

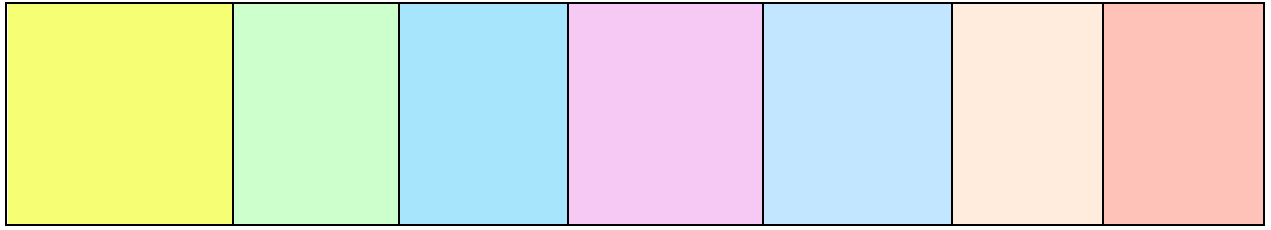


Puppy Tales

Ballarat Dog Obedience Club -

Promoting responsible dog ownership.

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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.

Don't forget to come down early and walk your dog around the grounds before class to get them ready for training.

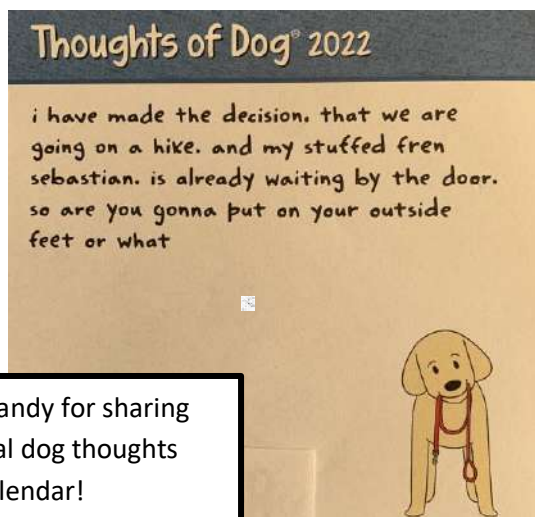
New Membership Sign Ups – 15th May

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.



Thanks to Sandy for sharing some special dog thoughts from her calendar!

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

President's Report

A warm welcome to all our new members and I hope that you and your dog/s enjoy your time with us at BDOC.

The Easter school holidays have provided those who like to take part in dog sports a great selection of events to participate in across the state of Victoria. It has been great to see a growing number of members getting out and about at trials and having fun with their dogs. Our club has been represented at Agility, Flyball, Rally O, Obedience and Tracking trials with members gaining titles, passing scores and numerous sashes of varying colours. Congratulations to everyone who participated.

The Tricks discipline also held a mock Tricks trial for handlers and dogs to have the opportunity to experience what it is like to work in a trial ring under trial conditions. It was a great day of learning, and everyone is looking forward to the upcoming trial in Bendigo to put this new knowledge into practice. Many thanks to Yvonne Ross for the great day.

It would be great to see lots of new faces joining us at these trials as we have so many different disciplines to choose from. If anyone would like to learn more about how to take this next step, then please do not hesitate to ask an instructor or someone who is already trialling as we are always happy to help.

It has been exciting to see that there has been so much interest shown in our newest discipline of Scenting. I am hearing that people are really enjoying this class and there is a waiting list for those who wish to participate. Thanks to Wendy for being so passionate about getting this class up and running.

Our new Demo team is now up and running and has begun training on the 1st Sunday of each month at 9am. This team is open to advanced handlers who are interested in taking part. Feel free to come and watch us or join if your dog has a basic level of obedience.

A big thank you to club member Marie who has very kindly offered to come in and clean the clubroom each Sunday. This is such an amazing offer and is greatly appreciated by everyone.

After a very long break, we are hoping to restart placing photos of the dogs who have gained titles up on the walls of the clubroom. This is very exciting as we are missing quite a lot of photos. Watch this space!

A friendly reminder to all members of BDOC that we have a Code of Conduct and I encourage everyone to always treat each other with respect whether you are on the grounds, trialling or making comments on social media. Let's work together to make our club strong, help each other and enjoy working and learning with our dogs.

