

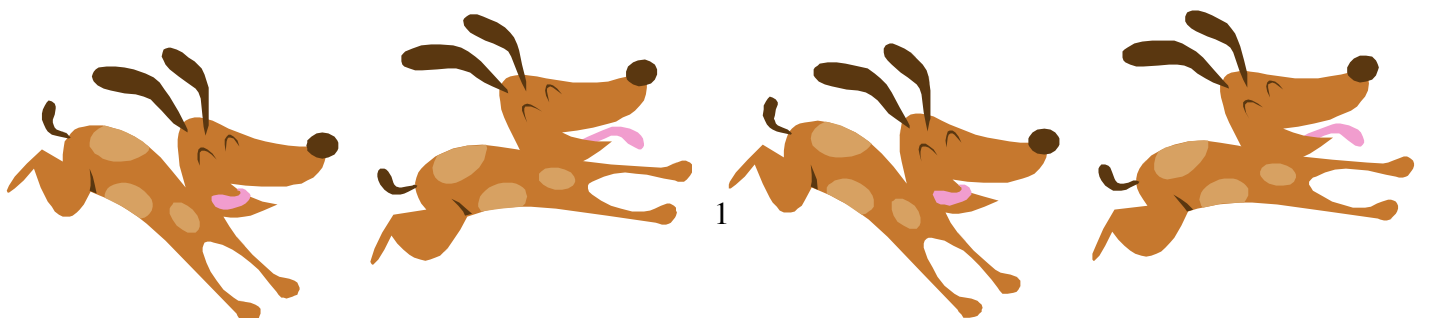


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July / August 2012



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Profiles of the month wanted:

If you would like to have your and your four legged friend/s story to appear in future newsletters please email Dani your story at the below email address:

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CLUB INFORMATION

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hello all,

We are just about to enter the last month of winter thank goodness, I must admit that I have enjoyed enough of the “refreshing cold weather” and am looking forward to warmer days – though no doubt this opinion will be different by the end of summer. The best part of winter is the Tracking Trials, which is why quite a few familiar faces have been missing on Sundays. Congratulations to our members who have had success trialling.

I would like to congratulate Sarah Crocker for her very successful 1st Agility Trial as our Trial Secretary. Another big thank you goes to Meredith Marshall for all her hard work organising sponsors for the trial and wonderful prizes for the raffle. Also Cam, Meredith’s husband, deserves our thanks for his work fixing and adapting some of the equipment. Thank you to all our club members who came along on the day to help in so many ways – from setting up equipment, cooking the BBQ, providing food for the judges. You all made the day a great success. Our thanks also goes to the wonderful people who turned up on Sunday to put things away and do a great job cleaning the club rooms.

We will be holding our Track N Search Trial the first weekend in August and there will be no training on Sunday 5th August as the trial is held around the club house area. You are most welcome to come along and see what is involved. If anyone can provide casseroles, sweets, slices etc. they would be most welcome as the trial runs from Friday lunchtime till Sunday afternoon and there are quite a few people to feed. Please let us know in the office if you can bring some food.

Our next trial is our Obedience and Rally O trial held on Sunday August 19th so again no training that morning but you are welcome to come along and lend a hand. See Sandra if you would like to help in some way. Hopefully we will have a few members enter this trial.

Enjoy your dogs
Cheers Heather & the Kelpie/Corgi Clan.

“I’ll warn you if I see anyone coming”

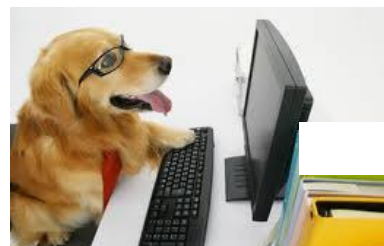


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Bendigo Obedience Dog Club





Graduations



GRADUATIONS: June 2012

PUPPY CLASS TO CLASS 1

Puppy Class to Beginners:

Beginners to Class 1:

Class 1 to Class 2:

Class 2 to Class 3:

Class 3 to Class 4:

Class 4 to Class 5:

Encouragement Awards:

Beginner Agility:


