





Puppy Tales

Ballarat Dog Obedience Club -

Promoting responsible dog ownership.

June 2022

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Committee Profile

My name is Rachel Chenery and I'm an ordinary committee member and trainee instructor. I joined the committee in hopes of bringing some new ideas to the club and to give my time back as the club has provided my dogs and myself with many opportunities and further ignited my love for dogs and training.

I originally joined the club with the long-term goal of getting my two dogs involved in dog sports and along the way both of my dogs have proved themselves somewhat capable in obedience despite the reputation of terriers. Along the way my enjoyment of training and my keenness to learn as much as possible about dogs, their thoughts and learning process grew, I began studying dog training and psychology and dog trainer courses, one of which is still in progress. To put my knowledge into practice and help dogs and people who may have training concerns, I asked to become a trainee instructor at the club.

I have two terriers, Fudge and Peaches, (mini fox terrier and smooth fox terrier) who are opposites. One loves to get out and about amongst all the other people and dogs and the other was once fearful of almost everything but with lots of confidence building and time is now becoming a very confident dog and is even in the beginner's agility class. I am a bit of a treat pusher, but it's fair payment for what I expect from my dogs.

While family and friends may argue I don't act as if there is much outside of the world of dogs, especially my own, I am studying commerce and law at Deakin University and work in an accounting firm in Ballarat - as an undergraduate so I can't yet help with you with your taxes.

If you see me around come and say hi, I'm more than happy to talk dogs with you or to discuss the weather if that's more your thing.

Enjoy your training and spend some time playing with your dog today.

Rachel



Yes, I did regret my choice of footwear

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.

Don't forget, you can access a copy of this edition, and past Puppy Tales, on the BDOC website.



New Membership Sign Ups – 19th June

Our next new membership will be on Sunday 19th June 2022 at 11.15 am to 12.15 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.

Obedience Training Times

Now that COVID restrictions have eased our training times are going to return to the original times and all Obedience classes will run at the same time.

From 19th June

Obedience Classes will be

10 – 11am.

The first 10-15 minutes will be a walk around the perimeter of our grounds to settle you and your dog prior to training commencing at 10.15. Please be ready to start the walk at 10 so you can chat to other handlers as well as have your dog walk in closer proximity to other dogs than they would in a class.

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: 11.00am
Pack up: 12.00pm

From Obedience ...

Please take notice we are changing our training times on the 19th June, starting 10AM TO 11AM for all obedience classes. We will start the morning by having a group walk around half the oval and back to class pegs to start training. Times will remain the same till then, I will keep an eye on numbers in the classes over the next few weeks to give us an idea of how many handlers are attending. It will be so good to have everyone back together. Everyone that has done the group walk loves it.

Our triallers in Obedience and Rally are having success now that they can get back to trialling. The tricks members are doing well also. These are disciplines that we have in our club and these are dog sports that every member can work towards. We have very experienced instructors that can help you achieve if you are up to the work, as John used to say, "to gain you have dog to train".

Welcome to our new members. We will do everything we can to educate and give you the confidence to train your dog in a responsible manner. Please remember we were in your position once, now we are to help you.

Our trainee instructors are now taking classes and they will be qualified in June. Congratulations to Bec, Kim and Merryl. Rachel is not far behind, and every class would have met Chloe, our junior instructor. She is an experienced handler and is very keen. Zoe, our trainee, has taken a leave of absence along with Annette. Hopefully we will see them back soon.

Instructor training will be starting 19th June 9 till 9 45, it will give them a chance to train their own dogs and Demo training happens on the first Sunday of the month.

Just a couple of things to remember, wear your badge, stay calm and relaxed and use one word when giving commands to your dog. Draw them out sit, stay and drop. Learn your hand signals, you might have to use hand signals one day without your voice. Don't let your dog jump on you or anyone else. I use the word off and step back. Do not let your dog lunge out on the lead and always ask before you let your dog greet another dog.

Congratulations to everyone on your pass ups.

