



THE RECALL

BENDIGO OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2023



Celebrating 60 years 1963-2023

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Welcome to Term 3 It certainly has been a bit chilly, but we have also enjoyed some sunshine on Sunday mornings. A very special Thank You to our instructors and helpers who continually brave the conditions. There's been lots happening with some of our members "out and about" competing at trials. Congratulations to our Tricks group, with lots of qualifiers and titles. Congratulations to the small group that recently competed at Ballarat's Tracking Trial with passes and titles ... and not forgetting our Scent Work group also being successful. Our Obedience and Rally Trials are fast approaching with the club being represented. If you are interested in trialling in the future, note you are welcome to come along and have a look, without your dog. It is being held on Sunday 20th August 2023. Please note there will be no training on this day. Don't forget you are welcome to join us in the clubrooms, it is dog friendly. We'd love you to come to have a cuppa and a chat.

Happy Training,
Sandra Price

REMINDERS:

***Watch your dog 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) and marking on equipment must be avoided and remember, 2 is company, 3's a crowd with on lead greetings.

***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.

***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.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hello everyone.

Our annual June Tracking Trial is over for another year, and it was a busy but great weekend. Pat – our trial secretary and everyone involved did a fantastic job and the competitors were happy with the way the trial ran. We are very fortunate & grateful to have the use of Bill & Irene Punton's property at Woodstock on Loddon for this event, and also the local hall which provides a very comfortable and warm home base.

Our next Trial was our Agility Trial held on Saturday 8th July. This year it was held at the Goornong Recreation Reserve which gave the competitors plenty of room and quite a few took advantage of this and camped at the ground. It was yet again another very successful trial and a very laid-back day. Thank you to our Trial Secretary – Sarah – and all the club members who helped in so many ways to make it a great time.

We are now gearing up in preparation for our Obedience/Rally Trial to be held on Sunday August 20th. There will be no normal training on this day but please come along to have a look at some of the fantastic (and sometimes not so fantastic) things our dogs can do. Also, anyone who would like to help please see James, you will be most welcome.

Congratulations to our members who have been trialing over the last few months and have had successes. For those who missed out on passes just keep plugging away, we all know what that feels like.

Heather Turpie

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TRAINING DATES FOR 2023

TERM 4

Introduction Night: Wednesday 27 September

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

TRIAL SCHEDULES

Those members who are thinking of entering trials will find schedules on the notice board in the clubrooms. If you like, either make notes or take one but please make sure you don't take the last one. Ask someone to photocopy one for you if there is only one left.

TRIALS & SPECIAL DATES 2023

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

OCTOBER 13, 14 & 15 (FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY) Track & Search

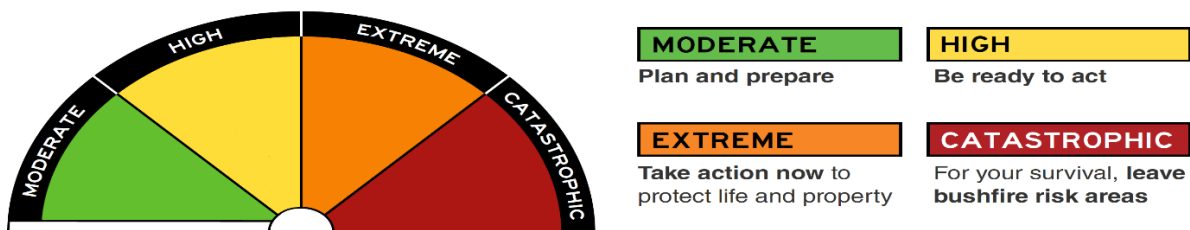
NOVEMBER 5 (Sunday) Scent Work Trial

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 Committee meetings. August is an instructor's meeting.

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.

Agility Fun

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st May saw 6 BODC members competing at the NADAC Agility Trial in Tongala. There was a variety of members – ones that have been trialing for a number of years, ones that were just back to trialing after years and two that were trialing for the first time. There was lots of questions, nerves, excitement and anticipation in the lead up but on the day it was all put aside to spend time with and have fun with our dogs.

The practice and training paid off. No human got lost on the course (trust me...it DOES happen!) and all the dogs were relaxed and happy playing the Agility “Game”. Yes, us humans mucked up at times with not being clear or earlier enough with giving directions to our dogs (some more than others which reflected in the results), but the dogs didn’t seem to notice or care as they were having a great time.

With some beautiful runs, 3 of our members won Highest in Trial awards!!

We all came away from a great weekend of fun, learnt lots, made new friends and for everyone lots of memories, laughs and smiles.

