



# Yaps & Yelps

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Thanks to Anna Uther for the photos

# Welcome to our new members

**Training your dog is fun & owning an obedient dog is a pleasure**

**14/6/08**

Danielle Bettenson with **Bear**  
 Merren Bright with **Trixi**bel  
 Miles & Ulrike Clarke with **Jet**  
 Charmayne O'Regan with **Georgie Girl**  
 Mike Davis with **Ben**  
 Megan Elliott with **Max**  
 Lia Goldie with **Diesel & Kaos**  
 Rachael Rose with **Shelly**  
 Erin Slarke with **Otto**  
 Diana & Astrid Starmer with **Utah & Monty**  
 Sue & Jon Still with **Trafford**  
 Margaret, Craig, Abby & George Symes with **Arnold**  
 Fiona Thomas with **Roxy**  
 Merryn Truskett with **Harry**  
 Nerida Ware with **Merlin**  
 Ian, Celeste, Ruth & Helen White with **Nala**  
 Kevin & Jackie Wilson with **Honey**  
 Joshua Woodcock & Cassandra Wong with **Charlie**

**28/6/08**

Christine Ewels with **Piccolo**  
 David Gorman with **Marley**  
 Libby Hamilton with **Rosie**  
 Judith LeBreton with **Misty**  
 Xuan & Shayney Liu with **Chance**  
 Rob Macpherson with **Jet**  
 Marcelle Moore with **Gus**  
 Pierre & Jordan Oosthuizen & Jenny Khan with **Thandi**

Alicia Paes with **Cheebea**  
 Barbara Simons with **Bella**

**12/7/08**

Carol Brown with **Cody**  
 Dudley Claringbould with **Oscar**  
 Cameron Diggelman with **Ella**  
 Stephanie Gray-Wood with **Tully**  
 Moira Hill with **Max**  
 Chris Molloy with **Charlie**  
 Nicky Newton with **Ruby**  
 Daniel & Masa Strenger with **Lulu**  
 Roger Tregear with **Charlee Girl**

**26/7/08**

Timothy Dawson & Michelle Sprod with **Bobby & Cindy**  
 Leon, Alex & Tracey Dellit with **Daisy**  
 Lesley Dellit & Peter Tedman with **Ella**  
 Chris & Jan Galloway with **Molly**  
 Lynne & Kathryn Genthner with **Zena**  
 Esa Keronen with **Coco**  
 John Marcel Gemperle with **Millie**  
 Andja, Jovana & Darko Markovic with **Monty & Charlie**  
 John Patrick with **Rusty**  
 Jeremy & Susan Rankcom with **Leo & Dougie**  
 Michele Salazar with **Skittles**  
 Seraas Slamang with **Charlie**  
 Ronan Zille & Lucie Reynolds with **Nala**

## NSDTC Annual General Meeting

**Saturday 23 August 2008**

**4.00pm in the Clubhouse**

**Please support your club by attending**

### From The Editor

Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club is a not-for-profit, community organisation dedicated to promoting the socialisation, training & welfare of our canine companions.

Yaps & Yelps is your club magazine & aims to provide snippets of information on training, articles supplied by club members & results of those who are trialling their dogs in obedience & agility.

Articles, news items, photos, suggestions & jokes, etc can be left at the table or emailed to [ginny.l@tpg.com.au](mailto:ginny.l@tpg.com.au)

**Please note** - In order to avoid internet viruses, emails **MUST** include **'Info for Yaps & Yelps'** in the email subject line otherwise emails will be deleted unopened.  
 Enjoy the fun of working with your dog.

