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# Congratulations & well done!! Ruth Hyde



# Gemma

on a well earned 4<sup>th</sup> in CCD at Hornsby DTC's ObedienceTrial on 15 March

# Dogs keep us young!!

Training dogs, instructing & enjoying the friendships made at NSDTC are not just for the young & physically fit.

We have many members in their 70's & over who remain happily & actively involved at the club.

Senior dogs can learn new tricks too!

Gemma, now aged 11,
only started obedience training a few years ago!

## Welcome to our new members

#### 1/2/2014

Belinda Baxter with Luc Sarah, Chantal & Alexander Broad with Kahlua & Simba Marisa & Luca Burman with Jake Phil Collins with Lew Chloe, Caroline & Chris Comino with Bailey Teresa Curman with Rommi Jennifer Farrell with Indiana Sue Feeney with Harry Lauren & Richard Groom with Ralph

Tracy Hall with Dusky

Narianne & Julie Hinge with Timon Tiffany, Craig, Taylor & Edward Hosken with Desi & Lucy

Melissa Hunt with Franklin Mike Hurwitz with Jesse Rosemary Jandura with Charlie

Leah Jennings with Jagger Caitlin, Sandra & Graham Jones with Herbie

Deirdre Kaewplang with Coco Zeinah Keen with Sophie

Christina, Jessica & Clifford Liao with Max Lyn Morris with Rosie

Tom, Sureesha & Aishani Mosquera with Otto Galy & Brian O'Connor with Charlie Jennifer Paul with Molly and Tui

Etienne & Amanda Reiss with Oska & Bella Kate & Ryan Riddington with Tyson

Samantha, Sophie & Brian Rogut with Max Patrick Slocombe with Scout

Helen Smith with Pippa

Jana & Richard Sparks with Bella

Paul. Catherine & Natasha Stanbury with Rico Anna Thieben with Muffin

Diane Vallins with Chance

Janet & Mark Vaughan with Lucia Rachel & Mark Wilson with Ruffles

Kristy Wordsworth & Ed Drinan with Millie

Tammy Yip with Mindy & Jackie

Jane Brooks with Remi Simone & Darren Curry with Elka Kirsty & Alex Gardner with Rusty Russell Hunter with Zara Henry & Katherine Juhasz with Ruby Guy Magee with Jaffa Jess Mitchell with Murphy Len & Joanne Place with Bridget & Tassie Leonard & Amy Yudeiken with Spencer

#### 1/3/14

Angelina Balthazar with Maki Paula & Ethan Cradock with Harley Zoe Gorde with Maisey & Odi Max Jensen with Luna Denise McGregor & Graham Forsythe with Dobie & Bowie Susi Rusli with Magi Janine & Neville Scott with Henry

Ela Starzvnska with Goldie & Bonnie Helen. Trov. Jason & Sami Urguhart with Max

#### 15/3/14

Michelle Becroft &Lindsay Kerfoot with Jet & **Bonnie** 

Michelle & James Bell with Lena Kathryn Byron & Nigel Hill with Paisley Birgit Doege with Indie Stuart, Nicole & Monique Glase with Cosmo

Adriana Parris with Flynn

Kate & Graham Pearson with Sasha & Naala Peter Lorimer & Mary Fien with Billy

Tim, Caitlin & Cheryl Larksworthy with Cooper

Kirstie McWhannell with Captain Alex & Dan Sassen with Whisper

Kaye Snow with **Herbert** 

Juliana & Guy Tristram with Pepper

Carmine Vescio with Arnold Jane & Bruce Waldron with Zena

Sandi, Chris & Jake Welch with Lucy

Maria Xavier with Milo

Have you noticed that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?



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#### Renewals are due before 30 June.

Members will receive reminder notices during May.

Members, still on the old membership scheme involving ground fees, are reminded they will have to switch to the current scheme to remain financial.

#### Annual membership fees are

\$115.00 for ordinary members

\$30.00 for juniors, pensioners, instructors & management committee members.

\$20.00 extra for a second dog. Any more in one family are free.



