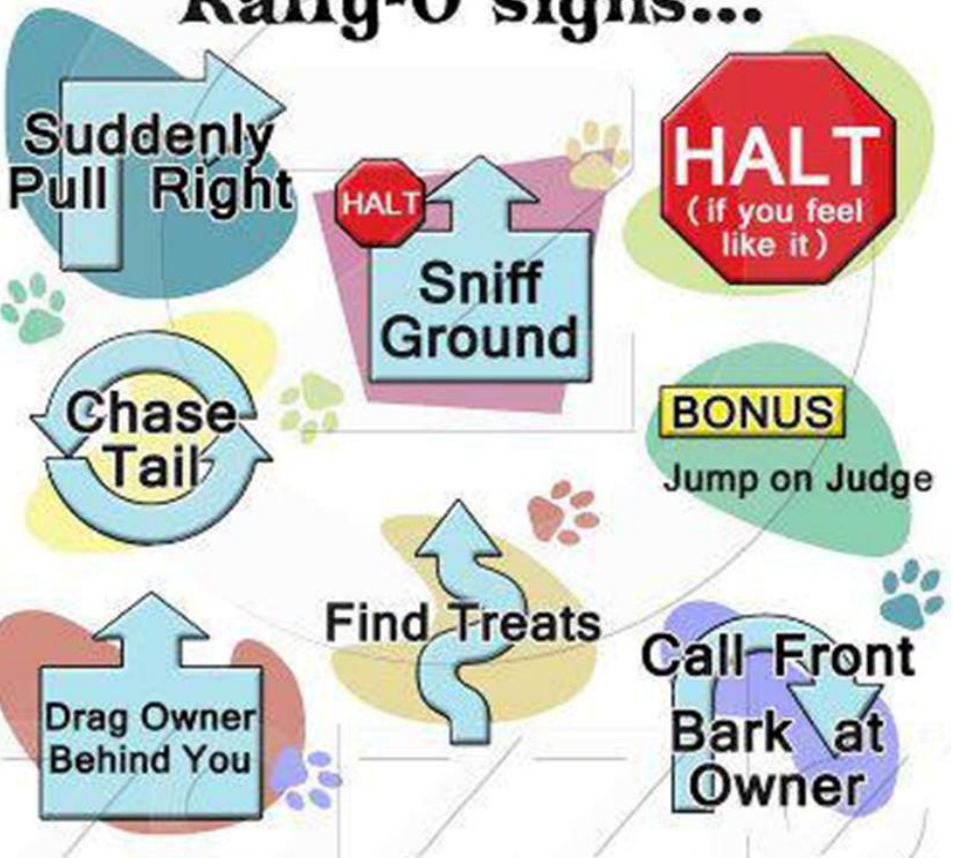




Yaps & Yelps

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If dogs made the Rally-O signs...



Thanks to Di Hollett, Liz Grewal & Heather Bell
who sourced this from Facebook
Thanks also to the clever, but unknown, author



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What is a Title, Really?

Not just a brag; Not just a stepping stone to a higher title;
Not just an adjunct to competitive scores.....

A Title is a tribute to the dog that bears it; a way to honour that dog..... an ultimate memorial

A Title will remain in the record...and in the memory for about as long as anything in this world can remain.....

And though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievements have been noticed.....

A Title says many things in this world of humans.... where such things count

A Title says your dog was... Intelligent, adaptable, and good-natured
It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that pleased you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed

A Title says that you loved your dog....That you loved him enough to spend time with him because he was a good dog,
That you believed in him enough..... to give him yet another chance when he failed, and..... that in the end your faith was justified.

A Title proves your dog inspired you to have the special relationship enjoyed by so few;

That in a world of disposable creatures, this... Dog with a Title... was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return

And when that dear short life is over... The Title remains as a memorial of the finest kind....The best you can give to a deserving friend,

A Title says..... volumes of praise in one small set of initials before or after the name

**A Title is nothing less than.....Love and respect
Given and received permanently.**

Thanks to Gael Goldsack for this lovely article from the Bernese Mountain Dog website.

Dogs Welcome

A man wrote to a small hotel, "I would very much like to bring my dog with me. He is very well behaved & well-groomed. Would you permit me to keep him in my room with me at night?"

