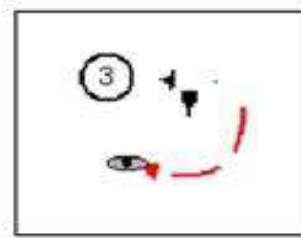
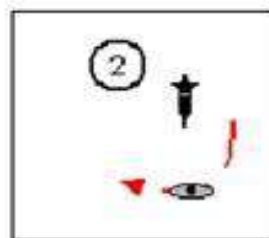
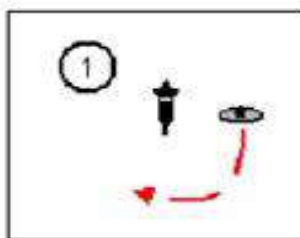
Start to Train this manoeuvre in your ground work by:-

Step one:-Place dog in a stand, command “wait”

Step two:-handler to step backwards, and cross behind the dog.

Step three:- Dog to remain in stand - when dog's head turns - mark / praise the dogs head turn with verbal command such as ‘yes’ feed, praise and release.

Remember to train BOTH sides.



AGILITY TRAINING TIMES

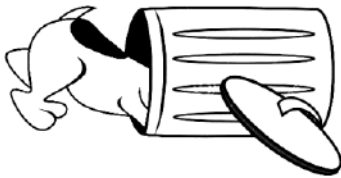
Please note that these times are our original training times – please check FaceBook for 'COVID training times'.

Set up at 9.30

Advanced Class: 10.00am

Beginners: 11.30am

Pack up: 12.30



BOREDOM BUSTERS #2

Last time, we looked at how our dogs could entertain themselves by searching for food. They can also use their noses for other purposes. If you give your dog something novel to smell, it's a bit like us going to the movies. What a story they can cobble together from what their noses tell them!

So how can we do this? The simplest way is to toss a smell impregnated towel, rag or item of clothing on your dog's bed. (Obviously not one you intend to use for it's initial purpose again!) Something that has been worn by a sweaty body, or spent some time in a shearing shed or stable are some ideas. Some dog owners also do this if a new baby is coming into the household so that the smell of the baby is already known to the dog before bub arrives home. If your dog eats everything, this may not be an option; ingesting fabric is not ideal! If you do give your dog an item of clothing, make sure there is nothing your dog can get his head stuck in (long sleeves, patch pockets – cut these off)

If your dog loves destroying things, find a bucket with a firm-fitting lid, drill some holes around the base and put something smelly in it. Think animal poo –horse, sheep, rabbit, chook etc, seaweed or a few handfuls of leaf litter from the bush. Hang the bucket in a tree so that the base of it is around your dog's head height. If he stands on his hind legs and tries to get his front legs on the top of the bucket, just make it higher. He will still be able to inhale the gorgeous scents but won't be able to destroy it. Be creative with what you use as

the source of smell – remember, anything that is not usually part of your dog’s daily environment will be novel and therefore interesting to him.

Another idea is to use essential oils. These may not be your dog’s favourite – we all know how much they love covering themselves in scents that we hate – but they can still be of interest to your dog and may appeal more to some owners. Mix a few drops of oil into a spray bottle filled with water and put a few sprays around the garden. Be sure to dilute as suggested and do not allow your dog access to the concentrate. Some suggestions are lavender, chamomile, cedarwood, peppermint, lemongrass





flyball

fun runs for dogs

Bill Reynolds, Flyball Coordinator

You don't have to be BIG



You don't have to be FAST



You don't have to be SMALL



... you just have to be fun loving!

To avoid injuries and perform at their maximum, dogs (like human athletes) need to do warm up and cool down stretches before and after vigorous activity.

When they are old enough to begin flyball, the dogs should then have basic obedience training, and so will be easier (and quicker) to train. Talk to Danielle or Bill at flyball on a Sunday morning.

☺ *Awwwwwwww!!! You got a new puppy. Isn't he cute?*

And, he's going to be the best flyball dog ever, because you're going to start training him now!

But what is flyball? It's jumping - leaping hurdles, hitting the box in a swimmer's turn, and bounding back over the jumps.

But what does everybody tell you? "Puppies shouldn't jump." Well they shouldn't! Or, in other words, don't teach your puppy to jump! They will get enough exercise in their normal play activity.

Excess walking is just as bad for very young puppies. Would you expect your three year old child to walk around Lake Wendouree every day!! Have a chat to Norm or Carol if you find this surprising.

