



BDAG Club Charter

How it functions – Aims and Policies

Club formed to be a public service group.

Year of formation 1997.

Instructors are volunteers as are committee members.

Our Aim: to train dog owners in motivational training methods so that their dog understands what is required of it, and has basic manners suitable for living in close proximity with people and animals in harmony. That owners are aware of their responsibility to others and their dogs.

An Annual General Meeting for election of office bearers, and appointment of head trainer.

General meetings are held as required by committee or members.

Executive committee members can hold office for five continuous years before standing down but may offer for election at a later date.

Membership

Application form and fees need to be paid to be considered for membership.

Club has the right to refuse membership application. Members are taken on a first come basis providing the dog is under 12 months at time of commencement of training. (Rehomed dogs are an exception.)

Yearly membership.

January 1 to December 31st. The year is divided into 4 blocks of approx. 8-10 weeks.

Membership fee as set from time to time at the AGM.

Training fees

A block fee **as set by committee** per block, per dog.

Currently \$80 per dog per block.

A block being loosely a school term.

No training school holidays. We break for school holidays to give the instructors a rest and family time.

Classes

Classes are kept small. Eight to ten handlers and dogs. Bigger classes may be listed for advanced students.

Geelong Canine Citizen is the **highest standard household dogs can earn**.

Once GCC has been obtained the member can enter the advanced classes.

Advanced classes which may be offered are: Tricks, Agility, Rally, Scenting, Treibball and Flyball.

Some members stay on and these are the backbone of the Club.

Time of classes:

6 pm to 6.45 pm, 7 pm to 7.45 pm, and 8 pm to 8.45 pm Wednesdays and Thursdays of school terms.

Venue – Geelong Showgrounds

Instructors

Instructors are trained by head instructor in Motivation/reinforcement training methods and theory of learning, canine behaviour and teaching people.

Written modules need to be completed on the theory work plus First Aid and Health and Safety. This is followed by practical training until the person is competent to take a class.

Once trained the new instructors do a twelve month apprenticeship before being eligible for benefits incurred by trained instructors.