# Congratulations on your promotion



Melissa Hunt & Franklin to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Helen Hanna & Ruby to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class James Tan & Bailey to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Nanelle Callenden & Lily to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Alvse Callenden & Mia to 2nd Class Julie Dowding & Daisy to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Gabriella Wassermyer & Ruby to 2nd Class

Sophie Beard & Maddie to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Robina Zanelli & Glory to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Christiane Austen & Badger to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Duncan Smith & Pippa to 2nd Class Nicole Keller & Jett to 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Anna Uther & Chino to 4th Class

# What Class am I in?

On the day you become a member of Northern Suburbs DTC you will join one the following groups

Puppy Class for New Members with puppies under 9 months old

First Class for New Members with dogs 9 months old & over

After the first lesson for New Members, your classes are called

Puppy Class - Weeks 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

First Class - Weeks 2, 3 & 4

Puppies are promoted to Advanced Puppy Class after Week 6 First Class dogs are promoted to Advanced First Class after Week 4

# Here's your chance to help your club & at the same time see what happens in a trial!

# NSDTC Annual Obedience & RO Trial Sunday 27 April 2014

We need **club members** to **volunteer** as stewards in the Obedience & Rally O rings.

Please see Kim Dowding (ph 9653 2045) if you'd like to & can help.

# Dances with Dogs Double Competition 9 June 2014 from 10 am

NSDTC organises this competition each year. It is held in the Douglas Pickering Pavilion at St Ives Showground

If club members would like to help on the day please contact Penny Dalzell (ph 9997 4518)

# Ku-ring-gai K9 Test Day 14 June 2014 from 12 noon

This is the first test day for 2014.

If you are in 3rd Class or above you & your dog are ready to be tested!

The test exercises are all listed in your Club Information & Training Manual.

Please see Gael Goldsack to book in.

# Want to learn more about dogs? Our special sessions & classes can help you

# Saturday 5 April 4pm at the Clubhouse Obedience presented by Judy Perrin

Obedience training is the happy way to form a good working relationship between dog & handler
Think you already know all about it?
Come & find out how much more there is to know!

# Saturday 10 May 4pm at the Clubhouse Dances With Dogs presented by Penny Dalzell

Dogs love the freedom & fun of working to music.

Dances with Dogs is a great activity for all dogs, of all ages & sizes.

Penny is an expert & a certified judge

Come & find out how **YOU** can become involved in this fun activity

# Saturday 14 June 4pm at the Clubhouse Endurance Test presented by Janine Prior & Mel Duker

Find out what is involved, how to train your dog & why & where these tests are held

# On-going extra training opportunities



# **Dances with Dogs Classes**

First Wednesday of each month at 6.30 - 7.30pm Contact Instructor Penny Dalzell 9997 4518







Monday nights 7.30pm - 9.00pm Contact Instructor Ginny Legh 9489 1554



# **K9 Nose Time Workshops at St Ives!**

Many thanks & congratulations to our Education Committee for organising a most interesting K9 Nose Time demonstration on 16 February It was presented by Marion Brand & her team.

The key point from the brochure, provided by Marion, states -

"Nose Work is the fun search & scenting activity that virtually all dogs & their people can enjoy."

# Club members are invited to try this exciting dog sport on our home grounds

- Suitable for all dogs regardless of age, temperament or training level
- ★ Dogs work individually. Approx 4 turns per session
- Course to start in May on Thursday afternoons
- \* 3 time slots available 2.30, 4.30 or 6.30pm
- Cost is \$180 for 6 week course

#### A FEW SPACES STILL AVAILABLE SO SIGN UP NOW!

Please contact Karin Bridge on 9418 2467 or email getsmartdogs@yahoo.com

Visit http://k9nosetime.com



Two Club dogs, Tilly & Bodhi, demonstrated how quickly novice dogs learn to use their noses to find their favourite treats, no matter where they've been hidden!





Bodhi was a little put off at the beginning by the audience & all those boxes! It wasn't long before he realised 'this is fun' & really got stuck into the search game





# Reward based training - using voice, cuddles & treats

by Ginny Legh

Reward based training produces a happy dog who really wants to work with you.

