



# Yaps & Yelps

Journal of Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club Inc June July 2015 No 3



## Storm!

**Why our  
April trial &  
2 weeks of training were  
cancelled!!**



# Welcome to our new members

## 11 April 2015

Beth Archer with **Mia**  
Justine Arnold with **Lily**  
Nicole, Sophie & Ben Bradshaw with **Sammy**  
Robyn & David Burnett with **Sam**  
Luci & Peter Farina-Moloney with **Milo**  
Bruce & Sherry Frizzell with **Poppy**  
David Gray with **Holli**  
David Haigh with **Jake**  
Lauren Hoyle with **Lucky**  
Martin King with **Rosie**  
Pam Laidlaw with **Como**  
Charlene Mead with **Piper**

## 9 May 2015

Melani, James, Alexander & Sophie Bernes with **Billy**  
Ben Burwood with **Pippa**  
Steven & Fiona Camp with **Dexter**  
Amanda & Freya D'Mello with **Dawn**  
Rebecca Gregg with **Freya**  
Keith, Michelle & Bailey Henderson with **Kyza**  
Rebekah, Brad, Maggie & Angus Holman with **Scarlett**

Kristina & Denis Hctor with **Fido**  
Stephanie Krautil with **Penny**  
Zac & Charmaine Leman with **Scout**  
Ben & Pritika Osland with **Zoey & Balko**  
Leslie Rowling with **Danny**  
Connie Therkildsen & Hugh & Seamus Jones with **Fudge**  
Judy Vial with **Lottie**  
Kirstie McWhannell with **Pepper & Captain**

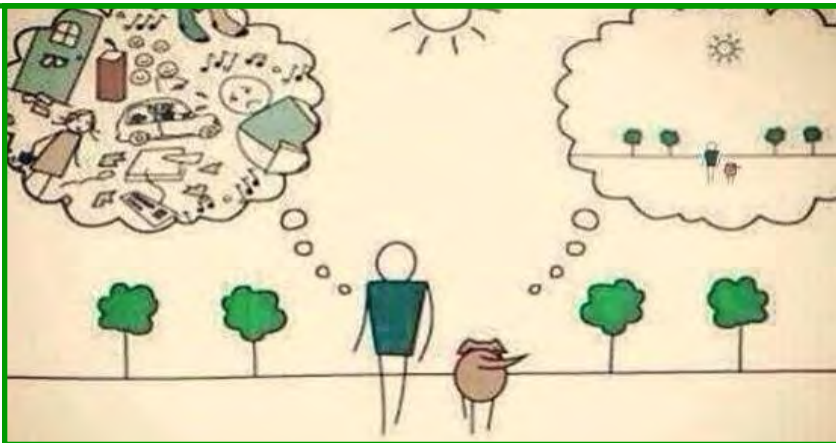
## 30 May 2015

Blanche, Greg, Avril & Rhys Ambrose with **Ellie**  
Suzie & David Brett with **Bruno**  
Gayle Daniels & Ed O'Shea with **Murphy & Zoe**  
Tara Finlay & Ann Lynn with **Alfie**  
Lesley & Jaimie Gordon with **Mackie**  
Helen Grimley & Chris Burke with **Harvey**  
Pankaj, Lina, Bhavesh & Jhanvi Patel with **Wally**  
Keerati Plodprong & Ross & Tiana Benson with **Milo**  
Ruth & Les Westerweller with **Ben**  
Eleanor Wilson with **Rebel**

## Name Badges

**All members MUST wear their badges when in class.**

**New members:** Please collect your name badge before your second lesson, from the enrolment table on the club house veranda.



# **Suffocation Hazard for dogs**

We suggest every dog owner checks the following website

***[www.preventivevet.com/pet-suffocation](http://www.preventivevet.com/pet-suffocation)***

Make sure you view the short video which shows  
what can happen & how it happens.

**DON'T let this happen to your dog!!**

## **What we do for our dogs!!**

NSDTC is continuing its commitment to dog safety  
by the erection of fencing from our club house to Hut B  
& between Hut B & the Show Secretary's hut.

It will benefit our members & their dogs on club days & the public  
who exercise their dogs on Ring 1 during non-club times.

Any 'run-away' dogs will be blocked before they reach  
the exit from the Showground to Mona Vale Road.

