



Yaps & Yelps

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Celebration Posts

Have you chosen your post?

**You can applaud & celebrate your dog/s
by selecting a post & sponsoring it.**

Sponsorship includes
choosing the name of a well known or
famous dog for the post of your choice

**The club will supply a brass plaque
with your dog/s name/s engraved on it**

**This will be attached to the post
you sponsor**

(there is a list of suggested famous dog
names & a diagram of the post positions on
the club house notice board)

**Posts will be allocated after
prepayment of \$60.00**

To reserve your post

see

Gael Goldsack or Maggie Young
at the club on Saturdays

No reservation will be made
**without prepayment &
a clearly printed sheet showing
your dog/s name/s**



Editor's impression
of the plaques

Welcome to our new members

6 February 2016

Michelle, Simon & Stephen Bates with **Bear**
Lise & Tony Berkeley with **Luca**
Santosh, Sampada, Simran & Neha Bhanji with **Annie**
Melina & Roger Brain with **Kooda & Tank**
Maigen Broose with **Molly**
Jeff Brivik with **Mac**
Dianne Burke with **Roley**
Amelia, Chris, Kate & Jim Burns with **Laika**
Chrissy Burns with **Zeke**
Maura Cahill with **Chase**
Marj Camp with **Sookie**
Kate Cook with **Lexi**
Lisa, Ken & Isaac Cremona with **Jack**
Kerri Curran with **Connie**
Rosemary Dillon & Nicola & Bruce Biltoft with **Dublin**
Samantha Dodson & Ben Chadwick with **Woody**
Gordon Ewart & Holly & Louise Hanford-Ewart with **Haley & Milky Way**
Jacqui Eyles with **Charli**
Julian, Helen, Jack, Angus & Hope Fewtrell with **Hachi**
Fiona Foster with **Rosie**
David & Valerie Freeman with **Kanzi**
Renee Fryer with **Dexter**
Vic & Jacqui Gore with **Bella**
Catherine Jongma with **Mabel**
Susie Lawson with **Baxter**
Judith Macauley with **Millie**
Jacqui & Robert McLachlan with **Jersey**
Suzie Manfredini with **Bonnie**
Marianne Marin with **Daisy**
George & Maria Matthew with **Milo & Benji**
Emma Mayne with **Mia**
Anne Millar with **Sage**
Kellie, Chris & Zac Parkin with **Jet**
Leonne, Adam & Owen Pfeiffer with **Shadow**
Maria Plytanis & John Renshaw with **Rosie**
Nerida Priestley with **Lillie**
Elena & Peter Rowan with **Rusty**

Daniel, Heidi, Emily & Sarah Roche with **Charlie**
Sophie Sammut with **Wolfie**
Karin Schultz with **Tommy**
Emma & John Seward with **Kora**
Claudia Studdert with **Blossom**
Rita Thurecht with **Pippa**
Jaki & Colin Wallbank with **Buffy, Willow & Zac**
Kaaren Welsh with **Tora**
Sabine Wilkins with **Jessie**
Sonia, David & Natasha Williams with **Finn**
Anna Wright with **Coco**
Julie & Peter Wright with **Penny**
Neil & Greg Wright with **Penny**

20 February 2016

Anne Adams & Sandy Green with **Blitz**
Lisa Allshire with **Winston**
David, Louise & Tara Bardone with **Shadow**
Sue Chisholm with **Brooklyn**
Peter, Owen, Emma & Liam Driscoll with **Wilbur**
Sarah Fowell with **Douglas**
Sandra, Gavin & Nick Jarvis with **Milo**
Jay Harvey with **Narnia**
Fiona Mathews & Adrian Foote with **Bernie**
Lisa Molloy with **indi**
Melody Moy with **Rory**
Alice & Tim Naughton with **Kobe**
Melinda Novosel with **Zoe**
Sue Potts with **Holly**
Vanessa Proctor with **Rosie**
Vanessa, Frank & Marcus Santonoceto with **Dexter & Zara**
Lizzy Simunovic with **Kodi**
Aradhana Singh with **Suwali**
David, Emily, Judy & Dylan Smith with **Bono**
Margaret Thomas with **Bagheera**
Kate Todd-Miller & Dirk Alexander with **Indy**
Suzie Wilson with **Gilbert**