Rewards come in many guises such as voice, pats & cuddles, food & toys.

If your boss paid you peanuts instead of \$'s, you'd tell them to go jump in the lake & find a new job with a more realistic boss, wouldn't you?

Dogs behave in a similar way when you don't pay them properly for working well.

- They stop listening to you & no longer pay attention
- They start looking around for something more interesting to do
- They put their nose down & start sniffing the ground or pick up a stick to chew on
- They move away from you & start to pull on the lead, etc

#### So how can you 'pay' your dog appropriately?

Your voice is the one of the best treats you can give your dog. A happy, enthusiastic 'yes' can instantly mark the moment when the dog did the right thing. This, of course, is followed by a treat in the early stages of training & when training something new.

Once the dog knows the exercise, you can reward with the 'yes' every time they do it correctly & randomise the giving of treats (remember a particularly good performance can also earn a jackpot!). All types of reward must be given **within 3 seconds** of the wanted behaviour occurring or the dog doesn't know what he's being rewarded for.

Constant repetition of a word will result in the dog tuning out. For example don't keep saying "sit', use your hands to show what you want or a treat to lure them into position.

Choose what your dog considers <u>high value treat foods</u>. Try all of the following cooked beef sausages, left over lean lamb or beef, cheese, salami, cabanossi, BBQ chicken or **soft** commercial treats such as Chicken Chunkers. Mix them up as well.

Food treats should be **soft & tiny**, **really tiny** - no bigger than your little finger nail. You can reward your dog with 2-3 treats of this size & wow! they've hit the jackpot.

Talking of jackpots - if your dog does something really well, stop & reward him with your **voice** & your **hands** & **feed 5-6 treats** in quick succession. Attach the word **'jackpot'** to this performance - your pup will soon learn the meaning of the word!

Avoid using hard treats such as kibble & dried liver or beef treats as puppies take too long to chew them & everything stops until 'I've finished this bit!' If they gulp the treat they can choke on it & remember, their **everyday kibble is extremely boring!** 

When training puppies, we advise using lots of food treats. In the first few lessons you will have learned to use treats, your 'happy' voice & 'soft touch' hands to lure your puppy into doing the chosen exercise.

As you progress you will stop luring, but have tiny treats always at the ready & give them generously. You will then start to randomise the giving of treats & intersperse it with voice rewards only, in other words you'll keep the dog guessing as to when the next treat will appear!!

#### Play it safe! 5 rules to follow when choosing dog toys

**Rule 1.** Choose the right kind of toys for your dog's breed & size. The main rules are the toy should be (a) large enough so it can't lodge in the mouth or be caught in the throat, (b) has no pointed or sharp components & (c) is made of non toxic materials.

**Rule 2**. Never give him old slippers, shoes or clothes to chew on, he won't know (or care about!) the difference between old or new.

**Rule 3** Don't give him a heap of toys at the same time or he may think everything that is thrown on the ground or floor is for him & can be chewed up.

**Rule 4.** Don't think all baby toys are suitable for your dog. This is especially so for puppies, because, when they're teething, their canine teeth are far more piercing than any human teeth. They may chew off & swallow pieces of the toy which may not be digestible & can cause a bowel obstruction (a very costly veterinary emergency!!). **Rule 5.** Although most dogs love stuffed toys, they're not ideal dog toys. Even though

there are some exceptional dogs that will not destroy stuffed toys, most will rip the plastic nose & eyes or the stuffed ears off & swallow them. These are often risky & indigestible items, resulting in a very unpleasant visit to the vet for both you & your dog. Only let them let them play with stuffed toys when you're with them.

#### 'Leave it' !!!

Is your pup the 'one word from me & he does exactly what he wants' type? Is he aggressive towards other dogs & other animals such as cats? Is he the local garbage guts, who loves to eat & roll in the most horrible, smelly things? Does he steal your best shoes & run off with them saying 'catch me if you can!'

The 'leave it' command can make a huge difference in all these situations

'Leave it' is taught the same way as every other exercise - with reward based training.

Step one is to get your dog to realise 'leave it' means treats, praise & pats are coming.

