



THE RECALL

BENDIGO OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB
NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2023



Celebrating 60 years 1963-2023

Welcome everyone....

2023 is going to be a big year for us all as we celebrate our 60th Birthday. No plans have been finalised yet, but the committee will be organising a 60th get together with the hope that current and past members, judges and competitors will join us in celebration, of this big milestone. Stay tuned.

Each year the club holds various trials and our first one is our Scent Work Trial in April. Thank you to our trial secretaries as they make arrangements for our future events.

Also, during the year, we hold Workshops for members to attend. Information about these will be posted, on our Face Book page and announcements made before classes. We look forward to you joining us and learning some fun ways to spend time with your dogs.

Let's hope the weather is kind to us as we return to training. Make sure your dogs remain hydrated and not too hot. Remember a hat, sunscreen, and mozzie repellent for yourself.

Happy Training,
Sandra Price
President

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hello to all our members – welcome back to our “old” members and welcome to our new members. I hope you enjoy your time with us and find it helpful and rewarding. I hope you all had a happy Christmas and a good start to 2023. Here's hoping it is a more “normal” one that the previous three have been.

This is a very special year for the club as we are “Celebrating 60 Years”. We are looking forward to celebrating this fantastic milestone.

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 2022. I sincerely hope they will all come back on board again in 2023. Another big thank you to many of our members who although not on committee are always ready to help at all events in so many ways. We really appreciate all you do.

Once again, our fantastic Instructors did a wonderful job through 2023 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 realise 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 instructors who work so hard each week. As you can see the instructors have their own dogs to train too.

Congratulations to all our members who trialled though-out 2023 in Agility, Tracking, Track & Search, Obedience, Rally, Scent Work, Tricks and Field Trials with a lot of success. It was good to get back to these after so many were cancelled during the COVID years.

In the Newsletter is also our calendar for the year with the main dates for 2018. Things may be added during the year, but this will just give you an idea of what we have planned so far. If you would like us to consider any other activities, please let a committee member know. 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.

2022 was a great year for the club – let's make 2023 just as good – if not better. Till next time – happy training, socialising, and trialling –

Heather

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.

TRAINING DATES FOR 2022

TERM 1

Introduction Night: Wednesday 25 January

Training: Wednesday 1 Feb – Wednesday 5 April; Sunday 5 Feb – Sunday 2 April

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

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

MARCH 12 (SUNDAY) LABOUR DAY WEEKEND - NO TRAINING

APRIL 22 (SATURDAY) SCENT WORK

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

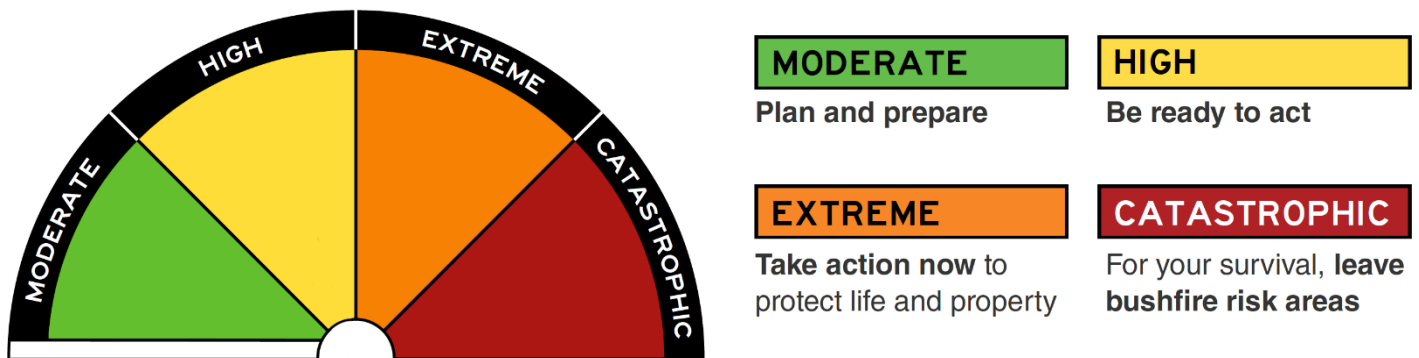
OCTOBER 13, 14 & 15 (FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY) T & S

DECEMBER 3 (SUNDAY) CHRISTMAS BREAK UP DAY

Meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month at the completion of training. At present we are alternating between Instructors and General meetings. February is an Instructors Meeting and March is the AGM – all welcome.

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.