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5 March 2016

Pat and Judy Crowe with **Seymour**
 Deb Elliott with **Harper**
 Pauline, Lachlan, Hamish & Joshua Gill
 with **Buddy**
 Andrew, Sarah, Kate & Carol Himmelhoch
 with **Max**
 Larissa Holmes with **Luke**
 David Hov with **Oscar**
 Gabrielle Kerstens with **Charlie**
 Teegan Luhrmann with **Scarlett**
 Suzanne Macdouall & Scott Bidder with
Spartacus
 Susan Mackenzie with **Jasper**
 Liz Morrison with **TJ**

Eliza, Ryan, Tim & Shelley O'Donohue
 with **Tyson**

Nivek Thompson with **Ollie**
 Isabella & Heidi Worsley with **Moe**

19 March 2016

Carolyn Bastock with **Thyme**
 Melanie Matt Fennell with **Sasha**
 Priska Henggeler with **Noa**
 Christopher Macroyannis with **Luna**
 Blake Radford with **Kai**
 Simone Samony with **Takoda**
 Mandy & Steve Si with **Nala**
 Chris, Gabby & Benji Thomas & Korina
 Richmond with **Lani**

Congratulations on your promotion

To 2nd Class

Sue Goshell & Maggie
 Wendy Jones & Harper
 Frankie Moore & Skye
 Amy Porter & Jemma
 Nerida Priestley & Lillie
 Daniel Roche & Charlie
 Anna Wright & Coco
 Maigen Broose & Molly
 Catherine Jongma & Mabel
 Kristina Hocker & Fido
 Lizzie Moshirian & Arlo
 Rebecca Walder & AJ
 Margaret Ramsay & Joey
 Margaret Jawerth & Meg
 Margaret Thomas & Bagheera
 Lisa Allshire & Winston
 Alice Naughton & Kobe
 Fiona Mathews & Bernie
 David Bardone & Shadow
 Anne Adams & Blitz

To 3rd Class

Maggie Young & Fly
 Ann Thomas & Pip
 Marianne Kristensen & Didi
 Anton Lubbers & Yorick
 Nicole Keller & Flare
 Yi-Hsia Koh & Haruki
 Sharon Hubbuck & Luka
 Jenny Burnett & Abby
 Emma Mayne & Mia
 Martin King & Rosie

To 4th Class

Rachel Wheeler & Cooper
 Stuart Wild & Lucy

Reminder for all New Members

All members MUST wear their badges when in class.

Before your second lesson, please collect your name badge from the enrolment table on the club house veranda.

If you lose your badge or forget to bring your badge, go to the enrolment table, you will be given a temporary one.

ATTENTION ALL TRIALLERS

RE: CLUB TITLE TROPHIES

Applications for club title trophies at NSDTC are now based on an honour system. **We no longer require copies of your qualifying cards or a copy of your title certificate from ANKC.**

Presentations of title trophies will be at NSDTC competition days:

Rally O - January & April

Obedience - April

DWD - February

Agility - August

When you attain a title, or at any time up to 6 weeks prior to presentations, please:
email Karin at larsenbridge@gmail.com or phone: 0409226838 with:

- Handler Name
- Dog's Registered and Pet Name
- The Title attained and the year attained
- Whether this is your first title in this discipline (i.e. Agility/Obedience/ Rally O/DWD). For your first title you will be presented with a wooden base and a plaque with your dog's registered and/or pet name and a separate plaque with the title gained.

Please note: For further titles gained **in the same discipline**, you will receive **plaques only**, to be added to your base.

OR

Fill out the appropriate sheet in the **CLUB TITLE TROPHY folder** in the office.
I will cross check all entries.

Any queries please contact Karin at the address above.

Recording of Titles gained

Club title plaques are presented on our trial days

In future Titles will be recorded in Yaps & Yelps after the plaques have been presented at the appropriate trials.

Rally O - in the February/March issue

RATG - in the February/March issue

Obedience & Rally O - in the June/July issue

Agility - in the October/November issue

DWD - in the April/May issue

Abbreviations

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

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

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Rally O - RN = Rally Novice RA = Rally Advanced RE = Rally Excellent RM = Rally Master
RAE = Rally Advanced Excellent

RATG - NRA = Novice Retrieving Ability ORA = Open Retrieving Ability

Dances with Dogs HTM = Heelwork to Music. Levels: Starters (S), Novice (N), Intermediate (I) & Advanced (A)
FS = Free Style. Levels: Starters (S), Novice (N), Intermediate (I) & Advanced (A)

Rally O Titles presented at our Rally O Trial 9 January 2016 were

Rally Novice (RN)

Marcelle Fitzgerald & Gabby
Marcelle Fitzgerald & Leith
Carla Sexton & Bailey
Colin Richardson & Georgia
Geoff Woodman & Bronte
Geoff Woodman & Jenna
Frances Dorn & Riven

Rally Advanced (RA)

Di Hollett & Darcy
Marcelle Fitzgerald & Leith

Rally Excellent (RE)

Tina Raiss & Poppy
Alaina Graham & Luci

Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE)

Alaina Graham & Luci RAE 2 & RAE 3

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**



Workshops with Tim Norris

Both Ends of the Lead is a unique healthcare approach to enhance your dog's wellbeing.