Sit your dog & put a small food treat on the ground about half a metre away. Stand beside him & tell your dog in a firm (but non aggressive voice) to 'leave it'. Count to 5 & if your dog sits & waits, then tell him 'eat' or 'take' & immediately praise him with lots of pats, hugs & another couple of treats.

Practise this at least twice daily & within a week your dog will happily 'leave' whatever you put in front of him because he knows a reward treat & praise is coming.

If he doesn't sit still the first few times, **you** have move really quickly & grab the treat off the floor before he gets to it, whilst saying 'ooh ooh'. Then repeat 'sit' & start again.

You can use his dinner as extra practice but make sure you do the exercise in the house, in the garden, in the park & even in the car because you want 'leave it' to work no matter where you are, not just where he is normally fed.

#### The 'leave it' cue can be very successfully linked with the 'come' cue.

In other words, if your dog is showing aggression towards another dog or running off with your shoe, you tell him 'leave it' then say 'come'. He is used to having a 5 second delay after the 'leave it' & knows the 'come' always produces rewards so he will drop whatever he is doing & come to you. The problem situation is solved & yet the whole exercise was a positive experience & no harsh words or actions by you were required.

# **Basic obedience** is the bottom-line essential for every activity involving dogs



Focus. The dog responds to the 'watch' or 'look' cue, maintaining total focus on their handler.



The dog walks quietly & steadily beside your left leg at normal, slow & fast paces. They remain in position on all turns.

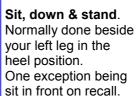






The Recall.

The dog is put into a sit, down or stand position & told to 'wait' whilst the handler walks away & turns to face them. Initially trained on lead & when they are stable, can slowly progress to off lead work. On the 'come' cue the dog returns to the handler & sits squarely in front.





Stay. The dog is placed in a sit, down or stand position. The handler leaves to the required distance. The exercise is done as a group, as in obedience trials or one-on-one, as in stand for examination.





# After completing the basics - what else can I do with my dog?

We encourage all members to continue training at the Club after completing the first few weeks even if only to continue the socialisation of your dogs & meet new friends.

We provide instruction in Obedience, Rally Obedience, Agility, Dances With Dogs & Gun Dog training.

There are a number of other options such as Herding, Earthdog Tests, Endurance Tests & Flyball but these are not taught at NSDTC.

## When can I start doing these more challenging activities?

You are already doing all the basic & essential exercises in class.

In Advanced First & Advanced Puppy classes you will find your dog's concentration span is often very short & you may only get a limited response - a few steps of good heeling, a quick sit or down is a great achievement & needs maximum reward.

Don't despair when your dog suddenly loses concentration & seems to have forgotten all they've ever learned. Go & do something completely different for few moments before returning to training. Finish the session with an exercise you are sure the dog can do successfully, so you can praise & reward them liberally.

With many, many short training sessions the wanted behaviours will become the norm & you'll wonder why you ever thought you'd never succeed.

In the early stages you need to practise in quiet surroundings with the least number of distractions. (NB. Sometimes your dog will be distracted during class, but remember, in class, we are really training & showing **you** how to train your dog). Once the basics are established, it is time to start practising in other places with more & varied distractions.

Once you are promoted to 2nd Class you will be ready to join the Rally Obedience training sessions held on Monday nights from 7.00pm. (Contact Ginny Legh 9489 1554)

When you reach 3rd Class you'll be encouraged to get ready to compete in the Ku-ring-gai K9 Award (KK9). This is an in-house test of basic manners & obedience. We hold the test twice each year (read about the Award in your Club Handbook).

**You can start Agility** once your dog is reasonably competent in the 3rd Class, (so long as your dog is over 12 months old). Agility is on Saturdays from 9.00 - noon. Your dog will need to pass our basic obedience & temperament test before starting Agility. The test is done by one of the Senior Agility Instructors.

When you reach 4th Class you have a number of options -

**Trial Learners Group** – for those who wish to enter Obedience Trials at the CCD (Community Companion Dog) level but who are not yet ready to trial.

