



# Yaps & Yelps

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## Congratulations



**Cyril Hart & Monty**  
**gained their AD Title at our Agility Trial**

# Welcome to our new members

## 26 July 2014

Warren and Bernice Eriksson with **Bear**  
Anthony and Allison Fisher with **Henry**  
Clayton, Kim and Lauren Frost with **Kira**  
Natalie and Siny Ratana with **Milly**  
Denise and Michelle Rathgeb with **Bubbles**  
Sophy and Stuart Stacy with **Rubble**  
Anna and Kris Streeter with **Nelly**  
Diana and Mark Turner with **Misty**

## 23 August 2014

Bob and Louise Geaghan with **Scout**  
Guy Hartcher with **Sindi**  
Marianne Kristensen with **Didi**  
Ian, Wendy, Emma and David Lambert  
with **Bonnie**

Elizabeth McPhee with **Laddie**  
Lara and Nelson Moo with **Penny**  
Pam, John and Linda Sheahan with **Ziggy**  
Ton and Francoise Amerongen with **Cino**

## 13 September 2014

Kris Doust with **Wilson**  
Alannah and Godfrey Hector with **Arnold**  
Elizabeth La Peyre and Sam Brown with **Rue**  
Sandra Murray with **Polly**  
Sarah O'Brien with **Pickles**  
Grace Reid with **River**  
Louise and Des Smith with **Aria**  
Michael, Rae and Hugh Tait with **Coco**  
and **Oscar**  
Anne Thomson with **Gus** and **Maggie**  
Jane and Bruce Waldron with **Tilly**

Congratulations to **Dr Jim Thompson**, one of our club Patrons,  
on the completion of his Masters of Veterinary Studies (MVS) degree.

Passing his final exam at the start of June, Jim has been rewarded for four years  
of study and hard work (all completed while working full time at the clinic).

**Well done – an extremely well deserved result!**

Joan Hopwood sends her love & best wishes to all her friends at NSDTC.  
She is well, walks every day, is still driving & enjoying life  
though her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday is not far away!

## Our Club Equipment Shop

Need a different or more effective collar,  
harness or lead?

Our instructors will advise what is most suitable  
for your dog, will fit it & show you how to use it

We also have treat bags & club shirts for sale

**The shop is open on Saturdays:**

**2.30 - 2.50pm & 4.00 - 4.30pm**

**on side veranda of clubhouse**

**A notice will be  
posted on our  
website**

**[www.nsdogtraining.org.au](http://www.nsdogtraining.org.au)**

**by 11am**

**if training**

**has to be cancelled**

**due to extreme heat  
or extreme wet weather**

# Christmas Party

6 December  
2.00 - 5.00 pm

**Fun for Everyone**

**2.00 pm Fancy Dress** - lots of prizes for the Christmas, Prettiest, Cleverest & Dog & Owner look-a-like costumes

**3.15 pm Games** - fun & games for dogs & owners

**Afternoon tea** - please bring a plate of goodies for all to share

**Our raffle** will be drawn during the afternoon

**Please add something to the basket on the veranda prior to party day**

## Congratulations on your promotion

### To 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

Gem Ourdes & Tammy  
Simon & Wendy Carver & Lea  
Belinda Long & Freddie  
Ian Lambert & Bonny

### To 3<sup>rd</sup> Class

Anna Thieben & Muffin  
Robina Zanelli & Glory  
Jenny Paul & Tui  
Trish Hodgkins & Kobe

### To 4<sup>th</sup> Class

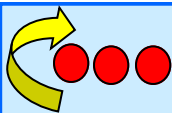
Jacqueline Phillips & Jebediah



## Dances with Dogs Classes

First Wednesday of each month at 6.30 - 7.30pm

Contact Instructor: Penny Dalzell 9997 4518

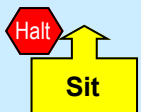


## Rally O Classes

Monday nights 7.00pm - 9.00pm

For those in 2nd Class & above

Contact Instructor: Ginny Legh 9489 1554



# New Trophies & Club Awards

## The Enniskey Trophy for Excellence in Trialling in CDX, UD & UDX Donated by Penny Dalzell

This trophy is in the form of a perpetual shield.  
It will remain in the clubhouse and will be engraved annually with the winner's name.  
Applicants must have trained regularly at NSDTC (at least once a month)

## The Keebah Trophy for Excellence in Trialling in CCD & CD Donated by Penny Dalzell

This trophy is in the form of a perpetual shield.  
It will remain in the clubhouse and will be engraved annually with the winner's name.

