Dog Talk News

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OUR TRAINING TIMES & PLACE

Venue: Hodgson Reserve, Higgins Road, Bentleigh
Times: Thursdays 10:45 am
Sundays 9:45 (White & Yellow)
10:45 (Green & above)

New Memberships & Renewals: Registration 30 minutes before class.

Sally Hill Photo Competition
Entries close 9th October 2022

Committee:

Committee members 2022:
Marion Bower, Barry Gilbert, Diane Ishac, Debbie Lack, Terry Lack, Helen Musgrave, Claire Aldham,

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Ground Rules

For everyone's comfort and safety we have some useful ground rules and guidelines.

- Do not allow your children to approach any dog/puppy without asking the owner's permission. If permission is given, always supervise your child's interaction with a dog.
- Please keep children off the agility equipment.
- Always ask the owner's permission before interacting with a dog. If patting keep your hand low and pat the dog under the chin, not on top of the head.
- Avoid loose clothing, and bags as these can get in the way when training.
- Enclosed footwear must be worn at all times.
- We welcome multiple family members to participate in class but only one person can be the handler at a time. We ask that any additional family members watch from the side. You are welcome to change handler during class.
- Please understand that no Instructor or Helper is authorised by this club to give veterinary advice. We do not recommend any brand-name products and we advise you to consult your vet for information regarding your dog's health or comfort.
- You are required to immediately clean up after your dog. Lined red plastic buckets are provided. White buckets with drinking water are also provided.
- Please remember to bring your own treats to training.

Upgrades

How do you get an upgrade?
Your Instructor will determine when you and your dog are ready to tackle the next level. An upgrade is given to the Handler/Dog team, with clear emphasis on the understanding of the handler. If you feel that you are ready, don't hesitate to ask to be considered for an upgrade at the start of class.

Special Congratulations to those who graduated to Blue class

- Jenny Duncan and Ziggy
- Rebecca Finacchiaho and June
- Lyn Pedler and Billie
- Daniel Stokes-Beeston and Winnie
- Jenny Willms and Freddy
- Anne Aloni and Evie

Graduates to Red Class

- Peter Godfrey and Miska
- Annette Allen and Baxter

"For me a house or an apartment becomes a home when you add one set of four legs, a happy tail, and that indescribable measure of love that we call a dog."

Roger Caras

Q: What do these people have in common?

- A financial analyst, a courier, a landscape gardener, a book-keeper, a location scout, a cook, an election manager, a photographer, a doctor, a teacher, a dog groomer, a dog walker, a retiree, a scientific researcher, a childcare worker, an events manager, a retired flying instructor… and more!
- **A: They all help out at BCDTS!**

Are *you* able to help?

- BCDTS is run by volunteers for the benefit of all members and the community. There are many little ways that all members are able to help out. Perhaps you are able to arrive a little early before class to help set up equipment, or to stay a little later to help pack up? Sweep the floor? Contribute to the newsletter? Become an Instructor?

All help is greatly appreciated!

Spring has arrived

The days are warming up and the plants and flowers in our gardens have begun to bloom.

Grass seeds are the enemy of dogs everywhere. They can cause irritation, pain, swelling and infection.
Grass seeds are typically between 1-2cm long, dart shaped with a sharp tip and a rough surface (like barbs on a fish hook) which means they do not go backwards. They typically get caught in the dog's coat, moving forward as the dog fur moves. When they reach the dog's skin they can penetrate, travel and lodge within the body where they can cause can cause pain, swelling and infection caused by the bacteria found in grass seeds.

Grass seeds can be found anywhere on your dog's body but are most commonly found in the feet, ears, around the face, mouth and nose (they can be sniffed up the nose or inhaled through the mouth), groin and elbows. Signs will vary depending on where the grass seed has lodged. Things to watch out for are painful swellings, abscesses, limping, excessive licking and chewing, nasal discharge and head shaking.

The best way to avoid the dangerous effects of grass seeds is to;

- Make sure you keep your lawn mown.
- When out walking make sure you avoid long grasses.
- Groom your dog regularly.

Be aware that any matts in your dog's coat may be hiding a grass seed.

At this time of year it is more important than ever to start a new habit of checking your dog for grass seeds, burrs and prickles that may be picked up when outside in our parks and gardens. After each walk make sure you check your dog's entire body from nose to tail for signs of grass seeds, ticks and any lumps and bumps. Ask one of our instructors how to vet check your dog if you are unsure how to do this. Treat this time as a training session and get your dog used to being handled, touching feet, ears, mouth, tail etc.

