

THE RECALL

Where obedience meets fun

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From the Executive

Welcome to 2026! What would you like to achieve this year? Do you have a new puppy and want to make the best decisions for your future together? Are you continuing with your dog and hoping to have a sociable and well-mannered companion, or do you aspire to compete in dog sports? Would you like to build on the relationship and skills your fur friend and you already have?

Training your dog is not always about aiming for competition it's about aiming for 'better': more relaxed walks, more understanding of why dogs do stuff (technical term), more games, more safety, more focused on us, more imagination, more connection and more just happy.

Our volunteer instructors work to help you achieve your 'better'. Our classes are structured to assist you and your companion dog to learn incrementally how to connect and understand each other. Many of the challenges our members ask about seem similar but may have their beginnings in different places. Solutions to these challenges are therefore not always straight lines or the same for every dog and handler. Our volunteer instructors help you develop techniques and use appropriate tools to achieve your goals and they will try to help you understand why some challenges arise.

Class Notes

To assist you between classes we are introducing class notes. Our Older Puppies and Beginners classes trialled this last year and the feedback was positive so all our levels will have notes you can access and work on between classes. Although you are in class for 30 minutes your dogs are learning all the time, they are making decisions and developing habits based on every interaction with you, the environment, other people and animals and even when you are not there, they are learning. The notes will be a prompt and reminder of what the instructors showed you.

Another great way to learn is to volunteer at our trials. Expert judges, keen competitors, experienced handlers and some just starting out, they are all there to grow what they know about working with dogs.

There will be a Tricks trial in the first Term. Tricks is a wonderful team building activity that anyone can do and the dogs love. There will be workshops and further trials as

the year progresses so mark your diaries for useful learning opportunities.

Helping hands

This year has started with tragic fires, extreme heat, and great sadness in some sectors. It will be a long time before things go back to normal, so the club has decided to assist the recovery with a Donations drive. We will be taking donations of **non-perishable pet food, clean unused bandages, and pet products**. It is important that we don't flood relief centres with items that they already have excess of. That's why we are looking for non perishable food and medical items rather than towels, sheets and clothing. Donations left at the club rooms will be passed on appropriately. Some items may go to the Wildlife rescue services if they are not required for pets.

Wishing everyone a safe Summer and rewarding training with your fur family.

Meredith



Save the date!

Bendigo Obedience Dog Club

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 18 March

Come along to learn more about the Club. If you are interested in getting involved and joining our committee please talk to one of our committee members.



CLUB NEWS

Meet your Committee

President	Meredith Marshall
Vice President	Denise Chrystal
Secretary	Alexandra Gartmann
Treasurer	Sarah Crocker
Committee members	
Jodie Bajada	Rob Hopman
Dale Cousins	Clive Hughes
Nicole Cramer	Sian James
Julie Fainges	Deb Wain
Merle Hopman	Bryn Wedgeford



Volunteers make our Club tick

Bendigo Obedience Dog Club has been operating for 60 years and over that time many, many volunteers have contributed to supporting thousands of dogs and owners to have a more positive relationship.

From instructing to helping classes, to keeping grounds maintained and helping communicate opportunities and insights. There have also been many volunteers who have worked to help the Club operate efficiently, develop new training programs, and create facilities in which we can learn with our beloved canine companions.

From time to time you might hear about events or trials being hosted by our club. There are always plenty of opportunities to help out at these dynamic days. Coming to and volunteering at an event is also a great way to see what that aspect of dog training is about and maybe to find a new outlet for you and your dog to pursue with BODC.

We can't thank our volunteers enough for all the time they offer – which when taken collectively is hundreds and thousands of hours over the history of the Club – so that the Club can be a vibrant and active hub for Obedience and other dog training.

Are you interested in volunteering at BODC?

**Talk to a committee member
or email bendigoodcmembers@gmail.com
to find out more.**

Have a question for Bendigo Obedience Dog Club?

Talk to one of our committee at training, or email bendigoodcmembers@gmail.com

Christmas break up

With games galore, prizes up for grabs and our Term 4 graduations, members enjoyed a fun and relaxed Christmas break-up on the final day of term classes. Congratulations to all our prize winners! And a huge thanks to Zali & Co for donating the prizes.

