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.

30 years

Committee:

Committee members 2023:

Marion Bower, Sue Fleming, Barry Gilbert, Diane Ishac, Debbie Lack, Terry Lack, Helen Musgrave

Office Bearers:

President: Terry Lack

Vice President: Barry Gilbert

Treasurer: Marion Bower

Secretary: Debbie Lack

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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.
- 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

- Graeme Berry and Ziggy
- Nikky Anthony and Coco
- Gail Goldberg and Milo
- Deborah Negri and Leo
- Amanda Corlis
- Julie Elliott
- Susan Stamp and Ziggy
- Vladimar Poberzowski and Grom
- Karen Bailey and Cedar
- Fletcher Leaper and Nala

Graduates to Red Class

- Helen Musgrave and Macy

Dogs & Bones

If a dog shares a household with other dogs or young children, give it bones in the garage. When the bone is finished, ensure that all scraps are disposed of carefully. It is best that the dog is not able to bury or hide bone scraps to be dug up later. A dog that is possessive of a bone scrap could turn on a young child or another dog.

Dogs & bones & kids don't mix!

Two dogs & bones don't mix!

Terry's Tips

- Make sure you include an on lead walk at least two times a week.
- Make a bit of training part of every walk and every visit to the park, even at home. Only a few minutes training can make a big difference.
- Vary the timing and commands during training so that your dog doesn't anticipate what's coming next.
- Ensure that your dog uses good dog manners, ie not jumping up.
- Give commands once. You don't want to sound like a broken record.
- Every command will be followed by another command.

Report of Annual General Meeting for 2023

The AGM was conducted on the 5th March outside the school office in the shade of the tree and attended by members and the outgoing committee. Official business conducted included the reports from the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

The president, Terry Lack welcomed everyone to the AGM for 2023. The school could not have functioned without the now outgoing committee and the volunteers who continued to serve the members with dedication and enthusiasm throughout the year. He thanked the retiring committee and volunteers for all their hard work during the past year, during which we have been able to return to a new post covid normality with the relaxation of restrictions.

Our aim to provide a school with a supportive and congenial environment for members to train their dogs has resulted in growing popularity and increased membership. This means we have been able to continue our work supporting several charities and institutions.

The Vice President, Barry Gilbert thanked EVERYONE. The office staff, the grounds persons, the instructors and committee. These tireless people are the gems of the school.

BCDTS provided positive results for members, but in doing so has created a congenial and professional arena for all to achieve their training goals. One such example is the introduction of the achievement award, given to encourage those members, junior and senior who are having some difficulty, but are persisting as best as they can.

There is no doubt that the school provides good value for membership, but it also creates a venue for social engagement with those who have a common goal, that is: responsible dog ownership.

The Treasurer, Marion Bower tabled copies of the financial reports for 2023 for attendees to inspect. Showing our strongest membership to date in the school's history.

Unanimous support given by a show of hands and all nominated Office Bearers and General Committee

The elected Committee for 2023 is:

President:	Terry Lack
Vice-President:	Barry Gilbert
Secretary:	Debbie Lack
Treasurer:	Marion Bower
General Committee:	Helen Musgrave, Sue Fleming and Di Ishac

The appointment of the BCDTS Committee for 2023 was hence finalised, there being 7 Committee members (as stipulated in the BCDTS Rules) and being effective as of 5/03/2023.

Upon the opening of General business, several topics were discussed, including renaming the Photo competition, future donations to worthy causes and the upcoming 30th celebrations.

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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2023 30th Celebrations

Thankyou to everybody; the volunteers, the members and their dogs for helping us celebrate our 30th year.

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BCDTS – Serving the Community for 30 years

Dog owners who had experienced traditional methods of training established our school in February 1993. The original members believed that there were better methods to teach dog owners how to have effective control and that training and learning with one's dog should be enjoyable. Their wish was to have a club where the focus would be to support members in training their dogs to be good companions rather than competition work and trialing. The spirit of the new club was to be cooperative and supportive.

Throughout 1992 this small group formulated their ideas and began working on the framework of the club. They spoke with members of other dog action groups and worked towards bringing their vision into being. Much of this vision is reflected in the choice of the words used – “companion" rather than "obedience" is an example. Much work was to be done, including the development of school objectives, class plans, a "Code of Behaviour" and finding a venue. Finding a venue proved to be a difficult task, as it also involved negotiations with local councils and residents neighbouring possible sites.

Brighton Companion Dog Training School 1993

The original name of the new club was “Brighton Companion Dog Training School" and the formation meeting was held on Sunday 28th February 1993. Thirteen members attended this first meeting with one apology and 4 observers. The money raised from these first membership fees enabled a training venue to be rented. Despite much work to done negotiating red tape and planning permits, the club was off and running

The first training day was held on Sunday 7th March 1993 at the Elsternwick Primary School, Murphy Street, Elsternwick. The dog school was successful in obtaining a Town Planning permit to operate at the Primary School but, due to restrictions limiting the number of people and dogs on the school grounds, was not able to continue at this first location. The new dog school was successful and grew rapidly - within 5 months membership grew to 240. Printing, tea, coffee and biscuits were all donated by volunteers and a member, Sid Day, made the first agility equipment.

By July 1993 the dog school had moved to "Trey Bit Reserve", Jetty Road, Sandringham and its name had been changed to “Bayside Companion Dog Training School". This new name not only recognised the new home but also reflected the wide area from which members were drawn. The first issue of the newsletter "Dog Talk” appeared in July 1993.

Trey Bit Reserve

The Dog School remained at Trey Bit for 22 months where there was no pavilion to provide shelter and no facility to provide storage. During this time, volunteers needed to bring trailers of equipment along each week and set it up. This included office, kitchen and on ground equipment. Of course, this all needed to be packed up and carted away at the end of each Sunday morning - the great views came at great cost! The workload was enormous, parking was problematic and the wind in winter was straight off the South Pole - however the camaraderie was inspiring.
During its residency in Sandringham, the Dog School's committee worked hard with local councils (in those days Sandringham, Brighton and Moorabbin) to find a new home. In late 1994 the former City of Moorabbin allocated the school its current ground, Hodgson Reserve, to be used

as of the first Sunday in April 1995. The new home also meant that mid-week, daylight training could be implemented.

Hodgson Reserve 2015

The move to Hodgson Reserve made training sessions much more convenient and comfortable for the volunteers and members. There is a large training area, a clubroom suitable for meetings, a large office with storage capabilities, storage shed for equipment as well as toilet facilities.

Over 30 years, the club has grown to the order of 1,900 members. Sunday training sessions regularly cater to over 150 members and Thursday mornings also see a regular group of committed members.

The school is run by volunteers and, as a result of the dedication of the helpers and instructors, the club has been able to prosper, thus delivering a valuable service to the community. The school continues its focus on companion training, where both dog and owner are trained in basic dog obedience in order to foster responsible dog ownership. Emphasis is also placed on dog socialisation and the responsibilities of dog ownership in the community. Many of the commands are unique to BCDTS and are tailored to a family pet.

As the club has prospered, it has been able to contribute to the community in other ways, such as significant financial donations to worthy causes, visits to schools and hospitals, demonstrations and local council events and providing advice.

From modest beginnings the club has grown and flourished over the past 30 years. Membership has grown dramatically and the range and scope of activities and contribution to the community has also grown. However, the fundamental vision and philosophy have remained the same – to encourage responsible dog ownership and provide support for dog owners to have effective control, and to do this in a fun way!

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Joe and Neale pushing (Hodgeson Reserve)

Trey Bit Reserve