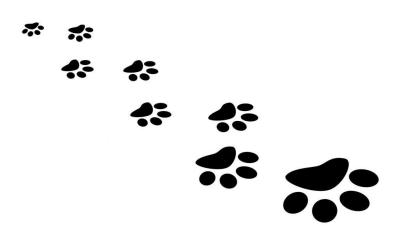
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Class Times

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 10.00am intermediate and CCD

10.45am RALLY-O Novice – Masters NOSEWORK and TRICKS

2nd Sunday 8.00 am Tricks and Nose work Obedience 09.00 am to 10.45 am, Committee meeting 11am

3rd Sunday 9.00 am Obedience

10.45 RALLY O Advance and excellent NOSE WORK and TRICKS

4th Sunday 09.00 am to 10.45am

Heat Rule

When the weather forecast for Sunday by the BOM for Shepparton is 35 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.



<u>Membership</u>

Membership year runs from 1st January to 31st December

Intake for new members is on the first Sunday of each month February through to November Membership options are listed below. Please note that a non negotiable insurance levy is applicable to all club members who are not Dogs Victoria members

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A weekly training fee of \$3.00 applies per class you attend and is paid on the day

NEW PROCEDURE FOR SIGN UP FEB WEEK 1 OF 2024

ALL NEW MEMBERS WILL SIGN UP FEB WEEK 1 BEFORE CLASSES START AT 9AM

ALL PRE EXISTING/RENEWALS WILL RE SIGN WEEK 2 OF FEBUARY
WE HOPE THIS WILL STREAMLINE THE BUSY NEWCOMERS MORNINGS.

LAST GROWLER FOR 2023 we hope you have had a wonderful year made some new friends learnt some new skills. If there is a subject you would like to learn about or a story to tell reach out we are always looking for growler content to share with the public.



CANINE CANDY CANE FUN

- 3 cups whole wheat flour + more
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup peanut butter
- 2/3 cup pumpkin puree
- 3-4 tablespoons beet juice
- 1) In a large mixing bowl, combine and whisk the eggs, peanut butter, and pumpkin puree until smooth. Then add in the flour 1 cup at a time
- 2) You may need to add flour now a little at a time until the dough isn't sticky. Split dough in half or 3rd depending on your colours # I opted to use beet juice as my coloring instead of food dye to keep this natural
- 3) Then lightly flour the counter and roll out both doughs separately. Then lay one on top of the other and roll lightly again.
- 4) Use a pizza cutter to cut out strips of dough.
- 5) And then twist them.

set your oven to 180c and place these dog treats on a silicone mat on a baking sheet. Curve the tops to make them look like candy

canes Bake for about 35-45 minutes.

These cookies won't be entirely hard if you make them as large as I did I have large dogs. The smaller you make them, the harder they'll be. If you do make them smaller, I'd adjust the baking time to about 20-25 minutes.

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR CURRENT NEW MEMBERS

WOOD, JENNA		LEXI	Groodle	
BRIGGS, CARA		LEXI	Groodle	
KEEGAN, GREG		TAFFY	Cobberdog	
_ , _		TAFFY	Cobberdog	
,		MAX	Staffy	
HARDING, TAMARA		MAX	Staffy	
HARRAP, ROBYN			Jackapoo	
DORWARD, NICOLE		FREDDIE	Staffordshire Bull Terrie	
SARGENT, SALLY		MARTY	Gsp X Weimaraner	
ANTHONY, ANU		BENJI	Groodle	
SHINTO, AGNA		BENJI	Groodle	
READ, IRIS		FONZIE	Lab X	
READ, TIM		FONZIE	Lab X	
HANNAN, KIRSTIE		BENJI	Border Collie	
MCWILLIAM, KYM		DOLLY	Jack Russell X	
MCWILLIAM, STEPHEN	N I	DOLLY Jack Russell X		
FEEMAN, LEONIE		MORNDEN LUNA Labrador Retriever		
		GRACE	Labrador Retriever	
WILLIAMS, NARELLE		BUSTER	American Staffy	
CANDILORO, DEBORA	.Н	BOBI	Toy Poodle	
		BENJI	Toy Poodle	
EVANS, ALICE		EVA	Gsp	
GEORGIOU, ELISA		BEAR	Gsd	
BURN, KARLEIA	-	TILLY	Kelpie	
FERRET, CAZ		BRIDGET	Labrador Retriever	
REITHER, KYLIE	LOL	LY	Cavoodle	
ELLIOTT, ELIZA	PEA	\RL	Border Collie	
HUTTON, JULIA	THA	AILA	Staffy X	
		AILA	Staffy X	
PAYNE, DIANNE RAI		A	Moodle	
·		RKLY	Labradoodle	
		RKLY	Labradoodle	
HARRISON, MARC	MIS	SSY	Labrador X	