**Triallers Group** – for those who, on being tested by one of our Dogs NSW Judges or an experienced CCD/CD instructor in the monthly Mock Trial Ring, can prove they are ready to trial or who need to polish up on the finer points & learn more about ring craft. **Fun Fourth** – for those who never wish to enter a trial ring but who want to continue their training for fun. The class will include Obedience, Rally O & a weekly pick of one of the following - trick training, dog dancing, gundog work, agility, KK9, marching to music, tracking, etc.



# Saginor Loki 'MILLIE'

22/6/1997 - 1/3/2014 16 years & 8 months

Millie came to our family as a rescued dog, aged 2, in need of love.

She was afraid of people, especially men & other dogs.

After patient help from many men at NSDTC Millie was able to take her place in the Schnauzer Club obedience team at the Royal Easter Show & at shopping centres, schools, nursing homes etc., as part of the NSDTC Demonstration Team.

Millie was a strong willed & funny dog. The overwhelming reply by fellow class members when asked to describe Millie, was a chuckle & "She's a real character."

On 1st March, Millie came to St Ives as usual, received biscuits from Nicholas (one of her long time favourites) & supervised the dogs' playtime.

When we came home Millie went into her crate & fell asleep.

We will miss you Millie.

Bob, Eve & especially Yogi Park.

# Farewell to two wonderful club dogs



**Masupi Dancing Magic** RN DWDF.S. DWDHTM.S. ADM ADO(2) JDM JDO GDX SPD SD

#### 'MINDI'

Mindi came into my life in 2006, as a companion to Pandora, after being used as a breeding dog.

Although very nervous at first, as previously her exposure to life had been limited, she approached everything she did with total joy & enthusiasm.

She loved & excelled in Agility, but when we had to turn to other sports, due to my lack of mobility, she excelled in those too. She gained 98/100 in each of her only two CCD trials entered! She was just happy to be doing anything as long as we were together.

Pandora & I miss you sweet little girl with your big eyes & continually wagging tail, but you will always be in my heart. Run & dance free.

Tricia & Pandora Nicola

## A Healthy Dog is a Happy Dog

# Do you have an itchy bitch or a desperate dog?

In the last few months many owners have been dealing with itchy dogs & all the problems that are associated with the misery it causes for the dogs & their owners.

There are numerous causes & reasons for irritated skin conditions.

Some are obvious, such as fleas, grass ticks & allergies to various plants, the best known of these being the sap from wandering jew & the sticky pollen from paspalum grass.

Humidity often increases itchiness, especially if the dog has hypersensitive skin.

Some dogs will develop 'hot spots', a form of moist dermatitis. The dog will be very itchy, typically turning frantically as if stung by an insect & will bite & scratch at the affected area. When you check the area you'll find a weeping sore which may already be hairless. Hot spots grow in size almost before your eyes if left untreated. The most important thing is to dry them out quickly, stop the dog biting or licking the spot & get them to the vet for appropriate treatment.

We, as owners, can deal with the obvious problems such as fleas & plant allergies by ensuring our dogs are properly protected with appropriate topical medications, regular grooming, bathing & inspection of the dog's skin or adequate weed control.

All other skin problems should be dealt with by your vet. The answer may be a simple one but there are many serious conditions associated with itchy skin that can only be managed by a professional.

## **Kennel cough** (canine infectious tracheobronchitis)

This is a highly infectious disease affecting the trachea (wind pipe) & causes a severe productive or non-productive cough.

#### **Signs**

- Persistent coughing as if something is caught in the throat
- Sometimes coughing in a spasm-like way. Often white frothy foam is produced
- There may be watery discharge from the eyes
- Dogs can, otherwise, appear bright & well, appetite is usually normal
- It is rarely fatal & then only with heart or respiratory compromised dogs.
- ~ The annual C5 vaccination provides some protection but is not 100% effective.
- ~ Vaccination reduces the severity & the risk of contracting kennel cough.
- It is normally contracted when dogs are in close contact with infected dogs in kennels, at dog shows, in dog training areas, etc., hence the name 'kennel cough'.
- Infected dogs are often well in themselves despite the cough but pneumonia can sometimes follow.
- ~ Less severe cases often resolve themselves without treatment but good care & rest are essential.
- If your dog is showing signs of kennel cough it is wise to consult your vet for advice.