We hope everyone had a wonderful festive season and is back refreshed and ready for another year of training and achievements with your dog(s).





2025 Agility & Jumping Trial

The Bendigo Obedience Dog Club hosted their annual Agility and Jumping Trial over the 2025 Cup weekend.

Seventy-four dogs took part, completing 475 runs of agility and jumping courses. Novice, Excellent and Masters level dogs competed on 26 different courses designed by three different judges over the two days.

Agility competition courses include about twenty different obstacles: jumps, tunnels, weave poles and contact obstacles the dog runs or scrambles over. Obstacle jump heights are suited to the dogs, jumps at 200mm, 300mm, 400mm, 500 mm or 600mm based on the height of the dog at the withers. Dogs are required to learn obstacles such as hoops, tunnels, weaving poles, A-frame, dog walk, see saw and jumps.

During the course the handler cannot touch the dog, nor the obstacles. The goal is to complete the course without faults and as fast as possible.

A 'clear round' must be obtained to receive a "Qualification" which is no time faults or course faults recorded on the course. As qualifications are gained "Titles" are awarded and the dog will progress to the next higher class.

At the Bendigo Trial 109 Qualifying Passes were achieved from the 475 runs – highlighting just how challenging this sport can be. Bendigo Club members who achieved passes include:



Member Name	Dog Name	Class	Result	Place
Alexandra Gartmann	Murray	Novice Jumping 500 (A)	Qualifying Pass	1
Alexandra Gartmann	Murray	Novice Jumping 500 (B)	Qualifying Pass	1
Meredith Marshall (dog handled by A Gartmann)	Isabelle	Excellent Agility	Qualifying Pass	1
Allan McPherson	Benji	Masters Jumping	Qualifying Pass	3
Lisa McPherson	Loki	Masters Jumping	Qualifying Pass	4
Elaine Rawiller	Scout	Novice Jumping	Qualifying Pass	2



The Club awarded the **Dot Heffernan Memorial Sash for Fastest Qualifying Jumping** round to Loki and Lisa McPherson. And the **Ian McCallum Memorial Sash for Fastest Qualifying Agility** round to Isabelle and Alex Gartmann (handler on the day due to injured owner).

As each course is different, handlers are allowed a short walk-through (typically 10 minutes) before the event starts. During this time, all handlers competing in a particular class can walk around the course without their dogs, determining how they can best position themselves and guide their dogs to get the most accurate and rapid path around the numbered obstacles. The handler tends to run a path much different from the dog's path, so the handler can sometimes spend quite a bit of time planning for what is usually a quick run.

The walk-through is critical for success because the course's path takes various turns, even U-turns or 270° turns, can cross back on itself, can use the same obstacle more than once, can have two obstacles so close to each other that the dog and handler must be able to clearly *discriminate* which to take, and can be arranged so that the handler must work with obstacles between themselves and the dog, called layering, or at a great distance from the dog.



2025 Agility & Jumping Trial (continued)

Each dog and handler team gets one opportunity together to attempt to complete the course successfully. The dog begins behind a starting line and, when instructed by their handler, proceeds around the course. The handler typically runs near the dog, directing the dog with spoken commands and with body language (the position of arms, shoulders, and feet).

Because speed counts as much as accuracy, especially at higher levels of competition, this all takes place at a full-out run on the dog's part and, in places, on the handler's part as well. Scoring of runs is based on how many *faults* are incurred. Penalties can include not only *course faults*, such as knocking down a bar in a jump, but also *time faults*, which are the number of seconds over the calculated *standard course time*, which in turn is determined based on the competition level, the complexity of the course, and other factors.

