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Photos from the funday –  
details on page 3

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Hi All

Firstly, I would like to welcome the new members that joined the club this month.

#### Membership

The 30th of June is the end of the club's financial year. Are you a current financial member? If you are you will have a yellow membership name tag. If not, you are no longer a financial member of the club and are no longer able to train. Please see the clubrooms to renew your membership.

#### President Park Development

The council has started stage one of a 10-year development plan for Presidents Park. The council gave me one days' notice that stage one was commencing, and temporary fencing was being erected. There were 5 meeting held that week to work through parking plans, temporary fencing etc. More info can be found later in this newsletter

#### Fun Day

The Fun Day was held on Saturday the 5th of July. A good day was had by those that attended with many getting additional help from their instructor on the day. Results can be found later in this newsletter. Our next Fun day is scheduled for the 4th of October.

#### 50th anniversary

Next year the club celebrate its 50th anniversary next year. The committee is currently putting in place on how we are going to celebrate this milestone. We would also like it if a couple of our club members are able to assist the committee putting together how this will roll out over the year. If you are able to help out, please come and see either me or Jo Taylor.

#### Annual General Meeting

The clubs annual general meeting is scheduled this year on the 15th of September 2025. Give some consideration on standing for committee. Notice for the meeting and application to stand for committee can be found later in the newsletter

#### Photo Shelving

The club has now installed shelving around the rooms for dog's photos that have gained titles at Dogs Australia sanctioned events. Photos that were removed will need to be cleaned prior to being placed onto the shelving. If our trialling members can clean a half a dozen photos each, over the next couple weeks with out committee members that would be fantastic. We have a couple of members who have put their hands up (an extra 2 would be even better) to sort the photos into groups and place on the shelves when the photos are cleaned.

#### Recycle Container scheme

The club is collecting eligible containers for the 10¢ refund program. A large mobile bin can be located on the veranda each week for containers to be placed in.

Remember that five minutes training each day will help you and the dog to move forward in leaps and bounds.

Ray Ashman

President



# Fun Day Photos from Golden Locket Photography

[Photos from our recent funday can be viewed and purchased from Golden Locket Photography!](#) (Results are at end of the newsletter)



An introduction to our photographer:

Hi, I'm Charmaine - mamma to 4 kids and a pet menagerie and the face behind Golden Locket Photography! Whether it's the joy of a newborn snuggle, the chaos of family life, or the antics of your beloved pets, I love freezing it all into heartfelt memories for you to hold close to your heart.

If you know me even a little, you know I'm dog crazy! So, it was super exciting to photograph my fourth WODC Fun Day! I loved getting to meet your dogs and capture some memories of you with your furry friends! If you were subjected to any of my weird noises, I'm so sorry... but it was totally worth the head tilts!



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**NEW**



## TRICKS INTRODUCTION CLASSES

With Dani and Alison

STARTING **SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2025**

To Be Held Monthly on the Last Saturday of each month (pending weather)

Time: 12:15pm - 12:45pm



From September will also be held 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday evening of the month.

Time: 7:00pm - 7:30pm, before Obedience (pending weather)

Suitable for classes 1 and upwards.



Will be held under the trees just a bit further up from the seating area.



See Dani S or Alison F for further information.



# Top Rally Dog of the Year

Huge congratulations to Jonathon and Jeff winning the Dogs Victoria Top Rally Dog of the Year at the OTEC Rally trial on 3 August 2025.



Pictured: Jonathon Carter and his Kerry Blue Terrier, (Dual Ch (R) Tasshot Wild Life CCD RE RM)

[Click here to see the live recording of the Top Rally dogs in 2025.](#)

# URGENT NOTICE!!

## Car Parking Changes at Club

Hi everyone,

As can be seen, the council has commenced development work at President's Park. This is stage one of a 10-year Master Plan for the park. Stage one is the building of a road and footpath for access to and egress from the park, to accommodate festivals. A shelter shed will also be built next to the lake.

Due to this work, 3 km of fencing has been put up, cutting off access to our overflow car park at the rear and side of the club rooms and under the trees on the club room side of the grounds.

This stage one development is not scheduled to be completed until mid-December 2025.

The parking in front of the bollards will be reserved for committee and instructors and ring users with one disabled car parking spot. The rest of the carpark will be available to members on a first-come first served basis.

We apologies for any inconvenience and crowding this may cause.

Please see gravel parking map below.



# COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

WERRIBEE OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.

## NOMINATION FORM

2025/2026 COMMITTEE

I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby nominate  
(name of nominator)  
\_\_\_\_\_ For the position of  
(name of nominee)  
\_\_\_\_\_ on the Committee of  
(position)  
the Werribee Obedience Dog Club Inc. for 2025/2026.

Signature of  
Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of  
Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

All nominees for Committee must either provide a current  
Working With Children Check Card or be willing to obtain one.

Nominations to be completed and in the hands of the Secretary of the  
Club on or before the close of business on **Monday 18 August 2025.**



*NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the*  
*ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING*  
of **WERRIBEE OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.** will be  
held  
at the **CLUBROOMS, PRESIDENTS PARK CORNER**  
**OF ROWES & HEATH ROADS, WERRIBEE** on  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 8.00 P.M.**

**Clause 28(5b) of the Club's Constitution:**

Any member who is entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting, but unable to attend shall be entitled to apply to the Secretary for a postal vote. Application for a postal vote must be in writing and lodged with the Secretary fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Within seven days the Secretary in the presence of the President and one other Committee member appointed by the Committee will forward an initialled ballot paper to each applicant and record their name. Members to whom ballot papers are posted will under no circumstances be given a second ballot paper. Completed ballot papers are to be returned to the Returning Officer or the Secretary in envelopes endorsed, "Ballot Papers." These envelopes shall be handed (unopened) to the Returning Officer officiating at the poll.