## Easter is a great time for humans but.....

**It's not a safe time for dogs** as there are so many yummy chocolate treats around & often families gather together for Easter egg hunts & BBQ's.

All types of chocolate or cocoa & any lollies containing the artificial sweetener, **Xylitol**, are toxic for dogs & can be fatal.

Some of the other foods which should never be given to dogs are onions, nuts, grapes, raisins, fatty off cuts of pork, ham or bacon & cooked bones.

## **Paunchy Pooches**

Dogs & humans often share these problems - too much food & too little exercise.

Obesity can lead to serious conditions like arthritis, pancreatitis, diabetes & even cardiovascular disease. It can drastically shorten our dog's lives.

#### Ways to check if your dog is overweight

- Can you feel each rib when you run your fingers along the ribcage?
- · When viewed from above, does your dog have a definite 'waist' behind the ribcage?
- When viewed side on, does your dog's tummy tuck upwards from the bottom of the ribcage to the groin?
- Does your dog have 'love handles' just in front of their hips?

#### For dogs that are overweight, a proper weight reduction program is essential.

- Firstly, record your dog's starting weight & then weigh your dog weekly.
- Talk to your vet about a suitable weight reduction diet. There are many specially formulated dry & canned diets available from your vet.
- With your vet work out what your dog's target weight should be.
- Then feed your dog the amount of food needed for a dog that would weigh 60% of this target weight. This should see the dog's weight reducing about 3% per week & you should achieve your dog's target weight in about 12 weeks.
- The next rule is essential but tough you know what it is! Never feed titbits & never feed your dog from the dinner table.
- Make sure your dog doesn't have access to other food sources such as another
  pet's food & that is it not sneaking to the neighbour's house for a second course.
- Don't provide free access to food unless you measure the exact amount every day.
- · Use food from the daily allowance as reward treats.

#### Exercise is an essential part of a weight reduction program.

- Burning the calories is vital. It's a great opportunity for you & your dog to start an exercise program together!
- There are many benefits from exercising your dog in your own back yard by throwing balls & toys in various different directions. Swimming is also wonderful exercise for dogs if you can organise it.

Be tough with yourself to be kind to your pet.

# **Trial Results**

Your dog's Title achievement will be recorded in Yaps & Yelps on completion of a NSDTC Application for a Title Trophy form

Rally O	RN = Rally Novice	RA = I	Rally Advanced	RE = Rally Excellent	RAE = Rally Advanced	Excellent
Jennifer Fahey & Allie Jennifer Fahey & Geo Catherine Crouch & Li	orgia	4.1.14 111.14 4.1.14	RA	Karin Bridge & Gracie Sally Brook & Hannah		

## **Agility**

AD = Agility Dog JD = Jumping Dog SD = Snooker Dog GD = Gamblers Dog SPD = Strategic Pairs O=Open X= Excellent M=Masters are added to the above as more advanced titles are gained

15.7.13	JD
9.12.13	JDX
20.8.13	AD
8.9.13	GD
24.9.13	SPD
	9.12.13 20.8.13 8.9.13



Is this a photo of a new type of obstacle ??? Maybe it could be called a huddle!



# Agility is fun even when it rains!!!



We had to keep warm somehow!



### Wildlife Conservation In Africa



#### Presented by Dr Jim Thompson from Turramurra Veterinary Hospital

Dr Thompson gave us a fascinating talk, illustrated with his own videos, of leopard tracking & satellite collaring in Zimbabwe & some of the conservation being undertaken for the threatened African Wild Dog & Rhino populations.

Sincere thanks to Dr Thompson for being so generous with his time & to the Education Committee for organising the evening.



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My business, Lonely Pets Club - Hornsby, will feed, walk, water, love and cuddle your pets whenever you go away.

I can also water plants, security check your home and tend your rubbish bins if needed.

I'd love a chance to meet with you, have a coffee and chat about your pet care needs.





We believe that pets experience less stress by staying at home. Say GOODBYE to kennels and catteries!

