



Puppy Tales

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

August 2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Demo Team 9am Tricks Obedience Flyball Agility | 7 Committee Meeting 7pm | 8 | 9 | 10 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Tricks Obedience Flyball Agility | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Tricks Obedience Flyball Agility | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Tricks Obedience Flyball Agility | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm |  |  |

All details correct at time of printing but please check in on our FaceBook page for changes.

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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. Come and watch and see where you could end up!
- 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 – 11.00 onwards**

***Flyball – 9.30 onwards**

*Flyball is heavily impacted by the weather in the preceding days and through winter it is unfortunately often unsafe to train.

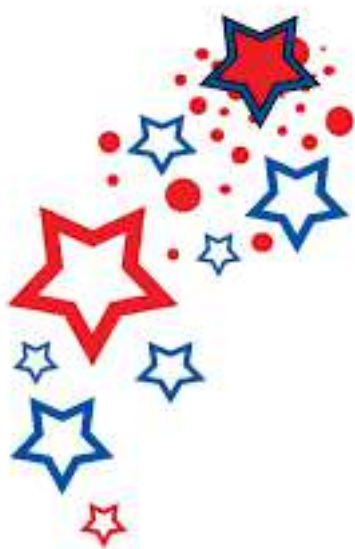
Rally is dependant on Instructor availability. Keep an eye on our Facebook page to find out if training is on for both disciplines.

Membership Renewals

The end of last month was the last time for renewing your membership without having to pay the joining fee again. Please remember to wear your membership badge every time you train. The 2023/24 badge is **bright pink**. If you have paid but still need to pick up your new badge, please see Kaz before class starts to collect it. She will be just outside the clubroom door.

New Membership Sign Ups

Our next date for sign-ups will be September 10th. Currently we have an instructor shortage, making our class sizes large and the condition of the grounds is making training challenging. If you know of anyone who is wanting to join, can you please let them know of this change to our usual monthly sign-ups?



Presentation Night

Come and celebrate our members achievements over the last 12 months!

There will be some friendly competitions, games and a wonderful look back at the highs (and lows) of the (financial) year

When - Friday 25th August 2023 at 6.30 pm

Where - Ballarat Golf Club 1800 Sturt Street, Alfredton

There will be a delicious 3 course meal for \$35

You can book and pay for your spot at the Dog Shop on Sunday morning or contact Lisa on ljs68@optusnet.com.au

Tricks Report

Well, despite the chilly Ballarat weather, the success of the BDOC tricks programs is really heating up!

The June tricks theme was Cooperative care 'tricks' - so using the methods we use to teach tricks (luring, shaping and capture) to teach our dogs to do things that make it easier to look after their health, or visit the vet. Some of our dogs showed their skills in filing their own nails, presenting their ears for a detailed inspection, or their tummies with legs held in the air. July went by in a flash amidst trial prep without a theme being mentioned! In August, we'll be working on "Keeping warm" - doing tricks with blankets, pillows, clothing etc.

It's great to see the camaraderie, support and assistance our members provide to each other. It is quite common to hear comments from other competitors at trials about how fantastic a showing Ballarat members put on at the trials they go to - a friendly team of handlers and their dogs cheer each other on, helping hold dogs and shift equipment, and then do quite well at presentations too! Congratulations to all our members for the way they represent the club - we're building a great reputation in the tricks community.

A special mention must go to Ellen Mucha and Bluemoon Kai, who achieved their Advanced trick dog title at Geelong on 23 July. Ellen and Kai are the first BDOC team to achieve this feat of the highest level in tricks. There are less than 10 dog/handler teams in Victoria who have achieved this title, and *Ellen and Kai are the first non-Dancing With Dogs club team to do so. A big BDOC congratulations to them both for this impressive effort!rt.



August brings a quieter month for tricks trials, some of our members may choose to make the journey to Dandenong for the Newfoundland Club All Breeds trick trial but many will spend the month learning new tricks after gaining titles at Geelong. In September we have the Melbourne DWD club tricks trial at Bulla and the K9 Agility Club tricks trial at KCC Park... and in October, BDOC will host our second tricks trial here at Vic Park! It would be great to see some more members having fun with their dogs in the starter tricks classes at these events. If you have any questions about how to get started, just ask Grace, Yvonne, Sandy or any of the members listed in the tricks trial results.

Grace Calder
Tricks Coordinator

*If you'd like to read more about Ellen and Kai, they were in our June Puppy Tales as the Instructor Profile article!

Trial Results

Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club is really 'kicking goals' (not sure of the dog trialling equivalent) when it comes to trialling and experiencing success. Here's a little of their achievements ...

