



Puppy Tales

Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club -

Promoting responsible dog ownership.

November 2021

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

To comply with government regulations, all handlers training on our grounds **must be double vaccinated**. You will need to provide proof of vaccination and then your membership tag will be amended so you will not have to be checked every week.

Please remember to **check in** prior to class, either with the QR code or sign in at the desk outside the clubrooms.

BDOC appreciates your cooperation with the regulations.



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Notices

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.

Getting to Know Your Committee

My name is Pat Mann. I have been a member of Ballarat Dog Obedience Club for around 16 years. I have been a Committee member for around 10 years (I think). Currently, I am the Club Treasurer, Membership Officer, Obedience/Rally Trial Manager, Tracking Instructor, and Web Administrator.

Currently, I own three dogs: Two Papillons and a Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever (NSDTR). When I first joined the club I had two NSDTRs, a brother and sister called Rus and Teela. These two dogs introduced me to tracking and they went on to be Tracking Champions and Track and Search Grand Champions. When the NSTDR were about 6 years old I decided to 'down size' and brought Harriett, a Papillon, into the family. She went on to become a Tracking Champion and a Track and Search Grand Champion as well. All of their photos are on the wall inside the Club House.

Things never go as planned and I lost Rus and Teela early to cancers. Just a week after Rus went to the Rainbow Bridge, I got a phone call from a breeder offering me a male NSDTR puppy, she suggested I come and look at him.....Quinn came home with me.

Quinn has introduced me to more disciplines. He is an Australian Champion in Conformation, and he has titles in Retrieving - both disciplines I would never have seen myself doing! Quinn also is a Tracking Champion and during October 2021, became a Track and Search Grand Champion.

Lilli, a Papillon, became a family member six months after Quinn came home with me. She is about to commence her Tracking career (she does not know that yet). Both Harriett and Lilli compete in Flyball with one of my daughters, Jen, running them. Harriett has the title Flyball Master Excellent, and Lilli has the title Australian Flyball Champion. Both dogs adore Flyball.

The base for all the disciplines my dogs have undertaken has been Obedience. Quinn has obtained his Rally Novice title and Harriett has obtained her Rally Advanced title. As my Retrieving mentor has said many times, if you cannot get your dog to sit and stay then you have no chance of training them in anything.

When I started with the Club, I had no idea that I would go on and compete in any disciplines, nor that I would become involved with the running of the Club as a volunteer. I just wanted a dog that was non aggressive and who would come when called. What I found was that I enjoyed undertaking activities with my dogs, and they loved coming to Club and participating in whatever discipline offered to them. I believe the experience has enhanced both my life and theirs.



From the President

Hi Everyone

Thank you and gratitude to all the wonderful people involved in Sunday membership catch ups. In a COVID safe environment, we managed to sign up many new members, allow some existing members to update their memberships and still allow our core businesses, dog obedience training and agility to continue. The instructors were truly amazing, working with reasonably sized groups and watching the sessions allowed me to reflect on what a great service we, BDOC provide.

The individuals who volunteer to help, manage, instruct, and guide other dog owners and allow the club to function are simply awesome.

I guess you wonder why do they do it?

Without a doubt, there is significant time and personal sacrifice involved. Some don't even get to train their own dog or will make themselves available when other commitments also need to be met.

I will make a few suggestions about why they do it but I can't speak for everyone, so the list is not complete and individuals always have their own reasons.

There is a clear sense of purpose and a fulfillment when you enable or help someone else.

To just facilitate someone to start the journey of training their dog, you can get a sense of joint purpose, being part of the club, creating opportunities for others to explore options for their dogs, and fulfilling a community need for appropriate dog management skills.

The same could be said of volunteers on the committee, serving on the committee to maintain the organisation by offering to do some of the administration and central decision making and management of the organisation.

As an instructor, you get to celebrate your teaching success as you celebrate the person's learning moment. The learner's success is your success and the problem solving you do as a teacher compliments the problem solving of the learner.

