

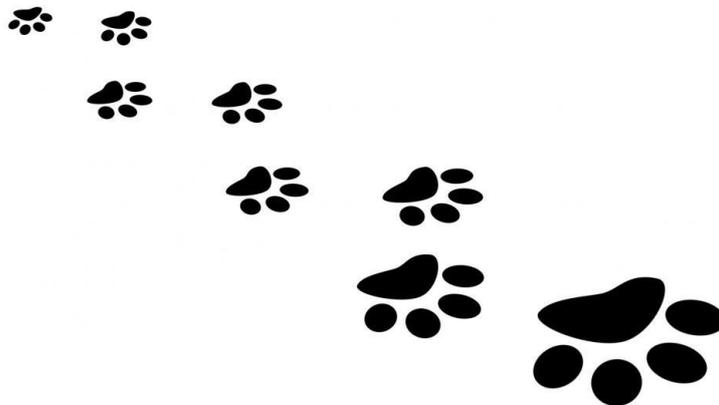
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Class Times

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

Intermediate and CCD Classes: 10.00am to 10.45am

Every Sunday – Beginner Class: 9.00am – 9.45am

1st Sunday: 9.00 am Obedience for Beginners and Novice
10.00 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.

2nd Sunday Obedience 10.00 am to 10.45 am, Committee meeting 11am

3rd Sunday Obedience 10.00 am to 10.45 am, Agility/Rally-O 10.45am to 11.45am

4th Sunday Obedience 10.00 am to 10.45am, Every second month on the last Sunday; Graduation testing only 10.00am

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.



PROGRESSION THROUGH THE OBEDIENCE CLASSES:

Beginner Class: First 4 weeks at the club

Exercises are basic – loose lead walking, sit, stay, drop, recall and turns

Intermediate:

Exercises same as Beginner Class plus –

- Heel pattern with Figure 8, Stand for Examination, Sit Stays, Stand and Drop, Change of Pace
 - Requires graduation pass to train at the next level, Exercises taught in class are the focus of the graduation, Sit, Drop, Heeling, Stand & Stand Stay (**without food**)

Community Companion Dog – CCD:

All of the above exercises to Trial level plus

- Dumbbell and Finish
 - Requires graduation pass to trial conditions for next level

Novice - CD:

All of the above exercises to Trial level plus

- Change of Position, Off Lead work, longer timed Sit and Drop Stays
 - Requires graduation pass to trial conditions for next level

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
 - Requires graduation pass to trial conditions for next level

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE Aug/Sept 2022

I would like to start off by welcoming all our new member to the Shepparton and District Obedience Dog Club, I hope you enjoy your time spent with your dog and learn a few things along the way.

We have also had many members busy trialling in several disciplines with some very strong results as you can see in the summary in the Growler, it is great that we have so many members out enjoying time with their dogs and achieving some fantastic results. A special call out to those members that competed at the State Rally Trial, it is great to see members performing well at the highest level.

On Saturday 30 th July we have a great turnout for our workshop with Mark Murray, the day started out very cold at -3 so it was lucky our first session was a power point presentation inside with the heater on. Some of the key points that Mark delivered that stand out to me for any dog owner, not just those wanting to compete is the dog needs to respect the engagement, the dog should see you as the highest priority, the pack leader and look to you for direction.

The second part of Mark's training that stands out to me is building a dogs confidence using structured play to build confidence and duration for training with some wonderful displays on the day. It has been great to see several members putting this into action with the number of tug toys increasing.

Mark was also able to assist a number of members with problems that they were having, it was great to see the look on Indranyl face when Mark gave Masti a pat, and the strategy that was put in place for Willow's barking is working a treat, some very happy members that they were able to attend.

A copy of Mark's book "Competitive Dog Obedience" has been purchased by the club and is in the club rooms if you would like to have a look at some of the detail.

