

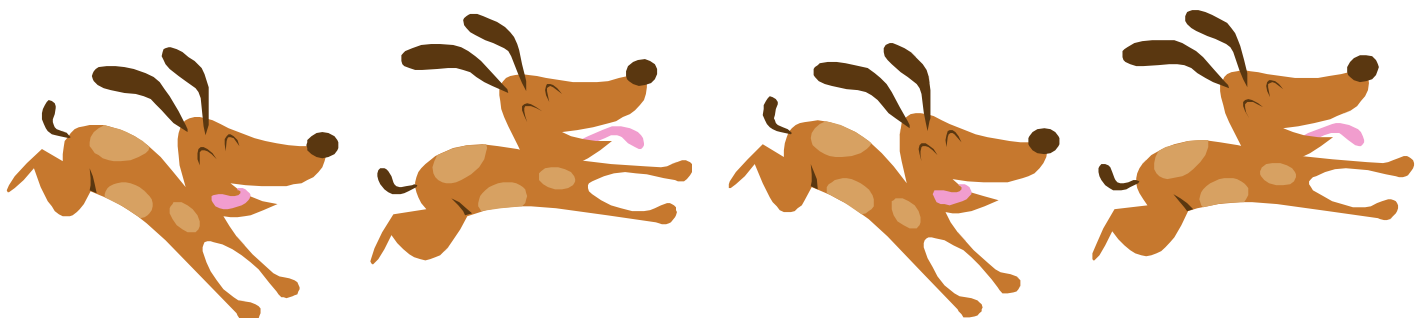


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The Recall

February 2013



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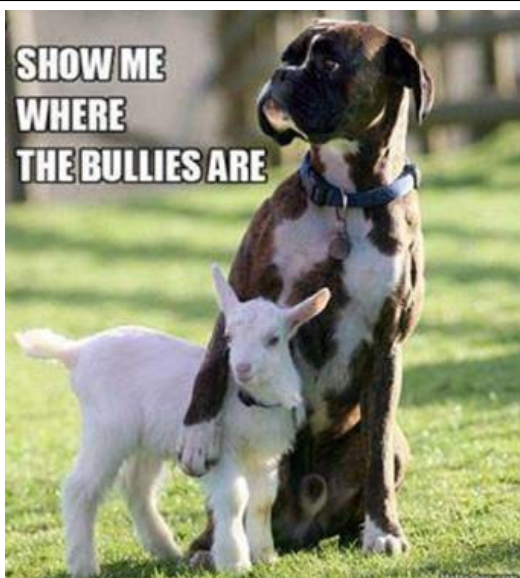
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Newsletter Items

If you have any newsletter items that you would like in our monthly newsletter or would like to have your and your four legged friend/s story/profile to appear in future newsletters please email Dani with your items to the below email address:

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CLUB INFORMATION

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hello to all our members – welcome back to our “old” members and to our new members and I hope you enjoy and find your time with us helpful and rewarding. I hope you all had a happy Christmas and a good start to 2013. It was good to see the Puppy members coming to training through the break.

As you will see elsewhere in the Newsletter there is notification of our AGM which will be held on the third Wednesday in March. Thank you to all the Executive and Committee for the great job they have done through 2012. I sincerely hope they will all come back on board again in 2013. If any members would like to nominate and become involved in running the Club and generally helping out with the many tasks this involves please do so.

Once again our fantastic Instructors did a wonderful job through 2012 and we are always looking for any members who would like to become trainee instructors to help lighten the load. If you would like to become an instructor please talk to either an instructor or Committee member, we would welcome you with open arms. We realize it may be a bit frightening to be put out in front of a large group but when you start off you would be working with an experienced instructor while you learn. Even if you can't instruct every week it would help share the workload of those few instructors who work so hard each week. As you can see the Instructors have their own dogs to train too.

Also in the Newsletter is a form to enter our slogan competition for 2013. Last year we adopted “Take The Lead”. As this year is our 50th Anniversary we would like the slogan to reflect this in some way. The winner will be announced at the AGM in March.

I would also ask our members to come forward with suggestions for things they would like to see us do – this could involve training, fun activities etc. We really need our members to be part of the Club and this will only happen if you become involved and tell us what you want.

