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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

$1^{\text {st }}$ Sunday: $\quad 9.00$ am Obedience for Beginners and Novice 10.00am intermediate and CCD 10.45am RALLY-O Novice - Masters NOSEWORK and TRICKS
$2^{\text {nd }}$ Sunday $\quad 8.00$ am Tricks and Nose work Obedience 09.00 am to 10.45 am, Committee meeting 11am
$3^{\text {rd }}$ Sunday $\quad 9.00$ am Obedience
10.45 RALLY O Advance and excellent NOSE WORK and TRICKS
$4^{\text {th }}$ Sunday 09.00 am to 10.45 am

## 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.


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## Membership

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

| Existing Members |
| :---: |
| Renewal |
|  |
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| Single Member |
| $\$ 60.00$ |
| Family Membership |
| 2 adults 2 juniors |
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| Junior Member |
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| New Members <br> (includes joining fee) |
| :---: |
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| $\$ 70.00$ <br> Family Membership <br> 2 adults 2 juniors |
| $\$ 30.00$ |
| Junior Member |
| ages 14 to 17 |


| Insurance Levy |
| :---: |
| (applicable to non |
| Dogs Vic |
| members only) |
| $\$ 8.65$ |
| Single/Junior |
| Member |
| $\$ 16.00$ |
| Family |
| Membership |

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 $3^{\text {rd }}$ 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.
4) 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, l'd adjust the baking time to about 20-25 minutes.

| WOOD, JENNA | LEXI | Groodle |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BRIGGS, CARA | LEXI | Groodle |
| KEEGAN, GREG | TAFFY | Cobberdog |
| KEEGAN, RHONDA | TAFFY | Cobberdog |
| OAK, HADYN | MAX | Staffy |
| HARDING, TAMARA | MAX | Staffy |
| HARRAP, ROBYN | BELLA | 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 | , DOLLY | Jack Russell X |
| FEEMAN, LEONIE | MORNDE | Labrador Retriever |
|  | GRACE | Labrador Retriever |
| WILLIAMS, NARELLE | BUSTER | American Staffy |
| CANDILORO, DEBORAH | H 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 | LOLLY | Cavoodle |
| ELLIOTT, ELIZA | PEARL | Border Collie |
| HUTTON, JULIA | THAILA | Staffy X |
| HUTTON, JOHN | THAILA | Staffy X |
| PAYNE, DIANNE | RAFA | Moodle |
| MCLAY, LOUISIE | BARKLY | Labradoodle |
| TOOHEY, ANDREW | BARKLY | Labradoodle |
| HARRISON, MARC | MISSY | Labrador X |

## Graduations

## Held the last Sunday-March, May, July, September \& October <br> Eligible-Intermediate class and above <br> 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 -

Intermediate-All exercises are on lead. Heel pattern with sits, stands \& drops; sit for examination; recall; sit and down stay as a group.

CCD (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.

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

Open - 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.

UD (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

| Place | Name | Dog | Score |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 1st | Kima Frenning | Alfred | 34.57 se | 0.5 f |
| 2nd | Chelsea Hall | Indi | 27.01 sec | 1.5 f |
| 3rd | Kim McNaughton | Boots | 29.97 sec | 2.0 F |

## 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

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

## HIGHEST SCORING OBEDIENCE MEMBER OCTOBER GRADUATION

## Caroline Coleby and Lucy

## 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.
 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 PresidentHelen 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 $5^{\text {th }}$; Sheridan Hicks and Leroy $10^{\text {th }}$. Novice Exterior - Sharon Allen $4^{\text {th } ;}$, Sheridan Hicks pass. Novice Vehicle Sheridan Hicks Pass. Novice Interior - Sheridan Hicks Pass. Advanced Vehicle Helen Vernon with Tia $7^{\text {th }}$, also Advanced Interior - $2^{\text {nd }}$ 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 $1^{\text {st }}$ 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 $3^{\text {rd }}$ place, a big surprise for his handler; both dogs are Trick Intermediate level.
Davey with Tricks


Jasper with $3^{\text {rd }}$ 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 $1 \times 1^{\text {st }}$ place, $4 \times 2^{\text {nd }}$ place, and $1 \times 3^{\text {rd }}$ place (scores $96,98,87$ low score due to handler error, $93,97,96,91$ )

AND THEN $\ggg \gg$ there is the wonderful news from our
 highly acclaimed teams at the 2023 Royal Agricultural Show, Melbourne. Anthony Lockett and Alan $1^{\text {st }}$ 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 $3^{\text {rd }}$ 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) $5^{\text {th }}$ place; 1 Pass (Vehicles) $7^{\text {th }}$ place; 1 Pass (Exterior) $3^{\text {rd }}$ 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



Unless you plan to run like an athlete ( I sure as heck cant ) play can be a creative way to build your dogs fitness and over all well being without busting your tired broke down 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
\#FCl \#sighthound \#group to \#rish wolfhoun
\#piccolo levicro italiano \#traliun 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 ( $56.33 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{hr}$ )

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