

BERWICK OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB

K9 9 OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER 2014

PROUDLY CELEBRATING OVER 30 YEARS OF PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

Fly Ball News

Hi all flyball enthusiasts.

We had a wonderful day at the Frankston competition on Saturday 13th September, Craig with Ralph got another 0.00 start which made him one very happy chappy and, of course, not forgetting the weather, which was perfect. ☐

Berwick had 3 teams entered and although we did not come first in any of the divisions it wasn't for want of trying as all the dogs and the handlers pushed themselves to the limit. ☐ ☐

Our next outing is on Sunday the 12th October at the PETS DAY OUT at FRANKSTON. Why don't you come along with your dog and cheer the Berwick teams. You will also be giving your dog a chance to meet and greet other people with their pets. Make it a family day out as there is lots to see and do. ☐ ☐

The next big team event will be the Euroa show on the 25th of October which is a Saturday so you will not see many of us on the ground training that day. But please take the opportunity to come and watch us when we are there and ☐ perhaps you might think about giving your dog a tryout - you and her/him might enjoy it. ☐ ☐

Till next time from your four paws

Stuart Little

"You Know You're A Dog Person"



When you sign and send birthday/anniversary/Christmas cards from your dog.

"So Who is still Hungry??"



Got some spare time?? Can you help out ??

Do you enjoy meeting new people.

Why not come and join us??

If you have some time to spare, we would love it if you could give some time to help the club.



Help with the barby

Shop

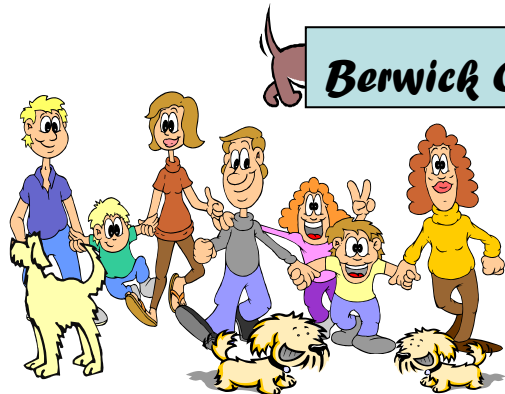


Kitchen

Office



Berwick Obedience Dog Club Newsletter



New members will be enrolled on the first (1st) Saturday of each month from 12.30pm.

Please bring along your dog's current vaccination certificate.



enquiries@berwickodc.asn.au

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Phone 9796-9496



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Narre Warren North.
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HEAT POLICY

When the predicted high temperature on the Friday evening news is greater or equal to 30 degrees celsius the club will **NOT** be open on that Saturday. Alternative training is held on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm regardless of the temperature. If the temperature changes on the Saturday morning to below 30 degrees, the club will still remain closed due to administrative activities.

Club's Shop

For more info see full page advertisement in newsletter



For all your puppy needs, visit the club's great shop & speak with staff about the items we have on sale - open 12.30 pm to 3.15pm

NEWSLETTER-DATES

February-April,
May-July
August-September
October-November

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Club Birthday BBQ 25th October 2014

Members Competition 29th November 2014

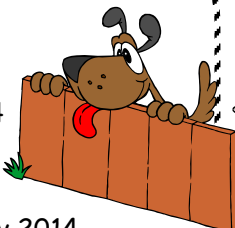
Christmas fun day 13th Dec 2014 (final day of club for 2014)



NO TRAINING ON THESE WEEKENDS 2014.

Labour Day Weekend - Sat 8th March 2014
Easter Weekend - Sat 19th April 2014
Queens Birthday Weekend - Sat 7th June
2014 AFL Grand Final Day - Sat 27th Sept
2014 Melbourne Cup Weekend - Sat 1st Nov 2014

**** PLEASE ALWAYS CHECK THE NEWSLETTER, NOTICEBOARDS & WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ***** "CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR" BREAK 2014/2015 CLUB CLOSED—After the club's fun day and re-open Saturday 7th Feb 2015.



