




Puppy Tales

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

November 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm	4 BDOC Presentation night 6.30pm Ballarat Golf Club	5 BDOC Tricks Trial POSTPONED
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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 20th November 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.

OBEDIENCE REPORT OCTOBER

We have started our 6 week Responsible Dog Program. This program has been set up to help people in the community with dogs that may have issues, like anxiety and aggression problems, jumping and pulling on the lead. We have 13 handlers and dogs enrolled with three instructors. This program is very much based on education and dog behaviour. We had Ranger Brad come along and talk about the dog laws which was very interesting. The next talk on the 2nd November will be with Ruth who is a dog behaviourist. On the 9th of November we do a small street walk in central Ballarat, and club members are welcome to join us for this walk as we walk in a pack.

Our trialling members are doing well. Thank you to Pat and Yvonne for helping our members achieve. Our obedience trial had to be cancelled due to the unsafe condition of our grounds. We are going to be holding a tricks trial early November and helpers are required. There is a sheet up out the front of the club rooms so if you can help, place your name down please.

Try this little trick to help settle an anxious dog, it is called scatter feeding. It means spreading your dog's treats over a large area for him to sniff out. This is a great low arousal activity especially for highly strung dogs. They benefit from the calming activity. It engages the brain and teaches them to focus. It's very relaxing as sniffing lowers your dog's heart rate. It is a mental exercise and a great way to engage with your dog. So, any time your dog is in class and is losing interest, tell your instructor you are having a short break. If you have a long lead at home find a nice grassy area where there are no other dogs and let your dog sniff for about 15 minutes and see the difference.

Please make sure to keep checking our club website for changes to our training ground as there will be park closures due to events being held in the park. Please take note we are not allowed to train on the soccer ground as the cricket made a complaint to the council about us being there. I accept full responsibility for obedience being on their ground as I felt that our ground was unsafe.

Now, I know some people do not believe that there should be a leader of the pack. But have a think about when you got your pup. They came from a pack where their mother was the leader. We bring them home. Oh they're so cute so we change all the rules and humanise them, no rules no boundaries and then you start to have issues. The dog does not understand what you want as you have changed the rules. Your dog loses respect for you and if there is no respect you could find yourself in big trouble. Dogs look up to a leader. They need to know you're in control. This is not done in a harsh manner but rules and boundaries are the way you and your dog can have a great relationship built on trust and love. At the end of the day you will never find a truer companion.

Till next time.

Obedience Coordinators
Carol and Norm

FLYBALL REPORT OCTOBER

COMPETITIONS

Nationals! Held at Hawkesbury NSW a nice round trip of 2000km, to say it was wet would be an understatement, luckily the racing was all indoors and was not disrupted, it was our first time racing indoors for all our dogs they coped really well their first time on the rubber matting! We didn't end up winning any races but pushed most to a full 5 heats so pretty close, one of our dogs was a bit stiff and running about one second slower than usual but we really pushed the other teams still! From the live stream

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-kT_AEhcXU our first race was at 54:05 the second at 3:00:05 and another at 4:53:15.



Jenny earned the Mad Cow award (for doing something epically silly) falling over 2 of her 3 tent guy ropes, then her (ok my) dog Sammi grabbing the foam padding on the box and half ripping it off! Luckily Eastside flyers club lent us their spare box to use lots of thanks and appreciation to them and also Kylie and Gayle from Western Weiners club for running Tilly and Lilli for us ❤️

Some photos from Hawkesbury showgrounds, apparently it is completely underwater this week!



Walking to the ring



Walking back to the gazebo



Its a little wet!



Between the tents and the toilet



Congratulations!

Obedience Pass Ups

Puppy to Puppy Plus

Pete, Sara, Stella and Scarlett with Sunny
Jodie with Jodie

Puppy Plus to Class 1

Andrea and Ammal with Jazz
Stephanie with Banjo
Bella with Scout
Lola with Louis

Class One to Two

John with Beau
Denise with Joanie
Catrice with ?Zersy
Rachael with Charlie

Class Two to Three

Leah with Lund
Dylan with Freya
Jan with Jonty

My apologies for any incorrect details (sometimes it's hard to read instructor's writing 😊)



Can you 'spot' the odd dog out?



