



# *Puppy Tales*

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

*Bumper Edition!*

## *December 2023*



Wishing all our members and their  
four-legged friends a very happy  
Christmas!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31					1	2 Santaball Flyball Competition at Morshead Park
3 Tricks Obedience Flyball Agility	4	5	6	7 Puppy Pre- school - 6.30pm  Tricks - 7.45pm	8	9
10 FINAL Training Day 9.30 start for all! Get dressed up!	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	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.

# AGM 2023 Reports

## President's Report

I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet tonight, The Wathawurrung People, and pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging. I warmly welcome everyone here tonight and thank you for taking the time to join us at our AGM to celebrate our club.

Two years ago I was shocked by being nominated for the position of President at the AGM and I was even more shocked when I heard myself saying yes! I had to rejoin my VCA membership which had lapsed many years before so I decided to relaunch myself into the world of trialling in not only obedience but rally and tricks and with great success. More importantly, I have made so many new friends by being on the committee and being involved in multiple discipline at both BDOC. It has been very challenging at times but it has also been a wonderful opportunity to give back to the club that I love and have spent the last 38 years being a part of.

After several years of COVID followed by bad weather and our oval being in an appalling state, it has been great to welcome back trials at BDOC. We have managed to hold Obedience and Rally in April, Agility in May (which was freezing cold!), Tricks on March and October, Tracking throughout the cooler months and Flyball coming up in December. A huge thanks must go to all of the volunteers involved in organising and running these trials. From trial secretaries to our members who turn up bright and early to set up rings, put up gazebos, donate food, run the kitchen, sell raffle tickets etc. A trial requires every small piece of a big puzzle to run smoothly so I thank each and every person who has helped in any way.

It has also been wonderful to see so many members trialling across all of the disciplines. At various trials we have had up to 14 Ballarat members entering and we are having some really positive success with lots of pass cards and ribbons making their way back to Ballarat. Lots of titles were gained during the year and I am looking forward to yet another successful presentation night in August 2024.

Despite our success in the trialling rings, we have continued to suffer from a low number of instructors and this is having an impact on our class sizes. Our instructors are doing their very best to provide classes each Sunday and must be congratulated for their dedication in volunteering their time each week. I invite you all to think about giving back to the club and becoming an instructor in 2024. If you would like to know more then please come and have a chat to Carol or myself. What are the key criteria for becoming an instructor? Have you trained a dog up to class 3, have good communication and interpersonal skills, a willingness to learn and are able to volunteer several times per month then this is the job for you!

The clubroom redevelopment has been going at snails pace with the Council. We have finally got the keys for the soccer rooms but are yet to get the keys for the cricket clubroom. The Council are not sure of how many funds they will have available for any modifications and are even suggesting a total rebuild may be a better option. We will continue to negotiate with them and will not accept anything that we are not happy with. We have continued to have many heated discussions with BCC regarding the grounds particularly after the cyclocross event and, at long last, I think that we have had some success in getting

that event relocated to another part of the park. We will continue to work on the impact that Spilt Milk has on our access to the park and our clubrooms.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Pat Mann for her many years of hard work as the club treasurer and trial secretary. She has ensured that we have continued to be financially secure. Our club owes you debt of gratitude for everything that you have done. I would also like to thank Pat Withell for her many years of being the editor of our newsletter Puppy Tales and thank Natalie for taking hold of the reins.

Finally, thanks must go to the 2023 Committee for volunteering their time and supporting the running of our wonderful club. I look forward to 2024.

Liz Bandy  
BDOC President  
13/11/23

## Treasurer's Report

The 2022/2023 Financial period saw an increase in retained earnings by the Club. In 2021/2022 the Club made a loss of \$318.28 while in this current year being reported the Club retained earnings of \$4771.00.

Thirty Three percent (33%) (*footnote 1*) of the increase in retained earnings was attributable to the commencement of Discipline events such as Agility and Tricks after these events had been cancelled because of Co-Vid 19 restrictions. There was also an increase in Membership renewals/commencements of 16.2%, the running of a RDOP program and the running of the first Raffle at the Agility trial.

