

**Taking The Lead** 



# The Recall April / May 2012



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## Profiles of the month wanted:

If you would like to have your and your four legged friends story to appear in future magazines please email Dani your story at the below email address:

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April 2012

CLUB INFORMATION

# President's Report - AGM 2012

#### Hello Everyone,

Late in 2010, it was decided that we would change our class times to assist with the lack of instructors and we also changed what we were teaching in each class. Puppies and beginners were changed to Wednesday evening, mainly because owners and their puppies were already attending Vet Puppy Classes and it seemed like a natural progression. Wednesday night classes started off slowly with about 4 or 5 attending regularly with a few faithful training on Sundays. It seems that the changes the Committee made proved very successful and probably even saved the club. Throughout 2011 the club moved forward strongly with 144 new Members joining and many more renewing their memberships .Wednesdays had a regular attendance of approximately 30 and Sundays would have approximately 24 regulars. In all sorts of weather, they just kept coming back; so much so, we have had to introduce a Class 5.All end of Term Graduations were well attended, and most would return for the next term. At this point I must say a big thankyou to all our Instructors who continue to give their time and have contributed to the Club moving forward. It is a great pleasure to also welcome our new group of Trainee Instructors who have volunteered to assist on Wednesday nights.

The Club hosted a range of events throughout the year, starting with our Tracking Trial being held over 2 days. Thank you all helpers and a special thank you to Pat Lumsden our Trial Secretary. Once again we supplied a casserole lunch which is always a "hit" after a long day out in the paddocks.

Our next Trial was Track & Search l Tests 4 to 6; and thankyou to Denise Chrystal for taking on the job of Trial Secretary. Again thank you all to helpers involved with the trial and also to the people who helped prepare the roast dinner. As always there is a lot of work and preparation that goes on behind the scene.

Our last trial of the year was the Obedience Trial, and as at other Club entries seem to be declining. However the competitors that do enter always comment on how relaxed the atmosphere is and what an enjoyable day they have. With lots of helpers the day ran very smoothly and many thanks to those people.

Various other events that took place were the Basic Agility Workshop, the Agility Trialling Classes, Tracking and Track and Search Workshops, and our Bunnings Fund Raiser was well supported with willing helpers. Our Agility Trial had to be cancelled as we did not have a Trial Secretary, however I am very pleased to say that Sarah Crocker has volunteered to take on this position for 2012. Plans are already under way and we hope that the grounds remain in the condition they are in now.

In closing I would like to thank all the Committee for all their efforts over the last 12 months. It is evident that there is a new feeling around the Club, and it is encouraging to see that some Members have nominated for positions; bringing new ideas and enthusiasm.

On a personal I wish to thank everyone for their encouragement, support and friendship. Happy Training

Cheers Sandra Price - President



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

## AGM 2012

Congratulations to our hard working President, Sandra Price for leading the Club in a very successful year. Sandra has successfully steered the Club through all the changes we made in our training style and schedule. I would personally like to thank her for all the support she gives me – it has been a great year. A big thank you to the Club's small, but hard working Committee, of Wendy Maddern, Kerry Needs, Lyndsey Brown, Maureen Pay, Bill and Anne Earl.

The best part of this year has been seeing a new and enthusiastic group of members who have been coming along to training throughout the year and are now joining our ranks of trainers and very active club members, including a new Newsletter editor. It gives "us oldies" a lot of enthusiasm to keep going when you see the Club you love running so happily. Thank you to those who have come aboard on the Committee, we so welcome your input - new blood and new ideas are most welcome.

We held three very successful trials this year – Tracking, our first Track and Search and Obedience – but unfortunately we had to cancel our Agility Trial due to the lack of a Trial Secretary. Thank you to everyone who organised and worked so hard for the trials, especially our Trial Secretaries – Pat Lumsden, Denise Chrystal and Sandra Price. Also thank you to Kerry and Sonya Needs who held a Tracking Workshop weekend for interested members.

I would like to congratulate our members who had a successful trialling year and gained titles. Keep on trying to those others who are on their way.

Thank you also to the members who took part in our annual Sausage Sizzle at Bunning in 2011. It is a great money raiser for the Club and well worth the long day.

Once again it is time for the AGM and a few of the Committee have not renominated. We would like to thank Anne and Bill Earl - your contribution over many years is really valued, thank you for everything you have done for the Club and also for your continued work in keeping the grass in the Puppy Pens under control. Thank you also to Maureen Pay who works quietly behind the scenes. We hope to see you all around the Club still.

