



Puppy Tales

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

March 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Notices

- We are so fortunate to have such a great band of willing and knowledgeable instructors who turn up every week to help train your dogs. We know that they have other commitments so sometimes are not available for a Sunday. Their replacement is just as dedicated and will be able to support you and your dog with your training. 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.

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

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

From March 18th

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

Instructor Profile

Carol is our obedience co-ordinator and has been in her role for about 10 years. Carol enjoys taking all classes but especially loves getting out with the puppies. You might see her out on the ground shouting strange noises and encouraging you to get down on the ground for some puppy cuddles.

Carol's passion for dog training started with her and her husband John's love for German Shepherds. Carol and John have had German Shepherds their whole lives and current dog is Storm, Long Hair German Shepherd – Tracking Champion Title.

Carol has been training dogs for about 40 years and started her journey at Ballarat German Shepherd Dog Club training puppy class. Carol and John moved across to Ballarat Dog Obedience Club around 20 years ago and say how it was a real learning curve coming across to working with all breeds. Carol loves working with all dogs big and small and enjoys being able assist people with understanding their dogs and general dog education.

Alongside others, Carol initiated the Responsible Dog Ownership Program which is still running today – Don't knock it until you try it!!

Carol is a strong supporter of Tracking and has spent many early mornings and weekends out at Haddon laying under a tarp waiting for Storm to find her – rain, hail or shine! Thankfully he always did!



Carol is a retired social worker, who spent 30 years working in the Family Violence sector in Ballarat. Joining her love of supporting people and dogs, Carol decided that she would embark on the journey of having her dog Storm accredited as Delta Therapy Dog. Carol and Storm spent time working with high school students who were unable to be in mainstream schooling. The kids loved Storm and he loved them! Unfortunately, Carol was diagnosed with Guillain Barre Syndrome that resulted in 12-month hospital stay and gruelling physical therapy regime.

Carol says that one of her main goals throughout her illness was getting back on the ground to dog training – not literally on the ground but training on the ground!!

Carol says she is always at training on Sundays and is always happy to provide anyone support or just general hello!



Retirement



One of our most tireless and popular instructors has decided that it is the time to retire from BDOC instructor and member duties. He is reclaiming his Sunday mornings!

Norm Baker has volunteered his time at BDOC for 15 years. He has performed and served in many different capacities in that time but probably best known for Puppy Pre-School and as an instructor. As well as those, he has held the office of President, assisted with the Responsible Dog Obedience Course, Assistant Obedience Coordinator and it was his welcoming voice each Sunday morning that you would hear prior to classes starting.

On behalf of everyone who Norm has helped in those 15 years, we say a **HUGE** thank you for all you have done for BDOC.

We hope that your Sunday mornings from now on bring you much joy and perhaps a few sleep ins. We wish you all the best!



New Membership Sign Ups -

Sunday 5th March is the next date for new members to sign up. If you know someone who is keen to join us please tell them.

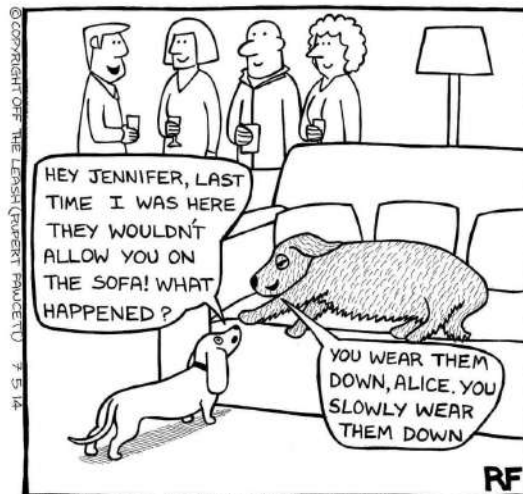
They will need to bring their dog's vaccination certificate but **not** their dog. Our fees and forms are listed on our website at www.bdoc.com.au. If they can download the forms and fill them out before attending it would be appreciated.

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.



We've had to wait a while but thank goodness the road in front of the clubhouse has now been levelled and resealed. What a difference it has made!

The grounds are still uneven and patchy so please take care when training with your dog on a Sunday, we want you and your dog kept safe!



FACEBOOK.COM/OFF THE LEASH DAILY DOG CARTOONS

ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY 10th April 2023

BALLAARAT DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB INC

DOUBLE OBEDIENCE & DOUBLE RALLY TRIAL

Saturday 15th April 2023

Held at Victoria Park, Sturt Street, Ballarat.



JUDGES

AM Obedience Trial

CCD & Novice	Mr G Eades
Open, UD & UDX	Merrae Balaam

PM Obedience Trial

CCD & Novice	Merrae Balaam
Open, UD & UDX	Mr G Eades

AM Rally Trial

Advanced and Excellent	Mr M Klecka
Rally Novice and Master	Maribeth Murphy

PM Rally Trial

Advanced and Excellent	Maribeth Murphy
Rally Novice and Master	Mr M Klecka

Note: The club reserves the right to substitute and/or add to the judging panel as required.