CAR PARKING



**PLEASE NOTE
IF THE CAR PARK IS
FULL, PLEASE DO NOT
PARK IN THE STREET,
AS IT IS ILLEGAL TO DO
SO !!!!**

**IF THE FOOTBALL IS NOT
ON, THEN PLEASE PARK
ON THE HILL**

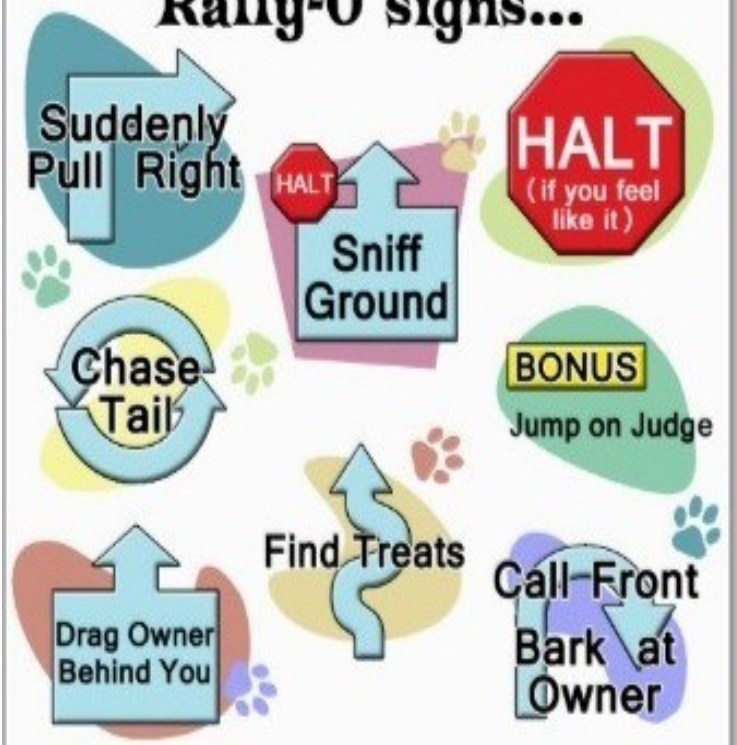




Club History - Photos



If dogs made the Rally-O signs...



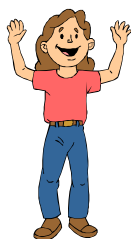
PLEASE DO NOT

WALK YOUR DOGS ON THE FOOTBALL GROUND. WE HAVE PLENTY OF SPACE HERE AT THE DOG CLUB TO WALK AND EXERCISE YOUR DOG.

THE INSTRUCTORS OBEDIENCE

Ron
Ted
Philip
Sharon
Ti-Li
Laura
Paul
Alan
Melissa
Lara
Colin
Stephen
Andrea

Alex
Julie
Ivan
Karon
Wayne
Lisa
Carla
Susan
Ingrid
Graeme
Don
Heather



THE COMMITTEE 2014/15

President - Stephen
Vice-President - Ron
Secretary - Glenda
Treasurer - Annette
Committee Members 2014/15

Sharon
Belinda
Peta
Janet
Courtenay
vacant



KITCHEN - Glen-Courtney & Brock
OFFICE STAFF - Annette, Tracey, Deb, Terrie, Fiona S, Daryl & Melissa.
HELPERS— Fiona K
GROUND STAFF—Alex & Barry
TRIAL SECRETARIES— 2015
OBEDIENCE - Lynda H
RALLY O—Hollie E
Contact—obediencetrial@berwickodc.asn.au

FLYBALL

Gordon
Belinda
HELPERS
Chris M
Ula
Craig

AGILITY

Stephen
Kris
Linda
HELPERS
Hollie
Janet

RINGS

Barry

RALLY O

Nick
Susan



"A Trained Dog is a Happy Dog"

Lots of people ask why we should train our dogs. The answer goes back to the dog's ancestry when wolves roamed around in packs. Although the modern day dog looks different to and has generally less natural instinct than the wolf they still have the pack mentality. That is, there a leader and an order of seniority amongst the rest of the pack.

When a dog joins your family, in his view he comes to a new pack. A new order has to be established. Who is leader? Where does the dog come in the order of seniority? If nobody trains (shows the dog what to do and where he stands in the pack) then he will assume that he is leader and will try to train you. Look for signs like pulling on the leash (the dog thinks he is leading the hunt) or barking at you, jumping up and even mouthing or gently biting you. These are signs that your dog is showing you what to do - in a nice way.

If the dog has a strong leader or alpha type personality, trouble will eventuate. The dog may give you a stronger correction in the way of a bite, growl at you or show other bad behavior such as excessive protection of 'his' pack. Worse still is the poor dog whose personality is not in the least way predisposed to leading. This will show through as a nervous dog with obsessive behaviors like chewing which comforts anxious dogs, fear of strangers or other dogs and many others. Thankfully most dogs fall somewhere between these two extremes.