Danielle Osborne & Miley

Raelene Boykett & Dottie

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- Coffee shop for light lunches and snacks.
- Extensive gardens - splendid roses and picnic facilities
- Public toilets including disabled baby-changing facilities.
- Ample parking for cars, caravans and buses

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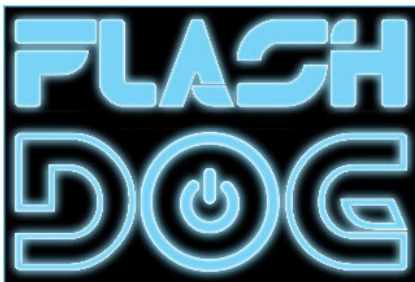

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National Agility Dog Trial Report

Every 2 years there is a really big date in the Agility Dog calendar - its' the National Agility Dog Trial and this year from June 13 -17 it was held at the International Equestrian Centre in Sydney. The National Agility Trial is the same as any other Agility Trial but with the word National slapped in front of it which means lots of people and dogs take part from all over Australia and New Zealand as well. Some of the stats - 472 competitors, 741 dogs to complete 6600 runs over 5 days.

This trial was the biggest by far ever held in Australia and three competitors from Bendigo Obedience Dog club were there to be part of the fun.

We had some issues to deal with before and during the event but I think I can safely say that we all had a great learning experience and thoroughly enjoyed watching some fantastic handling producing amazingly fast and accurate runs, but we also enjoyed watching the less skilled handlers and their dogs that just wanted to have a great time.



Pauline and Dallas, Elaine and Cooper and Meredith and Macze were lucky to be able to stay with Elaine's son in Chipping Norton half an hours drive from the Centre and with the convenience of a huge park where the dogs could safely run each morning and night. There were training and injury issues that had to be overcome before and during the 5 days of the Trial so it wasn't all plain sailing. We had to accustom our dogs to the electronic beeper that would be used on the table obstacle. We downloaded the sound from the Agility Trial web site onto our phones and then when the dogs hopped onto the table we set the sound going. It took several sessions before the dogs were completely comfortable with the sound so it was vital that they trained for it. Then Macze sprained her foot just a week from the Trial and consideration was given to withdrawing her but with Veterinary advice, a few anti-inflammatories and no off-lead runs for a week we hoped all would be well.

The first day of competition arrived and I allowed Macze off lead in the practice arena to see if the foot had healed. It took her a few moments to realise that she was no longer restricted by the lead and that she was free to chase the toy I had thrown for her - when she worked it out she went, as we like to say, cracker dog, tail between her legs not in fear but in overwhelming excitement she charged around the practice ring and I am pretty sure I heard a few whoohoos from her. If she wasn't fully healed she would soon show it....luckily she seemed fine albeit a little out of control for at least the first three events. The first event is always a bit of a throw away as we find our rhythm for the day. In this case the second event was no improvement but it makes for good fun watching a dog who has been confined stretch her legs with a very happy grin on her face and very mischievous intent in her actions. In the third event, after just a few obstacles had been negotiated, I signalled to the judge that we would graciously withdraw as the scruffy brown dog charged around the ring with no heed to the correct course numbering. I have always found the judges at Agility trials very tolerant of fun loving dogs but I felt for this judge as he still had over 130 dogs to judge just in this one event and Macze was not the only one who was acting like a pin ball machine marble bouncing her way over his course.

Then it was Cooper's turn and while nerves and lack of experience took their toll on both handler and dog they both completed their novice course with more control than I can say the experienced member of the group showed!! The unfamiliar set up of the Tyre obstacle confused Cooper despite having trained many times with a tyre jump. No doubt being in the vicinity of hundreds of other dogs and handlers all nervously waiting to run would have been very difficult for a novice country lad who until this week had never been away from home. Every event he went in, however, he got better and with Elaine's trust in him growing the two of them were working like a real team when it came time for him to work on the indoor sand arena a few days later in his 3rd and last event. Although not quite clear it was a free flowing run full of promise of a successful Agility career.

