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Lynette and Uhtred's success at the Melbourne Show!

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President's Report

By Ray Ashman, President

Welcome

Hi everyone,

A very warm welcome to all our new members who joined the club and began their training in October.

October was a particularly busy and rewarding month for the club. We successfully hosted our **annual Obedience and Rally Trial**, which attracted the largest number of entries since Rally was first introduced in 2012. The weather was perfect, and we

received many positive comments from competitors about how well the event was organised and how great the grounds looked.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success—especially **Sue A.** for her hard work leading up to the event. Several of our members also competed with excellent results, making the day even more enjoyable.

Our judges again used **ShowManager's live results** system on smart devices. With **Renee Carlson's** valuable help in the office, everything ran smoothly and efficiently.



We also held our **third Fun Day** on October 4th. Congratulations to **Lin and Jo** for running another fun and well-organised event. Results can be found later in the newsletter and on the clubroom noticeboard.

Training Break

We're now approaching the final few weeks of training for the year, with our last training day on Friday, November 29th

Please remember there will be **no training in December or January**, allowing our instructors and committee members a well-earned break before returning refreshed for 2026.

Presentation Night

Our **Presentation Night** will be held on **Saturday, December 6th**, featuring a delicious **two-course spit roast meal** for just **\$30 per person**.

This is always a fantastic evening to celebrate members' achievements and titles earned throughout the year. Full details and ticket information are included later in the newsletter—please come along and support your fellow members!

Rules Information Sessions

I'll be holding two information sessions on the **new Obedience and Rally rules**, which take effect from **January 1st**, **2026**:

• Obedience: Saturday, December 13th

Rally: Sunday, December 14th

• Start time: 10:00am (both sessions)





Please download a copy of the updated rules from the Dogs Australia website:

https://dogsaustralia.org.au/members/rule-regulations/rules/

President's Park Development

There's been excellent progress at **President's Park** recently. The new road has now been sealed with bitumen, guttering is nearly finished, and the new footpath is close to completion.

Next steps include installing a new shelter near the dry lake area and laying new power supply cables to the clubrooms and the shelter.

The scheduled completion date is December 19th, and it's exciting to see the upgrades coming together.

Clubroom Sales and Support

The clubrooms are open for members' use and stocked with a variety of items for sale, including:

- Chocolate bars, soft drinks, and bottled water
- Hot food (pies, pasties, sausage rolls, dim sims best ordered in advance)
- Dog equipment such as leads, bait bags, and toys

These sales help keep membership fees low, so please come in, have a look around, and support the club. Many items are up to 20% cheaper than retail prices, and we're happy to take requests for specific products.

We're also looking for volunteers who can spare about 30 minutes to help in the clubrooms—selling items, taking Fun Day entries, or assisting members. It's a great way to get involved and meet other members.

If you're interested, please see **Jo Taylor**, **Sue Hounslow**, or myself.

Container Recycling Scheme

The club is now participating in the 10¢ refund recycling program. A large mobile bin is available on the veranda each week for eligible containers.

Your support helps both the environment and the club's fundraising efforts—thank you for getting involved!

Final Thoughts

Just five minutes of training each day can make a big difference in your dog's progress—consistency really does pay off!

Thank you all for your continued support and commitment throughout the year.

Warm regards, Ray Ashman President



PRESENTATION NIGHT

SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER 2025

Venue: WERRIBEE ODC CLUBROOMS

Time: 7.00pm to 12.00pm

COST: \$30.00 ADULT / \$25.00 child under 18

A two-course spit roast

Tea/coffee included

Drinks available at the bar (no byo)



It will be a great night of raffle prizes and most importantly the presentation of the Junior and Senior Members Club Awards and Title Awards, so come along and bring your family and friends

Everyone is welcome

Tickets will be available until the 29th November

(No bookings taken after the 29th November due to catering arrangements)

Tickets can be purchased in the clubrooms or



via direct deposit using the following details BSB: 633-000

Account No: 223622721

Werribee Obedience Dog Club Inc

Reference: your name and include presentation night

Life Members: please see the Secretary regarding your Ticket if you wish to

attend the Presentation night

Please inform us if you have any Special Dietary Requirements

THERE WILL BE NO REFUND OF TICKET MONEY!

THIS IS AN OPEN INVITATION TO <u>ALL</u> MEMBERS!!!!!