So to get back to the title of this very short anecdote. A dog that is certain of his place in the hierarchy of the family and obedience trained will know how to behave and what you want him to do. The dog will trust you and be much happier and well adjusted. The added bonus here is that it is a pleasure to own a well behaved dog. Congratulations on choosing to train your dog.

Suggested reading: - The dog listener by Jan Fennell.
ISBN 0-00-653236-5
Publisher - Harper Collins.

Training Times

OBEDIENCE

1.30pm to 2.15pm - Beginners & Red,
2.45pm to 3.45pm -
Yellow, Pink, Green & Blue
Trial Rings 1 pm—2.30pm Advanced/Instructors
Names must be entered on the sheet by 2.00pm
Ring Stays at 2.30 pm
2.45—3.45pm new to trialing

FLYBALL

Team Training: 11.30am - 12.15pm
Intermediate: 12.15pm—12.45pm.
There are 2 beginner sessions: 1.00pm—1.30pm &
1.30pm—2.00pm

Please Note: Fly ball will only be held if instructors are available on the day.

AGILITY

From 11.45 pm on Saturday's.

Please Note: Agility will only be held if instructors are available on the day.

We ask that all handlers who help in setting up the course MUST EITHER have their DOG placed in a crate or left in the car.

Can you recognize the committee member on the right in this photo??





Yellow Bandanas

The Berwick Obedience Dog Club has available **Yellow Bandanas** to identify dogs that may need a bit of space around them.

The reason for needing one could be:

- Nervousness
- Recovery from an operation (i.e.: convalescing)
- Unsociable to people or other dogs

When approaching a handler and dog with a yellow bandana, we should:

- ♦ Be respectful of their space
- ♦ Ask the handler if they are happy to socialize with your dog

When approaching a yellow bandana dog please make sure your dog doesn't go running up to it freely, just as the handler of the yellow bandana dog should be mindful of the space around their dog at all times.

Quite often handlers of yellow bandana dogs have put a lot of work into dealing with specific problems with them, so it would be disappointing if all their hard work was lost.

So if you feel your puppy needs to be given their own space, then go to the office and obtain a bandana for the day. Please return them when you have finished, so that other puppies can have their turn. This is not something the BODC is forcing on handlers as it is your choice and for the wellbeing of your dog/puppy.



Club - Hydro-Bath

The club has purchased (using funds from the chocolate drive) a hydro-bath to give your dogs a quick rinse of the little bit of mud that they might collect while training. Come the warmer months we will be able offer its use to you to use for a full wash.

Some dogs are not used to being in a hydro-bath and need to be 'trained' before they feel happy about staying in it. If you have one of these dogs please try to come outside of the rush at the end of each session, so we can spend more time with you and your dog.



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Business Hours

Mon to Fri 8am to 8pm

Sat 9am to 3pm, Sun 10am to 2pm

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Phone : 9799 1479

Cnr Pound Rd & Vanessa Dve

Hampton Park (Near Freeway Entrance)

Web: www.poundroadvet.com



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Off - Leash Area Rules

- * Do not enter when the flag is displayed - Obedience, Agility or Fly ball class is in progress.
- * Dog owners using this area are responsible for their dogs and injuries or damage caused by them.
- * Always consult those already using the area before entering.
- * Only stay 5 minutes if others are waiting.
- * Clean up after your dog.
- * Dogs showing signs of aggressive behavior towards people or other dogs must be removed from the area immediately.
- * Maximum of 8 dogs at a time.
- * All dogs must wear a collar and owners must carry a leash at all times while in the area.
- * Owners must not leave their dogs unattended while in the area.
- * No toys are to be used in the off leash area on club days
- * Beginners are not to use the off leash area. (unless during training with a BODC instructor)
- * No young children permitted in the area.
- * Some of these rules are not on the fence, as they are only during club hours.



You Know You're Are Dog Person -



When you are the only idiot walking in the pouring rain because your dog needs a walk.

When you have your dog's picture on your office desk (but no one else's).



Members Are you able to Help??

WANTED someone with a small bobcat or dingo. We have a small pile of dirt to be moved and spread and a couple of small holes dug ready for concrete slabs to be prepared. If you are able to assist, please contact the club office.



