




Puppy Tales

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

November 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm	3	4
5 New Member Sign up Tricks Obedience Flyball Agility	6 Committee Meeting 7pm	7	8	9 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm	10	11
12 Tricks Obedience Flyball Agility	13	14	15 RPO – Reg & Training 6.30-8pm	16 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm	17	18
19 Tricks Obedience Flyball Agility	20	21	22 RPO 6.30-7.30pm	23 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm	24	25
26 Tricks Obedience Flyball Agility	27	28	29	30		

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

Don't Forget!

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.

New Membership Sign Ups

Sunday 5th November is the last date for new members to sign up for 2023. 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.

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"I've found it's more effective than 'Beware of dog.'"

2023 BDOC Tricks Trial

A big thank you to our organising team, judges, stewards, scribes, kitchen team (what a yummy lunch!), set up and pack up crew, members who sent along savouries and sweets, and everyone else who helped make the day so successful.

Well done to all BDOC members who competed - you are all a credit to the club, and it was great to see everyone having fun with their dog and showing off their hard work.

A big congratulations to the Intro to trialling in starter tricks class - what a day you all had! See pic. You all made such great progress in only 6 weeks, we look forward to you joining the (happy, fun and noisy!) BDOC crew at tricks trials in future.

We hope to run another 6 week Intro class next year - will post on the Ballarat Dog Obedience Club Inc Facebook page at that time.



Trial Results

Tricks

Ron with Mia – Highest Scoring Ballarat member both Novice trials! Novice Tricks Title ☺

Grace with Molly - Highest Scoring Ballarat member both Advanced Tricks trials!

Jay with Ri – 2 passes in Tricks Starter and title ☺

Nicole with Georgie Girl - 2 passes in Tricks Starter (first time trialling!)

Dee with Magic – 1 pass in Tricks Starters

Obedience

David with Jai - Pass in Novice and title ☺, not a bad effort 3 passes in your first 3 trials!

Sabine with Abby – 2 passes in Community Companion Dog, first time obedience trialling!

Both David and Sabine were awarded Highest Scoring Ballarat member for either the morning or afternoon trial.

Some of us came close to our first pass but not quite close enough, better luck next time!



Look out for Class pass ups in our next edition!

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"With this humble tennis ball, Phil, we shall forever change the status quo."

GETTING READY FOR AGILITY



We often have members asking us what can be done to prepare their dogs (and themselves!) for agility. This is a great question, as believe it or not, most of agility is the handling on the flat! Getting yourself and your dog prepared gives you a great start. Here are some tips:

- Get your dog used to working on both sides of you. This is important for agility and can be quite challenging for both dog and handler! Will it create conflict with what you and your dog are working at in obedience? The answer is no, providing your dog has good basic training and you are clear with your cues. Work up to jogging or running with your dog on either side.
- Start-line stays. Very important also, and can be a bit of a stumbling block, especially for handlers with dogs that get very excited about agility. A start-line stay begins as a normal stay that you would perform in an obedience class, however you remain facing away from your dog and release him to come to your side while moving forward yourself. Be sure to release (with a verbal cue such as “Break”) before you start to move. Reward when your dog reaches you by throwing a treat forward a metre or so. Always direct and reward with the hand on the side your dog is.
- Straight sits beside you. The first obstacle will be in front of you, and we are not setting ourselves up to succeed if our dog is facing the wrong way! Sounds obvious, but often our dog will swing their back end around as they sit, and when we walk away, they can be facing sideways! Ask your obedience instructor for help with this if you are unsure. Also work on building value for your dog being beside you, not in front. Dogs that want to come to front when we are running can cause a spill.
- Crate Training. We often need to discuss a manoeuvre, or walk a course, and our dogs need to be secure and safe while we do this. There is quite a lot of info online for this – Susan Garrett’s Crate games is an excellent source and there is some free info on her podcasts.

As with anything new, start your training in an area with low distractions (like your backyard), keep your training sessions short (3 -5 minutes) and make it fun for both of you! Don’t be afraid to come and watch an agility session – it will help to put some of these ideas into context.

See you there!
Tracy, Sandy, Ellen & Pete

What's in the Kitchen?

Ever wanted to make your own treats for training that are soft, tempting and, best of all, easy to make?

Here are two tried and tested recipes that are great for training!

Liver Cake

Ingredients:

500g liver/lambs fry
1 ½ cups flour (I use wholemeal but you could use white)
1 tsp baking powder
2 eggs

Method:

Open your kitchen window 😊

Blend liver until a thick liquid. Add eggs and blend again.

Put in the dry ingredients and process again.

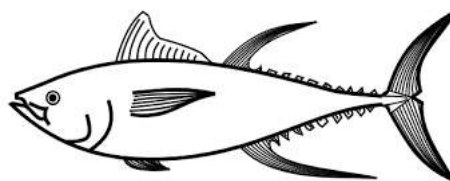
Pour into a well-greased baking tray/tin.

Bake at 175deg C for 20-25 minutes or until skewer comes out clean.

When cool, turn out and cut into small blocks. Freeze in ziplock bags for longer storage.

Tuna Fudge

1 large can of tuna in oil
! ½ cup whole wheat flour
1 tbspn garlic powder or granulated garlic(optional)
2 eggs, lightly beaten
1 handful of grated parmesan cheese.



Using a food processor, blitz the parmesan first then add all other ingredients and blitz again. Grease a 20 x 20 cake pan and spread mix into it.

Bake at 180 deg C for 20 minutes.

The texture should be fudge/putty-like. Once baked it can be cut into small pieces and put into small bags to go into the freezer. Pull the bag out the night before you need it, i.e. Saturday night, and you're ready to go in the morning!



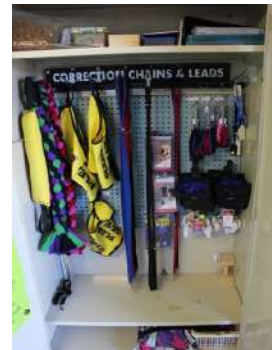


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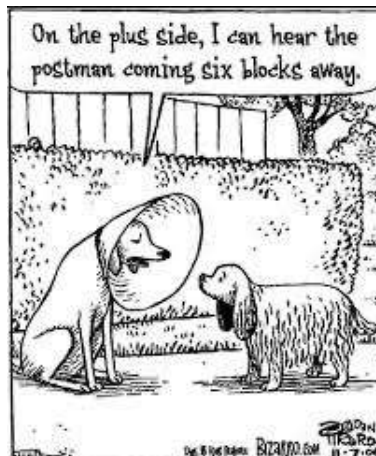
Come in and say hello to Karen or, in her absence, another friendly club member and they will be able to advise you and help fit your dog with what they need!

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.



Are you up for a challenge??