- ▶The **Enniskey & Keebah Trophies** have strict criteria covering the scoring & conditions that must be met prior to deciding the winner.
  - ▶A copy of the detailed criteria governing the awarding of each of these trophies can be obtained from the Secretary.
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## Obedience Dog of the Year Award

### Rally O Dog of the Year Award

### DWD Dog of the Year Award

#### The following criteria apply to all Dog of the Year Awards

- ▶An award will be made to the club member who receives the greatest number of qualifications in the 12 month period from the 1<sup>st</sup> November to the 31<sup>st</sup> October each year. Applications & copies of qualifications must be lodged by 7<sup>th</sup> November
- ▶To qualify for an award the successful member must have **trained their dog/s primarily at NSDTC, in this discipline**, during the prescribed period.
- ▶A dog gaining their O.GR.CH in the prescribed period will automatically be the winner of the Obedience Dog of the Year Award.
- ▶In the event of a tie, the person with qualifications at the highest level for each discipline will be the winner.
- ▶NSDTC members **who are also members of other clubs** are asked to decide which is **their primary club for each training discipline**. A Dog of the Year Award will only be considered where NSDTC is nominated as their primary training club.
- ▶A copy of the detailed criteria governing the awarding of each of these trophies can be obtained from the Secretary.

## The KK9 Dog of the Year

This award will be made to the club member who passes the KK9 test in that calendar year with the most impressive performance.

- ▶All the above awards will be made annually at the Club Christmas Party.

Please remember that it is a Dogs NSW requirement that all handlers should wear sensible footwear on the grounds and in class.

For safety reasons, high-heeled shoes, thongs, scuffs, sandals or bare feet are not acceptable.

## **The Ku-ring-gai K9 Award**

Many dog owners hear experienced dog people talking about 'obedience training' & see them with their 'obedient' dogs & think 'I'll never be able to do that'.

**Yes you can!**

**All dogs (& their humans) can achieve The Ku-ring-gai K9 Award** which is run jointly by Ku-ring-gai Council & Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club.

**The next test day is on 1 November 12.00-2.00pm**

You will find details of the tests & all the answers to the pre-test questionnaire in the NSDTC Information Manual (Green Book) which you received when you joined the club.

**To book your test time contact our  
KK9 Award Coordinator, Sharon Househam  
Phone 9913 9971 or email [tullyboy@bigpond.net.au](mailto:tullyboy@bigpond.net.au)**

### **Up coming Short Talks**

**Saturday 11 October 4pm at the Clubhouse**

**Earthdogs** Presented by **Louise Everitt**

**Saturday 18 October 4pm at the Clubhouse**

**Herding** Presented by **Margaret Rocky**

**Saturday 1 November 4pm at the Clubhouse**

**Nose Work** Presented by **Judy Perrin**

# President's Report 2013-2014

It has been a privilege to serve as president of the Northern Suburbs Dog Club for the last three years. We are a club that continues to offer all people from our community the opportunity to learn something about the joy that can be had through owning a well trained (or at least fairly well trained) dog. We continue to have stable membership numbers, some members travelling long distances to enjoy our positive approach to training & other activities. Our hard working chief instructors, instructors & committee members willingly provide their time, knowledge, skills & enthusiasm to ensure that success. I would like to personally thank all of the members who have helped out with club activities during the year.

This year classes have been offered in Obedience, Rally O, Agility & Dances with Dogs, with some members also trying out Nosework. Many of our members &, of course, their dogs, have worked hard to achieve titles in these activities. It is encouraging to see so many members representing the club in trials & showing off the skills they have learnt.

Our Saturday obedience & agility classes provide hundreds of members with the chance to enjoy some fun with their dogs & learn skills to equip them as responsible dog owners. Both dogs & handlers have the chance to socialise & many members have commented that the classes have greatly improved life with their dogs.

The club has run trials in Rally O, Obedience, Dances with Dogs & Agility. The success of these trials was a result of our hard-working trial committees & judges. My thanks go to them for their many hours of voluntary work. At these trials many visitors from other dog clubs have commented on how well organised & friendly our trials are. Many of the judges also make mention of the food provided for lunches which is due to the amazing culinary talents of Kay Hogan & Sharon Househam & their many helpers.

We are as a club always attempting to ensure that we meet the needs of the club members & our local community. We have had a number of guest speakers running workshops, seminars & introductions to various dog activities for our members. These speakers have volunteered their time for the good of the club & we appreciate their support. It has been exciting to see an increased sense of unity amongst the different sections of the club; everyone having a go at everything.

The club has been working towards keeping up with modern technology. Our new membership arrangement has worked well, meaning that there is less time wasted paying weekly fees & members can join in more dog related activities. This year for the first time membership renewals could be completed online; special thanks to Pam Rutledge, Ngaire Chant & Mel Duker for making this possible. We have also updated our web pages & now have a Face Book page which is regularly updated by our webmaster Mel. These systems are well used by club members to keep up to date with the happenings of the club.