## **Notification re cancellation of training**

(extreme heat or wet/stormy weather)

will be posted on our **website & Facebook page**  
**by 11.00am on the day**

**For Monday night Rally O by 5pm on the day**

If you've already booked in **DON'T** forget the following dates

**PETA CLARKE**

[www.animaltrainingsolutions.com.au](http://www.animaltrainingsolutions.com.au)

**17 June 'When it all goes South'**

**12 August 'Is learning theory all we need?'**

**7.30pm** in the Clubhouse

Contact: Karin Bridge [getsmartdogs@yahoo.com](mailto:getsmartdogs@yahoo.com)

# Farewell

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**'BILLY'**

12<sup>th</sup> December 2001 - 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015



My precious boy you are running free with all your friends in paradise across Rainbow Bridge.

I have so many memories of you.

- When you were young, hiding tennis balls in the fridge.
- Then you progressed to playing with "big ball" - a huge tennis ball.
- Opening the front wire door even when it was locked.
- When I was at work you would jump on the coffee table, stand on the remote control & turn on the TV.

Billy loved his days at NSDTC, always lots of treat bags lying around to help himself to. One particular day when we had guests at the club, he raced into the clubhouse & to the amazement of several instructors, stood up on the kitchen bench & swiped the top layer off a sponge cream cake & demolished it. We rescued the rest of the sponge, smoothed it over & it was ready for afternoon tea!

He loved ADAC agility because, as a qualifier, he could race to the front & dive into the toy box to select a toy.

In his latter years at Agility trials, I would come back to find he had unzipped eskies, eaten cheese & bickies, Panadol, attempted to demolish my birthday cake, etc. No food was safe around this wonderful boy.

He also loved his days at Manly Dog Training Club at Deep Creek where he enjoyed his paddle in the creek, pottering around & watching his friends training in obedience & Rally O.

Summer Camp at Castreagh was great fun, swiping treats & lunch from people's bags & swimming in the dam.

Run free my special boy, you are sadly missed by your Mum & your best mate Darcy.

Billy, you are forever in my heart. Di Hollett

Yelling at a dog doesn't work, the dog just says --  
***"Cool, now we're both barking!"***

## NSDTC Members Survey: Summary

123 members responded to the survey.

**93% of respondents like or really like training at NSDTC.**

Our core membership is Ordinary Members participating in 3pm Obedience classes

- 66% of respondents are Ordinary Members
- 88% participating in Obedience.

A similar percentage of respondents are participating in Rally O & Agility

4<sup>th</sup> Class (CCD, CD & Social) is the single largest class group

Basic obedience skills & socialisation are the most important things for members

Members also want to be learning new skills (for themselves not the dogs), solving behavioural problems (for their dogs) & exercising their dogs

In general members feel welcome & see NSDTC as having knowledgeable instructors

Opportunity for improvement is listening to individual needs & adapting training as appropriate.



# **Congratulations on your promotion**

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

Ros McAndrew & Jess  
Martin Moelle & Phoenix  
Maki Takken & Aspen  
Elizabeth Bowden & Kenzie  
Brenda McCloud & Darcy  
Michelle Berry & Buddy  
Denise Rathgeb & Bubbles  
Beverley & Kathryn Mohr & Xena  
Liz Olssen Tiger  
Grace Tassel & Pippa  
Ingrid Scharping & Lexi  
Josh & Katie Jenkins & Gravy  
Nicole Keller & Flare  
Makena Smitt & Pandora  
Julieanne Seukert & Kaiser  
Marianne Kristensen & Didi

David Gray & Holli  
Anton Lubbers & Yorick  
Beverley Raiss & Rudi  
Fiona Beckley & Rosie  
Sharon Hubbuck & Luka  
Wendy Charles & Tammy

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

Denise Wigney & Indi  
Robina Zanelli & Glory  
Ray Temple & Rebel  
Mary & Peter Lorimer & Billy  
Beth Archer & Mia  
Anna Streeter & Nelly

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

Stephen Yeomans & Cooper  
Beth Archer & Mia  
Judy Vial & Lottie

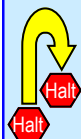
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## **Rally O**

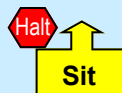
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### **Monday night mid-winter break**

**6 July to 10 August inclusive**



**Suitable courses will be available Saturdays  
1.30-2.30pm, no matter what level you are in  
(including trialling)**



## **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

**The shop is open on Saturdays:**

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

**on side veranda of clubhouse**



# Puppy Page

## Reading your puppy's body language

Dogs have always communicated with each other by using body language. This involves facial expressions, body postures, noises & scents. Dogs will use their mouth, eyes, ears, body & tail to express emotions.

