

# Yaps & Yelps

Journal of Northern Suburbs  
Dog Training Club



**Congratulations to our NSDTC members who gained titles at the  
Hornsby RATG Trial recently**



Wishing you all a Happy Easter

**April Obedience and Rally-O  
Trial on 28 April**

## Welcome New Members

Roger Smith with Trixie  
Alannah Stokes with Lexi  
Curtis Rigney with Buster  
Ashly Chiang with Belly  
Gwenda Aitchison with Bard  
Sarah Abbott with Zoe  
Jenny Stout with Harley  
Alice Solomon with Jenny  
Nic Lyons with Dusty  
Helen Mylius with Lady  
Kerrie Tan with Cooper  
Linda Burger with Skyler  
Anne-Marie Mosse-Robinson with Archie  
Casandra Lyle with Oscar  
Catriona Wagg with Patches  
Lenka Sikorova with BAO  
Elena Andrews  
Anayaa Baran with Leo  
Gary O'Brien with Prince  
Kate Mcgrath  
Susan Feeney with Sam  
Alexander Eggert with Ted  
Greg Gaupset with Bella  
Michelle Smith with Jimi Marshall  
Joanna  
Lantner with Sascha  
Kim Godfrey with Harley  
Katie Jenkins with Bruno  
Chevaun Macilquham with Charlie



Jennifer Knox with Orion  
Steve Kane with Benny  
Melinda Goodrich with Jackson Brown  
Lauren Elder with Harry  
Chris Tesoriero with Stella  
Danielle Leong with Rory  
Michael Egan with Rufus  
Dawn Richardson with Athos  
James West with Lady  
Linda Wong with Dawry  
Linda Klobusiak with Amba  
Robbie Chiu with Obi  
Malinda Gardner with Daisy  
Melissa Chapman with Willow  
Ley Wilson with George  
Chris Jackson with Ruby  
Megan Allsop with Puzzle  
Natalie Leong with Pippin  
Heather Waugh with Andy  
Tiffany Judson with Minnie  
Michael Chen with Rocky  
Aurea Palma with Toby  
Catherine Armstrong with Lily  
Kathy Cocks with Marco  
Coco Roskam with Pepper  
Sasha Titchkosky with Barney  
Lucy Yao with Louie  
Nancy Tam with Charlie  
Helen Brake with Charlotte  
David Fisher with Bailey

# Welcome New Members



Paul Weekes with Maisie  
 Gary Williams with Lottie  
 Mike Bosch with Henry  
 Ann Goodchild with Leon  
 Jill Bodell with Gidget  
 Rebecca Poynton with Shiloh  
 Jennifer Corrigan with Silky  
 ShirleyHe with Udon  
 Jenique Pilgrim with Daisy  
 Rebecca Gregg with Freya  
 John and Jenny Jabour with Bobby  
 Victoria Brown with Stanley  
 Erica Mann with Zeus  
 Stephen Solomon with Henry  
 Mari Kivela with Arnie  
 Alexandra Bromley with Rollo  
 Cameron Walker with Sheldon  
 Shannon Hong with Penny  
 Tamara Murrell with Missy  
 Michelle Taylor with Nala  
 Nilanjan Sarkar with Inko  
 Peter Addison with Ruffian (Ruffy)  
 Claire Harrison with Roxy  
 Linda Polczynski with Nala  
 Steve Rayment with Bella  
 Kelly Marsh with Atlas  
 Melissa Bartel with Yumi  
 Matthew Amoils with Chloe  
 Julia O'Keefe with Bailey  
 Yve Hansen with Mango  
 Jeremy Brebner with Froggy  
 Kerin Black with Shelby  
 Tish Chakma with Champion  
 Natasha Moran with Winnie  
 Grace Carey with Harley

## Promotions March

### First to Second class

Helen Hanna with Aura  
 Janine Lennox with Maggie  
 Sherelle Casey with Jasper  
 Julie Brogestan with Maisie  
 Judy Perrin with Elsa  
 Dorothy Price with Maisie  
 Diane Worsley with Eidie

