

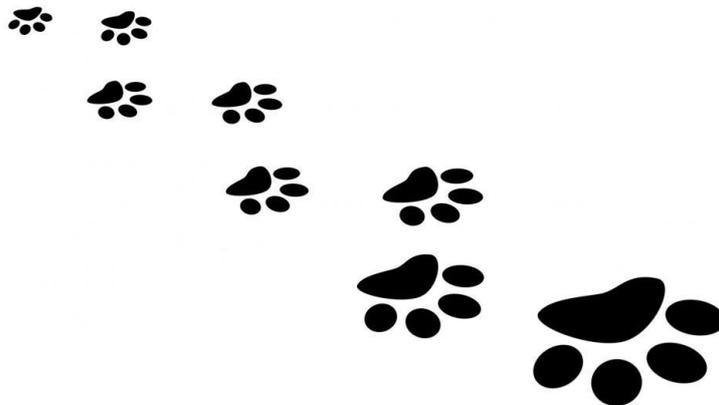
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## **Class Times**

Beginners/Newcomers and Novice and above Classes: 9.00am to 9.45am

Intermediate and CCD Classes: 9.45am to 10.45am

### **Every Sunday – Beginner Class: 9.00am – 9.45am**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: 9.00 am Obedience for Beginners and Novice  
9.45 am Agility, Rally-O and Obedience (CCD and Intermediate). The attendees on the day will be split into three (3) groups and each group will rotate through the three disciplines.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Obedience 9.45 am to 10.45 am, Committee meeting 11am

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Obedience 9.45 am to 10.45 am, Agility/Rally-O 10.45am to 11.45am

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Obedience 9.45am to 10.45am, Graduation practise: 10.45am to 11.45am

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## **Heat Rule**

When the weather forecast for Sunday by the BOM for Shepparton is 36 deg, or above as declared on the prior Saturday night, there will be no training on Sunday morning even if the weather forecast is revised.

## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Well hello again dear readers;

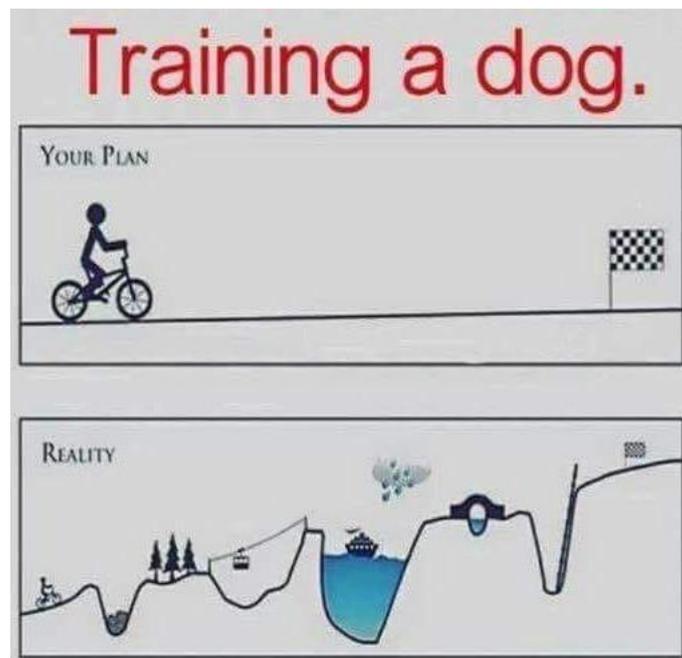
What's new this last month, well a lot actually! Heaps of amazing teams working well not only in trials but also the graduations that were held.

This weekend is the tracking workshop and we have the largest number of participants for the event ever, which just goes to show people DO want to do more with their dogs and enjoy the comradery of actively participating in dog sports! A quick note on the workshops we put on, we publish the info and extend invitations to other sister clubs members to attend, with spaces limited it is crucial if you don't want to miss out to complete the forms that are put in the growler and website and return ASAP to the club secretary; as it really is first in best dressed. For those that haven't confirmed their initial interest in Yvonne Ross's workshop for obedience and agility the forms need to be in THIS SUNDAY the 18<sup>th</sup> August!

I'd also like to extend a thank you to a new member Anne Crooke for helping on the check in desk, sometimes as a newbie it can be challenging to step up and assist the club, and it's great to see; I'd ask that all members when possible see if there is something we can do to assist be it taking out the trash, helping to set up or pack away it really does help everyone! With the new check in please remember to help out the person on the desk by returning your name badge at the end of class.

A further thanks goes to Robyn Masterson & Donna Sharp. Robyn has stepped into the role of treasurer until the AGM and we are very grateful and Donna has been so very helpful in her role as assistant secretary and assistant treasurer which often goes unnoticed by many but not today!

The final word on training, don't be disheartened by your dog's apparent lack of progress. Like humans we all learn differently and progress at different rates! It is up to us to understand our little buddies and learn what best motivates them to work for us, progress will be made in its own time... so in simpler terms see the below; the journey can be a long one, full of ups and downs.... **But by god its rewarding!**



## WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Please remember to wear your name badge each week. This is the only way instructors get to know your name as they have no problem recognising your dog.