The worst disappointment was Dallas who arrived in Sydney in fine form but who developed a limp before the first day. Veterinary advice, professional massages and anti-inflammatories just didn't produce enough improvement to risk asking her

to compete so Pauline withdrew her and she didn't even get a single run at the Trial. She seems to be improving now with treatment and rest so hopefully she will be back into the fun very soon. It was sad to see her trying to play and run with the dogs and her puzzled look when she was not permitted to have a run over the practice course.

Over the next 5 days Macze put in some lovely runs including the second heat of the Excellent Agility 500 (500 is the height category) where 130 dogs competed and Macze had a clear round placing 5th in the event which also qualified her for the Finals to be held on Sunday. She also competed in the Open events where the dogs must successfully negotiate several obstacles at a distance of 3 meters from the handler. In this event all the different height categories compete against each other so there were around 300 dogs in each of the open events. On the first night Macze was among just a handful of dogs to complete both the Agility and Jumping distance challenges successfully with just a couple of handling errors preventing clear rounds. In her second Open Agility event she had a clear round and was placed 27 out of 280 dogs. Only 27 dogs managed clear rounds.

Then it was finals day - I heard someone in the crowd talking about how they had trained for years to be in the Finals, TV show Sunrise had cameras and reporters on site and the enormity of the next run Macze and I would do started to sink in. We had 15 of the best dogs from 3 heats of our event to perform against and we only do Agility for the fun of it not to be Finalists in a huge show like this one. When you compete in Agility events there is a fine line between having your dog too excited to concentrate or too flat to bother listening to you so while you wait for your turn you have to try to find the balance. I took Macze outside the massive indoor arena where some cheeky magpies caught her eye so we went over to the trees and she settled into letting them know in no uncertain terms that if she wasn't on lead she would be teaching them a thing or two about bird-dog relationships. Perhaps this helped to focus her attention because as we lined up to take our turn on course she seemed happy and attentive. It wasn't the fastest or the smoothest run but as we completed each obstacle without error I was starting to relax - bad idea! With just 3 obstacles left I forgot the course!!! Macze shot out of the tunnel but with no direction from me, who was still trying to work out which jump to send her to, she headed for the jump straight ahead of her. As I finally realised that she was headed in the wrong direction I called her and 'wonder dog' that she is she swung around and followed my guiding arm over the last two jumps clear. In the finals the best 3 competitors are kept at the exit point and as the next team finishes the one with the 4th best score is excused leaving the current 3 place getters to wait as each following competitor comes through the finish gates. Amazingly we were asked to wait and one of the previous competitors was excused which meant we were in the placings. The order of running however is the least experienced dogs first and the best dogs last so we waited with full expectation that the next team would have us walking up the stairs back to our seats. As each dog ran however slight errors were made, a bar down here, a contact zone missed there or a weave pole missed and then the height change was called which meant our event was finished. All the dogs in our final had run and we were still at the exit.

A week earlier we had expected not to be competing at all and here we were with a sash saying Excellent Agility Final - 500, 3rd Place. Ridiculous amounts of good luck brought us here along with support from family, friends, vets and other Agility competitors. It was a wonderful experience to go to a National event to compete and cheer on other competitors including the Victorian Team. To witness first hand the astounding skill that the top dogs and handlers display is awe inspiring but it was also nice to be in a competition where everyone was friendly and willing to chat to strangers about their experiences, to pass on tips and to cheerfully congratulate others. Mostly it is great to see dogs and handlers with purpose and connection, to see the wonderful bond that exists when animals and people work together for a reason and to see all breeds of canines having active, mind engaging fun which is the best thing for everyone.

Meredith Marshall



Flyball Training

Flyball is a relay race between two teams of four dogs. Racing side by side, one dog from each team must go over four hurdles, trigger a flyball by touching the flyball box, catch the ball and then return over all four hurdles to the start/finish gate where the next dog is waiting to run.

Flyball consists of four dogs racing in each heat, plus up to two reserve dogs. Reserves can be interchanged after each heat. There are between three and five heats to a race, and a team has to win a majority to win the overall race.