In short we continue to be a busy & successful dog training club, involved in many types of dog related activities. As I will be stepping down this year as president I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the members of the committee & indeed the club for the support & assistance they have offered me over the last few years. I know that you will support the incoming committee in the same way & we can all look forward to another positive year in 2015.

Vickie Dean President

## **Agility Report 2013-2014**

The agility side of the club continues to progress with a number of regular participants & triallers.

Some members are training young dogs & look forward to entering trials, some enjoy training their dogs on Saturdays without trialling.

All members share the set up & cut down of equipment & preparation of the day with equal enthusiasm & shared camaraderie.

The introduction of some of the European agility handling styles is exciting & continues to be well received.

Sincere thanks go to John Jonker & Cyril Hart for the ongoing maintenance to the jumps & equipment & the instructors who dedicate their time on Saturday mornings.

Our annual agility trial was a success even though entries were reduced this year. The event ran with extreme precision thanks to a superb Agility Trial Committee & the band of our dedicated obedience & agility members & some partners who assisted in the preparation & on the day, without them we would not be able to hold the event.

Thanks also go to the ongoing support of our media assistance from Mel Duker for the continued flow of information placed on our various media outlets including the update of the website & Face Book information.

Thanks also to librarian Virginia Pennefather who has reviewed the offerings resulting in an increase in the use of the library.

We look forward to another successful year of Agility & Fun!

Jennifer Hamilton  
Chief Instructor (Agility)

## **Obedience Report 2013-2014**

A year of ups and a few downs, successes and a few failures, happy days and sad days, wills and won'ts, cans and can'ts, comings and goings, sickness and health. In short, quite a normal year for a dog training club!

Our Instructors team has swelled to 47 with the qualification of 4 new volunteers, Cheryl, Denise, Julian and Sally after their 8 month 'in house' course during which I challenged their teaching in ways they had never imagined!

Class structure changed a little as we tried to provide suitable sessions for all, from the recreational member to the serious trialler. To date, we are still working on getting it just right. Rally O has gone from strength to strength under the indefatigable enthusiasm of Ginny Legh. From a Saturday afternoon in November, to Monday evenings and now to a regular Saturday afternoon class, it has taken off with a vengeance and is a 'stayer' as is the monthly Ring Practice session which has been operating during this year. The experimental 4 rather than 6 week introductory course for puppies has reverted to the 6 week format on the advice of our puppy people who need more playtimes with the littlies!

During Instructors Meetings we held sessions on 'Canine & Human Stress as it affects both weekly classes and Trialers and 'Ringcraft for Instructors and handlers'. Between the two we hope to catapult our Trial successes to greater heights and make basic training a much happier affair for the handler and the teenage monster dog, the wicked puppy and the 'if you wanna run, I'll just lie down here and wait till you come back' dog.

Our Education Sub Committee, under the leadership of Karin, has organised a big variety of great short talks which have given attendees an insight into the large variety of Dog Sports which are available to them, post basic obedience.

Following a talk by Marion Brand from 'K9Nostime' a number of members have embarked on a series of Nose Work classes. Normal dogs have become frenzied as they search for hidden treats prior to searching for more challenging scents.

Our local vets, Jim Thompson and Jamie Geddes have given talks, Jim on 'Wildlife in Africa' & the great 'Vaccination debate' & Jamie on 'Canine First Aid.'

A group of Instructors attended a talk on 'Canine Massage' at Sydney All Breeds DTC after we gave their club help with their introduction to Rally O. Help is rewarded!

Our Members Handbook (the Green Book) has been extensively updated.

Our annual Obedience and Rally O trials were organised and run with the usual great efficiency and, even though Obedience numbers were a little down in line with other clubs, we spent 2 very pleasant days with our best buddies, both Canine and Human.

During the year, our trialers have achieved Titles in both Obedience and Rally O: **Obedience** CCD - 6, CD - 3, CDX - 1. Our UD and UDX member numbers have increased markedly & will be ready for Titles in 2015!

**Rally O** RN - 19, RA - 9, RE - 6 & RAE - 3.

Our Demonstration Team shone again at Ku-Ring-Gai Council's 'Dogs Day Out'. Marching to music actually worked!!, with a team of dogs of various breeds, sizes and abilities under the superb guidance of Penny Dalzell, showing how exciting heelwork can be for dogs. We had a demo of Puppy Training, Dancing with Dogs, a 'Have a Go' Rally O Course, 'Tricks for your dog' session and a club information desk. Over 2000 people attended!

The Interclub Challenge was, indeed, a challenge this year when the heavens opened and soaked many competitors. The Hills Club welcomed our teams, apologised for the weather and NSDTC took 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> places in a field of 37 teams.