**Clause 30(2)(a) of the Club's Constitution:**

Every member who was a financial member of the Club for not less than three months of the financial year preceding the Annual General Meeting and is currently a financial member shall be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible to nominate or be nominated as an Office Bearer or member of the Committee. A member may be nominated for and hold more than one position on the Committee clause 14(3) of the Club's Constitution:- Notice of an annual general meeting and the form of nomination of Committee of Management shall be deemed to have been given to each member if they are published in, or enclosed with, the Club's newsletter or journal or such other publication as the Club may circulate to its members provided that such publication is dispatched to each member not less than thirty days prior to the date of the annual general meeting or if they are served upon him personally not less than twenty-eight days prior to the date of that meeting or if they are sent through the post not less than thirty days prior to the meeting addressed to each member at the address shown in the Register of Members.

**THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE POSITIONS WILL BE DECLARED VACANT:**

**President.**

**Vice President.**

**Secretary.**

**Assistant Secretary.**

**Treasurer.**

**Assistant Treasurer.**

**10 Committee Positions.**

Nominations for the above positions close on **Monday August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

Please have your nomination form, duly signed etc. with the Secretary, Jo Taylor on or before end of business **August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

**All Agenda submissions must be written and signed – Emails will not be accepted.**

**AGENDA ITEMS CLOSE AUGUST 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE AUGUST 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Jo Taylor, Secretary

PO Box 2, Werribee. Vic. 3030



# Training game:

The following game is from the book “Mission Control: Training the high drive dog” by Jane Arden. This is a great game for teaching your dog to walk offlead with you.

Chapter Eight DEALING WITH DISTRACTIONS

## GAMES TO GET CONNECTED

I have devised a series of games to help you build a connection with your dog so that he learns to focus on you. They provide appropriate outlets to perform natural, pleasurable behaviour and will help your dog to ignore distractions.

### STAY CONNECTED OFF-LEAD

The first thing we need to teach the dog is that removing the lead does not mean he can go off and do his own thing. The aim is that he remains connected to you.

#### Step-by-step

- Start by removing the lead and feed the dog ten treats, one after the other, for sitting and staying with you. Then put the lead back on. It's easier to practise this at home before moving to a more distracting environment.
- With lots of repetition, the dog will learn not to fire away from you as soon as you detach his lead. I do not specifically ask or tell the dog to do anything in this exercise. This is because the lead removal will eventually trigger a wait without any other cue.

Making use of the lead removal in this way is known as an environmental cue; it is where something in the environment triggers the behaviour you want. For example, in my house opening the fridge cues all the dogs to join me at the fridge! So when we are training, we can create environmental cues through repetition. This is what happens when we associate the lead removal with a sit. Eventually lead removal triggers a sit-stay – so you don't have to say anything – the dog has received his cue from the environment.

### PLAYING CATCH UP

Many people do not trust their dogs sufficiently to allow them off-lead. They fear that the dog may run off and come to some harm, such

as running into a road or getting lost. If they do allow the dog off-lead, they are filled with concern with regard to possible outcomes. This is generally very evident in the owner's body language, and the way they follow their dog around. The dog leads the walk and the owner follows.



The dog should not perceive unclipping the lead as a signal to follow his own agenda.



To establish good off-lead control and connection, you need to remain confident in your behaviour and body language. If you are always following the dog, giving him constant verbal feedback, such as recalling him and asking him to leave things, he doesn't really need to concentrate on where you are, or what you are doing. He knows you will always be there and, therefore, feels safe to ignore you and carry on with his own agenda. The following game turns the tables a little, and teaches the dog to keep an eye on you and stay connected.

### Step-by-step

- Before you start, you will need to equip yourself with some tasty treats and a clicker. For this game the treats need to be quite big so they are visible and easy to throw – square pieces of cheese are ideal.
- At first, the surface needs to be either concrete or short grass so that the food rewards are very visible. You don't want them getting lost in long grass... not just yet anyway!
- If you feel uncomfortable about letting your dog off-lead, I would recommend using a long training line. For safety, this should only be used in conjunction with a harness.
- To begin, drop a couple of pieces of cheese on the floor. If you are okay to work with your dog off-lead, detach the lead as you drop the treats. If you are using a long line, remove the normal lead and attach the line.
- As your dog is eating the treats, walk away confidently and briskly. The aim is to achieve as much space as possible between you and your dog.
- When he finishes the treats and lifts his head, he will notice that you are walking away, so he will run towards you to catch up.

As the dog catches up, mark his behaviour with the clicker, and show him a piece of cheese, making sure it is in his eye line. Then throw the food directly in front of him, so he sees the cheese leave your hand and go on to the floor. Pay attention to detail with this part of the

### MISSION CONTROL

training, otherwise the dog will not see the food in your hand, and will not track it when you throw it.

- For the first few attempts, it is important that you don't throw the treats too far or the dog might miss them
- When he sights the treat on the floor and goes to eat it, again, walk away briskly, but calmly. As the dog catches up with you, repeat the exercise clicking him for catching up, and throwing the cheese as the reward, making sure it stays in his eye line.
- Once the dog understands the rules of the game you can start to throw your cheese further and faster. If you have ever skimmed stones on the water you are aiming for the cheese to skim along the ground in a similar way.
- When you have successfully played this game three or four times, try it in longer grass and other slightly more distracting environments.
- When you come to the end of the game, recall the dog and drop some treats on the floor by your feet. Then re-attach the lead while he is busy eating them.



Show the dog you have some tasty treats on offer.

### Chapter Eight DEALING WITH DISTRACTIONS



Throw a treat in his eye-line, and allow him to get it.



As he is busy finding the treat, open up some distance so he runs to catch up – and continue the treat throwing game.

This game is lots of fun for the dog. He is not simply earning the cheese reward, he has the opportunity to indulge pleasurable behaviours, such as running, chasing, catching, searching and finding. These are things that a dog loves to do naturally, and he is also learning that these fun things happen off-lead, with you. This encourages him to keep his eye on you, and stay connected when he is allowed to go free.

# Dog Behaviour: Why won't my dog calm down?

The following is from the book "What's my dog thinking?" by Hannah Molloy. You can find this book at your local library.

