



# THE RECALL

BENDIGO OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB  
NEWSLETTER APRIL 2023



## Celebrating 60 years 1963-2023

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Welcome to Term 2

Firstly, I'd like to thank and congratulate all our members who took part in the Easter Parade. What a wonderful display we made as we proudly took part in the event. Thank you to Greg, as our leader on the day, but also for our Sunday preparations which made the experience a lot less daunting for our new people. Lots of cheers and comments were made so let's hope we can take part again next year.

As we head into a new term, you may hear lots of talk about our members taking part in trials or trials that the club is holding during the year. We are aware that not all members wish to compete in competitions, however sometimes an interest can grow with taking part in workshops. Please keep a look out for these events which the club holds throughout the year.

To our trialling members.... we would love to hear about your results. Please give your results to Heather so they can be included in the Newsletter.

Keep warm and dry as we head into the cooler weather and.....

Happy training

Sandra Price

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### REMINDERS:

**\*Signing in prior to class:** it is essential for insurance purposes we know who is in class. Please ensure you sign in prior to starting class each session. This also helps us keep track of people's attendance and those eligible for graduation.

**\*Mobile Phones:** Please refrain from using your mobile phone in class. If you are expecting an important call, please inform your instructor and if the call occurs, remove yourself from the class prior to answering. Check with the instructor prior to re-joining the class so you are aware of what is happening within the class.

**\*Footwear:** For safety reasons, please ensure you are wearing sturdy, closed in footwear at all times. Thongs and high heels are not appropriate and unsafe for class, and you may be asked not to take part for your own safety.

**\*Parking:** Please use common sense when 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.

**\*Give Me Space:** Please remember to 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 by following this as they work hard to help their dogs overcome their barriers and one negative interaction can undo weeks of hard work.

**\*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 causing stress or over excitement for other dogs or be an unnecessary distraction for people who are still working with their dogs.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hello everyone,

Well Easter is over for another year. Thank you to the club members who took part in the Easter Procession. You and your dogs were fantastic ambassadors for the club. Once again Greg did a wonderful job leading our group as well as taking practice sessions in the weeks before the parade.

Welcome to all our new members. We hope you enjoy and benefit from your time with the club. Please feel free to approach any committee member if you have any questions or feel something needs to be done. Your concerns will be taken seriously. Please remember you are most welcome to come into the clubrooms after training for a coffee/tea or soft drink. Also, if you hear anyone talking about some of the extra activities, we do please ask about what it's all about and maybe you would like to become involved.

Welcome to our new Executive and Committee for this year. Welcome to first time committee member Sian James. Welcome back Sandra Price - President, James Browne – Vice-President, Sarah Crocker our new Treasurer (thank you for taking on this role) and our Committee Meredith Marshall, Robyn & Max Donovan, Erica Browne, Alexandra Gartman, Merle Hopman, Denise Chrystal, Clive Hughes, Janice Osborne. As you can see from this report I am back as Secretary. I am sure we will have a great year and will keep up the hard work for the Club. A huge thank you to Robyn Donovan who has been our Treasurer for many years, but we are very pleased she will be staying on Committee. Thank you to Jenny Lee who has kindly offered to stay on as our Newsletter Editor – she does a fantastic job.

We are getting very close to our annual Tracking Trial which is held on the weekend of **June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested in Tracking, please speak to someone on the Committee and we will give you details of where to come either to have a look or to help on one or both days. The more helpers we have the better. It is a fantastic sport to do with your dog and the best way to learn what it is all about is by going to a trial.

As you will have all noticed the weather is getting decidedly colder and this is the time to make sure our 4 footed companions are kept warm and dry – especially the older ones who are suffering the aches and pains of old age. There are some good preparations available from vets or pet stores to make their senior years easier. Please make sure they aren't expected to do anything that will place too much of a strain on their joints – e.g. jumping in and out of high 4WD's, utes and cars – it doesn't take much to either lift them or include a ramp to help them. Their beds should be off the ground and out of drafts.

Cheers, Heather

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

End of each term on the last training day, we are planning to have something special like a fun day (dress up) or come and try a new activity day. We will hopefully hold a Café Day for Wednesday evening members in weeks 5 & 6 (24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> May). If Advanced Beginners is a big class, they will have their Café Day in week 7. Sunday members won't miss out as we will have a Café Day for them around the same time on their day.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June it is our Tracking Trial at Woodstock on Loddon. As a lot of Instructors and members will be involved in working and taking part there will be a special training event. Instead of training at club there will be a Lake Walk at Lake Weeroona or a Botanical Gardens Walk at the White Hills Gardens. More details on all the above events closer to the date.

