# BERWICK OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB K&9 MAY TO JULY 2017

PROUDLY CELEBRATING OVER 30 YEARS OF PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

# President's Report

Hi all,

I am happy that we have had the drainage completed and just in time for the weather to change. We have noticed a marked improvement in the condition of the grounds already. We should be able to keep the off leash areas open for use all year round now. Please remember that the off leash areas are not for use during club times unless accompanied by an instructor.

We do lock the side gates open during club times unless the instructors are planning on utilising them during class.

The club Trivia Night will be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2017 and will be at the Lynbrook Community Centre in Lynbrook. It is a fantastic night filled with fun, laughter and some crazy games to keep you on your toes.

If you know of any business or service that may be able to donate something for our raffle please see the office as they have a letter of request that you could hand out. Make sure that you book your tickets early as we have limited seating.

Put together a table of 10 made up of club members and friends. If you don't have a table of 10 the ladies in the office will be able to allocate you to a table. Tickets will be available for purchase in June.

I want to congratulate Lynda H for organising the Berwick Obedience and Rally O Trial that was held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. It was well attended by competitors from all over the state and our own members.

A huge congratulations to all of our members who participated, achieved passes and titles on the day. Although the weather wasn't so kind it was a great day.

As the weather cools down remember to keep your fur babies warm and if you have any old bedding or towels please bring them to the club and put in the donation bin for the RSPCA. Renewal notices will be out on the table in June, please make sure that you pick yours up and payments can be made from July.

Happy training and stay warm,

Glenda E.

B.O.D.C

### HEAT POLICY



When the predicted high temperature on the Friday night, for Scoresby as published on the BODC website, is greater or equal to 32 degrees celsius (DC) classes will be cancelled. If the temperature on the day is above 28 DC then there will be appropriately modified training as deemed by the applicable training sub-committee.

If the temperature on the day after the commencement of classes exceeds 32 DC, as measured by the BODC weather station, then at the discretion of the appropriate sub-committee, training will be suspended for a period of 10 minutes. If at the end of that 10 minutes the temperature does not fall to 32 DC or below then further training will be cancelled.

If the temperature changes on the Saturday morning to below 32 degrees, the club will still remain closed due to administrative activities.

Alternative training is held on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm regardless of the temperature.



#### NEW PUBLIC PAGE

BERWICK OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB

Please like and follow us for more interesting items,

videos and updates.



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



enquiries@berwickodc.asn.au

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





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With hot days approaching please keep this NUMBER IN MIND

# A Number TO REMEMBER

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





Want to contribute to the newsletter – E Mail to newsletter@berwickodc.asn.au

#### **NEWSLETTER-DATES**

February—April, May—July August—October November—December

#### NO TRAINING ON THESE WEEKENDS

2017.

Labour Day Weekend - Sat 11th March Easter Weekend - Sat 15th April Queens Birthday Weekend - Sat 10th June AFL Grand Final Day - Sat 30th Sept Melbourne Cup Weekend - Sat 4th Nov Last Training Day 2017—Saturday 9th December 2017

\*\* PLEASE ALWAYS CHECK THE NEWSLETTER, NOTICE BOARDS & WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION \*\*\* Also notifications will be posted on the club Facebook page.



# CAR PARKING

PLEASE NOTE
IF THE CAR PARK IS
FULL, PLEASE DO NOT
PARK IN THE STREET,
AS IT 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... Suddenly Pull Right Sniff Ground Chase BONUS Tail Jump on Judge Find Treats Call-Front Drag Owner Bark **Behind You** Owner



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.