Obedience

Ellen and Kai – One pass in Novice (1st Place), Awarded Best in Trial and Highest Scoring Veteran Dog

Grace and Molly – Three passes (& therefore her title) in Community Companion Dog

Tricks

Ellen and Kai - Four passes in Advanced Tricks, all 1st place and her Advanced Trick Dog title

Grace and Molly – Four passes, including a Best in Trial, and Intermediate Trick Dog title

Liz and Hamish - Four Intermediate passes and Intermediate Trick Dog title

Yvonne & Ngaire: Intermediate passes & Intermediate Trick Dog title

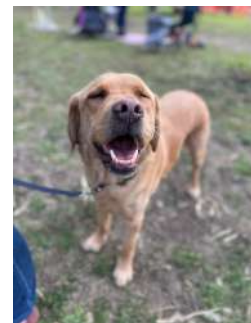
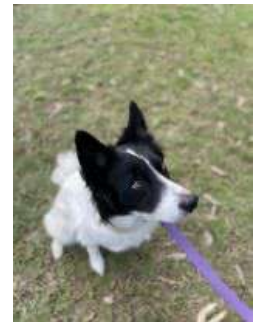
Libby and Spark – Four Intermediate passes

Sharon and Copper – One Intermediate pass

Dee and Coco – Two passes and Novice Trick Dog title

Ron and Mia – Three Novice passes

Yvonne & Zanthee: 3x Starters passes & Starters Trick Dog title



Tracking

Lisa and Soul – Test 6 pass and Tracking Dog Excellent title

Lisa and Pseudu – Test 1 pass

Dee and Chance – Test 6 pass and Tracking Dog Excellent title

Dancing with Dogs

Dee and Magic – One pass in HTM (Heelwork To Music) Starters



For those handlers busily training for trials in the near future we wish you every success but most of all enjoy the time with your dog!

Put this in your diary...

BDOC AGM
Monday 13th November

Our AGM is a few months away but please start to consider what you could contribute to our club. Do you have special skills, not necessarily dog-related? Would you like to give back to the club? There are Office Bearer positions (you will need to have been a member for at least 12 months) or how about becoming a Committee member?

If you would like more information please speak to one of the Office Bearers/Committee members listed on the 2nd page of Puppy Tales.





| Puppy to P+ | P+ to Class 1 | Class 1 to Class 2 | Class 2 to Class 3 |
|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Mel with Belly | Jacinta with Whisper | Jessica with Bella | Sabine with Abby |
| Jacinta with Whisper | Andrea with Gemma | Anna with Kobe | John with Joanie |
| Alira with Winter | Ash with Pip | Julia with Maggie | Denise with Beau |
| Jay with Asha | Laura with Winnie | Jane with Rua | Anna with Molly |
| Michele with Rosie | Gaile with Tilly | Thoyne with Goldie | Barb with Bailey |
| Samantha with Wicket | Ynette with Milo | Belinda with Samuel | |
| Andi with Bimbi | Julie with Josie | Gaile with Tilly | |
| Caitlin with Zizi | Kate with Isis | Zofia and Rosie | |
| Di with Kaida | Di with Kaida | | |
| | Hayden with Yumi | | |
| | Harriete with Gigi | | |
| | Luke with Peppa | | |
| | Lily with Arthur | | |
| | Krystyna with Khloe | | |
| | Maree with George | | |
| | Jane with Oakie | | |
| | Brain with Macy | | |

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.

It is wonderful to see that all your hard work is paying off, well done! Don't get disheartened if your name is not in this month's pass ups. All dogs are different as are their handlers. How soon you move through classes depends a little on how often you train but also on your experience as a handler and your dog (it's age, breed, temperament). If it is really worrying you, speak to your instructor to get an idea of how you and your four-legged friend are progressing.



BALLARAT DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB



FIRST ANNUAL AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Full details, category descriptions, rules and guidelines and the entry forms will be uploaded to the BDOC website.

*Do you love taking photos of your best friend?
Do you have photos of your dog stored on your phone that you think deserve to be seen?
Do you fancy yourself a closet photographer with undiscovered talent?*

Well now there is a competition just for you. The first annual BDOC Amateur Photography Competition.

This is a chance to get your favourite photos judged by a professional photographer and the winning entries will appear in the **Ballarat Dog Obedience Club 2024 Calendar** which will be sold to help raise funds for the club.

Photo Categories:

Overall (Judged to 5 places) - Includes all photos submitted across all categories, as well as any photos that do not meet other categories.

Action Dog (Judged to 3 places) - highlight the natural beauty, grace, power and awe of a canine in motion

Crazy funny dogs (Judged to 3 places) - there is only one guideline for this category - the photo should make us laugh.

Teamwork (Judged to 3 places) - those incredible moments of teamwork and focus when the dog and handler are in perfect sync

Sports and Disciplines (Judged to 2 places per category) Sub Categories: Obedience and Rally, Agility, Flyball, Tricks and Tracking

Photos will be judged not just on the quality of the image, but also in how it best captures the objective of each category.



**ENTRIES CLOSE 25 SEPTEMBER 2023
WINNERS ANNOUNCED
END OF OCTOBER**



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

| | |
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| 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.



Until next month, just remember why we get out of bed early on a Sunday morning!



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