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The Berwick Obedience Dog Club has available
Welcome to all new members for 2018. Unfortunately we have missed a number of training days due to the hot weather. Thank you to the instructors who run the twilight training on a Wednesday for including the beginners and enabling them to commence their training.

The club is hosting an Obedience and RallyO trial on Sunday 6th May. We hope that all of our trialling members enter and do well. If you are in Green class or higher and are interested in entering please speak to your instructor. All other members are welcome to come down and watch the dogs going through their paces. The club has a new website. It is new and easy to navigate through. Thank you to Gabby and Jason and everyone else involved in the design and publishing of the website.

Keep your eyes out for the Mother's Day raffle. Tickets will be available soon. Throughout the year we will be having various fund raising events and items. All monies raised through these activities go into your club to improve the grounds and facilities that are provided.

As we head into winter you will notice that the club as a hydro bath for use. If you are unsure of how to use it please see the instructors on the verandah.

If you have a spare half hour and would like to help there are various jobs that need to be undertaken to keep the club functioning. From setting up and packing up the grounds equipment to assisting in the office or kitchen. If you are able to help in any way feel free to come onto the office and let us know.

It is your club. Get involved and happy training.

## Glenda E



Check the Website for new members sign up dates. Sign up begins 12.30 pm . Please bring along your dog's current vaccination certificate, lead, collar and tasty treats.

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With hot days approaching please keep this NUMBER IN MIND
 A Number T0 REMEMBER!


## NO TRAINING ON THESE WEEKENDS 2018.

Labour Day Weekend - Sat 12th March Easter Weekend - Sat 31st March Queens Birthday Weekend - Sat 10th June AFL Grand Final Day - Sat 29th Sept Melbourne Cup Weekend - Sat 4th Nov Last Training Day 2018-Saturday 8th December 2018
** PLEASE ALWAYS CHECK THE NEWSLETTER, NOTICE BOARDS \& WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION *** Also notification will be posted on the club Facebook page.

# CAR PARK 

PLEASE NOTE
IF THE CAR PARK IS FOLL, PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE STREET, AS IV IS ILLEGAL TO DO SO IIII
IF THE FOOTBALL IS NOT ON, THEN PLEASE PARK ON THE HILL


## If dogs made the Rally-0 signs.



## DAMTIBBRLLESTOR



The club has purchased a portable defibrillator.

## Location:

OFFICE (inside the roller door).
Please take a couple of minutes to come into the office to familiarise yourself as to where it is located.

## GHE IMSGRUCGORS

 OBEDIENCE
## Ron

Ted Philip Sharon Laura Alan Colin Stephen Andrea Kristen Cheryl Nicole David Angela

FLYBALL

## AGILITY

| Gordon | Stephen <br> Linda | Barry |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Belinda | Lisa |  |
| Paul |  | RALLY O |
| Monique |  | Nick |
| Ula |  | Susan |

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## GHE COMm1TGEE 20\%7/\%8

President-Glenda
Vice-President - Stephen
Secretary - Belinda
Treasurer - Daryl S
Committee Members
2017/18
Katherine
Annette
Terrie
Ron


KITCHEN - Glenda \& Geoffery
OFFICE STAFF - Annette, Daryl, Glenda, Katherine
HELPERS- Tracey, Chris, Fiona K and Carly
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## Berwick Obedience Dog CenG Newsletter

## LURE COURSLNG ENENTSS

## What is Lure Coursing?

The purpose of Lure Coursing events is to preserve and develop the coursing skills inherent in hounds, specifically Sighthounds, and to demonstrate their ability to perform the function for which they were originally bred. Lure Coursing is an artificial simulation of the way a hare might run in the open field, with the course pattern being irregular and varied with every meet. The lure is strips of plastic bags tied to a nylon cord which is pulled around on pulleys by a battery operated motor. A normal course is between 650 metres to 800 or 900 metres long: however course lengths can vary dependent on field conditions on the day.
The objective is to test a dog's ability to course without showing signs of undue stress or lack of fitness. Coursing places a considerable amount of load on many aspects on a dog's physical structure and temperament characteristics. The sport is a test as to the physical capabilities of the dog. (ANKC Rules)


## Who Can LC?

Everyone, so long as your a member of the ANKC affiliate of your state i.e DogsVictoria and that your dog is registered (including associate register). Registered Sighthounds (plus Rhodesian Ridgeback's \& Basenji's) are in the Sighthounds stakes and all
other breeds (including associate Sighthounds) are is the CA (Coursing Ability) Stakes.