Tim uses many techniques including Canine Muscle Function Therapy/Bowen Therapy, Rehabilitation Exercise Therapy, Laser Therapy/Acupuncture & Onnetsu Heat Therapy.

Tim will demonstrate some basic techniques to use at home & owners will be able to practice these under Tim's watchful eye.

There will be 3 workshops. Max number is 10 people with or without dogs per session.

April 20th - will be for dogs 6 to 18 months of age

May 18th - will be for dogs over 18 months

Date TBA - will be for Senior dogs

Workshops will be held in the Clubhouse.

Time 7.30 - 9.00pm.

Cost is \$70 (with or without dog).

To book email Karin at larsenbridge@gmail.com or phone: **0409226838**

Puppy Pages



A bickie bonus for puppies in Wendy's class

Thanks to Wendy Jones for the recipes
& Lisa for the photo

Salmon Dog Treats

1	x	Large Can of Salmon (415g) undrained
5-6	x	Eggs
2	x	Cups of Rolled Oats
		Flour as needed

Mix all ingredients together; if necessary add enough flour so mixture is dough like and not too runny. Press into a lined baking tray so mixture is about 1.5cms deep.

Bake in 180° oven for 15 – 20 minutes.

When cool cut into tiny squares, divide into individual portions and freeze. (Pizza wheel is easier than a knife)

Sweet Potato Dog Biscuits

2	x	Cups of Rice Flour
2	x	Eggs
1	x	Medium Size Sweet Potato
1	x	Tablespoons Olive Oil
2	x	Tablespoons Water

Steam then mash sweet potato.

Lightly beat eggs then add flour and oil.

Add enough water to form a dough and knead for 5 minutes.

Roll out to 1cm thick then cut out shapes with cookie cutter.

Bake for 15-20 minutes at 180°

Cool, then store in air tight container.

Peanut Butter Dog Biscuits

1	x	Cup of Peanut Butter
3	x	Cups of Flour
2	x	Tablespoons Vegetable Oil
1	x	Cup of Water

Combine peanut butter, water and oil in a bowl. Gradually add flour mixing and kneading into a smooth dough.

Roll out to 1cm thick then cut out shapes with cookie cutter.

Bake for 12-15 minutes at 180°

Cool, then store in air tight container.

PS. You can buy bone shaped cookie cutters



Lisa Molloy and Indi

Lisa was so thrilled to find you could cook your own yummy dog biscuits instead of relying on boring commercial treats she baked 2 trays of Wendy's biscuits!!

Is Indi going to eat them all?

PS. From the Editor: I can see a strict reduction diet coming up!



A message from Daisy Martin

(one of the pups in Sharon's puppy class)

**Thanks to Anne for the photos &
forwarding Daisy's letter**

Hi Sharon

Initially I thought I'd use my retrieving genes and have bringing in the mail as my special skill. However after a few disparaging remarks about mail tampering being a federal offence when I opened the letters during delivery, I was encouraged to utilise my swimming skills instead.

As you can see I'm now pretty good at the
stand up paddle board, although hampered
somewhat by the dill at the back with the paddle.
She needs a lot more practice.



We've been working on heel and I've come to realise it is not me that is the problem, it is the person on the other end of leash. I know life is a journey to be savoured - but when the journey is to the beach, or the park, or another dog, then surely it should be about getting there as soon as possible?

If the person on the other end of the lead would only lift their pace to a smart canter without the constant comments about bad backs, slippery steps and arms being pulled out of sockets we would get there so much faster and heeling would not be a problem at all.

One suggestion might be to incorporate fitness training for the handlers into the puppy training schedule. While I socialise with the other pups before class in an off-leash area, get them to run around the park a few times and maybe some sprint training during our playtimes rather than chatting with the other owners.

If you get my handler's cardio levels up she should be able to keep up with me and we will be able to heel with a loose leash beautifully, even when I have the lagoon in my sights.

In the meantime I'll keep working on the handouts you've provided. I do have my job cut out.