The club held the traditional "thank you" dinner for instructors & hard working club officials at Bellini's Restaurant and, though it was a freezing night, we were cosy, extremely well fed and really well looked after.

Sadly, this year, former instructor and beautiful 'puppy lady', Mo Kramer, passed away after moving north to enjoy her retirement. We also lost a number of our very precious dogs – our trusty companions and our great friends. These times make us really appreciate the family of Northern Suburbs DTC who are able to understand and to lend support.

My sincere thanks, as always, to my instructors who all fit in so well. Stepping in at a moment's notice when others are sick, being prepared on free days to leave their own dog in order to help out with a huge class, taking 'one on one' training for members with dog problems, maintaining equipment and doing the myriad of things which need doing.



Great feedback comments from members about the quality of our instruction are always nice to hear as are comments about the fun and variety given during classes.

My thanks to you all – every Saturday afternoon, Monday evening, Wednesday evening and every other day, evening and night during which you work, in some way, for NSDTC. Gael's name comes to mind, as my Assistant Chief Instructor, without whose help and guidance, I would regularly be 'lost at sea'!

Judy Perrin  
Chief Instructor (Obedience)

## DWD Report 2013 - 2014

The DWD classes have gone well over the last year – even averaging 4 per night in mid-winter. We have had a couple more joining the classes which run for 2 hours on the 1st Wednesday of every month (5.30 – 7.30 pm).

The DWD competition entries this year were very disappointing. We are not sure of the reason – maybe the location or the freezing cold and often damp venue. In spite of all the disadvantages, there was still a great atmosphere during the competition.

Because of the low entry and the time of the year, it has been decided to cancel the 2015 DWD competition and search for a better date.

Penny Dalzell



### **Festival of Agility Club Challenge** **CONGRATULATIONS** to our NSDTC Team who did us proud with 2nd place



Mikhail & Toby, Barbara & Lyla, Belinda & Luc, Nicole & Jett & Pat & Angel

# Inter Club Challenge 2014

The weather was atrocious. It went from freezing cold with torrential rain all morning to steaming hot, then rain followed by sun. Only exceptional dogs would work in that!

Very few qualified on the day & we had two of those exceptional dogs and handlers – Pat Walsh 1<sup>st</sup> in Novice & Maggie Young 9<sup>th</sup> in CCD.

Our team results were My Dog Rules 19<sup>th</sup> with 49 points & Great Expectations 20<sup>th</sup> with 51 points. An excellent result.

Blacktown were 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, German Shepherds were 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Our team members were

## **Great Expectations:**

Ruth Hyde CCD

Virginia. Pennefather CD

Jenny Scamps CDX

Judy Perrin CDX

Jenny Scamps UD.

## **My Dog Rules:**

Maggie Young CCD

Pat Walsh CD

MaryYoung CDX

Pat Walsh CDX

Judy Perrin UD



**Our rather wet but happy team**

Reserves: S Fry & P Walsh  
Steward – P Rutledge.

All our representatives performed so well, especially considering the conditions & should be very proud of themselves. Many thanks to our steward, Pam who spent hours standing in the ring in the rain & sun!

The lunch was scrumptious & compensated for the horrible weather.

Each club member received a special pen memento.

Congratulations to all.

Penny Dalzell Team Coordinator

## **‘Heard on the Grapevine’**

### **Obedience**

Luci, with her mum Alaina Graham, made her debut in CCD on the 9 & 10 August at Gulgong..... was magic..... 1<sup>st</sup> place both days on 94 & 95 points,

Janelle Woodward & Mudgee came 1<sup>st</sup> in CCD at Brush Farm on 24.8.14

Denise Gough & Meika came 2<sup>nd</sup> in CCD with 94 points at Brush Farm on 24.8.14

### **Rally O**

Janelle Woodward & Mudgee came 1<sup>st</sup> in Rally Excellent (A) with 84 points at Brush Farm on 24.8.14

Karin Bridge & Gracie came 1<sup>st</sup> in Rally Advanced (A) & gained their RA Title, at Brush Farm on 24.8.14

### **Endurance**

Poppy passed her Endurance Test (20 kms1) on 10 August with her mum, Tina Raiss

# NSDTC 2014 AGILITY TRIAL

Our annual agility trial held on Sunday 3 August was yet again a fun & very successful day for many members & competitors.

Agility trials offer a variety of classes all based on the handler & dog negotiating a series of obstacles in the fastest time.

An Agility class contains large equipment such as an A-frame, dog walk, see-saw & weave poles. A Jumping Class will only contain tunnels & jumps making it even more fast & furious!

There are Open classes, which contain a distance handling challenge & Agility Games - Snooker, Gamblers & Strategic Pairs – with their own set of intricate rules.