#### THE INSTRUCTORS **OBEDIENCE**

Ron Alex Ted Ivan Philip Karon Sharon Wayne Laura Liśa Alan Carla Colin Susan Stephen Ingrid Andrea Graeme Kristen Heather Cheryl Gaby Nicole Fiona





#### THE COMMITTEE 2016/17

President - Glenda Vice-President - Ron Secretary - Katherine V Treasurer - Daryl S

Committee Members 2016/17 Belinda Stephen

Annette



**FLYBALL** 

Gordon Belinda Paul **HELPERS** Chris M Ula Matt Monique

**AGILITY** 

Stephen Linda

RINGS

RALLY O Nick Susan

Barry Lisa

TRIAL SECRETARY- 2017 **OBEDIENCE** - Lynda H

GROUND STAFF—Alex & Barry

KITCHEN - Glenda & Geoffery

Contact—obediencetrial@berwickodc.asn.au

OFFICE STAFF - Annette, Daryl, Glenda, Katherine

HELPERS— Suzanne, Terrie, Courtenay & Fiona K

#### 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

Help with

the barby

### Got some spare ti **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.

Shop





Kitchen



When you and the dog come down with something like flu on the same day.



When your refrigerator contains more dog bones than anything else.

When the rubbish bin is more or less permanently on the bench or table, to keep the dog out of it while you're at work.



If you think dogs cant count, try putting 3 dog biscuits in your pocket and then give your dog only two of them. -Phil Pastoret

K9 – DOGGY BITS









# IFLYBAILL 2017 AUSTRAILIVAINI INIAMIONIAILS

On the Easter weekend of 2017, Berwick Flyball were proud to co-host the Australian Flyball Nationals in Hastings, along with Frankston and Hastings Obedience Dog Clubs. The Nationals haven't been held in Victoria since 2013 when Berwick hosted it at Dandenong Show.

This year was a huge entry of 45 flyball teams from Tasmania, Victoria, NSW, ACT, SA and Queensland.

Approximately 260 dogs and their handlers raced in 3 rings over 2 full days, it was exciting, and nail biting at times, but overall a whole heap of fun! With 3 rings to navigate Dave got to try out his radio voice as the chief ring caller and did a fantastic job all weekend getting all the teams in their rings and working around any racing clashes

Berwick Flyball Team brought 3 teams to the Nationals this year, Bladerunners, Blitz and Blaze, in Divisions 1, 3 and 10, and consisted of a great mix of dogs, 3 staffords, Frankie, Lily and Ana, 2 staffy x's, Flint and Buddy, 2 kelpie x's, Lou lou and Grady, 2 poodle x's Astro and Lucy, 1 kelpie Zane, 1 whippet Bailey, , 1 lab x Ebon, 1 Lapphund Ahsoka, 1 lab Toby, 1 border x Penny and 1 border Murray





The weekend started off drizzly and grey but fined up to a lovely few days of racing, Bladerunners ran well under Matt and Gordy's direction, with just 4 racing dogs, but just didnt have enough speed against the

fastest teams in Australia and came 5th. Special mention going to Bailey who is a very new dog, who did heaps of warm ups and even ran a few clean races in his very first Nationals!

Blaze ran exceptionally well with a ring in handler after Janice injured herself a few weeks prior, Astro had a ball with Shaun running him, and captain Craig piloted the team to a nice 2nd place in a very competitive division. New girl Lily also ran in lots of warmup runs and also her very first race, at a Nationals no less Blaze, and had a brilliant weekend

Blitz had a last minute withdrawal due to injury, so we brought in

Lucy for a day and that made them go way faster than expected, so they broke out completely in their first race of the day, so they got to run for fun, and fun they did have! Ahsoka ran beautifully for a new but experienced handler because her mum is very pregnant, Ana also ran a few races for Ebony, after Monique injured herself trying to run faster than Buddy! And Grady also ran a few races for a

new handler from Tassie just to give him some experience in the ring.

The Sunday was a slightly more relaxed day for singles and pairs racing, where some of our new dogs got to have some fun in the ring. Jax the border and Henry the stafford both entered in beginners.

Henry had fun and gained some great ring experience whilst entertaining the crowd, and Jax came 3rd in his division of beginner singles.

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The highlight of Sunday for many was a morning visit from the Easter Bunny and an Easter Egg hunt for the kids, with hundreds of eggs to be collected. One of the best things about flyball is how it involves the whole family, and the kids all grow up together and hopefully turn into future handlers!

We also had a few visitors from budding flyballers Yoko, Casper, Beau & Cookie checking out the action, and seeing what they'll be up to in the near future.

