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Date's for your

Diary:

- **30th November**– Member's Comp and final training day for the year
- **1st February 2014**– Sign Up Day and First Training day for the year

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Berwick Obedience Dog Club Inc. K9 Newsletter

November/ December 2013



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If dogs made the Rally-O signs...



When a Treat is not a Treat

While it might be common practice for us humans to over-indulge on Christmas day (and for a few days either side), vets warn that feeding your pets leftovers from your Christmas feast can lead them straight to the emergency room!

Foods that are toxic to dogs: Fruits, nuts and chocolates

Grapes and sultanas are a no go for dogs and can potentially lead to kidney failure. So no mince pies, fruit cake or Christmas pudding.

Macadamia nuts might be a delicious Christmas treat, but they are toxic to dogs leading to ataxia, depression, muscle tremors, hyperthermia and many other unpleasant health issues.

We all know that chocolate isn't good for dogs, causing increased heartbeat, tremors and seizures, vomiting and diarrhea, so keep the Christmas stash well out of reach and keep the chocolate-covered macadamia nuts under lock and key!

A fat lot of good

We love roast meats at Christmas, with everything from turkey, chicken, lamb, pork and ham on the menu.

While a bit of roast meat or the leftover bones might seem like the perfect treat for your dog, it's actually a really bad idea.

Cooked bones should not be fed to dogs. Cooking alters the chemical structure of bones, making them too hard for your dog's stomach juices to break down.

Fat from cooked meat is also a no-go zone. It's super rich and can cause digestive problems such as pancreatitis, especially when cooked with salt (hello, pork crackling).

Meat fat and other rich leftovers (e.g. gravy soaked spuds, the rind from a Christmas ham) can make dogs and cats feel ill and can lead to smelly and unpleasant flatulence - not a very merry way to spend Christmas!

Other potentially toxic Christmas food...

Fruit pips - particularly pear and apple pips and the kernels of plums, peaches and apricots

Mouldy/spoiled foods - just because dogs love to get into the garbage doesn't mean they should eat it! Keep them away from old, spoiled food, particularly fish and prawn heads.

Alcohol and caffeine - never share a beer or a latte with your dog, it can cause overall depression of the nervous system as well as vomiting, diarrhoea, breathing difficulties, etc.

Corn cobs - these are a common cause of intestinal blockage requiring surgical removal

Avocado - the cause of stomach pains, vomiting and diarrhoea. Avocados contain a substance called persin, which is highly toxic in most animals, including dogs.

Potato peelings, green potatoes and potato sprouts - these contain solanine glycosides which can cause vomiting, abdominal pain, paralysis and cardiac arrest

If your dog consumes any of these potentially toxic foods, seek veterinary attention.

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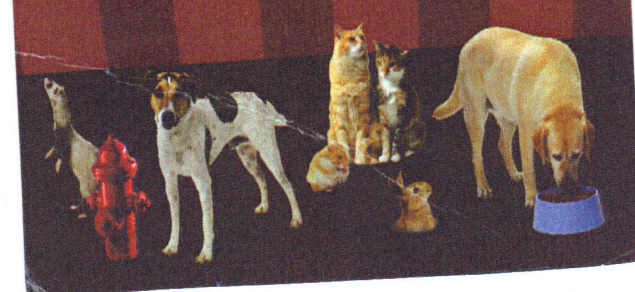
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Agility News Cont..

AGILITY

**YOU CAN START AGILITY
AT BERWICK ON THE
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MONTH. FOR ENQUIRIES
RE TIMES AND TO BE
PLACED ON THE EMAIL
LIST PLEASE CONTACT:
KRIS FOUNTAIN
KAF@NETSPACE.NET.AU**

Want to undertake an
exciting activity with
your dog?

Classes:

*are run prior to the 2 obedience
sessions, They commence at 11.45*

The only requirements
are that your dog is in
yellow class if you want
to start with the
foundation class
and in Pink or above if
you want to engage in the
higher classes. The most
important thing is that
you come prepared to
have fun with your
dog!



For further information please contact
one of the agility instructors:

Stephen, Kris, & Linda in the agility
training area.

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

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.

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.

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 to hard to organize Instructors etc at such short notice***

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



Yellow Bandana

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. 13/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

WANTED: Dog Bedding-Time to Spring Clean

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.

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 Shelters and Rescue Organisations will be extremely grateful for your help.

All donations can be left in the Clubrooms.

Thank you for your support

Food and Toy donations are always needed too, for both cats and dogs.

Proudly supporting:

Melbourne Pet Ambulance and Rehabilitation

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Animal Aid Coldstream

Last Training Day 2013

The last training day for 2013 will be Saturday 30th November.

The City of Casey have given us \$20,000 from the Minor Capital Works Grant 2013/14 for drainage to be installed on the grounds. These works will start in the beginning of December, and we are hoping it will all be complete before we commence back in February.

The 30th November will be the Member's Competition Day.