NSDTC also hosted a Regional Qualifying Heat (RQH), which accrues points for the NSW annual Jumping & Agility Dog of the year competition.

To learn more visit the excellent website about the sport of agility including rules of the sport at: <http://www.agilitynsw.com.au>

Three rings accommodated the 183 dogs entered in Excellent, Masters & Open Jumping & Agility judged by interstate judges Michael Vigor (South Australia) & Peter Dynan (South Australia). Novice & RQH were judged by South Coast judge Peter Westwood.

Long time instructor & life member Cyril Hart with his rescue Border Collie Monty had a great day attaining their Agility Dog Title with 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Instructor Joyce Clark & Mini Schnauzer Tess also went home happy with 3 clear rounds in JDM, ADO (4<sup>th</sup>) & JDO (3<sup>rd</sup>) – a great effort for a small dog running against all the Border Collies & Kelpies! A growing number of clubs now offer separate height events so dogs only compete against other dogs of the same size – something our committee has decided to consider for future trials.

A trial of this size does not happen without a lot of help. Many members volunteered their help rather than enter themselves – or volunteered the help of partners & friends.

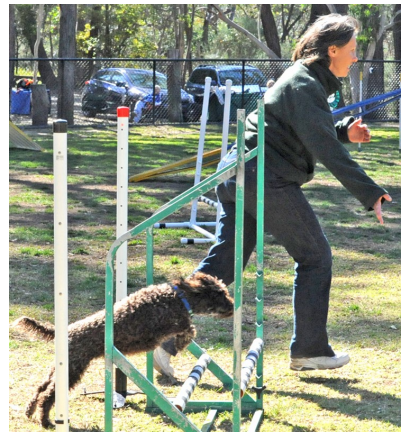
Big, big kudos to Trial Secretary Tsuey Hui, who did a great job yet again of overseeing the entire organisation resulting in a smooth, well run trial. Also Jane Hampel as Trial Manager, Karin Bridge, Chief Steward & Maggie Young, Trophy Officer.

As always, help with ring set ups was provided by Andy Sietz & Kim Dowding. Life Member Russell Clarke returned as MC, Peter Kirkwood, Gael Goldsack & Heather Wild worked at the delicious BBQ. Thanks to all the stewards for volunteering their time. Many of the stewards are quite new to the agility group, among them being Martin Ostrowski, Jill Brewer, Stewart Wild & Danielle Goranic. Special thanks to the delectable Kay Hogan & Sharon Househam for once again preparing the most delicious - & famous – trial lunches in NSW. Finally thanks to Ngaire Chant & Mel Duker for their assistance in so many ways including photography & information processing.

If you missed this year, be sure to be there for the first weekend in August 2015 & watch the big (and little) dogs fly!

**Well done to all club members who took part - Agility is terrific fun**





# Agility







# 2014





# Farewell

**JILLAROO ADM ADO JDM JDO SPD SDX GDX RN**

**“Jilla”**

**1.3.04 to 1.8.14**

Jilla was given to me as a fearful, nervous little kelpie-dingo cross, who had spent nearly the first five months of her life on a cattle property with a large number of dogs and little human contact.

We gradually won her confidence, helped by many club members who always showed her gentle kindness and encouragement.

She quickly became very food-orientated and was an exceptionally fast learner in basic obedience, tricks and agility. Excelling in agility, she won the Open Agility in 2006 at both the Australian National Championships and the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Unfortunately, she was accidentally injured by another dog at a trial shortly afterwards and lost her enthusiasm for the ring, but still loved to tear around the courses on her familiar training grounds.

Once Lyla got into trialling, Jilla gradually got more confidence, gaining multiple further titles.

The advent of Rally O meant an opportunity for verbal praise and encouragement while performing the exercises, to which she responded by getting her RN title with wins at our trial and 2014 Sydney Royal.

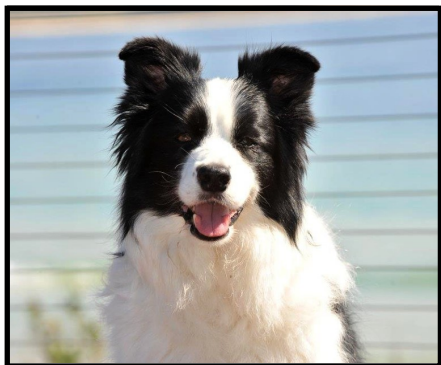
Although she had to adjust to living with two standard poodles, she was still smart enough to run rings around them; always the first to find a hidden toy or sit at attention in the kitchen if there was the slightest possibility of an open cupboard or fridge door.

She also loved to chill out on yoga nights and always joined in, much to our teacher's delight.