### BASIC AGILITY COURSE:

Next basic agility course will begin at start of term. Meredith will announce details when training resumes.

### WATCH YOUR DOGS PLEASE:

**We need to remind classes to watch what their dog is doing before classes and in between exercises. Eyeballing the dog next to them (causing the other dog to react), marking on equipment, 2 is company, 3's a crowd with on lead greetings etc.**

## COMMITTEE & OFFICE BEARERS

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## TRICKS WORKSHOP

Trick Workshop Sat 20 May 2023 - Alex Mateer

Registration required: Name, phone & email.

Cost is \$50 working spot - maximum 12 (first in and paid) handlers with 1 dog.  
A google form to fill in will be supplied prior to the event.

Unlimited audit positions \$30.

10 am to 4 pm. Lunch - bring a plate to share - 12.30 to 1.30pm  
A PowerPoint presentation and practical training will be held.

Denise Chrystal 0415773753

## TRAINING DATES FOR 2023

### TERM 2

Introduction Night: Wednesday 19 April

Training: Wednesday 26 Apr – Wednesday 21 Jun; Sunday 30 Apr – Sunday 28 Jun

### TERM 3

Introduction Night: Wednesday 5 July

Training: Wednesday 12 Jul – Wed 13 Sep; Sunday 16 Jul – Sun 10 Sep

(Obedience & Rally Trial Sunday 20 August – No training)

### TERM 4

Introduction Night: Wednesday 27 September

Training: Wednesday 4 October – Wednesday 29 November; Sunday 8 October – Sunday 3 December

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## TRIALS & SPECIAL DATES 2023

MAY 6 (SATURDAY) TRICKS

JUNE 11 (SUNDAY) KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND – NO TRAINING

JUNE 17 & 18 (SATURDAY & SUNDAY) TRACKING

JULY 8 (SATURDAY) AGILITY

AUGUST 20 (SUNDAY) OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIAL – NO TRAINING

OCTOBER 13, 14 & 15 (FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY) T & S

DECEMBER 3 (SUNDAY) CHRISTMAS BREAK UP DAY

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the completion of training, usually starting at 8 pm. We are alternating between Instructors and General meetings. May is a General Meeting, June an Instructor's meeting and July a General Meeting.

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## TERM 1 BABY PUPPY GRADUATES.

Congratulations everyone you have done a fabulous job with your paws. See you at training next term with the big kids on Wednesday nights. Good luck and keep up the great work.

Missing is Norma and Jack. Your certificate etc is at the office for collection.

Sarah & Beau, Tina and Kim & Gonda, Justin & Eddie, front Kazuko (and Chris missing) & Cooper (front).



## GRADUATIONS TERM 1, 2023

### **BABY PUPPY TO OLDER PUPPY**

Tina & Kim Nguyen – Gonda  
Norma Meaney – Jack

Sarah Liddicoat – Beau          Justin Ashman – Eddie  
Chris & Kazuko Pailthorpe – Cooper

### **OLDER PUPPY TO ADVANCED BEGINNER**

Brian Smith & Amanda Cooper – Olli      Will Thomson - Rocky          Jo Rossiter & Molly Bolwell – Ray  
Joanne Cakebread & Family – Jack      Nanine McCarthy & Family – Chewie  
Stephanie Bennets & Jack Cornelissen – Ginny

### **OLDER PUPPY TO CLASS 1**

Narelle Giudice & Family – Molly      Amanda Bradford – Penny      Chris Fyffe – Herbie  
Lauren McLean – Freddie      Kath Walsh – Bluey      Kim Holzer – Frankie  
Peter McDougall – Belle

### **BEGINNERS TO ADVANCED BEGINNERS**

Liz Davidson & Family – Squirrel      Judy Coran – Ted          Caitlin Feeney – Atlas  
Tracy McClellan – Elvis      Wayne Goodyear – Cody      Karina Merrix – Patsy  
Inger Bray – Waya      Ruth Gilbert – Freya      Stephen Ballestrino & Family – Mack  
Catherine Hodder – Cosmo      Julie Fainges - Zariah

### **BEGINNERS TO CLASS 1**

Caitlin Ralph – Sadie      Bianca Pratt – Gus      Nicole Deakin – Maggie  
Tayla Williams – Nashville      Karen Taylor – Maxee      Jillian Collier – Possum  
Sue Briggs - Rosie

### **ADVANCED BEGINNERS TO CLASS 1**

Denise Chrystal – Timothy      Talon Prout – Sylvie      Alison Leech – Penny  
Christine Howard – Nuria      Andrei Cheng – Lola      Hannah Diamond – Zuko  
Sue Smith – Ted      Sian James - Maggie