## My dog won't calm down

*My dog gets frantic. At home and outdoors she'll often go absolutely bonkers and just won't listen. She's even head-butted me, so I'm worried she could knock someone's tooth out!*

### What's my dog thinking?

This crazed playfulness tells us a dog is really *not* happy and needs our help to feel grounded again. When your dog is already stressed or excited – if someone new visits, or you're playing at the park – then looming over her, cuddling her, offering treats, or high-pitched greetings or excited vocal cues can push her over the edge into acute stress. In this "over threshold" state a dog becomes hyperactive and can't hear you. If you hold her and tell her to stop, that's when a head-butt or "muzzle punch" can happen, as a self-defence move to gain some space.

### The five "Fs"

When both dogs and humans are confronted with something exciting or alarming, they can choose fight, flight, freeze, faint, or flirt as a response. For dogs, expressing fear as "flirt" can look like overexcitement or playfulness – just as we use comedy to break tension. Dogs also show us they are wound up in other ways, like a mad half hour, chewing our stuff, and tail chasing (see pages 42–43, 94–95, and 158–59).

### What should I do?

#### *In the moment:*

- **Take your dog away** from the situation (or out of the room) and wait quietly with her on a loose lead, until she calms down.
- **If you're indoors**, take her back into the same room and ask her to "Sit", "Go to bed", or "Stay", using treats to reward her for behaving more calmly. If you're outdoors, continue your walk or game, again rewarding calm behaviour.

#### *In the long term:*

- **Tell family and friends**. Once they understand it's important not to wind up your dog, you can use social situations for training. But don't rush it: introduce her to exciting and scary triggers – like a doorbell – one by one.
- **Dogs need a quiet place** to sleep, and at least an hour of mental and physical stimulation daily; twice that for breeds like German Shepherds, Huskies, and Collies.
- **Dog food** that's protein rich and preservative free can help.



## the function?

"Manic panic" is the dog trying to cope when too much adrenaline suddenly kicks in during a situation that's already exciting or scary.



# Dog Health and Wellbeing

The following is from Melbourne Fear Free Vet Clinic:  
<https://www.melbournedogclinic.com.au/fearfreehandouts>

## SENIOR DOGS: Special Concerns & Solutions

A greying muzzle is only one of what can be many changes a dog experiences as they reach their golden years. You can improve senior pets' quality of life by being aware of these common changes and taking action.

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### Watch for **Limited Temperature Tolerance:**

Pets' circulation can become less efficient in old age and they may experience loss of core fat and muscle, which can impact their ability to battle the cold.

#### How to help

- Limit senior dogs' exposure to cold by dressing them in a winter vest or coat that's easy-on and easy-off.
- Prevent overheating in warmer climates or hotter months with temperature-controlled environments, by limiting the dog's exposure to high heat times of day, and by offering ample opportunity for the dog to drink, rest, and access shade.

### Watch for **"Slowing Down":**

An older dog may be slow to rise, require extra effort in taking those first few steps, and no longer rush to greet you at the door. While some slowing down can be a normal progression of the brain and body, oftentimes senior pets may be experiencing underlying pain that should be evaluated by a veterinarian.

#### How to help

- Observe your senior dog's daily routine and movements carefully and describe the changes to your veterinarian. Ask your vet about pain medications. There are several medications for arthritis and other common conditions that can help your senior dog live their life to the fullest.
- With your veterinarian's help, explore complementary therapies such as heating pads, ice, or hydrotherapy.
- Enhance your senior dog's comfort with such additions as memory foam dog beds, non-slip flooring or rugs, raised food/water bowls, and more.
- Consider purchasing mobility devices such as ramps, stairs, or sling-type harnesses to help your senior dog.

### Watch for **Worsening of Behavior Issues:**

A dog's brain becomes less flexible and resilient to change as they age. They may become stressed more easily and no longer bounce back as readily as they did in the past. For instance, a senior dog who is uncomfortable when left alone can experience more anxiety and exhibit an increase in undesirable behavior, such as inappropriate elimination, when their family leaves.

#### How to help

- Always aim to address behavioral issues at their earliest signs, as they are likely to get worse if left untreated.
- Seek guidance from a Board-Certified Veterinary Behaviorist, Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist, Associate Applied Animal Behaviorist, or reward-based trainer working in partnership with your pet's Fear Free veterinary team.

### Watch for **Cognitive Decline:**

Similar to Alzheimer's in people, Canine Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome can cause disorientation, trigger a regression in house training, alter a dog's sleep and activity level, and impact their normal interactions. A dog with dementia may become increasingly agitated and on edge, or oppositely, may become more reclusive and withdrawn.

#### How to help

- Talk to your veterinarian about any significant change in your dog's behavior.
- Explore specially formulated senior diets and supplements under your veterinarian's guidance. These can potentially help combat the effects of aging.
- Ask your veterinarian about medications such as anxiolytics that might benefit a senior dog with dementia.
- Bring your senior pet for twice-yearly wellness visits compared to the commonly recommended once-a-year visits for adult dogs.



# Trial results



## RALLY

***Bairnsdale & District Dog Obedience Club***

***7/June/2025***

**Ray** and **Marley** gained a pass on on a score of 86 in Rally Advanced in the AM trial.

***East Gippsland Dog Obedience Club***

***8/June/2025***

**Ray** and **Marley** gained a pass on on a score of 81 in Rally Advanced in the AM trial.

***Geelong Obedience Dog Club Triple Rally Trial***

***5/July/2025***

**Wendy** and **Maverick** gained a pass on a score of 95 in Rally Advanced in Trial 1.

**Wendy** and **Maverick** gained Second Place on a score of 95 in Rally Excellent in Trial 1.

**Wendy** and **Maverick** gained First Place on a score of 100 in Rally Advanced in Trial 2.

**Wendy** and **Maverick** gained First Place on a score of 100 in Rally Excellent in Trial 2.

**Wendy** and **Maverick** gained Second Place on a score of 95 in Rally Advanced in Trial 3.

**Wendy** and **Maverick** gained a pass on a score of 97 in Rally Excellent in Trial 3, achieving their Rally Advanced Excellent title!

