



Puppy Tales

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

June 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm	2	3
4 Obedience Flyball Agility	5 Committee Meeting 7pm	6	7	8 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm	9	10
11 King's Birthday Weekend – NO TRAINING	12	13	14	15 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm	16	17
18 <i>New Member Sign Ups</i> Tricks Obedience Flyball Agility	19	20	21	22 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm	23	24
25 Tricks Obedience Flyball Agility	26	27	28	29	30	

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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.
- 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)

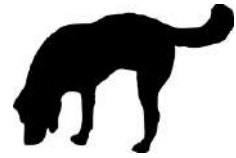
11.15 Beginners with pack up at **12.15**

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

Rally for Beginners – Temporarily on hold, keep an eye on our Facebook page to find out when training will start again.

Flyball – 9.30 onwards

Tracking Training is Back!



Lisa Staszek has created a Facebook page called BDOC Beginners Tracking Group. If you are interested in tracking please request to join the group and you can find out more about training times and locations.

BDOC are hosting a Tracking Trial 22nd – 24th July, details at the end of this newsletter!

New Membership Sign Ups -

Sunday 18th June 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.

A little reminder about the wonderful benefits of owning a dog!



BDOC Agility and Jumping Trial

Well, after what seems like an eternity, last month BDOC hosted its first Agility and Jumping trial since 2018. It was a great success with triallers complimenting the club on how well it was run. They also noted how friendly and dedicated our members were 😊.

Of course, it bears repeating, no trial runs without a huge input from members who volunteer their time so willingly. A huge thanks to Ellen and Tracy for all the preparation beforehand and on the day. Ellen even managed some runs in between organising bits and pieces, no mean feat! The weather forecast wasn't looking great but the rain didn't arrive until the afternoon so we were lucky.



Here are BDOC members' results:

Ellen with Kai (Bluemoon Kai) – Masters Agility DQ (Disqualifying Score) x 2
Masters Jumping DQ x 2

Brian with Marley (Canicula Halcyon AI) – Masters Jumping DQ
Masters Jumping 1 Course Fault
Novice Agility DQ
Novice Agility 1 Course Fault

Ryan(Brian's son) needed to withdraw as his dog came on heat.

Well done, Ballarat members, no pass cards but oh, so close. A course fault can be for knocking down a bar, dog not touching the right colours, so small issues but they matter. DQ scores come about from dogs missing an obstacle or taking an obstacle out of order, that sort of thing. It can be a very easy thing to happen, especially in Masters, the top level of Agility and Jumping competition.



CONGRATULATIONS



And there's more to dog trialling than Agility and Jumping, of course! Here are what some other busy members have been up to:

Vicki with Titan – Rally Novice title
Vicki with Dream – Track and Search Champion title
Vicki with Ava – Track and Search Champion title
Vicki with Nix – Pass in Track 4

Liz with Hamish – Novice pass in Obedience.
Advanced Rally pass
Intermediate Tricks passes x 2

Liz with Tilly – Novice Tricks passes x 2

Annette with Clipper – Tricks Starters passes x 2

Yvonne with Ngaire – Intermediate Tricks pass

Dee with Coco – Tricks Starters title

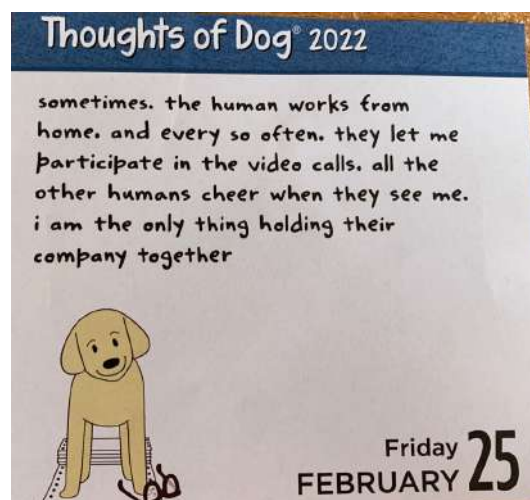


Hamish with his winnings from the Labrador Retriever Nationals 2023



Kirsten with Mando – Rally Advance passes in our trial then a super pass of 99/100 for his final pass and title!
Novice Tricks passes x 2
Lure Coursing, 3 passes in total
towards his Coursing Ability title – 5 more to go!

