



Puppy Tales

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

April 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 Tricks Obedience Rally for Beginners Flyball Agility						1
2 <i>New Member Sign Ups</i> Tricks Obedience Rally for Beginners Flyball Agility	3 Committee Meeting 7pm	4	5	6 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm	7 Good Friday	8
9 Easter Sunday – No Training	10	11	12	13 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm	14	15 BDOC Double Obedience and Rally Trial
16 Tricks Obedience Rally for Beginners Flyball Agility	17	18	19	20 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm	21	22
23 Tricks Obedience Rally for Beginners Flyball Agility	24	25	26	27	28	29

YOUR CLUB MANAGEMENT

Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club Inc.

Registered No A0012427W



P.O. Box 383 Ballarat, 3350

Ph 5334 2750 (clubrooms)

www.bdoc.com.au

PATRON: Dr. Richard Lawrence

Committee of Management 2021/2022:

Office Bearers

PRESIDENT: LIZ BANDY

VICE PRESIDENT: YVONNE ROSS

SECRETARY: LISA STASZEK

ASSISTANT SECRETARY:

TREASURER: PAT MANN

ASSISTANT TREASURER: KAREN BRERETON

COMMITTEE:

JAY LAMONT, ELLEN MUCHA, STACEY DACIW, DAVID POLLARD, DEE GARBUTT, RACHEL CHENERY, JEN VANDROMME

GRIEVANCE OFFICER: TRACY BENDA

Email:

secretary@bdoc.com.au

To contact the BDOC Secretary.

info@bdoc.com.au

To ask questions or get information on club activities.

puppypreschool@bdoc.com.au

To apply to Puppy Preschool & get information.

pwithell@gmail.com

To contact or send articles to the Puppy Tales Editor.

trial@bdoc.com.au

To contact the Trial Secretary.

Discipline Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators

OBEDIENCE:	CAROL HODGES	KAREN BRERETON
R.D.O:		
PUPPY PRESCHOOL:	NORM BAKER (for the current intake)	0417678382
AGILITY:	TRACY BENDA	
FLYBALL:	JEN VANDROMME	0438362909
TRICKS:	GRACE CALDER	YVONNE ROSS
TRACKING:	LISA STASZEK	PAT MANN

DISCLAIMER

The Committee of Management of Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club, Inc. (BDOC) and the Editor of the Club's newsletter accept no responsibility for error in the publication of any material. Advertisements published in the newsletter are accepted in goodwill by the Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club and the appearance of these advertisements in the newsletter should not be seen as an endorsement by the club of the companies or their products. Members wishing to avail themselves of these companies and their products are urged to make their own enquiries as to their suitability.

The opinions expressed in any material in this newsletter are not necessarily those of BDOC. The BDOC does not represent or warrant that the information, statements or representations contained in any material are correct, and is not to be held liable or responsible in any way whatsoever for any misstatement or error in the information, statements or representations contained in any material.

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.
- Ring Craft happens each week(instructor numbers permitting) for those handlers who are ready, or already, competing in obedience trials. It gives them one-on-one feedback about their handling and also gives their dog a chance to experience the ring environment. All members are very welcome to watch. Remember anyone in the ring started out exactly where you might be now. It's inspiring and encouraging stuff to watch!
- 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.

Sunday Training Times

Tricks – 9.00

Obedience – 9.30 Puppies, Classes 1, 3, 4

10.30 Classes Puppy+ and Class 2

Agility – 9.30 Set up to start at **10.00** (Advanced Class)

11.15 Beginners with pack up at **12.15**

All participants are expected to either help with setting or packing up.

Rally for Beginners – 11.30

Flyball – 9.30 onwards

New Membership Sign Ups -

Sunday 2nd April 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.



OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIAL - Saturday 15th April 2023

We are desperately in need of some helpers for our trial. You will help make the running of the trial easier, smoother and you'll have a great time!

Here are the main areas the club needs help with:

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'ish
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. Your judge will explain what they need your help with.

Raffle tickets: Morning or 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!
Please pop into the clubhouse and put your name down, BDOC really appreciates any help you can offer.

If you can't help at this one, there's the Agility & Jumping Trial on Sunday 7th May!