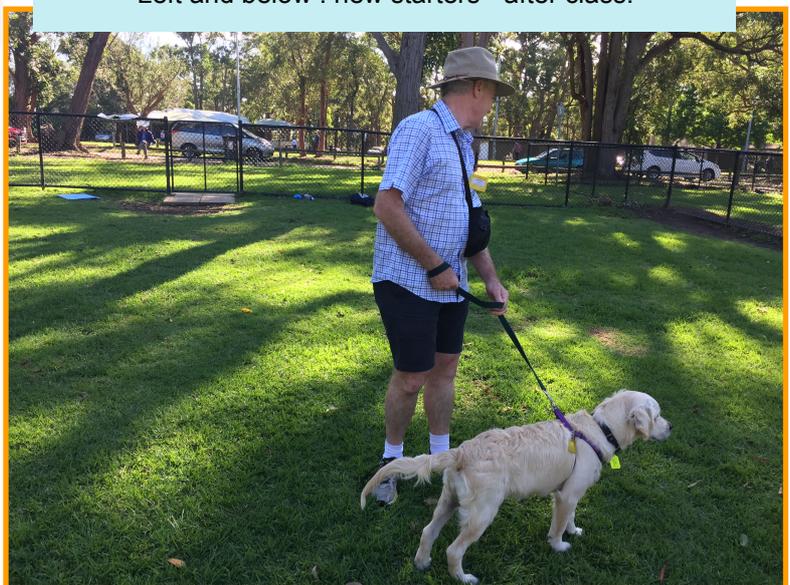
### Third to Fourth class

Brenda McCloud with Maisy  
 Elaine Jameson with Rhemy.

*You are not seeing things - there are 3 Maisie/Maisys promoted this month!*

**More promotions and new starters will appear in June/July Yaps and Yelps**

Left and below : new starters - after class!



## Presidents Pen

A busy beginning to 2019 saw us welcome a record number of crazy cuddly puppies and slightly older dogs with minor teenage issues! All are welcome here as we have a great team of knowledgeable instructors, most of whom have experienced similar issues with their own young dogs. We DO understand.

Our Obedience, RallyO and Gundog trial early in the year set us up for a great year ahead.

Our new members are settling in well, some already promoted to 2nd class and others working hard to get there.

The Sydney Royal is underway and we can expect some results to flow in ready for our next edition of Yaps & Yelps.



Judy

*Judy Perrin*



# NSDTC Dances with Dogs Competition



Northern Suburbs hosted their 7th Double Dances with Dogs on 24th February at Dogs NSW Headquarters at Orchard Hills. We had a record entry of 25 in the morning and 24 in the afternoon.

DWD is a very inclusive sport with the competitors even helping to set up and pack away the room! We also had some wonderful helpers from our club and from other clubs. Our club caterer, Sharon Househam once again provided a very special, delicious lunch.

NSDTC members were very successful on the day with Susi Rusli and Kirin gaining 2 first places in Starters Freestyle; Nicole Keller and Style: 2 first places in Starters Heelwork to Music; Di Hollett and Darcy: second in Starters HTM; Gila Levy and Tessa: 2 fourth places in Advanced Freestyle; Penny Dalzell and Zyperty: 2 first places in Advanced Freestyle.

In Heelwork to Music competitors must spend at least 70% in designated "Heelwork " positions, whilst in Freestyle, anything goes! The classes are Starters, Novice, Intermediate and Advanced.

NSDTC DWD classes are on the first Wednesday of the month. 5.30 to 7.15.



# NSDTC Dances with Dogs Competition



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Nicole Keller and Style



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Di Hollet with Darcy



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Susi Rusli with Kirin



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Gila Levy with Tessa

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## NSDTC winners at Retrieving Ability Test for Gun Dog Trial (RATG) - Hornsby 16 March.

Congratulations to the members of our club, who received awards at the Hornsby RATG trial recently!

*Rebecca Braid, one of the competitors from NSDTC, explains what it was like to compete in the trial.*

I was instructor for my obedience class last Saturday and one of the class asked me at the end of the class "What is Gundog work like?" Well, that started a conversation which I hope will have one little black lab coming along on Wednesday night at 6.30 to Gundog Training with Ray Temple and joining in the beginners class at 7.30pm.

Our Club has been preparing for the Hornsby Trial for a long time. It's close by, so not too much travelling if you are new to the sport and a fun way to spend the afternoon before the Obedience Trial starts.. Our group of competitors this year consisted of Ray Temple (our Gundog Instructor), Marek Duchna, Lana Partridge, Susie Rusli and Vic Gore. All of us run our goldies and it looked like the gathering of the golden retriever club at the Hornsby grounds at Mountview on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of March. Lyn Elliott was our judge and she herself has some beautiful goldies that I have met when training at Dogs NSW.