Entry Fees: \$12 per trial (including catalogue)

Checkin: AM Trials 8.00am -8.30am
PM Trials 11.30am – 12.00 noon

Judging: AM Trials - 9.00am
PM Trials - not before 12.30pm.

Conditions of Entry: for Open and UD please show clearly correct **Obedience Height Category**.
for Rally please show clearly correct **Rally Jump Height** of dog.

PLEASE NOTE: Contracted Judges are permitted to enter these trials

Awards Obedience Trials: for each trial and class Place Sashes and Title Sashes
Sash and Prize to HSIT (CCD not eligible) for each trial

Awards Rally Trials: Place Sashes and Title Sashes

Online Entries Preferred at www.K9entries.com Please make enquires to
Email patriciamann@outlook.com or 53 341586 (not after 9pm)

**THIS EVENT IS SUBJECT TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT AND
THE APPROVAL OF A DOGS VICTORIA COVID SAFE EVENT**



OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIAL

Saturday 15th April 2023

Many hands make light work! The running of a trial takes a lot of preparation. Then there is the day itself! We would appreciate any help you could offer the club on the day. Here is a brief idea of the sort of help we need.

Ring Setup 7.00am to 9am
Putting up the rings, driving posts into our (rather hard) ground and running ring rope around the outside, setting up of tables and equipment where required. You will be guided by an experienced club member.

Stewarding AM: 8.30am to noon
PM: noon til 3.30 ish
Outside the ring - organising competitors so they are ready to enter, running sheets up to the office as a ring is completed and other 'runner' jobs.
Inside the ring – **you must be a Dogs Vic member.** You will be under the guide of the judge, assisting with equipment, standing as a post for dog and handler to walk around.

Raffle tickets: Afternoon
If you are good at selling/spruiking, this could be the job for you! The more tickets we sell, the more money goes back to the club!

To register your willingness to help enter your name and phone number on the HELP Notice on the notice board in the Club Rooms.



But wait, there's more, BDOC is excited to also be hosting an Agility and Jumping trial!



DOGS VICTORIA CONFIRMED
DATE: 01/02/2023
SIGNATURE:

BALLARAT DOC Inc
Open Agility & Jumping Trial
Venue: Military Drive, Victoria Park, Ballarat

Sunday 7th May 2023

Entries Close: Sunday April 30th 2023

Online entries: <https://www.k9entries.com>

Paper entries to PO Box 383, Ballarat, Victoria 3353 (paper entries close 21st April 2023)

Trial Secretary: Ellen Mucha Ph: 0438 389 421 Email: ballarataqility@gmail.com

Entry Fee: \$9 per class

No vetting or check-in. Numbers available between 8.15 – 8.45am & must be collected before judging starts.

Event conducted under COVID-19 Restrictions current at the time

All classes will be judged on Adjusted SCT for each Height.

Rubberised Contacts, Wing Jumps & Timing Gates in use.

Catalogue: available at <http://www.vicdog.com> and Vic Agility FB page a few days prior to the trial

Rings A & B – Start time: 9.00am

Ring A: AD#, ADX, ADM Agility – Annette Claughton

Ring B: JDX#, JDM#, JD# Jumping – Maxine Corey-Thomas

Rings C & D – Not before 12 noon

Ring C: ADX#, ADM#, AD# Agility – Caroline Bentley

Ring D: JDM, JD#, JDX Jumping – Roger Padfield

All Rings will have a lunch break at a time that suits the ring.

This Trial is held under the Rules and Regulations of the VCA and a copy of the Rules may be perused at the office of the Trial Secretary. BDOC reserves the right to substitute judges if required.

Not For Competition (NFC) available in classes indicated by # (see note below)

Awards:

Sash and prize for 1st place

Sash only 2nd and 3rd place. Qualifying runs only

Presentation will be held at the conclusion of pack up.

- NFC available in these classes:

When you enter the ring, you need to clearly identify to the judge that you are running under NFC, by raising two arms in the air and making an X. No pass can be obtained with the dogs running as NFC. You are ineligible to also enter that class for a competitive run. No food is allowed in the ring. Any toys used must be small, noiseless and not leave the handlers body. The course must be run in numerical order, as designed by the judge, however, you may start at any point within the course. The maximum time for each NFC run is the SCT for that class and if the judge asks you to leave, you must do so immediately.

Catering: Limited catering will be available

Sponsors:



We will also be asking for volunteers to help on the day to make this a well-run, successful trial. Stay tuned!!

Special Member Offer for the Month of March

This is for the month of March 2023, please get behind this wonderful offer

MEMBERS ONLY OFFER

[Compost-A-Pak®](#) Dog Bags are a sustainable alternative to plastic dog bags.

Made instead of corn, these bags are completely plastic free, and [Australian Certified Compostable](#). They will breakdown in compost with the enclosed dog waste in the same way as a cob of corn does naturally.

A family-based Australian Business, the team at Compost-A-Pak are partnering with us during March to provide a member's 40% discount across their Dog Bag range.

To make the switch from plastic, simply log into their website at www.compostapak.com.au click on the Dog Waste Bags, and when checking out, enter our Discount Code **CPKBDOC**

If you have any questions, you can contact Marlie from their team on 02 49 543 023



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