PLEASE COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE NIGHT







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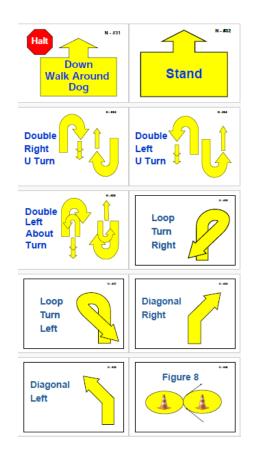
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Start time: 10:00am (both sessions)

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Dogs are welcome on both days for demonstrations and practice.





Share your story!

WODC would love to hear from its members!

Have a WODC story about your dog to share? A brag? An exceptionally cute photo for the cover image?

Send in a photo and your story to <u>info@werribeeobediencedogs.org</u> to be included in a future newsletter!



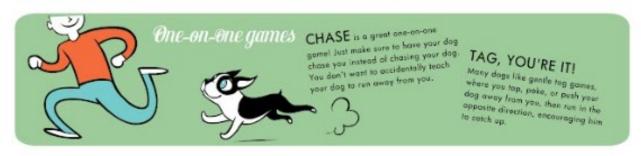
Training game: Play with your dog!

The following infographic from Lili Chin: https://doggiedrawings.net/

Playing With Your Dog

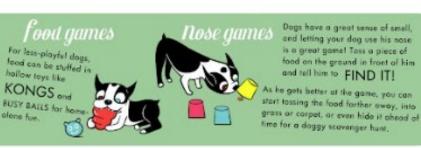
Dogs (and people) love to play! Playing with your dog is one of the best ways to reward him for a job well done. Done correctly, play can help a stressed dog relax and a distracted dog focus.

Every dog is different, so get to know what sort of play your dog enjoys. Just like some people enjoy wrestling and roller coasters while others enjoy reading and board games, different dogs will have different preferences. Try to find the level of excitement that's "just right" for your dog. Avoid play that gets your dog so amped up that he can't think or calm down. On the other hand, if your dog is bored by your attempts to play, try upping the level of excitement or changing to a different game. There are lots of different ways to play with your dog! Here are a few common favorites:





If your dog isn't interested in toys, don't worry... there are lots of other fun games the two of you can play, and just like not all people enjoy video games, not every dog gets the allure of the tennis ball.





Concept and Words by Sara Reusche www.paws4u.com

Drawings by Lili Chin www.doggiedrawings.net



Dog Behaviour: Social Play

The following is from Greencross Vets: https://www.greencrossvets.com.au/pet-library/dogs/behaviour-and-training/guide-to-social-play-in-dogs/

When Is Social Dog Play Okay?

We could assign many human ideas and emotions to dog play, but when it comes to assessing what is ok for the dogs involved, it is best to let the dogs' actions do the talking. Body positions, patterns of movement, vocalisations, and the smaller, constantly changing signals displayed across a dog's face, body and tail, provide a picture to help us decide if the play is safe, appropriate, and beneficial for all parties involved at any one moment.

Despite the animated and sometimes rough appearance of play between dogs, social play is somewhat mediated by the social rules of **fairness and reciprocity**. An ideal play scenario would see each dog take a turn at 'winning' and 'losing' the game; you chase me, I chase you; you tumble me, I tumble you. This kind of reciprocal interaction keeps the players fair.

What Is Appropriate Dog Social Play?

To meet the criteria for appropriate social play, the participating dogs would need to do the following:

- 1. Facilitate reciprocal play by taking turns to 'win' and 'lose'
- 2. Self-handicap: adjust the intensity of play to accommodate a smaller, weaker, less experienced, or younger dog
- 3. Regularly announce their intentions: use body postures like the play bow to assure the other dog that this interaction is play, not a threat
- 4. Maintain low arousal (not get too excited!)
- 5. Take breaks/pauses between action
- 6. Read and respond to their play partner's body language, adjusting or stopping play accordingly

This sounds complex because it is! As a human, it can be difficult to identify the codes of social play as they happen. Observing your own dog's body language, and that of any play partners, will tell you how comfortable your dog is and how well they are adapting to the play.

Signs of relaxed, comfortable play include:

- Loose muscles, a wiggly or bendy body
- Exaggerated movements like bouncing, moving between a down and stand, turning/spinning
- Voluntary vulnerability; rolling over, allowing themselves to be caught/tumbled
- Brief contact like hip bumps, single paws, neck/face mouthing
- Invitational postures like play bows
- Loose, open mouth
- Vocalisations: continuous growling with open mouth, chatter, attention seeking barks
- Pauses between movements and short breaks between chasing/wrestling

What Are The Signs of 'Inappropriate' Dog Social Play?