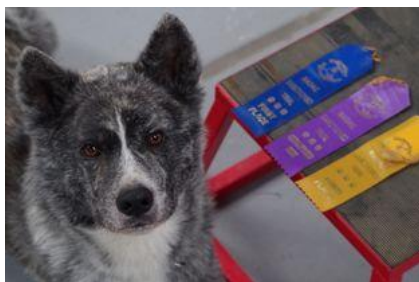
Budee & Kaycee



Skeet



Wilbur



Kiki



Bolt



Slick

Reflections

BODC just hosted a successful 2023 Agility Trial – and it marked 18 months since I started training agility with my kelpie Ruby.

I've always liked the concept of navigating obstacles around a course, which combines accuracy, speed, situational awareness and trust between handler and dog. Some dogs have a natural affinity with a particular sport, and working dogs such as kelpies, are often suited to agility. Ruby also happens to be a very 'switched on' (read 'does not switch off') kelpie and just thrives when tasked with 'work' and a purpose.

The Club hosted an agility training course over the 2021/22 summer, and we were hooked! As a double first-time agility partnership, Ruby and I have been teaching each other – and soaking up all the insights and wisdom shared by Meredith Marshall, James Browne and Sarah Crocker plus other instructors who have trialled agility with various dogs during their dog sport careers.

Spending time on the foundations of directional control and distance is critical, and that can feel like slow going for the first 12 months. Ruby was learning to read my body language and I was learning to give the right body indicators (actually I'm still learning that!). While you are itching to get to the 'big' obstacles like the A frame, the dog walk and the see-saw, the real skill is in the weave poles and being able to direct your dog, at speed and from a distance, with changes in direction and for them to take your choice of obstacle when there are numerous to choose from. All the basics you can do in your own backyard or local open space. You and your dog need to have drive and focus but contain the excitement levels in order to be accurate.

I joined both ANKC and NADAC in order to compete in trials. NADAC has a great entry level introduction competition, where we got experience in the ring, testing our accuracy and control, in a very supportive environment. Volunteering at NADAC trials and watching other competitors also helped to 'watch and learn' different styles of handling.

The Club hosted another agility course in early 2023, which enabled Ruby and I to further train on equipment and the right guidance from our instructors.

Finally in July this year we entered an ANKC trial – our own Bendigo agility trial. Volunteering at the trial, along with the majority of my fellow agility trainees allowed for heaps of learning – about course set up, how a trial is run and watching some of the exceptional Masters level competitors. Ruby and I had four runs (two jumping courses and two agility courses) – three with handling errors to learn from and our very first clear qualifying run!

Besides the thrill of a competition – agility has solidified my partnership with Ruby. We read each other better and have a strong level of trust in our respective abilities. It has also given me a supportive and fun group of other agility training friends, who back each other's learning journey and achievements. I'm looking forward to many more agility trials and fun times with Ruby, and our growing BODC agility community.

Alex Gartman



Trial Report – 3rd Trick Test Saturday 6 May 2023

What a fantastic effort from Club members who pulled together and had the rings in readiness for judging to commence at 8:30 am. Work at the Club commenced Friday morning collecting equipment from the various storage locations to have ready on a trailer to be taken down on the grounds next morning at sunrise. Next cab off the rank was finding the best areas of the grounds to measure and mark out the six competition rings in readiness for the erecting the ring mesh Sat morning. Friday's preparations were not finished there.

Time for some indoor preparations, check in, numbers, and to sort the 209 individual judging sheets, 209 pre-printed qualification cards, judges class judging sheets, ribbons, pens, and the rest of the paperwork that had been pre prepared during the previous week and into the judge's boxes.

Saturday's weather forecast was not very promising, so the winter wet weather gear was sourced. How lucky were we that the forecasters were very wrong with rain falling overnight Friday to freshen the grounds and a fine sunny day greeted the set-up team. What an army it turned out to be. Everyone pitching in and getting the job done. Thank you one and all, club members and friends alike. A brilliant effort.

It was so pleasing to see so many of the members who have been training since our previous test in 2022 enter their dogs. Unlike other years, some trailers too advantage of having a double test in Ballarat and a triple test in Shepparton to hone their ringcraft skills prior to our home tests.

Members who entered in Starter class were Sarah Crocker & Bolt, Sian James & Badger, Helen McCutcheon & Wilbur, Terri Rose & Tex, Terri Rose & Kenya, Dale Cousins & Coco, Amy Connor & Skeet, Bronley Taylor & Diesel, Heather Turpie and Tia, Brooke Pilkington & Marlon, Cole & Halo and Jocelyn Gan & Kiki in one class. Unfortunately, when Kiki was being judged the ring had many wasps flying around and Jocelyn wisely withdrew.

Club Novice entries were Denise Chrystal with Taylor & George, Jan Moore with Squizzy & Tilly, Sandra Price & Lexi and Brooke Pilkington & Radar.