***Congratulations Wendy and Maverick!***

## RETRIEVING

***Retrieving and Field Trial Club of SA***

***5-6/July/2025***

**Sandra** and **Harley** gained first place on **172 points** in the Restricted Stake, gaining the Trilby Cup and achieving their RRD Restricted Retrieving Dog title!

**Sandra** and **Harley** gained fourth place on **146 points** in the Restricted Stake

***Congratulations Sandra and Harley!***

## TRACKING

***Ballarat Obedience Dog Club***

***19/July/2025***

**Allison** and **Bones** passed their **Test 5** with a grade of **Good**.

## TRICK DOG

***Melbourne Dance with Dogs***

***13/July/2025***

**Dani** and **Thyme** gained First Place, Highest Scoring Dog in Trial and Highest Scoring Senior Dog in trial, in Trick Dog Starter on a score of 60 in the AM trial, gaining their Trick Dog Starter title!

**Dani** and **Thorn** gained a passed in Trick Dog Starter on a score of 55 in the AM trial.

**Dani** and **Thorn** gained First Place in Trick Dog Starter on a score of 58.5 in the PM trial, receiving their Trick Dog Starter title!

**Dani** and **Thyme** gained a passed in Trick Dog Starter on a score of 57 in the PM trial.

***Congratulations Dani, Thyme and Thorn!***



If you would like your trial results printed in the Werribee Waggoner, please [fill out this form and email your results to: \[info@werribeedobediencedogs.org\]\(mailto:info@werribeedobediencedogs.org\)](#). Only qualifying passes will be printed.

## TROPHIES

If you have gained a title this trialling year (November 2024 through to 31 November 2024), and you meet criteria under the trophy policy, you can apply for a Trophy to be presented to you at the Presentation night! The Trophy Application Form [can be located here](#). It is also attached to the end of this document and can be asked for in the clubrooms.

## DOG PHOTOS ON THE CLUBROOM WALL:

*If your dog gains a title we would love to display their picture on the wall.*

*The pre-requisite for a dog picture to go on the wall is that the dog must have gained an obedience, rally, tracking, agility, or endurance title first. You will need to provide an 8"x 10" picture (**portrait only**) and all your dog's relevant details for a photo to go up on the wall. It is also your responsibility to inform the Secretary in writing if you require that your dog's photo details need to be updated at any stage.*

*If you have any queries, talk to the Secretary. Details can be found on the Trophy application form. Forms can be downloaded from the clubs website under the Members Area tab OR collect a form from the training table, fill it out clearly and leave it at the office counter.*



# Booking in for training

**Please book in for training so that the club can make sure we have enough trainers to help you on the day**

## Saturday training

You are requested to book in at the following web address prior to 5pm on Friday.

Please make sure you book into the correct class level and time slot - class times are different for each class.

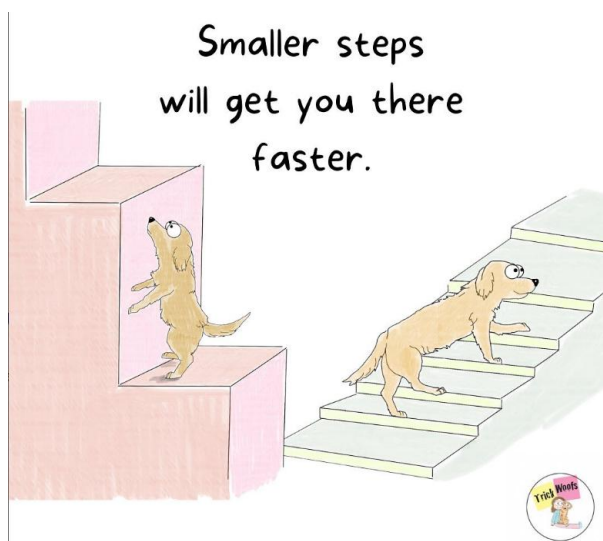
[Saturday training](#)



## Wednesday night training

You are requested to book in at the following web address before 5 pm on the day prior to training.

[Wednesday Obedience Night Training.](#)



## Agility training

You are requested to book in at the following web address before 5 pm on the day prior to training.

[Agility Training – Saturday and Wednesday night.](#)

## Ring Training

You are requested to book in at the following web address before 5 pm on the day prior to training.

[Ring Training - Saturday and Tuesday night](#)

**Are you waiting for class to start and your dog is getting silly?**

**Try finding your MOMENT of YES!**



Reward for looking at other dogs!

Reward for sniffing the ground!

Reward for looking at you!

<https://decompressforsuccess.com/find-your-moment-of-yes>



# CLASS EXERCISES

**PUPPY CLASS** All Exercises as per Class 1 – plus retrieving, puppy play and socialisation.

**CLASS 1 All exercises on Loose Lead.**

- Heel on lead with right / left turn and right / left about turn.
- Sit (Voice and lead/manually sit)
- Drop (from sit position)
- Stand – alongside handler.
- Recall (on lead, 4 metres) Progressing to handler returning around dog.
- Sit-Stay (10 seconds) Progressing to handler returning around dog.

**CLASS 2 All Class 1 exercises plus:**

- Heel on lead, plus all turns
- Slow pace
- Dog Introduction
- Stand Stay (on lead)
- Recall (on lead - Handler returns around dog)
- Sit Stay (30 seconds)
- Drop Stay (30 seconds - Handler returns around dog)

**CLASS 3 All Class 1 & 2 exercises plus:**

- Drop (whilst heeling)
- Figure of Eight
- Fast Pace
- Stand for Examination (Introduce lightly running hand over back & head). Recall Off Lead (maximum of 10 metres – lead up on lead)
- Finish on Lead
- Sit Stay (approx. 3 metres – 60 seconds with lead on the ground)
- Drop Stay (approx. 3 metres – 60 seconds with lead on the ground)

**CLASS 4 (CCD) All Class 1, 2 & 3 exercises plus:**

- Heeling on Lead
- Introduction to off lead heeling.
- Stand for Examination (on lead)
- Recall at least 12 metres – no lead up or finish)
- Change of Position Exercise – Drop in front of handler / lead on / return. Sit Stay (1 minute – approx.5 metres off lead)
- Drop Stay (2 minutes – approx.5 metres off lead)
- Introduction to Dumbbell / Retrieve Dumbbell Exercise. Introduction to Broad Jump.