Cheers
Daisy Martin



Reward based training - using treats & voice

by Ginny Legh

Reward based training produces a happy dog who is ready & willing & really enjoys working with you.

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

Treat foods have different values as far as your dog is concerned. Imagine your boss says he is going to pay you with peanuts instead of dollars - you would obviously tell him 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 no longer pay them properly for working well.

- * They stop listening to you, no longer pay attention & won't focus on you
- * 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
- * They move away from you & start to pull on the lead, etc

So how do you 'pay' your dog appropriately?

Choose **high value treat foods** such as BBQ chicken, cooked beef sausages, cooked hamburger mince, devon sausage, cheddar cheese, salami or cabanos. Some of the **soft** commercial treats such as Chicken Chunkers or Smackos are OK for training at home, but not in class where there are so many distractions to deal with.

Avoid using hard treats such as kibble ('it's boring - you give me this every day') & commercially dried liver or beef treats as dogs, especially puppies, take too long to chew them - 'everything has to stop while I finish this bit'.

We **do not** suggest using ham, pork or bacon - these are either too fatty or salty.

Food treats for puppies should be **tiny**, really tiny - no bigger than a five cent coin. You'll find you can give your dog 2-3 treats of this size & he'll think he's hit the jackpot.

Talking of jackpots - if your dog does something really well, then quickly reward him with a jackpot. Stop & reward him with your voice & your hands & feed 5-6 treats in quick succession.

Attach the word 'jackpot' to this performance - he'll soon learn the meaning of the word & will get really excited whenever you say it. It's a wonderful way of 'waking up' a lagging or bored dog (but make sure he has earned it before giving a jackpot).

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 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.

As training progresses you will start to randomise the giving of treats & intersperse it with voice only rewards, in other words you'll keep the dog guessing as to when the treat will appear.

Your voice is the second best treat you can give your dog. A happy, enthusiastic 'yes' used as a 'marker' or 'bridging' word, can instantly mark the moment when the dog did the right thing. This of course is then followed with a food treat in the early stages of training or when you start training something new.

NB. You always have your voice with you, even when you've forgotten the treats!
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Once the dog knows the exercise you can reward with the 'yes' every time he does it correctly & randomise the giving of treats (remember a particularly good performance can also earn a jackpot).

All types of rewards must be given within 5 seconds of the wanted behaviour occurring or the dog doesn't know what he's being rewarded for.

Use your voice wisely. If you constantly say 'good dog', 'come on', 'heel', 'sit', etc without rewarding, your dog will tune out. The result is the same as when he sits at home with you & takes no notice of your conversation with family & friends or what's on the TV.

Play it safe!

5 rules to follow when choosing dog toys

Rule 1. 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 2. Choose the right kind of toys for your dog's breed & size. The main rules when choosing the right toy should be **(a)** buy toys that are large enough so they can't lodge in the mouth or be caught in the throat & **(b)** buy toys with no sharp, pointed components.

Rule 3. Never give him worn out slippers or shoes to chew on, he won't know (or care about!) the difference between old or new shoes.

Rule 4. Don't think all the toys that babies play with are suitable for your dog. This is especially so for puppies, because when they're teething their teeth are far more piercing than any human teeth. Hence they may chew off & swallow pieces of the toy which may not be digestible & can cause a bowel obstruction (which can be a traumatic & expensive 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 risky, indigestible items & can result in a very unpleasant visit to the vet for both you & your dog. If you really want your dog to enjoy the comfort & fun of a stuffed toy only let him play with it when you're with him.

I'm a *forever* dog, not an *until* dog.

I am not an "until you have a baby" dog.
I am not an "until you move" dog.
I am not an "until you have no time" dog.
I am not an "until I get old" dog.
I am not an "until I make a mess" dog.

If you can't give me forever, I'm not your dog.

It's really that simple.

Another Elvis look-alike hits Sydney!

Penny Dalzell & Zypperty at the 2016 Royal Easter Show

Penny is one of our most experienced trainers & a top notch instructor at Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club.

Zypperty is just 12 months old, but with Penny's training skills & knowledge she is already performing like an old hand.

In the photo they were waiting to give a Dances with Dogs demonstration, choreographed to Elvis Presley's I'm Stuck on You.

For Dances with Dogs competitions or demonstrations the handler usually wears a costume to complement the musical theme, but the dog can only wear a special collar, scarf, bow tie or bandana.

Each year our Club provides many community services.