The results were outstanding to say the least. (Q=Qualifying Score; HQS=Highest Qualifying Score)

Starter class is 6 tricks with possible score of 60 points.

*Bolt two nice warmups and 48 Q on his third attempt.

*Badger three Qs and Trick Starter title – 57.8Q, 54.9Q & 56.5Q.

*Wilbur two Qs – 54.0Q and 56.5Q.

*Tex three Qs, Trick Starter title, HQS Bendigo member Test A and a 2nd place – 59.0Q, 57.8Q and 57.8Q.

*Kenya three Qs, Trick Starter title, HQS Bendigo member Test B & C and a 1st place and 2nd place on a count back. 58.0Q, 59.4Q and 59.8Q.

*Coco two Qs – 56.8Q and 50.8Q.

*Skeet three Qs and Trick Starter title – 58.8Q, 55.0Q and 56.0Q.

*Diesel competed in our first trick test in 2021 with one Q and was entered twice for two Qs and a Trick Starter title – 55.5Q and 53.2Q.

*Tia two Qs and Trick Starter Title – 56.5Q and 53.8Q having qualified at Shepparton.

*Marlon three Qs and a Trick Starter title – 58.5Q, 55.6Q and 55.9Q.

*Cole one Q – 54.1Q.

*Halo two Qs – 58.1Q and 46.5Q.

Novice Class is 8 tricks with possible score of 80 points.

*Taylor three Qs and Trick Novice title and one 2nd place – 68.0Q, 71.0Q and 77.0 2nd place & Title.

*George three Qs and Trick Novice title and two 1st places – 74.Q 1st & Title, 71.0Q and 78.0 1st

*Squizzy entered one class 72.0Q.

*Tilly was also entered but due to a prior injury was scratched from the tests.

*Lexi unfortunately no qualifications.

*Radar two Qs both with scores of 59.5Q

In summary there were:

Starter Class: 13 Member entries – 26 qualifying scores – 6 titles. Novice Class: 6 Member entries - 9 qualifying scores - 2 titles. Congratulations everyone and best of luck with your future adventures.

I cannot thank the members enough for their efforts making sure the Club's first trial of the year was an outstanding success. Thank you to the judges and the Trick community for their support of the event and ensuring that the day ran smoothly. I hope you enjoyed yourself and will return in May 2024 for our next and 4th Trick Test.

Denise Chrystal, Trick Test Secretary

GRADUATIONS TERM 2, 2023

BABY PUPPY TO OLDER PUPPY

Amy O'Connor - Brie

OLDER PUPPY TO ADVANCED BEGINNER

Chris Madden - Patch

Rhiannon Dole – Pipper

Danny & Stephanie Clarke – Murphy

Sarah Liddicoat – Beau

John & Kerry Goodridge – Billy

Raylene Sambrooks – Bonnie

Rebecca Hill & Katherine Marsillo - Schnitzel

Glenda Kelly, Jarrod & Jordan – Alex

Liz Todeschini – Rosie

Joel Johnson – Max

Cara & Shilo Barnes – Eddie

Chris & Kazuko Pailthorpe.- Cooper

OLDER PUPPY TO CLASS 1

Lavinia O'Neill & Wesley Hodges – Buddy

Tina & Kim Nguyen - Gonda

BEGINNERS TO ADVANCED BEGINNERS

Cindy Knight – Toby

Lloyd Twycross – Louie

Amanda Dole – Maize

Jayne Boyle – Henry

Jonas Dyett & Ava Blythman – Magnus

Jane Darling – Ava

Gabrielle Nicholson – Belle

Catherine Hodder - Cosmo

BEGINNERS TO CLASS 1

Donna Blanks – Hugo

Paula West – Sammy

Daniel Baumgartner – Falcon

Jan Bandoock - Teddy

Chantell Drust – Zeus

Mandy Foyster & Jan MacKenzie – Echo

Trish Shannahan – Luca

ADVANCED BEGINNERS TO CLASS 1

Caitlin Feeney – Atlas

Karina Merrix – Patsy

Colleen Mulquinny – Sophie

Caitlin Ralph – Sadie

Tracy McClellan – Elvis

Ruth Gilbert – Freya

Lynette Wilkie – Meggs

CLASS 1 TO CLASS 2

Sian James – Maggie

Erica Schelfhorst - Enzo

Bianca Pratt – Gus

Jillian Collier - Possum

Amy O'Connor – Skeet

Class 2 TO CLASS 3

Jenny McAlpin – Gemma

Lynette Wilkie - Charlie

CLASS 3 TO CLASS 4

Anthea Hamilton – Lucy

AGILITY BEGINNERS COURSE

Sian James – Badger

Allen McPherson – Luna

Maree O'Hara – Finn

Caitlin Ralph – Daisy

Meredith Marshall – Izzy

Naomi Shellie – Luna

Lisa McPherson – Loki

Alex Hurley - Snoop

Eve Monteith – Pippin

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

Meet your committee members – and their dogs!