Till next time – happy training and trialling - Heather and the Kelpie/Welsh Corgi Clan





Graduations



GRADUATIONS:

PUPPY CLASS TO CLASS 1

Puppy Class to Beginners:

Sophie Gaston & Winston

BEGINNERS TO CLASS 1

Nadia Reid & Kelly

Class 1 to Class 2:

Nadia Reid & Kelly

Sue Gray & Spencer

Emma Robertson & Ellen

Neale Edwards & Meisha

Erin McGiffin & Five

Class 2 to Class 3:

Michelle Patterson & Kaiser

Rina McEwan & Shanti

Class 3 to Class 4:

Eileen Perry & Spock

Sharyn Scoble & Molly

Susan Wood & Indi

Class 4 to Class 5:

Terry Reily & Molly

Sarah Crocker & Mac

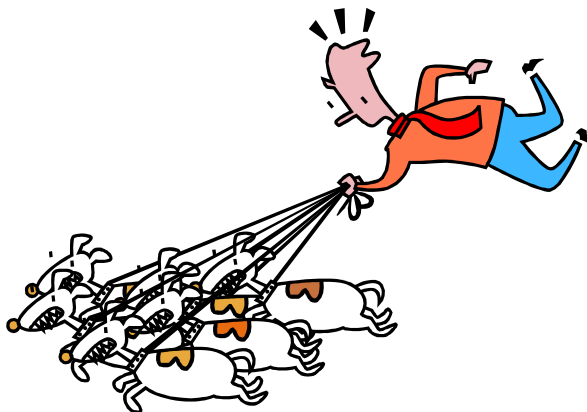
Encouragement Awards:

Michelle Patterson & Kaiser

CLUB RULES

The following Rules of the Bendigo Obedience Dog Club have been adopted for the benefit and safety of all club Members and apply to all, at all times during training, and at any function organised or participated in by the club.

1. Membership tags are to be worn at training at all times, it helps the instructor to get to know you and your dog's name.
2. All members are urged to be punctual at training sessions. Late comers will not be able to join the class unless invited by the instructor.
3. All dogs must be immunised. Proof of vaccination is required when joining.
4. Bitches in season are not permitted at training.
5. Dogs not permitted off lead, unless under supervision by an instructor.
6. All droppings are to be removed immediately by handler and placed in bins provided.
7. Dogs must not be left unattended in cars during hot weather.
8. Dogs suffering from any contagious disease or illness must not be brought to training.
9. No smoking while training.
10. Sensible footwear should be worn, thongs are not permitted in class as they are dangerous.
11. If you wish to use Club equipment, help put it out and away.
12. Should any member wish to lodge a complaint, or request clarification regarding Committee's management of club affairs and/or the conduct of the weekly training classes, such complaint or request for clarification must either be made verbally at the next general meeting, or be made in writing, to be tabled at the next General Meeting.
13. Ask permission to approach another member's dog and when socialising make it one on one.
14. Before and after class a maximum of 4 dogs running together in each of the puppy pens. Take the larger dogs to the tennis courts. Owners must be with them at all times.



Training Dates For 2013

During our summer break we will be holding BABY PUPPY ONLY classes on Wednesday January 16th and 23rd

TRAINING FOR 2013

Puppy, Beginner and Class 1 commence - Wednesday January 30th.
Classes 2, 3 & 4 - Sunday February 3rd

Term 1 - 1st block

Puppies, Beginners & Class 1 Wednesday January 30th - March 27th.
Classes 2, 3 & 4 Sunday Feb 3rd - March 24th
(School term 29th Jan - March 28th)

Term 2 - 2nd block

Classes 2, 3 & 4 Sunday April 14th - June 23rd.
Puppies, Beginners & Class 1 Wednesday April 17th - June 26th
(School term 15th April - 28th June)

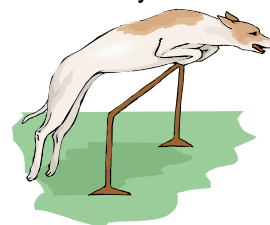
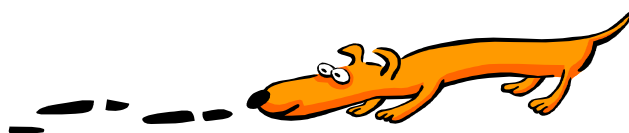
Term 3 - 3rd block

Classes 2, 3 & 4 Sunday July 14th - Sept 15th.
Puppies, Beginners & Class 1 Wednesday July 17th - Sept 18th.
(School term 15th July - 20th Sept)

Term 4 - 4th block

Classes 2, 3 & 4 Sunday Oct 6th - Dec 1st.
Puppies, Beginners & Class 1 Wednesday Oct 9th - November 29th
Christmas break up for all classes - Sunday December 1st
(School term 7th Oct to 20th Dec.)