Judy Perrin (club president and past Chief Instructor, Obedience Training), has said to me anything can happen in a trial and I know Ray would agree with her. It depends on the conditions on the day and what suits your dog. It depends on how your dogs are on the day and how flustered or not you are on the day. At this Trial I felt that one of my dogs would perform better than the other. How



Rebecca Braid with Zander, receiving award from judge Lyn Elliott



Place getters: (from left) Rebecca Braid with Zander, Marek Duchna with Bowie, Ray Temple with Rebel, and Susi Rusli with Maqqie and Kirin. Vic Gore with Orla(not pictured)

## RATG Hornsby 16 March.

All the days and weeks in the lead up to the trial were spent in practising single retrieves and marking the dummy as it's thrown. On this afternoon trial the conditions were wet and cool, which were perfect for Zander. He is used to being a bit of a ham and will roll on the dummy rather than retrieving it but on this day he ran out after the 50m retrieve like a champion. I was so thrilled he did this as at Berrima Trial in 2018 he ran and got the dummy and decided to take it to my husband on the sidelines. This day however I lined him up for the 70m retrieve and he again went out like a champion and over the obstacle and straight line back to a perfect handover. He then did a perfect recall and heal up to the recall point and got himself first place on 97 points

I also ran my little girl Jazz and the conditions were certainly not perfect for her. She loves the cool and rainy weather but the grounds had lots of little swallows darting around about a metre from the ground. As I lined her up for the off lead walk up I had just removed her lead and a swallow dipped right in front of her and she was off and running literally. It took me some time to get my speedy girl under control again but as they say what happens on the day can be unexpected. Jazz will have another go at qualifying at the next trial.

There is always another trial. The great thing is that when Lyn Elliott awarded the prizes for the day to the Novice RATG winners our own club members took out first, second, third and fourth. Well done the Gundog Team. Many thanks to Ray Temple for all the preparation work for us "Novices" and a big well done to Ray's dog Rebel who competed in the higher level of the RATG in Open and got a second.



Photos clockwise from left: Ray Temple with Rebel, receiving his award from Judge Lyn Elliott; Vic Gore and Orla receiving their award; Marek Duchna and Bowie receiving award; Susi Rusli with award, and dogs Kirin and Maggie.

## What Dog Sport is That?

### Retrieving Ability Trials for Gundogs -Taking 'Fetch' to the next level

Do you own a Labrador, Retriever, German Shorthaired Pointer or Spaniel and heard someone refer to your dog as a "gundog" and wondered why? Seeing these breeds in action at a Retrieving Trial brings to life the purpose of these breeds.

Retrieving Tests (RATG) show the natural ability of Gundog breeds to retrieve game. Following a short demonstration of obedience skills the dog is asked to wait while the "game", usually a dummy, is thrown or launched. The dog is given the cue to retrieve, finds the "game" and returns it to the handler.

RATG training is on at 6.30pm on Wednesday nights.

While there is no minimum class level your dog needs to be able to heel off lead, come when called (very important) and fetch toy and we encourage those interested to start training as soon as they can... the earlier the better.



Ray Temple and Rebel



2017 RATG Dog of the Year, Henri

For more information ask your instructor, check out the NSDTC website or contact Ray Temple on phone: 0408 836 753 or email: [ray@goldpaws.com.au](mailto:ray@goldpaws.com.au).

NSDTC holds a RATG Trial in January each year.

*This article first appeared in YY Oct/Nov 2017*

## Education talks coming up

### TTouch® - the Wellington TTouch® with ANDY ROBERTSON

**Saturday 11 May**  
**4.15pm in the clubhouse**

*Come along and learn about this fascinating method.*

TTouch® – the Tellington TTouch® – is a method based on circular movements of the fingers and hands all over the body. The intent of the TTouch® is to activate the function of the cells and awaken cellular intelligence – a little like “turning on the electric lights of the body.”

The TTouch® is done on the entire body, and each circular TTouch® is complete within itself. Therefore it is not necessary to understand anatomy to be successful in speeding up the healing of injuries or ailments, or changing undesirable habits or behaviour.