Signs of discomfort, arousal, or escalating aggression in play include:

- Tense muscles with stiff movement, or no movement/momentary freeze
- Maintaining frontal position, weight over toes, chest forward



- Sustained contact; chin over, paw/leg over, mounting, continuous body-slamming
- Avoidance; hiding, continuously moving away, seeking out owner
- Displacement behaviours like scratching, eliminating, sniffing, while ignoring other dog
- Closed, tight mouth, may see lips lifted or teeth bared
- Vocalisations: low growling with closed mouth, short, high-pitched barks strung together
- Relentlessly following other dog, no breaks in action

How Can I Safely Interrupt Social Play Between Dogs?

Interrupting play should never be harsh or frightening to any dog involved; the dogs are not in trouble and they should not be scolded or physically dragged away from the other dog/s.

Call your dog's name and ask them to come (recall) to you. Always offer reinforcement for recalling to you. Feeding the dog while you reach for their collar and attach a lead will help keep them distracted from the other dog.

Lure your dog away. Call your dog's name or make calm clicking/kissing sounds as you approach. If the dogs are mouthing one another with face-to-face contact, you will need to distract them momentarily, so they separate their heads. Use a handful of treats placed in front of their nose to lure them away from the other dog, reaching to hold their collar and attach a lead as you move and feed. You should ideally have the other dog's owner lure their dog away at the same time so both dogs are distracted by separate handfuls of treats.

Body block. If your dog does not respond to their name and is unable to follow a lure, you may need to move between the two dogs as a visual block. This should provide a momentary break in your dog's focus on their playmate and allow for you to lure them away, as above. It is important to only step between dogs and body block if it is safe to do so. Asking the other dog's owner to block their dog while you block yours will help.

Once you have separated your dog from the play and attached their lead, walk them a short distance away from their playmate, keeping their focus on you (tip: use treats!) Try asking for a few basic cues (sit, down, stand, shake) to help them refocus on you and calm down. Return them to the play if they have remained calm and focused on you; they should be showing relaxed body language with no stress signs. If they remain very stressed or over-aroused it may be best to end the play session. Hopefully, your dog will only need a brief pause in play to calm down enough to return to their friend.

Why Can't I Just Let Dogs Sort It Out Themselves?

While most dogs 'speak dog' better than any human can, no dog has a perfect set of social skills. Even the most polite and well-socialised dog can accidentally violate the rules of fair play. Modern day dogs spend most of their time outside of the home on lead, or off-lead in a designated enclosed space like a dog park. Because of these necessary measures of containment, dogs have fewer options when meeting unfamiliar dogs, and are often (albeit unintentionally) forced to engage where they would choose otherwise. Despite owners' best efforts during critical socialisation periods, it remains difficult to provide the ideal environment and experiences to equip dogs to deal with all possible social encounters. Human management of greetings and play interactions is therefore necessary to prevent negative, and potentially harmful, experiences.

Preparing Your Dog For Social Play

There are many things you can do to prepare your dog for social interactions with other dogs, whether they be brief encounters or enthusiastic play sessions. Creating safe and controlled opportunities for your puppy to see and meet other dogs during their critical development periods will have a greatly positive influence on their social skills in later life. Teaching your puppy to be calm and comfortable in the presence of other dogs makes them much more likely to approach play encounters politely and confidently. Even if they have

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never engaged in extended play, your puppy has learned how to read other dogs, and how to focus on you in the presence of other dogs, both very important skills!

It is never too late to learn your dog's body language and identify what they might be feeling. Owners of puppies and adult dogs alike should prioritise understanding the basics of dog body language in order to recognise signs of stress and know when to jump to their dog's aid. Teaching foundation cues like 'Look' and 'Come' (recall) is equally important; these cues help to redirect or remove your dog from undesirable situations.

Training basic cues also strengthens the bond between you and your dog; they know that you always clearly communicate what you want, and that there are often yummy treats involved when you practice cues together. In stressful situations, the positive associations your dog has with you help to reinforce your status as a safe and reliable source of comfort. They know you can get them out of trouble and will seek you out if they are feeling uncomfortable or overwhelmed during a social interaction.