1300 CUDDLE (1300 283 353) lonelypetsclub.com.au

# All you'll need to know

- New Members enrolment between 2.15 2.45pm every second Saturday. Please check the website for enrolment day dates.
- All dogs must be FULLY IMMUNISED (Veterinary Certificate required plus 2 weeks from date of last vaccination). Please read NSDTC Vaccination Policy overleaf.
- Junior Members are 12 to 15 years of age.
- Training equipment (leads, training collars, etc) can be purchased at the Clubhouse.

#### **MEMBERSHIP FEES:**

Full year \$115.00 (for those joining between June & December)
Half year \$60.00 (for those joining between January & May)

· If training more than one dog

\$20.00 extra per annum for second dog, third or more free

• Pensioners, Juniors, Instructors & Management Committee members \$30.00 (no half yearly concessions)

ANNUAL RENEWAL of MEMBERSHIP is due by 30 June each year.

YAPS & YELPS: The Club journal is available at the enrolment table or can be

viewed on our website www.nsdogtraining

Articles for Yaps & Yelps are welcomed & may be left at the table or emailed to The Editor, Ginny Legh at ginny.l@tpg.com.au

NB. Agility
New memberships

can only be

accepted on

Saturday afternoons

**TRAINING** is held in the Dog Rings at St Ives Showground every Saturday, February - November inclusive. NB. **No** training on Public Holidays

#### **OBEDIENCE:**

Saturdays 3.00 - 4.00pm Puppies, Adv Puppies, First, Adv First, Second & Third Classes

New member intakes for First & Puppy Classes - every second Saturday.

Please arrive by 2.15pm so paper work can be completed prior to start of 3.00pm classes

Saturdays 12.30 - 1.30pm Sixth (UD) Class

Saturdays 1.30 - 2.30pm Fourth (CCD & CD) & Fifth (CDX) Classes

Mondays 7.00 - 9.30pm Rally O training - Dogs to be in 2nd class or above

Wednesday 7.30 - 8.30pm Training for Instructors only

AGILITY: Beginners First Saturday of the month Saturdays 9.00 - 12 noon

Night Agility Mondays , **Adv level** only, 7.00 - 9.30pm

FLYBALL: All levels Alternate Saturdays 2.15 - 2.45pm

Dogs must be at least 1 year old & in Third Class or above to start Agility or Flyball

#### **NSDTC Inc VACCINATION POLICY**

**Up-dated September 2010** 

- NSDTC requires a minimum C3 (distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus) vaccination administered after the age of 12 weeks for all puppies less than 12 months old.
  - <u>Please Note.</u> A delay of two weeks after the final puppy vaccinations is required before puppies are permitted to join classes.
- All adult dogs (over 12 months old) joining or renewing, must have had at least a C3 vaccination administered after 12 months of age. Triennial (3-yearly) C3 vaccination is considered acceptable thereafter.
- Dogs joining or renewing over the age of 4 years that have not had a C3 vaccination in the preceding 3 years must be referred to the Club Vet officer or official nominee.
- Veterinary certificates showing adequate antibody titres\* to distemper, hepatitis & parvovirus will be accepted by NSDTC for all adult dogs as long as they are dated within the preceding 12 months.
  - \*Adequate antibody titres for distemper, hepatitis & parvovirus are considered to be > 1: 20
- As Bordetella & Parainfluenza (both agents causing canine cough) are not generally life threatening to healthy dogs, these vaccinations would be optional, but recommended & owners are reminded these may be required by boarding kennels.
- All vaccination & antibody titre certificates must be signed by a registered veterinary surgeon.
- Homeopathic 'vaccinations' will <u>not</u> be accepted.

#### **PARKING**

- Please park on the LEFT of the road as you enter the showground or near the picnic area beside the Douglas Pickering Pavilion.
- The parking area on the right, nearer the Clubhouse, is for 'on duty' Club Members who need to leave their dogs in the car, carry equipment, etc. Thank you.

#### **CLUB & USE of GROUND GUIDELINES**

These guidelines are for the benefit of all members & the general public who use St Ives Showground.