**CLASS 5 (NOVICE) All Class 1, 2, 3 & 4 exercises plus:**

- All ANKC Novice Class Exercises including both optional exercises.
- All Stays with Distractions
- (Note: To be promoted from Class 5 to 6 you must attain three passes under an aspiring judge at a club Funday or three passes in the Novice class at a Trial, or a combination of each)

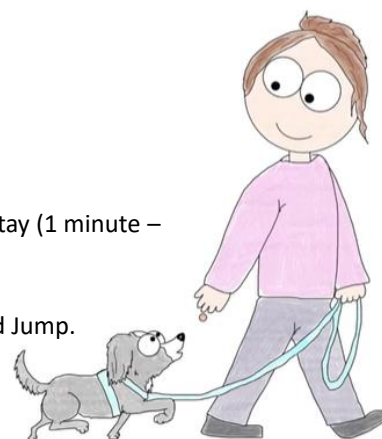
**CLASS 6 (OPEN) Full Open Routine - All ANKC Open Class Exercises.**

- (Note: To be promoted from Class 6 to 7 you must attain three passes under an aspiring judge at a club Funday or three passes in the Open class at a Trial)

**CLASS 7 (UTILITY) Full Utility Routine (UD) - All ANKC Utility Class Exercises**

**CLASS 8 (UDX) Full Utility Dog Excellent Routine All ANKC UDX Class Exercises.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** DO NOT ATTEMPT ANY OF THE EXERCISES ABOVE WITHOUT FIRST HAVING BEEN PROPERLY INSTRUCTED BY A CLUB INSTRUCTOR



# RING TRAINING AND USE

## Purpose of the Rings:

1. To enable Handlers to conduct training where a class is not available
2. To enable Handlers to gain ring experience for the class they are preparing to trial in

## Ring setup times:

1. Set up will be at the completion of Agility training but not before 12:50pm

## The criteria to use the Rings are:

1. You must help with the **setting up and/or packing down** of rings and equipment on the day.
  - a. If you set up equipment for your own use and no-one else is planning on using it, then you are required to pack it away again
2. Place your name on the ring running sheets located either inside the clubrooms or outside the rings against a time slot, which are a guide to the time you will be in the ring
  - b. Where time allocations have not been allocated, they can be used for training
3. You must be willing to assist running other members through the ring as they do to you, and act as a steward during training sessions
  - c. Inexperienced handlers will be assisted on developing their knowledge to do this
4. Group exercises will be conducted from 2:30pm only for aspiring trialling / trialling members in CCD (class 4) and above
5. Any additional requirements set out in the class listing below

*Training rings have allocated times for setup and use and should be adhered to where possible. Packing up of the rings will occur after handlers have completed their time allocation but not be before 2:45 pm*

## Rings for Classes 4 (CCD) & 5 (Novice)

1. Handlers are able to use a rings as they become available i.e. if no UDX/UD/CDX dogs require the ring
2. Handlers must have an instructor or experienced person put them through unless you are a club instructor or a handler that has trained a dog to an Open Obedience title
3. Refer to criteria to use the Rings above

## Rally Obedience Ring

1. Be at minimum class level of 3
  - d. Handlers may apply to the club's Chief Instructor if their dogs is in a class lower than 3
2. The Novice ring must have an experienced person / instructor available to instruct / run through a Handler (as a Handler you must also make yourself available to run other Handlers through on the day)
3. The Advanced, Excellent or Master courses are self-help and do not require an experienced person / instructor to run a Handler through the ring



# WERRIBEE AGILITY DOGS (WADs)

## at WERRIBEE OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB (WODC)



Dog

Agility is a fun activity where dogs and handlers work as a team. The dog negotiates various obstacles in a specified order directed by the handler.

Agility improves the teamwork and relationship between you and your best friend (your dog). Come and give it a go!

### Agility Classes Include 🐾

- 🐾 Foundation Agility (level 1) “new bees”: for members in Class 1 obedience or above are welcome to join (dog’s age must be a minimum 1 year)
- 🐾 Pre-trial (level 2) / Novice Agility (level 3): for agility members who have passed the Foundation Agility Assessment.

### Training will be on Saturdays 🐾

- 🐾 Foundation Agility (level 1) at 12:00pm - 12:45pm.
- 🐾 Pre-trial (level 2) / Novice Agility (level 3) at 10:00am - 12:00pm.

To attend book in at the following web address link before training:

### [Agility Training Attendance Sheet](#)

In the same link as above on a separate worksheet is the “new members details” - all details must be filled in before training.

All agility members are also encouraged to join our Facebook Group:

### [WODC Agility Facebook Group](#)

For further information contact Agility Trainer Carl: 0458651037





# DOG SPORTS: Agility

From Dogs Victoria: <https://dogsvictoria.org.au/events/dog-activities/agility-performance/>

## What Is Agility?

Agility is the FAST, FUN and EXCITING sport of a handler directing a dog around a course of obstacles to beat the clock. In competitions, the course is set by a judge with the aim of the handler having the dog complete the course within a time and with no faults.

The course will consist of various jumps, tunnels, elevated walks, weave poles, an A-Frame, and a see-saw of which must be completed in the correct manner.

## Who Can Do Agility?

Anyone who loves playing with their dog can do agility - Agility is not restricted to age or mobility! Handlers can be children or the older generation, and even some mobility aides are accepted too.

Agility, and its companion activity, jumping are structured for dog owners with all levels of skill and physical ability and provide the opportunity to attain more enjoyment from dog ownership.