When teaching a skill, it can be a learning moment for the instructor and the instructed. By having to teach someone else, you organise your own understanding, focus on your own skills, try to make sure you are clear about what you do, why it works, and even alternative strategies.

The bottom line, the club needs you to help in any way you can. There are a number of obvious ways you can help.

Firstly, as an ordinary member, update your membership / current vaccination papers for your dog/ pay fees) by end of October (if you haven't already done this). After October, members without a pink membership card will need to re-join the club (pay joining fees). Next, just say thank you to the unpaid instructors and interact with the other members in a positive and friendly manner. Communicate in a constructive manner, be understanding, courteous, and even forgiving, as a first response to an unexpected and unanticipated moment rather than immediately blame someone or respond abruptly. Usually people (and dogs) are doing the best than can do.

Thirdly, check in prior to every training manually or using smart phone. Fines for the club for breach of COVID regulations are exorbitant and we want to keep all members safe and prevent litigation. If mandatory vaccination becomes a requirement for the club under legislation, it will be enforced for the same reason.

Fourthly, consider being part of the club by volunteering to help when club events are being held (training/ trials, membership events, management of equipment and cleaning, and other as required).

Fifthly, consider being an instructor and training to be an instructor. We have a number of people proceeding through this process right now, but the aim is to have this as a continuous process, to always have existing experienced instructors teaching classes but also those instructors teaching novice instructors. We can never have too many instructors - and the club will thrive if we have excess instructors because it means every instructor will be able to train their own dog, take a short break from instructing, that instructor training seminars and conferences will become a natural outcome, BDOC will become the role model for all clubs with a similar mission.

Lastly, consider joining the committee. There should be 6 Exec positions and seven ordinary positions. If you are up for (ideally) monthly or bimonthly meetings of between 1 to 2 hours to discuss past activities, current issues, and plans for the future as well as routine correspondence and financial situation, this is your opportunity. People with IT skills, connections with BCC, Dogs Vic, financial skills, those who can represent a club specialty such as flyball, agility, tracking, tricks, obedience, rally, and instructors - those who can organise or have the intention of talking and working with members, those who have time to be the minute taker, or who like to learn how a community organisation runs.

I really appreciate the work that BDOC does but know that succession planning is about the small things, that members get value, skills and knowledge and camaraderie from being part of the club, and that dogs learn and most absolutely love the attention and experiences provided by their owners doing training at home and at the club.

If members want to do more to see the club thrive, they need to know that if we continue to rely on the same diminishing pool of people to continue to make the club function, that will ultimately result in the club downsizing (despite demand).

Terry Lia.



Dog Video Conferences

Obedience Training Times:

9.30 – 10.15 am Puppy, Groups 1, 3, 4

10.30 – 11.15 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.

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

From Obedience ...

We are back again. I think these Lock-downs will be happening for quite a while unfortunately. We have to all be patient and keep safe throughout these difficult times.

Our instructors will give you the tools to be responsible dog owners. All dogs are taught the rules and boundaries by their mothers in their pack structure. In the human world, when we bring a new dog- let it be a pup or an older dog- they need structure, rules, and boundaries. Now if they have no structure, they will climb over the weakest in the pack and become the leader, which is what we are trying to avoid. So, everyone in the household must have a

place, e.g.: mum and dad, oldest to youngest, and then the dog. And everyone must be consistent with these rules and boundaries.

I personally talk to my dog all the time. For example, telling him what we are doing, what I am asking him to do and where we are going. Dogs learn by routine as they watch, learn, and follow. If you build a relationship with your dog, I guarantee you will have no better company. Their love is unconditional, faithful and they know when something is wrong. They know your facial expressions and body language, tone of your voice and they are unable to break your confidentiality.

If your dog lets you down, have a think about what you are doing, whether you have let them down. Have a think about the next few points listed below:

- Can your dog depend on you to make good decisions for safety?
- Can your dog depend on you to provide them with the necessities of fulfillment, time, exercise, mental stimulation, play and safe socialisation?
- Do you hold your dog accountable for their behaviour by providing clear feedback for good & poor decisions?
- Why do we see so many dogs that can do tricks for treats but have zero respect or focus for their handlers?