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Using a combination of specific touches, lifts, and movement exercises, TTouch® helps to release tension and increase body awareness. This allows the animal to be handled without provoking typical fear responses. The animal can then more easily learn new and more appropriate behaviours. By using the TTouch® and a variety of other tools, like the Confidence Course, you can assist the animal in experiencing self-confidence in previously frightening situations.

Even the most difficult problems are often eliminated. You can also learn how to apply the Tellington TTouch® to assist with recovery from illness or injury, or just enhance the quality of your animal's life.

The Tellington TTouch® can help in cases of:

- Excessive Barking & Chewing
- Leash Pulling
- Jumping Up
- Aggressive Behaviour
- Extreme Fear & Shyness
- Resistance to Grooming
- Excitability & Nervousness
- Car Sickness
- Problems Associated With Aging

This gentle method is currently being used by animal owners, trainers, breeders, veterinarians, zoo personnel, and shelter workers in many countries.

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To register for this workshop, put your name down at the clubhouse or email [frinton1@bigpond.com](mailto:frinton1@bigpond.com)

Canine Husbandry/co-operative Care - older dogs, caring for and feeding

LOUISE GINMAN

Wednesday 12 June  
7.15pm in the clubhouse

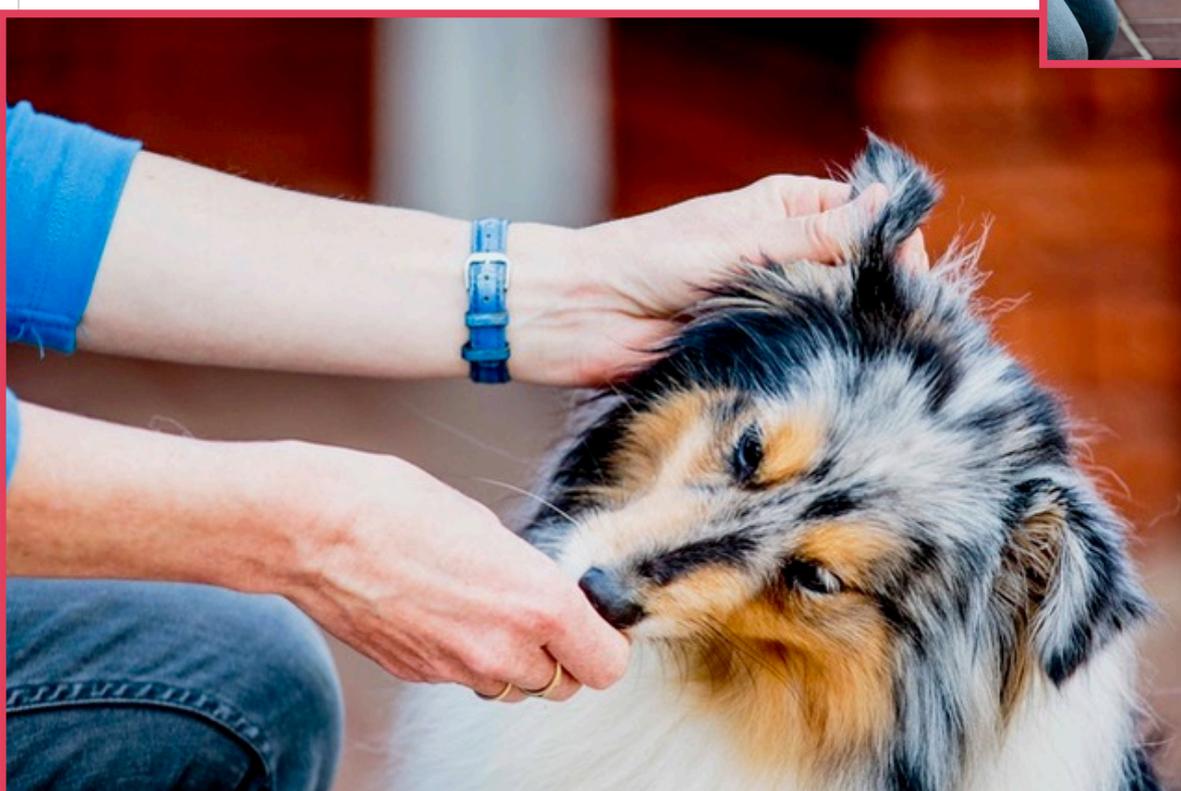
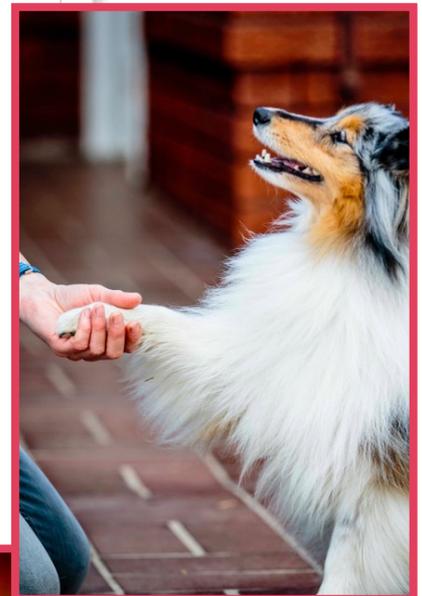
Co operative care behaviours for dogs (and cats) – if a bear can do it – so can you.