By learning how to interpret your puppy's body language, you can predict their intentions.

### **Signs of aggression (I'm on guard) or submission**

If your puppy is feeling brave or aggressive, they'll try to make themselves larger by standing tall, with ears & tail raised. They'll also push out their chest & may raise the hair on their neck & back. They may also growl & wave their tail slowly.

On the other hand, a submissive dog will try to appear smaller & will act like a puppy. This is because adult dogs usually only 'tell off' a puppy but will not attack them. Submission usually takes the form of a sideways crouch near to the ground, tail held low but wagging. The pup may also try to lick the face of the dominant dog or human or even roll on their back.

### **Your puppy's tail**

Most of us recognize tail wagging as a sign of friendliness & pleasure, but the tail can indicate other moods, too.

The normal way a dog holds their tail varies from breed to breed but generally speaking, a tail held more or less straight out from the body & slowly waved from side to side expresses interest, alertness, confidence & happiness.

If your puppy's tail is waved slowly & stiffly, that's saying your puppy may be feeling threatened, fearful or is on guard.

If it's clamped low over their hindquarters or down between the hind legs, it means your pet is afraid & unsure. An anxious or nervous dog may droop their tail but wag it stiffly & rapidly.

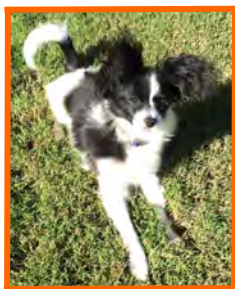
### **Your puppy's eyes**

If your dog's eyes are half closed & relaxed, that's usually a sign of pleasure or quiet submission. Widely open eyes can indicate fear or that the pup is prepared to stand their ground.

In the wild, dogs often stare at each other until one backs down or makes a challenge, so you should never attempt to outstare your puppy, especially if they're nervous.

### **Your puppy's smile**

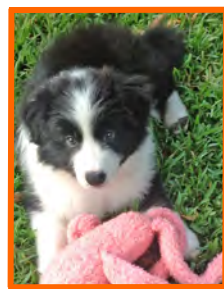
Many dogs open their mouths in a sort of lop-sided 'grin'. This may be a sign of friendliness but can equally indicate anxiety. An open mouth, with tongue hanging loosely, usually shows the pup is relaxed & happy to just hang out with whoever is around them or they're just a little too hot! But when lips are drawn back tightly to bare the teeth, that's a sign of fear or maybe, aggression.



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## Happy Days

for Maggie Young & Penny Dalzell  
as they welcome  
two more puppies to NSDTC

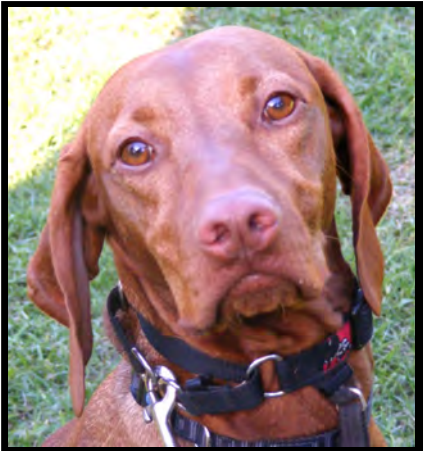
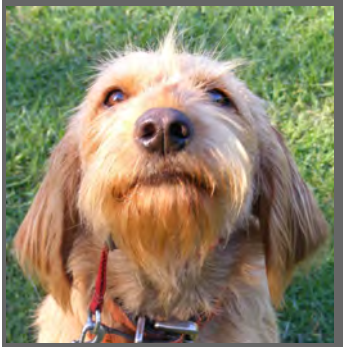
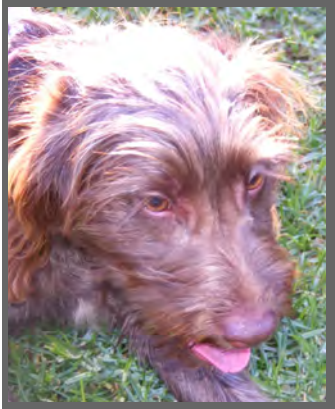