8 club members entered. These members train through the year both at home, and at club. The full list of Bendigo members and their dogs who participated in the trial were:

Donna Blanks	Arynbeth Hugo Boss TKS
Alexandra Gartmann	MurrayWiggle TKS SWN
Meredith Marshall (dog handled by A Gartmann)	Isabelle TD, TKS, SWN
Helen McCutcheon	Ethereal Total Eclipse
Helen McCutcheon	Lotti
Allan McPherson	Benji TKS JD JDX AD
Lisa McPherson	Loki TKS CCD JD JDX AD
Elaine Rawiller	Huntlyscout TKS
Deb Wain	Pyx

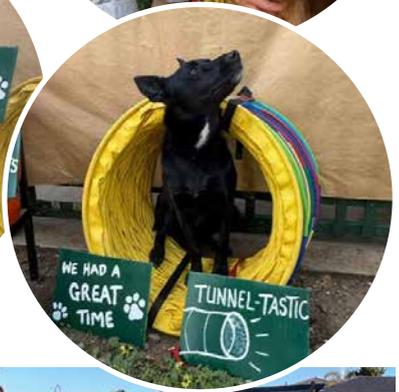
Trials require many hands to help run a smooth event, and approx 30 volunteers contributed time over the weekend (both club members and people from other clubs) – plus those who volunteered their time in the lead up to the trial, planning and coordinating the many jobs needing to be done.

Enormous thanks goes to Trial Secretary Sarah Crocker, Club Committee members and instructors (special shout out to Agility Instructor Meredith Marshall) and generous club members – you are the lifeblood of our club and trials could not be held without you.

Alexandra Gartmann



Click on the code to watch a video of the day.



Congratulations to our Beginners Agility participants! During term 4, Meredith (Instructor) took eight club members and their dogs through the various elements of agility. Building on newly acquired skills each week, the participants gained a practical understanding of the sport, whilst building stronger bonds with their dogs. We look forward to seeing their agility journey continue at Club and trial level. Course participants: Viv & Sully, Sian & Maggie, Hayley & Beau, Damien & Chook, Jodie & Tazzie, Olivia & Chilli, Jillian & Possum, Keith & Jess.



The nose knows! Scent work fun at our workshop

Nicole Crameri and Denise Chrystal joined forces to arrange a Scent Work workshop with Victorian Scent Work Judge and trainer Jo Bates on 17 & 18 January 2026.

It was held at a brilliant venue the Axedale Hall, which provided a parking area, adjoining shady parkland, airconditioned open space, kitchen and multiple other spaces where 'hides' could be set up. The added bonus was a delicious take away shop across the road.

Sixteen Club members and five others participated in the four workshops over the weekend. The topics were: Working Past Distractions, Reading & Trusting Your Dog's Behaviour, Multiple Hides – Knowing When To Call Finish, and Blank Rooms – Is Anything Here? There were six working spots in both sessions on Saturday and on Sunday morning, six dogs were worked with seven in the afternoon session.

From the positive feedback and requests for further sessions I think we can call the weekend a great success. I think the standout pupil was Sharon Donaldson's Swedish Vallhund, both new to Scent Work.

Jo was an excellent presenter, and all sessions were interesting, informative and enjoyable to participate in. Participants will have access to private Facebook groups for the sessions they attended to continue their learning.

Thank you, Jo, for your time, and we look forward to hosting another workshop later in the year.

Denise Chrystal





TAIL-WAGGING TRAINING TIME

Meet the instructors

TERM 4	
Wednesday Classes	
Baby puppies (9.15am)	Denise Chrystal
Older puppies (6pm)	Meredith Marshall
Advanced Beginners (6pm)	Rob Hopman
Beginners (7pm)	Alexandra Gartmann, Sarah Franks
Sunday Classes	
Class 1 (9.30am)	Greg Hicks
Class 2 (9.30am)	Bryn Wedgefod
Class 3 (9.30am)	Merle Hopman
Class 4/5 – social (10.30am)	James Browne
Special Disciplines	
Agility (Sunday morning*)	Meredith Marshall, Alexandra Gartmann, Sarah Crocker
Beginners Agility (Thursday night*)	Meredith Marshall
Tricks (Tuesday night*)	Denise Chrystal, Nicole Crameri
Scent Work (Thursday night*)	Heather Turpie, Sandra Price
Wednesday mornings*	Denise Chrystal, Nicole Crameri
Assistant Instructors	
Sarah Crocker, Clive Hughes, Sian James, Max Donovan, Jodie Bajada	

* Please contact and check session availability and times with instructors.

Want to know what makes our instructors tick?

Some of our instructors have been around the Club for years, whilst others are new to instructors. One thing is clear... they all love their dogs and sharing their knowledge with you!

