



Puppy Tales

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

October 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Tricks Obedience Flyball Agility	2	3 Tricks Intro 6 – 6.45pm	4	5 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm	6	7
8 <i>New Member Sign up Demo Team 9am</i> Tricks Obedience Flyball Agility	9 Committee Meeting 7pm	10 Tricks Intro 6 – 6.45pm	11	12 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm	13	14
15 Tricks Obedience Flyball Agility	16	17	18 RPO – Reg & Training 6. 30-8pm	19 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm	20	21
22 Tricks Obedience Flyball Agility	23	24	25 RPO 6. 30-7.30pm	26 Puppy Pre-school - 6.30pm Tricks - 7.45pm	27	28
29 Tricks Obedience Flyball Agility	30	31				

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.

Obedience Report



The Obedience side of BDOC has been very busy. All handlers and their dogs are doing really well, there have been lots of pass ups.

The classes are becoming quite big which is great but we could do with more instructors to help out. Classes 3 and 4 don't need as much help

as the lower classes. Class 3 and 4 handlers have you thought about becoming an instructor? We can work around your class times, and we are starting to have monthly sessions on becoming an instructor and learning what it would entail. To keep Obedience at the forefront of the club we need help, we are still calling on other disciplines to help us, and they are having the same problems with too few instructors.

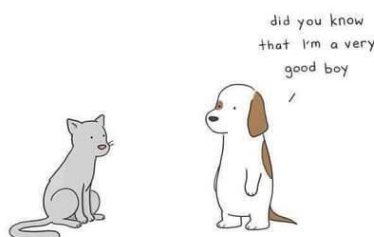
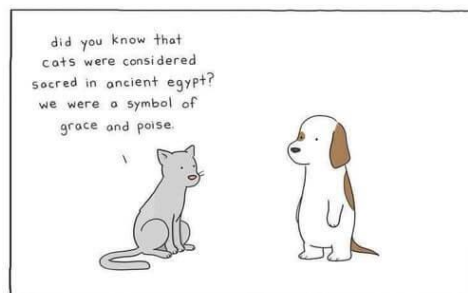
We recently ran a pilot program on massage and relaxation for handlers and their dogs. This was only for a small number of handlers and dogs but it was very successful. Stephanie and Mila were there to guide us through and explain how important for us all to understand how body language and your facial expressions can affect your dog's behaviour. You just need 10 minutes a day to have a quiet time relaxing with your dog with low lighting and, if you like, soft music and massage. If you have been in my class you will see we often have wind down time for the handlers and their dogs.

We are starting the Responsible Dog Owners Course on the 18th October for 6 weeks. I have put a post up on our club Facebook page.

There is a Tricks trial coming up and a Fly Ball competition later in the year. They will need helpers and donations of food for the hard working judges and stewards so if you can help it would be appreciated.

Carol

Obedience Coordinator



Flyball Report

We are off to our Nationals competition on the 23rd & 24th September at Canberra. There should be live stream links to the racing on the club Facebook page (links not up as yet). We have had a pretty up and down couple of competitions. One where all of the dogs did really well and then the last comp where we had some ups and downs. Hopefully we have the “wobbles” shaken out before Canberra!!

Huge shout out to Macbro industries who have supplied us with our AWESOME hoodies for the Nationals!



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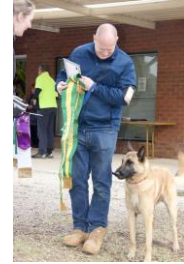
Unfortunately, the team missed out on a placing but did beat the winners not once but twice! They were the only team to do that. The three beginner dogs showed huge improvement so the team were very happy with their trip!

Trial Results

Obedience

David with Jai – Two passes in Companion Dog and Highest Scoring Dog in trial ☺

Grace with Molly – One pass in Companion Dog and title ☺



Rally

Sabine with Abby – Pass in Rally Novice and title ☺

Dee with Magic – Pass in Rally Advanced

Tricks

Grace with Molly – Two passes in Advanced Tricks (Bulla) and two more at Royal Melbourne Show

Tracking

Dee with Chance - Test 8 with a grade of 'good'.

Dee with Magic – Test 6 Urban Night Track with a grade of 'good' and Track and Search Dog Excellent title ☺

Yvonne with Zanthee – Test 2

Karen with Gypsy – Test 2 with a grade of 'very good'

Lisa with Pseudu – Test 3 and TD title ☺

Agility – BDOC members attended the NADAC Agility Trial held in Ballarat recently. No results for this edition but handlers are welcome to contact me and I'll put them in next month's Puppy Tales (Pat W)