Notice of

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

BENDIGO OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.

Notice is Hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the
BENDIGO OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.

Will be held at the

**John Freeman Clubroom
Finn St. Reserve
Finn St. North Bendigo**

On Wednesday March 20th 2013 at 7:30 pm.

The following positions will be declared vacant –

**PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
TREASURER
10 COMMITTEE POSITIONS**

Nominations for the above positions close on February 27th 2013. Please forward nomination forms (available from the office or below) to the Secretary – Heather Turpie
PO Box 2396, Bendigo Mail Centre, Bendigo 3554 or hand them to her at Club.

Items to be included on the Agenda for the AGM must be received by the Secretary
on or before February 27th 2013.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE FEBRUARY 27th 2013

AGENDA ITEMS CLOSE FEBRUARY 27th 2013

Bendigo Obedience Dog Club Inc. Nomination Form 2013

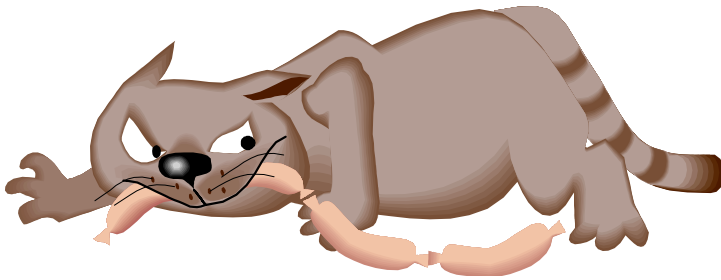
POSITION: _____

NOMINEE: _____ SIGNED BY NOMINEE: _____

NOMINATED BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

DATE: _____ V.C.A. MEMBERSHIP NO: _____

SAUSAGE SIZZLE



Each year we hold a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings in Kangaroo Flat. This is the only Fund Raiser we hold and we are very fortunate that Bunnings has such a good set up for Community Groups. We raise between \$700 and \$900 which is a really great help to the Club. It is also money raised outside our members and although it is a huge day it is well worth the effort.

We will be holding our annual "Sizzle" on Saturday May 25th and we would appreciate anyone who can come along and help so if you have 1 hour to spare on that day please speak to Heather or Sandra. We would really appreciate any time you can give on the day and we do have a lot of fun!!!!


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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.



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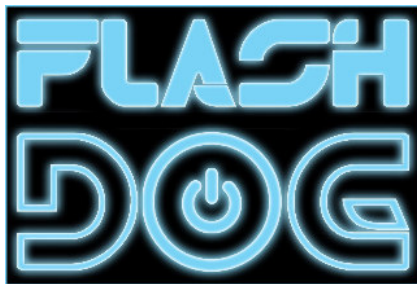

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CLUB SLOGAN COMPETITION

Enter our competition to find a short/sharp slogan for BODC for 2013. In 2012 our slogan was 'TAKE THE LEAD'. I am sure you can come up with something you think shows what you feel about Club and what you are doing

The entries will be judged and the winner announced at the AGM to be held on the 3rd Wednesday of March. We want to be able to use the slogan when we are out and about at events like the Easter Procession and to put on our letterhead. There will be a small prize for the winner. Enter as many times as you like and hand the entries in to the office or email them to Heather gturpie@bigpond.net.au.

PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAPS AND REMEMBER THIS IS OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY SO YOUR SLOGAN COULD REFLECT SOMETHING TO DO WITH THAT.



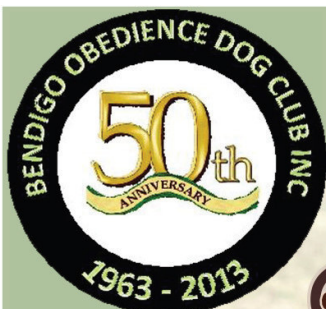
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Suggested by : _____



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Profile of the Month: Danielle & Miley

Owner: Danielle Nixon **Dog's Name:** Miley

Breed: Border Collie **Age:** 2 years old

When/Where:

Miley came from a breeder in Lara (in-between Ballarat and Geelong). Leon and I found this breeder through friends who brought a dog from the same breeder. We contacted the breeder and put our names down for a female pup in their next litter. We were very excited to hear when Mindy (Miley's mum) delivered 5 healthy pups – 4 boys and 1 girl.

Tell Us More:

When it came to picking up Miley we picked up one of her brothers also – Joe. Joe is living on the farm with Leon's uncle and Miley loves going to the farm to visit her brother.

