







Puppy Tales

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

October 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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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.

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



New Membership Sign Ups -

Sunday 16th October is the next date for new members to sign up. If you know someone who is keen to join us please tell them.

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.

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.

New Obedience Training Times

Training times for obedience have returned to two sessions:

9.30 – Classes: Puppies, 1, 3 and 4

10.30 – Classes, Puppies + and 2

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: 11.15am

Pack up: 12.15pm

Tracking Training

Training for experienced handlers has started.

Beginners training - Sundays at 8am in Caretakers Rd (behind the club house).

Keep your nose to the ground for updates on our FB page.

President's Report

I am writing this having just arrived home from a weekend of competing at a NADAC Agility trial here in Ballarat. Despite being a bit sore and tired, I have to say how much I enjoyed spending two days hanging out with fellow club members. The support and encouragement that our merry band of Ballarat members gave each other was wonderful. There was also a lot of laughs as well when dogs didn't quite run as planned. The one thing that we all agreed on was that we enjoyed being out and having fun with our dogs and any ribbons earned were merely icing on the cake.

Our club was very disappointed to have to cancel our Obedience and Rally trial due to the condition of our grounds. Thanks to Covid, we have been unable to hold a trial since 2019 so we were very excited at the prospect of having one this year. Hopefully we will have better luck with our next one. In the meantime, I am organising to meet with a Councillor and Council Officer to discuss the continuing state of our oval.

Our presentation night that was planned for August and postponed due to the rising Covid risk has been rescheduled for Friday 4th November at the Ballarat Golf Club in Sturt St. This night is a celebration for all members and bookings can be made with Karen in the Dog Shop. Come and join us for a meal and share in the success of those who have been trialling with the presentation of trophies. We will also be awarding Service Awards for those who have given their time and expertise over many years. I look forward to seeing you there!

On Saturday 5th November we will be holding our inaugural Tricks Trial in Victoria Park. Our Trial Secretary will be looking for volunteers to help set up rings bright and early in the morning, stewards for the rings and general helpers on the day. We will put up a list in the club room for you to add your details or come and chat with me. It will be a great event to come and watch and it might even inspire you to enter a trial in the future.

Good luck to our small but enthusiastic Flyball Team (Ballarat Eureka Flyball) who are heading up to Sydney on 1st and 2nd October, to represent our club at the Australian National Flyball Championships. Keep an eye out in the November Puppy Tales to hear how the team went. I'm sure there will be photos on our Facebook page.

Our AGM is coming up in November and I would like to encourage members to give thought to putting their hands up and volunteering to serve on the committee. Do you have some new ideas that you would like to bring on board? Would you like to become involved and make new friends? If you may be interested, then please come, and talk to me as I would love to hear from you! I love the sign that is hanging at another obedience club that I saw recently. It said, 'Before you complain, have you volunteered at the club yet?'

Liz Bandy
President
Ballarat Dog Obedience Club

Obedience Pass Ups

Any pass ups from last month will be included in November's Puppy Tales.



Presentation Night



As you may be aware we had to postpone our presentation night for 2022. Our new date is:

Friday 4th November at 6.30pm at the Ballarat Golf Club.

If you would like to attend, please see Karen in the Dog Shop. The three-course meal is \$30/head. This is a chance to celebrate successes and commitment of BDOC members.

All members are welcome!



Trial Results



BDOC members are doing well on the trial circuit no matter what the discipline. Here are our latest results. If you can't find your name amongst the list, email me your results and they'll be included in next month's edition!

Tracking

Vicki Brown and Triton – TS Ch
and Ava – TSDX
and Dream – TSDX
and Nix – TD

Yvonne Ross and Ngaire – Test 6 pass and TSDX
Miro Strmecki and Biggie – Test 2 pass
Dee Moore and Magic – Test 4 pass



Agility

Brian Bushell and Marley – Excellent Jumping pass (fastest 400mm dog in trial!)

Tricks

Liz Bandy and Tilly – Tricks Starter title
Yvonne Ross and Ngaire – Novice Tricks title

Obedience and Rally

Karen Rath and Topsy – Novice pass and Title (CD)
Rally Excellent pass and title

Congratulations!