Not all Disciplines appear to contribute to the bottom line. On the face of it the Agility trial made a loss of \$1113.08 (\$2055.51-3168.59) however this is misleading because included in the expenses was a cost of \$1380.00 for ribbons the cost of which were not included in other discipline expenses. If that amount was removed from the expenses to be more in line with the treatment of expenses for other disciplines the Agility Trial would have made a profit of \$268.92.

There was a modest increase in General Expenses of 12.7% (\$21458.23-\$24185.20) but generally this increase was in line with the increase in activity after the Co-Vid 19 lockdown. Overall, the Club is in a good financial position and the Committee is committed to providing training for all Instructors in order to enhance our Members experience of training their dog.

Patricia Mann B.A, B.Bus, Grad Dip of Computing.  
Treasurer



# Obedience Report

We have had a good year in our obedience. A very big thank you to our instructors who have volunteered their time through the year. At times we have had to ask for help from agility and our president Liz has even helped.



Our membership days are still seeing big numbers, mostly all wanting household obedience. Down in the lower classes we always ask if anyone is wanting to trial, we also explain about our other disciplines. I believe as they travel through the classes they will see what they can achieve with their dog.

This year we have run two Responsible Dog Owners Program with good outcomes, this program has wonderful sponsors who have been supporting us for a very long time . They are Petstock, The Haymarket, Possum Pets, Ballarat Veterinary Practice and The Ballarat City Council so please support our sponsors.

We trialled a very successful massage and relaxation class for 4 weeks for handlers and their dogs. It was to help by teaching the handler how to massage and talking softly. We had low lighting, soft music while one of our members Stephanie talked us through. I can tell you how satisfying it was to see how relaxed the dogs become and the handler benefited as well so hopefully we can offer this again.

Our triallers in Obedience and Rally have been very successful, bringing home many ribbons and letting the trialling world know that Ballarat is back. We did run an obedience trial this year with good results.

But once again, as always, please have a think about volunteering your time and knowledge to become an instructor. From the obedience team we wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and new year we will see you all in February 24 to start again.

Carol and Karen  
Obedience Coordinator and Assistant

# Agility Report

Firstly, I'd like to thank Sandy for all her hard work as assistant coordinator at agility. She's always happy to help out with anything whether at agility or anywhere else in the club.

A big thank you to Ellen for stepping into the role this year, it's certainly nice to be able to share the load. As a group of only 4 instructors we naturally work close together , and efforts to find another instructor to join us is still underway , but like most disciplines ,finding people willing to give up their time freely is a hard ask.

To all our agility participants- thank you for another great year of learning, teaching and fun. The instructor team have been delighted to see so many of our members out competing this year, so many people partaking in their first competitions and all of them showing off their skills. The highlight for us as instructors is how rewarding it has been to see our new



competitors create an amazing supporting group together. Agility may be an individual sport, but these guys are showing the true meaning of the word team. So proud of you all.

Moving forward, we look ahead to our next agility trial in May and hope again to develop some depth of knowledge in our members in relation to running the trial, so future events can run smoothly.

Many thanks again to the outgoing committee on their support this year. We look forward to supporting the club for another year.

Tracy Benda  
Agility Coordinator

## Tracking Report.

Once again we were able to train out at the beautiful Haddon grounds, it was a more self help group and we had a few new members starting tracking. The grounds were immaculate as always.



We trained the new people and by the end of the season they were starting to understand about tracking and was really nice to see how good everybody was doing.

Thank you to Pat Mann who went out every week and organised training as sometimes I was out and about with my own dogs doing what we do ie showing and other tracking trials. We ran 3 very successful trials this year in tracking with the numbers up high and losing one judge a few weeks before the July trial having to put on an extra day so that we could fit them in instead of balloting. All of our tracking members pitched in and we got the trials ran. Also thank you to our members who do not do tracking for their lovely home cooked cakes and biscuits etc, competitors were pleasantly surprised as since COVID we have not catered for everybody only our judges and helpers.

In the July trial we had 55 entries with 10 members dogs competing with 8 passes which I know John and Raeleen would have been proud of.

