



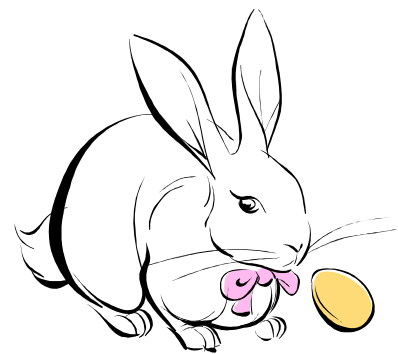
PROUDLY CELEBRATING OVER 30 YEARS
OF PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP



Can anyone recognize this instructor??!

Yes, it's our very own Laura Brown! She recently participated in "Relay for Life". She was there for the day at Akoonah Park, but took a break in the middle to come down to training, instruct, and then back to dancing in the afternoon. What a trooper, now that's dedication!

We are seriously thinking of taking her lead and changing our summer uniform this year. Our male instructors may have to lose the scallop shells though. We'll put it to a vote at our next instructor's meeting!

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We Hope You All Had A Happy and Safe Easter

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- BODC SHOP PRODUCTS
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- BLANKET DONATIONS

Annual General Meeting Monday 3 September 2012

All members are invited to submit any items for business to Melissa Scott (Secretary) by 12 May 2012.



New Club Accountants 2012

Address

Shop 5, Corner High & Sladen Streets
Cranbourne, Melbourne, Vic 3977



100 FRIENDS ON FACEBOOK

**BERWICK OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB
INC.**



**IS NOW ON FACE-
BOOK.
COME JOIN US AND
KEEP IN TOUCH**

Berwick Obedience Dog Club Inc Facebook page has hit 100 members. Come join us and keep up to date on events that are coming up, condition of the grounds and updates of Flyball and Agility Training and when training is called off because of the heat. If you have any questions regarding training your dog or you just want some advise- here is where you need to be. We have many Instructors, Breeders, Vet Nurses, Obedience, Agility and Flyball Competitors and everyday Handlers who have experience all waiting to help you out. Come on and Join Us.



The club has recently 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



CLUB COMPETITION



A club members competition will be held on Sat 28th April for obedience classes Yellow, Pink, Green & Blue

The competition will start at 1:30

Put your name down outside the ring. No other obedience training (except for Beginners and Red) will be held that day.

There will also be a RALLY O competition open to everyone! Just put your name down outside the RALLY O ring.

Trophies & Ribbons will be presented at 4pm on the same day and there will be a free BBQ for lunch.



For more info see individual class fliers or ask your instructor.



The dog probably doesn't even know that they are homeless. All he knows is that he is loved.

It makes you appreciate life and what's really important. Don't sweat the small stuff. Enjoy life!



Just so there is zero confusion on what companionship looks like. This could be one of the best pictures I have ever seen to come out of a bad situation.

AGILITY



Frequently Asked Questions



Training times for 2011:

11.45 – 12.00
set up area

12.00 – 12.20
Preparation skills

12.20 – 12.35
equipment set up

12.35- 12.55
Handler and dog skills

12.55- 1.10
Instructor training

1.10-1.30
Course work

1.30-1.45
pack up

Introduction

The first documented agility "demonstration" was held at Crufts in the late '70s. The demonstration's creator borrowed from police and defence force dogs' training, and from horse showjumping. By 1980 it was recognised officially as a "dog sport" in the UK, and expanded rapidly to the US, Canada, Europe and Australia. The object is for the dog to negotiate a "course" of obstacles without fault, with the placings decided on the fastest times for a clear run.

What are the obstacles?

Jumps : Tyres, bar jumps. spreads & broad jumps

Tunnels: eg flexi

Contacts:

- A-frame (steep ascent/descent)
- Dog walk (shallower ascent, long straight plank, shallower descent)
- See-saw (up, tip, down)

Table: (on, pause, off)

Weave poles:

Set of poles, usually 12, set at an even distance. The dog has to weave through each gap to negotiate the next pole on the other side.

When can I start my dog?

It is generally accepted that a dog shouldn't start over obstacles until they are at least 12 months old, and not do excessive "work" until they are 18 months to 2 years. However teaching the dog to negotiate obstacles (with the exception of the weavers and sometimes the contacts) is usually the easy part – directing the dog around the course is the difficult bit. The "foundation" training which will lead to both handler and dog learning the directional cues can begin at any age.

I'd like to do agility, but I don't think I would ever compete?