So, you are left in a quandary. You want to train the puppy, but you don't want to risk injuring him. What can you do with that puppy?"

The truth is there is a lot you can and need to do with your puppy involving socialization and basic obedience training. Then, when your dog is old enough, it will be able to adapt to flyball (or any other active dog sport) very quickly. All dog sports and activities rely on basic obedience.

So we do not harm their physical development (bone growth in particular) in flyball, we do not begin flyball training until the dog is at least 12 months old (possibly longer for a large dog), and dogs are not permitted to enter competitions until they are at least 18 months old.

Dog Shop



Come in and say hello to Karen and she will be able to advise you and help fit your dog with what they need!

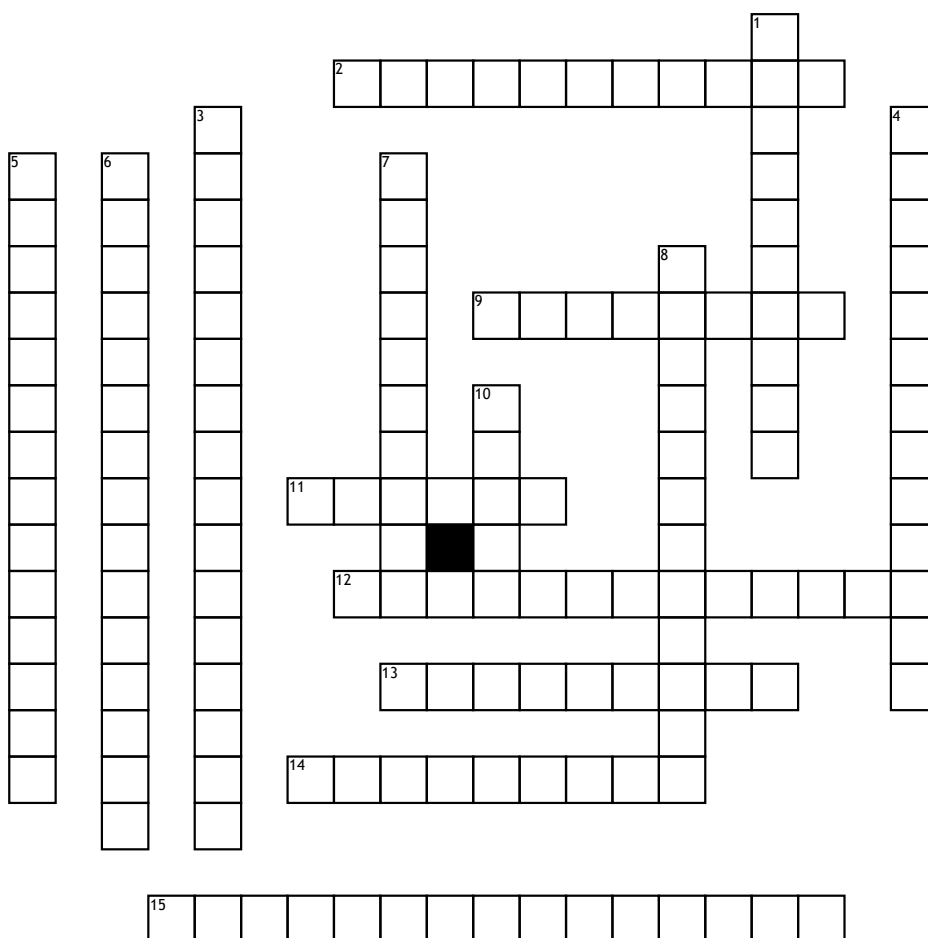
PRICE LIST

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



Just for a bit of fun ...

Dog Breeds



Across

2. Dog with a long red coat, sporting.

9. Breed of retriever, sporting.

11. A "lassie" dog, herding.

12. Large heavy-coated white dogs, working.

13. Gigantic dog, working.

14. Long-bodied dog, starts with D, hound.

15. Sled dog, working.

Down

1. A cattle herding dog, English, herding.

3. Small sheepdog, resembles a collie, herding.

4. Sled dog from Siberia, working.

5. Large shepherd dog, police dog, herding.

6. An English breed having a long silky golden coat, sporting.

7. Powerful dog, originally from Germany, working.

8. Mountain rescue dog, working.

10. Large curly tailed Japanese dog, working.