The BODC 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 help the Club operate efficiently, develop new training programs and create facilities in which we can learn with our beloved canine companions.

In 2023, your volunteer committee members doing some hard yards to help all members learn new skills and enjoy time with their dogs are those listed below. Each committee member has a connection with dogs and our club. Let's learn a little about them!

Sandra, our President – owns Lexi, a 4 year old Labrador. They are currently training and trialling in scent work, tricks, rally, obedience, tracking and track & search – plus doing some conformation shows. They would like to try retrieving too. Their goal is to work through to UD level in obedience. Sandra is an instructor for scent training.

James, our Vice President, and Erica, committee member – they own Sheree and Chewie, White Swiss Shepherds, and are currently working on scent and obedience. James has been an agility judge, is a club instructor and assists with agility training.

Heather, our Secretary – owns Mali and Tia, both Welsh Corgis (Pembroke). Mali is 11 years and has retired from track & search, tracking, rally and showing. She is now doing tricks and scent work. Tia is 5 years and is competing in tracking, track & search, scent work, rally and tricks. If they can fit it in, they will do more work on obedience. Heather is an instructor for scent training.

Sarah, our new Treasurer – owns Bolt, a border collie x staffie. He has started tricks and agility. Bolt loves running up to everyone to say hello, which means Sarah's favourite activity is recall. Sarah is an instructor and also assists with agility training for members.

Clive – owns Sasha, a border collie, who is a regular at club training days. Sasha's favourite activities are general obedience and scent work – she is also a volunteer Delta therapy dog. Clive is an instructor, assists with scent training and is our general 'fix-it' handyman around the club.

Meredith – owns Macze and Isabelle who are both Murray River Retrievers. Macze is retired from agility, rally, obedience, tracking and track & search. Isabelle is doing tracking, agility, scent work and tricks. Meredith's favourite training activity is teaching the dogs to think. Meredith is an instructor in addition to instructing agility with two successful cohorts starting to compete in 2023.

Robyn (our recently retired Treasurer) & Max – own a retired German Shepherd and love obedience work. Max is a regular instructor.

Merle – owns Jesse, a Shetland sheepdog. They compete in obedience and rally. Jesse has achieved his Novice and Advanced rally titles and obedience CCD and CD titles. The training that has helped the most is focus square work. Merle is a regular instructor.

CJ – owns Mazie a Golden Retriever and Inca a Labrador. They are working on tricks, rally and obedience, and are currently very focused on retrieving trials. CJ is also an instructor.

Janice – owns Bella, a rough collie and currently focused on obedience work.

Sian – owns a border cross Badger and border collie Maggie. Sian is returning to training after a 15 year gap. They are working on tricks, agility and scent work. Their goal is to compete in obedience, agility, tricks and scent – with the ultimate goal to equal Sian's mothers' UDX title.

Denise – owns papillons (lots of them!) who do agility, tracking, rally, scent work, track & search and tricks. Denise instructs tricks and our puppy class.

Alex – owns two kelpies, Ruby and Murray. They are trialling in agility, tricks and tracking, and training in obedience, scent work and herding. Ruby has just started to trial in tracking and is advancing as a herding dog too. Murray is perfecting the art of escaping from any enclosure! Alex is an instructor and assists with agility training.

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.



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

BestWritingHelp.org



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



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



5 DOGS CAN RECOGNIZE MORE THAN 150 WORDS



4 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

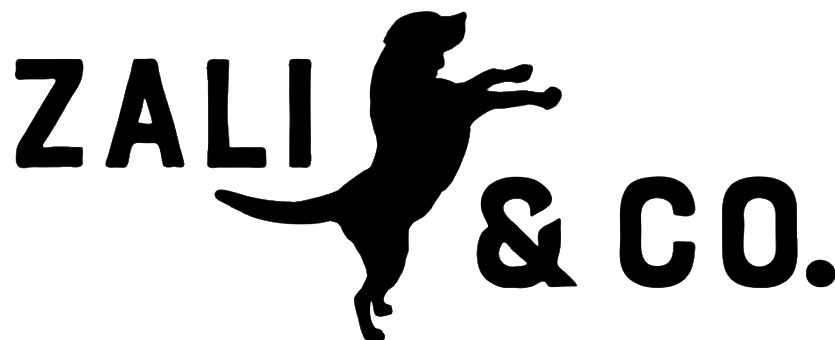


10 DOGS AND HUMANS HAVE THE SAME TYPE OF SLEEP THEREFORE DOGS CAN DREAM

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