Managing Your Dog's Social Play

When your dog is ready to engage in play you should be prepared to observe and interrupt the play session if necessary. It isn't safe or responsible to leave your dog unsupervised during play, especially off-lead in a public dog park or with dogs that are unfamiliar to you and your dog. Even if your dog is a social butterfly and generally appears relaxed and respectful in play, you should be on hand to mediate should anything go wrong. Remember, dogs have complex emotional lives and respond to subtle changes in the environment, so they are never totally predictable!

One of the easiest ways to avoid a negative play experience for your dog is to first consider what kinds of dogs would make the best playmates. This will vary depending on your dog's social experience, play style, and preferences, as well as their age and health status. Of course, some matches would very evidently be a disaster; you wouldn't allow your six-month-old Great Dane puppy to play with the neighbour's 16-year old Chihuahua because this would likely pose a significant safety risk to the smaller, older dog. Other potentially inappropriate pairings are less obvious.

The key objective when managing play between dogs is to maintain the safety of all dogs involved. Management also serves to prevent negative experiences that could influence a dog's behaviour in future, and to teach dogs how to adapt during play and to uphold the social rules of fairness and reciprocity.





Dog Health and Wellbeing

The following is from the Melbourne Fear Free Dog Clinic

https://www.melbournedogclinic.com.au/fearfreehandouts

How to Condition a Muzzle

Just like people, dogs want to feel safe and happy. The emotionally protective practice employed through Fear Free help to keep animals calm and comfortable throughout care and prevent them from feeling a need to escalate to a bite. But as much as we plan and try to protect our precious pooches, the truth is that dogs are unpredictable and may respond defensively if they feel afraid, threatened, or in pain. A muzzle can help with that, but only if the dog is already used to and comfortable in one.

Teaching a dog to willingly wear a muzzle is comparable to purchasing car insurance. While we hope it's never needed, in the event that an incident occurs, it's a lifeline that minimizes damage and protects all parties involved—two-legged and four-legged. And feel-good food rewards while wearing the muzzle promote pleasant associations with care. The following tips and tricks help to build comfort and calm in dogs as they become accustomed to being fitted for and wearing a muzzle.

Choosing a muzzle

The right type of muzzle allows the dog to still enjoy tasty treat rewards as he's being cared for. Look for a hard-sided basket muzzle with holes and slats on the front and sides. This allows you to easily offer the dog treats such as lickable cheese or meat paste through the basket muzzle openings. Pairing these positives with care makes wearing a muzzle a win-win-win for your dog, yourself, and caregivers. A basket muzzle also allows dogs to pant which helps them dissipate heat and stress.

Getting Started

Give dogs the choice to approach and investigate the muzzle at their own pace. Allowing them to initiate the approach and choose the pace of the interaction builds confidence with the item, especially when you reward them for it. Hold the muzzle in your hand or between your knees. This allows the dog to approach while the muzzle is kept still.

Smear a soft treat such as squeeze cheese or peanut butter on the outer edge of the muzzle leading to the front, inner portion of the muzzle where the dog's nose and mouth will eventually go. Once the dog's nose is inside, deliver small, soft treats that are easy to swallow with minimal chewing, pretzel sticks with more of the soft spread can be advanced toward the dog's mouth through the slats or holes of the muzzle.

Over time, build the duration that your dog keeps her nose inside the muzzle. You can do this by continuing to reward your dog intermittently while the nose remains inside the muzzle. Leave the muzzle unstrapped so the dog can move away if she chooses.



Increase your dog's eagerness to push and keep the nose inside by removing the muzzle just as the dog finishes the treat spread. Aim to reward the dog frequently but stop before he loses interest or becomes uncomfortable and chooses to move his nose out.

(KISS) Keep it short, Simple!

Keep sessions short and treat frequency high to further hold your dog's interest and keep them eagerly invested in the training process. When your dog shows happy anticipation and eager interest in placing the nose into the muzzle for longer periods, you can start to secure the muzzle. Do this by having the muzzle pre-strapped or buckled, but loose. Allow the dog to slip their own head into the muzzle as the strap is held up and then gently slipped over the top of the head.

Alternatively, work on buckling or strapping the muzzle while a helper feeds the dog. If you don't have an assistant, secure food treats to the wall with a product such as a Slow Treater or hold a stuffed Kong between your knees. Secure muzzle straps as the dog eats.