This presentation is designed to really kick start your training and extend your skills in the world of husbandry training or as we in the Zoo industry call it – co operative care training.

Co operative care is all about giving choice back to our dogs. Vet visits used to be stressful for dogs as they were restrained for all procedures large and small. Having your freedom of movement taken from you when you feel uneasy or unsure can increase your stress levels. This is exactly what we do to our dog's every time we go to the vets. Today we are going to change all that. We will cover the how's and whys of cooperative care and then move onto some more complex but practical behaviours like chin rests that can be used for most medical examinations and minor treatments, teeth brushing, blood draws, taking temperatures and injections/vaccinations.

Louise owns and runs Positive Dogs, and is a Delta Accredited CGC instructor and dog behavioural trainer.

To register for this workshop, put your name down at the clubhouse or email [frinton1@bigpond.com](mailto:frinton1@bigpond.com)



# Are Easter Eggs bad for your dog?

## Chocolate toxicity in dogs

Our furry friends want to share our treats at Easter, but eating chocolate can be very dangerous for dogs.

Chocolate contains cocoa and cocoa contains the compound theobromine. Theobromine is toxic to dogs and other pets at certain doses. Chocolate poisoning is a problem that occurs mainly in dogs but also occurs occasionally in cats or other animals. It is important not to give your pets any chocolate and to ensure they cannot accidentally access any of your chocolate supplies, especially over Easter!



The concentration of theobromine varies depending on the type of chocolate. For example, cocoa powder, baking chocolate and dark chocolate contain higher levels of theobromine compared to milk chocolate.

The toxicity of theobromine is dose-related, meaning that the overall effect of chocolate ingestion on the dog depends on the size of the dog, the amount of chocolate eaten and the type of chocolate eaten.

The symptoms of theobromine ingestion may include restlessness, excitement, hyperactivity, nervousness, trembling, vomiting, diarrhoea, increased drinking and increased urination, increased heart rate, muscle tremors, seizures and possibly death.

If your dog or pet has ingested chocolate (even a small amount) you should contact your local veterinarian as soon as possible for advice.

Vets can usually treat chocolate poisoning by inducing vomiting and with supportive therapy in hospital but it is important to seek veterinary attention quickly.

Thanks to the RSPCA for this article. <https://www.rspca.org.au>



## Healthy Easter Dog Treat Recipe

Give your dog a healthy and yummy treat at Easter!

### Chicken Liver and Banana Treats

#### Ingredients

2 cups wheat or rice flour (or substitute)

450 grams of chicken livers (or other minced meat)

1 egg

1 or 2 bananas

#### Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C and either grease baking sheets or line with parchment paper.
2. In a food processor or blender, mix chicken livers until liquid then add banana and pulsate until smooth.
3. Mix flours and egg together, then pour in the chicken liver and banana mixture.
4. Mix dough (by hand or with a dough hook). The dough will be heavy.
5. Roll out dough to 1/2-inch thickness then cut with your favourite biscuit cutters or shape by hand.
6. Bake treats for about 30 minutes until they're brown on the bottom. Yum!



## Doggy Diary Dates

Some important dates are listed below as reminders.

ALL training and other important dates are listed on the NSDTC website and updated regularly. If training is cancelled due to weather, look on FB page or website.