GRADUATIONS TERM 4, 2022

BABY PUPPY TO OLDER PUPPY

Tara Delmenico – Black Betty
Lynette Wilkie – Meggies
Peter McDougall - Belle

Matt & Jessie Kunne – Goldie
Courtney Gardner – Molly

Erica Schelfhorst – Enzo & Orion
Amanda Bradford – Penny

OLDER PUPPY TO ADVANCED BEGINNER

Lesley-Jane Hindmarsh – Ruby
Julie Fainges – Zariah

Marcus Ferrier – Archie
Barb Farwell - Bingo

Forster Family – Neco

OLDER PUPPY TO CLASS 1

Brendon & Nicole Hopley – Nigel
Dale Cousins – Nyssa
Emmer Pilgrim & Oswald Harwood – Eddie

Tayla Winterton – Missy
Emma Wilson – Piper

Ros Winterton – Charlie
Bronley Taylor – Milkah

BEGINNERS TO ADVANCED BEGINNERS

Andrei & Vanessa Cheng – Lola
Gabby Bovaird – Luna

Graeme Lock – Polly
John Kinsman – Banjo

Jennifer Galvin – Dusty
Colleen Mulquinny – Sophie

BEGINNERS TO CLASS 1

Amelia Mitchell – Pippin
Nathan Pugh – Murphy
Caitlin Ralph – Daisy
Alison Leech – Penny
Rebecca Covington & Shaun Byrne – Lexie

Kylie & Amy Harding – Bella
Colleen Young – Ayla
Virginia Lovig – Jack
Jocelyn Ho - Astrid

James Harding – Elsie
Elsie Brown – Digger
Gail Kubel – Slick

ADVANCED BEGINNERS TO CLASS 1

Angela Crombie – Luna
David & Thomas Chaffee – Luna
Bella Leerson – Django

Helen McCutcheon – Wilbur
Lynley Grylls – Yoshi

Maree O'Hara – Finn
Simon Robbins – Luna

ADVANCED BEGINNERS TO CLASS 1

Jaimie Gardiner – Ce Ce
Pauline Nicholson – Jack

Gemma Thompson – Ellie
Allison Bodinnar – Sparky

Rachelle Beckett – Kirby

CLASS 1 TO CLASS 2

Elaine & Keith Rawiller – Scout
Heather Crawley – Vasco
Thomas Chaffee – Luna
Alex Canning – Pip
Pauline Gardner – Sammi

Lynette Wilkie – Charlie
Allan McPherson – Banjo
Simon Robbins – Luna
Laura Miller – Kaia
Maree O'Hara - Finn

Patricia Hill – Billy
Helen McCutcheon – Wilbur
Lynley Grylls – Yoshi
Alex Hurley – Snoopy

Class 2 TO CLASS 3

Alanna Drust – Bakari
Rodney Robins – Dee Dee
George & Margaret Bramley – Whiskey

Sally Berridge – Tango
Brooke Pilkington – Halo

Lynn Murdoch – Zena

CLASS 3 TO CLASS 4

Donna Rice – Belle
Keely - Loki

Sian James – Badger

Naomi Shelly – Neville

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





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.

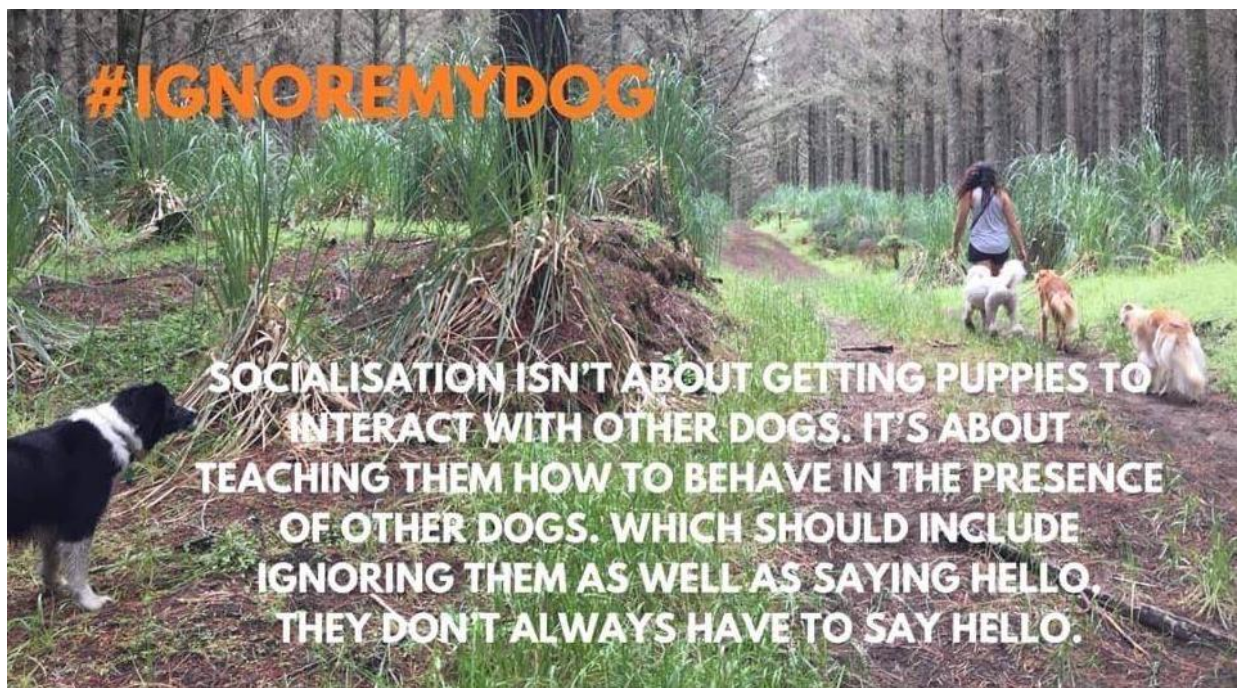
1. Membership tags are to be worn at training, if you don't have it you need to ask for a temporary one or if it is lost purchase a new one. It helps the instructor to get to know you and your dog's name and is proof of your membership.
2. Please be on time for class as they are only 30 minutes long, 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.

