



Puppy Tales

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

February 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Every effort is made to ensure the calendar is accurate but please continue to check the BDOC website and FaceBook members group for changes to training times.

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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. Thank you.

Getting to Know Your Committee

My name is Zoe Werner, and I am a general committee member, puppy pre-school instructor and obedience instructor-in-training at Ballarat Dog Obedience Club. Some of you may have seen 'Woody's Story' last year in Puppy Tales and will know by now of our trials and triumphs, and everything in between!

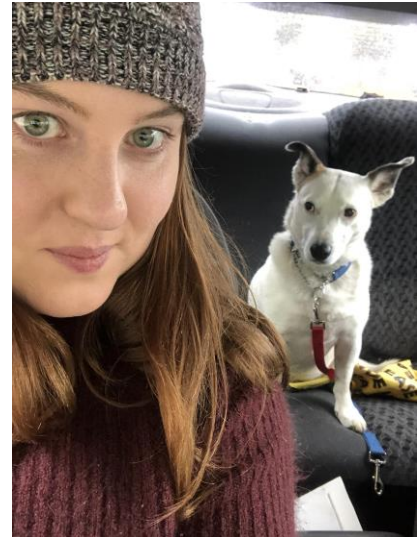
I decided to become a member of the Ballarat Dog Obedience Club Committee of Management at the end of 2020 because I wanted to start giving back to the club, its instructors, and its members for doing so much to support Woody, my husband John, and myself in our dog obedience journey. During my first year as a committee member, a regular topic of discussion was that the club was experiencing a serious depletion in instructors, both within puppy pre-school and in general obedience. Well, the lightbulb moment hit me then and there, and the time felt right for me to put my hand up and ask to be trained as a puppy pre-school instructor. After shadowing a number of thoroughly experienced instructors, I became qualified and have very much enjoyed being a part of the early journeys of many puppies and their handlers.

Our regular attendance on Sunday mornings with Woody have been the highlight of my week since joining BDOC. But again, that lightbulb moment appeared last year shortly after commencing training as a puppy pre-school instructor, and I felt that I should go the whole hog and ask to be trained as an obedience instructor. John and I are very fortunate in the sense that there are two of us, so whilst I commenced my training as an instructor, Woody was still able to regularly participate in obedience classes with John as his handler.

Most of the obedience instructors often have to sacrifice training their own dogs in order to oversee classes, and that was one of the main reasons I put my hand up to be trained as an instructor as I hold the hope that, one day soon, there will be enough obedience instructors within the club and a system can be put in place where we can all rotate between instructing and having the opportunity to train our own dogs.

My goals as a general committee member are to voice the questions, concerns, and suggestions of members within BDOC and to have regular and productive discussions with the committee which continue to work towards being a club that is able to give all dogs and

their handlers the best opportunities possible. As a committee member and instructor, I feel that it is important to always be on the lookout for ways to look after the club, its members, and their dogs in a balanced and beneficial manner. I am always happy to have a chat with members and pass on any questions or queries they may have as I'm sure we all have the same goals within our training – to give our dogs the opportunity to strive for excellence, to be the best handlers we can be, and to have fun with our canine companions!



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!



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. Please show your proof of COVID vaccination if you haven't already.

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

AGILITY TRAINING TIMES

Thursday Evenings

Set up 6pm

Course running 6.30pm

Trailer packed and back in shed by 7.30pm

From the Kitchen ...

Liver Cake



Another tasty make-your-own treat from the dog kitchen. It's quick and easy but, be warned, it does have its own distinctive odour! Dogs love it both before and after baking.

Ingredients:

500g liver/lambs fry

1 ½ cups flour (I use wholemeal but you could use white)

1 tsp baking powder

2 eggs

Method:

Blend liver until a thick liquid. Add eggs and blend again.

Put in the dry ingredients and process again.

Pour into a well-greased baking tray/tin.

Bake at 175deg C for 20-25 minutes or until skewer comes out clean.

When cool, turn out and cut into small blocks. Freeze in ziplock bags for longer storage.



Heat stroke prevention

Dogs don't sweat, except to a minor degree through their foot pads, so they can't tolerate high environmental temperatures. Dogs use panting as a way to exchange warm air for cool air. But when the air temperature is close to the dog's body temperature, cooling by panting is not an efficient process. This is when heat stroke can occur.

Heat stroke signs



Symptoms

- Bright red tongue
- Depression
- Diarrhoea
- Dizziness
- Excessive panting
- Increased heart rate
- Increased salivation
- Red or pale gums
- Thick, sticky saliva
- Vomiting
- Weakness

Heat stroke first aid



- **Remove dog from heat immediately** and move preferably into an air-conditioned building or, at the very least, into the shade.
- **Wetting down the area around your dog** can also help to lower the ambient temperature.