Graduations

<u>Held</u> the last Sunday-March, May, July, September & October <u>Eligible</u>—Intermediate class and above

Starting 9.00 am Beginner class is held as normal at 9 am

It is a fun time and you get one on one advice from the judges to help you understand the progress you are making, also it is practice if you intend to enter Open Trials. The obedience exercises that are practiced in your current class are the exercises upon which you and your dog will be judged individually. The Sit and Down stay are group exercises. There are Certificates & ribbons for place getters & a passing score means you move up to the next class.

Your 3 highest scores earned at three Graduations in the calendar year count towards determining the End of Year Trophies:
Lady Handler, Male Handler and Junior Handler.

Exercises -

<u>Intermediate</u>—All exercises are on lead. Heel pattern with sits, stands & drops; sit for examination; recall; sit and down stay as a group.

<u>CCD</u> (Community Companion Dog)- All exercises are on lead except the sit & down stay. Heel pattern with Figure of 8, Sits, Stands & Drops; Stand for examination; Recall, 1 min Sit and 2 min Down stay as a group.

<u>Novice</u> — All exercises are Off lead - Heel pattern with Figure of 8, sits, stands & drops, Stand for examination; Recall; Dumbbell retrieve <u>or</u> Change of position; 1 min Sit and 3 min Down stays.

<u>Open</u> — All excises are Off lead— Heel pattern as above; Stand for examination; Drop on recall; Retrieve dumbbell on flat; Retrieve dumbbell over solid jump or Directed retrieve (gloves); Broad jump or distance control; 3 min Down stay out of sight.

<u>UD</u> (Utility Dog) – upon request

Intermediate & CCD scores— A qualifying score 85, out of 100.

Novice & Open Scores— A qualifying score 170, out of 200.

Handlers pass Intermediate, CCD and Novice once, not necessarily in the same year. Open and above classes can be repeated at any graduation.

GRADUATION RESULT -24-9-2023

Intermediate - Judge - Julie Rafferty (Ring 1)

(Qualifying score - 85 points/100)



Place	Name	Dog	Score
1st	Kim Furness	Macey	86 pts
2nd	Belinda Farley	Earl	85 pts
3rd	Victoria White	Maverick	85 pts

Intermediate – Judge – Helen Vernon (Ring 2)

(Place	Name	Dog	Score
1st	Alicia Jones	Odin	190 pts
2nd	Belinda Sprunt	Dusty	178 pts
3rd	Robyn Melbourne	Bella	158 pts

Community Companion Dog – Judge – Helen Vernon

(Qualifying score - 85 points/100)

Place	Name	Dog	Score
1st	Joanne McEvoy	Harvey	88 pts
2nd	Dave Sanford	Luna	86 pts

Novice - Judge - Paula Laidlaw

(Qualifying score - 170 points/200)

Place Name		Dog	Score	
1st	Belinda Farley	Archie	190 pts	

Open - Judge - Paula Laidlaw

(Qualifying score - 170 points/200)

Place	Name	Dog	Score
1st	Anthony Lockett	Alan	196 pts
2nd	Barb Lloyd	Willow	194 pts

Agility - Judge - Helen Vernon

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Place	Name	Dog	Scor	е		
1st	Kima Frenning	Alfred	34.57se	0.5f		
2nd	Chelsea Hall	Indi	27.01sec	1.5f		
3rd	Kim McNaughton	Boots	29.97sec	2.0f		

