



Puppy Tales

*Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club –
Promoting responsible dog ownership*



December
2022



**Committee and Instructors would like to wish
all members, their families and especially
their four-legged friends a
Very Happy and Safe Christmas!**

Dates to Remember:

11th December – Our final day of training, come, dress up your dog if you wish and join us for a Fun Day!

BDOC AGM 11am – Committee of Management elected

2022 – Early February (usually the first Sunday in February)
obedience training recommences

Please continue to check our website and Facebook page to keep up-to-date with the latest training requirements, times, and news.



YOUR CLUB MANAGEMENT

Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club Inc.

Registered No A0012427W



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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 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.



BALLAARAT DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB INC.

Registered No A0012427W

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11.00 am, SUNDAY 11th December, 2022

at the Clubrooms, Military Drive, Victoria Park.

BUSINESS OF THE MEETING -

- (a) To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting;
- (b) To receive from the Committee reports regarding transactions of the Club during the last financial year;
- (c) To elect:
 - i. an auditor
 - ii. office-bearers of the Club
 - iii. ordinary members of the Committee

GENERAL BUSINESS -

Nil.

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF AUDITOR, COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT & ORDINARY COMMITTEE. -

Nominations will be accepted for the following positions -

- 1. Auditor
- 2. Committee of Management
 - President (office-bearer)
 - Vice-President (office-bearer)
 - Treasurer (office-bearer)
 - Secretary; (who shall also be the Public Officer.) (office-bearer)
 - Assistant Treasurer
 - Assistant Secretary
 - Ordinary members (seven positions)

Nominees for the Committee of Management and Ordinary Committee must –

- 1. Be financial members of the club (Office-bearers must also be members of the VCA)
- 2. Have been a member of the club for at least three months prior to the close of nominations.
- 3. Be over the age of 18years.
- 4. Be nominated by two financial members.
- 5. Accept nomination by signing the nomination form.
- 6. Have a current *Working with Children Check* or be actively obtaining one.

Nomination forms – to be emailed to secretary@bdoc.com.au.

Nomination close - 9pm on Monday 5th December 2022 with the secretary.

L. Staszek,
Secretary



Titles and Awards Gained by Handlers and their Dogs for the 2021/22 year.

Our warmest congratulations go to the following handlers and their dogs. Despite COVID and its impact on the trialling seasons over the past two years they trialled successfully to achieve these before the end of June 2022. These were presented at our Presentation Night in early November.

RALLY

RALLY NOVICE (RN)

Jay Lamont and Ri

Liz Bandy and Hamish

RALLY ADVANCED (RA)

Libby Thompson and Lifesong Spark Will Fly

RALLY EXCELLENT (RE)

Yvonne Ross and Nyanga ANZAC Silver Fern

RALLY PERPETUAL AWARD - DJANGO RALLY TROPHY

Yvonne Ross and Nyanga ANZAC Silver Fern

OBEDIENCE

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG (CCD)

Yvonne Ross and Nyanga ANZAC Silver Fern

Liz Bandy and Hamish

Pat Withell and Topsyspot

COMPANION DOG (CD)

Yvonne Ross and Nyanga ANZAC Silver Fern

OBEDIENCE PERPETUAL TROPHIES

MOST IMPROVED AWARD

Dylan Fantin and Freya

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Alex Teng and Cooper

OBEDIENCE INSTRUCTOR MOST ATTENDED AWARD

Norm Baker

Karen Brereton

TRACKING

TRACKING DOG (TD)

Vicki Brown and Dragon

Gina Scuffins and Allenovah Shall we Tango

Dee More and Magic

TRACKING DOG EXCELLENT (TDX)

Yvonne Ross and Nyanga ANZAC Silver Fern

Sharon Dwyer and Milo

TRACKING CHAMPION (T.CH)

Margaret Wright and Oscar

Yvonne Ross and Nygana ANZAC Silver Fern

PERPETUAL TROPHIES

JOHN HODGES AWARD – TRACKING DOG OF THE YEAR

Margaret Wright and Oscar

RAELEEN MCLEOD AWARD – BEST PERFORMANCE OF TD DOG

Gina Scuffins and Allenovah Shall we Tango

TRACK AND SEARCH

TRACK AND SEARCH DOG (TSD)