Sadly in May she was diagnosed with lymphoma and after an initial response to chemotherapy, giving us a few more normal weeks, she was helped to sleep for the last time peacefully at home on my lap, with her “family” around her.

We will miss your bright spirit and happy smile. Keep chasing those balls and may the heavenly fridge door be eternally open.

Barb, Rob, Lyla and Boomer



# Farewell

O.GR.CH. DWDF.CH. HTM.CH.  
NAHROF DALRIADAH UDX RAE

**“Enniskey”**

15.6.2001 to 21.7.14

We had a brilliant journey - and I don't mean what she won, though her achievements were great - 1st Obedience Grand Champion in Australia, 1st Heelwork to Music Champion and Freestyle Champion gained in NSW, 2nd in Australia, and top UDX dog for the last 4 years, etc.

On 21.7.14 we put Enniskey to sleep. What made it so hard was that she was still running around like an idiot with a toy in her mouth, still enjoying the vacuum cleaner, pushing at me to play tug, wanting to go for walks, and desperate to play the heeling game - but struggled to breathe and was likely to have a major bleed at any time and go into shock.

Her joyful attitude to work and everything else in life, her enthusiasm, her friendliness, her wildness, the fact that you never knew what she might do - like run out of the ring to greet someone, or suddenly decide to greet the judge or stewards, that everything she did she did with such enthusiasm, and that she constantly made us laugh - it's all those things that we will cherish.

Penny & Warwick

## A message in memory of Enniskey

All of us who have trialled, taken part in club demonstrations & been fortunate enough to take part in Penny's classes knew, admired & loved Enniskey.

She was an inspiration to everyone & we are privileged to have known her.

Penny's patience, dedication & ability to relate to her dog, resulted in the most beautifully trained, responsive & willing partner in whatever they undertook together.

My Bonny thought the world of Enniskey & couldn't wait for Penny to get her out of the car so they could set off on a 'sniff & wee fest'. They had so much fun together.

Thank you Enniskey for being you & thank you Penny from all of us who are lucky enough to have been helped & inspired by you.

Ginny & Bonny

**What if** - my puppy ignores me when I call them?

**Answer** - you are not as rewarding or interesting as the environment around them.

**What can I do?**

- \* Make all your interactions with your pup much more fun & much more rewarding.
- \* Be much more enthusiastic with your voice cues. Try using a higher pitched tone.
- \* Offer much higher value reward treats & give them liberally every time the pup comes to you when called.

**What if** - my puppy is taking & destroying my clothes & shoes?

**Answer** - it's your fault! You left them within reach & your pup doesn't know they don't belong to him. The pup sees them as a toy you left there for him to play with

**How do I stop this?**

- \* Keep belongings out of reach. Teach children to tidy their rooms or keep doors shut.
- \* If the pup takes anything that is not theirs, use your growly voice & swap it for one of their toys.
- \* Praise the pup for taking their toy & play with it & with them.
- \* Don't chase your pup if they have it in their mouth - they'll think this is a great game!!
- \* Go & get a high value treat, call them & give them the treat as soon as they reach you, in other words swap your 'thing' for a couple of treats or one of their toys.
- \* If your pup is chewing furniture - rub some highly aromatic analgesic sports gel on it or for soft furnishings, spray some citronella oil on the fabric or spray on an old towel & spread it over the piece of furniture.

**What if** - my puppy is chasing the children when they run around?

**Answer** - teach the children what to do & not to do.

**How do I do this?**

- \* Teach the children to stand still & to stop squealing. Movement & high pitched noises will excite the pup & encourage them to run faster & become more nippy.
- \* If the pup starts chasing them again, put the pup on lead & get the pup to sit quietly with you & 'watch' - reward their focus on you & their calm behaviour.
- \* Distract them by playing another game, like digging in their sandpit, finding food treats or fetching a ball or toy.

**What if** - my puppy always pulls on the lead & won't walk calmly with me?

**Answer** - teach & show them what you want them to do.

**How do I do this?**

Practise the methods you've learned during puppy class -

- lure with food treats
- use a very happy voice when you say 'heel'
- if they pull during your walks, stop suddenly & wait until your pup turns to see what has happened to you, then call them to you & reward them liberally
- say 'heel' & set off again - **NB**. You'll need to repeat this over & over again!
- make sure you have taught them a 'release' word such as OK, go sniff or you're free. These words allow the pup to go to the end of the lead when you say it during a walk so they can explore & read all the pee mails & messages left by other dogs.