HIGHEST SCORING OBEDIENCE MEMBER September GRADUATION

Kim Furness and Macey

GRADUATION RESULT -29-10-2023

Intermediate - Judge - L Williams



Place	Name	Dog	Score
1	Caroline Colbey	Lucy	98
2	Robyn Melbourne	Bella	85
3	Geoff Gray	Bailey	78

(Qualifying score - 85 points)

Community Companion Dog - Judge - Paula Laidlaw

(Qualifying score - 85 points)

No qualifying scores

Novice - Judge - Barb Lloyd

(Qualifying score - 170 points)

No qualifying scores

Agility - Judge - H Vernon

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Round	Place	Name	Dog	Scor	е	
2	1	Belinda Farley	Archie	56.10s	1.5f	
2	2	Kima Frenning	Alfred	80.50s	1.5f	
2	3	Kim McNaughton	Boots	40.66s	2.5f	
2	1	Robyn Masterson	Bella	31.96s	0f	
3	1	Kim McNaughton	Boots	37.37s	1.0f	
3	2	Belinda Farley	Archie	59.44s	1.0f	
3	1	Robyn Masterson	Bella	36.73s	0.5f	
4	1	Kima Frenning	Alfred	44.30s	1.0f	
4	1	Robyn Masterson	Bella	35.92s	1.0f	

HIGHEST SCORING OBEDIENCE MEMBER OCTOBER GRADUATION

Caroline Coleby and Lucy

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.

When dogs are tethered or contained they see the area around them as "Their" space and will protect it. Be aware and walk about 2 metres away from them.



Club Merchandise Items for Sale

- Club badges (enamel) \$6,50
- Club cloth decals
- Correction chains-quality steel, various prices
- Dog leads (soft) from \$8.50
- Dumbbells -from \$10 (plastic, floats in water)
- Liver Treats \$3.50
- Pigs ears \$1.70
- Ponchos and Harnesses (various sizes)

"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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Presidents Page – October 2023

Welcome to all our new members that have joined us, as the weather starts to warm up (it least some days) it is a great time to be outdoors spending time with your four-legged friends and learning and practicing some new skills. Just remember the best way to teach a skill is to break it down into small components and teach one part at a time, each component needs to be practiced with many repetitions and make sure it is right, do not be in a hurry to move on to the next bit.

We are now well into the time to be on the lookout for snakes, the best way to make sure your yard is as safe as it can be is to make sure it is clean and tidy with no items that make good hiding places left lying around and keep an eye out when out and about.

We recently held an instructor's workshop with professional trainer Mark Murray from Bendigo spending the morning with our instructor group and some members that we selected to work on the day to get tips on how to work with different types of dogs and different strategies to assist the handlers. This was a good exercise to assist our instructors and held them bring new ideas and different strategies to our members, I am sure our instructors got some benefit our of it and will use these skills to assist our members going forward.

We recently held our AGM, in preparation for this meeting we realised our membership has grown to approx. 270 members and with a requirement for 10% of member to attend we needed 27 people to attend. It was great to see the clubroom full of people with the 10% requirement easily met and members taking an interest in the club.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new committee with all members from last year continuing and several new faces that I am sure will bring fresh ideas to the committee. Our new committee is as follows:

President Leigh Williams Vice President Helen Vernon

Secretary Barbara Lloyd Treasurer No nominations received

Committee Marie Atsidakos Marg Delia Alicia Jones

Paula Laidlaw Joanne McEvoy Kellie McLinden

Melissa Moore Julie Rafferty David Sanford

Tracey Simmons

A big welcome to all committee member and if you have anything that you would like to put forward, please do not hesitate to speak to any of our committee members.

Keep up the great training that everyone is doing and remember, if you are frustrated walk away and come back later, and everyone takes home the best dog at the end of the day.

Kind Regards,

Leigh Williams President



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Our handlers are all camera shy, with sunglasses and hats pulled down low.