In the September trial we had 61 entries with 9 members dogs competing with 8 passes (John and Raeleen would say it was a successful year).

At our TSD Urban Track and Search trial we had 31 entries with 9 members dogs competing with 5 passes.

This was a really good season for our members and also I would like to give a big thank you to the girls from Knox and Cheryl McKean from Warrnambool who always come up to give us a hand to help out at our trials and also to the Draffin family for the use of their paddocks and to Ballarat Field and Game for the use of the property at Haddon, which I believe Haddon is the only place left that has bush for us to track our dogs. Hope to see you all out and about next year.

We also remembered Annette Winch who passed away during the year and spoke of some lovely memories of Annette.

Lisa Staszek  
Tracking Coordinator

# Flyball Report



We are in a building phase again, we have just enough dogs for a full Ballarat team rather than running in open class all the time so we are getting there!

Flyball Box, we have had ongoing issues with the flyball boxes we got 5 years ago and committee has approved looking into costing and source. I have emailed the supplier of Frankston 4paws and Hastings boxes that have had excellent reviews but I am still waiting for a reply.

## **Nationals!**

We took a team to Nationals this September: Hamish, Sammi, Lilli, Coco, Ruby and Geordie. We had 3 new dogs with Ruby only having one competition under her harness and Geordie only 2 full competitions. We had a few hiccups as expected with new dogs but we did really well when we had clean runs being the only team to beat the division winners ...TWICE so lots of potential. Big thank you to the other clubs as we went with absolute minimum people. We had Gayle from Western Weiners box load for us both days and people from Frankston Weiners and Berwick helping out with ball shagging over the two days and helping pack up our gazebo at the end. One of the things I love about flyball is the willingness to help out the competition.

We also had Carl from Macbro supply us all with awesome wincheaters for Nationals so we looked pretty awesome too!

## **Competition**

We have Santaball coming up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December at Morshead Park. This is our second year running it there with Spilt Milk taking over our grounds for our traditional weekend for our comp. We had a few hiccups last year with organising food etc, but with so many supermarkets and takeaway within 1km, this year we are leaving people to feed themselves rather than knocking ourselves out trying to do everything. This year we are doing our best Xmas theme gazebo decoration and a judges award to the dog having its best day, not the fastest or even most consistent but one from each division just having the most fun.

Welcome to Catrice Grahame our new Assistant Flyball Coordinator, she started flyball last year with Ruby and is absolutely rocking it! Her enthusiasm and assistance will be much appreciated (by me especially after I put her on the spot asking her to take up the position in our meeting!!)

Looking forward to next year

Jenny Vandromme  
Flyball Coordinator



# Tricks Report

Tricks continues at BDOC with the Advanced class being held on Thursday nights, and an open class on Sunday mornings before obedience. This year, we also added a 6-week class to introduce members to trialing in tricks at starter level, which was very successful. Each of the members who completed the course with Grace and Dee strengthened the bond with their dogs, learnt how to become Dogs Victoria members, how to enter a trial and what is needed in the trial ring. We will look to run another of these programs in 2024.

It is pleasing to see the number of members participating in tricks growing, and some have decided to have a go at trialling too, with plenty of success. The BDOC tricks trailers have a great reputation around the state for their friendly and helpful team spirit, coupled with strong performances in the ring. We have attended Bendigo, Shepparton, Geelong, Bulla, Bairnsdale and others.

Over the last year we have run two tricks trials for BDOC, on March 4 (rescheduled from last November which was postponed due to poor weather), and October 28. Thank you to all the members who assisted in running these successful events.

Thank you to Grace Calder and Yvonne Ross for being Tricks coordinator and assistant coordinator for the last year. Thank you to Sandy Roxburgh for continuing to run Sunday morning tricks at 9am, and Dee Garbutt for assisting with the starters class.

On Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 a vote was held to determine Tricks roles for the coming year. Grace Calder is continuing in the coordinator role, and Dee Garbutt is stepping into the assistant coordinator role. Ellen Mucha is taking on the role of trial manager, with the support of Grace and Dee.