Flyball encompasses all things that dogs love to do - jumping, catching and retrieving. Flyball is a sport in which any dog can participate, regardless of breed, shape or size. Flyball does not interfere with obedience training.

Little dogs are more than welcome as the jumps are set to the smallest dog in the team. Jump heights for each team are set 12.7cm lower than the shoulder height of the smallest dog for each team. The minimum height is 17.8cm and the maximum is 35.6cm.

You don't have to want to compete in competition to train. However, if there is enough interest, a competing team will be organised.

Flyball competitions are very noisy, with most of the dogs in high drive. Even those not competing are revved up by the energy of those teams running.

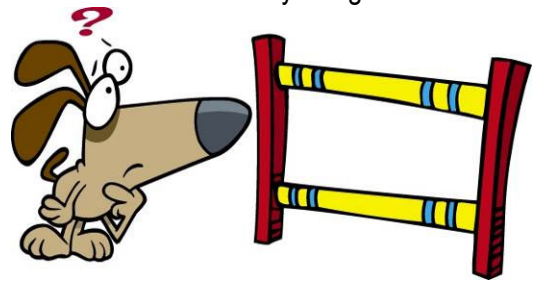
Flyball is taught in stages, so don't expect to come and have the dog jumping and competing on a course straight away. The jumps are no more than 609.6 mm wide, which is very narrow and the dogs need to be trained to use the flyball box safely and to take the jumps rather than be tempted to run around them.

If you think you and your dog would like to try this sport out, come along on Sunday morning at 10.30 am (after general training) and join in.

Dogs wishing to train must be able to be under control off lead. Please bring a motivator to training – a toy, tug toy and/or food to reward the dog.



Introductory Agility Course



Commencing at the end of Term 3 – Sunday 23rd Sept.

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 class, commencing 23rd Sept to the 2nd Dec. Classes will continue through the school holidays and into term 4. Due to competition commitments, classes will NOT be held on the following Sundays: 21st Oct & 4th Nov.

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. _____

BM Pet Snax

BM Pet Snax order form: Place your orders and payment into the office by the end of each month, and your orders will be placed by the club.



Club Name:				
Customer Name:				
Address:				
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PRODUCT	SIZE	PRIZE	Number	Total \$
BM Pet Snax Brand				
Ocean Treats	30g	\$6.50		
Ocean Treats	60g	\$12.00		
Chicken Breast	50g	\$7.50		
Chicken Breast	100g	\$14.00		
Turkey Breast	50g	\$7.50		
Rabbit	50g	\$7.50		
Rabbit	100g	\$14.00		
Chicken Liver	75g	\$6.50		
Chicken Liver	150g	\$12.00		
Lamb Liver	75g	\$6.50		
Lamb Liver	150g	\$12.00		
Beef Liver	100g	\$6.50		
Beef Liver	200g	\$12.00		
Lamb Lung	50g	\$6.50		
Lamb Lung	100g	\$12.00		
Turkey TREATZ	50g	\$7.50		
Turkey TREATZ	100g	\$14.00		
Duck TREATZ	50g	\$7.50		
Duck TREATZ	100g	\$14.00		
Rabbit TREATZ	50g	\$7.50		
Rabbit TREATZ	100g	\$14.00		
Chicken TREATZ	50g	\$7.50		
Chicken TREATZ	100g	\$14.00		
Biscuit Filled Cow Hooves	each	\$5.00		
Vegetable				
Fish				
Chicken				
Chicken & Veg				
Lamb & Mint				
Liver & Cheese				
Peanut Butter & Banana				
Additional Products we choose to distribute				
Kangaroo Liver	100g	\$8.00		
Kangaroo Heart	100g	\$8.00		
Kangaroo Tendons	100g	\$8.00		
Cows Ears - Pack of 5	5 pack	\$10.00		
Beef Sticks - short	100g	\$8.00		
Beef Sticks - medium	100g	\$8.00		
NZ Green Lipped Mussel	80g	\$10.00		
Shark Cartilage	100g	\$8.00		
			Total Paid	