Heather Turpie Secretary 2011

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Bendigo Obedience Dog Club AGM INFORMATION Just to keep everyone informed here is a brief summary of what happened at the AGM held March 21<sup>st</sup> 2012. Thank you to those who attended. We had a nice supper afterwards and watched an Ian Dunbar training DVD. A very relaxing evening.

The following people were elected to the Executive and Committee of the Club. A very big thank you to all the new committee members for coming forward, it is wonderful to have a complete Committee. Thank you also to the "older" members for standing again.

**PRESIDENT:** Sandra Price

VICE PRESIDENT: Kerry Needs

SECRETARY & PUBLIC OFFICER Heather Turpie

TREASURER: Lyndsey Brown

#### **COMMITTEE:**

Wendy Maddern Raelene Boykett Louise O'Bryen Juliana Cafarella Sarah Crocker Chris Jackson Danielle Osborne Greg Hicks Merrin Hicks Denise Chrystal

#### LIFE MEMBER

We were delighted to welcome Wendy Maddern as our newest Life Member. A lot of you wouldn't realise just how much work Wendy does for the Club. She is usually first to arrive and sets up everything on training days. Wendy is always at any function we hold with her sleeves rolled up working hard. As you would know she is a very dedicated instructor and photographer as well. Congratulations Wendy, very well deserved.

#### **CHARITY DONATION**

Each year the Club donates \$100 to a Charity nominated by a member. This year the money is going to Pets Haven Animal Shelter.

#### BODC CLUB LOGO COMPETITION

Congratulations to Kerry Needs for her entry which was judged the best one "TAKING THE LEAD". Thank you to everyone who entered, you came up with some great ideas. You will see the logo in the newsletter and on letterhead





	GRADUATIONS:	
	PUPPY CLASS TO CLASS 1	
Owen Davies & Ted	Pam Davies & Rex	Tim Nicholson & Cooper
Max Donovan & Venus	Courtney Smith & Opie	Jacob Ware & Zeus
	Puppy Class to Beginners:	
	Beginners to Class 1:	
Cheryl Coffey & Maddi	Helen Brown & Elsie	Agnes Benezik & Swanny
Sharon Slater & Halle	Harrison Dewar & Rex	Doug White & Monti
Felice McNabb & Eddy		
	Class 1 to Class 2:	
Trish Harvey & Milly	Sharyn Scoble & Molly	Rosie Punton & Taser
	Class 2 to Class 3:	
Anabell Weiss & Gypsy		
	Class 3 to Class 4:	
Brooke Garth & Chino	Danielle Osborne & Miley	Chris Jones & Diesel
Raelene Boykett & Dottie		
	Class 4 to Class 5:	
Greg Hoggan & Jake	Julianna Cafarella & Ruby	Chris Jackson & Fergus
	Encouragement Awards:	
	Beginner Agility:	
Greg Hoggan & Jake	Julianna Cafarella & Ruby	Eileen Perry & Spock















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  Coffee shop for light lunches and snacks.
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  - facilities . Public toilets including disabled baby-changing
  - faciliti Ample parking for cars, caravans and buses

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## MEETING DATES

Just a reminder that all BODC members are welcome to come to our regular monthly meetings and have a say on anything they would like to put forward to improve the way the Club runs. The meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month except December. They start at 7:30 and we try very hard to keep them as short as possible. Even if you don't want to put any ideas forward you are still most welcome to come along - you never know when something may come up that you would like to comment on.

## **BODC INSTRUCTOR PROFILE – KERRY NEEDS**

I started training dogs 21 years ago when I got my first kelpie, 'Kiefer' – Sutherland's Son CD. He had behaviour problems, all brought about and reinforced by my treatment of him. He constantly pilfered food off benches and had the worst case of separation anxiety I have seen in 21 years of training. Kiefer would constantly whinge if he wasn't within three feet of me.

I learnt so much from training him, mostly what I was doing wrong. I began instructing at the Murray Valley Obedience Dog Club in Mildura, whilst training Kiefer. Having a problem dog and overcoming some of those problems helped me as a trainer. We managed to obtain his first obedience title, and he was doing well with tracking until he developed cancer and was put down at the age of 6 years.