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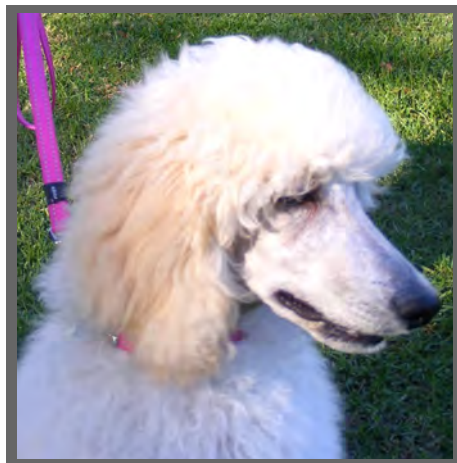
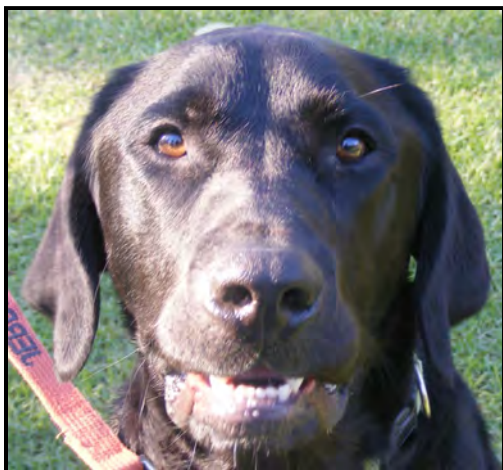
## Parade of NSDTC Dogs

The next 8 pages show the dogs that were present at training on 9 May  
No wonder we are proud of our canine members  
what a wonderful lot they are!!

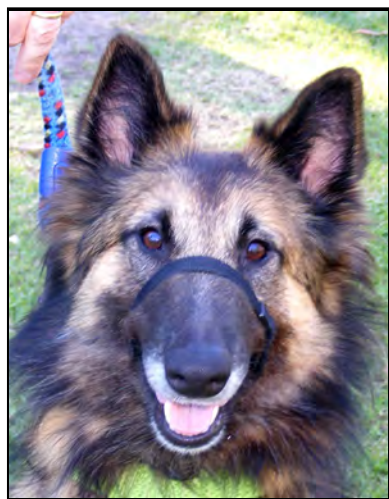


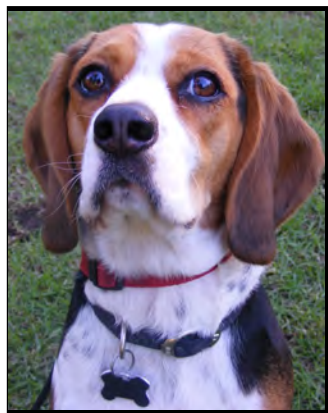
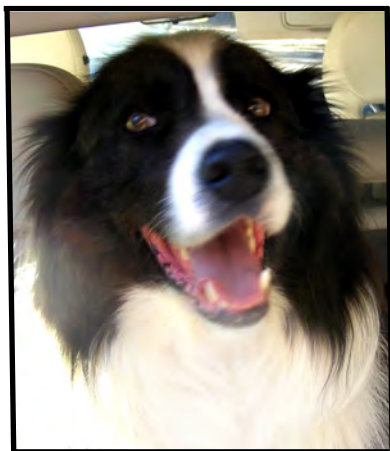




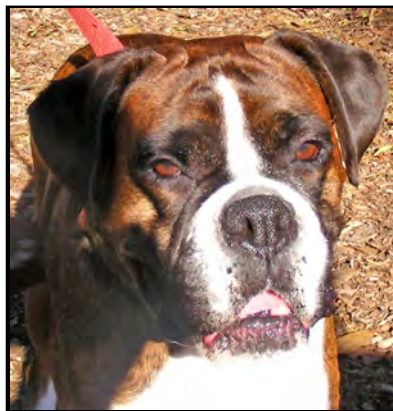




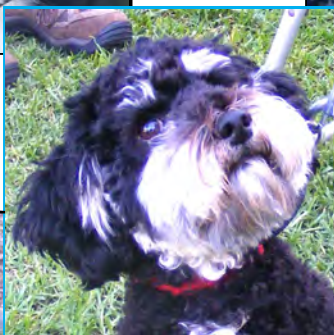
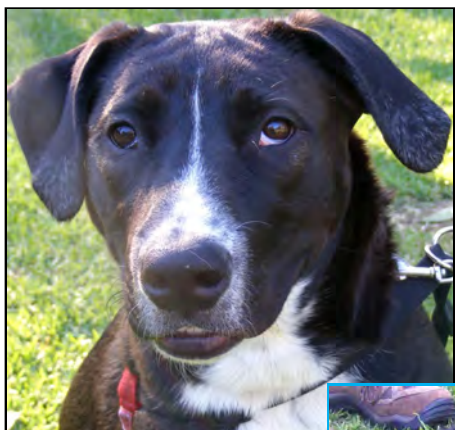