Profile of the Month: Heather

Ever since I was a baby there has been a dog apart of the family. Mainly Kelpie X's in the early days with 2 exceptions - a Welsh Corgi when I was 10 and much later a German Shepherd. Our German Shepherd - Beau - joined us when our youngest child was about 2 (1982) and that was the beginning of my association with Bendigo Obedience Dog Club. I took Beau to puppy class which was held at Ewing Park. However with a young family of 5, I didn't really get fully involved until 1991 after we got our first purebred Australian Kelpie and this was the beginning of a serious interest in the breed, obedience, agility and showing. Our two youngest daughters loved coming to club and began training two dogs belonging to other club members. Kathryn also took Jack - our Kelpie - to his Agility Dog Title, while I did obedience with him. I became Secretary in 1993 and was also Agility Trial Secretary for a number of years. I discovered Tracking about 15 years ago and have loved this sport ever since. Why else would any sane person get up at 4:00 am on a winter's morning and go to Ballarat to lie in a paddock wrapped up in a tarp on the cold, wet ground for over an hour waiting for a dog to come and find them!!! Then you have the enjoyment of standing by a roaring fire, drinking hot soup while everyone exchanges experiences. Mali (Welsh Corgi) has now joined our family and is basically a Kelpie with short legs when it comes to get up and go. Hopefully she will follow in the pawprints of our other dogs and enjoy doing dog sports with me. Whatever we do it will be because the dogs and I are having a good

time and they are getting the chance to do what dogs love to do - use their brains and spend time with the family, which includes coming on holidays with us.



THE DOGGY DINER

REWARD BISCUITS:

Makes about 35 biscuits

100g wholewheat flour
100g coarse rolled oats
2 tablespoons oat bran
2 eggs
75g grated parmesan cheese
75g finely diced ham
100ml water



Mix all ingredients with the water to make a soft dough. Cover and let dough rest for about 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 180°C (340°F). Line baking sheet with baking paper.

On a floured surface roll out the dough to about 1cm thick and cut into 3cm x 5cm rectangles. Place these on the baking tray and bake for 25 minutes. Turn off heat and let the biscuits harden in the oven for about 2 hours. Store in paper or linen bag. The biscuits will keep for about 4 weeks.



Bendigo Dog Obedience Visit:

Dribs N Drabs

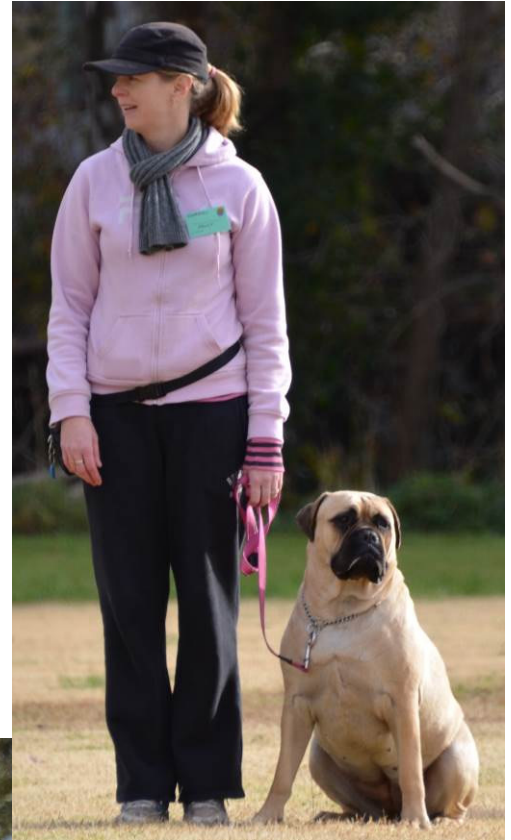


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End of term celebrations





Sarah & Mac



Jenny & Kobi



Dani & Miley



Raelene & Dottie



Rosie



Julianna & Ruby



Agility Trial Report

Firstly I would like to give a BIG thank all of the helpers who assisted in many ways both before, during and after the trial. Without the support and hard work of all of the members who volunteered their time we would not have had such a successful day.