*Liz Bandy
BDOC President*

Congratulations!

Obedience Pass Ups

Puppy to Puppy plus

Clive with Cooper

Melissa and Flynn with Earl

Helen with Nelson

Bee with Millie

Steph with Mila

Harry with Max

David with Neo

William with Oliver

Josh with Daisy

Keep up the great work everyone!

Apologies if you have received a pass up but are not published. Keep your eye out in future Puppy Tales publications and you'll be included.

Trial Results

Well, not only are there more trials now COVID restrictions have been eased, but we are super excited to announce that BDOC members are out and about entering and having considerable successes.

Obedience

Geelong 24th April – **Community Companion Dog or CCD** (Scored out of 100)

Liz and Hamish – 2 passes, scoring 95 and 96, both 1st in ring

Ellen and Kai – 1 pass (94), 2nd in ring

Pat and Topsy – 1 pass (85), 1st in ring and CCD title gained

Hannah and Lennie – 1 pass (89), 3rd in ring.

This was Hannah's first Obedience trial so extra congratulations!

Libby and Spark – extremely close to a pass score both trials, 2nd in ring

both trials

Companion Dog or CD (Scored out of 200)

Sharon and Copper – no passes this time but Copper stayed in the ring during the 2nd trial instead of finding a very attractive tree as he did in the 1st 😊

Companion Dog Excellent or CDX (Scored out of 200)

Cindy and Sylvie – 1 pass (182)



All these results were under the ANKC regulated trials

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.



Rally Report

A small group of BDOC handlers ventured down to the recent Geelong Obedience Club for their Rally & Obedience Trial.

Not everyone walked away with a pass but a lot of positives were achieved on Saturday at the Rally trial.

Our President Liz and her amazing Labrador Hamish competed for the first time and came away with two wonderful passes towards their Rally Novice Title. Hamish certainly enjoys his time in the ring with Liz. Fingers crossed for their final pass at the upcoming Labrador Retriever Club Trial.

Several other handlers were so very close to passes with just an opps here and there but everyone still enjoyed their day. It was great to see a few BDOC handlers getting together to support each other in the ring at the trial.

The Rally classes will be continuing outside on a Thursday night for a short time before we have to retreat inside due to the weather and running out of light.

Yvonne Ross – Rally Co-ordinator

Mock Tricks Trial

I had the pleasure of co-ordinating a Mock Trials Trial for all Tricks Class handlers. A ring was set up in accordance with ANKC Rules to replicate full trial conditions. The turnout of handlers was amazing and everyone had a great time.

The trial was judged by Two Tricks Judges who put everyone through their paces. Thank you to Denise Chrystal from Bendigo who came down to assist me with the judging all afternoon and to Karen Brereton for helping with the scoring.

Everyone got to participate at either Starters or Novice level and perform their tricks. The group was very encouraging to everyone. A few little errors were had but was a really good learning curve for all involved.

A competition trial is being held at Bendigo on 7 May and hopefully a large number of BDOC handlers will be in attendance.

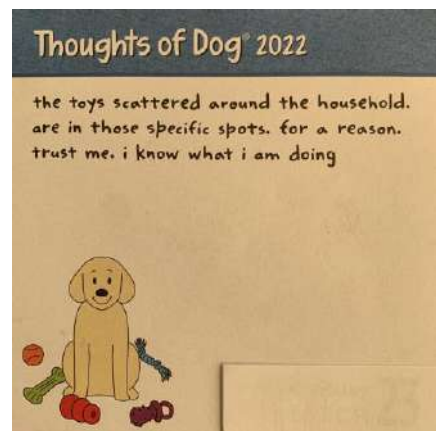
Thanks to all involved and I hope to be able to run another Mock Trial in the future with the support of everyone. Thank you to Sandy for her continued support of the Sunday and Thursday Trick classes. It was great to see so many of our members participate and how much fun the dogs had.

Yvonne Ross – ANKC Tricks Judge



TRICKS TALK

A very big thank-you to Yvonne for running the mock tricks trial on Anzac Day. It was a great experience and we all learned lots. Many thanks to Denise Chrystal, who came all the way from Bendigo to co-judge with Yvonne. All the participants made light work of the setting up which was wonderful, but special thanks must go to Maria and Karen, who came without dogs and spent the whole afternoon as ring steward and penciller respectively and to Monika, who liaised with Tracy to get the keys for the roller door.