How old can your dog start coursing?
12 months for the Junior Coursing (this is like a qualifying class every dog needs 2 passes to progress)
18 months to compete in Singles \& Open Stakes
Information from the Hound Club of Victoria's website

The next few Lure Coursing trials are
Amstaff Club Vic trial 24\& $25^{\text {th }}$ March 2018
Geelong $28^{\text {th }} \& 29^{\text {th }}$ April 2018
Saluki Club 2\&3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ June 2018

REMEMBER
The interior of your car heats up rapidly in hot weather. In as little as ten minutes the temperature inside your car could reach $60^{\circ}$ celsius. That's hot enough to cause heat stroke which can be fatal. NEVER leave your dog in a parked car when it is hot, even if the windows are open, the sky is cloudy or you are parked in the shade.

Learn to recognize the signs of heat exhaustion -restlessness, excessive thirst, heavy panting, lethargy, lack of appetite, dark tongue, rapid pulse, fever, vomiting, glazed eyes, dizziness and lack of coordination.

Just like you, your dog may not want to eat as much as usual when the temperature rises. Unless your dog is exhibiting other forms of illness, don' $\dagger$ worry about temporary changes in eating habits.

Pets can get sunburnt too and your pet may require sunscreen on his or her nose and ear tips. Pets with light-colored noses or light-colored fur on their ears are particularly vulnerable to sunburn and skin cancer.

## TOP TIP

When the weather is hot, be sure your dog has access to shade and an abundant supply of clean, fresh water that is easy to get to at all times.

Don't take your pets to crowded summer events such as concerts or fairs. The loud noises and crowds, combined with the heat, can be stressful and dangerous for pets. For your pet's well being, leave him or her at home


Pets and pools can equal disaster if they are able to get in, but then cannot get out. Prevent free access to your swimming pool and always supervise your pet if you decide to let it swim in your pool.

> Your dog still needs exercise even when it is hot, but extra care needs to be taken - especially with puppies, older dogs, short-nosed dogs and those with thick coats.
> On very hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours. Keep in mind that paths get very hot and can burn your pet's paws.

If a dog is showing signs of heat exhaustion lower his or her body temperature gradually by taking him or her to a shady or air-conditioned place. Provide water to drink and apply a cold towel or an ice pack to the head, neck, and chest. Do

Pets don't perspire as people do. They cool themselves by panting. With only very hot air to breathe, your pet could suffer permanent brain damage within minutes. If emergency care is not given, your pet could die. Your dog may want to come along, but it's much kinder to leave him or her at home with plenty of fresh, cool water and shade.

Walk your dog very early in the morning or in the early evening. This will help you avoid the hottest part of the day and prevent your pup from dehydrating or burning their paws on hot pavement or asphalt. One way to test if the ground is too hot is to use to FIVE SECOND RULE.
Place the back of your hand on the surface for five seconds and if it's too hot for you, then it's TOO HOT for your dog!
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## "Lsamminy Your ioufs Baty lanumas"

Dogs are very social animals. The ancestors of today's domestic dogs lived in packs. Communication among the members of a pack is necessary for the pack to cooperate to hunt, raise the young, and to get along. We can see pack behavior when watching two or more dogs together.

For the most part dogs communicate through body language, that is dogs use their bodies to explain their moods and thoughts. It is important for every dog owner to learn to read these messages so we can adjust our training to how the dog is feeling. Images from www.hssv.org Below a few to be aware of:

## Normal posture for a dog when relaxed



ALERT POSITION
Dogs often simply show interest on meeting another animal for the first time. The dog has not yet decided if it needs to communicate submission play, aggression, or fear. This state usually lasts only a brief moment before the dog chooses to show another feeling.

DEFENSIVE THREAT POSTURE A frightened dog can very easily become an aggressive dog, and many people have been bitten by dogs showing signs of fear. Fearbased posture may bite if cornered may be growling. May urinate and/or express anal glands


AGGRESSIVE
This is the way a dog explains that he is the "boss", that he is more dominant than those around him.

OFFENSIVE THREAT POSTURE: dominant/confident posture dog is dangerous, may attack at any time may be growling/barking Tail may be held high \& stiff while wagging


ACTIVE SUBMISSION
This is the way a dog explains that they are not the "boss", that they are less dominant than those around them. It is often used when a dog is afraid of punishment and is trying to appease his more dominant pack members.: may urinate, maybe whining, avoids eye contact tail may be wagging \& held low OR tail may be tucked completely under body


## BASIC PRINCIPLES OF DOG TRAINING

Dogs learn by repetition, that is the same thing repeated several times, however dogs have a limited attention span to sights and sounds that do not have an immediate survival potential - Thus it is not advisable to repeat an exercise more than 3 times in a row.

## Beginners Class Exercises

Simple exercises in beginners are designed to give you a degree of control over your dog. Obviously you have more control over a dog that is sitting quietly rather than swinging on the end of the lead. After a few weeks of beginners, your dog will come when called and sit still while you put on their collar and lead. You will learn that you are the leader of the pack and the boss dog. And they will accept your direction and guidance.

## PRAISE AND REWARD THE BEHAVIOUR YOU WANT GROWL FOR THE BEHAVIOUR YOU DON'T WANT

## 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,


Help with the barby we would love it if you could give some time to help the club.


