

Puppy Tales

Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club — Promoting responsible dog ownership.



July 2023

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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

10.00 (Advanced Class)

11:15 Foundation and Advanced Beginners

12:15 Pack up

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

Flyball – 9:30 onwards*

Rally – 11:00 onwards*

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

^{*}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.

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President's Report

The cold has well and truly descended on Ballarat so it is time to break out the gumboots, thermals, gloves, beanies and coats so we can continue training our dogs on a Sunday morning! It has been lovely to see so many of our members coming each week regardless of what the weather brings. A huge thank you to our instructors who also come rain, hail or shine to take our classes with enthusiasm and a smile. We tend to train in most weather conditions, however, if it becomes really muddy and there is a danger to people slipping over then we may cancel or find an alternate oval. Sometimes, when it is pouring with rain, we have the option of having talks in the clubrooms. Agility and Flyball will be dependent on the conditions of



the grounds as we have to put the safety of the dogs first, especially when there is jumping involved.

I hope you take the time to read and enjoy the article about Alex and his service dog Bella that is being featured in this month's newsletter. It is an uplifting story and we will be welcoming Alex to our club soon to set up a pop up stall to sell his dog treats on a Sunday. I hope that our members get behind this young man and come and buy a bag of homemade dog biscuits after training. This small gesture will mean a great deal for Alex. I can guarantee that my two Labradors will be first in the queue to buy some as they keep telling me that they are the 'goodest' dogs.

It's that time of year again where we ask our trialling members to fill out the title form and place it in the letterbox that is in the office door. All titles are recognised by the club at our annual presentation night which is planned for 25th August. Stay tuned to our Facebook page with a confirmation of this date and for booking details. All members are invited to attend this dinner and we would love to welcome lots of new faces. This event is held at the Ballarat Golf Club and includes a 3-course dinner. With so many members off trialling this past 12 months we hope to celebrate lots of titles across all of the disciplines.

Do think that your dog would look amazing featured on a BDOC calendar? Well, now is your big chance! We are holding a photo competition over the next few months with the winners featured in a fundraising calendar. There will be a number of different categories so everyone can get involved. Conditions of entry are included in this months Puppy Tales. We hope to see members having some fun taking photos of their dogs. We hope that our members will get behind this project and order lots of calendars for Christmas presents.

This year we are implementing a new award at our Presentation Night called 'Volunteer of the year'. This award will be given to a club member who has worked really hard and gone over and above during the previous financial year. This person may be a newer member of the club so not eligible for a service award. If you know of someone that you think deserves recognition for their hard work as a volunteer, please come and have a chat to me as we will be voting on a worthy winner at the next Committee meeting on Monday 10th July. If you would like to nominate a club member for a Service (min 5 years), Outstanding Service Award (min 10 years), or a Life Membership (min 15 years), please do so in writing by outlining this person's service and hand to a Committee Member before the next meeting.

Don't forget that it is renewal time and renewals must be completed by the end of July. Your renewal form has been printed out and waiting for you in the clubrooms to sign and play your membership fee. Don't forget to bring in your dog's vaccination certificate and your Vic Dog Membership card if you have one, please.

Liz Bandy, BDOC President.

Notices

New Membership Sign Ups

Sunday 16th July 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.

Membership Renewals

Every Sunday this month membership renewals will be available. Remember to bring your VCA (Dogs Victoria) card for a discount if you're a member

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July Tracking Trial HELP WANTED

We are looking for helpers and some people to donate slices, cakes, biscuits etc for our tracking trial which is held at Haddon on 22nd, 23rd and 24th July 2023. *We will also need help for the 9-11 September trial as well!*

If you are interested in learning about tracking these trials are a great place to learn by following tracks and helping, there is always something to do.

We run the trials for 3 days with set up day on the Friday so if you can help at this trial please email Lisa on ljs68@optusnet.com.au

Schedule for the July and September tracking trails included at the end of Puppy Tails.