All instructors are volunteers, and as a Club we aim to provide a cohesive training program for handlers and their dogs making their way through class levels.

To find out more about our Obedience Classes and our Instructors, click on the code to go to our website.



Obedience Class times

Baby Puppy classes

Wednesday 9.15–10.00am

Older Puppies & Advanced Beginners

Wednesday 6.00–6.30pm

Beginners

Wednesday 7.00–7.30pm

Classes 1, 2, 3

Sunday 8.30–9.00am Term 1

9.30–10.00am Terms 2, 3 & 4

Classes 4 & 5

Sunday 9.30–10.00am Term 1

10.30–11.00am Terms 2, 3 & 4

For **term dates**, please refer to the calendar on our website – click on the code.



Did you know we have a library?

That's right! In the club house there is a library corner where you can borrow a range of books – all to do with dogs!

Dogs in general, or specific breeds, there are also early editions of The Recall newsletter.

It's an honour system, and we'll gladly accept donations as well.

Ask a committee member if you're interested to see what's available to borrow.





TAIL-WAGGING TRAINING TIME

Take your training to another level

Joining BODC opens up a world of possibilities with a range of dog sports you and your canine companion can do – be that just training and building your engagement and relationship with your dog or competing and working on building your skills and capabilities.

Sometimes coming along to watch or volunteer at a dog sport competition can help you understand what it’s all about and if it is the sport for you.

In 2026 BODC will be hosting or supporting eight local trials across six disciplines. Reach out to us if you are interested in volunteering at one of these. Some sports have limited capacity for observers so best to volunteer so you can be close to the action and learn.

Date	Discipline	Detail	Location
Saturday 21 March	Tricks	4 rings	BODC grounds
Saturday & Sunday 9 & 10 May	Scent work	Advanced level upwards & all elements	Newbridge *only volunteers can observe
Saturday & Sunday 13 & 14 June	Tracking	All levels	Locations around Woodstock on Loddon *only volunteers can observe
Saturday 20 June	Agility – NADAC	1 ring	BODC grounds
Friday, Saturday & Sunday 24/25/26 July	Track & Search		Locations across Bendigo *only volunteers can observe
Sunday 16 August	Obedience & Rally	4 rings	BODC grounds
Saturday 5 September	Agility - NADAC	1 ring	BODC grounds
Saturday & Sunday 31 October & 1 November	Agility & Jumping - ANKC	Multiple rings	BODC grounds



Want to find out more?
Click on the code to go to the
Dog Sports page on our website.



TAIL-WAGGING TRAINING TIME

Congratulations Graduates – Term 4, 2025

Congratulations to handlers and their dogs on their graduation in Term 4, 2025.

If you do not see your name in the Graduations list, and have not chatted with your instructor, please check with them.

Graduation information

- Handlers and dogs graduate at the end of term if they are ready.
- Graduation is judged on the overall progress made throughout the term and the handler's ability to utilise the training methods.
- There is no formal graduation test.
- Instructors will discuss graduating with handlers and dogs not ready to go into the next class level.
- Instructors welcome questions from handlers and will endeavour to assist where possible.

Click on the code to find out more



Baby Puppies 8-16 weeks to Older Puppies	Advanced Beginners to Class 1
Jaimie with Gia	Xavier with Bandit
Sharon with Dune	Vicki with Benji
Diane and Erin with Ven	Anton with Bindi
Older Puppies to Advanced Beginners	Glen, Millie, Wendy with George
Jodi with Dexter	Bailey with Luna
Jess with Jimmy	Nathan and Rebecca with Maverick
Caroline with Peppa	Advanced Beginners to Class 2
Niamh with Rosie	Merle with Myf
Prue with Ruby	Class 1 to Class 2
Older Puppies to Class 1	Stacey with Atlas
Emma with Jonno	Fay with Bella
Diane and Erin with River	Barbara with Halo
Bronwyn & Janette Rusty	Sarah with Jay
Stacey Gazola Theo	Tania with Louey
Melissa and Nic with Charlie	Chris with Rusty
Beginners to Advanced Beginners	Class 2 to Class 3
Stacey with Bailey	Helen and Guy with Betty
Susan with Cooper	Mandy with Echo
Ash with Gus	Tanya and James with Turbo
Judith and Dennis with Gus	Class 3 to Class 4
Susie with Max	Liz with Abby
Edy and Dale with Murphy	Patricia with Billy
Kellie and Charlotte with Nico	Kahlia with Blinky
Sophia with Nyx	Olivia with Chilli
Kate with Rosie	Ruth and Amanda with Frodo
Jasmine with Theodore	Juliet and Alan with Molly
Beginners to Class 1	Trish with Poppy
Deanne Botterill with Digit	Tanya and James with Rocket
Codie Pascoe with Koda	Colleen with Sophie
John with Lucy	Jodie with Tazzie
Penny with Teddy	Sian with Maggie
Debra with Willow	Class 4 to Class 5
Monique with Ziggy	Members in this class who would like to Trial in Obedience and Rally can work in Class 5 practicing ring skills.
Erin with Allie	
Beginners to Class 2	
Josh with Jasper	
Olivia with Maple	
Kathryn & Tim with Roxy	
Kat with Sonny	