### **CLASS 1 TO CLASS 2**

Caitlin Ralph – Daisy      Eva Ho – Milo      Gemma Thompson – Ellie  
Pauline Nicholson – Jack      Alison Bodinar – Sparky      Kylie Harding – Bella  
Gail Kubel – Slick      Thomas Chaffe – Luna      Colleen Young – Murphy  
Heather Crawley - Vasco

### **Class 2 TO CLASS 3**

Laura Miller – Kaia      Naomi Shellie – Luna      Maree O'Hara – Finn  
Helen McCutchen – Wilbur      Alex Hurley – Snoop      Alan McPherson - Benji

### **CLASS 3 TO CLASS 4**

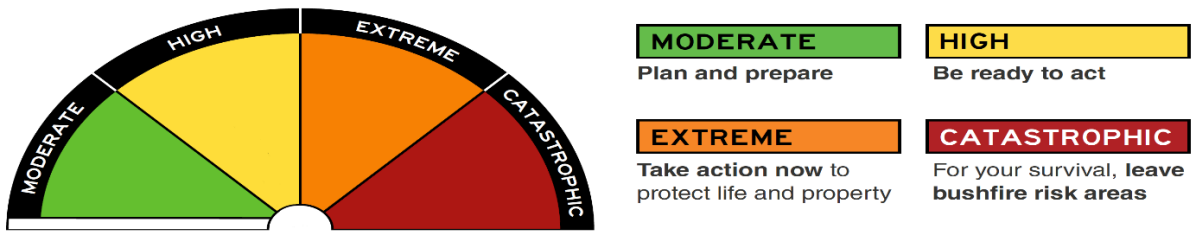
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**Sincere apologies if anyone has been missed. Please speak to Heather and you will be added in the next Newsletter.**



## WEATHER POLICIES

### The new Fire Danger Ratings



There are four levels of fire danger in the new system:

- **Moderate** - Plan and prepare
- **High** - Be ready to act
- **Extreme** - Take action now to protect your life and property
- **Catastrophic** - For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

### HEAT POLICY

If on a Tuesday, the Bureau of Meteorology's weather forecast for Wednesday, is for 35 C or over, practical training is cancelled, no matter what happens on Wednesday. Members are invited to come for a DVD or an information session but **NO DOGS**. **HOWEVER**, there will be **NO TRAINING OF ANY KIND ON DAYS OF EXTREME OR CATASTROPHIC FIRE DANGER RATINGS**.

### RAIN POLICY

There will be a post on the club FB page by 2 pm on Wednesday if training is to be cancelled due to heavy rain, wind or storms. As with the heat policy this will stay even if the storms pass closer to training time as it is too hard to let people know at the last minute.

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## URINATING OR MARKING?

Urinating is relieving a full bladder, marking releases a small amount of urine (most often on a vertical surface).

Marking is not exclusively a male behaviour. Many female dogs will also mark territory.

Some things are naturally socially acceptable for your dog to mark such as a tree, whilst others are not. Things that you should teach your dog not to mark would include buildings, fences, public park seating, other people's bins, cars etc.

If you know your dog is a habitual marker, keep a close eye on what your dog is doing and prevent unsocial marking. At club, please don't let your dog mark the clubroom buildings, vehicles, BBQ area or class equipment.

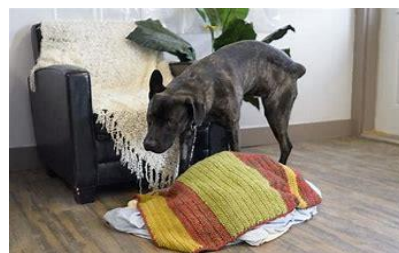
We understand that these things happen occasionally, but each time it happens, equipment etc. needs to be cleaned by someone and once peed on it increases the appeal for another dog to do the same.

### How can we teach our dog what is "socially acceptable" to mark?

1. Don't give them the opportunity to mark something. We can do this by using distance, calling away & rewarding or teaching a cue that gives permission to mark.
2. Learn your dog's body language. Your dog will move/behave in a certain way before they mark. In a situation where you don't want them to mark, refer to #1.