Kitchen

Office


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

## FLYBALL

Team Training: 11.30am - 12.15pm
Intermediate: $12.15 \mathrm{pm}-12.45 \mathrm{pm}$.
There are 2 beginner sessions: $1.00 \mathrm{pm}-1.30 \mathrm{pm}$ \& 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.

## B.O.D.C NOTICE BOARD



## EASTER RAFFLE

The clubs Easter Raffle is coming up soon. Tickets will soon be available in the office.

## MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

The club will be conducting a Mother's Day Raffle with the prize being a fresh flower arrangement. There will be a picture of the arrangement in the office. The club be will be supplying the flowers fresh on Saturday 12th May for the raffle that afternoon as Mother's Day is the following day.

## DONATJONS REQUJRED FORTHE R.S.P.C.A

The club is still looking for donations for the R.S.P.C.A.

There is a green bin in the clubrooms or sometimes out on the veranda where donations can be placed. We are looking for towels, blankets, sheets, food or anything cat or dog.

# 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 dog!

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.


## CONGRATULATIONS

> TO STEPHENP AND HIS BORDER COLLIE MERLIN (YEOVILLE MIGHTY MOUSE) ON GAINING THEIR JD TITLE AT
> W ARRNAMBOOL WITH AN IMPRESSIVE $5 \times$ $1^{\text {ST }}$ PLACES UNDER 5 DIFFERENT JUDGES!


Please Note-The Off-leash areas are not to be used during the times 11.30am to 4.00 pm on club training days. The only times the off-leash areas can be used is when a B.O.D.C instructor is present in the areas.

* Do not enter an - 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 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.


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Monday to Friday: 8 am -7 pm Saturday: $9 \mathrm{am}-1 \mathrm{pm}$


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For up to date information regarding training time and tips join us on Facebook.

## THE DO'S OF DOG TRAINING



1. Do be nice to your dog every time they come to you.
2. Do get into the habit of using only one command, If your dog doesn't respond, reinforce the command.
3. Do use our dog's name to get their attention and then tell them what you want them to do.

4. Do use a normal tone of voice when you give command. Their hearing is quite acute.
5. Do be consistent in your actions and expectations.

- Do provide an outlet for your dog's energies.
- Do keep your dog's mentally stimulated by training them.
- Do understand that your dog is a social animal, train them so that they can be a part of the family.


9. Do socialise your dog with people and other dogs.
10. Do become the pack leader.
11. Do make learning fun for your dog.
12. Do reward the behaviors you want.

13. Do spend plenty of time with your dog/s and give them lots of exercise.
14. Do keep trying and your dog will reward you by getting the message.
15. Do get outside help when you get stuck.

## THE DON'TS OF DOG TRAINING

1. Don't do anything your dog perceives as unpleasant when they come to you.
2. Don't nag your dog by repeating commands - it teaches them to ignore you.
3. Don't use your dog's name and then expect them to read your mind as to what you want.
4. Don't expect your dog to know what the exercise "no" means.
5. Don't yell at your dog. He's not deaf.
6. Don't confuse your dog with unrealistic expectations.
7. Don't try to suppress behaviors that need an outlet.
8. Don't let your dog stagnate.

9. Don't lock your dog up or put him out because you haven't trained him to behave.
10. Don't isolate your dog.
11. Don't expect your dog to obey if you are not their leader.
12. Don't get too serious in your training.
13. Don't reward undesirable behaviors.
14. Don't make them neurotic by neglecting them.
15. Don't give up when the going gets tough.
16. Don't blame the dog.


Source: "Dog Training for Dummies" - Jack \& Wendy Volhard In cooperation with pet experts at Howell Book House Wiley Publishing, Inc, Indianapolis, Indiana - 2001.

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## Ground Rules 2018

1. No bitch in season is permitted on or near the training grounds.
2. All dogs are to be on lead between the hours of $11: 30 \mathrm{am}$ to $4: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ on Saturday unless under the supervision of an instructor (including the off-lead area).
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.
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
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.
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. If the predicted temperature is 32C classes will be cancelled, or 28C on a day of classes refer to heat policy.
15. No member is to enter The Club's rings/classes 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
(a) Do not enter the area when classes are 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.
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.


## Origami Dog

This is another easy origami animal to fold. It looks great on a greetings card with a bow under its chin, or you can tape it to a wooden spoon to make a puppet. You can even use a very large piece of paper to make a dog mask for children to wear. The dog is a perfect partner for the cat!

We have used stick-on googly eyes" and a black marker to draw our dog's features.



1. Start by folding your square in half diagonally, and creasing carefully.

2. Fold your triangle in half again, to form a crease. Open it back out again.

3. Turn the triangle so that the long side is at the top. Fold one of the comers down, as shown in the photo, to form an ear.

4. Add your dog's features!
5. Now fold the bottom point up, to form the dog's nose.

6. Do the same to the other corner. Try to make the ears even!

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