Grace Calder  
Tricks Coordinator



# Trial Results

## Tricks

Yvonne with Zanthee – Novice Tricks – pass

Grace with Molly - Advanced Tricks - 3 passes

## Obedience

Sabine with Abby – CCD – 2 passes and title ☺

## Rally

Yvonne with Ngaire – Masters Rally – 2 passes

## Tracking

Yvonne with Zanthee – T & S Test 1 – pass

Tracking Test 2 - pass



## Dancing with Dogs

Dee with Magic – Pass in Novice HTM (& 1<sup>st</sup> place ☺)

## Agility

Ellen with Kai – Masters Jumping – Pass and 1<sup>st</sup> place (Top Dog trial)

Pass (State Agility Trial)

NADAC - Janelle with Levi – Jumpers placings but NQ

Jumpers – 1 pass

Tunnellers placings but NQ

Angela with Hemi – Intro Agility – 3 passes and title ☺

Intro Jumpers – 2 passes

Intro Tunnelers – 1 pass

Novice Jumpers – 1 pass





Puppy to P+	P+ to Class 1	Class 1 to Class 2	Class 2 to Class 3	Class 3 to Class 4
Sarah with Henry	Rebecca with Sunday	James with Isis	Gaile with Tilly	
Sara with Raj	Coralie with Jordie	Rebecca with Sunday	Jan with Zoe	
Louise with Birdie	Belinda with Winter	Alkira with Trixy	Maria with Phoebe	
Narelle with Dougie	Cathryn with Benji	Sharon with Elvis	Karen with Yumi	
Caroline with Ebba	Loretta with Florence	Loretta with Wiliam	Jodie with Lulu	
Abbey & Mon with Flip	Alex with Zara	Alex with Zara	Andrea with Molly	
Alison with Walter	Tashana with Angel	James with Oreo		
Mike with Tilly	James with Oreo	Andrea with Gemma		
	Kathy with Snow			
	Sara with Raj			

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"We're at the point where he's just going to continue to deflate. My advice is to just pop him now."

# It's Christmas Party Time!

## BDOC End of year/Christmas breakup day

**10 December from 09:30**

Can you believe it?!?!? It's December ALREADY! I don't know about you, but I seem to have missed a few months this year. Wow. Anyway it is that time of year again; when the trees go up, the lights go on, the food comes out, the bathroom scales go away and you find yourself singing songs with words you don't really know...well hark up, because the most important end of year party is also here and these are all the glorious details...well some of them anyway, I reserve the right to change them if needed, it is December after all!

**WHAT:** BDOC Christmas breakup party - a morning of fun games, demo's, dress up and a BBQ to celebrate the end of another year at the club.

**WHEN:** Sunday 10 December from 09:30

**WHERE:** Club grounds as normal

**WHO:** You, your four legged bestie, some good treats, a fun toy and maybe a camp chair? Family are welcome to join us as well.

**WHY:** Because if you can't laugh with your dog/s then you're doing it wrong...

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### Key Events

**Pack walk 0930.** The day will start at 09:30 with our pack walk around the ovals.

**Best dressed Comp.** On completion of the pack walk it's time for the catwalk (should we maybe call it the 'dogwalk') where those who enter the best dressed competition will get to strut their stuff for judging. Think your pup looks good as santa? think you both look alike? Best dressed pair will win a prize!

**Demos.** After the catwalk we will then have a number of demo's from the different disciplines, including Flyball, Tricks, Agility and of course Obedience.

**Training.** After the Demos there will be a short training session, but this is a party day so don't expect the normal class! Bring treats, a toy (or whatever motivates your pup) and come learn something fun...

**Games.** We then have a couple of really fun games. They will be broken up into different class groups. Puppy and Puppy Plus classes will be undertaking a fun obstacle course, while Class 1-4 will have a go at a game called 'sit, stand, drop' and compete in the fastest recall challenge.

**BBQ and winners.** The day will end with a BBQ while the winners of the games and the best dressed competition are announced.

**Final notes.** This is our last regular sunday training session for the year. The club will restart Sunday morning classes on Sunday 04 February 2024.

Dee Garbutt.

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# 2023 Photography Competition Results

All the entries for the competition have now been judged. Overall the entries were of a really impressive standard and our local professional judge was hard pressed to choose.