Be vigilant make sure your get the grass seeds before the grass seeds get your dog. If you suspect a grass seed had penetrated your dog's skin consult your vet about any treatment that may be needed.

Usually dogs will avoid plants that may harm them but if bored or curious may have a nibble. While gardening you may want to take stock of what is in your garden and how it may affect your dog. Many common plants are toxic to dogs causing vomiting, diarrhea, excessive salivation, nausea, lethargy and weakness. In extreme cases cardiac complications, coma or death may occur.
Some (but by no means all) flowers and plants to watch out for are;

- Azalea
- Bulbs
- Cyclamen
- Daffodil
- Daisy
- Eucalyptus
- Hydrangea
- Iris
- Lillies
- Rhododendron
- Rhubarb Leaves
- Tomato Plant

If your dog eats a plant that you suspect may be poisonous, contact your vet immediately.

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THE ANIMAL REHOMING SERVICE

The Animal Rehoming Service is a Bayside based registered charity which has found loving, permanent homes for over 5000 animals of every description, since it was established in 2000. We now concentrate on dog rescue and rehoming but are happy to refer people with other animal needs to relevant rescue groups.
We're on 0409213131 and happy to help!
Find us on
https://www.facebook.com/TheAnimalRehomingService
https://www.instagram.com/the_animal_rehoming_service/?hl=en
and our available dogs are listed on
https://www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/rescue-groups/3516/The-Animal-Rehoming-Service

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The "Sally Hill" Photo Competition

Dedicated to the memory of Sally Hill, our photo competition will once again seek the best dog photos as submitted by you, the members. Entries close on 9th October 2022.

Enter your favourite photo of your dog (taken by you!)

1. Place a print into the box at the BCDTS office with your name, phone number and dog's name written on the back.
2. Submit via email to info@baysidedogs.org.au, including the dog's name.

Charlie – Previous winner

Terry's Tips

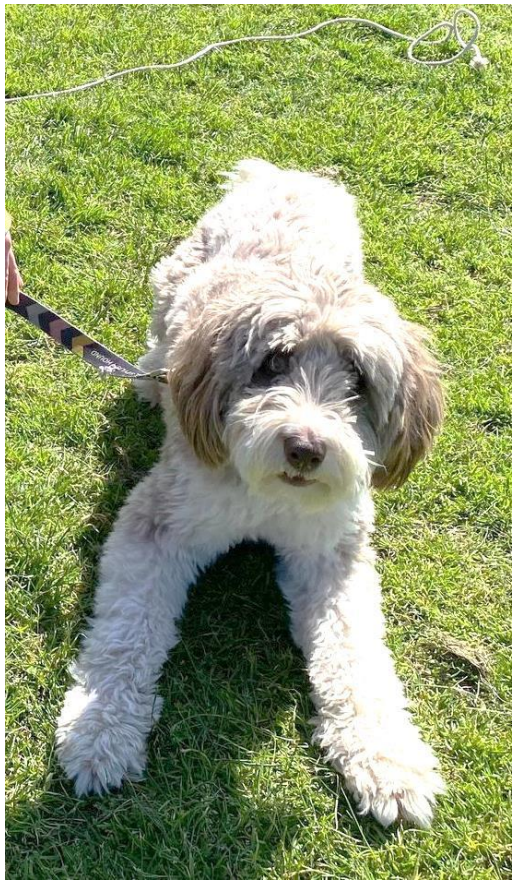
Is your dog obeying you at the park? Respecting you? If not, then it is time to really reinforce the basics.

- Do a doggy aerobics routine before meal times. (Make a little training part of the mealtime routine)
- Make sure you include an on-lead walk at least 2 or 3 times a week.
- Make sure that the dog is the last through a doorway or gate and last into or out of the car. (With the obvious exception of the human shutting the car door!)
- Don't leave the food bowl lying around. After a few minutes, or when the dog has finished eating, remove the bowl.
- Make your dog wait for the command "take" before taking any food or treat.
- Make a bit of training part of every walk and every visit to the park. Only a few minutes training during outings can make a big difference.
- Ensure that your dog uses good dog manners – eg sitting nicely before being given a treat etc

Remember variety is the spice of life so mix it up and have most importantly **HAVE FUN**

Do you have questions that you would like addressed in our newsletter? Let me know your suggestions. Your Instructor or the team in the Office will point me out. We are always looking for interesting stories or photos so let us know your ideas!

Barry Gilbert



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