Recently Judy Perrin & Gael Goldsack took part in Ku-ring-gai Council's Disaster Planning for Pets Seminar (see extract below from the Northshore Times).

On **Sunday 10 April** we will be taking part in **Ku-ring-gai Council's Annual Dog's Day Out** at **St Ives Showground**. The event starts at 10.00am & finishes at 3.00pm.

There will be free face painting, food stalls, doggie races, behavioural talks, doggie competitions, dog sport demonstrations, pet stalls & more. The best dressed pet competition will be held at 12.30pm.

Dogs must be on lead.

Northern Suburbs DTC members will be giving demonstrations of agility, obedience & Dances with Dogs & providing an information stall promoting the club & answering basic questions from the public.

We encourage all members to bring their dogs for a fun day out.

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KU-RING-GAI

How to handle pets in an emergency

PUT THE CAT IN THE BAG

WHEN fleeing a bushfire or epic storm, experts recommend putting the cat in a pillowslip on your way out the door.

SES spokeswoman Heidi Groom said they frequently encounter people who don't own cages or cat carriers, or enough for multiple pets.

"There has been loss of life in some circumstances where people just won't leave without their animals," Ms Groom said.

The temporary pillowslip option also works for rabbits and guinea pigs, she said.



Judy Perrin with her dog Fernie and Gael Goldsack with Tilly at the Ku-ring-gai pet fire safety workshop.
Picture: Rohan Kelly

Clarissa Bye

PETS often become frantic during natural disasters such as bushfires and large storms, so homeowners are being told to take them indoors before it is too late.

A special seminar hosted by Ku-ring-gai Council last weekend on disaster planning for pets heard "emergency packs" should be prepared in advance with water, food and any medication the animal may need.

SES volunteer Judy Perrin, lead trainer from the Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club, said people often forget the medication if involved in an evacuation.

"There are a lot of storm-phobic dogs out there, and cats go up a tree and disappear," she said.

"Some can become agitated, they will dig under fences or run away, so con-

taining them to a room in the house is the safest place for them."

She advised putting notices in windows of homes - such as "two dogs, one bird" - if residents were forced to leave before their pets, to help emergency workers track down the animals.

And make sure your dog or cat has a collar with contact details, because despite most animals being micro-chipped, some local residents will mistakenly think the animal is a stray without a collar.

Ms Perrin said it would make it more likely other residents would approach the animal if got lost.

"Animals have an amazing sense of smell and can either smell smoke very early, or feel the electricity in the air, so watch them closely and get them in the house," she said.

The Ku-ring-gai K9 Award

Have you listened to all those 'experienced dog people' casually using the words 'obedience training' & have you watched their well trained & well behaved dogs & thought "I'll never be able to teach my dog to behave like that"?

..... **YES YOU CAN**.....

An obedient dog can enjoy being active with you & will equally be companionable & quiet if you wish. And above all they will be safe & reliable in today's busy, suburban world.

Teaching obedience doesn't mean you can't have fun with your dog & it certainly doesn't mean having to use harsh words & rough handling.

All dogs (& their humans) can achieve The Ku-ring-gai K9 Award (KK9 Award) which is organised by Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club with the support of Ku-ring-gai Council.

Gaining this award shows you have a happy well behaved companion dog who is a pleasure to own, comes when you call, sits to greet a friend instead of jumping on them, lies quietly when you need some peace & quiet to read a book or work on an important matter, is well socialised with adults, children & other dogs & will go for a walk with you without dragging you along on the end of a lead.

Once you've attained the basics it is possible to add the icing on the cake & go on to higher levels of Obedience & Rally O training & trialling, Agility or other dog sports.

During your classes you will learn all you & your dog need to know to pass the KK9 Award which we see as an achievable goal for all members.

You will be required to complete a take-home questionnaire - you will find all necessary information in the Club's Training Manual (Green Book).

Your dog will be in Third Class or almost ready to be promoted to Third Class.

The KK9 Award practical test consists of the following exercises

- Road Safety
- Accepting a friendly stranger
- Walking Responsibly
- Sit or down stay
- Release dog & recall
- Walking through a crowd
- Grooming & 'vet' check
- Supervised separation - dog is left with an instructor whilst owner goes out of sight for 1 minute.

Details of each of the above tests are in the Club's Training Manual that you received when you joined the club.

