

Dog Talk

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A well trained dog is a happy dog

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Dates to remember:

Sally Hill Photo competition:

Entries in by 28 November 2021.

End of year training games day:

December 2021

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Presidents' Report

Woof woof – we are back!

Now with Spring underway, bringing with it warmer weather, relaxation of restrictions and the rewards of training in larger groups. We are so excited to be back and look forward to working with you all.

We at BCDTS have always held the best interests of our members and volunteers. With this in mind, we have and will continue to encourage everyone to participate in the current Covid vaccination program.

Once the relaxation of restrictions takes place, vaccination will likely play a vital part in allowing us to resume group training in larger numbers.

Not only are we able to start to enjoy training again, but also to participate in the Sally Hill photo competition and the re-scheduled "Doggy Games" before year's end. Further details are provided in this newsletter.

When Thursday and Sunday classes re-commence there may be limited numbers allowed in each class until a further easing of restrictions. I ask that we all show patience and understanding toward our volunteers who will be there to assist and guide as many as possible within the time permitted.

I have listed several tips to prepare you for Spring training. Stay safe and well.

Terry Lack
President

Barry Gilbert
Vice President

OUR TRAINING TIMES AND PLACE (WHEN TRAINING RETURNS)

Venue: Hodgson Reserve, Higgins Road,
Bentleigh

Times:	Thursdays	10:45 am
	Sundays	9:45 (Beginners & yellow)
		10:45 (Green & above)

New Memberships & Renewals: Registration 30 minutes before class.

Sally Hill Photo Competition

Entries due 28 November 2021

Our dogs have been wonderful companions during lockdown. If you have a funny or special photo of your dog, why not enter our Sally Hill Competition?

Each year, the club runs a photo competition in honour of Sally Hill, one of our Honorary Life Members. A much-loved member, instructor, mentor and friend, we created a photo competition in her memory. All of our members are encouraged to enter photos of our lovable pooches.

Entries are now open and there's some great prizes on offer.

- Submit a favourite photo of your dog, with your name, their name and with a caption. Eg Hewie having a ball, like his namesake.
- Send it to info@baysidedogs.org.au or submit via our Facebook page by private message with the subject line, Sally Hill photo competition.
- Get your entries in by **5pm Sunday 28 November 2021**.

We can't wait to see your photos!

Thank you!

One of our volunteers, Sue, has been helping on the front line at a COVID test site during the pandemic. Dressed in full PPE, Sue, along with her colleagues have been playing a big role in people getting tested during these tough times.

To Sue and any of our members who are also in the healthcare industry helping us during these times, thank you for all that you do!



Getting ready for return to training

All of us here at BCTDS are excited to be returning to training when we can, so here's a few tips and tricks from Terry to help you get back into training mode. Remember to vary your training and have fun!

- Practice your doggy aerobics – sit, drop, stand
- While walking your dog in the street, use this time to do some commands, it will keep them on their paws.
- Always use a command followed by a command
- Try throwing a treat at home and recalling them off the treat before they get it
- Always have the lead at your front door – this helps with controlling their excitement.
- Ensure your dogs are well controlled at the park
- Everyone at in your home should be using the same commands.

Seasonal dog care for your dogs.

With warmer weather on the way, here's some handy information about how to help take care of your dog during spring.

- Check your dog over regularly, especially if you've been to the park, in the ears and between the toes for any plant / grass seeds and prickles.
- If you're gardening out in your backyard, keep all poisonous chemicals and potted plants and flowers (as some can be toxic) out of reach from pets.
- Use 'YUCK' or 'LEAVE' to keep your dogs from drinking out of pools of water such as rain puddles or stagnant water. If your
- Spring is also a good time to keep on top of your flea control. Consult your vet for the most appropriate solution for your pet.

A little extra care and we can help keep our dogs safe this spring.

VALE - Teddy

Teddy, a longstanding member of the club and one of our volunteers dogs, sadly passed away recently aged 17 years.

Terry was always ready to use Teddy as a calming asset to assist nervous and anxious dogs.

He will be sadly missed.