Many of our class participants at Berwick do it for their own and their dog's enjoyment, while others do participate in trials. Even if you are doing it "just for fun" your dog will enjoy it a lot more if you can be clear and consistent with your "cues" so classes are structured to give you those skills whether you wish to trial or not.





Frequently Asked Questions continued.

How high will my dog have to jump?

Each course in a trial is run at 5 different heights, the height at which a dog runs depends on their height at the shoulder. To trial you have to have an "official" measurement, but for club purposes we will do an informal measurement and your dog won't be expected to jump beyond their "official" height. However when you start jumps are very low to encourage confidence in the dog.

Can any type/size of dog come to class?

Yes. More important is that the dog is physically sound, healthy and not overweight.

How often would I have to train my dog?

Like any training with your dog little and often is the best formula. If you can spend 10-15 minutes 4 to 5 times a week it will be enough to progress.

Will I need my own equipment?

Everyone starts with no equipment. If you enjoy the training you will probably want to construct some basic equipment – jumps and weave poles can be fairly easily "created". If you become more serious you may wish to purchase some equipment, or if you have the resources, to make it. For most people regular training at club combined with some "home built" equipment is enough to reach reasonable skill levels – many of the skills are developing handling skills which can be done without sophisticated obstacles.

What are the requirements to join the class?

To start participating in the Pre agility class your dog must be in at least "Yellow" class and be able to work with a "loose lead". You must start you start with a "Preparations skills – pre-agility" class which will give you exercises to practice with your dog to prepare it for agility, you are welcome to bring any dog over 6 months to a foundation class. (This requirement may be waived if you have completed a similar

**Agility is fun
for both
members of
the team**



Resources on line:

There are many sites that you can visit the following are just a few.

http://www.cleanrun.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=category.display&category_id=447

<http://www.clickerdogs.com/>

<http://www.dogagility.ca/cartoons.php>





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.



MEMBER'S EMAIL ADDRESSES

The club would like to be able to contact members using email, this will save the club money when we need to post information and make it easier to keep you informed about special events. We are VERY conscious about privacy issues and when we send email we do not disclose your address to anyone.

The club does NOT pass on or sell any identifying membership data.

To help us out with keeping email addresses accurate and up-to-date, we'd like all members to send an email to emailconfirm.bodc@mailingaddress.org (from the address you want us to use) with the single word "email" in the subject line and your membership number (e.g. 09/XXX) AND your full name in the body of the email. (We have many members with very similar names – so we need to ensure we've got the right member)

If at any time for any reason you want your email address removed from our data base it's just as easy - send an email to:

emailremove.bodc@mailingaddress.org (from the address you want removed) with the single word "remove" in the subject line and your membership number AND full name in the body of the email.



WANTED "Dog Bedding"

Every winter the club has a drive to collect blankets, towels, bedding, etc. for the local animal shelters. The shelters do their best to take care of hundreds of homeless animals every year. During the cold weather one of their



biggest challenges is to keep the animals warm and comfortable.

Once again we are asking for your help with the donation of blankets, sheets and towels.

However as we all know the weather here in Victoria can be fickle to say

the least, so we now have a new " Donation Wheelie Bin" located in the clubrooms so we can collect all year round!!!!

Our local Animal Aid Shelter will be extremely grateful for your help.

All donations can be left in the Clubrooms.

Thank you for your support

Lost Pets????

Animals collected by the City of Casey Local Laws team are impounded at the Lost Dogs' Home.

As pets are impounded, they are photographed and their details are published on this website

(<http://petsdatabase.casey.vic.gov.au/petsdatabase/petsListing.asp>).

Pound location

If you have lost your dog or cat you should call the Lost Dogs' Home Animal Pound

The Lost Dogs' Home

South Eastern Pound
920 Thompsons Road
Cranbourne West

Phone 03 9702 8055

Monday to Friday: 10am - 6pm

Saturday and Sunday: 9am - 1pm

Public Holidays: 9am - 1pm

Closed Christmas Day & Good Friday



Dr Bob Cavey is now at Ultimate Veterinary Clinic



Ultimate Veterinary Clinic is a family run business offering a comprehensive range of Veterinary and Pet Health related services including:

- Consultations
- Surgery
- Vaccinations
- Quarantine Procedures

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**20% off vaccinations and consultations to all BODC members
on presentation of current membership badge**



REMEMBER TO CALL YOUR DOG
EVERY 90 SECONDS

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
- * No young children permitted in the area.

Reminder to all Off-Leash Area Users.