Sharon/Shelby, Helen/Tia, Sheridan/Leroy

More great weekend trials on 2 & 3 September for our seasoned Triallers.

Helen Vernon our Scentwork Instructor lead the team to North
East Tracking and Scent Club Trial where our newbies to Scent
work Sharon Allen with Shelby, and Sheridan Hicks with Leroy showed how all
their hard work had been put to good use. Results were outstanding with passes
for Novice Containers - Sharon Allen and Shelby 5th; Sheridan Hicks and Leroy
10th. Novice Exterior - Sharon Allen 4th; Sheridan Hicks pass. Novice Vehicle Sheridan Hicks Pass. Novice Interior - Sheridan Hicks Pass. Advanced Vehicle Helen Vernon with Tia 7th, also Advanced Interior - 2nd place and bringing home a
beautiful rosette. Helen and Tia went on to gain a Rally Masters pass at Knox Trial
and then on to Berwick Scentwork Trial with a pass for Advanced Interior and
followed on to the DogsVic State Scentwork Titles with passes gained for
Advanced Vehicles and Advanced Exterior.

Great work and Congratulations to you all.



Also in September Tricks Instructor Julie Rafferty trialled at the Melbourne & District DWD Double Tricks Trial at Bulla, Davey placing 1st in am and pm trial bringing home two lovely rosettes The old dog Jasper came out of retirement, receiving 2 passes one of which was 3rd place, a big surprise for his handler; both dogs are Trick Intermediate level.



Jasper with 3rd



Intermediate rosettes. place ribbon.



FURTHER RESULTS At the Kyeamba Club in Wagga Wagga, NSW September 2023, Davey gained his Rally RAE Title competing in both the Advanced and Excellent classes, coming home with 1 x 1st place, 4 x 2nd place, and 1 x 3rd place (scores 96,98, 87 low score due to handler error, 93, 97, 96, 91)



AND THEN>>>> there is the wonderful news from our highly acclaimed teams at the 2023 Royal Agricultural Show, Melbourne. Anthony Lockett and Alan 1st place Open Obedience and then taking the top place in the ultimate "Winner of Winners" class, bringing home lovely sashes and loot. Then on the way home the pair



competed at more NSW trials with great success. We look forward to seeing more ribbons from team Anthony and Alan as another interstate trip is planned.

Our Agility Instructor Robyn Masterson was also a competitor at the RAS this year and soaked up the exciting atmosphere for the first time. Robyn with Bella, a creditable pass in Excellent Gamblers and 3rd place in Excellent Snooker, plus a clear round for Masters Jumping unfortunately missing the course time, awesome results for a very small dog who is competing against very fast and large dogs.

And another of our members has been travelling to Victorian Trials this year and gained their Rally Championship Title, Paula Laidlaw with Bailey.

Our members are competing against the cream of the crop and placing highly at all levels, we commend them for their dedication to their chosen dog sport and volunteering their knowledge to our members in class.

A small team of Shepparton members trialled at Bendigo Obedience Dog Club Scent Work Trial on Sunday 6/11/23 and all came home very happy with passes and a Title.

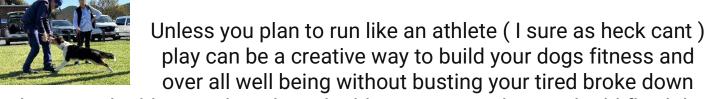
Sheridan Hicks with Leroy - 3 Passes and **Title – SWN** - Well done and congratulations

Sharon Allan with Laura – 1 Pass (Containers) 5th place; 1 Pass (Vehicles) 7th place; 1 Pass (Exterior) 3rd Place. A great achievement for a young dog.

Helen Vernon with Tia – 1 Pass (Novice Containers) Great work.

CONGRATULATIONS EVERY ONE.

Play is important for dogs because



butt. Tug builds muscles, chase builds stamina, agility can build flexibility ect. And it gets you out the house so win win.

When food just doesn't seem interesting? Play with it move it have your dog chase it or catch it mid air and watch their lights come back on.