<div> How hot is too hot? </div>						
°C	°F				KEY	OTHER FACTORS
15°	60°	1	1	1	1. No evidence of risk: Have fun outside!	1 If obese
18°	65°	1	1	2		2 If brachycephalic breed
21°	70°	2	2	3	2. Risk is unlikely: Have fun outside, but be careful!	3 If less than 6 months old or elderly
23°	75°	3	3	3		4 If area is shaded from sun
26°	80°	3	3	4	3. Unsafe potential, depending on breed. Keep an eye on your pet outdoors.	5 If water is available
29°	85°	4	4	5		
32°	90°	5	5	5	4. Dangerous weather developing. Use caution.	
35°	95°	5	5	5		
37°	100°	5	5	5	5. Potentially life-threatening heat. Avoid prolonged outdoor activity.	
40°	105°	5	5	5		
43°	110°	5	5	5		

Source: adapted from The Safe Animal Care and Condon (TACC) scales



The 5 Second Rule



Sponsors and Supporters of the Club:

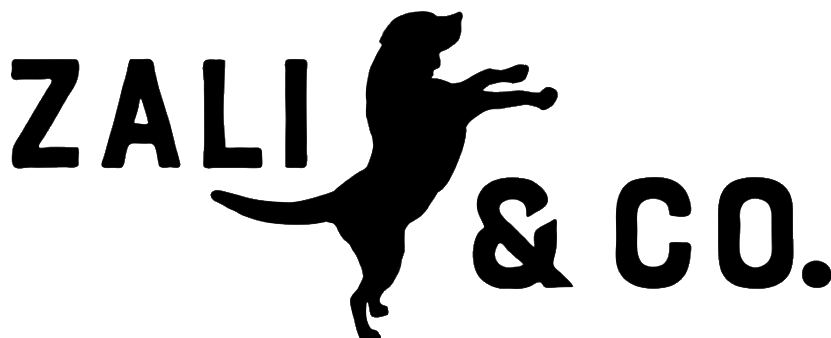


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Notice of

2023 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 Clubrooms

Finn St. Reserve, Finn St. North Bendigo under the Covid-19 conditions prevailing at this date.

On Wednesday March 15th, 2023, at 8:00 pm.

The following positions will be declared vacant –

**PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
TREASURER**

10 COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Nominations for the above positions close on March 1st, 2023. Please note that members of the Executive must be members of Dogs Victoria, but Committee members don't have to be. To be on Committee you must have been a Club member for a minimum of 3 months. Please forward nomination forms (available from the office or below) to the Secretary – Heather Turpie

PO Box 2396, Bendigo Mail Centre, Bendigo 3554, email or hand them to her at Club.
heatherturps@gmail.com

Items to be included on the Agenda for the AGM must be received by the Secretary,
on or before March 1st, 2023.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE MARCH 1st, 2023

AGENDA ITEMS CLOSE MARCH 1st, 2023

[Bendigo Obedience Dog Club Inc. Nomination Form 2023](#)

POSITION: _____

NOMINEE: _____ SIGNED BY NOMINEE: _____

NOMINATED BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

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

TRIALING MEMBERS RESULTS

Would all members who are trialling please email me their trial results so they can be included in the Recall Newsletter. Include the discipline, date, Club hosting the trial, your judge/s, and results. Also, what title you achieved when this occurs. Don't forget your name, your dog's name (both pet and registered name) and breed. This is an idea of how to set out it out. You could use this to hand it to me if you would rather.

RESULTS

Discipline:

Date:

Club:

Class: Judge:

Class: Judge:

Class: Judge:

Title:
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Your Name:

Dog's Pet Name:

Dog's Registered Name:

Dog's Breed: