

BENDIGO OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB



GENERAL INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

Membership

- Please contact the club for current membership fees and payment structure.
 - contact Heather on 0409429972 or Sandra on 0438 322 354
- Proof of vaccination must be provided when paying your joining fee.

Training equipment

- Recommended leash and collar – soft collar or halties or gentle leaders (choker chains and harnesses are not recommended). The club has various collars and halters available for sale. Leather or cloth leads are best. Nylon leads and chain leads are not suitable as they may injure the handler's hands.
- Food - bring food or a toy to reward your dog. Food should be a treat, eg cheese, liver, or schmacko type reward.
- Clothing – please **do not** wear thongs, sandals or other footwear that may cause you to slip or trip when moving about. Clothing should not flap in the dog's face to distract it from training.

Heat policy

During the Summer months the club's heat policy will be enforced. Please read the policy listed on our web page or talk to the instructors.

Socializing

You are welcome to use the puppy pens and the tennis court to socialize your dog before and after training. The following rules must be obeyed or you will not be permitted to use the leash free areas.

- Only four dogs allowed in pens at one time.
- Do not allow you dog to enter the pens/tennis court area if dogs are already off lead and playing in this area. The reasons for this will be explained as part of your training sessions.

General club rules

- Please attend your first training session at least fifteen minutes early so your paperwork can be processed.
- Finn Street reserve is not zoned as a general off leash area. All dogs are required to be on lead unless directed by an instructor to do otherwise. This is applicable to the times prior to and after training. Puppy pens and the tennis court are leash free areas.

- All handlers must pick up after their dog whilst at the Finn Street Reserve. Doggie bags and pooper scoopers are supplied by the club during training sessions.
- No member will be allowed to enter a class once the class has been operating for more than fifteen minutes. Please see your instructor if you have a genuine reason for your late arrival.
- Whilst children are welcome to come along to training we ask that you please ensure they do not disrupt the classes whilst they are in session.
- Training equipment eg agility jumps, flyball etc are not to be used by members unless undertaking training with an instructor. Members assistance in setting up and packing up equipment will be greatly appreciated.
- The club is open to suggestions and welcomes input from members. Please talk to any of the instructors, who will be willing to assist you. Come and join us at our short committee meetings. We always welcome club members to become involved in club activities.
- No physical punishment, ie smacking, kicking etc of dogs will be tolerated for any reason.
- If something has upset you during your training session, please come and discuss this with an instructor. We can't help you if you don't talk to us and let us know there is a problem.