Yvonne Ross and Nygana ANZAC Silver Fern

Vicki Brown and Ava

TRACK AND SEARCH DOG EXCELLENT (TSDX)

Patricia Mann and Quinn

TRACK AND SEARCH DOG CHAMPION (TS CH)

Patricia Mann and Quinn

TRACK AND SEARCH GRAND CHAMPION (TS GRAND CH)

Patricia Mann and Quinn

TRACK AND SEARCH PERPETUAL TROPHY

4 CHAMPIONS TROPHY

Patricia Mann and Quinn

Pat and Quinn have had a great year!!

AGILITY

MOST IMPROVED

Barb Adams and Bailey

RISING STAR

Nicole and Reggie

FASTEST AGILTY/JUMPING DOG

Ellen and Kai
EXCELLENT GAMBLERS'
Ellen and Kai

NADAC

NOVICE CHANCES/OPEN CHANCES/OPEN WEAVERS/OPEN TUNNELLERS

Ellen and Kai
NOVICE WEAVERS/NOVICE AGILITY
Tracy and Ruben

10-YEAR INSTRUCTOR BADGE

Ellen Mucha

TRICKS

TRICK DOG STARTER (TK.S)

Yvonne Ross and Nyanga ANZAC Silver Fern
Libby Thompson and Lifesong Spark Will Fly
Anne Collins and Nawlene Maya
Liz Bandy and Hamish
Grace Calder and Larnach Molly

TRICK DOG NOVICE (TK.N)

Ellen Mucha and Bluemoon Kai

PERPETUAL TRICKS TROPHY

Ron Verso and Mia

FLYBALL

FLYBALL MASTER

Liz and Hamish



AUSTRALIAN FLYBALL CHAMPION

Jen and Sammi

MVP (MOST VALUABLE PAIR)

Jen and Sammi

HIGHEST AFA POINT PERPETUAL TROPHY

Jen and Sammi

MAD COW AWARD FOR THE NATIONALS

Jen and Sammi

MAD COW OF THE YEAR

Dee and Cocoa

MOST IMPROVED

Dee and Cocoa



Life Member and Service Awards

The Presentation Night was also an opportunity to acknowledge some of our instructors for their ongoing commitment to our club, members and their dogs.

LIFE MEMBERS

Tracy Benda
Pat Mann
Yvonne Ross

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Danielle Kirkham

SERVICE AWARDS

Norm Baker
Sandy Roxburgh
Karen Brereton
Ellen Mucha
Lisa Staszek



Ballarat Animal Shelter need your Help!



Our last day of training for 2023 (Sunday 11th December) is the last day to donate items of food that will 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.

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



Early Christmas Cracker Jokes (but much better!)

Why was the dog upset about the Christmas tree?

He's not even allowed to bring sticks into the house.

Who delivers Christmas presents to pets?

Santa Paws

How do dogs sing 'Jingle Bells'?

Dachshund through the snow

How do dogs decorate for Christmas?

They deck the paws with bows of collie.



From the Christmas Kitchen

Santa's Nutritious Christmas Dog Treats

<https://topdogtips.com/christmas-dog-treat-recipes/>

The day after Christmas is full of regret for anyone who overindulged, so our dog owner Santa came up with this vitamin-packed Christmas dog treats recipe so that when your pooch indulges, at least they're getting more health benefits from these treats.

Ingredients:

- 3 cup whole-wheat flour
- 2 eggs
- ¼ cup natural peanut butter
- ½ cup oats
- 1 cup natural pumpkin puree
- 1 shredded zucchini
- 1 peeled, shredded carrot
- 1 cup chopped baby spinach

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 180 deg C. Cover a baking sheet with parchment paper. Use a mixer to combine the peanut butter, pumpkin puree, and eggs. Beat in the oats and 2 ½ cups of the flour.