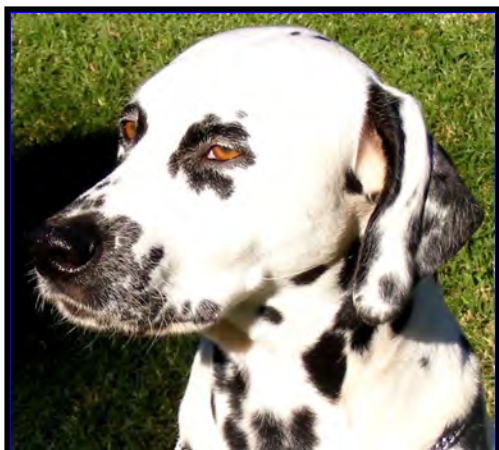
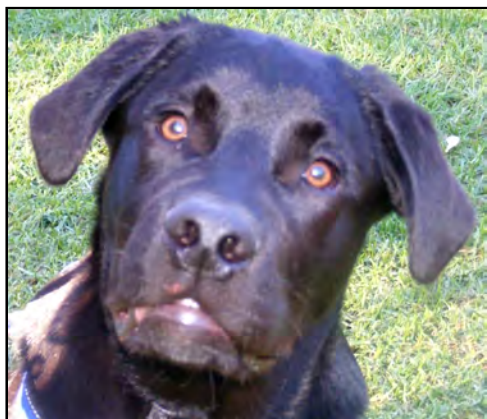




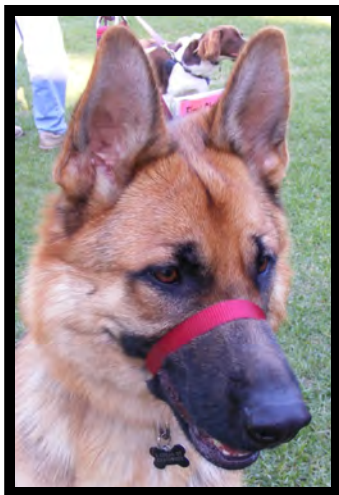
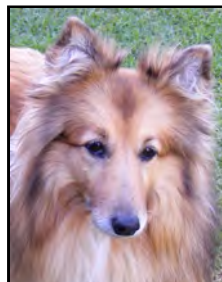












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Dr Philippa Wines BVSc

Dr Luo Dong BVSc

**NSW Chamber of Commerce Business Ethics Award 2014**

**Australian Veterinary Association Practice  
of Excellence in Customer Service Award 2009**

**North Shore Business Award - Outstanding Pet Care 2008**



**A Healthy Dog  
is  
a Happy Dog**

## **Brrrrrr... winter is almost here & dogs feel the cold too!**

Most dogs love running around during cold weather & it's even more fun when it's windy but once the exercise stops .....

Very young dogs, short legged dogs & breeds with short, fine coats are at a higher risk of developing hypothermia due to rapid surface loss of body heat. Puppies, who have not fully developed their body temperature regulation system, are particularly at risk.

Cold weather is often harder for older dogs, who, like older humans, are likely to develop osteoarthritis as they age, especially dogs who have been highly active in their younger days. In cold weather they will often show stiffness & sometimes pain when they get up after a snooze or when they try to jump onto a couch or into a car.

Some are reluctant to go for their normal length walks, preferring to just sniff around nearby, then go home. Encourage them to at least walk around the block daily.

Regular warmth & gentle massage sessions can help ease pain & stiffness. A daily 'rub my tummy' session becomes a very special cuddle time for most dogs, as they finally achieve their favourite wish - their owner's complete attention!

Acupuncture & acupressure techniques can provide excellent pain relief & an increase in flexibility & mobility. Some herbal or complementary remedies sometimes help.