I would like to bring to everyone's attention the need to clean up after your dog when they toilet at club grounds, or anywhere in public for that matter. I have had several reports from eagle eyed members that have spied members toileting their dogs on the far side of the oval and walking off without cleaning it up, just because you think you are out of the way or out of sight is not a reason to not pick up after your dog. Not only is it a club rule but also a council bylaw that needs to be abided by. We are lucky to have the large area that we do to train our dogs and we do not want to put this at risk by being poor citizens, it is public open space that is used by other individuals and groups, and we need to be mindful of this and ensure we are not impacting on other users.

Each Sunday at training there is a pooper scooper at the base of the large tree with a bucket with a bag in it to dispose of waste, the council rubbish bin at the corner near the entry often has poo bags that can also be used with several bins along the carpark for disposing of waste.

On a positive note, I would also like to call out and thank those members that have gone above what is expected and cleaned up other dog poos (not their own dogs) on the ground that they have come across to improve the environment at our grounds and remove some land mines, thank you for your efforts.

With the feel of spring in the air and temps starting to rise it is a great time of year to get out with your four-legged friend and spend some time working on that strong bond with some fun exciting training and even more enjoyable favourite game with your dog.

Kind Regards,

Leigh Williams

President

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

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Shellie Kellock	Barney	Cocker spaniel
Jolene Doller	Peanut	Am Staff
Belinda Argus	Jewel	Rotti
Andrew Pattison	Floyd	Boxer
Paul Black	Rippa	Rotti
Bernie Black	Misty	Rotti
Emma Francis	Phoebe	Golden Ret.
Cheri Malnati	Gundi	Blue Heeler
Sheridan Hicks	Leroy	foxhound

Member:	Dog Name:	Breed of Dog
Tamara Roberts	Honey	Border collie
Josh Phillips	Jaxx	Rotti
Rebecca Osborne	Billy	Kelpie x b/c
MZicheal Keys	Jed	Greatdane x
Janine Collins	Neve	Bull Arab x
Donna Mclean	Shady	Am staff
Jane Houston	Suki	Labradore
Abbie Hansen	Daisy	Bordercollie
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GRADUATION RESULTS –25-09-2022

Intermediate – Judge – Maree Stagoll

(Qualifying score – 85 points)



Place	Name	Dog	Score
1st	Marg DeLai	Rory	96
2nd	Kim McNaughton	Boots	88
3rd	Ian Carpenter	Rumour	85

Community Companion Dog – Judge – Julie Rafferty

(Qualifying score – 85 points)

Place	Name	Dog	Score
1st	Alicia Jones	Emmy	93
2nd	Helen Vernon	Tia	91
3rd	Donna Sharp	Charlie	82

Novice – Judge – Leigh Williams

(Qualifying score – 170 points)

Place	Name	Dog	Score
1st	Barb Lloyd	Willow	199
2nd	Julie Rafferty	Davey	186
3rd	Tracey Simmons	Scarlett	145

Open – Judge – Leigh Williams

(Qualifying score – 170 points)

Place	Name	Dog	Score
1st	Anthony Lockett	Alan	187
2nd	Sharon Allan	Shelby	131
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Agility

Place	Name	Dog	Score
1st	Julie Rafferty	Davey	34.39 sec 5 f
2nd	Ian Carpenter	Rumour	63.16 sec 5 f
3rd	Anthony Lockett	Alan	24.16 sec 10 f



HIGHEST SCORING OBEDIENCE MEMBER GRADUATION

Kim McNaughton and Boots

WORKSHOP

GUEST SPEAKER MARK MURRAY from Murrays Dog Training in Bendigo. Mark has over 40 years experience in the field of training dogs, from group classes, shelter dog training and assessments, businesses covering pet health and nutrition sports training and fitness, and performed in highly competitive sports with success himself.

As our president's report stated it was a very informative day enjoyed by all so here are some pics taken of the lucky few who secured seats.





Foundation Agility Class

When: Wednesday night's 5-6pm

Who: Dogs who are in the Intermediate class and above.

Where: S&DODC Clubrooms

Fee: \$3

Puppies are welcome and will learn appropriate handling skills and drills, puppies will not be allowed to jump until they are over 12 months of age.

Bring dog crate, treats and tug toy

All Handlers are to help with setting out and putting away of equipment.