Ginny Legh, Editor

# Congratulations on your promotion

**1.6.08**

***To 2nd Class***

Ross Gustafson & Robbie

**21.6.08**

***To 3rd Class***

Judy Mourelle & Jazz

John Jonker & Racey

**6.7.08**

***To 2nd Class***

Diana Starmer & Utah

Nerida Ware & Merlin

Mike Davis & Ben

Sam Petinsky & Grace

Prue Petinsky & Amy

Emilie Koek & Billy

***To 3rd Class***

Jenny Ryan & Grace

Kim Dowding & Sherlock

***To 4th Class***

Darien Northcote & Vella

**12.7.08**

***To 2nd Class***

Sue Guthrie & Zahli

***To 3rd Class***

Noelle Duffy & Ned

**19.7.08**

***To 3rd Class***

Genevieve Colebourn & Becky

**26.7.08**

***To 2nd Class***

Dawn Raghu & Milo

**26.7.08**

***To 2nd Class***

Roslyn Arthur & Jake

## Can anyone help??

Northern Suburbs & Central Coast Dog Training Clubs are co-hosting a 2 day seminar with Brenda Aloff, a renowned American dog trainer & behavioural specialist at St Ives Showground on 28 February & 1 March 2009

**See course details page 9 in this issue of Yaps & Yelps**

**We need audio-visual equipment for the 2 days**

- **a speaker/sound system & lavolier microphone.**
- **a data projector to link with laptop computer**
- **a projection screen**

As the clubs are responsible for all costs related to the seminar (airfares, presenter's fee, hire of venue, catering, etc) we are wondering if there is a very kind club member who can supply the above at no cost or at a very minimal cost.

**If you can help please contact Penny Dalzell on 9997 4518**

# Puppy Pages

## Nothing In Life Is Free (NILF) Program

web site [www.dogo.org](http://www.dogo.org)

Thanks to Gael Goldsack who submitted this article

This program has been very useful in training dogs that have decided they will do as they please regardless of your wishes.

If you find yourself with a dog that continually gets on your couch or bed & refuses to get off or insists on being petted when IT wishes to be petted, rather than when you decide to pet it, this program may very well help you greatly! The same goes for those 'headstrong dogs' that flatly refuse to come when you call or defend their food dish & toys from you & other humans in your household. 'NILF' can help. It is not a cure-all that will solve every behaviour problem but it will help your canine companion to behave better in your family 'pack' because it trusts & accepts you as 'the pack leader' & is confident knowing its place in your family.

### How to practice 'NILF'

Using positive reinforcement methods, teach your dog a few commands &/or tricks. The basic sit, down & stay are important commands & of course you can add shake, speak & rollover which are fun tricks to teach your dog. Training your dog also has the pleasant side effect of creating a stronger bond between canine & master.

Once your dog knows a few commands, you can begin to practice 'NILF'. Before you give your dog anything (food, a treat, a walk, a pat on the head) it must first perform one of the commands it has learned.

For example:

- It's walk time. Dog must sit until you've put the lead on.
- It's dinner time. Dog must sit & stay until you've put the bowl down & said 'OK'.
- It's time to play a game of fetch or tug-o-war? Dog must sit & shake hands each time before you throw the toy.
- It's treat time. Dog must sit & perform one of the fun tricks you've taught him.
- Dog wants a belly rub. Dog must lie down & rollover before being petted.

Make sure your dog knows the commands well & understands what you want before you begin practicing 'NILF'.

Don't give your dog what it wants until it does what **you** want. Being consistent is EXREMELY IMPORTANT!

If he refuses to perform the command, walk away, come back a few minutes later & start the process over again. If your dog refuses to obey the command, be patient & remember that eventually he will have to obey your command in order to get what he wants (think of the dog as a headstrong Teen, rebelling). Eventually their desire for whatever it is they want, will outweigh their desire to rebel & they'll remember they have to earn their reward.

The benefits of this program:

Most dogs assume a neutral (Omega) or submissive role toward people, but some dogs will challenge their owners for dominance. Requiring a dominant dog to work for everything it wants is a safe & non-confrontational way to establish control. This is understood by the canine brain because of its ingrained desire to understand its 'pack status'.

Dogs who may never display aggressive behaviour such as growling, snarling, snapping or otherwise acting out in a physical manner, may still manage to attempt to subtly manipulate you. These dogs may display affectionate, though 'pushy' behaviour, such as nudging your hand to be petted or 'worming' their way on to the furniture in order to be close to you.

The ‘NILF’ technique gently reminds even the subtly ‘pushy’ dog that he must abide by your rules. 5

Obedying commands helps build a fearful or timid dog's confidence; having a strong leader & knowing its place in the ‘pack’ helps to make the submissive dog feel more secure.