As a pup Miley was a VERY active puppy who loved playing, going for walks and runs. No matter how much exercise we gave Miley before and after work she just couldn't get enough. Leon and I decided to send Miley to Righteous Pups Community Dogs program one day a week – where Miley goes and plays / socializes with other dogs and learns lots tricks and works on her obedience skills – She just loves it and comes home so tired after being there for the day.

We also joined Bendigo Obedience Club. I was a member here previously with my last dog Zayda – an Alaskan Malamute. Zayda attended as a pup and went through all the classes and even got her CCD obedience title. It was a great club back then so I knew that's where Miley would be also attend. Miley started in puppy class and continued moving through the classes, where she is now in class 5. Miley also attends Agility and has now started Fly Ball. Miley just can't get enough of training and learning new things (probably because of her breed!!!)

Miley has become a big part of our family and usually comes to most places with us, she loves going swimming, fetching the ball, going to footy / netball and just loves being wherever Leon and I are, she even attended our wedding last October and stood up the front with our wedding party. We just love having Miley in our family, she provides us with so much joy every day, as I'm sure you all get the same enjoyment out of your four legged friends.



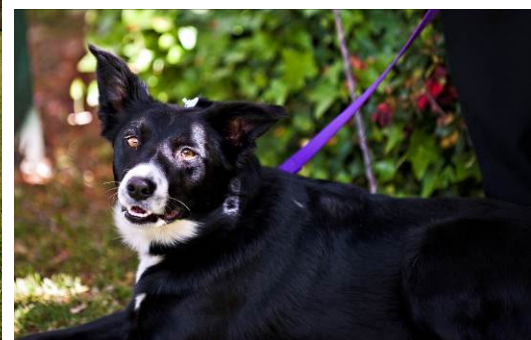
Miley at the beach



Miley & her brother Joe



Miley at our wedding
last October



A Little about my experiences with sled dog racing

Weird and Wacky sports we can do with our dogs...

Dry-land sledding is an adaptation of the snow-based sled dog racing that was developed in Alaska and Canada, using dogs like huskies. Here in Australia, sledding is rarely done on snow, using wheeled scooters and rigs instead of sleds. Rather than long cross-country races, such as those commemorating the Nome Serum Run (everyone remember the movie *Balto*?), Australian races are usually around 2km per dog, with one, two and four dog teams being the most common.

It is a common misconception in Australia that Sledding is restricted to Arctic and Spitz breeds, such as Siberian huskies and Alaskan Malamutes, the reality is that in Australia, many other breeds such as GSPs, Labradors and many other breeds are used in dog sled racing. To accommodate the different abilities of the different breeds, some race meets have multiple prizes – first Siberian husky team, first Malamute team – sponsored by different dog clubs in the local area. (hint hint!)



My reasons for getting into sledding were many and varied, but mainly due to suffering a family crisis many years ago. My husband was ill, and we were getting pretty down, dealing with the entire situation. In the midst of this, I saw a segment on tv about dryland sledding and I saw something that I thought we could do as a family. Not many activities welcome both dogs and children, giving us a different, more positive focus. I started walking my dogs in

front of me, rather than behind - sounds a small thing, but it led me to believe that we could do this. I had 2 English springer spaniels, Sophie and Fred. To begin with, I used seatbelt harnesses, hooked to the kids' scooter, with a homemade bungee line, that promptly fell apart. I also had what I viewed as safeguards - long leads and correction chains on the dogs. My history with trotters and horses helped and I viewed the dogs as small horses. We were off!

After that, I invested in some proper harnesses, and went off to a training day run by the Siberian husky club. At the end of the instructions, we all harnessed up, with me insisting I had to go at the back of the lineup, because my dogs went really slowly... ah... they didn't that day!



As time went on, Fred developed Arthritis, and did not handle racing well. We wanted a family pet, as well as a sledding dog. I looked at breeds that were commonly used for sledding and decided that the spitz breeds mostly run as sled dogs would not suit our family. We discussed Springers, Siberian huskies, Malamutes, Alaskan huskies, Whippets and many other breeds. But in the end, GSPs appeared on my radar – they are commonly used in Scandinavia as sled dogs. I began researching gundog breeds a bit more. I looked at GSPs, Weimaraners, Vizslas. Eventually, we ended up

rehoming a 12 month old GSP, Knusprig Layer Cake, from Christine Cunningham, of Knusprig kennels, aka Milo. We were in love!