**What if** - my puppy growls at me or the children when they're eating?

**Answer** - teach the pup you give the food not take it away.

**How can I do this?**

- have some extra tasty titbits in your hand & put your hand into their food bowl so they find your hand is a special thing, not a threat
- make a game of offering a few special treats as a swap for their bone or chew, then give the bone back. Repeat often, until they trust you are not stealing their treasure, just inspecting it & that you'll give it back
- \* It is very important you are able to take food away from your pup. Pups will pick up anything they find & you need to be able to take it away if there's a chance that it might be poisonous or unsafe for them to eat
- \* Also make sure you teach them the 'leave' cue, so you stop them before they pick up anything that may be unsafe or revolting!

**What if** - my puppy regresses in toilet training & starts weeing & pooing in the house?

**Answer** - go back to the basics.

**How do I do this?**

Make sure you take your puppy outside

- as soon as they wake up
- if you see them sniffing or circling in a particular spot (pick them up & take them out)
- within 10 minutes after a meal
- after 10 minutes of playing inside with you or by themselves
- every 2 - 3 hours for the next couple of days & wait till they go to the toilet
- \* Quietly praise them whilst they are in the middle of doing the right thing.
- \* Praise again & reward them once they have finished.
- \* Clean up any mistakes with a non-ammonia based cleaning agent.
- \* Never scold them or rub their nose in it - the pup will not know they've done the wrong thing 2 seconds after the 'accident' happened.
- \* Consult your vet if their toilet training doesn't improve within a few days - the pup could have a urinary tract infection or a tummy upset.

**What if** - my puppy is too rough with their mouth & continually wants to bite my hands?

**Answer** - go back to the basics.

**How do I do this?**

- use your growly voice & say 'ah ah' in a deep voice every time the pup mouths hard or roughly. Praise & reward if the pup stops &/or becomes more gentle
- as above, but offer a toy as a substitute for your hand. Play with the toy - make it more fun than biting on your hand. Again give lots of praise & voice encouragement during the game for good behaviour
- if the pup won't back off or accept the alternative you've offered, stop everything & walk away. In other words, **rough play = the game stops**

**What if** - my puppy is alone for long periods?

**Answer** - you have to provide things that will mentally challenge the pup & keep them amused at least for the first couple of hours after you leave the house.

**How can I do this?**

- fill a Kong with kibble mixed with a little peanut butter
- in summer, freeze a few treats or strips of carrot & celery in an ice block
- buy a suitable sized treat ball - the pup has to roll these around to dispense the contents, usually kibble works best or scatter kibble all over a grassed area
- bury some hard treats in a small sandpit (make sure you've already taught your pup the game of searching for treats hidden in the sandpit)

**A Healthy Dog  
is  
a Happy Dog**

## **Dog First Aid**

**Dr Jamie Geddes, one of our Club Patrons & Managing Director, Greencross Vets Ku-ring-gai gave a large number of members an excellent interactive talk & Q&A session on 30.7.14. Our sincere thanks to Jamie for this great talk.**

Jamie covered first aid for bites & stings, broken bones, sprains & strains, choking & obstructions of trachea & gastrointestinal tract, eye injuries, poisoning, heat stroke/stress, wounds, burns, bleeding nails, moving an injured dog, checking your dog's vital signs, CPR/resuscitation & many other topics.

We were able to ask questions throughout, leading to a very dynamic & interactive session. Some club members described traumatic moments they had had with their own or other people's dogs & Jamie then recommended & described various methods for dealing with these situations.

One of the more unusual topics addressed was Rat Lungworm which is now being found more often in dogs living in Sydney. Jamie reported seeing about one case a month in our local area. It can be life threatening for dogs if not correctly diagnosed & treated.

The primary host of the Rat Lungworm, *Angiostrongylus cantonensis*, is as you would imagine, the rat. It is a nematode (worm) that normally lives in the heart & lung arteries of rats. The larvae migrate from the lung arteries to the lungs where they are coughed up & swallowed, then pass out in the rat's faeces.

The intermediate hosts are molluscs (snails and slugs) that become infected after crawling over infected rat faeces. The larvae burrow into the snails & slugs where they become 3rd stage larvae. These larvae are then shed by the snail in their faeces, ending up in the slime trail left by these animals.

Dogs, humans, horses & many native Australian animals & birds are 'accidental' hosts that become infected after ingesting third stage larvae. Larvae are ingested by eating the snail or slug itself, eating unwashed greens such as lettuce or left over dog food that slugs or snails have crawled over.

If these larvae are ingested, they eventually reach the spinal cord & move via it to the brain, damaging the central nervous system tissues. This results in a range of neurological signs such as hind limb weakness, ataxia, urinary incontinence & neck pain.

Though there are medications that kill the larvae, the residue from the dead larvae causes an inflammatory reaction resulting in major long term neurological problems such as seizures & ataxia.

