



Puppy Tales

Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club -

Promoting responsible dog ownership.

April 2022

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Notices

- What a wonderful opportunity we all have to be a part of a club that offers so much to us and our precious dogs! All the volunteers at BDOC are always more than happy to impart their knowledge, provide guidance, and be a pillar of support to members. 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.
- Another wonderful opportunity within BDOC is the ability for the Class 4 to participate in Ring Craft, when instructor numbers permit. Exciting and challenging, Ring Craft provides handlers with the chance to experience trial-like conditions in preparation for entering obedience trials. You are welcome to watch the individual and group exercises, it is inspiring stuff!
- 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. Thank you.

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. This is a Dogs Victoria requirement. 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.

New Membership Sign Ups – 10th April

Our next new membership will be on Sunday 10th April 2022 at 10.30 am to 11.30 am. If you know of anyone keen to join please let them know.

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.

Please note they do need to QR check in and be fully vaccinated if over the age of 18 years old.

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 TRAINING TIMES

Please remember that to participate in Agility you must be available to either set up or pack up equipment. Many hands make light work (and instructors happy)

Set up at 9.30am
Advanced Class: 10.00am
Beginners: 11.30am
Pack up: 12.30

From Obedience ...

We have had good training weather to start the year but as usual we have to go with the flow weather wise. There has been a good attendance every week and it is so good to see handlers pass up to the next class, make sure you collect your pass up ribbon. We have had 22 pass ups so far this year, congratulations.

Our membership enrolments are increasing so welcome to all our new members hopefully we help you in gaining knowledge and confidence in your training. Remember we are giving you the knowledge to train your dog. You know your dog better than us-ask your instructors anything you are not sure of.

It must get very daunting at times with all the information. Gone are the days where we got a dog, put them on a lead and went for a walk. Now your instructor is explaining the length of the lead, take off on your left foot for heeling, right when you leave your dog. Feed with the left hand, don't forget to praise. Watch your body language, dog walks on the left, don't over praise your dog if he is a very excitable dog. Three voice tones, feed, feed, feed, and the best part, relax, have fun if you already haven't had a break down.

At our last instructors' meeting we discussed our fun days. Our Christmas one was a great success and we took what members had expressed into consideration-we will hold them three times a year.

Instructors from all disciplines have attended a workshop by Mark Murray. He was very informative, and I am pleased to say I believe we are doing a great job. It is always great to gain more knowledge and we can always learn something new. The club will be inviting Mark back again to give a lecture to all member on training, behavioural issues and much more. The committee will let us know when a date is organised.

Our trainee instructors are all keen to finish. They are nearly all on the home stretch, only a couple of months left. Then with more instructors we can go back to all training together at the same time. Another discussion at the instructors' meeting was about wet weather days and unsafe conditions of the ground. The instructors will take their classes for a walk around the road of the training ground, with training along the way. If the weather is too dangerous training will be cancelled, puppies will not join the walk, we will organise training for the pups.

Kaz our COVID marshal wants to thank members for their co-operation and patience on a Sunday, We all still have to QR in, it is a Vic Dog rule . Please make sure you have your name badge on before entering the training ground, no badge, no training. If you need a new badge or have left it at home, Kaz will organise a new one for you and give you a replacement sticker for the day.

A very big shout out to Maria who is voluntarily keeping our club rooms lovely and clean and helping set up of play equipment before training. Andrew also deserves a shout out for doing repairs and painting on our puppy equipment. To other members who turn up to help set up and pack away after training, thank you so much.

Carol and Zoe - Obedience Co-Ordinators



Obedience Pass ups.

Stuart with Megs 3-4
Rachel with Fudge 2-3
Emily with Finn 2-3
Leah with Luna 1-2
Kara with Blue p plus -2
Cindy with Nelys p plus -2

Puppy Plus pass ups. To class 1

Maria with Daphne
Elisa with Barney
Mpchael with Rex
Paris with Bridi
Jacqueline with Sprite
Alex with Cooper
Juke with Skipper.

Puppy to Puppy plus

Erin with Amaya
Carol with Ruby
Irena with Zoe
Rebecca with Pippa
Emma and Ben with holly
Elisha with Barney
Kerrie with Fingigan
Andrew with Thor
Joe with Zues.

I apologise if your name is spelt wrong, it's hard to read some instructors' writing!



Trial Results

Some members have recently had trial success. After two years of trials (dog competitions) being hit and miss due to COVID restrictions, it is great to see what members have achieved in the trial ring.

Our apologies if we have missed anyone off this list. Please forward your results to Pat and she will make sure they are included in next month's edition.