So without further ado...



## OVERALL winner - J. Vandromme

Congratulations to Jen Vandromme who came first with this very unique photo compilation of Sammi.



SECOND - S. Dwyer



THIRD - J. Vandromme



FOURTH - L. Bandy



FIFTH - S. Dwyer

## ACTION winner - J. Vandromme

Jen's overall winning photo also took out first place for the Action category!



FIRST - J. Vandromme



SECOND - S. Benthien



THIRD - J. Godfrey



Massive thanks to Elizabeth of EM Photography for judging our competition. Elizabeth is a Ballarat local professional lifestyle and family photographer.

Find her business at  
[emphotographyballarat.com](http://emphotographyballarat.com)  
and on Facebook





## **CRAZY FUNNY DOGS winner - S.Hon**

Congratulations to Sarah Hon, who's photo below truly made the judge laugh!



*FIRST - S. Hon*



*SECOND - J. Vandromme*



*THIRD - A. Fairclough*

## **DOG SPORT DISCIPLINES:**

### **OBEDIENCE/RALLY and TEAMWORK winner - S. Benthien**

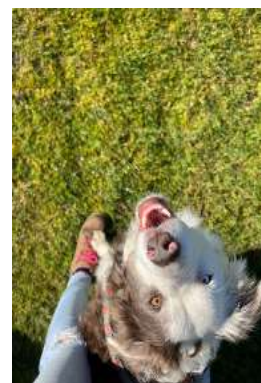
Sabine submitted a couple of outstanding photos of her and her Dalmatian Abby working beautifully together. However the standout was this shot which was judged as our winner of the Obedience and Rally category. The Judge also determined that this photo should be entered into the teamwork category as the dedication, focus and attention of dog and handler on each other was unmistakable! It was then the rightful winner of the teamwork category as well. Well done!



*FIRST - S. Benthien*



*(O&R) SECOND - L. Bandy*



*(TW) SECOND - S. Hon*

### **FLYBALL winner - S. Dwyer**

Copper in full flight, ball held on to for dear life is a wonderful image that came second overall and also won the flyball category!



*FIRST - S. Dwyer*



*SECOND - J. Vandromme*

## **TRICKS winner - S. Dwyer**

Hard to tell if Copper is waving or sitting pretty, but it wasn't hard to tell this was a great trick captured beautifully. Congrats to Sharon as the winner of tricks.



*FIRST - S. Dwyer*



*SECOND - H. Blazko*

## **AGILITY winner - L. Bandy**

Don't ever let someone tell you Lab's aren't sport dogs. Liz's photo of Hamish mid flight through the tyre took out first place in the agility category



*FIRST - L. Bandy*



*SECOND - S. Benthien*

## **PRIZES**

Firstly, a massive thankyou to everyone who entered the competition, it was so wonderful to have the concept supported.

Unfortunately, we didn't quite get the number of entries we needed to make the production of a calendar viable for the club. However, the winning photos will instead feature as the cover images for the club's facebook page throughout 2024.

Additionally, EVERYONE who entered (even if you didn't place in a category) will receive a prize as a thankyou from the club, as well as the winners, prizes as advertised in the competition guidelines. These prizes can be collected from the club on Sundays.

Finally, the club will have another go at running this competition again, with entries to open much earlier in the year. So please keep happy snapping and save up your best shots. This year's competitors, including the winners, are very welcome to enter the same photos into the competition again next year.

## Santa is allowing pet visitors at:



Nat (our new PT Editor) and  
Chino

The Bridge Mall on 10/12 and 17/12

Drop in between 10 and 2

&

Stockland Wendouree by booking on

<https://www.stockland.com.au/shopping-centres/centres/stockland-wendouree/offers-and-events/events/2023/santa-photos>

(There is a small changeover between photos but this option would be best for unsure pups as it is in a quieter environment)

Make sure you take loads of treats or bribes, consider bringing your another one of your pups favorite humans to help and be mindful of your dog's cues (Santa can be kind of scary when you don't know him, sometimes a pic at distance can still be cute)