Once the muzzle is in place, support the underside with your hand as you feed treats. This accustoms the dog gradually to the weight and feel of the muzzle when worn. Remove the muzzle after several seconds, before the point that the dog becomes concerned.

When the dog appears calmly relaxed when wearing the muzzle with straps placed, fit the muzzle to the dog's face so it can be worn comfortably without slipping, sliding, or falling off.

Keep the dog occupied with a treat toy or give treats quickly as you adjust the muzzle. You can also remove the muzzle to adjust it before again placing it on the dog.

Once the muzzle is properly fitted and your dog voluntarily places their nose inside as straps are secured, start introducing brief muzzle-wearing sessions. Focus your dog's attention on activities they enjoy, such as performing a favorite trick, following you for hand-fed treats, or going on a walk.

Keep the muzzle's value high by continuing to pair it with happy consequences. If the muzzle is used only during times of concern, such as handling or procedures, the dog may become wary of it. Instead, pair the muzzle with a variety of situations with happy outcomes such as an outing to a favorite place or a fun visit to a Fear Free Veterinarian or groomer.

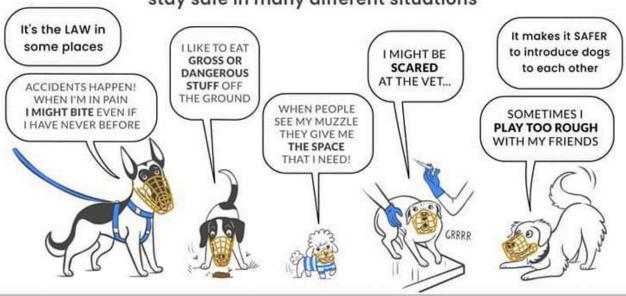
When properly trained to enjoy wearing a muzzle, a dog can arrive at places of care, such as the Veterinarian or groomer, with the muzzle already in place. Doing so reduces the potential stress of the dog being placed in an unfamiliar muzzle by someone he doesn't know.

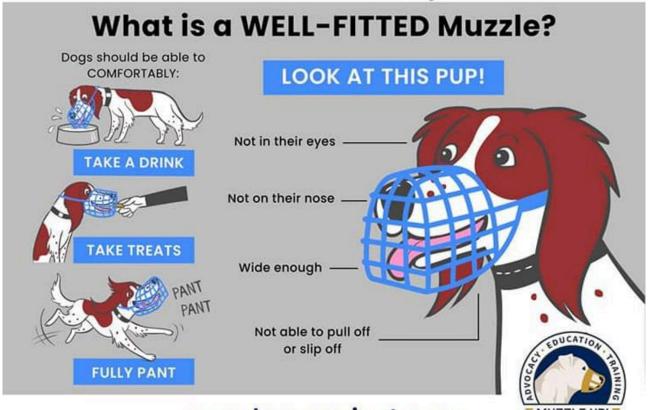




WHY USE A MUZZLE?

Muzzles are a training aid that can help dogs and people stay safe in many different situations





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Trial results



OBEDIENCE

Melbourne Royal Shower

26/September/2025

Lynette and **Uhtred** gained First Place on 199 points in Novice Obedience in the AM trial, gaining their Companion Dog title!

Congratulations Lynette and Uhtred on your title!

Golden Retriever RTG

11/October/2025

Dani and Thorn gained Second Place on a score of 96 in the Community Companion Dog AM trial.

Werribee Obedience Dog Club

18/October/2025

Dani and **Thorn** gained Second Place on a score of 95 in the Community Companion Dog AM trial, gaining their <u>Community Companion Dog Title!</u>

Congratulations Dani and Thorn on your title!

RALLY

Northern Obedience Dog Club`

14/September/2025

Michelle and Finnegan gained a pass on a score of 93 in Rally Novice in the AM trial.

Golden Retriever RTG

11/October/2025

Michelle and Finnegan gained a pass on a score of 94 in Rally Novice in the AM trial

Dani and Thyme gained First place on a score of 97 in Rally Advance in Trial 1.

Dani and Thyme gained a Second place on a score of 95 in Rally Excellent in Trial 1.

Dani and Thyme gained Second place on a score of 96 in Rally Advance in Trial 2.

Dani and **Thyme** gained a First Place place on a score of 98 in Rally Excellent in Trial 2.

Werribee Obedience Dog Club

18/October/2025

Sylvia and Rufus gained Third Place on a score of 95 in Rally Novice in the AM trial.