A very big congratulations to these members and their dogs:

Karen and Topsy – Warrnambool Trial – Community Dog – 1 pass (2nd in ring)

Rally Excellent – 2 passes (2nd in ring)

Yvonne and Ngaire – Geelong Trial – Rally Excellent – 2 passes (1st and 3rd in ring)

Jay and Ri – Geelong Trial – Rally Novice – 3 passes = Rally Novice Title!!

Ellen and Kai – Warrnambool – Agility – 2 passes

All of these results were under the ANKC regulated trials.

There was also a NADAC Agility trial held in Ballarat recently and members did exceptionally well. Results published in full in May's edition.

Let's hope the year continues as it has started with trials and successes for Ballarat members!

Congratulations!

These achievements lead on to the next article:

What is a Demo Team?

How can BDOC promote the club? It is such a visual that is hard to appreciate what handlers and dogs can do as a 2D image. A Demo Team is the best way to show others what dedicated handlers and their dogs can do.

The team consists of advanced handlers (what we all aspire to be one day whether we realise it or not!) who complete synchronised heel patterns together and then perform individual activities (recall, tricks, etc) demonstrating just what is possible with a bit of hard work.

BDOC is resurrecting the Demo Team and will be training on the first Sunday of each month before classes begin in the morning. Come and watch and see what it is all about!



From Tricks ...

Tricks class is back in full swing – the Thursday night group enjoyed the longer daylight hours until darkness (we couldn't see each other) pushed us back inside a couple of weeks ago. Some of the members are getting ready to participate in the upcoming tricks trials which are as close as Bendigo and as far away as Bairnsdale. The Sunday class has been running for a few weeks now – 'Tricks under the trees' as Annette calls it, is on at 9am under the pines nearest the clubrooms. Anyone is welcome, regardless of handler/dog age and ability. It is a good chance to find other fun ways to interact with your dog, and let's face it, Tricks are fun! Hope to see you there!

Sandy & Annette – Tricks Coordinators

Here's a great trick your dog may know already!



From the Kitchen

Ever wondered how to celebrate your dog's birthday in a human but dog-friendly way? You might like to try this cake, baked or unbaked!

Healthy Meatloaf Birthday Cake

This cake will take 10 minutes top to prep (a bit more if you go for the cooked version).

Ingredients

300g minced beef (or any other mince)

50g pumpkin and carrot, cooked and mashed

50g (small handful) of parsley, broccoli and celery, raw and pureed together into a thick paste consistency

Plain full fat Greek yoghurt for icing

A few fruits of whatever dog-friendly things you have on hand for decoration.

Raw method

Combine all ingredients in a bowl except the yoghurt and the fruits.

Shape in a small round stainless-steel cake ring and freeze for a couple of hours. Before serving remove from mould (pass it under cold water to make it easier to remove).

Leave for 10 mins on the bench (hopefully your dog won't help themselves) and then decorate.

Cooked method

After placing in the cake ring, cook in the oven at 180 deg for about 10 minutes.

Let it cool completely before taking it out of the ring.

Decorate as above.

Serve immediately and don't forget to sing!!



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
Snuffle mat:	\$40.00
Tug toys:	\$10.00



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

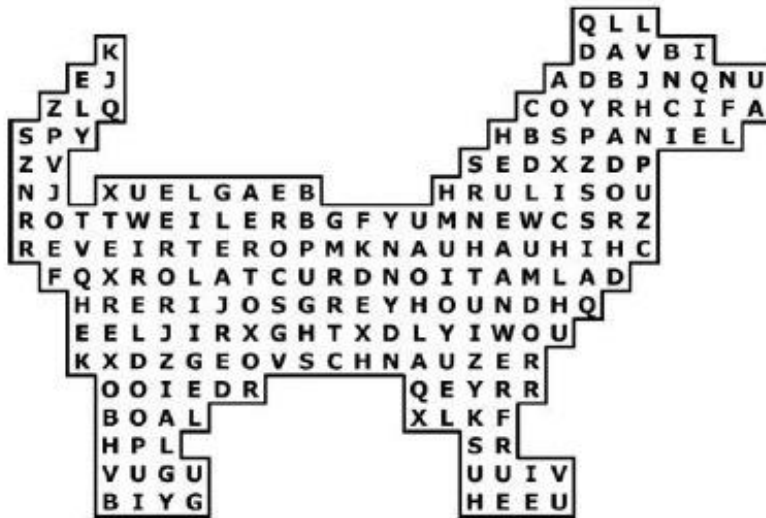


You may wonder what these bright yellow vests are for. Some dogs aren't that social around other dogs for various reasons. These vests help identify the dog from a distance before you and your dog get too close. Please be respectful of the vest and keep your dog a healthy distance from them.

Some owners will have a yellow ribbon attached to their dog's lead. This indicates the same thing as the vest. Please make sure you are watching your dog if you are near a 'yellow' dog.



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