The Committee would like to remind all members of two rules for the off-leash area.

1) No toys or balls in the off leash area during club hours.

2) Beginners are not to use the off leash area. (unless during training with a BODC instructor)

These rules are not on the fence, as they are only during club hours.



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Business Hours

Mon to Fri 8am to 8pm

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

Consultation By Appointment

Phone : 9799 1479

Cnr Pound Rd & Vanessa Dve
Hampton Park (Near Freeway Entrance)

Web: www.poundroadvet.com



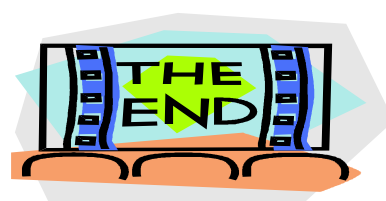
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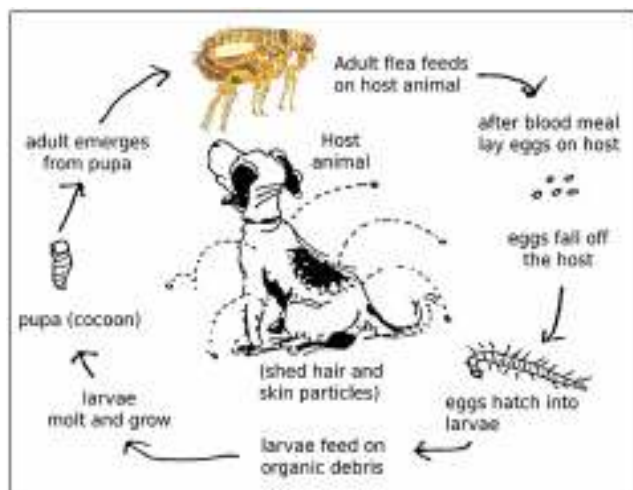
Limit of ONE coupon per customer

Want to go to the Drive In

Great Gift Idea!!!!!!



The Dog Club is offering **Family Passes** to the Dandenong Lunar Drive In for just **\$25**. Please note it is for the first session only. To purchase your pass please ask at the office. The ticket is for a car load (as many as you can in your car in a safe fashion) and you can take your dog.



How much is that doggy in the window?

Did you know that the BODC has a great shop?

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

Hours: 12.30pm—4.00pm

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.



FLEA Products FOR SALE

The club shop has on sale Advocate, Revolution & Sentinel Flea products way below Vet and Pet Store Prices starting from \$46.00.

Berwick Obedience Dog Club Members Price List

ADVOCATE

4 to 10 kg	\$50.00	(3pk)
10.1 to 25 kg	\$55.00	(3pk)
	\$95.00	(6pk)
OVER 25 KG	\$60.00	(3pk)
	\$100.00	(6pk)

REVOLUTION

5.1 to 10 kg	\$48.00	(3pk)
	\$80.00	(6pk*)
10.1 to 20 kg	\$53.00	(3pk)
	\$87.50	(6pk*)
20.1 to 40 kg	\$58.00	(3pk)
	\$95.00	(6pk*)

SENTINEL

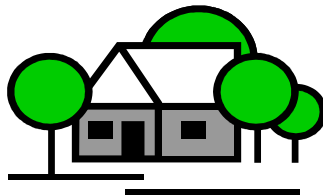
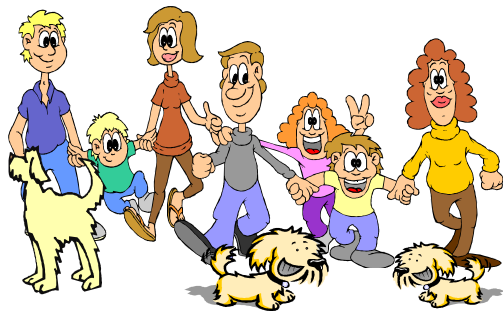
4 to 11 kg	\$80.00	(6pk)
11 to 22 kg	\$85.00	(6pk)
22 to 45 kg	\$90.00	(6pk)

*Includes Bonus Canex Wormer

(PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)



Berwick Obedience Dog Club Newsletter



FIND US AT:

McKenzie Lane, Narre Warren
North.
Victoria 3804

Melways Map 108 Ref. E8

<http://www.berwickodc.asn.au>

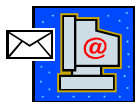
New members will be enrolled on the
first (1st) Saturday of each month from
12.30pm

Please bring along your dog's current
vaccination certificate.