Instructors will inform their classes of the details once the OSC have clarified them.



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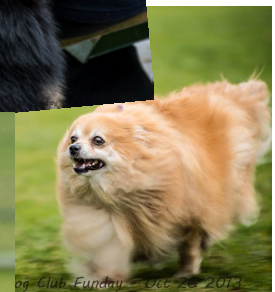
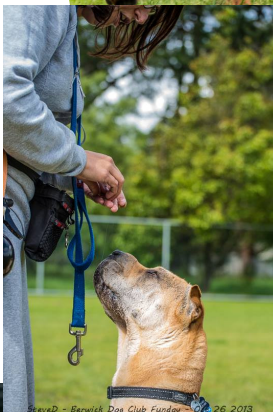
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Berwick's Birthday Fun Day, 26 October 2013



Winners from the Fun Day, 26 October 2013

10 STATIONS = 10 points per station.

**Back to Basics, Through the door first, Tunnel, Don't cry over spilt milk,
Cooper! Over, over, over, On the mat, Rides in the car, Tread carefully,
Rally O course, Walk the plank**

Well done to everyone who participated, everyone had a great time and most people were genuinely surprised there dogs could do some of the stations, and a lot of dogs that competed in the March fun-day have improved heaps.

BEGINNERS

Ben & Stacey – Louis V	89.5 points
Sue - Toby	89.5 points
Nicole - Fjell	87 points
Chris & Narelle - Sandie	86 points
Leanne – Zara	84 points
Bianca - Tess	73.5 points (9 Stations only)
Ami - Samson	73.5 points (8 Stations only)
Glenn - Bella	73.5 points (9 Stations only)
Pamela - Max	71 points
Nicole - Gray	68 points

RED

Peter & Abbie	92.5 points
Kate & Des	90.5 points
Ksenia & Athos	86.5 points
Ida & Apache	84.5 points
Haunui & Kiwa	82 points
Sharlene & Tai	81 points (9 stations only)
John Taylor & Juddy	76.5 points
Nataliya & Lucky	71 points
Christina & Sally	62 points (8 stations only)

YELLOW

Jim & Jasper	94 points
Linda & Jasper	90 points
Nic Hobbs & Pimms	91 points
Maddi & Benson	89 points
Nikole & Jorge	88 points
Leah & Mesha	86 points
Christa & Tosca	84.5 points
Tara & Jaime	83 points
Sonja & Holly	76 points (9 stations only)
Alison & Hugo	72 points

Winners from the Fun Day, 26 October, 2013

PINK

Janet Fry & Barny	100 points WELL DONE
Maureen & Sam	94.5 points
Kristan & Charlie	88.5 points
Les & Millie	86.5 points
Ron & Korie	85.5 points
Rod & Max	84 points
Sam & Snowe	84 points
Damon & Charlie	83 points
Julie Christie & Blaze	82 points
Daryl & Milly	81 points (9 stations only)
Joan Christie & Blaze	77.5 points
Neil Sleeth & Robbie	75 points
Ron & Poppy	71.5 points
Heather Wood & Mille	70 points
Willow & Whiskey	69.5 points

GREEN

Matt & Finn	90 points
Robyn & Bob	88.5 points
Cass fry & Biscuit	87 points
Karen Chalmers & Ralph	86 points
Lisa Retford & Jackson	83.5 points
Cheryl Wills & Wizard	84 points
Janet Lloyd & Darcy	81.5 points
Yalini & Jessy	79 points

BLUE

Radmila & Bear	97 points
Walter & Asha	95 points
Laura & Roxy	94.5 points
Karlana & Scout	90.5 points
Kristen Wills	90.5 points
Donald Stark & Luka	90 points (9 stations only)
Pauline & Shadow	89.5 points
Michael H & Keisha	89 points
Sue & Muttley	88.5 points
Andrea & Belle	84 points

FASTEST RECALL WINNERS

1 ST Matt Haines & Finn	3.93 seconds
2 nd Nic Hobbs & Pimms	4.12 seconds
3 rd Matt Haines & Penny	4.13 seconds
4 th Cass Fry & Biscuit	4.47 seconds
5 th Janet Fry & Shaddow	4.62 seconds
6 th April Smith & Zane	4.69 seconds
7 th Cheryl & Wizard	4.72 seconds

Also if you did not collect your gift after handing in your score sheet, please come to the office



**REMEMBER TO CALL YOUR DOG
EVERY 90 SECONDS**

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.

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.



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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.

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.

Labour Day Weekend - Sat 9th
March 2013
Easter Weekend - Sat 30th March
2013
Queens Birthday Weekend - Sat
8th June 2013

AFL Grand Final Day – Sat 28th Sept 2013
Melbourne Cup Weekend - Sat 2nd Nov 2013

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR
BREAK 2013/2014
CLUB CLOSED - 30th November
& WILL RE-OPEN SAT 1st FEB 2014

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BOARDS & WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION*****



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