Mando and Kirsten enjoying their Rally work!



Our Latest

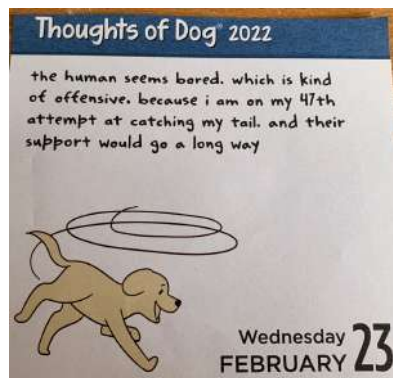
Class Pass Ups!

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Puppy to P+	P+ to Class 1	Class 1 to Class 2	Class 2 to Class 3	Class 3 to Class 4
Laura with Peppa	Zoe with Marley	Elaine with Bonnie	Bianca & Jenelle with Ripley	Dylan with Freya
Kellie with Chance	Molly with Mally	Natalie with Citino	Catrice with Ruby	Yvonne with Zante
Jacqueline with Tavish	Emile with Peyton	Anna with Molly	Jenny with Jack	
Archie with Maggie	Anna with Kobe		Tina with Kirrah	
Hayden with Yumi	Katherine & Steve with Buddy		Elise with Barney	
Marex with Layla	Andrea with Gemma		Josh with Daisy	
Blair with Zigi			Hitomi with Huku	
Alira with Winter			Nicole with Georgie	
Jacinta with Whisper				
Mel with Belly				

As always, my sincerest apologies if I have not recorded you or your dog's names correctly. Sometimes handwriting is difficult to read 😊.

Feel free to contact me via the information on page 2 if you'd like it corrected.



Instructor/Committee/Member Profile!

I joined BDOC in 2004 with my, then 6-month-old puppy, Katie. My original plan was to do a bit of training and socializing for a few months, nothing more than that. However, we ended up enjoying the training and I then decided to give agility a go as it looked like it would challenge Katie both physically and mentally (and me!).

I really enjoyed the challenge of agility and Katie seemed to love it too, and even though it was never my intention, after nearly two years I was persuaded to enter an agility trial run by NADAC. We even got a couple of passes that day. Anyway, I was hooked, and did a few



more NADAC trials before also participating in ANKC agility trials a year later. It took two years to gain Katie's ANKC Masters Agility and Masters Jumping titles. I then continued trialing Katie in ANKC until she was eight, gaining several other titles and in NADAC until she was ten. During that time, I also competed with her in Obedience, getting to Open level. Gaining so much from the club, I thought it would be good to give back and

became a trainee agility instructor in 2009, qualifying the next year.

At the same time, I became aware that the club ran a tricks class. BDOC was one of the first clubs to do so. We had a great time at tricks and with other members of the group would even go to school and country fairs and give trick demonstrations. There were no actual competitions in tricks then, but I enjoyed it immensely as it was a fun way to build a really strong connection with my dog. I even became a tricks instructor for a few years to help out as the class grew.

What I really like about training at our club is that it is mainly positive, using treats and toys as rewards. This was so different to the training I had done many years earlier at another club, where training mainly consisted of "correcting" the dog. I had been training horses prior to joining BDOC and this aligned with the type of training I was now used to. It helps me feel that I am a team with my dog, which I love.

In 2014 I added a border collie puppy, Kai, to our family. She was bred for agility and herding. The first couple of years with her were very challenging for me. I had a huge learning curve with her as she has such a high drive and is so quick. She would literally scream at agility training, wanting to do it so much. I ended up taking a break from training for a few months as I couldn't participate in the class while trying to stop her from drowning out the instructor! I used this time to focus on her self-control. As part of this I took her to herding lessons. She is now a dog I can work with off-lead in most situations.