- **Check rectal temperature** every five minutes using a digital thermometer and continue cooling process until the temperature drops to around 39°.
- **Lower temperature by wetting with cool water** (not chilled) and setting up a circulating fan.
- **Caution:** cooling too quickly can cause complications.

Prevention



- Always give your dog **access to drinking water**.
- **Avoid hot sand, concrete or asphalt areas** where heat is reflected and there is no access to shade.
- **Don't leave your dog in a car** unattended at any time.
- Ensure outside dogs have access to shade.



- **Place a circulating fan near your dog** to cool him down.
- **Restrict exercise activity** in hot weather.
- Wetting down your dog with **cool water** or allowing him to swim can help maintain a normal body temperature.

You should always see a vet



- Even if your dog appears to be recovering, **take him to your vet** as soon as possible. He should still be examined since he may be dehydrated or have other complications.
- **Caution:** if your dog is displaying severe signs of heat distress, get him to the vet as quickly as you can.

In most instances, pet heat stroke is preventable. By using common sense and taking some simple precautions, your dog can enjoy his normal outdoor activities. Please ensure your pet stays cool in hot weather, never leave him in a car alone and always provide him with adequate water and shelter from the sun.



Please note: this fact sheet provides general information and should not act as a substitute for contacting your vet.

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Can You Ever Know Everything About Dog Training?

Whether this is your first dog you are training or your 100th, there are always new things to learn.

There are several reasons for this:

Dog Breed – all purebred dogs were bred for specific purposes. Think Border Collie vs Pug. Hopefully owners buy a breed of dog having done their homework and settling on one that suits their lifestyle and their training ability. Expecting your Border Collie to sit on your lap for hours at a time or your Pug to round up sheep sounds ridiculous, doesn't it? Understanding your dog breed before buying a dog is very important. Some breeds are more eager to please than others, some need an experienced handler. If you decide to change the breed of dog you own then be prepared for a whole lot of new learning, no matter how many dogs you've owned before. Of course, cross breeds bring more than one breed into the mix and who knows which one will affect the way your dog learns and behaves.

Dog Personality – Even if you buy the same breed of dog each time, there are never any guarantees that their personalities will be the same. Think of a family's children. Same gene pool perhaps but very different results. Your ability to understand and adapt to suit the personality of your dog may make all the difference to your training and, consequently, your dog.

The Trainer – Sometimes we learn things about ourselves with each dog we own. How much patience and tolerance we can develop, for example. What other demands do we have in our lives that might impact our dog training? The demands on our lives change over the years. Family changes, job changes, commitment changes. It is always worth thinking about how our lives affect our dog's behaviour and therefore their response to training.

BDOC instructors have a wide variety of experiences when it comes to dog training. Some have trained different breeds, difficult dogs, some have trialled (dog competitions) or any combination of them but whatever their own experiences they are deeply committed to helping you get the most from your training time and, consequently, enjoy living with your dog. Please don't forget to utilise their experience to help you and your dog.

Pat Withell



Topsy and Ned – one of you made me mistakenly believe that I knew lots about dog training and one of you often reminds me how much I don't!

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!

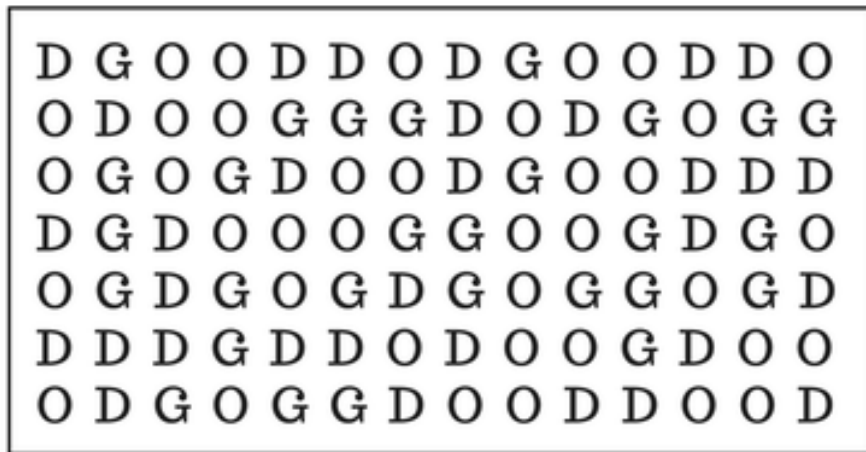


PRICE LIST

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



Just for a bit of fun ...



Can you find the word 'dog'?



"Have you gone mad?! Get your head in the car!"