- · All dogs must be <u>on lead</u> during club training times (except when off lead work is directed by an instructor during class).
- Dog droppings must be cleaned up & placed in a bin.
- · Always wear your name tag.
- The dog rings are a leash free area EXCEPT on Saturdays.
- The main oval may be used for leash free exercise, so long as no other organised event is taking place.

#### **PATRONS**

Mayor of Ku-ring-gai, Cr Jennifer Anderson Dr Jamie Geddes Dr Jim Thompson Dr Le Hammer

#### COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

#### **OFFICE BEARERS**

President: Vickie Dean 0411 751 186 Club Secretary: Gael Goldsack 94873656

(Postal Address - PO Box 426 Turramurra 2074)

Treasurer: Ngaire Chant 0414 555 884 Kim Dowding Vice Presidents: 9653 2045

Maggie Young 9451 7986

Chief Instructors: Judy Perrin 9449 7388 (Obedience) Jennifer Hamilton 9982 9029 (Agility)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS** 

Assistant Treasurer: Kay Luke Pat Walsh Clubhouse Coordinator & Agility Liaison: Council & Showground Liaison Officer: Sandra Fry

Ku-ring-gai K9 Co-ordinator: Sharon Househam Pam Rutledge Membership Secretary:

Asst Membership Secretary: Vacant Newsletter Editor & Archives: Ginny Legh Obedience Demonstration Team Coordinator

Nicholas Grav Publicity & Website Officer: Melinda Duker Rally O Coordinator: Ginny Legh Training Equipment Officer: Kay Luke John Jonker

Training & Trial Equipment Officer:

**Agility Trial Sub Committee Obedience Trial Sub Committee** 

Trial Manager: Vickie Dean Trial Manager: Jane Hampel Trial Secretary: Trial Secretary: Nicholas Gray Tsuey Hui Chief Steward: Kim Dowding Chief Steward: Allison Harvey Trophy Officer: Denise Wigney Trophy Officer: Maggie Young

> Equipment Officers: Andy Seitz & John Jonker Catering Officers: Kay Hogan & Sharon Househam

**Education Sub Committee** 

Rally O Trial Sub Committee Karin Bridge, Jennifer Hamilton Trial Manager: Tracy Geary Di Hollett, Judy Perrin, Jacky Walker Trial Secretary: Karen Ortado Sharon Househam Chief Steward: Ginny Legh

**Dances with Dogs Sub Committee** 

Manager/Secretary: Penny Dalzell Equipment: Ginny Legh Catering: Gael Goldsack

Inter-club Challenge Coordinator

Penny Dalzell

**Enquiries re joining the Club:** Ginny Legh 9489 1554

Clubhouse telephone number 9440 2047 (Saturdays only)

Please note this telephone has no message recording facility. It will only be answered during training times if the ring tone is heard by someone in the Clubhouse.

# **NSDTC DOGGY DIARY DATES**



# April - June 2014

Sat 5 Apr	Normal training Trial steward training 12.30pm	Obedience talk 4.00pm			
Sat 12 Apr	New members				
Sat 19 Apr	NO TRAINING - Easter Saturday				
Sat 26 Apr	Normal training				
Sun 27 Apr	NSDTC Obedience Trial				
Sat 3 May	New members	General Meeting 4.00pm			
Sat 10 May	Normal training Dance	s with Dogs Talk 4.00pm			
Sat 17 May	No Training - St Ives Show				
Sat 24 May	New members	Instructors meeting 4.00pm			
Wed 28 May		Committee Meeting 7.30pm			
Sat 31 May	Normal training				
Sat 7 June	No Training - June long weekend				
Mon 9 June	NSDTC Dances With Dogs Competition from 10am (Douglas Pickering Pavilion)				
Sat 14 June	New members KK9 Test Day from 12 noon End	urance Test Talk 4.00pm			
Sat 21 June	Normal training Talk - Dr Jim Thompson Vaccii	nations & Vet Q&A 4.00pm			



Membership renewals due

**General Meeting 4.00pm** 

Sat 28 June

New members

The minutes of General Meetings can be viewed on the noticeboard in the Club House