Annual Presentation Night - Fri 25 August 2023

Save the date for Friday 25 August for our Clubs annual presentation night. A 3 course meal at the Ballarat Golf Club complete with friendly competitions, games and a wonderful look back at the highs (and lows) of the (financial) year. And of course, the name of the game is presentations. Applications for title recognition need to be submitted by the end of July;

- The application form for title recognition is enclosed at the end of this copy of puppy tails and hard copies have been printed and are available at the Club on Sunday's.
- All title forms for Agility are to be handed directly to Tracy by 16 July 2023. All other discipline title forms are to be placed in the letter box in the club office door by 12 noon 30 July 2023

Member Achievements

Some of your fellow BDOC members have been competing in competitions across the last few months. Here are some of their achievements:



Tilly defies her class clown ways (for a minute) to get her Novice Tricks TITLE Kirsten with Mando - Rally Advanced TITLE (and first place with 99/100 for final test pass)

Dee with Magic - **Dancing with Dogs Freestyle Starters TITLE**Dee with Chance - **Tracking Dog TITLE**

- Tracking test 4 pass

Liz with Hamish - Intermediate Tricks pass Liz with Tilly - **Novice Tricks TITLE**

Vicki with Nix – Tracking test 5 pass Annette with Clipper – **Tricks Starters TITLE** Dee with Coco – **Tricks Starters TITLE**

Grace with Molly - Intermediate Tricks pass x 2 (one second and one third place)

Yvonne with Ngaire – Intermediate Tricks pass x2

Sharon and Copper - Novice Tricks TITLE - Tracking Champion TITLE

Ellen with Kai - Advanced Tricks pass x4 (two third places)

- Masters Agility pass (second place)
- Masters Jumping TITLE



Ellen with Kai mid-flight during her Masters Jumping TITLE run



Sharon and Tracking Champion Copper at the end of test 8



Ruby ready to run at Casterton

And in a very different but equally special event, Catrice with her Kelpie Ruby made the trip out to the Casterton Kelpie Muster and came home with some fantastic results from their two entered events;

> 4th in the Kelpie Dash 20th in the Kelpie Hill Climb

Congratulations to all BDOC members who have entered and challenged themselves and their dogs in a variety of competitions. Keep up the hard work, but remember to make sure you are always having fun.

If you think competing with your dog could be something you might like to try, it is easier than you think. Come and chat with a friendly instructor or some of your fellow members on how to get started.

July competitions

Here is a list of some of the competitions BDOC members will be competing in this month. Support and spectators are always welcome. A complete list and competition details are available at vicdog.com

08 July	Agility and Jumping	Bendigo	Bendigo Obedience Dog Club
08-09 July	Obedience and Rally	Geelong	Geelong Obedience Dog Club
08-10 July	Tracking	Inverleigh	Tracking Club of Victoria
22-23 July	Tricks	Geelong	Geelong Obedience Dog Club
22-24 July	Tracking	Haddon	Ballarat Dog Obedience Club

05-06 August State Obedience and Rally Trials & Dog of the Year KCC Park (Entries close 21 July)



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.









The wonderful story of Alex and service dog Bella

We would like to share with you the inspiring journey of Alex, a young individual with autism, and how he overcame the challenges he faced to find newfound independence and purpose. Alex's story showcases the transformative power of service dogs and the incredible resilience of individuals on the autism spectrum.



As a child, Alex encountered difficulties connecting with the world around him. Sensory overload and communication barriers often led to behavioural issues and prevented him from fully engaging with others. This left Alex feeling isolated, unable to leave his house or experience the joys of interaction and exploration. His parents tirelessly sought ways to support their son, trying various methods to help him cope with his disability.

This determination led them to research the remarkable work that service dogs do in assisting individuals with autism. Recognising the potential benefits for Alex, they found a trusted and reputable company to help them find the perfect canine companion. Enter Bella, Alex's faithful service dog, who has become an integral part of his life.