The immediate reply was "I've been operating this hotel for many years. I've never had a dog steal towels, bedclothes, silverware or pictures off the walls. I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk & disorderly & I've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill. Yes, indeed, your dog is welcome at my hotel.

And, if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here, too."

Good news



Great to see that Barb Rogleff's 'Lyla' is recovering well from her recent emergency surgery following the birth of her eight lovely Standard Poodle puppies.

Lucky little 'Boomer' is staying with Barb & 'Lyla'.

We look forward to seeing him in a NSDTC puppy class very soon!!

Congratulations to our teams at the Interclub Challenge Obedience Trial

we came 12th & 14th out of 28!



Lords of the Rings

Mary Young & Tiki CCD
Jenny Scamps & Fly CD
Sandy Fry & Heath Open
Pat Walsh & Venus Open
Anna Steele & Kelly UD

Dogwarts

Tricia Woodman & Hamish CCD
Pat Walsh & Angel CD
Jenny Scamps & Charlie Open
Karin Bridge & Gracie Open
Judy Perrin & Fern UD

Penny Dalzell - Club Steward

Collars & Leads

Permanent wear collars

By law in NSW, all dogs must wear a collar with a tag at all times, showing at least the owner's address & phone number. Collar & tag must be worn even when they are in your house or garden .

The ideal collar for permanent wear is made from leather or a synthetic material with a buckle or click-together clasp (known as a flat or fixed collar).

Collars for training & general walking

The **martingale** (aka training) **collar** is very suitable for training. It is made from a woven material & is adjusted to tighten to a specific point so when the dog pulls it feels the collar tighten & with training, gets the message to ease off.

This type of collar has an added benefit - should the dog get a fright & pull backwards, the collar will tighten & not slip off the dog's head.

There is also the **head halter** which gives the handler greater control of the dog's head & fore quarters. There are a number of brands & each has its own particular method of fitting & effect.

A **front attachment harness** is also recommended for dogs who pull.

All the above need to be fitted by an experienced person. NSDTC sells a range of collars, head halters & the front attachment harnesses. Our instructors are happy to help you find what will best suit your dog, to fit it for you & show you how to use it.

NB. The above collars **must not be left on the dog when the owner is not present**. The dog should wear a normal fixed collar unless a lead is attached.

Leads

A soft cotton lead, approximately 750mm to 1m long is ideal for training purposes. Long leads get in the way & make it even harder for novice handlers to organise their hands, the food treats & themselves! Chain leads are not ideal as they are very hard on the hands.

A long lead is great for just going for a walk, because it lets you give your dog a bit more freedom to sniff all the messages left by other canines.

**A Healthy Dog
is
a Happy Dog**

More hazards for dogs

Stinkhorn Fungi *Aseroe rubra*

Queensland Government website

They produce spore slime, which has an intense smell of rotting meat or sewage. They are very common on wood or bark-chip mulch in gardens and on deep litter on the rainforest floor. There are a number of differently shaped species, but all are readily recognisable by the smell of the spore slime.

The smell is attractive to dogs and possibly cats. Deaths of small dogs have occurred. The toxins are unknown, but are thought to develop during the enzymatic liquefaction of the spore slime. They are generally gastro-irritants.

Seek urgent medical attention for any ingestion.

These fungi are regularly found in mulched areas of Sydney suburban gardens & in the chip barked areas of St Ives Showground.



Human foods that can major health problems for dogs

- Chocolate - toxic ingredient is theobromine,
- Onions and garlic - toxic ingredient is thiosulphate.
- Macadamia nuts (toxin unknown)
- Grapes & raisins (toxin unknown)
- Fat in anything but small amounts - can cause pancreatitis (potentially fatal)
- Avocado (all parts) - the toxic ingredient is persin
- Pear pips, the kernels of plums, peaches & apricots, apple core pips (contain cyanogenic glycosides resulting in cyanide poisoning)
- Potato peelings & green looking potatoes
- Mouldy/spoiled foods, especially fish & prawn heads
- Corn cobs - a common cause of intestinal blockage requiring surgical removal
- Rhubarb leaves
- Foods/liquids containing caffeine
- Tomato leaves & stems (green parts)
- Broccoli (in large amounts)
- Alcohol
- Yeast dough
- Xylitol - artificial sweetener

**The best advice is to give food
recommended for dogs**

**Remember! They do not need the huge
variety of foods that humans consume.**

Don't throw sticks for dogs

Hopefully everyone has heard the recent advice widely featured in the media.