Because of my challenges with Kai, we only started competing in NADAC agility trials when she was three years old and ANKC trials at 3.5 years. That's when I felt she was mature enough to cope with the excitement of trials. Even though I did a lot of distance handling in agility with Katie, I have taken it to the next level with Kai. She is so fast and I am so slow, that I have had to. My signals have to be so accurate when handling at distance, so unfortunately we don't get as many passes as I got with Katie, but when we do get a pass, because of her speed, it is frequently a placing. Unfortunately, 20 months into competing, Covid hit! Two years without training and competing set us back considerably, as with agility being such a physical sport, many dogs only compete until about 10 years of age. I am hoping that Kai may be able to compete a bit longer, but she will let me know.



One good thing that happened during Covid, was that Tricks became an ANKC sport and we attended the first Victorian tricks trial in Bendigo in 2021. Kai is now competing in the top level of tricks and again, I love tricks, not only because we have fun, but because of that improved connection.

Presently I am still an agility instructor, an obedience instructor for the last 5 years and a puppy instructor. I love helping people with their dogs!

Ellen Mucha

Does Dog Training go Ahead When it is Wet and/or Cold??

This is a common question, especially when you are new to dog training and given Ballarat's 'inclement' weather.

Good news, we train in all sorts of weather! There is a couple of reasons:

1. One person's idea of bad weather can be quite different to another's so it's a difficult call to make. Some members travel for an hour or so to get to training, imagine turning up to an empty ground??!!
2. We train our dogs that no matter where we are or what the weather is like, they will follow our command. We aim to 'bomb-proof' our dogs so they respond to us no matter what is going on around them, what weather conditions are like or where we are. This is especially true for triallers.
You might not be a trialler but consider your dog. Most of them don't care too much about the weather, they just know that it's Sunday morning and it's time to socialise!

You might rug up, put waterproofs on (consider your dog's comfort too) and order a hot chocolate on the way home but it is all worth it!

Here's some dedicated Class 4 trainers from a few weeks ago. Note their attire and where they are about to do their stays, the pitch was slightly less water-logged.



Of course, it is your decision to attend training on days where the weather is rotten but no handler ever regretted it (after getting home, drying themselves and their dogs off and changing into dry warm clothes, of course!).



Dog Shop



Come in and say hello to Karen or, in her absence, another friendly club member and they 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.



DOGS VICTORIA CONFIRMED DATE: 19/04/2023

SIGNATURE:

BALLAARAT DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB INC RAELEEN MCLEOD MEMORIAL OPEN TRACKING TRIAL

VENUE Ballarat Field & Game, 729 Bells Road, Haddon

ON Saturday 22nd, Sunday 23rd and Monday 24th July 2023

JUDGES Mrs Lynn Klecka, Ms Jude Lowe, Mr John Scott

ENTRY FEES NONMEMBERS-\$40.00

CLUB MEMBERS - \$35.00

(Fees include Dogs Victoria surcharges and levys)

Catalogue will be available a few days prior to the trial on www.vicdog.com

Catalogues will not be available at the trial

**THIS EVENT SUBJECT TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS CURRENT AT THE
TIME**

TRIAL MANAGER Mrs Lisa Staszek, Telephone Number – 0432597754 (no calls after 9.30 pm please) or ljs68@optusnet.com.au

ENTRIES Online entries via www.showmanager.com.au

Postal entries to 27 McNulty Drive, Wendouree Vic 3355 Cheques to be made out to – Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club Inc

ENTRIES CLOSE Monday 10th July 2023 at 10 pm

CHECK IN 6.30 am to 7.00 am and judging to commence at 8.00 am

If an excessive entry is received a ballot will be held at our clubrooms at Military Drive, Victoria Park at 7.00 pm on Thursday 13th July, 2023. The committee reserves the right to substitute judges or add to the judging panel should the entry be excessive.

CLUB POLICY – only 2 dogs to be worked on the one day by one handler and same handler to lay only one track

THERE WILL ALSO BE NO CATERING AT THIS TRIAL