Another month done and dusted, until next time stay safe and look after yourselves, your families and your dogs and enjoy your walks without your mobile phones.

Carol Hodges
Obedience Coordinator





Fly Repellent



With the warmer months coming and the flies coming with it, here is a home repellent recipe. As always, with a topical substance, try it on a small patch of your dog's hair/skin to make sure there is no reaction. It works quite well on your own skin too but please check it first to make sure your skin is happy!

1 tbsp. Dettol
1 tbsp. Baby Oil
1 tbsp. Meths



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!

AGILITY TRAINING TIMES

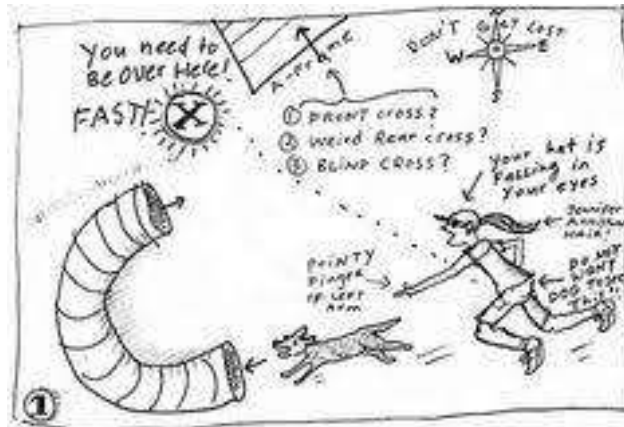
Please note that these times are our original training times – please check Facebook for 'COVID training times'.

Set up at 9.30

Advanced class: 10.00am

Beginners: 11.30am

Pack up: 12.30



Full Body Awareness In Dogs

Some examples of full-body awareness exercises are:

- Foot Stomp: The individual placement of specific feet onto a target or other object
- Hip Check: Swivelling a hip outward with the goal of touching that hip to an object or moving the hip a specific distance in space. (Imagine the move that dogs do in play with each other: running alongside one another and bumping each other with their hips.)
- Chin Targeting: Placing the chin on a variety of objects.
- Super Stretch: A stretch of the body with additional duration and length (and even direction, ie: the forward stretch that requires the rear legs to be held straight out behind the body).
- Field of Tricks: There are an infinite variety of tricks that focus on teaching the dog to move specific parts of his body, either individually or in combinations. Some of these are: Wave (or High 5), rollover, dance (on hind legs), twirl (dance with a pirouette) and hut (this is an American football move, place one paw over a mini-football, tuck it into the chest while getting into a bowing position, with the other front leg outstretched, place chin on the football and hold the position).

These are just some of the tricks we can teach our dogs that provide exceptional opportunities for creative learning, are entertaining tricks for our family and friends, and strengthen our dog's awareness and control of the entire body.

When training these full-body awareness exercise it is important to ensure that you mark the behaviour correctly. You must mark the behaviour as it occurs. Remember to also not be 'stingy' with your reward ,and to pay well.

For more information go to www.dogchannel.com





Every year, members compete in different dog disciplines and many dogs are awarded titles. This requires dedication, hard work and a willingness to travel to different parts of the state. In the past, we have acknowledged handlers and their dogs at an annual presentation night. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions the night has not taken place for the past two years.

Handlers and your dogs, as a club we applaud your hard work and success. Hopefully, many of us will be inspired from your success to give trialling a go!