TAIL-WAGGING TRAINING TIME

Stress stacking is cumulative

In puppies and dogs, stress isn't always about a single event. Small, seemingly minor stressors, like unfamiliar noises, new environments, mild restraint, or even hunger, accumulate over the course of the day. This build-up is called stress stacking.

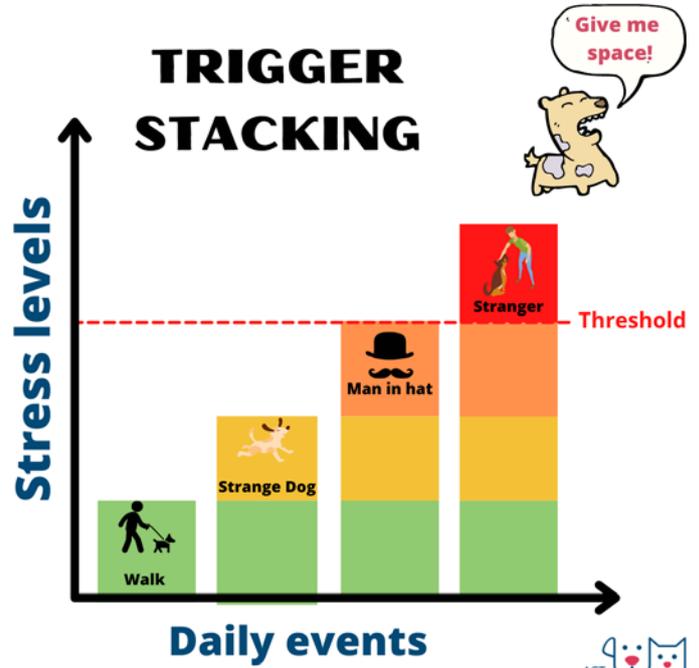
When a dog suddenly “explodes” – snapping, barking, or shutting down – it's often the result of multiple micro-stressors reaching a threshold, rather than one isolated trigger. This can result in your pup reacting to something that is seemingly minor or something they haven't reacted to before. Punishing the peak behaviour misses the point and can actually increase the overall stress load, impairing learning and emotional regulation.

The key is to reduce the stack before it reaches the tipping point:

- Provide predictable routines
- Manage novelty and sensory input gradually
- Ensure basic needs (rest, food, relief) are met
- Offer short, positive recovery periods throughout the day

By recognising the cumulative nature of stress, we can support puppies in developing resilient coping strategies, calmer arousal patterns, and better emotional recovery. Small interventions early prevent the big “explosions” later.

Sourced from Emerald Park Border Collies – check out their Facebook page for more handy tips.



CREDIT: ACT Pet Crisis Support

Something for free! Download training books from DunbarAcademy.com

Baby puppies (and older dogs)!

These books are free to download and can build on your knowledge for teaching your dog basic manners.

Recommended by Instructor Denise for the baby puppies class participants, and also good for handlers of older dogs.



Sourced from the Dunbar Academy website – click on the code to get your free book downloads.

Class 4 training tools in class

For class 4 handle with you to class:

- Dog treats
- Dog toy

See you in class!