The next test day is Saturday 7 May starting at 12 noon

**Book in by contacting Sharon Househam at the club
or by emailing her at tullyboy@bigpond.net.au**

Monday Night Rally O

Members in 2nd class & above
are welcome to join in & learn
how much fun Rally O is
for dogs & handlers

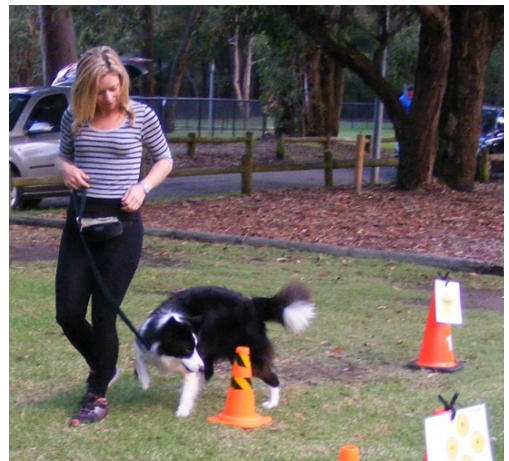


Judy & Fern

'Send Over Jump Handler Passes By'



**Di, one of Rally O
Instructors &
Rally O judge,
adding the finishing
touch to a course**



Emma & Mia

learning the '4 Cone Exercise'



**Fran & Riven
an Irish Wolfhound,
attended three trials,
gained three qualifications &
her Novice Title!**



**Russell & Zara
already have their
2nd Qualification
in Rally O Master**



**Catherine & Lilly
demonstrating a 'Right About Turn'**



Ray & Rebel



GO,
GUNDogs,
GO!



GO, GUNDOGS, GO!

A 'newbie' in 2016, the NSDTC Gundog training group is alive & well with 6 regulars in the Advanced group & 4 in the newer Beginner group.

Working under the ANKC RATG (Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs) Rules, the group was created by club obedience instructor &, more recently, ANKC Judge, Ray Temple whose passion, we all know, is Gundog work!

After starting his Golden Retrievers in the show ring, gaining 3 Championships, Ray moved on to Obedience where he joined our instructing team & trained Cody to his CDX Title.

Finally he found his place in the dog world - training his Goldies to successfully compete in RATG and Retrieving trials. Ray's young Goldie, Rebel, was bred in WA as a working Gundog & lives the life he was bred for – swimming rivers & dams, crossing gullies & running in the hills, retrieving both dummies & game.

Now, as so often happens amongst dog people, Ray has turned some of his attention to giving back to club members some of the fun & achievement he enjoys when working his own dogs.

The club Gundog group boasts, amongst other Gundogs, Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers, German Shorthaired Pointers, a Flat Coat Retriever & a Lagotto - all dogs bred to be soft mouthed retrievers.

Training in areas like the grassed training rings, the bush areas, horse training areas & the waters of Deep Creek, the dogs & handlers are having a heap of fun, characterised by the excited barking of the dogs in a “my turn, my turn” message!.

Most have taken to the water like ducks as they should with the odd exception who likes to run in up to her chest, pray that the floating dummy will swim to her then retreat in a hurry. An embarrassment to both the breed & the handler! Training happens in the dry & in the pouring rain, in the heat & in the cold for these water loving dogs, many of which have double coats.

A short obedience exercise is incorporated into the retrieving ability tests, prior to the retrieving section where some of the dummies are sighted (ie the dogs see where they are thrown) &, in the higher levels, blind. Five of our dogs are competing in RATG trials & Ray's dogs also in Retrieving trials with some great results.

Watching the enthusiasm of these working Gundogs is great, proving that not only can they run fast but they have a prize in sight for their efforts – a perfect yet natural example of our Positive Reinforcement training philosophy. The retrieved dummy or bird is the reward. The pure joy seen as they work their retrieves gives the handlers a real buzz.

Our members are developing into a close-knit group under Ray's superb enthusiasm – very difficult to get him to shut up once he is on a Gundog roll !!

Judy P



**GO,
GUNDOGS,
GO!**



Some prefer dry land!



Tips for Obedience Training

‘Stay’, ‘wait’ - don’t move or else!!!!

Why do we teach this exercise?

It ensures safety for & control of our dogs.

For instance, once the dog can reliably perform the ‘stay’ we can use it to prevent the dog getting into a dangerous situation; make it easy for the Vet to examine the dog; have

a photograph taken; stand still whilst being groomed; keep the dog still when visitors arrive, stop the dog from sticking its nose into a baby’s pram or stealing food, etc.

It is a requirement in all Obedience & Rally O tests & is required in Agility as well.

In the early stages of training it will be suggested you choose either ‘wait’ or ‘stay’ as your cue word. If you are thinking of going on to training at higher levels it may be better to only use ‘stay’ in the early stages of training.