FLYBALL REPORT

SEPTEMBER

COMPETITIONS



Great racing at Frankston on the 7th of August with the weather worries, covid and injuries (dogs and humans) they had 5 teams pull out in the last few days, the poor organisers pulling their hair out trying to make a running order fair to all. We ended up with 5 minute change overs so people could run back to the gazebos and swap dogs when normally we have a 90 second change, made for a pretty relaxed and fun (for those with only on team hehe) competition. It was a great atmosphere with everyone helping each other out, we had Kylie from Wester Weiners running one of our dogs, with all the changes we ended up running against the team she was captaining, her brother ended up running her dog as she hid at the back of the ring until he had run then had to race up to release our dog, then she had to apologise to her team as we beat them twice hehe. We had two of our semi retired dogs share a spot and they were amazing, Harriett has not raced in almost 18 months and did really well after such a gap (only one training session!!) and Tilly ran like a champion.



Frankston 11th September we raced very consistently only making 3 errors in 19 races we tied for first place but lost it on count back and achieved a new personal best time shaving another .2 seconds off our time! Really promising leading up to Nationals!

BEGINNERS

Our beginners have been improving in leaps and bounds, great to see some really good progress. Welcome to James and Bailey will have to grab a photo next time!

Welcome back to Laura and Domino making the trek from Horsham to train with us, Domino has had a big covid break but did really well, looks like he will be upgraded to a competition dog soon!

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

Nationals are on 1st & 2nd October keep an eye out on the club facebook page for the livestreaming link and cheer us on!! Pretty scary as we just found out the entire competition is indoors racing on rubber mats our dogs have never competed on, we have also raced out and purchased industrial strength ear protection as it going to be LOUD!

Our team for Nationals will be Hamish, Mac, Sammi, Lilli and Tilly and we will be entered as Ballarat Miners so cross your fingers for us please 😊



Hamish

Mac

Sammi

Lilli



If you had volunteered(or thought about it) to help with our cancelled Obedience trial, here's another opportunity!

HELP WANTED!

The club is holding its first ever Tricks Trial on Saturday 5th November. Helpers are needed to make this day a success – a trial requires an army of them! It's a great opportunity to see how a trial is run if you are thinking of participating in the future. It is wonderful to see all the dogs strutting their stuff, and a great opportunity to help your club!

There are many and varied jobs and experience is not required for most of them. You can help for the whole day, half a day or just a couple of hours. Any offers are greatly appreciated!

If you can help, please contact Sandy on 0458 613 112 (text is best as I tend to forget to have my phone on my person) or email: roxburgh_nbn@inet.net.au

Thank you!



Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club.

DOUBLE TRICK DOG TEST.

Saturday 5 November 2022

Venue: Military Drive, Victoria Park, Ballarat

Entries Close: Postal – 25 October 2022, Online 28 October 2022

Competition Secretary: Yvonne Ross yvonneaross2@gmail.com

Entries & Fees: \$15 per entry per class per dog

Entries preferred through K9 Entries. www.k9entries.com. Mail: 18 Douglas Close, Miners Rest 3352

Conditions of Entry: One entry per dog per test and class.

Tricks will be judged in entry form order. Changes accepted until entries close.

Ring Size: 10m X 10m, outdoors on grass. Four test rings will be set up with bunting

Novice, Advanced	Ms Yvonne Ross	Ring 1
Starters, Intermediate	Mrs Denise Crystal	Ring 2
Advanced, Starters	Ms Sue Cordwell	Ring 3
Intermediate, Novice	Ms Janette Wilson	Ring 4

Check-in: 8.00am for Officials – 8.30 - 9.15am for handlers

Note: Contracted judges may compete and will be judged prior to the commencement of the competition.

Judging of officials: 8.00am - Judging of competitors: no earlier than 9.30am. There will be a break between Test 1 and Test 2.

Presentations: To be held at the completion of each Test.

Awards: 1st placing: Sash and Prize 2nd & 3rd placing: Sash

Qualifiers: Ribbon, Titles gained: Sash, Highest Scoring BDOC member in each ring.

CATALOGUE – Available from www.vicdog.com. and www.bdoc.com.au. No hard copies provided.