During actual agility and jumping trials there are several levels of competition ranging from novice level to suit dogs new to the sport to master level for more experienced dogs. There are also jumping competitions at the basic level that include only jumps and tunnels which gives the opportunity for dog owners to join in the fun of trials soon after they begin teaching their dog the sport.

## What Are the Benefits?

Participation in agility training or trialling is great fun. It enables you to provide a release for the energy of your pet and yourself in a way that can be much more interesting and exciting than simply taking your dog for a walk. It helps your family pet to become more responsive to you and also helps you to gain more control and have a more obedient dog. Agility is an exciting way to enhance your leisure time with your dog.

For further information contact Agility Trainer Carl: 0458651037

# YOU ARE WELCOME INSIDE THE CLUBROOMS

## OUR GREAT CANTEEN

Not only do we look after the humans, but you will also find a range of dog treats, leads, collars, head collars and everything you need for training with your dog. Members are also welcome to help themselves to the free tea and coffee facilities located straight across from the front door. You will also find a donation tin there if you wish to make a donation.

**And after a hard day's training why not come inside to relax and have a chat in a friendly atmosphere.**

So please do come on inside, you will be amazed what you will find in there!!!

### Drinks

**Water**

**Tea and Coffee**

**Soft Drinks**

**Hot Chocolates**

### Food

**Dim Sims**

**Pies**

**Sausage Rolls**

**Pasties**

**Chips**

**Twisties**

**Chocolate Bars**

**Eftpos available, no limit**



## TOYS

The club has a wide arrange of dog toys for sale.  
They are well below the price that pet shops sell them for.  
Please come into the club rooms and browse what we have.

A small example of the different toys we have are:

- KONG Wubba Ballistic Friends Small
- Zippy Paws Zippy Burrow Interactive Dog Toy

We hope to have a different set of toys every couple of months, but this will depend on the amount of sales we have.

If there is a particular toy you would like to purchase, take a photo of it and price and let us know and we will see if we are able to get it at a better price!



## WEATHER POLICY

THE CLUB WILL INVOKE IT'S HOT/WET WEATHER POLICY WHEN WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE UNSUITABLE TO CONDUCT DOG TRAINING.

### **IN THE EVENT OF HOT WEATHER:**

WITH REGARDS TO SATURDAY TRAINING - ALL TRAINING AT W.O.D.C. WILL BE CANCELLED IF THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE REACHES THIRTY-THREE (33) DEGREES.

IF THE WEATHER FORECAST AS AT 1900 (7.00PM) ON FRIDAY EVENING AS COMMUNICATED BY THE BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY ([www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)) IS EQUAL TO OR FORECAST TO EXCEED THIRTY-THREE (33) DEGREES CELSIUS ON THE FOLLOWING DAY (SATURDAY) – TRAINING FOR THE ENTIRE DAY IS CANCELLED.

IF THE TEMPERATURE ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON IS BETWEEN TWENTY-EIGHT (28) AND THIRTY-TWO (32) DEGREES CELSIUS – CLASS TRAINING WILL BE SHORTENED TO A TOTAL OF THIRTY (30) MINUTES.

### **IN THE EVENT OF WET WEATHER:**

ALL TRAINING IN CLASSES AND RINGS WILL CEASE IMMEDIATELY IF THERE IS THUNDERSTORMS / LIGHTING OR HEAVY RAIN.

COMMITTEE & INSTRUCTORS WILL DECIDE IF AND WHEN IT IS SAFE TO RETURN TO THE TRAINING



## WANTED: COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Werribee Obedience Dog Club would not exist without the wonderful members that volunteer their time to become a Committee member. We are looking for volunteers to put their hands up and be on the Committee for 2025.

Being on the Committee is a very rewarding experience as you are involved with both the routine running of the club and also the future of the club.

We would ask you to help out with counter duties for approximately 30 minutes on a Saturday and to assist at various other time of the year such as helping out on a Funday, at our Obedience Trial or other events.

Full training will be provided to all Volunteers so don't be afraid to give it a go and help the club!

For further information or any questions please speak to our Secretary, Jo Taylor.

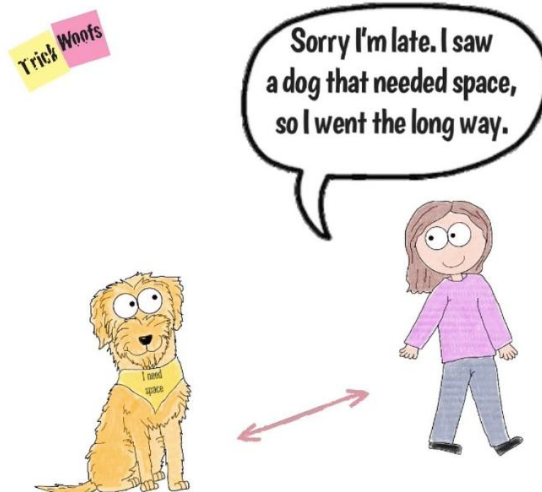




# Club Calendar 2025



Date	Activity
3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2025	Scent Works Trial
5 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Induction Evening
2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025	Induction Evening
15 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Annual General Meeting
27-28 September 2025	NADAC Agility Trial
4 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Fun Day!
18 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Obedience & Rally trial
21 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	Induction Evening
31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	Trialing calendar ends
7 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	<i>Final day to submit Trophy applications</i>
29 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Last Day of Training
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Presentation Night



## OUR SPONSORS

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# PRACTICE AT HOME

The below sheets are from Dr Karen Overall's Calmness Protocol. This game is best practiced once a day, such as for dinner. The exercise lists are guidance only (you can teach it with a down or stand if you prefer).

You can practice this at home or at WODC or when you are on the go! Print them out and take them with you or come ask the clubhouse to print them out for you.

## Tips:

1. Reward your pet after each step.
2. Stop when either one of you is tired or worried.
3. If your dog makes a mistake, start over from Step 1 – or stop for the day if you have already done a lot of the steps and start that level over the next day.