# CHRISTMAS FOODS

## YOUR DOG CAN AND CAN'T EAT



### OK\*

- TURKEY (UNSEASONED)
- HAM (UNSEASONED)
- CARROTS
- CRANBERRIES
- BROCCOLI
- SWEET POTATOES (COOKED, PLAIN)
- PISTACHIOS (SHELL-FREE)
- PEARS
- SQUASH (COOKED OR CANNED)
- PUMPKIN (COOKED OR CANNED)
- GREEN BEANS
- CHEESE (SMALL NIBBLE)

### NOT OK

- CHOCOLATE
- EGGNOG
- PEPPERMINT
- GINGERBREAD
- MACADAMIA NUTS
- ONIONS
- GARLIC
- MASHED POTATOES
- GRAPES AND RAISINS
- ALCOHOL
- XYLITOL

\*Talk to your vet before you introduce any new foods. Learn more at: [dailypaws.com/okfordogs](https://dailypaws.com/okfordogs)

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## ADVICE FOR PUPS AT CHRISTMAS

- **Keep on top of puppy proofing**

- Keep in mind Christmas brings lots of temptations, meaning a dog that was previously fine may need more guidance. Utilise baby gates and other barriers around items such as presents and Christmas trees. New smells and bright round objects maybe to enticing, but dangerous



- **Keep some schedule**

- Dogs love schedules so try to keep somethings consistent, can be as simple in maintaining walks, ensuring consistency in training even once the club finishes for the year and maintaining expectations for correct behavior.

- **Watch for potential food issues**

- Different foods maybe in your home and in different areas. Make sure you stay vigilant about things such as onion, chocolate and poisonous foods. Utilise barriers to prevent temptation from counter surfing if pup can't be supervised
- Consider having a dog treat jar to deter guests from treating with table scraps
- Remember NO cooked bones. Ensure bins are safe and secured as well

- **Visitor safety**

- Ensure manners are maintained by pup. Some visitors might not be a big fan of your pup. Ensure appropriate interactions from both visitors and pets eg. jumping rules, petting and appropriate play
- Emphasize child safety. Dogs and kids should not be left alone unsupervised
- Your pup may not also be a fan of visitors so ensure they have a safe space that is exclusively for them that they can easily retreat to. This could be their crate or a safe room in the house

- **Utilize enrichment**

- We are all busy, so ensure your pup also stays busy to prevent destructive behaviors. Suggestions can be treat hide and seek, kongs, lick bowls and other food enrichment, rotating toys and ongoing training.
- Maybe give your dog a gift. Fold wrapping around it and let them shred it open. Or in a paper bad with lots of tissue paper. May get messy but will wear a pup out quick

- **Be aware of any frightening points**

- Visitors or new experiences like fireworks on new years maybe frightening. Ensure during these times pups are secured and offer a safe environment. Think blankets, bed, and crate if crate trained.

- **Be aware of closures**

- Ensure pup has supplies for public holidays, eg food, enrichment, activities
- Vets will also have closures so be sure to know on call needs. Many vets will have these on answering machines but it is great to know what to do just in case. Pet first aid is a great app for small things but you should figure out where your closest emergency clinic is. It may be out of town (eg Geelong, Essendon)

- **Heat**

- Along with Christmas comes heat. prevent heat issues by providing adequate shelter and water. Consider providing kid pools or cooling treats such as popsicles to cool down pets
- Pupsicles can be made with any dog safe liquid in any container and most treats. Try freezing some dry food in diluted chicken stock, or blending a smoothie with Greek yogurt, banana or berries, peanut butter and freezing it into a kong, slow feeder, or any sturdy plastic containers (eg. Tupperware)
- Walks in heat can be dangerous. Watch out for hot pavements and don't over estimate your dogs ability to tolerate it. Ideally during these hot months walks should be limited to the cooler times of the day
- Dogs should not be left alone in cars. They can get very hot very quickly and are highly dangerous

## 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
80cm Leads	\$15.00
Snub Lead	\$15.00
Hand made tug toy	\$ 5.00

# SALE!

Rainbow leads. \$10

We also have the bright yellow "GIVE ME SPACE" vests for \$20.