Many experienced trainers use both cues but for different exercises. They usually use ‘stay’ meaning *‘stay where you are until I return to you’*, whilst ‘wait’ means *‘wait here until I give you the next cue, such as ‘come’*.

How to we teach our dog to ‘stay’?

The **basic steps** are

- * Sit your dog beside you, tell them ‘stay’ as you put your hand, with food in it, in front of the dog’s nose & slowly & carefully step forward until you are standing facing them with your toes almost touching their toes.
- * Give them several rewards as you stand in front of them for about 5 seconds, but do it quietly & slowly - no excitement at this stage.
- * Step quietly & slowly back into position beside them - don’t walk round them at this stage as they will get up to follow you. Step backwards into the heel position.
- * Now praise & reward again - this time really show how pleased you are. Have fun!
- * Release the dog (ie move a few steps forward) & have a little cuddle or tug game.
- * Repeat the exercise 3-5 times then move on to something quite different.
- * As the dog becomes more stable, do the exercise in ‘down’ & ‘stand’ too.

Remember - **don’t** use the ‘stay’ command unless you can **immediately reinforce it**, should the dog move.

Many people try to make their dogs ‘stay’ before putting their dinner on the floor. This is fine once the dog really knows what the word means, but not whilst he’s learning.

Once the dog will stay still, with you right in front of them for about 20 seconds, you can increase the distance away by ONE step. If the dog moves, go back to basics for another 2 practice sessions, then try again. Follow the one step at a time method & you’ll end up with a very stable & reliable dog.

Teaching the ‘wait’. It is important that the dog is competent with the ‘stay’ before starting to teach the ‘wait’ as you do have to move at least a metre away to practise the ‘come’ part of the exercise.

Use of food treats when teaching ‘stay’

Don’t make the dog stretch for the treat as this encourages them to lift their rump. You can give food treats in all the stages of ‘stay’, the more the better as this reinforces that the dog is doing exactly what you want & it makes it a pleasurable experience.

A Healthy Dog is a Happy Dog

The things you find in a dog's coat! A daily check is essential

Dog owners commonly find all sorts of strange things caught in their dog's coat & most of them will cause little concern other than perhaps a bit of difficulty grooming them out.

It is advisable to check your dog daily by patiently going over every millimetre of its body with your finger tips.

The main reasons are -

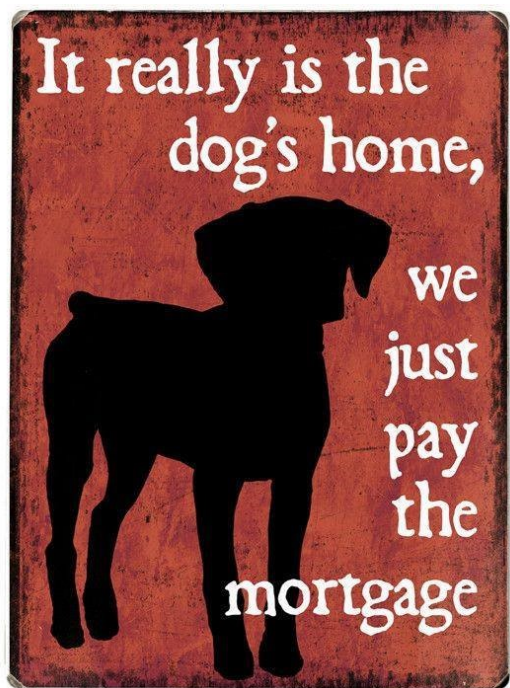
- To ensure there are no ticks on the dog (ticks are around even during winter).
- To find any embedded grass seeds or thorns so they can be removed before they can cause discomfort & infection or worse still, migrate to other vital organs. Grass seeds commonly slip under nails, lodge in the ear canals or nostrils or under the eyelids.
- To identify any 'hot spots' or irritated, reddened areas so they can be treated immediately to stop them spreading & becoming infected.
- To check your flea treatment is working.
- To check the dog hasn't developed any lumps or swellings - if you find one, see your vet. Most are benign, but they can be more sinister.
- To ensure your dog hasn't torn a toe nail or that their nails needing cutting (always remember to check dew claws because, as they don't touch the ground, they don't wear down).
- To identify matts of hair & remove them.
- To give your dog a pleasurable massage - the BEST part of a daily check!

At long last the cooler season is coming!