Our thanks to Gael Goldsack who sourced a professional review article from the Internet on Rat Lungworm & provided some of us with a simplified summary. Anyone interested in reading the full article should go to <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3361490/>

# 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

Jennifer Fahey & Lara  
Jan Evans & Hero

29.6.14  
22.5.14

**CDD**  
**CD**

Jan Evans & Hero

1.8.14 **CD**

## Rally O

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

Russell Hunter & Zara  
Karin Bridge & Gracie  
Alaina Graham & Sophi

April 2014  
Jan 2014  
13.7.14

**RA**  
**RN**  
**RAE**

Barb Rogleff & Jillaroo  
Jan Evans & Hero

29.4.14  
13.9.14  
**RN**  
**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

Jennifer Fahey & Callie

3.8.14 **ADX**

### Plea to Obedience, Rally O & Agility handlers working dogs off lead

- ▶ Please keep your treats in plastic containers (not plastic bags)
- ▶ Please don't leave food on the ground near entry to rings or working areas



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# 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. Enrolment on line now available.
- 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](http://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](mailto: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 12.30 - 1.30pm Fifth (CDX) & Sixth (UD) Class

Saturdays 1.30 - 2.30pm Fourth (CCD & CD) 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  
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

# 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.
- 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  
Dr Jamie Geddes    Dr Jim Thompson

**COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**

**OFFICE BEARERS**

President:	Kim Dowding	9653 2045
Club Secretary:	Gael Goldsack	94873656
	(Postal Address - PO Box 426 Turramurra 2074)	
Treasurer:	Ngaire Chant	0414 555 884
Vice Presidents:	Vickie Dean	0411 751 186
	Maggie Young	9451 7986
Chief Instructors:	Judy Perrin	9449 7388 (Obedience)
	Jennifer Hamilton	9982 9029 (Agility)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Clubhouse Coordinator:	Pat Walsh
Council & Showground Liaison Officer:	Sandra Fry
DWD Coordinator:	Penny Dalzell
Ku-ring-gai K9 Co-ordinator:	Sharon Househam
Librarian:	Virginia Pennefather
Membership Secretary:	Pam Rutledge
Newsletter Editor & Archives:	Ginny Legh
Publicity & Website Officer:	Melinda Duker
Rally O Coordinator:	Ginny Legh
Training Equipment (Sales) Officer:	Gale Coutts
Training & Trial Equipment Officer:	John Jonker

**Obedience Trial Sub Committee**

Trial Manager:	Vickie Dean
Trial Secretary:	
Chief Steward:	Kim Dowding
Trophy Officer:	Denise Wigney

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

**Agility Trial Sub Committee**

Trial Manager:	Jane Hampel
Trial Secretary:	Tsuey Hui
Chief Steward:	Karin Bridge
Trophy Officer:	Maggie Young

**Education Sub Committee**

Karin Bridge, Jennifer Hamilton  
Judy Perrin, Pat Walsh & Gael Goldsack

**Rally O Trial Sub Committee**

Trial Manager: Vickie Dean  
Trial Secretary: Karen Ortado  
Chief Steward: Ginny Legh

**Dances with Dogs Sub Committee**

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

**Inter-club Challenge Coordinator**

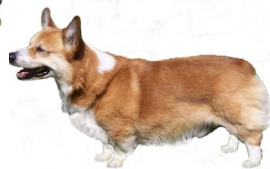
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<b>Enquiries re joining the Club:      Ginny Legh 9489 1554</b>
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<p>Clubhouse telephone number <b>9440 2047 (Saturdays only)</b> Please note this telephone has no message recording facility. It will only be answered during training times <b>if</b> the ring tone is heard by someone in the Clubhouse.</p>
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# NSDTC DOGGY DIARY DATES



## October - December 2014

Sat 4 Oct **NO TRAINING** - October long weekend

Sat 11 Oct New members intake **Talk 4.00pm - Earthdogs - Louise Everett**

Sat 18 Oct Normal Training **Talk 4.00pm - Herding - Margaret Rocky**

Sat 25 Oct New members intake

**General Meeting 4.00pm**

Sat 1 Nov Normal Training **KK9 Test Day 2.00pm Talk 4.00pm - Nose Work - Judy Perrin**

Sat 8 Nov New members intake (last for 2014)

Sat 15 Nov Normal Training

**Instructors meeting 4.00pm**

Sat 22 Nov Normal Training

Wed 26 Nov

**Committee Meeting 7.30pm**

Sat 29 Nov Normal Training (last for 2014)

Sat 6 Dec **Christmas Party - 2.00 - 5.00pm**

Sat 13 Dec **Working Bee & free BBQ from 1.00pm**

**Monday night Puppy Classes - 7.00 - 8.00pm 8, 15 & 22 Dec 2014 & 5, 12 & 19 Jan 2015**  
contact Ginny Legh on 9489 1554 to book in

**7 February is the first training day for 2015**



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