### New member dates

Saturday 4 May

2:15pm - 2:45pm followed by a one hour Orientation talk commencing at 3 pm

Saturday 25 May

2:15pm - 2:45pm followed by a one hour Orientation talk commencing at 3 pm

### Promotion test dates

Saturday 4 May 2-3pm

Saturday 1 June 2-3pm

### No Training dates

Saturday 20 April - Easter Saturday

Saturday 18 May - St. Ives Show

Saturday 8 June - Queen's Birthday

### General meeting

Saturday 4 May 4pm





## A Cuppa in the Clubhouse with...

### Rebecca Braid

I belonged to a dog training club when I was a child and my father would take me to training each Saturday morning. I loved it right from the go get. I have always had golden retrievers and my parents

bred a litter when I was eight. The whole family were devoted to the breed and as my own family grew up I decided to see if my beautiful girl Ky could have a litter. Out of that litter I have kept two beautiful goldens for myself. I now train all three of my dogs at NSDTC which I joined in 2015.

I love the club, it has so many choices for members to make with their dogs. You can do Obedience, Gundog, Nose Work, Agility, Rally and many other disciplines. There are many very experienced trainers at the club and we have a group of great Instructors. When Judy Perrin, our current President asked me to consider training to become an Instructor I was thrilled. I had the privilege of being one of Judy's last pupils before she retired as Chief Instructor.

I also decided to put my hand up for volunteer roles. I have been the Club House Co Ordinator for three years and now enjoy being on the committee for Gundog and running KK9 with Jenny Burnell. Jenny and I met over the BBQ at the club one trial day and both have Goldies. Its always wonderful meeting the members as they come through the classes and you can see people learning confidence with their dogs which is very gratifying.





My two youngest dogs, Zander and Jazz are currently doing obedience and gundog work. I was surprised to find when I joined the club that Ray Temple was doing a demonstration on Gundog work with his then puppy Rebel. Having spent a lot of time on properties on rural NSW as a child I really like the idea of Gundog work as its very innate for the Goldies.

When Ray shares his knowledge of this wonderful part of the doggie world its enthralling and at NSDTC we have the only weekly and regular training group for gundogs in the country and I love being a part of that on Wednesday evenings. Zander recently took out first at Hornsby in RATG or Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs. After several years of training him and watching him loving the crowd attention and rolling on his dummy rather than fetching it I am still in shock that he did so well. Good to know everything Ray has taught me did come together and Judy Perrin telling me not to give up just have fun did bear fruit.



I am off to the State Retrieving Trial again this year in August with our Gundog group to steward and offer support for this wonderful part of our sport. You will often see me on a Wednesday night with the gundog group or at the 1.30 Obedience Class on a Saturday with Zander and Jazz. If you ever want a long chat just talk about Goldies and I am there.

The one piece of advice I would give to our wonderful club members is have fun with your dogs and watch as they teach us so much about ourselves.

## New Editor needed.

Linda is finishing her contract as editor of Yaps and Yelps soon. July 2019 will be her last issue, due to work and family commitments.

If you are interested in being the editor, email [editor@gmail.com](mailto:editor@gmail.com) ,or have a chat to Gael Goldsack, Karin Bridge or Linda at the club.

The editor is a rewarding, creative role, and you get to find out a lot more about dog training and how the club is run, and of course meet more of the trainers and other club members.

You don't need to be an expert on Dog training, just interested!

## Editor's Note

Welcome to the April/May edition of Yaps and Yelps.

It has been rewarding seeing so many new members with their puppies learning from our experienced trainers on Saturdays. The NSDTC club and dog trainers have a wealth of knowledge, so if you want to know anything, just ask them!

For those that continue on with their training beyond basic obedience (the cornerstone of all training!) there are many ways to continue your training and and have fun with your dog. NSDTC offers Rally-O, Agility, GunDog (RATG), and Dances with Dogs.

In this issue of Yaps and Yelps you can read about some of the competitions for DWD and RATG that members competed in successfully.

Rebecca Braid writes about her journey to be a Gun Dog competitor and obedience instructor at NSDTC.

Wishing you and your furry family a wonderful Easter, and remember to feed your dog treats other than chocolate...

If you have any stories, photos or suggestions for Yaps and Yelps, please email [NSDTC.editor@gmail.com](mailto:NSDTC.editor@gmail.com). The cut off date is 25 May for content for the next issue.

*Linda and Jessie*