While the lead up to Nationals is a huge amount of work, it's always worth it in the end to see it all come together and be a great success, well done to Berwick, Frankston and Hastings for co-hosting a memorable and successful Nationals







Prepared by the Berwick Obedience Dog Club May-July 2017



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# 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!)







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.

















### DOGS AS MASCOTS



With the footy season underway, some of you may barrack for the Western Bulldogs who have a British Bulldog as their mascot.

Why pick a bulldog? In the middle Ages, English butchers would go out with their dogs, who were capable of latching onto a bull's neck and bringing the bull to the ground. Hence the name "Bulldog".

Generally mascot pictures show a very angry bulldog, hopefully striking fear into their opponents. The dog's facial features allow them to be drawn in an angry or determined pose. In reality, Bulldogs are playful, lovable and loyal.

In America, some of the college football teams not only have a "picture" mascot but also a real dog who accompanies them to the matches. The University of Georgia has it's own Bulldog called "Uga" who sits on the sidelines with the coaches and players at the games.

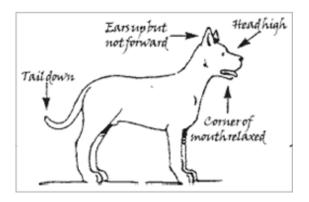
Many different breeds of dogs are used as mascots. Some of the American ones are Boston University Terriers, Southern Illinois Salukis, John Jay College Bloodhounds, University at Albany Great Danes, University of Indianapolis Greyhounds, and North Eastern Huskies.

### "Learning Your Dog's Body Language"

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.

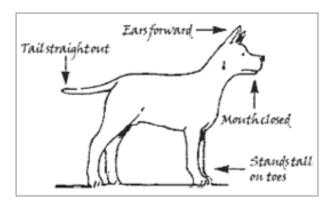
For the most part dogs communicate through body language, that is dogs use their bodies to explain their moods and thoughts. It is important for every dog owner to learn to read these messages so we can adjust our training to how the dog is feeling. Images from www.hssv.org Below a few to be aware of:

### 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.

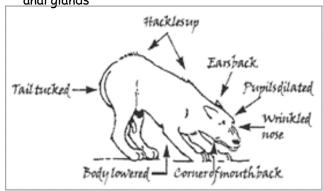


#### **ACTIVE SUBMISSION**

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

#### 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

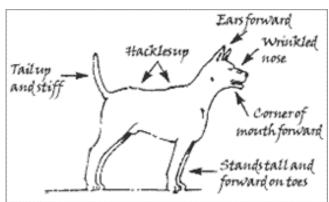


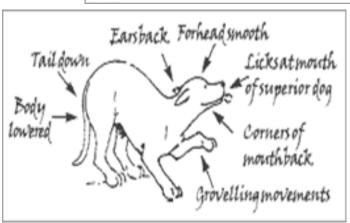
#### **AGGRESSIVE**

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





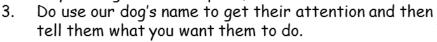




#### THE DO'S OF DOG TRAINING



Do get into the habit of using only one command, If your dog doesn't respond, reinforce the command.



- 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.
- 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.
- Don't nag your dog by repeating commands it teaches them to ignore you.
- 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.
- 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.









# Yellow Bambanas

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.





Help the puppy find its way to its home.

See later in edition for the answer.







### **Queen Elizabeth and Her Corgi's**

When the Queen was about 7 years old her parents got a Pembroke Welsh Corgi named Dookie, and she has loved corgis ever since. She was given her own corgi, Susan on her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, who also came along on her Honeymoon when the Queen was married 3 years later.

Susan gave birth to a pair of puppies in 1949, which started a Royal breeding program which has continued through at least 14 generations over a period of 50 years. The last two puppies bred were named Holly and Willow.

In 2012 at the Olympic Opening Ceremony, Willow and Holly made an appearance as James Bond (actor Daniel Craig) arrived at Buckingham Palace to escort the Queen to the Games.





The Queen's love of dogs has been depicted in photos, paintings, sculptures and even a commemorative coin issued to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee shows the Queen with a corgi.

In 2015, the Queen decided against any further breeding, as her children do not share the same interest in the dogs and the Queen did not want any dogs to survive her in the event of her death. Over the years as the dogs have died, most have been buried in a special Pet Cemetery the Queen created at her Sandringham Estate home.