After a very early start for some of us and the dire weather predictions of possible hail we had a gorgeous morning of sunshine, firm and dry grounds and lots of dogs working beautifully on the courses. We had seven members representing the club in the competition, two of which it was their first trial and one their second. All members did a fantastic job of representing our club and a number of them gained clear rounds and awards.

The rain held off until after all courses had been run, equipment packed up and the presentations and raffle drawn. Well done to the following club members who gained at least one pass (clear round) on the day:

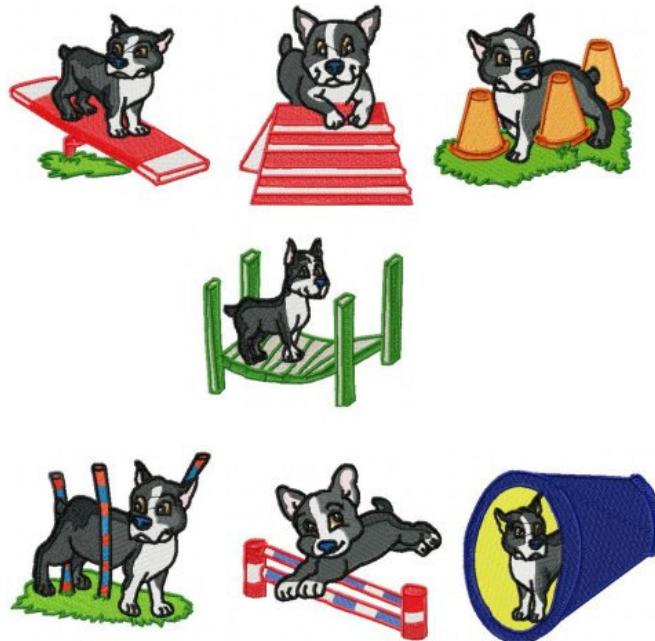
- Denise Chrystal
- Meredith Marshall
- Greg Hoggan

The award for the Fastest Qualifying Bendigo Member for Jumping was taken out by Greg Hoggan and his dog Jake. Congratulations Greg on the award and such a good first trial.

It is now time for me to take a breath before starting to organise next year's trial!!

Once again, thanks to all of our sponsors and volunteers that made my first time as Trial Secretary such a success.

Sarah Crocker
Agility Trial Secretary



NEW MEMBERSHIP FEES

From the start of Term 3 the Club will be putting up its membership fees. The fees haven't been increased for a very long time but it is becoming harder to make ends meet to keep the Club running so it was decided that the new fees would be:

NEW MEMBERS - PER TERM

Junior – unchanged \$35.00

Senior - \$65

Family - \$90

RENEWAL - PER TERM

Junior – unchanged \$25

Senior - \$50

Family - \$70



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 / Agility

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM

PUPPIES
BEGINNERS

SUNDAY

9.30 AM

CLASS 1
CLASS 2
CLASS 3
CLASS 4

10.30 AM

Intro to Agility

WEDNESDAY

6.45PM

Beginners Agility

Classes run over the school term

PLEASE NOTE:

NO TRAINING ON SUNDAY 5TH AUGUST AND SUNDAY 19TH AUGUST DUE TO TRACK AND SEARCH TRIAL AND OBEDIENCE / RALLY O TRIAL.

Dates and Times to Remember:

Sunday 15th July	Class 1, 2, 3 & 4 Obedience - Term 3 begins
Wednesday 18th July	Puppy and beginners – Term 3 begins
Wednesday 25th July	Beginners agility - Term 3 begins
Fri, Sat, Sun 3, 4 & 5 Aug	BODC – Track and Search Trial, Finn St (No Training)
Sunday 19th August	BODC- Obedience / Rally Trial, Finn St (No Training)
Sunday 16th September	Class 1, 2, 3 & 4 Graduation
Wednesday 19th September	Puppy, Beginners & Beginners Agility Gradation
Sunday 7 th October	Class 1, 2, 3 & 4 Obedience – Term 4 Begins
Wednesday 10 th October	Puppy and beginners – Term 4 begins
Wednesday 17 th October	Beginners agility – Term 4 begins