Throwing sticks for dogs to chase can result in horrific injuries & each year, many dogs are killed retrieving sticks which are thrown for them.

The most common injury is caused by the stick tearing through the throat & ripping the oesophagus. There are also many cases where the stick rips upwards through the mouth or penetrates the dog's eye & there have even been cases where the stick has gone right through the dog's torso.

Owners are strongly advised against throwing sticks for their dog to retrieve & should instead throw toys such as balls, soft toys & Frisbees.

Not only do the injuries cause a huge amount of pain & suffering to the animal, these type of accidents can also cause infection & long term internal damage & in many cases, death.

Injured dogs usually require extensive & costly veterinary care.

New study shows dogs DO use colour vision

Although their perception of colour is limited, new research suggests that dogs routinely discriminate between objects based on their hue.

The idea that dogs only see the world in black, white and shades of gray is a common misconception. What's true, though, is that like most mammals, dogs only have [two types of colour receptors](#) (commonly called "cones") in their eyes, unlike humans, who have three.

Each of these cones is sensitive to a different wavelength (i.e. colour) of light. By detecting different quantities of each wavelength and combining them, our [three cones](#) can transmit various signals for all the hues of the colour wheel, the same way the three primary colours can be mixed in different amounts to do the same.

But because they only have two cones, dogs' ability to see colour is indeed quite limited compared to ours (a rough comparison would be the vision of humans with [red-green colour blindness](#), since they, too, only have two cones). Whereas a human with full colour vision sees red, orange, yellow, green, blue and violet along the spectrum of visible light, [a dog sees grayish brown, dark yellow, light yellow, grayish yellow, light blue and dark blue](#), respectively - essentially, different combinations of the same two colours, yellow and blue:

Consequently, researchers have long believed that dogs seldom rely on colours to discriminate between objects, instead looking solely at items' darkness or brightness to do so. But a new experiment indicates that this idea, too, is a misconception.

Anyone interested in reading the whole article should go to - <http://blogs.smithsonianmag.com/science/2013/07/new-study-shows-that-dogs-use-color-vision-after-all/>

Thanks to Pam Rutledge for alerting us to this article

Trial Results

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

Obedience

CDD = Community Companion Dog CD = Companion Dog CDX = Companion Dog Excellent
UD = Utility Dog UDX = Utility Dog Excellent O.CH = Obedience Champion

Nel Paterson & Micki 19.5.13 **CCD**
Nicole Keller & Alfa 17.5.13 **CCD**

Rally O

RN = Rally Novice RA = Rally Advanced RE = Rally Excellent RAE = Rally Advanced Excellent

Jennifer Fahey & Georgia 14.7.13 **RN**
Maggie Young & Jester 28.3.13 **RN**

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

Jacky Walker & Fergus 31.5.13 AD	Michael Feigin & Taby 26.5.13 AD
Joyce Clark & Tess 9.3.13 SDX	Janene Branc & Zircon 2.6.13 GD
Kay Hogan & Roy 18.5.13 AD	Noelle Deshon & Ned 4.6.13 JDX
Kay Hogan & Roy 9.3.13 JD	Noelle Deshon & Ned 22.5.13 AD

Herding

Sandra Fry & Heath June 2013 **HIT**

Dances with Dogs

HTM = Heelwork to Music. Levels Starters (S), Novice (N), Intermediate (I) & Advanced (A)
DWDF = Free Style. Levels Starters (S), Novice (N), Intermediate (I) & Advanced (A)

Sandra Fry & Heath 10.6.13 DWDF.S & HTM. S
Gila Levy & Tessa 10.6.13 DWDF.S & HTM. S
Pauline Camp & Sherman 10.6.13 DWDF.S & HTM. S
Judy Turley & Jordie 10.6.13 HTM. N

Hi, I'm Cheryl and I own and run a local pet feeding and dog walking business.

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 lend 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 by 2.15 pm please.
- All dogs must be **FULLY IMMUNISED** (Veterinary Certificate required plus 2 weeks from date of last vaccination). Please read NSDTC Vaccination Policy opposite.
- Junior Members are 12 to 15 years of age.
- Training equipment (leads, training collars, etc) can be purchased at the Clubhouse.