When food just doesn't cut it a rousing game of tug will build desire to engage with you and we are pairing this with the feel good

endorphins their body's release, as apposed to the endorphin hit they get from playing with the other dogs or environment.

Appropriate outlet for their natural canine drives like run, chase, bite, chew relieving their stress and reducing yours when this helps reduce destructive/stress relieving/boredom busting behaviours around the home and out on walks.

BECAUSE ITS FUN. Interact and move you know what its like to be surrounded by Debby downers no no no no, build some rules (for safety and control) and play for the behaviour reward (breaking up play with controlled obedience or behaviours). Again breaking that boredom cycle and creating a bond with your dog Releases their pent up energy.

build confidence "its ok to let them win!!! "no one wants to play if they never get the reward, when they are clear on the rules of the game take it on the road that thing seems scary? Lets play, feel good creating associations and building trust. Introduce novel concepts

whilst playing allowing a little stress to build and watch the play dissolve it away.

What is a Flirt Pole?

A flirt pole (or flirt stick) is a piece of exercise equipment that encourages your dog to chase a fast-moving lure or toy.

Think of it as a fishing rod for dogs!

The lure can be any toy that gets your dog going. And going the DIY route means you can keep things interesting by using different toys.

A flirt pole has many physical and cognitive benefits for your dog too,





Toys don't need to be expensive your dog will love it no matter what so get creative. My girl goes crazy for an empty dare iced coffee bottle and to pretty it up sometimes we wrap it in an old holey sock



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BREED PROFILES KNOW WHATS UNDER THE HOOD..... SIGHT HOUNDS



A breed of interest for a club member to discover was along the lines of an irish wolf hound the more I tried to simplify my information the sooner I realised I can cover a large group of breeds that fall into the category sight hound! Many in this category share many common temperament and training traits it is simply size, structure or colour that they differ so think stag hound, saluki, whippets or wolf hound many MODERN sight hounds have grey hound in their dna somewhere.





These dogs specialize in pursuing prey, keeping it in sight, and overpowering it by their great speed and agility. They must be able to detect motion

quickly, so they have keen vision. Sighthounds must be able tocapture fast, agile prey, such as deer and hares, so they have a very flexible back and long legs for a long stride, a deep

chest to support an unusually (compared to other dogs) large heart, very efficient lungs for sprints, and a lean, wiry body to keep their weight at a minimum.

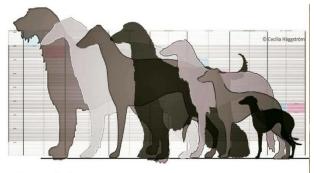




In general a sight hound of most variety will be Aloof to strangers but sweet natured, loyal and affectionate even if their original purpose was to hunt dangerous prey like the stag hounds and wolf hounds they do make great family pets. designed to thrive in a pack they don't tolerate separation overly well, but adapt to multiple pets and livestock with proper training and socialisation although small prey animals will still require careful supervision at all times. They are also known for being good with their children



the larger hounds having more patience and kindness than the smaller



FCI group 10 size chart

#FCI #sighthound #group 10 #Irish wolfhound #borzoi #greyhound #afghan hound #Saluki #whippe #piecolo levriero italiano #Italian greyhound

TRAINING A SIGHT HOUND.

Hounds are notoriously independent and will look for any opportunity to pursue an interesting scent or moving animal. Because of this, hounds are often perceived as stubborn and impossible to train. The truth is that hounds just have different motivations than their nonhound peers. When you're working with a hound, it's important to understand his innate desires and to incorporate those into his training.

Sight hounds, chase prey primarily using vision rather than scent. Even slight changes in the environment are perceived by sight hounds, and anything moving away from them is likely to be seen as potential prey. Sight hounds are built for short-distance, high-speed chases. They work

independently and can strike down and kill prey on their own. Some sight hound breeds are considered aloof, catlike and wary of strangers. Sight hounds are often guilty of running away, chasing after animals and not coming when called (although these are also common scent hound complaints). Sight hounds are extremely quick; the Whippet is the fastest moving domesticated animal of its size, reaching speeds of up to 35 miles per hour (56.33km/hr)

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