

# **OTEC Affiliates Bulletin**

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Welcome to the first OTEC Affiliates Bulletin. These will be produced on an “as needed” basis. You are free and encouraged to pass this on to your members as you wish.

## **Letter from Hon Jaala Pulford MP (Minister for Agriculture):**

Your Club would have received a copy of a letter from the Hon Jaala Pulford in relation to Dogs Victoria Affiliated Obedience Clubs. OTEC are concerned over the implications of this decision. We have noted the Minister’s suggestion of seeking our own legal advice and we would encourage Clubs to follow this up directly with Dogs Victoria.

## **Top Dog:**

Feedback over the format of the Top Dog competition has been sought and we would encourage you to share this with your members. Committees are also encouraged to respond. The survey can be found [here](#).

## **New Rally Rules:**

Version 3 of the Rally Rules is now available on the ANKC Website. The significant changes involve clarification of the eligibility of the granting of titles.

## **Updated Obedience Score Sheets:**

These are now available on the Dogs Victoria web site (Members Area - Affiliates Forms).

## **Friends of Obedience:**

FOO Autumn Sessions 2016 are about to start.

Four Tuesdays: 8th & 22nd March, 5th & 19th April

Trial standard Obedience & Rally O practice sessions at KCC Park. \$5.00 donation per dog per

to work with the judge. During this time, the participant may choose to either complete the entire series of exercises required at trial or to work on one or two specific exercises, with feedback and guidance provided by the judge. Places are available through prior booking ONLY.

Two sessions will be offered: 5:00p.m. (check-in from 4:00 - 4:45) and 7:00p.m. (check-in from 6:00 - 6:45). Please indicate your preferred time slot when booking.

Contact Margaret Widelock for bookings or further information:

[hawkinswidelock@yahoo.com.au](mailto:hawkinswidelock@yahoo.com.au) (E-mail preferred, please!) or 0413 107 038.

## **Show Manager Training Days:**

DOGS Victoria in partnership with Show Manager are once again offering free training sessions to all Victorian Club Secretaries and Cataloguers during the month of April. So, if you missed out last year or simply want to refresh your knowledge, here is your opportunity to attend an information night closest to you. Make sure you note the following dates in your diary, all sessions will run from 6.30pm-8.30pm

- Tuesday 26 April – KCC Park
- Wednesday 27 April – Regional Location TBA
- Thursday 28 April – Bulla Exhibition Centre

Please RSVP to Sophia at the DOGS Victoria office on 9788 2500 or

[syena@dogsvictoria.org.au](mailto:syena@dogsvictoria.org.au)

**OTEC Regulation Revision:**

In 2015 a review of the regulations applicable to OTEC was undertaken. These regulations can be found on page 8-9 of the February 2016 Dogs Victoria Gazette. The full regulations are contained in Part 9 of the Dogs Victoria Regulations. The link is [here](#).

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