With Bella by his side, Alex's world began to open up. Together, they have embarked on



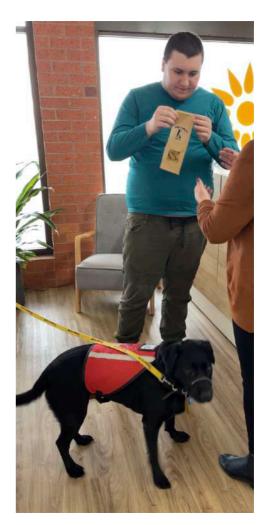
countless adventures, exploring places that were once off-limits. Bella's unwavering presence and calming influence have provided Alex with a sense of security and stability, allowing him to navigate the world with greater ease and confidence.

One of Alex's passions is cooking, specifically baking cookies and dog treats. He would often make an abundance of these delightful treats, resulting in excess that would go to waste. Recognising Alex's talent and the potential for growth, his behavioural therapist and parents devised a plan to share his cookie-making skills with their friends and family. This plan not only aimed to reduce waste but also sought to help Alex connect with the community and understand the relationship between work, money, and independence.

With Bella as his ever-supportive partner, Alex launched his very own dog treat business, Pawsability Treats. Friends and family were thrilled to support his venture, eagerly purchasing his delectable creations. As word spread, the community embraced Alex's entrepreneurial spirit, providing him with an opportunity to forge connections and learn valuable life skills along the way.

Through his dog treat business, Alex has discovered the joy of independence. He now understands the significance of hard work, the satisfaction of earning his own money, and the impact of fostering meaningful relationships with his customers. Bella continues to cheer him on, a constant source of companionship and comfort as he navigates this exciting new chapter of his life.

Alex's journey serves as a testament to the transformative power of love, dedication, and the incredible bond between humans and animals. Through Bella's unwavering support and the community's embrace, he has discovered a sense of purpose, self-confidence, and independence that once seemed out of reach.



We hope Alex's story inspires you as it has inspired us. Let us celebrate the triumphs and successes of individuals like Alex and recognise the tremendous potential that lies within each of us, regardless of the challenges we face.

Alex and Bella are coming to BDOC!

The BDOC committee has eagerly invited Alex and Bella to attend the club with a pop up Paws-ability Treats stand selling Alex's amazing homemade Dog Biscuits.

STAY TUNED FOR THE DATE TO BE POSTED ON FACEBOOK

Please come on down that day, bring some cash and get in and support Alex on his wonderful journey

From rags to riches...or....trouble to titles?

This months Instructor profile comes with a difference, it's from the dogs perspective...

Have you ever wondered how a rescue dog feels when they get that second (or third or even fourth) chance? Well we asked one lucky pup, this is Clipper's story.



Hi, my name is Clipper.

I'm an Australian Cattle Dog. Mum just says heeler though, or blue heeler.

I met my mum, Annette, about 4 years ago and we have just celebrated my 7^{th} birthday.

My first mum put me in a boarding kennel when she went into hospital and never came back to get me. I was there for a long time before she said Annette could take me home.

Annette is my forever mum and when I first went home with her we lived with Paddy the Labrador and Adelaide the cat. The cat

was really scary at first but I soon let her know that I am good at chasing. Chasing cats, chasing cows, chasing kangaroos, and my all-time favourite, chasing birds. Especially magpies!

In the years I have been in my forever home I have learnt a lot.

I'm now toilet trained. Who knew it wasn't appropriate to relieve yourself inside? I wish someone had told me that earlier cos it took me a while to get used to that.

Humans have some strange ideas. Like not being allowed to greet them properly by jumping up and licking their face, or not being allowed to grab them with my mouth when I'm excited or want their attention.

I've learnt all that and more. I can walk on a lead next to mum without pulling (except when I

see a bird and sometimes forget what I'm doing), I come back (mostly) when called cos mum usually gives me a treat, I'm learning to find things with my nose and I even learnt to do some tricks!