Member:	Dogs Name:	Breed of Dog
Vedat Bascuhadar	Lucky	Labrador
Sarah Brock	Griffin	Leonberger
Lara Campbell	Winnie	Kelpie x Border Collie
Jolene Davis	Chase	Miniature Schnauzer
Karen Hampshire	Mabel	Cocker Spaniel
Maya Hampshire	Mabel	Cocker Spaniel
Karen Hooper	Rusty	Labrador
Kim Morris	Audrey	Cavoodle
Darren Duckworth	Audrey	Cavoodle
Neville Lynch	Bella	Kelpie
Lauren Oliver	Obie	Bernese Mountain Dog
Maddison O'Loughlan	Scully	Great Dane x
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## **Analysing a Dog's body language.**

Dogs are masters of reading our body language, but how well can you read your dog's cues? While observing a dog's behaviour, some signals are confusing and might not mean what we think. Have you ever heard any of the following statements about dog body language?

### **3 Misconceptions About Dog Body Language**

#### **1. "He's friendly because he's wagging his tail."**

Dogs wag their tails for a number of reasons. If their body is very loose or wiggly and they're wagging their tail sideways or in circles, that's probably a good sign that they're friendly. An alert, dominant or aggressive dog may still wag their tail, but generally their body and the base of their tail is stiff or tense. A lowered tail that's wagging back and forth quickly is usually a sign of a submissive dog.

#### **2. "When a dog raises his hair, it means he's aggressive."**

When you see a dog's hackles, it doesn't always mean the dog could become aggressive. If the hair on their back is raised between the shoulders and tail, the dog could be alert, excited or fearful. When the hackles are around the shoulder and extending up the back of the neck, it's usually related to dominance or aggression. Haley raises her hackles along her back and tail area when she's excited about meeting or playing with a new dog. Her tail will also become bristly when she's on alert.

#### **3. "A yawning dog is a tired dog."**

Dogs may yawn when they're tired but sometimes they yawn when they're stressed or when they're trying to calm another dog. Yawning is just one of the many calming signals used by dogs in various situations.

### **Can Dogs Give Mixed Signals?**

Yes, sometimes dogs can have conflicted emotions and display mixed signals. That's why it's important to avoid focusing too much on just one signal. Look at their entire body and observe all of the various parts to get a complete picture of what they might be feeling. It's also important to keep in mind that well-balanced dogs display a wide range of states. Sometimes they're happy go lucky and other times they may be dominant, submissive or fearful. Here are some common characteristics to look for when trying to read your dog's body language.

# Analyzing a Dog's Body Language

This infographic created by [Lili Chin](http://www.doggiedrawings.net). It's been circulating on the internet for a while, but it's still one of the best illustrations for decoding canine body language.

## DOGGIE LANGUAGE

starring Boogie the Boston Terrier



ALERT



SUSPICIOUS



ANXIOUS



THREATENED



ANGRY



"PEACE!"  
look away/head turn



STRESSED  
yawn



STRESSED  
nose lick



"PEACE!"  
sniff ground



"RESPECT!"  
turn & walk away



"NEED SPACE"  
whale eye



STALKING



STRESSED  
scratching



STRESS RELEASE  
shake off



RELAXED  
soft ears, blinky eyes



"RESPECT!"  
offer his back



FRIENDLY & POLITE  
curved body



FRIENDLY



"PRETTY PLEASE"  
round puppy face



"I'M YOUR LOVEBUG"  
belly-rub pose



"HELLO I LOVE YOU!"  
greeting stretch



"I'M FRIENDLY!"  
play bow



"READY!"  
prey bow



"YOU WILL FEED ME"



CURIOUS  
head tilt



HAPPY  
(or hot)



OVERJOYED  
wiggly



"MMMMM..."



"I LOVE YOU,  
DON'T STOP"

## What's Your Dog Feeling?

- **The Relaxed Dog** – The eyes are soft and blinking normally, the ears are in a half-back or relaxed position, the mouth may be open or closed but the jaw is relaxed, the body is relaxed and loose and the tail is held in a relaxed, straight or slightly lowered position.
- **The Friendly Dog** – The eyes are slightly crinkled or squinted, the mouth is usually open and relaxed (almost appearing to smile), the body is standing normally or loose and the tail is wagging softly or excitedly (with a wiggly rear end). A friendly dog may also whine or yelp if they're excited.
- **The Alert Dog** – The eyes are open wide with an alertness (pupils may also be dilated), the ears are up and alert (possibly moving to tune in sounds), the mouth is most likely closed, the nose may be sniffing to gather more scent, the body is tense and stiff and the tail may be raised and stiff at the base with only the end wagging slightly.
- **The Fearful Dog** – The eyes are small and narrowed, the head is lowered with the ears back or held flat against the head, the corners of the mouth may be pulled back toward the ears, the body could be tense, frozen or in flight mode, hackles may be raised and the tail is low or tucked between the legs towards the belly. Less exaggerated versions of these same signals may also be present in a submissive dog.
- **The Nervous Dog** – The eyes are partly narrowed (pupils may also be dilated), the ears are half back, the mouth is closed and tense and may display calming signals (yawning, licking or tongue flicking) and the tail is lowered.
- **The Dominant Dog** – The eyes are wide and staring, the ears are up and facing forward, the mouth is open, the body is erect (and may be leaning forward), hackles may be raised and the tail is held higher (possibly bristled or wagging slowly). Dogs displaying an intense, hard stare with the corners of the mouth coming forward or showing their front teeth along with a very tense body and tail that's stiff at the base, could become aggressive.