REMEMBER TO CALL YOUR DOG EVERY 90 SECONDS



For up to date information regarding training time and tips join us on Facebook.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/156097671085185/>



Ground Rules 2014

1. No bitch in season is permitted on or near the training grounds.
2.
 - (a) No dogs allowed on the ground without a leash, unless under the supervision of an instructor.
 - (b) All dogs are to be on lead between the hours of 11:30am to 4:00pm unless in the off-lead area. (Amended to include 'unless in the off-lead area' September 2007)
3. Dogs droppings to be cleaned up immediately.
4. No hitting a dog except when trying to prevent a dog from biting a person or a dog
5. No smoking in class or in any undercover areas of the Clubrooms or Sheds. ('or in any undercover areas ...' Added September 2010)
6. No dogs allowed in the club kitchen
7. Handlers must be financial members of the club to attend training.
8. No children other than child handlers to be in the training areas.
9. Children must be under direct adult supervision at all times, especially when near unattended dogs. (Amended to include 'direct' January 2008)
10. All handlers must wear their membership card when attending training.
11. The committee may require a dog to be muzzled whilst on the club's grounds & in the car park if it has bitten or shown an extreme tendency of unprovoked aggression towards people or other dogs. (Amended 'must be muzzled' to 'Committee may require a dog to be muzzled' July 2008)
12. Members have the right to appeal against muzzling.
13. Any member not complying with The Club's Rules is subject to the provisions of The Club's Constitution.
14. No training will be held if Saturday's predicted high temperature on Friday evening is greater than or equal to 30°C. (Amended to include 'on Friday evening' October 2005, Amended to '30°C' February 2008)
15. No member is to enter The Club's rings without an Instructor's authorization.
16. No member is to drive The Club's tractor without authorization from The Committee.
17.
 - (a) No passengers are to be carried on the tractor or the trailer.
 - (b) The tractor is to be immobilized when parked outside the shed
18. The minimum age of a handler is 12 years. Members under 12 years must be approved by the appropriate training subcommittee before handling a dog. Adult supervision during training sessions is required for handlers under 12 years.
19. Off leash area (Added June 2007)
 - (a) Do not enter the area when a class is in progress
 - (b) Eight dog maximum limit
 - (c) Members must consult those in the ring before entering
 - (d) Five minute maximum stay when others waiting
 - (e) Any dog showing any sign of aggression must be immediately removed
 - (f) All dogs must wear a collar
 - (g) All handlers must carry a leash and a plastic bag
 - (h) Dogs to be under constant supervision
 - (i) No children under 12 years to enter the area
 - (j) All dogs to be recalled regularly
 - (k) No toys or balls in the off leash area during club hours.
 - (l) Beginners are not to use the off leash area. (added Jan 2012)
20. That all handlers are to wear suitable enclosed footwear whilst training their dogs. Eg. No thongs or High Heels.
21. No unattended dogs are to be left in the Clubrooms.



Club's Shop

Did you know that the BODC has a great shop?

With friendly service and prices well below your regular pet shop!

Hours: 12.30pm—3.15 pm

Why not come in and check us out for your obedience training, agility, flyball and trialling gear needs. We stock a great range including:

Leads - Leather, nylon

- Webbing (90, 120 & 180cm)
- Adjustable/ multipurpose
- Snub



Collars - Limited slip collars*

- Correction chains*
- Gentle leaders*
- Training collars
- Easy Walk Harness

*The correct sizes all expertly fitted to your pooch!

Car harnesses

Treat pouches

Kongs & Treat balls

Squeaky toys (for training)

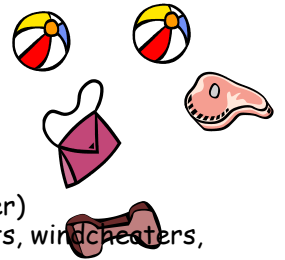
UD Articles

Show arm bands

Dog crates (By Special Order)

Club clothing (incl. polo shirts, windcheaters, vests, beanies, caps & hats)

Club travel mugs (no more spilling drinks!)



SHOP SPECIALS

Dog Treats for training (from 50c/bag)

Selected in store specials* If we don't have something that you need, see if we can order it in for you.



Club Handouts

The Berwick Obedience Dog Club has designed 2 information handouts full of great diagrams and hints to help you with some of the most asked questions about dogs.

These information brochures are now available inside the club rooms and office
Information for the whole family