Sylvia and Rufus gained a pass on a score of 88 in Rally Novice in the PM trial.

Michelle and **Finnegan** gained a pass on a score of 91 in Rally Novice in the AM trial, gaining their Rally Novice title!

Congratulations Michelle and Finnegan on your title!

Wendy and **Fawkes** gained a pass on a score of 90 in Rally Novice in the AM trial, gaining their Rally Novice title!

Congratulations Wendy and Fawkes on your title!

Wendy and Fawkes gained a pass on a score of 90 in Rally Novice in the PM trial.

Dani and Thyme gained a pass on 86 points in the Rally Advance in the AM trial.

Dani and **Thyme** gained Third Place on 96 points in the Rally Excellent AM trial, gaining their *Rally Advance-Excellent title!*

Congratulations Dani and Thyme on your title!

Wendy and **Maverick** gained Second Place on a score of 99 in Rally Master in the AM trial. **Wendy** and **Maverick** gained a pass on a score of 90 in Rally Master in the PM trial.



Warragul and Districts Obedience Dog Club

25/October/2025

Sylvia and Rufus gained a pass on a score of 80 in Rally Novice in the AM trial.

Sylvia and **Rufus** gained Third Place on a score of 94 in Rally Novice in the PM trial, gaining their Rally Novice title!

Congratulations Sylvia and Rufus on your title!

SCENT WORK

Dogs Victoria Scent Work Committee

12/October/2025

Lyn and **Piper** gained a pass in the Advanced Exterior search. **Lyn** and **Zelda** gained a pass in the Novice Exterior search.

TRACKING

Ballarat Obedience Dog Club Tracking Trial

7/September/2025

Alison and **Bones** passed their Tracking Test 8, gaining their <u>Tracking Champion Title</u>. **Congratulations Alison and Bones on your titles!**

If you would like your trial results printed in the Werribee Wagger, please <u>fill out this form and</u> email your results to: <u>info@werribeeobediencedogs.org</u>. 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.

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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



In case no one's told you

today. You are

doing a great job!

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.

<u>Agility Training – Saturday and Wednesday</u> 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)



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



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NEW



TRICKS INTRODUCTION CLASSES With Dani and Alison

To Be Held Monthly (pending weather)



Time: 12:15pm - 12:45pm

Current Future Dates:

Saturday 22nd November



Additional Classes also to be held

2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from September

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.

Also refer to our Facebook Page for more information "Tricks at Werribee Dog Obedience Club"

This is a private safe group for Werribee Members only.

See Alison F or Dani S for more information

DOG SPORTS: Dance with Dogs

From Dogs Victoria: https://dogsvictoria.org.au/events/dog-activities/lure-coursing/

Lure Coursing has a long history, traditionally a sport for Sighthounds, it is a competition designed to simulate a hare hunt. Nowadays though, it is a sport for any dog, purebred or otherwise. Sighthound owners and breeders often still use Lure Coursing as a test of function for their specific breed.

Sighthound stream breeds are: Afghan Hound, Azawakh, Borzoi, Greyhound, Ibizan Hound, irish Wolfhound, Pharaoh Hound, Saluk, Deerhound, Sloughi, Whippet, Italian Greyhound, Basenji and Rhodesian Rigebacks.

Lure Coursing is a great way to keep your dog physically and mentally fit. Many dogs put 110% into lure coursing. As a result, a dog should be fit when starting to lure course, so regular exercise needs become a part of your routine if you think this is something for you and your dog.

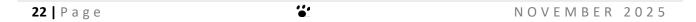
All dogs must be 15 months of age to compete and any breed can compete within the two streams available. Firstly, to qualify for titles in lure coursing, all dogs from both streams, must first pass two qualifying events to gain their Junior Courser title.

The two streams for dogs are one for ANKC registered Sighthounds and another for any other purebred or non-purebred dogs, called Coursing Ability Test. In the CAT dog stream (derived from Coursing Ability Test), the dogs run in a singles competition only. Sighthounds can compete in Open Stakes for Field Champion titles (up to three dogs running together of same or similar breed) and also their separate Singles competition.

The lure, which is what the dogs chase, is typically three plastic bags tied to a nylon cord, which is pulled around a system of pulleys. A normal course is between 650 to 1000 metres long, ground size and condition can often determine the length of the course where the event is being held.