We went to Bendigo in May and the people gave mum two ribbons that I had earnt and then a couple of weeks ago we got another ribbon at Coimadai. Mum told me that she was very proud of me for getting my Starter Trick Dog title. I'm such a good boy, hehe.

I've still got a lot to learn but it is so much fun that I look forward to our training.

See, you can teach an old dog new tricks.

Yip, Yip.

Clipper.



See! I got another ribbon. Mum was very proud.

A reminder about the joy our dogs bring us...

No matter how or why you got your dog, no matter how long you've had dogs and no matter what you do with your dog/s, always remember the joy that they bring us - including when they do anything but what we want them to do.

This is the hilarious recount of Mia's day out and the WAG Tricks Trial this month. Thanks to Ron who posted this on the club's facebook page. She may not have achieved the tricks passes that were desired, but she made everyone smile and laugh, which honestly is more valuable anyway...



Trials of a Mad Doberman.

Now that we have been promoted to "Tricks Novice" class, MIA (Tkn) and I went to the tricks trial at Coimadai (Bacchus Marsh) last weekend. The trials were held indoors on a sand surface.

We started the first test literally bounding with enthusiasm, and scored highly on all tricks until we got to the "go around a red cone one and a half times trick". Mia leapt towards the cone and performed two lovely circles in FRONT of the cone. "FAIL"!

Second test: All went well until the dreaded cone trick. Off went Mia at full tilt and started to circle the cone! Wow, she is going to do it. WRONG! She went into a play crouch behind the cone, and in a couple of seconds had dug as big a hole as she could, knocked over the cone, then raced back and sat in front of me with a proud grin on her face. "FAIL"!

I thought that the judge was going to die from laughter.

Do you want me to tell you about the third trial? Ok, if I must.

The cone trick again.

Mia walked sedately to the cone, wandered around it once.....then twice, three times and back to me.

THREE times!?! That is intermediate standard! But we are in novice. "FAIL"!

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My thrill of the day came from lovely miss Molly, who failed her first test, but bounced back to get a perfect score in the next test. Congrats Grace!

Next month we are off to Geelong to try our luck

And the moral of the story is, no matter how many blue ribbons you may have, a red cone is always lurking around the next corner.



Mia and her beloved Red Cone

^{*}The editor has made some minor changes to the original post



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.



^{*}NEW Rainbow leads for sale



APPLICATION FOR TITLE

I apply for the title of:

Member Name:	
Member No:	(found on BDOC name tag)
Name of Dog:	(The name that you want put on the plaque)

Details of passes to support the Award applied for

Date	Affiliate	Judge	Score

NOTE:

- Form designed to be used by all disciplines.
- Use a separate form for each title and each dog.
- Attach another sheet if there are insufficient lines for award details.
- Completed forms are to be placed in the letter box in the club office door.
- Agility forms due by 16 Jul 23 (to Tracy), all other disciplines by 30 Jul 23.

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BALLAARAT DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB INC JOHN HODGES MEMORIAL OPEN TRACKING TRIAL

VENUE Ballarat Field & Game, 729 Bells Road, Haddon

ON Saturday 9th, Sunday 10th and Monday 11th September 2023

JUDGES Mrs Lynn Klecka, Mr John Scott and Mr Peter Miller

ENTRY FEES NON MEMBERS - \$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 lis68@optusnet.com.au

ENTRIES Online entries only via <u>www.showmanager.com.au</u>

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

ENTRIES CLOSE Monday 24th August 2023 at 10 pm

CHECK IN 6.00 am to 6.30 am and judging to commence at 7.30 am

If an excessive entry is received a ballot will be held at our clubrooms at Military Drive, Victoria Park at $7.00~\mathrm{pm}$ on Thursday $2^{7\mathrm{th}}$ August 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 that one handler to lay only one track

THERE WILL ALSO BE NO CATERING AT THIS TRIAL

DOGS VICTORIA CONFIRMED

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