## Exercise Level 1

- Sit for 2 seconds
- Sit for 5 seconds
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit while you take 1 step back and then return
- Sit while you take 2 steps back and then return
- Sit for 5 seconds
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit while you take 1 step to the right and then return
- Sit while you take 1 step to the left and then return
- Sit for 5 seconds
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit while you take 2 steps back and return
- Sit while you take 2 steps to the right and return
- Sit for 5 seconds
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit for 15 seconds
- Sit while you take 2 steps to the left and return
- Sit for 5 seconds
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit for 15 seconds
- Sit while you clap your hands softly once
- Sit for 5 seconds
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit for 15 seconds
- Sit while you take 3 steps back and return
- Sit while you count out loud to 3

- Sit while you count out loud to 5
- Sit while you count out loud to 10
- Sit while you clap your hands softly once
- Sit while you count out loud to 5
- Sit while you count out loud to 10
- Sit while you count out loud to 5
- Sit while you count out loud to 10
- Sit while you count out loud to 20
- Sit while you take 3 steps to the right and return
- Sit while you clap your hands softly twice
- Sit for 3 seconds
- Sit for 5 seconds
- Sit while you take 1 step back and return
- Sit for 3 seconds
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit for 5 seconds
- Sit for 3 seconds

## Exercise Level 2

- Sit for 5 seconds
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit while you take 1 step back and return
- Sit while you take 3 steps back and return
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit while you take 3 steps to the right and return
- Sit while you take 3 steps to the left and return
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit while you take 3 steps to the right and quietly clap your hands

- Sit while you take 3 steps to the left and clap your hands Sit for 5 seconds
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit while you walk one-quarter of the way around the dog to the right
- Sit while you take 4 steps back
- Sit while you walk one-quarter the way around the dog to the left
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit while you take 5 steps back from the dog, clapping your hands, and return
- Sit while you walk halfway around the dog to the right and return
- Sit while you walk halfway around the dog to the left and return
- Sit for 5 seconds
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit while you jog quietly in place for 3 seconds
- Sit while you jog quietly in place for 5 seconds
- Sit while you jog quietly in place for 10 seconds
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit while you jog one-quarter of the way around dog to right and return
- Sit while you jog one-quarter of the way around dog to left and return
- Sit for 5 seconds
- Sit for 10 seconds

### **Exercise Level 3**

- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit for 15 seconds
- Sit while you take 2 steps backwards and return
- Sit while you jog 5 steps backwards from dog and return
- Sit while you walk halfway around the dog to the right and return
- Sit while you walk halfway around the dog to the left and return
- Sit while you take 10 steps backwards and return
- Sit for 5 seconds
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit for 15 seconds
- Sit while you take 10 steps to the left and return

- Sit while you take 10 steps to the right and return
- Sit for 5 seconds
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit for 15 seconds
- Sit for 20 seconds
- Sit while you walk halfway around the dog to the right, clap your hands, and return
- Sit for 20 seconds
- Sit while you walk halfway around the dog to the left, clap your hands, and return
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit while you jog 10 steps to the right and return
- Sit while you jog 10 steps to the left and return
- Sit while you jog in place for 10 seconds
- Sit for 5 second
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit for 15 seconds
- Sit while you jog in place for 20 seconds
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit while you jog backwards 5 steps and return
- Sit while you jog to the right 5 steps and return
- Sit while you jog to the left 5 steps and return
- Sit for 5 seconds while you clap your hands
- Sit for 10 seconds while you clap your hands
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit for 5 seconds

### **Exercise Level 4**

- Sit for 5 seconds
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit while you jog backwards 5 steps and return
- Sit for 5 seconds
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit for 20 seconds
- Sit while you jog halfway around the dog to the right and return
- Sit while you jog halfway around the dog to left and return

- Sit while you move three-quarters of the way around the dog to the right and return
- Sit while you move three-quarters of the way around the dog to the left and return
- Sit while you jog backwards 5 steps, clapping your hands and return
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit for 15 seconds
- Sit while you clap your hands for 20 seconds
- Sit while you quickly move backwards 10 steps and return
- Sit while you quickly move 15 steps backwards and return
- Sit for 20 seconds
- Sit while you jog halfway around the dog to the right and return
- Sit while you jog halfway around the dog to the left and return
- Sit while you quickly walk 15 steps to the left and return
- Sit while you quickly walk 15 steps to the right and return
- Sit for 20 seconds
- Sit while you move three-quarters of the way around the dog to the right and return
- Sit while you move three-quarters of the way around the dog to the left and return
- Sit while you walk all the way around the dog
- Sit while you walk approximately 20 steps to an entrance and return
- Sit while you walk approximately 20 steps to an entrance, clapping your hands, and return
- Sit while you walk around the dog, quietly clapping your hands and then return
- Sit for 20 seconds
- Sit while you quickly jog around the dog
- Sit for 20 seconds
- Sit for 10 seconds while you clap your hands

### **Exercise Level 5**

- Sit for 5 seconds
- Sit for 15 seconds
- Sit while you walk quickly 15 steps to the right and return
- Sit while you walk quickly 15 steps to the left and return
- Sit while you walk approximately 20 steps to an entrance and return
- Sit while you walk approximately 20 steps to an entrance, clapping your hands, and return
- Sit for 20 seconds
- Sit while you walk around the dog, clapping your hands Sit for 20 seconds
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit while you walk quickly backwards, clapping your hands, and return
- Sit while you walk approximately 20 steps to an entrance and return
- Sit while you walk approximately 20 steps to an entrance, clapping your hands, and return
- Sit while you go to an entrance and just touch the doorknob or wall and return
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit while you walk quickly backwards, clapping your hands, and return
- Sit while you walk approximately 20 steps to an entrance and return
- Sit while you walk approximately 20 steps to an entrance, clapping your hands, and return
- Sit while you go to an entrance and just touch the doorknob or wall and return
- Sit for 20 seconds
- Sit while you walk approximately 20 steps to an entrance, clapping your hands, and return
- Sit while you go to an entrance and just touch the doorknob or wall and return
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit while the doorknob is touched or you move into entryway and return
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit for 15 seconds while you clap your hands
- Sit for 10 seconds while you jog in place
- Sit for 5 seconds