Puppy to P+	P+ to Class 1	Class 1 to Class 2	Class 2 to Class 3	Class 3 to Class 4
Andrea with Jackson	Michelle with Rosie	Laura with Winnie	Julia with Maggi	Deanne with Coco
Lys with Skye	Michelle with Max	Cherly with Sparkles	Carol and Peter with Ruby	Damien with Sprite
Beth with Luna	Marck with Layla	Jodie with Charlie	Zoe with Marley	Steve with Buddy
Denise with Pluto		Julie with Josie	Anna with Cobie	John with Beau
Alison with Yumi		Robyn with Darcy		Sabine with Abby
Candice with Teddy		Di with Ilaida		Sarah with Zoe
Sarah with Peri		Karen with Yumi		Rachel with Charlie
Kate with Max		Zoe with Marley		Nicole with Georgie Girl
Kathy with Snow		Linda with Max		Stephanie with Mila
Rebecca with Sunday		Abby with Harper		
Alex with Zara		Sharon with ?ElvisBree with Bear		
Michelle with Rosie		Jacqueline with Tavish		
Sarah with Henry		Kristen with Gigi		
Lisa with Psuedy		Clare with Dusty		
Hunter with Eddy		Kane with Digger		
		Marck with Layla		

As always, my apologies if I've misspelt your's or your dog's names. Send me an email (address on 2nd page of Puppy Tales) and I can amend it for next time.

Pat W

If you haven't already, 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.

New Membership Sign Ups



Sunday 8th October 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.

Every wondered what it's like to be an BDOC Instructor?

It is extremely rewarding and lots of fun!

That isn't the only reason. It is extremely satisfying giving back to the club and helping others to have a dog that is a pleasure to own. The only reason we are instructors is because once someone had the dedication and patience to help us when we were learning about our dogs and how to train them.

What goes around comes around. Perhaps it's time to give back to the club?

You will be supported with Instructor training, shadowing an experienced instructor and being supervised while you have your 'L Plates' on.

If you have any queries about what is involved please ask Carol or your instructor, we'd love to have you on board!



Have you ever fancied having a go at putting together and publishing a monthly newsletter?

Puppy Tales is looking for a new editor for 2024.

No experience necessary and minimal computer skills needed. If you'd like to know more please feel free to see me on a Sunday morning to find out more. I'm usually around the trial ring with, or without, Topsy. Alternatively, you can email me (address on 2nd page of Puppy Tales).

Pat Withell



Tricks Trial 28th October

Our last trial was super successful, it's always so good to see dogs and handlers doing some amazing things as a team. What's more, both parties look as though they are really enjoying themselves under trial conditions!

As always, trials take a lot of preparation and organizing, this all starts months beforehand. If you can spare anywhere from a few hours to the day to support the club it would be much appreciated. You don't need to know anything about Tricks Trialling, just a keenness to help out. Please see Grace and Molly (who featured on our trial results page again!) to find out more.



Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club.

DOUBLE TRICK DOG TEST

Saturday 28 October 2023

Venue: Military Drive, Victoria Park, Ballarat

Entries Close: 16 October 2023

Competition Secretary: Grace Calder, Enquiries: Yvonne Ross yvonneaross2@gmail.com

Entries & Fees: \$15 per entry per class per dog

Entries preferred through K9 Entries. www.k9entries.com.

Conditions of Entry: One entry per dog per test and class.

Tricks will be judged in entry form order. Changes accepted until entries close.

Ring Size: 10m X 10m, outdoors on grass. Three test rings will be set up with bunting

Starters (am)	Ms Yvonne Ross	Ring 1
Starters (pm)	Mrs Denise Crystal	Ring 1
Novice (am) Advanced, Intermediate (pm)	Ms Sue Cordwell	Ring 2
Intermediate, Advanced (am) Novice (pm)	Ms Janette Wilson	Ring 3

Check-in: 8.00am for Officials – 8.30 - 9.15am for handlers

Note: Contracted judges may compete and will be judged prior to the commencement of the competition.

Judging of officials: 8.00am - Judging of competitors: no earlier than 9.30am

There will be a break between Test 1 and Test 2.

Presentations: To be held at the completion of each Test.

CATALOGUE – Available from www.vicdog.com. and www.bdoc.com.au. No hard copies provided.

Awards: 1st placing: Sash and Prize 2nd & 3rd placing: Sash

Qualifiers: Ribbon, Titles gained: Sash, Highest Scoring BDOC member in each ring.

Limited Exhibitor catering will be available at this venue. Tea/Coffee/cold drinks available from Clubhouse

The organisers reserve the right to make any changes that will ensure the smooth running of the competition, including substituting judges, changing the running order of classes, and accepting or rejecting entries.

The event will be conducted under all Covid-19 requirements current at the time of the Tests

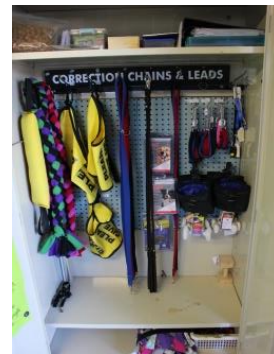
Dog Shop



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.