YES



NO



## A Great Easter Procession



Celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.  
A wonderful display by Club members



Being tempted by our sponsors 4 Legs while waiting for the procession to start



## Candid Pics



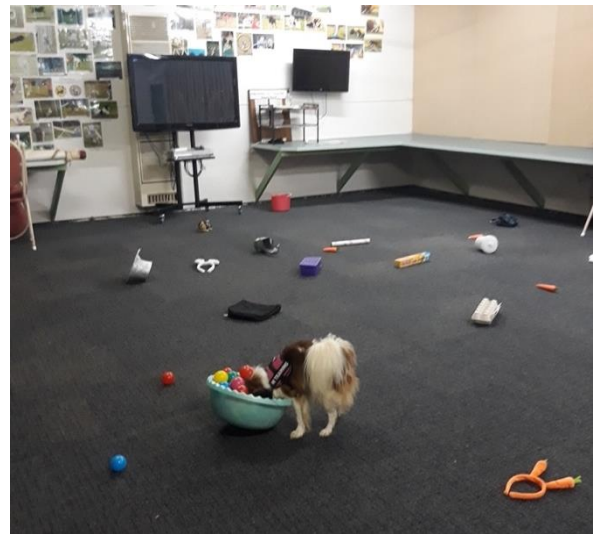
Patricia and Billy enjoying a holiday in SA.



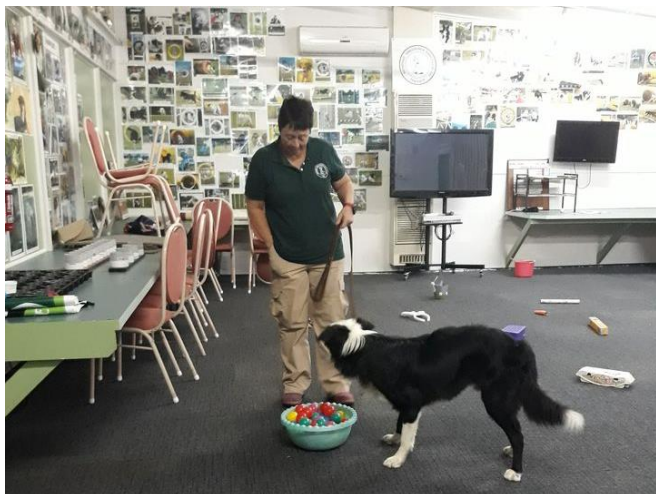
Squizzy & Tilly enjoying life.



Baby puppy graduations



Scent Work Fun at Easter



It's in there....



# Bendigo Obedience Dog Club Training Tip 6: Shaping

Definition: Shaping, or as it's formally known, "shaping by successive approximations," simply means breaking down a behaviour into tiny increments, and reinforcing the dog at each incremental step until you've achieved the full behaviour

What does this mean in real life training with our dogs? I'll use an example to explain.

The Stay - we can break the training down into an infinite number of steps to teach our dogs the exercise. We all know what the final outcome is that we want – we tell the dog to stay, and they do not move. We can walk off, jump around, leave the room etc and they will still be there when we come back to them.

How do we break down the "final outcome" into steps to teach our dog what it is they are expected to do. I'll just use the very beginning of teaching a stay as to how we can break this exercise up into little pieces/steps. These little pieces/steps are progressive approximations of the end behaviour we want.

1. Tell your dog to stay and give hand signal (most people use an open flat hand in front of the dog's muzzle)
2. Take a small step away from your dog.
3. Woops – your dog got up! Remember that at this stage, they do not understand what "stay" means.
4. This is where we can break the exercise down into little bite size approximations to help our dog learn and understand what is expected of them when we use the verbal "stay" and visual signal (hand in front of muzzle)
5. Repeat step 1.
6. This time, shift your body weight and move one foot forward only 20cm.
7. If the dog does not move, reward, and release your dog! Congratulations, you don't need an even smaller bite size of learning.
8. If the dog did move, repeat step 1 and shift your bodyweight as if you are about to move, but don't move your foot forward.
9. If the dog does not move, reward and release your dog!
10. Once you have one step, build up to 2, 3 etc and distraction can be added in small increments as well.

So, you can see that we can break this training down into little steps... We want the dog to understand the exercise and by making each step successful and rewarding for the dog they learn. At each step, we are asking a little bit more from them to take them through successive approximations to arrive at the final behaviour.

The incremental steps above are an example... Some dogs you will easily be able to take one step away and for others, it may take breaking it down into 10 or more approximations of the exercise to be able to get to the point where you can take 1 step away from your dog. Either way, it does not matter – dogs like people are individuals and learn at different rates and in different ways. If what you are doing works... Keep doing it!!

If your dog "fails" an exercise, it is not stubborn or dumb, it just doesn't understand what you are asking it to do. Break it down into smaller steps of successive approximations to help it learn and understand what it is you are asking for.