Sandy & Annette

FLYBALL REPORT -MAY

Danielle Kirkham has stepped down and asked me to be the new flyball coordinator so let me introduce myself, I have been



involved with the club for about 18 years now competing in Obedience, Rally O and Flyball mainly, dabbling in herding, dock diving and canine disc (updog) as well. I have border collies and run a “teacup border collie” ...Well actually my mum’s Papillion- same size heart, drive and ears in a tiny, tiny body!

Enough about me, on to Flyball!!! Drag racing for dogs! I have been uploading some of our training and competition videos onto the club Facebook page and I hope you enjoy them and that they give you an idea what we are about. Race days consist of about 30 minute actual racing over the day, with time to socialise or spend time with your dog or walk around checking the event (if there is one).

Recent competitions

Frankston

Open racing with Sammi, Lilli and Mac racing with dogs from Geelong and NSW (they drove 8 hours down to Victoria to compete for one day, pretty keen). Such a long break between comps and a “new” box-loader so a few mistakes but the dogs didn’t care, happy to be racing!

Berwick Show

Lovely venue, no spectators, only competitors from all the other show events. We actually had enough members for a Ballarat team! Nellie, Lilli, Sammi, Hamish and Mac (Poor Tilly was pulled as she was unwell). Dee and her border collie/poodle Coco came and took videos for us, helping us work on our crosses, thank you!

Ringwood Highland games

Beautiful day, bagpipes all day lots of highland dancing heavy throwing events and kilts! Hamish, Sammi and Mac competed in Open with 3 dogs from the Hastings club. Open racing you can set the height at what you want and have dogs from any other club with you. In normal racing the height is set based on the measurement of the smallest dog’s ulna- (elbow to knee). We raced on handicap to give all teams a chance. That meant one of the teams started almost 4 seconds before we could so the end would be close. Lots of fun and we won on the day. Yay!

Berwick hosted a ‘Hop To It’ competition at the Frankston grounds on the 16th April. We entered in an open team Sammi and Hamish with Coco on her first appearance! They did not have training in the ring for this comp but Coco entered in the team and did recalls before the race to get her used to everything going on and in a team situation she did so well! So excited she actually bowled poor Dee over! Dee also got a chance to run Hamish to gain experience.

Titles Gained

Australian Flyball Champion - Jen and Sammi

Flyball Master – Liz and Hamish



Upcoming competitions

Our next comp is on the 15th of May again to be held at Frankston, they have a great set up there with fully fenced areas for different disciplines, not to mention an awesome canteen yum! Hastings is looking at hosting a 2 day competition early June which usually involves camping with such a long drive!

Welcome to some of our new beginners:



If you are interested in Flyball come have a chat, beginner sessions are usually about 5 minute sessions depending on your dog. It has to be fun, all types of dogs, ball interest is helpful but treats (soft) and toys for the win!

Jenny Vandromme – Flyball Coordinator

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



What is a Martingale Collar?



A Martingale collar fits loosely on a dog's neck but tightens when it needs to.

It has two loops. The first looks like a traditional nylon collar that is adjustable and hangs around the dog's neck. The second is for control when the leash is attached. When the dog pulls, the collar tightens and will stay snug around the dog's neck without choking the dog. When the tension is released, the collar loosens again.

Why would you use a Martingale Collar?

The martingale makes it hard for a dog to slip free.

Some dogs can slip out of their collars easier than others, depending on their fur texture and the shape of their neck compared to their head. If your dog has ever slipped out of or backed out of his collar, you may want to think about getting a martingale collar for safety reasons.

Martingale collars are especially safe for dogs with narrower heads such as whippets, shelties and greyhounds, as these dogs often have an easier time slipping out of a regular collar.

Martingale collars are helpful for training.

The martingale collar tightens slightly if the dog pulls on the leash, but not so much where it will choke the dog or harm his neck in any way. If you prefer to give your dog slight tugs on the leash while working on leash manners, the martingale is a nice option.

Dogs that are still learning good leash manners are also more likely to pull or try to twist out of their collars when they see other dogs and other distractions. As mentioned above, the martingale collar is a good tool to prevent your dog from slipping out of his collar.

<https://blog.dogids.com/4-reasons-to-use-a-martingale-collar-for-your-dog/>