### **Exercise Level 6**

- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit for 20 seconds while you jog back and forth in front of the dog
- Sit for 15 seconds
- Sit while you walk approximately 20 steps to an entrance and return
- Sit while you walk quickly backwards, clapping your hands, and return
- Sit while you go to an entrance and just touch the doorknob or wall and return
- Sit for 20 seconds while jogging
- Sit while you walk around the dog
- Sit while you walk around the dog clapping your hands
- Sit for 15 seconds
- Sit for 20 seconds
- Sit for 30 seconds
- Sit while you walk quickly backwards, clapping your hands, and return
- Sit while you go to an entrance and just touch the doorknob or wall and return
- Sit while you open the door or go into the entrance for 5 seconds and then return
- Sit while you open the door or go into the entrance for 10 seconds and then return
- Sit for 30 seconds
- Sit while you walk quickly backwards, clapping your hands, and return
- Sit while you go to an entrance and just touch the doorknob or wall and return
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit while you go through the door or the entranceway and then return
- Sit while you go through the door or the entranceway, clapping your hands and then return
- Sit while you open the door or go into the entrance for 10 seconds and then return
- Sit for 30 seconds
- Sit while you disappear from view for 5 seconds and then return
- Sit for 20 seconds
- Sit for 10 seconds while you clap your hands
- Sit for 5 seconds

### **Exercise Level 7**

- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit for 20 seconds while you clap your hands
- Sit while you take 10 steps backwards and return
- Sit while you walk around the dog
- Sit while you go through the door or the entranceway and then return
- Sit while you go through the door or the entranceway, clapping your hands and then return
- Sit while you open the door or go into the entrance for 10 seconds and then return
- Sit for 30 seconds
- Sit while you disappear from view for 5 seconds and then return
- Sit while you go through the door or the entranceway and then return
- Sit while you go through the door or the entranceway, clapping your hands and then return
- Sit while you open the door or go into the entrance for 10 seconds and then return
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit for 20 seconds
- Sit for 30 seconds
- Sit while you disappear from view for 10 seconds and then return
- Sit while you disappear from view for 15 seconds and then return
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit for 15 seconds
- Sit for 5 seconds while you clap your hands
- Sit while you jog in place for 10 seconds
- Sit while you jog three-quarters of the way to the right and return
- Sit while you jog three-quarters of the way to the left and return
- Sit while you go through the door or the entranceway, clapping your hands and then return
- Sit while you open the door or go into the entrance for 10 seconds and then return
- Sit for 30 seconds
- Sit while you disappear from view for 15 seconds and then return
- Sit for 10 seconds

# FUN DAY RESULTS

## **Puppy Class Judge: Lin McPherson**

1st	Jodi Kalopa	Kobe
2nd	Tony Timpano	Cash
3rd	Ashish Ranjan	Baloo

## **Class 1 Judge: Heather Taylor**

1st	Tiarni	Louie
2nd	Dan Thielke	Kimyou
3rd	Sam Hodge	Maple
	Maryanne Terpenou	Teddy
	Annie Lillywhite	Bailey
	Peter Havanough	Fergus
	Ivan	Demi

*All above promoted to class 2*

## **Class 2 Judge: Karl Miller**

1st	Dan Thielke	Daigoro
2nd	Heather Taylor	Fletcher
3rd	Dylan Woods	Gigi
	Carios Curiel	Rex
	Erin Fisher	Betty
	Shannyn Dickson	Xavier
	Natalie Matisoik	Brooklyn

*All above promoted to class 3*

## **Class 3 Judge: Peter Miller**

1st	Arthur McPherson	Merlot
2nd	Deb Wynd	Luna
3rd	Melly Marich	Bailey
	Reela Rani	Simba

*All above promoted to class 4*

## **Class 4 Judge: Marrae Ballaam**

1st	Julie Antolic	Keita
2nd	Julie Antolic	Mack
3rd	Patrick Williams	Lulu

## **Class 5 Judge: Veronica Clunes**

1st	Grieg Hamilton	Zuzu
2nd	Hannah Truhlar	Rainier
3rd	Pam Child	Tradie

## **Class 7 Judge: Merrae Ballaam**

1st	Maude Ashman	Chase
2nd	Nancy Holden	Winnie

## **Class 8 Judge: Hannah Truhlar**

1st	Lina Morganti	Kali
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## **Foundation Agility Judge: Carl Mayall**

1st	Michele Taylor	Rinka
2nd	Jelena Dudakovic	Venus

## **Pre Trial Agility Judge: Carl Mayall**

1st	Lisa	Kora
2nd	Corrina Mayall	Kaya
3rd	Jo Taylor	Fletcher

# WERRIBEE OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.

## TROPHY APPLICATION FORM

**Please Note:** Applications must be accompanied by the dogs **ANKC Title Certificate** at time of lodgement.  
Relevant details of certificate/s to be listed below.

Trophies will be awarded only in accordance with the Trophy Policy.

Only Titles obtained during the current trialing year can be accepted

This is an editable form - Click in the blue area to complete details

(If your details do not fit correctly in the form, please print it and fill it out manually to hand in to the office)

**TITLE APPLYING FOR:**

*(Please print Title in full)*

**HANDLER'S NAME:**

*To be printed on Trophy*

**DOG'S PET NAME:**

*To be printed on Trophy*

DATE	DATE CERTIFICATE ISSUED	VERIFIED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER
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Is there a Wall photo requiring the dogs Title to be updated?

☐

Yes

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No

If "YES", please state the dogs "REGISTERED NAME" and "TITLES" below in order to be printed on the photo.

If "NO" and you would like to submit a photo for the wall, please contact the Club Secretary.

**DATED:**

**SIGNED:**

*(Applicant to sign)*