Trial Results



And BDOC's successes keep on coming despite the weather! Well done to all who have travelled to enter trials. Sometimes we don't come away with anything to show for our efforts but what we learn about ourselves and our dogs is invaluable for future trials. The comradery makes the day out good fun as well!

Tracking

Yvonne Ross and Ngaire – Track and Search Champion title

Agility

Ellen Mucha and Kai – Masters Jumping Pass

Obedience and Rally

Sharon Dwyer and Copper – Novice Pass

Karen Rath and Topsy – Open Pass

Karen Rath and Savy – Novice Pass

BDOC Tricks Trial

Unfortunately our inaugural Tricks Trial scheduled for the 5th of this month has been postponed.

Due to the ground conditions, as we are all aware, it would not have been safe for handlers and their dogs to compete.

Stay tuned and keep training for a date in March, to be confirmed by Dogs Victoria, our governing body.

If you had volunteered, we are hoping that you will still be able to help in March.





Ballarat Animal Shelter need your Help!

In the lead up to Christmas BDOC will be collecting donations of food to be delivered to the Animal Shelter to support them to look after animals in their care.

We are looking for tinned or dry dog or cat food donations. These can be delivered to the clubhouse from now until training finishes for the year (date to be determined but early December).

Thanks to Yvonne Ross for being responsible for delivering all donations.



In case you never have a need to visit our Dog Shop, this is on our equipment cupboard:

Ten Canine Commandments

- 1. My life is likely to last 10 years. Any separation from you will be painful to me. Remember that before you buy me.**
- 2. Give me time to understand what you want me to do.**
- 3. Place your trust in me, it is crucial to my well-being**
- 4. Don't be angry with me for long, and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, entertainment, and your friends, I only have you.**
- 5. Talk to me sometimes, even if I don't understand your words, I understand your voice when it is speaking to me.**
- 6. Be aware that however you treat me, I'll never forget it.**
- 7. Remember before you hit me: I have teeth that could easily crush the bones in your hand, but I choose not to bite you.**
- 8. Before you scold me for being uncooperative. Obstinate or lazy, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, been out in the sun too long or my heart is getting old and weak.**
- 9. Take care of me when I get old, you too will get old.**
- 10. Go with me on the difficult journey. Never say "I can't bear to watch it." Or "Let it happen in my absence." Everything is easier for me if you are there.**

Remember that I love you.



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



A Special Treat from Agility!

This month we have something to work the brain of the two - legged people rather than the four legged members. Can you find the following words in the word search to the right?

- Jump
- Tyre
- Table
- Aframe
- Tunnel
- See Saw
- Distance
- Dog Walk
- Challenges
- Rear Cross
- Start Line
- Finish Line
- Front Cross
- Weave poles
- Cross Behind

Agility Words

M F P S S M N G H E K Q U S K Q Q J F
K R J N A B N N X P P N F S E N I B H
I O V W S F X Q D F L M Y Q D G P J S
G N T H E C R W R U O D N D F Q R B C
C T G U K A I A U P C Q Z G G L X J R
P C M P N L V H M D I S T A N C E A O
Y R I E W N V E R E A R C R O S S C S
S O D R C Q E Z P N Q O Q O W K Y H S
X S C O S L A L D O S H R A I O L A B
H S P W G Z Z I W P L Z S U I O J L E
D A Z N W W W K M H N E T X E S M L H
T Q N V L C A U W R E P S K D Y M E I
O A J S X A J L Y S B A N F T R C N N
J A B O I Z C W K C O U K W J V K G D
V O W L F C F I N I S H L I N E O E R
C C U P E O R S N S Y O W X Z M E S M
P Y Q U C E L Z T H E S K N V J D O R
U B K X B V E L S T A R T L I N E Q O
T Y R E H U C W A N S F K R J I A A W