Obedience Report

The weather has been kind to us, we haven't got wet. We've had nice sun, but the wind hasn't been so good. When it is blowing a gale, like it has been lately, dogs don't like the wind. It gets in their ears so remember to talk down to your dog. Once again, our instructor base has been up and down, we have had to call on agility instructors and our president to help us out, so we are very grateful for help.

We have been able to recruit 3 new trainees. We have Dee, Julzes and Charmaine. Both Dee and Julzes have been helping in class. Poor Charmaine has broken her foot so will join us when that heals. Everyone has been great in helping set up play time equipment, placing out class pegs, filling water buckets - more hands make light work!

Now, we have an obedience trial coming up so please put your hand up to help. The tricks trial was very successful with all the help so let's keep it going. We only ask a few hours from you, so the more help we get, the shorter time you will have to volunteer. There is a list in the clubrooms and I will ask someone to go around the classes to take names of volunteers.

The Responsible Dog Owners course is nearly finished. Everyone is doing well. Our street walk will take place on 5th of April, everyone is welcome to come. All dogs walk in a pack and we introduce them to new experiences. All R.D.O handlers will graduate that night. Once again, Glen and Lisa will lead the walk. It is a great night! We meet at Cheap As Chips in Peel Street. We assemble around 6pm and take off about 6.30. We are representing the Ballarat Dog Obedience Club so remember your dog is your responsibility.

Your Coordinator
Carol



FLYBALL REPORT FEB-MARCH 2023

WHAT'S UP

We have added some stations around the flyball lane for distraction, focus and strength/rear end awareness training and some just something fun and different for our dogs to do with us!



COMPETITIONS



Berwick show 26th Feb was Geordies first competition and he did really well! His crosses were very good, he came back to David without any fuss, even with chaos going on around him, such a good boy! He shared 4th spot with another beginner from the Hastings club all day so ran half the races and being in open division with a dog he had never met before so excellent effort.

BEGINNERS

We have been taking advantage of daylight savings and having advanced beginners/Team training on Tuesday evenings which has been really good. Ned especially has enjoyed training in cooler temperatures and, without the distraction of classes going on, has really improved.

Charlie with Rachel and Chino with Natalie have started doing recall and sending over 3 – 4 jumps, excellent effort!

Ruby with Catrice has been doing full runs crossing with the team dogs to retrieve the ball from in front of the box (only the chuck-it ball please!) so great job!

If you are interested in flyball come over for a chat, we only do short fun sessions (to be honest being super enthusiastic is exhausting on the humans) suitable from puppy onwards.

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

Sadly Ringwood Highland games competition was cancelled leaving Hop to It at Frankston on the 8th of April and Cool runnings, a 2 day competition at Hastings on the 22nd -23rd of April, as our only upcoming competitions.

AFA Points – Leader Board.

Hamish	Sammi	Mac	Lilli	Coco
126	122	102	94	25

Member Profile

Mia and Me or Is there a clown in the house?



In the 1960s my wife, Iris and I bought a Doberman Pinscher puppy and named her Kala. She was a delight, allowing our toddlers to crawl all over her, was a laugh a minute, and so much fun to have around. Dobermans really do think they are comedians. We found out she was also a great guard dog. One day a fugitive whilst fleeing from police tried to clamber over our back fence. Kala had other ideas. He had a choice...the dog, or the police. He chose the police.

A couple of years ago we decided on no more travelling and time for another dog. And it had to be another DOBERMAN, but my family and friends spoke with one voice. "No, No! Too big! Too strong! Too energetic! Not for someone your age!" I refused to listen.

One day my wife, Iris, spotted a beautiful red Doberman, 18 months old, being offered for adoption on the Internet. This dog was from a rural property north of Sydney and was in disgrace after chasing some sheep into the river. It was decided! Someone had to rescue her! After 3 days on a greyhound transport, Roxy, since renamed Mia, arrived in Ballarat. The transport driver opened a door, handed me a lead, and I found myself being dragged around the car park by a locomotive on legs!

After a few weeks and at the cost of a few chewed up dog beds and blankets, Mia was introduced to the Ballarat Dog Obedience Club where our intrepid trainers, Carol and Norm and others, embarked on the adventure of sorting us out. It seems to be working! Pat is now trying to sharpen us up enough for a crack at the club's upcoming obedience trial. She is an optimist is Pat.....Mia feels the need to check out anything and everything that is going on around her.