With a GSP, you might think we'd been winning races left right and center. Not so. We continued our red lantern streak (the traditional prize for last place) for a while. In the meantime I was diagnosed with cancer and had a couple of light racing seasons, missing many races, or even if I attended, being unable to race. I'm all better now, thanks in no small part to being able to get away with my dogs and family and get away from it all! Eventually Milo and I worked things out and got our stuff in order. We don't always win, but we usually place in the top 5!

There are many things involved in Sled dog racing I am only touching on the basics here, when we first began racing we learnt some interesting things: People camp in WINTER! They like it when it's cold; a warm sunny day is frowned on!! We could not believe it, it was 5 degrees, and people were running round in shorts and tank tops. And the noise from the dogs was deafening! People spent most of their time sitting around the fires chatting. That first season, I was constantly hassling people to come for a walk with me. These days, not so much.



We used to rug up in several layers, but we have adapted, and whilst we don't wear shorts (yet) we certainly run around in t-shirts when it's less than 20 degrees. The kids have learnt not to set fire to everything - that first season my kids were fanatical about getting and chopping wood, and became known as the camp pyromaniacs. Funnily enough these days that's work for them.

We learnt that over the season, the actual racing takes less than an hour, and the rest of the time is spent socializing, discussing the deep things in life (cruizers v udl's) or discussing dogs and dog gear.

One of the biggest things I can say about people who do dryland sled dog racing is that they are very accepting of people and dogs. They don't care what you do, or what you have. There are people who spend heaps and have flash gear, camped next to people who have next to nothing and all are happy. There are people from all walks of life, and all are friendly and welcoming.

A video you might like to watch,

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/photo.php?v=3031623448028&set=vb.1786151619&type=3&theater>

For further information, contact

Northern Victorian Sled dog club <http://www.nvsdc.org.au/>

Or facebook <http://www.facebook.com/#!/northsled>

Siberian Husky Club of Victoria, <http://www.siberianhuskyvic.org.au/>

Or the governing body of Australian sled dog racing, ASSA

<http://www.assa.asn.au/>

Fly Ball Training

Fly Ball training has started and the dogs are loving the fly ball experience. If you would like to try fly ball with your dog, feel free to come along on Sunday mornings at 8.30am.

Thanks to Wendy for her fantastic photography – gee your quick to get these fantastic shots while the dogs are going so quickly ☺



Obedience Training

Our two session of the year have been a great success. It was great seeing everyone back.

We started the year as a large group to get us all into the swing of training again.

Thanks Kerry for taking the whole group and to Wendy, our professional photographer for capturing lots of memorable moments of both sessions



Introductory Agility Course

Commencing Sunday 4th August 2013.

Requirements to participate:

- Dog needs to have a reliable distracted recall as work is off-lead. Class 3 and above level is required (if in lower classes, dogs will be accepted subject to testing the recall)
- 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 class, commencing 4th August to the 13th October. Classes will continue through the school holidays (if applicable) and into the next term. Due to competition commitments, classes will NOT be held on some Sundays.

Enrolment & Participation:

Class size is limited to 8 dogs & handlers. If you wish to participate, please complete the below enrolment form and return with payment of \$50 to Sarah Crocker.

All participants are required 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.

Membership Prices:

New Members Joining:



- Single Membership \$50
- 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 \$25

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.



CLASS TIMES – Obedience / Fly ball

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM

PUPPIES
BEGINNERS
CLASS 1

SUNDAY

9.30 AM

CLASS 2
CLASS 3
CLASS 4
CLASS 5

SUNDAY

8.30AM

Fly Ball

Classes run over the school term

Dates and Times to Remember:

Wednesday 30 th January	Term 1 Obedience: Puppies, Beginners and Class 1 Begin
Sunday 3 rd February	Term 1 Obedience Class 2, 3, 4 and 5 Begin
Sunday 10 th March	NO TRAINING - PUBLIC HOLIDAY WEEKEND
Wednesday 20 th March	BODC – Annual General Meeting 7.30
Wednesday 27 th March	Puppies, Beginners & Class 1 - Term 1 Breakup & Graduation
Sunday 24 th March	Class 2 3 4 & 5 - Term 1 Breakup & Graduation
Sunday 31 st March	Easter Procession – No Training
Sunday 14 th April	Term 2 Obedience: Puppies, Beginners and Class 1 Begin
Wednesday 17 th April	Term 2 Obedience: Class 2, 3, 4 and 5 Begin
Saturday 25 th May	BODC - Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings

