

# WERRIBEE WAGGER

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Julie Antolic, Keita and Mack  
celebrating their Scent Trial Passes

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Hi All

I want to welcome you all to our 2025 Annual General Meeting and thank you for attending.

Firstly, I would like to thank the Committee for their valuable help and support over the last 12 months, as they have fulfilled various roles each week throughout the year. The club could not run efficiently without you completing your roles.

To the instructors who week after week make themselves available no matter what the weather conditions, to assist the club members in being responsible dog owners, to develop their skills so they can continue their development during the week. My wife Sue, who does the shopping for the club each week or two, keeps the club stocked with drinks, chocolates, chips, and other products for members to purchase each week or stocking cleaning and toiletry materials. Kerrie Scully for maintaining the club's website throughout the year.



The members who assist the club in various ways, e.g., cooking the BBQ at Fund days and trials. Putting up and pulling down the rings at club Fun days or assisting on the day of the club's trial. Your effort is invaluable to the club.

In August last year, we were able to get the council to spray the ground with broadleaf weed killer. At the end of October, we had Turf Care conduct a process called Earthquaking on the ground. This process cut the ground 200mm deep, allowing water to penetrate that distance below the ground surface. The two maintenance steps being conducted enable the couch and Kikuyu grass to spread, resulting in very few bindis on the ground. We should see more improvements over this summer period.

The club, over recent times, has had issues sending bulk emails for the monthly newsletter, etc. This was created by email companies such as Gmail, Yahoo, and others, tightening up their systems to stop scam emails, etc. We now use Mailchimp to distribute club bulk emails. If members are still not receiving emails from the club, please come and see either me or the club secretary, Jo Taylor, so we can resolve the problem

The club held its annual Obedience and Rally Trial in October, attracting a total of 230 entries for the day. This was an increase of 30 entries for the day over the previous year. This was the highest number of entries since 2013, when we had an entry of 257

The club also held its scent work trial in August for Excellent Containers and Excellent Vehicles, and was well supported with a total of 92 entries.

We conducted 2 Fun days throughout the year, with 52 in July 2024 and 64 entries in October 2024. Unfortunately, the April 2025 day had to be cancelled. These numbers are well down on previous years. Well done to Lin and Jo for running these events

The club's presentation night was held on the 7th of December, where we recognised 3 special awards and 52 titles gained by the members during the year. This was an increase of 20 additional titles gained by club members from the previous year. The success of our club members at fixtures highlights the high standard that we offer trialing members to be able to compete and be successful at various trials

I have continued to hold meetings with the council on various matters. Recently, Peter and I attended a meeting where we were informed of the works to commence on stage one of the 10-year Presidents Park

development. When we arrived at the club the following day, contractors were placing three kilometres of fencing around the ground. We have also identified that the electrical switchboard is not compliant. This will be updated later this year. Currently, I am negotiating a couple of other improvements to be conducted. Time will tell if I am successful

You will have noticed that all titled dogs' photos have been removed, new shelving fitted, photos cleaned and placed on the new shelving. A great effort from Peter, who removed the photos, and then Sue Ashman in sorting them and placing them back up after they were cleaned by Linn McPherson and Heather Taylor. Great job by this team

As I have said in previous years, we operate in a dynamic and changing environment and are aware of the demands that today's society places on our Club and members. This requires us to constantly try and improve in what we do. Whilst it is great that we have a core number of people filling committee positions, it is also important that new people stand up and fill vacant positions that exist. A number of committee members have held positions for a number of years. One can maintain the energy and enthusiasm for so long, but there will be a time when individual committee members will call time to leave the committee. It can sometimes be easier to sit back and leave things to those members, but if we do not get new members on the committee, we will lose that experience.

We have two new members joining the committee this year. Welcome. You will see by the agenda that there are vacant positions; therefore, it's important that we get new members to join in the decision-making process on the committee.

To the new committee, it is a challenge that you can grab and move forward positively for Werribee Obedience Dog Club.

Ray Ashman

President



# 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.



# PRESENTATION NIGHT

**SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> November*

*(No bookings taken after the 29<sup>th</sup> November due to catering arrangements)*

*Tickets can be purchased in the clubrooms or via direct deposit using the following details*

**BSB: 814 – 282**

**Account: 10464278**

**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 ALL MEMBERS!!!!***

***PLEASE COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE NIGHT***





# 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 [info@werribeeobediencedogs.org](mailto:info@werribeeobediencedogs.org) to be included in a future newsletter!

## Dog Behaviour: Emotional Cup

The following is an infographic from Doggie Drawings: <https://doggiedrawings.net/>

### A Dog's Emotional Cup

Every dog has a cup that needs to be filled—with social connection, security, access to reinforcers, and enrichment.

Some dogs seem to have a full cup most of the time, either because of a genetic pre-disposition, or because they have learned good ways to get a refill.

Most things that dogs do are completely normal—including the annoying stuff, like DIGGING up the garden, CHASING cats, or BARKING at the mailman. But all dogs show signs of stress when their cups get near empty.



**Signs your dog may be coping with an empty cup**

- \* hoarding resources, over-protective
- \* over-reacting, or shutting down when exposed to new things
- \* restlessness
- \* slow to recover from exciting events
- \* changes in appetite
- \* escalating behaviors to get something or to get away from something
- \* increased grumpiness, or flare-ups
- \* intense social appeasement

**What refills a dog's cup:**



- ♥ Doing Dog Things: SNIFFING, CHEWING, FORAGING, BARKING, DIGGING, PLAYING
- ♥ Being included in the family (dogs/humans)
- ♥ Freedom to move
- ♥ Freedom to make choices
- ♥ Ability to control outcomes and get reinforcers
- ♥ Unconditional love and attention
- ♥ Good health: nourishing food, no parasites, etc.
- ♥ Having a safe, quiet place to rest
- ♥ Predictable routines and interactions
- ♥ Getting to do things a dog loves to do

**What empties a dog's cup:**



- ▲ Social isolation
- ▲ Long periods of confinement with no enrichment
- ▲ Poor nutrition, untreated illness, or pain
- ▲ Denied access to reinforcers
- ▲ Scary or unpredictable reactions from important humans
- ▲ Over-stimulation (over-exercised) or not enough
- ▲ Set up to fail, and then punished for it
- ▲ No preparation for challenging situations
- ▲ Unclear training: not knowing how to get reinforcement
- ▲ No one responding when expressing a need
- ▲ Too much "impulse control" (i.e. no sniffing, no eating, no exploring, no barking, no doing Dog Things ) for too much of the day

Words by Sarah Owings      Art by Lili Chin      Inspired by THE EMOTIONAL CUP by Upbility

# Training game: 1-2-3 Walking

The following is from Control Unleashed: Reactive to Refined.

## Confident Canine



## 1-2-3 Walking Pattern Game

1-2-3 is a simple, but powerful moving pattern game to help get your dog from A-B. The game is a simple chain of voluntary behaviours that repeat. Pattern games are safe, predictable, repetitive and voluntary.

### Step 1

**Aim:** The aim of the 1, 2, 3 pattern game is to walk with your dog at your side whilst counting.

For this game, you will need a handful of easy to eat treats.

Find somewhere quiet, with limited distractions, for example your living room. We can add in distractions later.

### Step 2

First we are going to build the value in the word "3".

We are going to condition the word "3" to mean a yummy treat is coming.

Start with the dog facing in front of you.

Hold a treat in your closed hand (you can if you prefer have your hand close to your dogs mouth).

Say the word "3" in a nice happy tone and feed your dog a treat directly into their mouth. Repeat several times, building the value in the word "3".

### Step 3

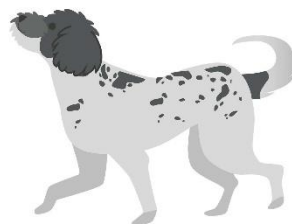
Next, add in your 2.

This time count out "2, 3" and give your dog a treat.

Repeat this step several times.

### Step 6

Practice in your garden and quiet locations. Gradually build up to different environments.



### Step 4

Finally add in your 1.

"1, 2, 3" and give your dog a treat.

Repeat this step several times.

### Step 5

Once your dog is starting to predict the treat when they hear "3", you can start to add movement.

Start walking backwards with your dog facing you "1, 2, 3" treat

Try walking with your dog at your side. "1, 2, 3" treat.

# Dog Health and Wellbeing

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



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## Pet Dental Homecare Guide

### Why Dental Health Matters for Your Dog

Good dental health is an essential part of your dog's overall health and well-being. Just like humans, plaque and tartar buildup can lead to gum disease, tooth decay and painful infections. Dental disease is one of the most common health problems in pet dogs and can cause discomfort, difficulty eating and potentially lead to systemic health issues. Preventing dental disease through regular tooth brushing and dental checks can help your dog live a longer, happier life.

Some dog breeds are more susceptible to dental disease, particularly small breeds like Chihuahuas and Toy Poodles, as well as brachycephalic breeds like Bulldogs and Pugs. Their smaller mouths can lead to overcrowding of teeth, creating more areas for plaque to accumulate. Poodle crosses, Labradors (and their crosses), and many types of Bull Terriers are more frequently affected by malocclusion (imperfect positioning of the teeth), particularly with their lower canines. This condition can cause discomfort and requires regular monitoring to prevent complications.

While all puppy owners should be proactive about dental care, those with the breeds mentioned above should be especially diligent in their approach.

### Benefits of Teeth Brushing and Regular Dental Checks

- **Prevention of Gum Disease:** Brushing removes plaque before it turns into tartar, which can irritate the gums and lead to periodontal disease
- **Reduces Bad Breath:** Keeping your dog's teeth clean helps to minimise odours caused by bacteria
- **Maintains Healthy Teeth and Gums:** Regular brushing can prevent tooth loss and painful gum infections
- **Early Detection of Issues:** Regularly checking your dog's teeth can alert you to potential issues that require veterinary attention before they become serious
- **Extends the Time between Dental Cleaning:** Pet dental procedures will cost less, and anaesthetic time may be shorter if there is less gum disease, which is especially important for older pets



## How to Desensitise Your Dog to Teeth Brushing

Introducing your dog to teeth brushing in a gradual, positive way is key to ensuring that they stay comfortable and content with the process.

**Start Slowly:** Begin by gently touching your dog's mouth and teeth without brushing, rewarding them with praise and treats. Gradually increase the duration of these sessions where their mouth is handled.

**Introduce Toothpaste:** Use toothpaste specifically designed for dogs (never use human toothpaste, as it can be harmful to dogs). Let your dog lick the toothpaste from your finger, allowing them to become familiar with the taste.

**Use the Right Tools:** Invest in a soft-bristled toothbrush or finger brush designed for dogs. Some dogs respond well to specifically designed wipes or gauze pads for teeth cleaning.

**Brush for Short Periods:** Start by brushing just a few teeth at a time, gradually working up to brushing all the teeth. Keep sessions short (2-3 minutes) and always reward your dog afterward with praise, a toy or a treat. If your dog seems uncomfortable, do not force the session.

**Consistency is Key:** Aim to brush your dog's teeth at least 2-3 times a week. The more consistent you are, the more your dog will get used to the process.

## What to Look Out for When Checking or Brushing Your Dog's Teeth

While brushing or examining your dog's teeth yourself, be on the lookout for any signs of dental issues such as the following:

**Bad Breath:** A strong, foul odour can indicate plaque, tartar or gum disease.

**Red or Swollen Gums:** Healthy gums should be pink. Redness or swelling is often a sign of gingivitis or infection.

**Discolouration:** Overly yellow or brown teeth can indicate plaque buildup. Dark stains or missing teeth may suggest more serious dental problems.

**Difficulty Eating or Chewing:** If your dog is reluctant to eat hard foods or chews on one side of the mouth, it could be due to oral pain or discomfort.

*If you do notice any of these signs, please call us to arrange a health check!*

## Diets and Treats that Support Healthy Teeth

What your dog eats and regularly chews, plays a significant role in maintaining their dental health. Consider your selection of dental chews and toys carefully, based on your pet's body weight and their chewing behaviour. Look for products that are approved by the Veterinary Oral Health Council (VOHC).

**Dry Food:** Kibble is generally better for your dog's teeth than wet food, as it provides mild abrasive action while chewing. It is equally important to choose high-quality food that meets your dog's nutritional needs.

**Natural, dehydrated or dried chews:** Animal-derived products that have undergone minimal processing are recommended as overly processed raw hide contains processing chemicals and additives that may pose a health risk. Single ingredient dried chews or jerky are a great option.

**Raw Bones:** Select bones that are an appropriate size for your dog's breed and size. Raw bones may help naturally scrape away plaque and tartar, however there are risks of oral injuries, tooth fractures, and gastrointestinal injury/obstruction to be considered. Please always ensure that your dog is chewing under supervision. Never feed cooked bones, as these can easily splinter and cause bowel tears or obstruction.

Keep in mind that there are inherent risks with any chew or treat, the most concerning being airway obstruction/choking, especially if large pieces are ingested whole. Dogs that are "gulpers" and ingest food or chews rapidly, need to be supervised closely when being fed or offered things to chew. Small pieces should be removed promptly to eradicate the risk of choking in all pets.

## The Importance of Veterinary Dental Checks

Even if you brush your dog's teeth regularly and monitor their dental health at home, routine veterinary dental checks are essential.

**Professional Cleaning:** A vet can perform professional ultrasonic scaling under anaesthesia, removing plaque and tartar that you cannot reach with a toothbrush. Once the teeth have been scaled, they are polished using a special paste which helps remove any surface irregularities, which in turn decreases plaque accumulation and retention in future. The oral cavity is then thoroughly rinsed with a gentle oral antiseptic.

**Comprehensive Oral Health Assessment and Treatment (COHAT):** Your vet will complete a thorough assessment of the oral cavity, including evaluation of soft tissue at the back of the mouth, the tongue, the roof of the mouth, each individual tooth, the gums and tooth roots through dental radiography. Teeth are often compared to "icebergs" as there is more tooth structure below the gumline than what is visible above it. Therefore evaluating the teeth *below* the surface is a vital part of a COHAT, otherwise a significant amount of disease will be missed.

**Prevention:** Our veterinary team is here to guide you with your pet's at-home dental care. Free dental checks are always offered to our clients. Regular examinations of the oral cavity allow for early detection of issues, so that they can be addressed before they cause pain or more extensive health problems.

Veterinary dental exams are typically recommended at least once every 3-12 months. All our nurses are trained and experienced in routine dental checks and can conduct thorough oral health assessments for your pet. They may suggest more frequent visits if your dog is at higher risk for dental issues, or refer you to one of our vets to address more serious dental concerns that have been identified.

*If you have any concerns about your dog's oral health, don't hesitate to reach out to any member of our team for advice!*





# Trial results



## OBEDIENCE

***Northern Obedience Dog Club`***

***14/September/2025***

**Lynette and Uhtred** gained First Place on 194 points in Novice Obedience in the AM trial.

**Lynette and Uhtred** gained First Place on 187 points in Novice Obedience in the PM trial.

## RALLY

***Northern Obedience Dog Club`***

***14/September/2025***

**Wendy and Fawkes** gained Second Place on a score of 94 in Rally Novice in the AM trial.

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

**Wendy and Maverick** gained a pass on a score of 95 in Rally Masters in the AM trial.

**Wendy and Fawkes** gained Third Place on a score of 96 in Rally Novice in the PM trial.

**Wendy and Maverick** gained Third Place on a score of 95 in Rally Masters in the PM trial.

## DANCES WITH DOGS

***Melbourne and District DWD Club***

***14/September/2025***

**Janette and Steven** gained First Place on 162.5 points in Freestyle Advanced in the AM trial.

**Janette and Steven** gained First Place on 160 points in Freestyle Advanced in the PM trial.

**Dani and Thyme** gained First Place on 157 points in Heelwork Starters in the AM trial, gaining their HTM.S title.

**Dani and Thorn** gained a pass on 134 points in Heelwork Starters in the AM trial, gaining their HTM.S title.

***Congratulations Dani, Thyme and Thorn on your titles!***

## RALLY

***Northern Obedience Dog Club`***

***25/September/2025***

**Lynette and Uhtred** gained a pass in Rally Novice, gaining their title!

***Congratulations Lynette and Uhtred on your titles!***

## SCENT WORK

***K9 Scent Club***

***6/September/2025***

**Julia and Keita** gained Second place and a pass in the Interior search.

**Julia and Keita** gained Second place and a pass in the Container search

**Julia and Keita** gained a pass in the Interior search.

**Lyn and Piper** gained First Place and a pass in the Container search.

## TRICKS

***Geelong Obedience Dog Club***

***23-24/August/2025***

**Michelle and Finnegan** gained Third place on 58.5 points in Trick Dog Start in the AM1 trial.

**Michelle and Finnegan** gained First Place on 59 points in Trick Dog Start in the PM1 trial.

If you would like your trial results printed in the Werribee Wagger, please [fill out this form and email your results to: \[info@werribeebobediencedogs.org\]\(mailto:info@werribeebobediencedogs.org\)](#). 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.

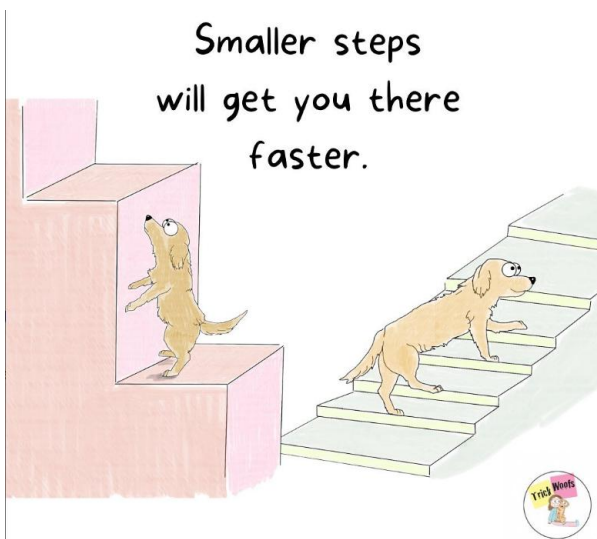
[Saturday training](#)



## 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)

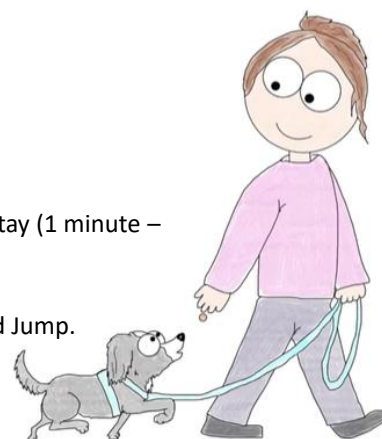
**CLASS 6 (OPEN) Full Open Routine - All ANKC Open Class Exercises.**

- (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](#)

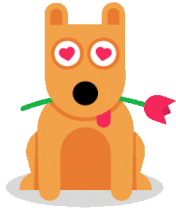
In the same link as above on a separate worksheet is the “new members details” - all details must be filled in before training.

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

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

For further information contact Agility Trainer Carl: 0458651037





# NEW



## TRICKS INTRODUCTION CLASSES

With Dani and Alison

To Be Held Monthly (pending weather)

Time: 12:15pm – 12:45pm

Current Future Dates:

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**



Additional Classes also to be held

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Dani S or Alison F for more information

# DOG SPORTS: Dance with Dogs

From Dogs Victoria: <https://dogsvictoria.org.au/events/dog-activities/dances-with-dogs/>

## What is Dance with Dogs?

Dances with Dogs is a great fun way to train and bond with your dog, whether you are wishing to compete or just to have fun!

Dances with Dogs has two streams: Freestyle and Heelwork To Music

### Freestyle

Freestyle is basically tricks and moves choreographed to a piece of music. Such tricks could include leg weaving, spinning, circling, backing and can be performed with the dog close to the handler or at a distance and the creativity of the performance is only limited by the handler's imagination. As you progress up through the levels, there is an expectation that more technical tricks and moves will be included in your routine.

### Heelwork to Music

Heelwork to Music involves traditional heelwork choreographed to a piece of music. In Heelwork to Music, there are eight different heelwork positions which can be performed in six different directions. As you progress up through the levels, there is an expectation that more of the positions and directions will be included in your routine.



# 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
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

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



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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)*