The lure machine that is used is specifically built for the sport, coming in petrol or battery and 240V operated machines.

The lure machines have the capability to run the cord around a course of up to 1000m, with a speed that will easily keep the lure in front of a greyhound. Special pulleys are used that hold the string out to make up the course pattern, with new designs seen at every event.



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 TOYS 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) 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.

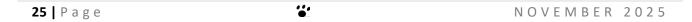
Being on the Committee is a very rewarding experience as you are involved with both the routine running of the club and also the future of the club.

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



2025	Activity			
7 th November 2025	Final day to submit Trophy applications			
29 th November 2025	Last Day of Training			
6 th December 2025	Presentation Night			
13 th December 2025	New Obedience Rules info session			
14 th December 2025	New Rally Rules info session			
2026	Activity			
7 th February 2025	First day of training			





OUR SPONSORS

When and wherever possible, please support the following businesses, as they support our club:





THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP



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

- 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

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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
- 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

- 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
- St 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

- 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

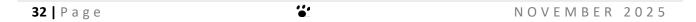
- Sit for 10 seconds
- Sit for 20 seconds while you jog back and forth in front of the dog
- Sit for 15 seconds
- Sit while you walk approximately 20 steps to an entrance and return
- Sit while you walk quickly backwards, clapping your hands, and return
- Sit while you go to an entrance and just touch 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

- 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

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Pupp	y Class	Judge: Jo Taylor	Class	5 Jud	ge: Roger White
1st	Sandra Van Berkel	Gremlin	1st	Hannah Truhlar	Rainier
2nd	Dearbhla Sammon	Bestie	2nd	Ray Ashman	Marly
3rd	Dylan Van Berkel	Gremlin	3rd	Lynette Dawson	Uhtred
Best	Junior Handler				
	Veda	Milo	Class	7 Jud	ge: Merrae Ballaam
			1st	Liz Bandy	Hamish
Class	1 Judge	e: Heather Taylor	2nd	Maude Ashman	Chase
1st	Penny Windlow	Porter			
2nd	Robert Quail	Moose	Class	Novice Rally Jud	ge: Ray Ashman
3rd	Daniel Farnigia	Milo	1st	Michelle O'Brien	Finnegan
Kate	Graham	Flame	2nd	Marie Felsovary	Pepsi
Man	on Ellis	Рорру	3rd	Sylvia Meekings	Rufus
Tara		Banjo			
Alicia	1	Mara	Class	Advanced Rally Jud	ge: Ray Ashman
Preet	th Vizayakumar	Goofy	1st	Kayla Anne	Oakley
All th	e above promoted to	class 2	2nd	Sarah Thomson	Luna
Best	Junior Handler		3rd	Geof	Smokey
	Dorothy Fitzgerald	Fletcher			
			Class	Excellent Rally Jud	ge: Ray Ashman
Class	2 Judge	e: Karl Miller	1st	Kayla Anne	Oakley
1st	Penny Windlow	Raol			
2nd	Sylvia Meeking	Rufus	Class	Master Rally Jud	ge: Ray Ashman
3rd	Renee Coker	Buckley	1st	Wendy Trawn	Maverick
	n Watson	Shilo	2nd	Liz Bandy	Hamish
	e Lillywhite	Bailey	3rd	Kayla Anne	Oakley
	erly Stahlcock	Baxter			
	Ashman	Lyric		Foundation Agility	•
	n Watson	Arthur	1st	Lisa Pyne	Mack
	Thielke	Kimyou	2nd	Tiarn	Louie
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				PreTrial Agility Jud	-
Class	•	e: Peter Miller	1st	KiraleeSinclair	Ginny
1st	Wendy Trawn	Fawkes	2nd	Wendy Mayall	Casey
2nd	Tiarni	Louie	3rd	Jo Taylor	Fletcher
3rd	Cheri Steen	Sage			
Marie Felsovary Pepsi		•	Class	Novice Agility	Judge: Jo Taylor
All ab	pove promoted to class	5 4			
			1st	Carl Mayall	Maggie
Class	•	e: Marrae Ballaam	2nd	Lisa Pyne	Kora
1st	Julie Antolic	Keita	3rd	Corrina Mayall	Kaya



Soot

Mack

2nd James Wood

Julie Antolic

3rd

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
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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				
Is there a Wall photo requiring the dogs Title to be updated?						
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:						
(Applicant to sign)						

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