Add additional flour if needed to create a rollable dough texture. Mix in the spinach, carrot, and zucchini. Roll out the dough and cut cookies. Bake for 20 minutes until browned.

Your dog will love you for them (as if they don't already!).



Festive Foods Dogs Should Avoid During Holidays

<https://www.greencrossvets.com.au/>

While Christmas is a special occasion and an excellent time for sharing, many items on the Christmas lunch menu can cause health problems in pets. Pets are not able to digest or metabolise many human foods and as a result they can cause illness in your furry friend. Here are some common festive foods your pet should avoid.

Mince pies and Christmas cake

Cakes, mince pies and puddings at this time of year are full of dried fruits including grapes, raisins and sultanas which contain a toxin that is dangerous for pets. Even a small amount of Christmas sweets can cause vomiting and diarrhoea, and in some cases this can lead to kidney disease.

Stuffing

Stuffing typically contains onions and garlic which are toxic to pets. Onion toxicity can impact the red blood cells causing anaemia. Other symptoms of toxicity can include rapid breathing, pale gums, lethargy, salivation, and vomiting.

Gravy

It can be tempting to drizzle a small amount of gravy over your pet's food, but any gravy containing fat contributes to a painful condition called pancreatitis. Similar to stuffing, gravy often has onion and garlic that pets should avoid.

Bones

Care must be taken when feeding bones, whether they are raw or cooked. Never feed your pet cooked bones. Cooked bones are soft and can splinter easily leading to dental issues. They may also become lodged in your pet's throat or mouth or even splinter inside the bowel, causing obstruction or perforation. This would be a potentially life-threatening situation. Feeding cooked or raw bones has potential risks and we recommend talking with your local Greencross Vet for alternative chewing options.

Chocolate

Chocolate contains an ingredient known as 'theobromine' that is toxic to pets. This ingredient is in all kinds of chocolate, including white chocolate. Higher levels are found in dark chocolate, cooking chocolate, and cocoa.

Chocolate toxicity causes a wide range of problems. Pets could vomit, suffer diarrhoea, urinate excessively and become hyperactive. They can develop irregular heartbeat, depression, coma or seizures can follow this. In severe cases toxicity can lead to death. Call your local Greencross Vets for advice and take your pet to the vets immediately if they've consumed chocolate. A quick response can make all the difference.

If you are looking for advice or you cannot get to the vet, put your mind at ease with a [Greencross WebVet](#) consultation where you can speak to a team of veterinarians 24/7.

Nutmeg

The rich fragrance of nutmeg can attract the attention of some pets. High levels of nutmeg can harm your pet's health. If eaten, it can cause increased heart rate, seizures, and tremors.

Avocado and stone fruit

A festive favourite for many, the seed of the avocado (or any stone fruit) can pose a dangerous threat to your pet. Avocados are also high in fat and may contribute to pancreatitis in dogs.

Alcohol

Dogs and cats are susceptible to adverse effects from even the smallest amounts of alcohol, and in large quantities, it can be fatal. Cats can be particularly attracted to cocktails containing cream like White Russians and eggnog, so keep your festive cocktails away from pets.

The main concern for pets who overindulge in Christmas goodies is that they are high in fat. A common condition that can result from pets eating table scraps and human foods is pancreatitis. This is a condition where the pancreas becomes severely inflamed and causes pain and discomfort. It can quickly become life-threatening.

If your pet eats something that they shouldn't over the Christmas period, [contact](#) your local Greencross Vets or an [emergency vet](#) as soon as possible. A quick response can make all the difference.



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





CLUB NOMINATION FORM

Yes, I am interested in nomination for the following position/positions:

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For all nominations for a position on the Club Committee, please complete details below. The nominee, nominator and seconder all must be financial Club members and have been members of the Club for a period exceeding 6 months.

I..... accept nomination for the position/s of:

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Nominee's Membership No: **Mobile:**

Signature of Nominee: **Date:**

Nominated by: **Member No:**

Signature: **Date:**

Nomination seconded by:

Signature: **Date:**

Just for fun!