Mia and I met Sandy and the members of the Thursday night Tricks Class, and it has been like magic. Mia has become a very enthusiastic Tricks Dog. She loves having a job to do and if she thinks it is time for a walk, she will decide to bring me my hat, my walking shoes, and her lead. I could be (unkindly) described as old and clumsy. I do drop things like my glasses, my phone, the T.V. Remote etc. No problem! Mia has learnt to pick them up and put them in my hand. And she will tidy her toys and put them away in her box when asked. Could never get our kids to do that.



Mia and I owe so much of our new life of fun and companionship to the B.D.O.C. and its dog savvy trainers and members. We are very grateful.

Ron Verso



The recent Tricks Trial held by the club was a great success. The weather was perfect, grounds usable (yay!) if a bit hard and parched, and we had good member participation. It is a big job organising a trial of any sort, and congratulations to Yvonne who did the hard yards. Twice. The original trial set for last November had to be postponed because the grounds were unusable.

What really astounded me was the amount of help that came from outside the Tricks community. It is expected that when a trial is held, those from that discipline will be falling over themselves to help, and it is hoped that some others will volunteer as well. However the response from all directions was fabulous! I know names shouldn't be mentioned, in case someone is left out, but I feel I must, and if I miss anyone, I apologise profusely!

First of all, the committee – Lisa, Pat, Karen, Stacey, and on the subject of Stacey, her Dad did a wonderful job of cleaning the clubroom carpet. Wow! Thank you, Stacey's Dad! Tracy, who not only organised the lunch and refreshments for the helpers, with the help of Maria, but they both cleaned, restocked the kitchen and bathrooms, cleaned, cleaned and cleaned. While Maria is part of the tricks community, she gives out way more than she gets back – always. Carol was there bright and early for check-in with a bung eye, with Deb Hamilton making a guest appearance, taking over from Carol, and then using her upselling techniques on the raffle tickets. Norm was a great help with set-out and cleaning on the Friday. Adam and Nat appeared like superheroes at 7am on Saturday morning and put in all the star posts amongst other things. A member of another club (Bendigo I think) helped set up also (what time did she leave home?!)

Thanks also to the judges and members of the Dancing with Dogs community who travelled some distance and gave their time and expertise to make our trial a success. Many of the competitors got valuable feedback, tips and support to help them along the way.

I haven't mentioned any of the tricks community here, but of course thanks go out to them all, and especially their partners who helped with set out, set up and pull down and took charge of dogs so they could assist as well as competing. Thanks also to those who donated all the lovely raffle prizes and made cakes and desserts for the day.

As I said, sorry if I have left someone out, as I'm sure I will have. Let me know and I will mention you next time!

Sandy



Our most recent pass ups have been given to:

Puppy to Puppy+

Pat with Milo

Bree with Bear

Nicole with Pip

Wayne with Georgie

Tammy with Rusty

Katrina with Maise

Rosemary with Lucy

Julie with Josie

Rory with Rex

Laura with Winnie

Andrea with Gemma

A (really sorry but can't read the handwriting) with Buddy

Puppy+ to Class 1

Tony with Wanda

Elaine with Bonny

Jodie with Lulu

Helen and Chris with Blu

Belinda with Samuel

Travis with Nessa

Nicole with Pip

Lisa with Vinnie

Class 1 to Class 2

Charmayne with Violet

Nicole with Pip

Jodie with Lulu

Tony with Wanda

Sabine with Abby

Alison with Sarge

Maria with Phoebe
Jenelle with Ripley
Hijomi with Huku
Peter and Carol with Ruby
Jenny with Jack

Class 2 to Class 3

Rachael with Charlie
Kate with Scout
Steph with Mila

Class 3 to Class 4

Naomi with Cooper
Grace with Molly

My sincerest apologies if I have misspelt your's or your dog's name. Email me (my address is on the inside front cover) and I'll correct it in our next edition.

There is clearly some great work happening at our club and at home by dedicated handlers and instructors! You will notice that some handlers have moved classes more than once training resumed, well done to them.

Never be disheartened that you seem to be staying in a particular class for a long time. Getting the basics of dog training under your belt is extremely important and remember ...



"Which is more important," asked Big Panda, "the journey or the destination?"

"The company," said Tiny Dragon.

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 EVEN**

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:

BALLAARAT 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: ballarataquility@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 Cloughton

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:





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