My second kelpie, Indi came from Heather Turpie (club secretary). What a fantastic dog! Indi was my experimental dog. I went to workshops, listened to trainers and watched everyone. We tried many different training techniques. Indi was not very motivated in the obedience ring. It was this problem that pushed me to seek more knowledge and realise how little I knew about dogs. I persisted and learnt more about what a dog needs. During his life Indi achieved seven titles in tracking, obedience and endurance and I gained a wealth of knowledge along the way. Not only that, I had a wonderful companion dog that almost never needed a lead because he was under control and very well behaved.

After much consideration I introduced a new dog into our happy pack of two. Ruairidh (pronounced Rory) joined our pack and fit in well. He was both a challenge and easy to train. A challenge because he has a very high play drive and easy because he learnt good behaviour from Indi. Ruairidh needed much more mental stimulation. To keep their minds occupied I taught both dogs lots of tricks. Indi's most useful trick was to go outside and when he came back in, he would close the door behind him.

Ruairidh became a registered canine actor and has been in a short movie and two television commercials. Acting has given us both a challenge, satisfying Ruairidh's need to keep his mind busy and for me, learning him in a variety of exercises from a distance with hand signals. Ruairidh so far, has achieved his tracking championship, CCD obedience and endurance titles. He's herding, learning agility, going to participate in flyball and treibball. It's all part of keeping that high drive satisfied.

Fergus is my newest dog and was an unexpected arrival in our pack. He'd been mistreated by a show handler and as a result, has behaviour issues. This has given me my biggest challenge. He's improving with time and patience. He has also been in print commercials for Pal Pedigree. That experience was a great test for him in trusting strangers, which he did with a lot of courage. He is now very good with most people and learning to trust again.

I lost Indi, age 15, in July last year, which has caused a lot of changes in our pack. My dogs missed him and I was devastated. The loss of a pack member is a terrible sorrow that breaks any heart, dog or handler.

My belief in good dog training is to understand dog behaviour, from being alpha of the pack to learning 'dog speak'- the use of their body language. Having a little knowledge of dog behaviour deepens the bond you share with your dog and makes them a happier, contented companion. My other belief is that there is always more to learn, no matter what you already know.

I enjoy helping dogs and handlers and am happy to volunteer as an instructor, particularly at Bendigo, which is such a good club. For me, the payment comes in seeing the improvement in the relationship between people and their dogs.

March 2012



'Fergus' – Glendari Gotta Be Red (on left)

'Ruairidh' – T CH Glendari Red King CCD ET

Introductory Agility Course

## Commencing in Term 2 – 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

#### **Requirements to participate:**

- Dog needs to have a reliable recall as some work is off-lead.
- Soft collar (NO chains, gentle leaders/halties or harnesses are allowed for the safety of the dogs as they can catch on the equipment)
- Minimum age of 9 months for the dog. Dogs less than 14 months of age may be restricted in some activities due to the impact on soft bones/joints. This is to prevent injury to growing puppies.

#### **Course Outline:**

The course will introduce both dog and handler to the different equipment and is designed as a familiarisation course for both, leading to the safe (and fun) activity of Agility. Foundations of agility will be taught such as jumping, tunnels, dog walk and weave poles for the dog and handling skills with clear commands and body signals to the dog.

#### **Course Dates/Time:**

The classes will be held on Sundays at 10:30am after the obedience classes, commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> April to the 24<sup>th</sup> June. Due to competition commitments, classes will NOT be held on the following Sundays: 13<sup>th</sup> May & 17<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **Enrolment & Participation:**

Class size is limited to 10 dogs & handlers. If you wish to participate, please complete the below enrolment form and return with payment of \$40 to Sarah Crocker. These can also be left with Heather in the office.

All participants are expected to assist in the set up and pack up of the equipment each week.

Name:	Dog Name:	_Age: _	

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Any behavioural issues the dog may have: eg timid of people/dogs, scared of loud noises. This information will assist the instructors getting the best from your dog.

Any previous injury or illness: eg elbow operation. Activities can then be modified if needed so no further injury is caused.

April 2012





Welcome to the first edition of the Doggie Diner. Here it will be all about the food. Do you make your own dog food or treats? Any recipes or ideas you have, please feel free to submit them for inclusion on this page.

Is your pooch's birthday coming up? Having a dog party? Try making a birthday "cake" for the occasion! I first made this for a dog's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday party.