## Bendigo Obedience Dog Club Rules

### **AMENDED BODC CLUB RULES DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**



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

1. Membership tags are to be worn at training, if you don't have it you need to ask for a temporary one or if it is lost purchase a new one. It helps the instructor to get to know you and your dog's name and is proof of your membership.
2. Please be on time for class as they are only 30 minutes long, late comers will be unable to join in.
3. All dogs must be immunised. Proof of vaccination is required when joining.
4. Bitches in season are not permitted at training until 21 days after the first sign of season.
5. Dogs not permitted off lead, unless under the supervision of an instructor.
6. All droppings are to be removed immediately by handler and placed in bins provided. Please take a plastic bag to class.
7. Dogs must not be left unattended in cars during hot weather
8. Dogs suffering from any contagious disease or illness, or who have associated with a dog suffering from a contagious disease must not be brought to the training grounds until at least three weeks after contact and/or cleared by vet.
9. Classes are non-smoking and mobile free. Please make sure you phone is on silent.
10. Sensible footwear should be worn, thongs are not permitted in class. Please avoid loose flapping clothes that will dangle near the dog.
11. 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.
12. Be aware and respect our yellow "Give Me Space" vests.
13. Do not approach dogs that are tethered or crated.
14. Instructors have the authority to request any person ignoring club rules to leave the training ground/club rooms or club event.

# "IT'S OKAY! MY DOG IS FRIENDLY" NO! NO! IT'S NOT OKAY!

Just because your dog is friendly doesn't mean other dogs are, some may be nervous, reactive, fearful, in training, or owned by people who want to be left alone. Never let your dog run up to another dog.

## RESPECT OTHERS AND THEIR NEED FOR SPACE.

If you have no voice control over your dog keep them on a leash.



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Not every dog will be sociable with other dogs. If your dog is not 'dog social' it does not have a behavior problem.

## dog sociability is a spectrum

All dogs are individuals and have their own preferences- just like humans! Some people want to go to big concerts, and others prefer book clubs. Those things are both ok!



a small number of dogs are "dog aggressive"



they dislike all other dogs in general, but might have a dog friend at home.

most dogs are "dog selective" to some degree



some don't like excited puppies, some prefer gentle play, and others just have a few close dog friends. Many dogs transition from social to more selective as they become adults and develop stronger preferences.

some dogs are "dog social"



we see these dogs EVERYWHERE because they CAN go everywhere!

**selective dogs are normal!**

## 10 INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT DOGS

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1 DOGS DON'T ONLY SEE IN BLACK AND WHITE - THEY CAN ALSO SEE BLUE AND YELLOW



2 PUPPIES HAVE 28 TEETH AND NORMAL ADULT DOGS HAVE 42



3 DOGS' EYES CONTAIN A SPECIAL MEMBRANE, WHICH ALLOWS THEM TO SEE IN THE DARK



4 DOGS CAN HEAR ABOUT 4 TIMES THE DISTANCE OF A HUMAN



5 DOGS CAN RECOGNIZE MORE THAN 150 WORDS



6 DOGS' SENSE OF SMELL IS 10,000 TIMES STRONGER THAN HUMANS



7 DOGS CURL UP IN A BALL WHEN THEY SLEEP BECAUSE OF AN AGE-OLD INSTINCT TO PROTECT THEIR VITAL ORGANS



8 DOGS HAVE ABOUT 1,700 TASTE BUDS, BUT CATS ONLY 473



9 A ONE YEAR OLD DOG IS AS MATURE, PHYSICALLY, AS A 15 YEARS OLD HUMAN



10 DOGS AND HUMANS HAVE THE SAME TYPE OF SLEEP THEREFORE DOGS CAN DREAM

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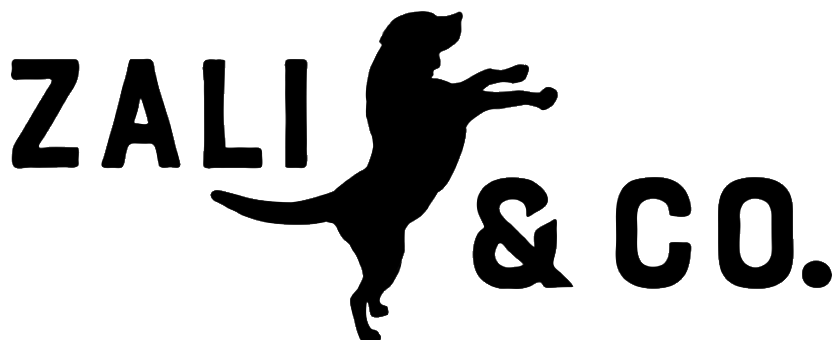


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