MEMBERSHIP FEES: for full financial year - 1 July to 30 June

- Family Membership \$50 (\$30 joining fee & \$20 annual subscription)
- Single \$40 (\$20 joining fee & \$20 annual subscription)
- Junior Members \$30 (\$10 joining fee & \$20 annual subscription)
- Pensioners & other bona fide concessions \$30 (\$10 joining fee & \$20 annual subscription)
- Those joining 1 January to 31 May receive a \$10 reduction in membership fee

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES are due by 30 June each year.

GROUND FEES: \$5 per dog for all members per morning or afternoon session
Juniors & Pensioners pay \$2.

YAPS & YELPS: The Club journal is available at the enrolment table.
Yaps & Yelps can also 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

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

Saturdays 12.30 - 1.30pm Sixth (UD) Class

Mondays 7.00 - 9.30pm Rally O training - Dogs to be in **3rd class or above**

Wednesday 7.30 - 8.30pm Training for Instructors only

AGILITY: Beginners First Saturday of the month
All levels Saturdays 9.00 - 12 noon
Night Agility Mondays, **Adv level** only, 7.00 - 9.30pm

FLYBALL: All levels Alternate Saturdays 2.15 - 2.45pm

NB. Agility
New memberships
can only be
accepted on
Saturday
afternoons

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.
Please Note. 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 not 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 on lead 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.
- Each week pay your \$5.00 ground fee at the Clubhouse. Collect your ticket & hand it to your instructor at start of class.
- 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 Elaine Maliki Mr Stoyan Rogleff
Dr Angus Ross Dr Jim Thompson Dr Le Hammer

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

OFFICE BEARERS

President:	Vickie Dean	0411 751 186
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	Maggie Young	9451 7986
Chief Instructors:	Judy Perrin	9449 7388 (Obedience)
	Jennifer Hamilton	9982 9029 (Agility)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Assistant Treasurer:	Kay Luke
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Council & Showground Liaison Officer:	Sandra Fry
Ku-ring-gai K9 Co-ordinator:	Sharon Househam
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Deputy Membership Secretary:	Karen Ortado
Newsletter Editor & Archives:	Ginny Legh
Obedience Demonstration Team Coordinator	Ginny Legh
Publicity Officer:	Melinda Duker
Rally O Coordinator:	Ginny Legh
Training Equipment Officer:	Barbara Gurney
Training & Trial Equipment Officer:	John Jonker
Website Officer:	Melinda Duker

Obedience Trial Sub Committee

Trial Manager:	Judy Perrin
Trial Secretary:	Nicholas Gray
Chief Steward:	Gael Goldsack
Trophy Officer:	Denise Wigney

Agility Trial Sub Committee

Trial Manager:	Jane Hampel
Trial Secretary:	Tsuey Hui
Chief Steward:	Phil Palangas
Trophy Officer:	Maggie Young

Catering Officers: Kay Luke & Kay Hogan

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Karin Bridge Jennifer Hamilton (Agility)
Judy Perrin (Obedience) Jenny Scamps
Pat Walsh Bron Maurer Penny Dalzell

Dances with Dogs Sub Committee

Penny Dalzell Ginny Legh

Rally O Sub Committee

Tracy Geary Karen Ortado Ginny Legh

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



August - October 2013

Sat 3 August Flyball training 2.15-2.45pm

Sun 4 August **NSDTC AGILITY TRIAL**

Sat 10 August New members

Sat 17 August Flyball Training 2.15-2.45pm

Sat 24 August New members

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 4.00pm

Sat 31 August Flyball Training 2.15-2.45pm

Sat 7 Sept New members **Rally O Class 1.30pm**

BYO BBQ 5.00pm

Sat 14 Sept Flyball training 2.15-2.45pm

Sat 21 Sept New members

Wed 25 Sept

Committee Meeting 7.30pm

Sat 28 Sept Flyball training 2.15-2.45pm

BYO BBQ 5.00pm

Sat 5 Oct **NO TRAINING - long weekend**

Sun 12 Oct New members

Instructors meeting 4.00pm

Sat 19 Oct Flyball training 2.15-2.45pm

Sat 17 Aug **NSDTC Agility Trial**

Sat 26 Oct New members

General Meeting 4.00pm



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