Advise Robyn Masterson whom will be running the classes ph.: 0408318454

MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS.



JULIE RAFFERTY is another of our volunteers you will see selflessly contributing to the running of the club and trialling her dogs. She has been a member since 1989 been heavily involved as a club and trial secretary. Julie grew up with family pets of Heintze variety (mixed breeds) or labs. Having experience owning and trialling in all manner of sports with her Heeler Pete and her beloved German shepherds but currently gets great joy from a smaller companion trialling in obedience, rally, agility, dancing with dogs and tricks with her Cavalier King Charles Jasper and now Davey following in his footsteps. Julie says she feels privileged to have instructed so many people over the years to become competent handlers. She finds Sunday mornings her time to be with like minded people where ideas are exchanged and new and longstanding friendships are formed.

NOTICE !!!!!

This years AGM will be held October 16th after classes at the club room. A notice via email will arrive shortly for all club members

TALKING DOG

HOW OUR DOGS COMMUNICATE: each month we will introduce a new area of training or how our dogs communicate. They don't use words nor just one body part, but a whole variety of signals which is why our dogs pick up on things even when we don't talk.

The importance of hand signals

Dogs are a very Visual species think of all the different nuances of Canine body language, all the details they pick up on in every interaction.

- Teaching hand signals to your dog can increase his overall focus on you. He'll learn to watch for your cues.
- It's also beneficial in noisy environments in which he may not be able to hear a verbal cue. Or if he is at a distance he will likely be able to hear you but a strong physical cue really gets the message home.
- And sometimes dogs become deaf. So hand signals and touch are necessary to communicate with them.
- Having your dog focus on hand signals can also sharpen his mind. The more dogs learn, the better.

Introducing hand signals.

Firstly decide what your signal will be and practice yourself without the dog to see if it is practical and comfortable for you. Many people develop their hand signals based on how they moved the treats when teaching the new behaviour. Or an adaption of sorts.

Starting with your signals big exaggerated signs and you can gradually make them smaller or adjust your position in relation to your dog (ie sit signal with dog in front will be slightly different for you when dog is at your side.) also be mindful if the signal is in front of your body it does make it harder for pooch to see hence the big sweeping arm movements to the side of our bodies you may notice in competition dogs.



If your furry friend already responds to a dog verbal command, adding a dog hand signal is easy:

1. First **do the hand signal**.
2. **Immediately** after say the verbal command (that your pooch already knows).
3. Mark and reward your dog's response.
4. Repeat steps 1-3 **several** times!
5. Now try the dog hand signal but **don't say the verbal cue**.
6. If he responds - Mark and reward!
7. If he doesn't respond to your hand signal be patient and repeat steps 1-4 again until successful.

If you are training a new behaviour and want to add a dog hand signal follow these steps:

Dog training hand signals from Luring a dog behavior:

When you teach your furry friend basic obedience commands like sit, down, stand and heel using luring, you hold food in your palm. Then you move it around to make your pet do what you want him to do. That palm movement can then be turned into an actual dog training hand signal!

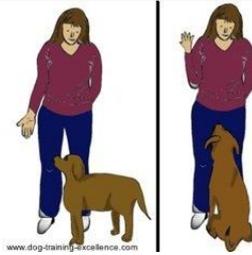
Here are some examples (see pictures below):

Sit: you lure your pooch by moving the treat up from his nose to his forehead. This movement becomes a full motion with your palm facing up from your leg to your shoulder.

Down: you lure your pet by moving the treat from his nose down to the floor. This movement becomes a full motion with your palm facing out starting at your shoulder level (the last motion of the sit position) and going down to your leg palm-down.

Stand: Starting from a sit or down position, you lure your hound by moving the treat from his nose up and forward. This becomes a full motion with your palm starting relaxed at your hip, then move your arm backwards.

Heel: you lure your canine friend with a treat to walk next to you (usually on your left side). If your pet is coming from -in front- of you, then you lure him to go around you from right to left (in a half circle around you). This movement becomes a signal by moving your hand in a small circle near your hip or tapping your hip. If your pooch comes from behind you, then he should just appear on your left side.