Limited Exhibitor catering will be available at this venue. Tea/Coffee/cold drinks available from Clubhouse

The organisers reserve the right to make any changes that will ensure the smooth running of the competition, including substituting judges, changing the running order of classes, and accepting or rejecting entries.

The event will be conducted under all Covid-19 requirements current at the time of the Tests.

Now that the warmer weather is looking more promising, if you have forgotten about these parasites, here's a timely reminder...



Preventing Fleas on Your Pets



Dogs and cats are very susceptible to fleas, but they can be protected. To prevent fleas on your pet:

- Limit the amount of time your pet spends outdoors.
- Limit contact with wild and stray animals.
- Bathe and brush pets regularly.
- Check for fleas regularly.
- Fleas prefer warmer and more humid months, but if there is an animal to feed on, fleas can survive year-round.
- Talk to your veterinarian about flea control products that are right for your pet.
 - Treat pets for fleas year-round in order to kill adult fleas and prevent new ones from hatching.
 - Always follow product instructions.
- If you find a flea on your pet or in your home, learn how to get rid of fleas right away to avoid further infestation.



https://www.cdc.gov/fleas/avoid/on_pets.html



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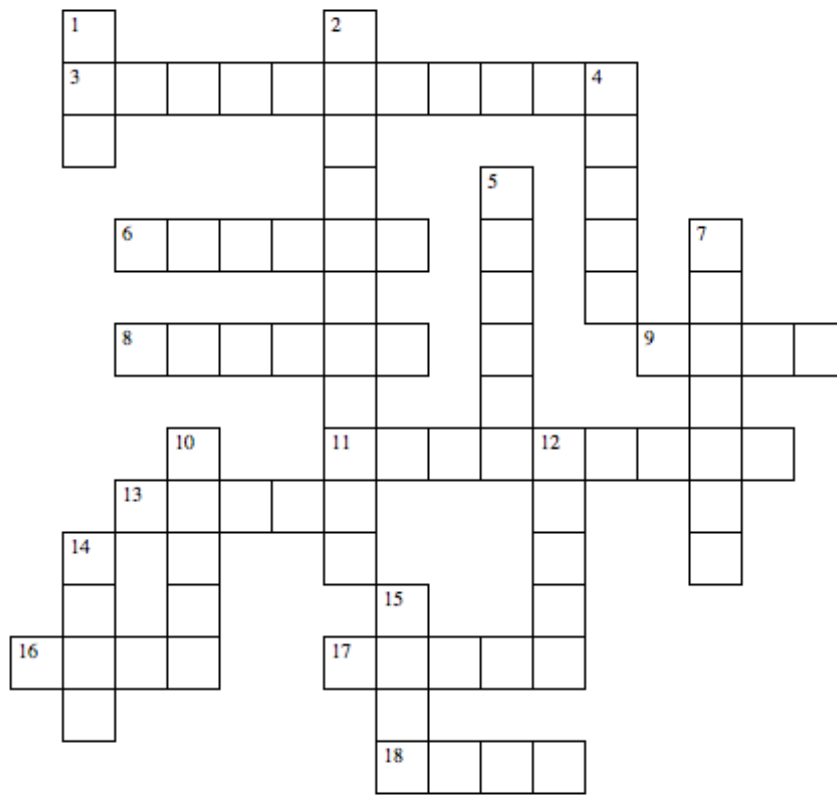
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Snuffle mat:	\$40.00
Tug toys:	\$10.00



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Lost Dogs



ACROSS

3. An elaborate display (3 words)
6. Holder of the leash
8. Priestly neckwear (slang)
9. Sirius
11. Let yourself go (3 words)
13. Where bad husbands go
16. A canine obsession
17. Well-read book
18. Arctic conveyance

DOWN

1. Identification
2. "If I can't have it, no one can" (3 words)
4. Keeps you safe
5. Infantile swimming stroke
7. Stray dog hunter
10. Hound prison
12. Exhausted
14. Puppy pageant
15. Late summer

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Okay, here's how it works. All of the answers are words or phrases that include the word "dog". But the word dog doesn't appear in the puzzle. So if the clue's answer is "dogleg" (and none of them are), you would enter just "leg" in the puzzle. If the puzzle mentions a number of words, then it is the number of words *without* the word dog... the number of words you'll actually enter in the puzzle.