TAIL-WAGGING TRAINING TIME

Interacting with a Seeing Eye Dog

The importance of Seeing Eye Dogs etiquette

Seeing Eye Dogs help people who are blind move through the community more freely, allowing them to maintain active and independent lives.

When a Seeing Eye Dog is at work, they are trained to ignore distractions. This supports the safety and wellbeing of both the dog and their handler. It's also vital for community inclusion that Seeing Eye Dogs behave appropriately in spaces that are usually off limits to pet dogs.

Keep reading for commonly asked questions about Seeing Eye Dog etiquette.

Why can't you touch a Seeing Eye Dog?

Pats and cuddles from dog lovers may be well-intentioned, but they distract Seeing Eye Dogs from their important job. This is why if you see a Seeing Eye Dog in harness or wearing a coat, you should be aware that they are at work. Never distract, feed or touch a Seeing Eye Dog at work without express permission from their handler.

Can my dog sniff or greet a Seeing Eye Dog?

If you are walking your pet dog by a Seeing Eye Dog, please keep them under control and on a leash to pass by without distraction. It's important not to let your pet dogs sniff and greet a Seeing Eye Dog while they're working to avoid distractions and risk.

How can I help someone with a Seeing Eye Dog?

If you meet someone with a dog guide, remember that their Seeing Eye Dog is supporting their independence and they may not require any assistance in some scenarios. The best approach is to ask the person if they would like any help, as you would with someone who has full use of their sight.

You don't need to avoid offering help to someone with a Seeing Eye Dog, but remember that it's polite to speak directly to the person rather than their dog.

Keeping pathways clear of obstacles

Trimming bushes and trees to your fence line to avoid overhanging onto the footpath

How can I make my home or business more accessible to Seeing Eye Dogs?

There are many ways you can make your environment more accessible to people with Seeing Eye Dogs. These include:

Leave doors fully open or fully closed

Treat people like you would any other customer by making them feel welcome

If you use signage to prohibit dogs, include wording to let people know that service dogs, assistance dogs and Seeing Eye Dogs are welcome

What is the best way to accompany someone with a Seeing Eye Dog?

If your walking companion is working with a Seeing Eye Dog, try to position yourself slightly behind their right shoulder. If they instruct their dog to "follow" and you are providing directions, walk about one metre ahead and continue talking to the person.

What do I do if I see something wrong with a Seeing Eye Dog?

You can alert a person to any unusual behaviour or change in physical appearance of their dog. They can determine the best course of action depending on the situation and whether they need further assistance.

Where can Seeing Eye Dogs go in Australia?

A Seeing Eye Dog can legally accompany their handler in any public space including restaurants, retail outlets, public transport, taxis and more. There are very few exemptions to this law, with operating theatres and some walk-through exhibits in zoos the only place where a dog guide couldn't work effectively. You can learn more about access rights here.

Remember...

Seeing Eye Dogs are welcome everywhere

Article and image source: www.visionaustralia.org





TAIL-WAGGING TRAINING TIME

Ready for class? Things to remember

We all look forward to our training days and we want everyone to get the most out of the sessions offered by BODC volunteer instructors. The following are a few things that will help ensure that everything runs smoothly and that disruptions are minimised. We only have a precious 30 minutes after all.

- **Footwear**

For safety reasons, please ensure you are wearing sturdy, closed in footwear at all times.

- **Parking**

Parking behind the clubhouse is restricted to committee members and instructors. Please keep roadways clear to ensure ease of access for all using the carpark. You will need to park on the road if the carpark is full.

- **Arrive early**

If you are late the instructor can ask you to leave to keep class harmony and dogs settled.

- **Dogs are to be on lead at all times unless instructed to be off lead by an instructor**

Off lead play before or after class needs to occur on the tennis courts or in the puppy pens. While your dog may be okay, it may be cause stress or over excitement for other dogs.

- **Signing in prior to class**

Please ensure you sign in prior to starting class each week. After your first session, you'll have a name badge. Please wear it to every session. Signing in and wearing your badge are insurance requirements.

- **Collar and lead**

We encourage everyone to aim to train their dogs in flat collars. However an alternative, such as a harness or martingale, may enable the training outcome in a safer manner. Their use is implemented after a review of purpose and fit with your instructor.