Sit: Start palm-out at leg and moves up as if to touch your shoulder.

Down: Start palm-out at shoulder and moves down towards floor ending palm-down.



Stand: Start palm-out at the side of the hip and moves straight backwards (like an invitation to enter motion).

Heel: you may tap your leg/hip or use a circular hand motion by your leg.



Stay: Palm-out stretch in front of dog.



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Now that the harsh winter weather is almost behind us and Spring is peeking through, we are all excited to get outside with our pets. In order to truly enjoy the nice weather, we need to keep our family dog safe from potential springtime health hazards.

Toxic Plants: Not all plants are animal friendly. If your dog ingests just a small amount of these common plants, it can lead to serious health issues. Just a few potentially dangerous plants include: Azalea, Bittersweet, Crocus, Day Lily, Ferns, Lily of the Valley, Morning Glory, Tiger Lily, and Tulip.

Fertilizers and Pesticides: What springtime gardening routine is complete without adding fertilizer to grow grass/plants, and pesticides to kill off unwanted bugs and weeds. However, these chemicals pose a significant health concern for pets. The safest option is to forgo using any of these products in your yard. If that's not possible, **seek out pet-safe options** when available.

Pick Up the Sticks: After the winter wet, we are apt to find countless sticks all over our yard. Most dogs are drawn to these. We may think they are suitable toys and entertainment items for our dog, but they are not. Your dog may have played with these in the past, and experienced no issues; but that is not always the case. Tree branches are not designed to act as chew toys. As a result, they can splinter/break, cut a dog's mouth/throat and cause a severe choking hazard. Instead of sticks, use suitable toys as an outlet for your dog. Dog toys include: A Frisbee, tug toy, squeaky toy, ball, etc.

Allergies: Spring time can cause allergies to arise in our pets, just as much as they do in us. Common allergens for dogs include: flowering trees, dandelions, tulips, insects, dust and mold. Allergy symptoms can manifest themselves in the form of itching, coughing, sneezing, flaky skin or extra oily coat. Keep an eye out for these symptoms in order to help ease your dog's discomfort.

Spring is an enjoyable time of year for many of us. The season is a perfect opportunity to remind ourselves of how we can help to keep our dog safe from common springtime health hazards. If you suspect your dog has been exposed to any health hazard, do not wait. Immediately **contact a veterinarian** for professional medical attention. Prevention is always the best medicine. Whenever possible, take proactive steps to help prevent health issues for your dog.



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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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Bella,

The **K9 Agility Club** held their **Inaugural Trick Dog Tests** on Sunday 24th July KCC Park, there were 3 tests in which we could earn passes. A small group of members proudly attended, Helen Vernon with Lill, Robyn Masterson with Anthony Lockett with Alan and Julie Rafferty with Jasper and Davey. It was a cold day and after a late start the trial ran smoothly unfortunately it did not finish until after 8.30 pm (trials are usually well finished by this time). A Championship Show was also held in the same area so it got a bit noisy sometimes.

The day started early for all of us, however general judging did not start until 10.30 am after stewards, judges and helpers were judged.

Over 460 entries in 4 rings over 4 levels of Tricks were judged, (the judges have great stamina) with the majority receiving passes and titles. Shepparton members were very successful, everyone received passes, or a Title or a 1st in Ring.

These classes were keenly contested with many handlers earning full points and as you can see from our members scores 59.8 and 79.8 did not earn placings. Of course, there were some silly mistakes and handler error by (author). A great learning curve for all. And a great day out. Any member wanting to learn more about tricks, please speak to the following members who are only too willing to help.

Starters class – 60 points

- Helen Vernon with Lill- - 59.0, 50.5, 58.8 and **Title**
- Anthony Lockett with Alan - 59.9, 58.0

Novice class – 80 points

- Robyn Masterson with Bella - 72.0, 79.6
- Julie Rafferty with Jasper - 76.5; 71.6
- Julie Rafferty with Davey - 79.8, 74.3 with **1st place**
(receiving toy and dog food)



Davey's 1st in ring sashes and prizes

Bendigo Obedience and Rally Trial Results 21 August 2022

2 Obedience Trials and 3 Rally Trials.

A small group of Shepparton members competed at Bendigo again with success, Heidi Marshall, Karen Rath, Helen Vernon, Sharon Allen, Paula Laidlaw and Julie Rafferty. Bendigo club ordered perfect weather for the day, mild and sunny and ran a most efficient and friendly competition, with lovely ribbons and sashes for placegetters.