Carol
Obedience Coordinator



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
Luella and Henry
Barbara & Jo and Teddy
Kate and Louis
Swapnali and Oliver
Bella and Scout

Puppy plus to One

Lauren and Bonnie
Neal and Freya

Dylan and Freya
Ivena and Zoe
Alison and Bones
Joy and Humphrey
Bec and Liora

Class Two to Three

Michael and Rex
Naomi and Cooper
Rhiannon and Higgins
Jessi and IQ

Class Three to Four

Ron and Mia

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



Trials dates in 2022 are becoming more of a certainty than just a wish (that has been the last 2 years). They involve a bit of travel, given that most of them are usually metro-located. That hasn't stopped some of our members and they have been rewarded for their efforts. Our congratulations to the following members:

Obedience

Wangaratta 14/15th May

Companion Dog or CD - Karen and Topsy – 1 pass (2nd in ring)

Labrador Retriever Club 15th May

Community Companion Dog - Liz and Hamish – 1 pass & Hamish's CCD Title (1st in ring)

Rally

Wangaratta 14/15th May

Rally Excellent - Karen and Topsy – 2 passes (1st and 2nd in ring)

Labrador Retriever Club 15th May

Rally Novice - Liz and Hamish – 1 pass & Hamish's RN Title (1st in ring)



Tracking

Tracking Champion – Yvonne and Ngaire



T Ch Nyanga ANZAC Silver Fern RE, CD, TSD

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.



TRICKS TALK

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

Bendigo Obedience Dog Club held their 2nd annual Tricks Trial on the 7th of May. Our club was very well represented by Yvonne with Majella & Ngaire, Sharon and Copper, Liz and Hamish, Libby with Clancy and Sparkie, Kirsten and Harriet, Grace and Molly, Ellen and Kai. Not only did they compete, but they were also very successful! Starters titles were earned by Clancy, Copper, Hamish, Majella, Molly and Sparkie, while Kai earned her Novice title. Wow! In addition, Yvonne judged and Ellen stewarded! Several wins and places also followed, as can be seen by the photo.



It was a great effort, and the mock trial held a couple of weeks earlier and judged by Yvonne and Denise (from Bendigo) was obviously a great help, with everyone knowing what to expect when they got there. The support the members gave each other before and on the day was wonderful. Well done to you all!

Sandy & Annette



From Agility ...

This article is good for all handlers to read, the more we work with our dogs the closer the bond we will have with them!

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



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COMPETITIONS

Giving It back – Frankston & Berwick clubs hosting at Frankston grounds 15th May.

We had a competition in July 2021 at Frankston the literally blew us away and had to be cancelled after half a day racing, 2 gazebo's 3m X 6m took off in the high winds and one actually landed on one poor woman resulting in an ambulance trip! Sammi and Mac raced with the Hastings dogs again in open we got some really good crosses working on times. Two dogs racing at each other at about 35kph or more towards each and trying to get them close (but not too close!!) nose to nose at the line can be very tricky, not to mention we only get to practice with the Hastings dogs at the competition!

Sammi and Mac crossing, we have not been able to



Our open team "Howlers" came 2nd, the last 3 competitions the best time we have run with this dog combination has been 21.7 .. so when we ran 20.22 it was a shock and a "breakout" and an automatic loss for that race ☹️ but progress!

PUPPYS

Welcome to Natalie and Chino



And Joy and Humphrey



UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

Our next competition is on the 4th of June at Keilor, finally a competition this side of Melbourne!

Hopefully this will give Geordie, Ned and Coco some experience in the ring, either at lunch time training or as an extra dog in a team.

BALLAARAT DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB INC

RAELEEN MCLEOD MEMORIAL OPEN TRACKING TRIAL

VENUE Ballarat Field & Game, 729 Bells Road, Haddon

ON Saturday 23rd, Sunday 24th and Monday 25th July 2022

JUDGES Mrs Lynn Klecka, Mr John Scott, Ms Kirsten Flynn

ENTRY FEES NON MEMBERS - \$40.00

CLUB MEMBERS - \$35.00

(Fees include Dogs Victoria surcharges and levys)

Catalogue will be available a few days prior to the trial on www.vicdog.com
Catalogues will not be available at the trial.