## Birthday Cake (aka Meatloaf)

- 1kg Mince (pet, beef, roo etc)
  - 1 Zuchinni (chopped or grated)
    - 2 Carrots (chopped or grated)
      - 2 tablespoons of Vegemite
      - Parsley (finely chopped)
      - 2 eggs
      - 2 cups of rolled oats / quickoats (may need more or less depending on

moisture / fat in the mix)

#### Method:

- 1. Mix all ingredients together except for the rolled oats. Once mixed begin adding the rolled oats a bit at a time, mixing them in well. Keep adding rolled oats until you reach a similar consistency to normal meatloaf.
- 2. Press the mixture into a loaf tin and cook on 180oC for 40-45 minutes. Allow to cool, turn out and serve!!!





## Can my dog eat that?

Many of us feed our dogs scraps or food from the table. Whilst in many instances this is fine we all need to be aware that the dog stomachs are designed

to digest different food to us. Some foods are dangerous and possibly deadly to dogs.

## **Chocolate Toxicity:**

Chocolate contains theobromine, a compound that is a cardiac stimulant and a diuretic. When affected by an overdose of chocolate, a dog can become excited and hyperactive. Due to the diuretic effect, it may pass large volumes of urine and it will be unusually thirsty. Vomiting and diarrhoea are also common. The effect of theobromine on the heart has the most dangerous effect. Theobromine will either increase the dog's heart rate or may cause the heart to beat irregularly. Death is quite

possible, especially with exercise. Cocoa powder and cooking chocolate are the most toxic forms. These forms of chocolate contain ten times more theobromine than milk chocolate.

## Calling all Members!! Agility Trial – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Assistance is needed from club members to help organise and run a successful event.

Some things need to be organised or done before the day (eg, sponsorship/bbq) and others need people on the day (eg, changing equipment height). I am looking for people to assist with the following:

Before the trial:

Event Sponsorship – prizes for winners & place getters

Organising the raffle & prizes (may link in with the sponsorship) Organising a bbq Plus more

On the day:

Drinks/Food sales Judges Lunches Ring Stewards & Assistants Plus more



This list may not be complete. If you are able to

assist either before the day or on trial day, please contact Sarah. The more people who can assist, the smaller the work load will be for everyone.











The 2012 Easter Procession was a huge success. We all had a great day and found the experience of



noise, crowds, clapping and cheering a worthwhile experience!!!!! **Thank you to the following members who participated!!!** Sandra & Harvey, Heather, Wendy (our official photographer), Danielle & Miley, Sharyn & Molly, Raelene & Dottie, Chris & Diesel, Julianna & Ruby, Greg & Indi, Marie & Jack, Sarah & Kelie, Chris & Fergus, Trish & Milly, Sue & Lottie, Rena & Shanti, Kate & Maverick, Madison & Bethany - our cart pushers

# Waiting to start!!!











# Walking in the procession!!!





Membership Prices:

#### **New Members Joining:**

- Single Membership
- Family Membership \$70
- Junior Membership from 8 years of age \$35

#### **Returning Members:**

- Single Membership \$40
- Family Membership \$50
- Junior Membership from 8 years of age

Please note these prices are for each term. Please pay your membership fee at the beginning of each term and your name tag will be updated.

\$25

\$50

CLASS T	IMES – Obediend	ce / Agility
WEDNESDAY	SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
6:00 PM	9.30 AM	6.45PM
PUPPIES	CLASS 1	Beginners Agility
BEGINNERS	CLASS 2	0 0 1
	CLASS 3	
	CLASS 4	
Cla	sses run over the school	term

Dates and Jimes to Remember:		
Wednesday 18th April	Term 2 – Puppy & Beginners resumes	
Sunday 22nd April	Term 2 – Classes 1, 2, 3 & 4 resumes	
	Introduction to Agility Starts	
Wednesday 2nd May	Term 2 – Beginners Agility resumes	
Sat 31 April & Sun 1 May	Tracking Information session	
Wednesday 27th June	Puppy, Beginners & Beginners Agility Gradation	
Sunday 24th June	Class 1, 2, 3 & 4 Graduation	
Sat & Sun 16th / 17th June	BODC – Tracking Trial, Woodstock on Loddon	
Saturday 14th July	BODC – Agility Trial, Finn St	
Fri, Sat, Sun 3, 4 & 5 Aug	BODC – Track and Search Trial, Finn St	
Sunday 19th August	BODC- Obedience / Rally Trial, Finn St (No Training)	