Your lead should be longer than a metre as short leads restrict ability to train the skills we aim to teach.

- **Watch your dog please!**

Watch what your dog is doing before and after class and in between exercises. Eyeballing the dog next to them (causing the other dog to react) and marking on equipment must be avoided.

Remember, to get the most out of your training, practise what you learn in class each week at home! 10 minutes every day makes a difference.



- **Yellow vest – Give Me Space**

Give other members and their dogs who are wearing a yellow high-vis vest space before and after class as well as during training. Please show your respect and support for these handlers and their dogs by giving them ample space.

- **Lots of treats!**

We want to reward our dogs. Special soft treats with high reward value (eg cooked sausage, devon, cheese) aid with training. Make sure they are easily accessible (in a pouch is ideal). Class 4 are reminded to bring a toy as well as treats.

- **Mobile Phones**

Don't use your phone in class! If you are expecting an important call, please inform your instructor – remove yourself from the class prior to answering. Check with the instructor prior to re-joining the class.





TAIL-WAGGING TRAINING TIME

Give me space

Our club has adopted the yellow **Give Me Space** policy. Handlers with dogs who need a bit more space to feel comfortable will wear a yellow hi-vis **Give Me Space** vest during class time. Vests are available from the club house for use each training session.

How much space do they need? We estimate that 4–5 metres is best. But watch the dog, their handler, and your dog and adjust accordingly.

Be aware of your dog's behaviour and of your surroundings whilst at training. Anyone who refuses to wear a yellow vest when asked to do so, will not be permitted to train.

For full information, click on the code.



Training Reminder – Heat Policy

If the weather forecast for a training day (as issued the day before at 6pm) is for **35°C or over, practical training is cancelled**. There will be a Facebook post to confirm the cancellation of classes.

Remember, you know your dog best – if the weather is likely to unsettle them, even if training isn't cancelled, you might think about what the best approach is for you.

Members are invited to come for a DVD or an information session – do not bring your dogs.



Training Reminder – Storms

There will be **a post on the Club Facebook page if training is to be cancelled** due to heavy rain, wind or storms.

As with the heat policy this will remain in place even if the storms pass closer to training time as it is too hard to let people know at the last minute.



STAY PAWSOME!

BODC Facebook Page Code of Conduct

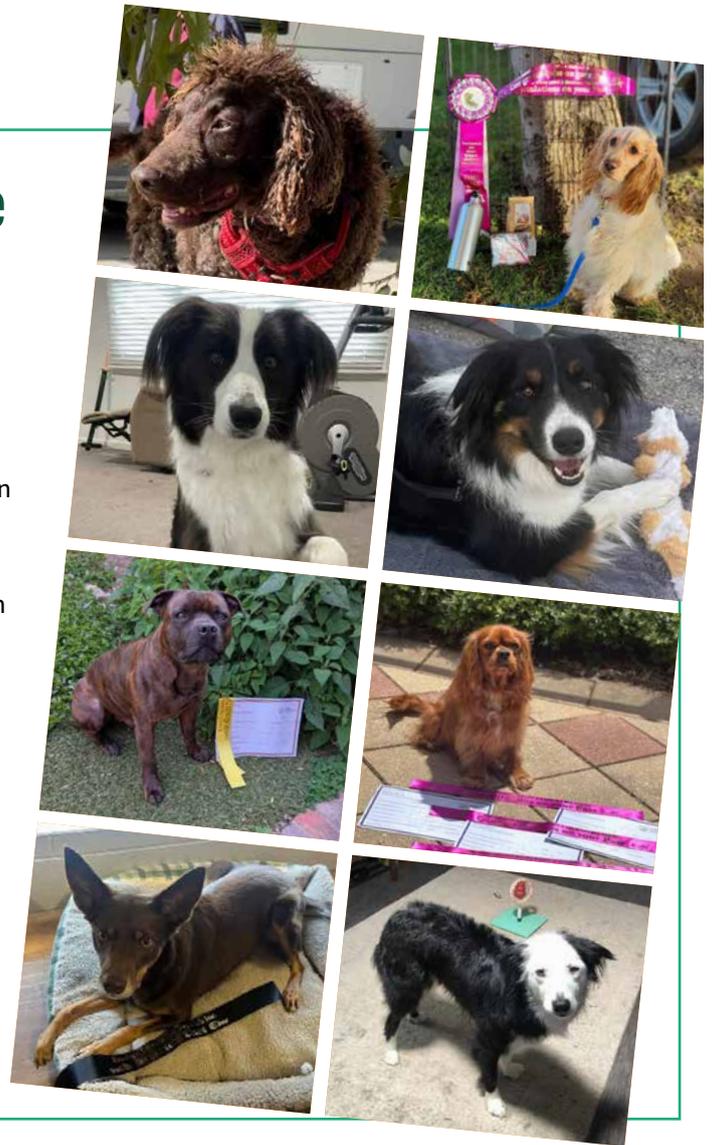
Our Club Facebook page is aimed at being a hub of shared experiences, information and an informal discussion on dogs and dog events.