Between July 2019 to June 2021, here are the handlers and their dogs who have experienced success in the trialling world:

Rally

Sharon Dwyer	Ptolomy Native Spirit	Rally Novice (RN)
Yvonne Ross	Nyanga ANZAC Silver Fern	Rally Advanced (RA)
Emily Hicks	Dakota	Rally Advanced (RA)
Penny Windlow	Soldier	Rally Master (RM)

Obedience

Yvonne Ross	Nyanga ANZAC Silver Fern	Community Companion Dog (CCD)
Sharon Dwyer	Ptolomy Native Spirit	Community Companion Dog (CCD)

Tracking

Emily Hicks	Dakota	Tracking Dog (TD)
Margaret Wright	Oscar	Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX)
Vicki Brown	Dream	Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX)
Vicki Brown	Ava	Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX)
Vicki Brown	Dream	Tracking Champion (T.CH)
Vicki Brown	Ava	Tracking Champion (T.CH)

Track & Search

Vicki Brown	Dream	Track & Search Dog (TSD)
Vicki Brown	Triton	Track & Search Dog Excellent (TSDX)
Penny Windlow	George	Track & Search Dog Champion (TS Ch)
Yvonne Ross	Majella	Track & Search Grand Champion (TS Grand Ch)
Penny Windlow	George	Track & Search Grand Champion (TS Grand Ch)
Penny Windlow	Fletcher	Track & Search Grand Champion (TS Grand Ch)

Agility

Ellen Mucha	Bluemoon Kai	ANKC Agility	Snooker Dog (SD) Agility Dog. (AD) Jumping dog Excellent (JDX)
		NADAC Agility	Open Jumpers Certificate Novice Weavers Certificate Elite Jumpers Certificate
Yvonne Ross	Ngaire	NADAC Agility	Novice Jumpers Certificate NJC

Herding

Ellen Mucha	Bluemoon Kai	Pre Trial Test (PT)
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Retrieving

Linda Day	Kadnook Dream Seeker	Qualifying Novice Dog (QND)
Patricia Mann	Glenmave Buccaneer (AI)	Open Retrieving Ability (ORA)

Lure Coursing

Sharon Dwyer	Ptolomy Native Spirit	Junior Courser (JC)
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Dances with Dogs

Penny Windlow	Soldier	Freestyle Starter (FS.S)
Penny Windlow	George	Freestyle Starter (FS.S)
Penny Windlow	Soldier	Heelwork to Music Starter (HTM.S)
Penny Windlow	George	Heelwork to Music Starter (HTMS)
Penny Windlow	Fletcher	Freestyle Novice (FS.N)
Penny Windlow	Fletcher	Heelwork to Music Novice (HTM.N)
Penny Windlow	Fletcher	Heelwork to Music Intermediate (HTM.I)
Penny Windlow	Fletcher	Freestyle Intermediate (FS.I)

Flyball

CHRISTINE AND BLOT	F.M (FLYBALL MASTER)	7/9/2019
WENDY AND NATE	FMX (FLYBALL MASTER EXCELLENT)	9/11/2019
JENNY VANDROMME & LILLI	FMX (FLYBALL MASTER EXCELLENT)	13/9/2019
LIZ BANDY & HAMISH	FDX (FLYBALL MASTER EXCELLENT)	7/9/2019
	FDCH (FLYBALL DOG CHAMPION)	27/9/2019
	AFCH (AUSTRALIAN FLYBALL CHAMPION)	7/12/2019
	<i>7/12/2019 only 4 points short of FM TITLE!!!</i>	
DANIELLE KIRKHAM & TEDDY	FDX (FLYBALL MASTERS EXCELLENT)	9/11/2019
	FDCH (FLYBALL DOG CHAMPION)	7/12/2019

HANNAH AND MAC

FD (FLYBALL DOG)
FDX(FLYBALL MASTER EXCELLENT)
FDCH (FLYBALL DOG CHAMPION)
AFCH (AUSTRALIAN FLYBALL CHAMPION)

8/9/2019
9/11/2019
7/12/2019
20/3/3021

JENNY VANDROMME &
SAMMI

FD (FLYBALL DOG)
FDX (FLYBALL DOG EXCELLENT)
FDCH(FLYBALL DOG CHAMPION)

5/11/2019
26/1/2021
20/3/2021

Tricks

Ellen Mucha

Bluemoon Kai

Trick Dog Starter



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!



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