THIS EVENT SUBJECT TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS CURRENT AT THE TIME AND
APPROVAL OF DOGS VICTORIA EVENT PLAN TEMPLATE

TRIAL MANAGER Mrs Lisa Staszek,

Telephone Number – 0432597754 (no calls after 9.30 pm
please) or ljs68@optusnet.com.au

ENTRIES Online entries via www.showmanager.com.au

Postal entries to 27 McNulty Drive, Wendouree Vic 3355

Cheques to be made out to – Ballarat Dog Obedience Club Inc

ENTRIES CLOSE Monday 11th July 2022 at 10 pm

CHECK IN 6.30 am to 7.00 am and judging to commence at 8.00 am

If an excessive entry is received a ballot will be held at our clubrooms at Military Drive,
Victoria Park at 7.00 pm on Thursday 14th July, 2022. The committee reserves the right to
substitute judges or add to the judging panel should the entry be excessive.

CLUB POLICY – only 2 dogs to be worked on the one day by one handler and
same handler to lay only one track.

THERE WILL ALSO BE NO CATERING AT THIS TRIAL



What Shoes Should I Wear When Training?

This isn't something to consider just so your feet are comfortable or dry. Some consideration needs to be given to what will make training safe for you and your dog.

In winter time, especially at Vic Park on a Sunday morning, you might think that gumboots are the most appropriate thing to wear. They will certainly keep your feet dry but do they have good tread? are they a good fit? The problem with gumboots is that being easy to slip off and on (which might be what you want in the paddock or the garden), they do not give you very good grip or stability when dog training.

We all work so hard to teach our dog what the heel position is and keeping them close to us. However, if you slip when heeling it can put your dog off working so close to you. After all, who wants to be trodden on by big boots or, worse still, a falling handler? Choose some outdoor shoes that have, at the very least good tread. It's a bonus if they are waterproof. Some of the outdoor walking shoes are your best bet for both.

Of course, it's not winter forever (just remember that as Ballarat winter kicks in), what about summer footwear? The same logic applies. If your shoes aren't secure on your feet then you run the same risk of losing your footing and perhaps stepping on your dog. Remember dry, hard ground can be slippery. For this reason, runners are probably your best bet. They are secure and offer your toes protection from tan bark, twigs and, let's be honest, wet stuff (some dogs aren't fussy where they lift their leg).

If you are an agility participant, please choose even more wisely. Agility classes stipulate your shoes must have good tread. It is really for your safety more than your dog's since they tend to work away from you. There is a lot of equipment that you do not want to run into or fall upon.

If you're not sure what footwear to use, check out what your instructor is wearing. They will have a good idea of what suits Vic Park but also their footwear is probably what they wear anywhere they train their dog(s).

Happy, safe training!

Pat W



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



Online quiz

It's time to test your skills with this **dog trivia quiz**.



11. Which dog breed has a black tongue?*

- Husky
- Poodle
- Weimaraner
- Chow Chow

12. The first dogs registered in the American Kennel Club (AKC) belonged to what group?*

- Herding Group
- Sporting Group
- Working Group
- Hound Group

13. Which dog yodels instead of barks?*

- Komondor
- Otterhound
- Basenji
- Basset Hound

14. True or False: Dalmatians are BORN with spots.*

- True
- False

15. Which dog breed's coat has a texture that's similar to human hair?*

- Brussels Griffon
- Yorkshire Terrier
- Poodle
- Smooth Fox Terrier

16. What is the name of the dog on the front of the Cracker Jack box?*

- Jack
- Max
- Bingo
- Fido

17. How old was the verified world's oldest dog — an Australian Cattle Hound named Bluey — when he died?*

- 19
- 22
- 29
- 40

18. In 2020, what was the most popular dog name, according to Prudent Pet Insurance?*

- Fluffy
- Bo
- Bella
- Chewy

19. True or False: It is cheaper to spay or neuter a dog than it is to raise a litter of puppies for 1 year.*

- True
- False

20. What is the most popular breed of dog in the United States?*

- Beagle
- German Shepherd Dog
- Labrador Retriever
- Yorkshire Terrier

Answers: 1. Chow Chow 2. Sporting Group 3. Basenji 4. False 5. Yorkshire Terriers 6. Bingo 7.29 8. Bella 9. True 10. Labrador Retriever

- Thanks to [Petful](#) Apr 10, 2020