Members are encouraged to post their photos, stories, information and share other links in relation to their dogs, training and other topical canine news.

Members posting on our Facebook page are expected to behave in a respectful manner and adhere to the Code of Conduct. In short:

- Respect to others:
 - Be respectful when posting and keep comments supportive or constructive.
 - No comments that express disagreement in a manner that shames, condemns or insults other members and/or clubs is allowed. These comments will be removed immediately.
- Confidentiality: Please keep in mind that our Facebook page is a public space, so don't post anything that you don't want the world to see.

The full BODC Facebook Code of Conduct can be viewed on our website.



Did you know that Bendigo Obedience Dog Club is a CDS Vic Donation Partner?

What does this mean?

This means that the club is part of the **Container Deposit Recycling Scheme** and you can choose to donate your 10c deposit for bottles and cans to support our club.

How can I participate?

On your CDSVic App, you can select to donate your refund total; or when you return your containers to a collection point for refund, scan the barcode shown here.

The club has copies of the barcode laminated that you can keep handy in your car/wallet etc. If you would like one, please ask one of the team after training.

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PLEASE DO NOT BRING CONTAINERS TO THE CLUB!

To find CDS locations go to: <https://cdsvic.org.au/locations>



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Don't forget our website!

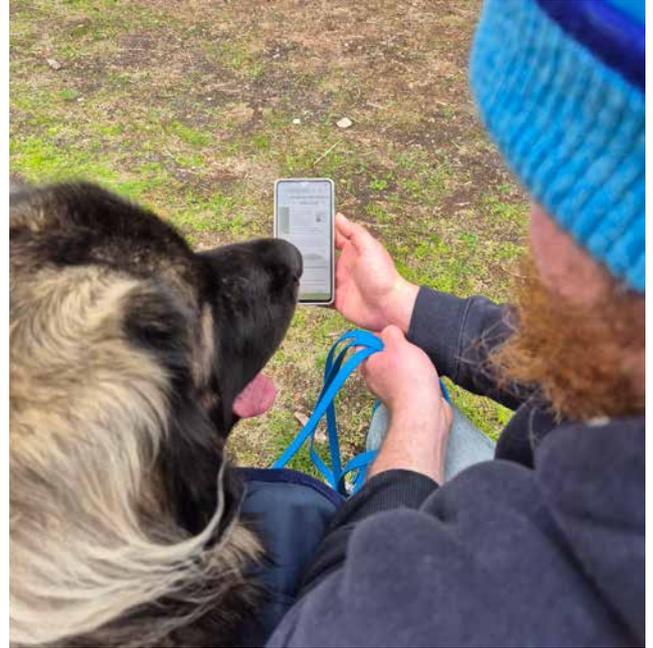
Our website is an informative source of Club information, so keep checking back for new content. You will find:

- Enrolment information / yearly fees
- Calendar of training and events
- Dog sports information
- History of our club

.... and much more!

Feedback is always welcome! Please email any suggestions to bendigoodcnews@gmail.com

So for now, don't sit, drop or stay – click on the code to check out our website!



Club Sponsors

Bendigo Obedience Dog Club thanks our valued sponsors for their support.



We'd love to hear from you!

Do you have any feedback for our newsletter, or maybe you have your own training journey to share, please let us know. Email bendigoodcnews@gmail.com

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