		<u>Qualifying scores</u>
CCD	Heidi Marshall & Panda	91 pts
CD - Novice	Karen Rath & Topsy	195 pts 1st place
CD - Novice	Karen Rath & Topsy	193 pts 1st place
CDX - Open	Julie Rafferty & Davey	187 pts NQ
Rally Advanced	Heidi Marshall & Panda	97 pts 1st place
Rally Advanced	Heidi Marshall & Panda	82 pts
Rally Advanced	Heidi Marshall & Panda	88 pts 2nd place
Rally Novice	Heidi Marshall & Sky	96 pts 3rd place
Rally Novice	Heidi Marshall & Sky	Pass
Rally Novice	Heidi Marshall & Sky	89 pts 3rd place
Rally Master	Helen Vernon & Lil	90 pts
	Helen Vernon & Lil	Pass, 1st place
	Paula Laidlaw & Bailey	97 pts 1st place
	Helen Vernon & Lil	Pass
	Julie Rafferty & Davey	94 pts 3rd place
	Julie Rafferty & Davey	94 pts

Apologies to any team missed from this list, also scores.

Around the Rings with **Rover Reporter**

09/22



Once again our members have been out and about successfully trialling. Congratulations on returning home with the all-important pieces of plus ribbons and sashes.

This time Robyn Masterson and Julie Rafferty competed in the Tricks trial September 2022 at Bulla complex. Robyn and Bella returned home with 2 towards their Novice Tricks title also I hear Bella has her 1st pass in Masters Agility. While Julie's dog Davey received 2 passes thereby gaining his Novice Tricks Title and 1st place (lovely rosette); Jasper gained 2 passes and his Novice Tricks Title. Come on the Cavaliers

cardboard,
held on 4
passes



Davey Novice Tricks Title

Another weekend away at Kyeamba Club in Wagga Wagga holding 2 Obedience and 3 Rally trials on 10 and 11 September, it was a social success for Helen & Peter Vernon, Sharon Allan, Heidi Marshall and Julie Rafferty. However, the wanted passes were difficult to find, the weather was not that kind. Heidi Marshall and Skydiamond the only Saturday winners placing 1st CCD and 2nd CCD. Sunday the weather was much improved, Heidi's Skydiamond placed 1st Rally Novice 93 pts and Panderess 89pts Rally Advanced. Julie's Davey placed 1st in Open with 184 pts. The weekend was not as successful as all competitors hoped, the Saturday judges only presented 3 passes out of 60 entries for the day; Sunday saw many more passes handed out much to the relief of all. But that's competition some days not so good other days very successful.

MELBOURN ROYAL SHOW

RALLY O

2nd place getters with a beautiful ribbon well done to Anthony and Allan



Why title a dog?

By Sandra Mowery (taken from W&DODC newsletter Jul/Aug 2016)

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honour the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in record and in memory for as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard.

And though the dog itself doesn't know or care that its achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent and adaptable, and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that pleased you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

And a title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with it because it was a good dog, and you believed in it enough to give it yet another chance when it failed, and that, in the end, your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few: that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of pride in one small set of initials after the name.

A title earned is nothing less than love and respect, given and received, and permanently recorded.

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- Pigs ears \$1.70
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“Please give me space”

At some time, you will see someone wearing these vests. Please respect a member and their dog when wearing this fluro yellow vest and keep a reasonable distance away from the dog. If possible attract the handler's attention before approaching. Remember not all dogs are 100% confident or friendly, they may be scared, or reactive around other dogs, or being rehabilitated which is why they are attending the club classes. If you wish to use a vest please speak to one of the instructors.



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