- If you have your dog's coat clipped - don't take too much off as winter approaches.
- Some short coated dogs really benefit from wearing a soft, jumper style coat at night during the cold months.
- If you have an older dog who has arthritis or other joint problems it may be advisable to see your vet well before winter. There are so many natural remedies & veterinary medications that can help those old, painful joints. Many of the natural supplements take a number of weeks to start working their magic.
- Check that your dog's sleeping place is warm, water proof & in a sheltered place if your dog sleeps outside.
- Make sure there is plenty of warm bedding in your dog's bed. They like to be able to dig up their bedding & make a nest for themselves. Looks untidy to us but that's how dogs like it!
- If your dog sleeps outside, don't take them away from a warm spot beside the fire straight out into a cold kennel. Spend 10 minutes or so in a much cooler part of the house before putting them to bed outside.
- Your dog still needs to have a walk (or free time in the park) at least twice a day. Dark mornings & evenings are no excuse to stop exercising yourself & your dog. Most dogs are more energetic & really want to run & play in cooler weather.
- If your dog gets wet, make sure their coat is fully dried prior to bedtime.



*Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you,
happy birthday dear Sandy
Happy birthday to you!*



**And.....
when the door
bell rings,
why do dogs
always assume
it's for them?**

Gun Dog Training

Do you want to train your gundog to retrieve?

Join our gundog classes on
Wednesday nights

Time 7.30pm

Dog Ring1 St Ives Showground

Contact person Ray Temple:

0408 836 753 email: ray@goldpaws.com.au



Dances with Dogs Classes

First Wednesday of each month at 6.30 - 7.30pm

Contact Instructor: Penny Dalzell 9997 4518



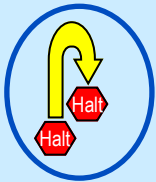
Rally O Monday night training

7.00 - 8.30pm

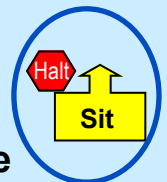
Courses for all levels -
especially those intending to trial

Club members in 2nd class & above
welcome

Contact Instructor: Ginny Legh 94891554



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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.

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
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 12.30 - 1.30pm Sixth (UD) Class

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

Mondays 7.00 - 8.30pm 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

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

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

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 Gareth Moss 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:	Jennifer Hamilton	9982 9029 (Agility)
	Judy Perrin	9449 7388 (Obedience)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Clubhouse Coordinator:	Rebecca Braid
Committee (general):	Eve Park
DWD Coordinator:	Penny Dalzell
Ku-ring-gai K9 Co-ordinator:	Sharon Househam
Librarian:	Virginia Pennefather
Membership Secretary:	Pam Rutledge
Assistant Membership Secretary	Lana Partridge
Newsletter Editor & Archives:	Ginny Legh
Rally O Coordinator:	Ginny Legh
Social Secretary	Sarah Bryce
Training Equipment (Sales) Officer:	Gale Coutts
Training & Trial Equipment Officer:	John Jonker
Assistant Treasurer:	Gale Coutts
Website & Publicity Officer:	Melinda Duker

Obedience Trial Sub Committee

Trial Manager:	Kim Dowding
Trial Secretary:	Eve Park & Judy Perrin
Chief Steward:	Gael Goldsack
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
Sharon Househam Judy Perrin,
Gael Goldsack & Pat Walsh

Rally O Trial Sub Committee

Trial Manager: Tracy Geary
Trial Secretary: Ginny Legh

Dances with Dogs Sub Committee

Penny Dalzell & Ginny Legh

Inter-club Challenge Coordinator

Penny Dalzell

Enquiries re joining the Club: Ginny Legh 9489 1554

Clubhouse telephone number 0415 204 304 (Saturdays only)

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



April - June 2016

Sat 2 April Normal Training

Sat 9 April New members intake

Instructors meeting 4.15pm

Sat 16 April Normal Training

General Meeting 4.00pm

Sat 23 April New members intake

Sun 24 April **NSDTC Obedience & Rally O Trial**

Sat 30 April Normal Training

Sat 7 May New members intake **KK9 Test Day from 12 midday**

Sun 8 May **UD/Open workshop for trialling club members**

Sat 14 May **No Training** (Curry Festival)

Sat 21 May **No Training** (St Ives Show)

Wed 25 May **Committee Meeting 7.30pm**

Sat 28 May New members intake

Sat 4 June Normal Training

Instructors meeting 4.15pm

Sat 11 June **No Training (long weekend)**

Sat 18 June New members intake

Sat 25 June Normal Training

General Meeting 4.00pm



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