The Royal Family's other dogs include Gun Dogs, Labradors and Cocker Spaniels. The Queen names all the puppies at the kennels, and owned a black Labrador named Gryffindor, a pup whose litter was named after the Harry Potter characters.





# ANNUAL OBEDIENCE AND RALLY O TRIAL SUNDAY MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

Despite the inclement weather on Sunday May  $7^{th}$ , our annual Obedience and Rally O Trial was well attended and very successful.

A huge thankyou to ALL the Committee, helpers, grounds people (on Saturday and Sunday) and to the club members who entered and supported the Trial. I am also very proud that of the 7 Judges contracted for the Trial - 4 are Berwick members!

There were some funny and sad stories around the ground on the day, one of the funniest (although the handler may not think so!) was watching the CCD stays, when, as the rain started coming down one of the dogs just stood up

and walked into the nearest tent followed by nearly all the other dogs!!! Who said dogs aren't smart?! J

Congratulations to all the Berwick Members who achieved Passes and Placings - there were a lot of them! In total there were 17 members who achieved a place or pass over the two trials.

Well done to all of you for the training and getting out and having fun with your dogs!

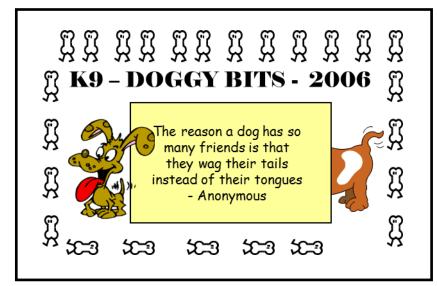
Here are the Rally O group of happy faces. Next years Trial will be

Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> - We look forward to seeing all of you back again and some new faces as well.

Happy Trialling

Lynda - Trail Secretary











### Off - Leash Area Rules

Please Note—The Off-leash areas are not to be used during the times 11.30am to 4.00pm 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.



#### (03) 8790 2425

#### **Address**

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(Get directions via Google Maps)

#### Hours

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- 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 11:30am to 4:30pm 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.
- No children other than child handlers to be in the training areas. 8.
- 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.
- If the predicted temperature is 32C classes will be cancelled, or 28C on a day of classes refer to heat
- 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.
- No passengers are to be carried on the tractor or the trailer. 17.
  - (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
  - Do not enter the area when classes are in progress
  - Eight dog maximum limit
  - Members must consult those in the ring before entering (c) (d) (e) (f) (f) (h)
  - Five minute maximum stay when others waiting
  - Any dog showing any sign of aggression must be immediately removed
  - All dogs must wear a collar
  - All handlers must carry a leash and a plastic bag
  - Dogs to be under constant supervision
  - No children under 12 years to enter the area All dogs to be recalled regularly

  - 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. Eq. No thongs or High
- 21. No unattended dogs are to be left in the Clubrooms.

## HELP REQUIRED

Are you a web designer?

We are looking for someone who may be interested in designing a new website for the club.

If you are interested could you please contact the



# 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.

#### ABOUT THE BERWICK OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB

The Berwick Obedience Dog Club was founded in October 1980. The club is the only one in the area that trains on Saturday afternoons. The club operates from the first Saturday in February until the first Saturday in December. We train every weekend except for long weekends (Labour Day, Easter, Anzac Day, Queen's Birthday, Melbourne Cup and AFL Grand Final Day). Training is also cancelled if the forecast maximum temperature is 32° or higher. Otherwise we train rain, hail or shine! The club also offers twilight training on Wednesday evenings during daylight saving time.





Since 1980 the club has trained thousands of people in responsible dog ownership to make our local community a dog friendly area. The club has also produced a number of champions in obedience, flyball and agility. Our club has many dedicated and enthusiastic members. Each month more and more people decide that dog obedience training is a great idea for their family pet. It is fantastic to see 30 to 40 new members joining up on our sign up days and give their dogs a great start towards being a well-behaved member of the family. Our joining, membership and training fees are very reasonable to make obedience training your dog a very affordable hobby.