Any soreness or stiffness should be checked by your vet, just in case it is not just due to ageing or wear & tear. Vets may consider prescribing a suitable anti-inflammatory or pain management medication for your dog.

If your dog gets wet, make sure they are thoroughly dry before they go to bed

Whenever possible your dog should sleep inside, especially during winter. Even when inside, they need a well padded bed, raised at least 15cms above the floor. Their bed should be in a quiet, non-draughty, sheltered area so they can relax & sleep.

If your dog must sleep outside, make sure they have a waterproof shelter, protected from cold winds & rain & that their bed is raised at least 15cms above any concrete or bare ground surface.

Their 'house' should be big enough so the dog can lie in a fully stretched out position, but small enough to be cosy & so the heat from the dog's body can warm the surrounding air. Provide lots of soft, warm bedding in the dog's house so they can make a nest & snuggle in. Always make sure their bedding is clean & dry.

Today there is a huge range of coats or doggy jamas available - just make sure they fit well & can't twist around to inhibit movement or become a choking hazard.

Don't forget the value of exercise - a cold, wet, windy day is not an excuse for no 'walkies'. It's the best way for both of you to stay fit & warm up yourself & your dog.

Electric warming pads are **NOT** recommended for obvious safety reasons. **Never** use them if the dog is confined to a pen or a crate - dogs can easily become over heated, leading to extreme discomfort or worse still - heat exhaustion!

# 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

Di Hollett & Darcy CCD

## Rally O

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

Di Hollett & Darcy RA

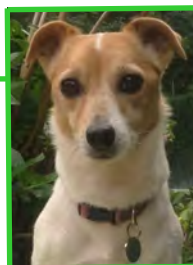
## Agility

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

Barbara Rogleff & Lyla SPX & JDM2  
Barbara Rogleff & Boomer JD  
Di Hollett & Darcy SPD

Anna Uther & Chino SPD  
Maggie Young & Jester JDO  
Gila Levy & Tessa AD & JD

A man may smile and bid you hail,  
Yet wish you to the devil;  
But when a good dog wags his tail,  
You know he's on the level.  
~Author Unknown



Well done!

AD Title  
for  
Jenny Ryan  
& Lily

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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 Sixth (UD) Class

Saturdays 1.30 - 2.30pm Fourth (CCD, CD & Social) Fifth (CDX) & Rally O Classes

Mondays 7.00 - 9.00pm 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

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

**Before starting Agility -**  
dogs must be at least **1 year old & in Third Class or above**



# 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 Turrumurra 2074)	
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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
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:	Judy Perrin
Chief Steward:	Kim Dowding
Trophy Officer:	Denise Wigney

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

**Education Sub Committee**

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

**Agility Trial Sub Committee**

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

**Rally O Trial Sub Committee**

Trial Manager: Tracy Geary  
Trial Secretary: Karen Ortado  
Chief Steward: Ginny Legh

**Dances with Dogs Sub Committee**

Manager/Secretary: Penny Dalzell

**Inter-club Challenge Coordinator**

Penny Dalzell

<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></p> <p>Please note this telephone has no message recording facility.</p> <p>It will only be answered during training times</p> <p><b>if</b> the ring tone is heard by someone in the Clubhouse.</p>
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# NSDTC DOGGY DIARY DATES



## June - August 2015

Sat 6 June	<b>No training</b> - long weekend		
Sat 13 June	Normal Training		Instructors meeting 4.15pm
Wed 17 June	Peta Clarke - 'When It All Goes South' 7.30pm		
Sat 20 June	New members intake		
Sat 27 June	Normal Training	NB. Membership renewals due	General Meeting 4.00pm
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Sat 4 July	New members intake	NB. Nominations open for AGM	
Sat 11 July	Normal Training		
Sat 18 July	New members intake		
Wed 22 July	Committee Meeting 7.30pm		
Sat 25 July	Normal Training	Inter Club Challenge - 1.30 classes	<b>CANCELLED</b>
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Sat 1 Aug	New members intake	NB. Nominations close for AGM	
Sun 2 Aug	NSDTC AGILITY TRIAL		
Sat 8 Aug	Normal Training		
Sat 15 Aug	New members intake		Instructors meeting 4.15pm
Sat 22 Aug	Normal Training		Annual General Meeting 4.00pm
Sat 29 Aug	New members intake		



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