CONTACT US AT:

Berwick Obedience Dog
Club, P.O. Box 23,
Narre Warren North 3804
Phone 9796-9496

berwickodc@fastmail.fm



CAR PARKING

If the Car park is full, please park on the hill between the
Football Ground and the Dog Club, Parking on the street is
NOT allowed, as it is illegal to do so!!!!

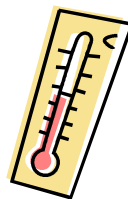


Parking on the grassy hill is available if the oval is not in use.

"WHEN THE CLUB IS CLOSED"

**REMEMBER:- When the predicted high temperature on the Friday evening news is
greater than or equal to 30c the club is closed.**

***** PLEASE ALWAYS CHECK THE NEWSLETTER, NOTICEBOARDS & WEBSITE FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION*****



Labour Day Weekend - Sat 10th March 2012

Easter Weekend - Sat 7th April 2012

Queens Birthday Weekend - Sat 9th June 2012

AFL Grand Final Day - Sat 29th Sept 2012

Melbourne Cup Weekend - Sat 3rd Nov 2012

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR BREAK 2012/2013

CLUB CLOSED - AFTER OUR XMAS FUN DAY DEC 1st DEC 2012
& WILL RE-OPEN SAT 2ND FEB 2013



Training Times

OBEDIENCE

1.30pm to 2.15pm - Beginners & Red,

2.45pm to 3.45pm - Yellow, Pink, Green & Blue

Trial Rings 1pm - 2:30pm Advanced/Instructors

Names must be entered on sheet by 2pm

Ring stays at 2:30

2:45 - 3:45 New to Trialling

AGILITY

From 11.45 am 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
agility course MUST EITHER have their DOG
placed in a crate or left in the car.*

FLYBALL

Team Training: 11.30am — 12.15pm

Intermediate: 12.15pm — 12.45pm

2 Beginner Sessions: 1.00 pm — 1.30pm

1.30pm - 2.00 pm

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

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.**



Berwick Obedience Dog Club Newsletter



THE COMMITTEE

President - Ron Blanchfield

Vice-President - Stephen Pearson

Secretary - Melissa Scott

Treasurer - Daryl Scott

Committee Members 2011/12

Annette White

Nicole Kendt

Fiona Kelly

Paul Percival

Clare O'Callaghan

Glenda Smith

KITCHEN - Lorraine Jack

OFFICE STAFF - Annette White, Daryl Scott,

Glenda Smith, Fiona Kelly, Tracey Gaffney

GROUND STAFF - Mark Farrell, Ted Draude



THE INSTRUCTORS

OBEDIENCE

"c" Currently Instructing

Ron Blanchfield "c"

Julie Colman

Sharon Decker "c"

Ted Draude "c"

Philip Gates "c"

Ti-li Finn "c"

Denise Bailey

Laura Brown "c"

Alan MacDonald "c"

Cheryl Blanchfield

Bernie Gaffney

Tracey Gaffney

Ingrid Jolliffe "c"

Graeme Jolliffe "c"

Kristin Wills "c"

Alex McLaughlin "c"

Colin Newman "c"

Julie Pocknee "c"

Karon Satchwell "c"

Wayne Satchwell "c"

Lisa Sinclair "c"

Carla Thomas "c"

Paul Percival "c"

Andrea Schmidt "c"

Susan Scott "c"

Lara Wilson "c"

Ivan Robinson "c"

Don Stark "c"

Heather Raditsis "c"

FLY BALL

Nicole Kendt

Gordon Chalmers

Jenni Veitch

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Chris Moore

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Lisa Sinclair

Linda Wilson

Judy Emmett

HELPER

Sharon McLeod

RINGS

Barry Cotton



CLUB RULE IN REGARDS TO HIGH TEMP. (Ground rule 14)

When the predicted high temperature on the Friday evening news (6pm) is greater than or equal to 30 degrees Celsius the club is not open.

PLEASE NOTE:-

*** If for some reason the temperature changes on Saturday to below 30 degrees, the club will still remain closed as its too hard to organize
Instructors etc at such short notice***

"Visit our BODC Canteen"



Operational during Saturday training

We have drinks, lollies, chocolate bars, icy poles, tea, coffee, hot pies and sausage rolls

**** IF POSSIBLE SMALL CHANGE & NOTES WOULD BE APPRECIATED****

NEWSLETTER—EDITIONS

February-March

April-May

June-July-August

September-October

November—December