The ability to read your dog's body language gives you a valuable tool for helping your pup if they're feeling uncomfortable, stressed or fearful. It also allows you to recognize potential problems with dominance or aggression so you can address the issue before it escalates.

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### OH&S REMINDER

Please wear appropriate footwear when training your dog in class

#### No thongs,

If your dog steps on a thong, you can fall and may need medical attention, plus the noise from thongs can distract or upset your own dog or other dogs. Long coats and flappy skirts/dresses can also distract your dog from training.



**WARNING:** Please do not touch or walk close to unattended dogs that are tied to a fence or post etc. This also includes dogs that are in crates



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## **GRADUATION RESULTS: 28 July 2019**

### **Intermediate: Judge – Leigh Williams**

(Qualifying score – 170 points)

<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Heidi Marshall	Lucy	197
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Anne Crooke	Toby	173
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>			

### **Community Companion Dog: Judge – Julie Rafferty**

(Qualifying score – 85 points)

<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Karen Rath	Tipsy	80
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Heidi Marshall	Dusty	69
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Cheryl Jones	Sophie	64

### **Novice: Judge – Paul O’Bryan**

(Qualifying score – 170 points)

<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Helen Vernon	Lill	184
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Darryl Walker	Casey	182
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Teagan Menhenett	Pip	148

### **Open: Judge – Paul O’Bryan**

(Qualifying score – 170 points)

<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Darryl Walker	Buster	182
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Julie Rafferty	Jasper	179
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Anthony Lockett	Alan	165

### **Agility: Judge – Cheryl Jones**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Robyn Masterson	Bella	5f 46s
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Julie Rafferty	Jasper	5f 51s
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Frank Vickers	Nina	5f 70s

### **HIGHEST SCORING OBEDIENCE MEMBER JULY GRADUATION**

**Anne Crooke**

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## **ROVER REPORT:**

### **TRIAL: Broadmeadows Obedience Dog Club 23rd June 2019**

<b>DISCIPLINE</b>	<b>MEMBER &amp; DOG</b>	<b>RESULT</b>
Advanced (B) (Trail 1)	Anthony Lockett and Alan	98/100, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Advanced (B) (Trail 2)	Anthony Lockett and Alan	98/100, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Advanced (B) (Trial 3)	Anthony Lockett and Alan	100/100, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Masters (Trail 1)	Anthony Lockett and Alan	95/100, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Masters (Trail 2)	Anthony Lockett and Alan	97/100, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Masters (Trial 3)	Anthony Lockett and Alan	93/100, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place

**Congratulations Anthony and Alan for gaining your Rally Masters Title**

### **TRIAL: Albury & Border Kennel Club 21st July 2019**

<b>DISCIPLINE</b>	<b>MEMBER &amp; DOG</b>	<b>RESULT</b>
Excellent (B) (am)	Anthony Lockett and Alan	85/100, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Excellent (B) (pm)	Anthony Lockett and Alan	98/100, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Masters (am)	Anthony Lockett and Alan	94/100
Masters (pm)	Anthony Lockett and Alan	98/100, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place

### **TRIAL: Dogs Victoria State Rally Trial 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

<b>DISCIPLINE</b>	<b>MEMBER &amp; DOG</b>	<b>RESULT</b>
Advanced (B) (am)	Anthony Lockett and Alan	95/100, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Advanced (B) (pm)	Anthony Lockett and Alan	92/100
Excellent (B) (am)	Anthony Lockett and Alan	97/100, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Excellent (B) (pm)	Anthony Lockett and Alan	100/100, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Masters	Anthony Lockett and Alan	97/100, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place

### **TRIAL: Tracking Club of Victoria Inc. Tracking Trial, Inverleigh 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

<b>DISCIPLINE</b>	<b>MEMBER &amp; DOG</b>	<b>GRADING</b>
Tracking Test 5	Jillien van Bommel and Kobi	Very Good
Tracking Test 7	Annemaree Ryan and Evie	Good
Tracking Test 7	Daniel Mitchell and Dexter	Good

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- Heel pattern with Figure 8, Stand for Examination, Sit Stays, Stand and Drop, Change of Pace

### **Community Companion Dog – CCD:**

All of the above exercises to Trial level plus

- Dumbbell and Finish

### **Novice - CD:**

All of the above exercises to Trial level plus

- Change of Position, Off Lead work, longer timed Sit and Drop Stays

### **Open - CDX:**

All of the above exercises to Trial level plus

- Heel Free, Broad Jump, Dumbbell Retrieve over the Solid Jump, Dumbbell Retrieve on the Flat, Distance Control, Drop on Recall plus Out of Sight Sit and Drop Stays

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**Order of Judging** As per catalogue.

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