The ‘NILF’ technique works because animals, like dogs, that naturally live in packs, establish a social structure within the pack commonly called a dominance hierarchy. This serves to maintain order, reduce conflict & promote cooperation among pack members.

In order for your home to be a safe & happy place for pets & people, it's essential that your dog knows ALL humans in the household (young & old) assume the highest positions in the dominance hierarchy. Practicing NILF effectively & gently communicates to your dog that its position in the hierarchy is subordinate to yours & the rest of your human family.

Because children are small & can get down on the dog's level to play, dogs often consider them to be playmates, rather than superiors. With the supervision of an adult, it's a good idea to encourage children in the household to also practice NILF with the family dog.

## A Minute on Your Mutt

Dogs & children can share a truly wonderful relationship but NEVER leave your dog & a child under the age of 10 years unsupervised.

It is often the family dog that causes injury to a child, but it is NOT always the dog's fault. Children can often be very cruel & threatening to a dog even though it's unintentional.

Please ensure children

- do not tease a dog
- do not pull, pinch, poke or handle a dog too roughly
- do not put their fingers or foreign objects into a dog's ears, mouth, eyes or other ‘private’ places.



Children should be taught not to scream, wave their hands & arms & run madly around a dog as this may excite the dog, resulting in jumping, growling & nipping & can even end up with the dog attacking the child (ie the dog's prey drive kicks in & he catches his ‘prey’).

Teach children to leave their dog alone when he's sleeping or eating.



**Diamond in the ruff** - Hayley with Sophie  
at The Children's Hospital Westmead.

Photo: Peter Rae

This lovely photograph of Sue Armston's Sophie with a little patient named Hayley appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald 8.7.08.

Sophie, a 54 kilogram gentle giant, is part of the new Animal Assisted Therapy rehabilitation program at The Children's Hospital Westmead. As a hospital spokesperson said ‘it is difficult to explain to a four year old that you want them to walk up & down a room four or five times, whereas if you have a dog there & you say come on, let's walk with Sophie, they'll happily walk with the dog’.

Sue, a volunteer with the Delta Society Australia, visits the hospital weekly with Sophie.

# Tips for Obedience Training

To many dogs, the command 'come' means 'quick, run the other way!' There are countless examples of how the owner trains the dog not to come by unintentionally punishing the dog when it does come. Every time the dog is called to engage in an activity that the dog doesn't enjoy, he is learning that the command 'come' is bad news. The owner should never call the

dog to come & then give him a bath, clip his nails or confine him. Even if the owner's planned activity is not unpleasant for the dog, just the fact that it isn't as much fun as the activity the dog is currently engaged in is enough for the dog to choose not to obey. It's better for the owner to just go & get the dog for these activities rather than ruin an otherwise rapid recall. Some owners intentionally punish their dog when it comes. Often this is done when the dog has misbehaved (especially chewed something or soiled in the house). The owner shouts 'Come here. Bad dog!' After the dog has been scolded once or twice when she obeys & comes to the owner, not surprisingly, she will be reluctant come when called next time.

Dogs are always learning whether we intend to teach them or not. Formal training sessions are usually short & infrequent compared to the day to day & minute to minute training (or more appropriately - untraining) we do with our dogs. In order to correct this type of problem the owner must first be aware of how he or she is unintentionally training undesirable behaviours in the dog. One or two instances of 'punishing' the dog for coming when called can undermine weeks & weeks of formal training. Owners must learn to incorporate positive training into the dog's life & daily routine. Until the dog is reliably trained to come when called, he should not be let off leash.

The average owner who attends a training class with his or her dog practises the exercises at home on the average of 5 minutes a day. An exceptional owner practises perhaps 15 minutes a day. What happens with the dog the other 23 hours 45 minutes each day? Every time the dog & owner interact, the dog is learning something even though the owner may not be intentionally trying to teach the dog anything. Dogs are always learning.

## Basic Come When Called Training

As soon as your dog says 'Yes, yes! I'm hungry, I'll do anything for that food' then you're ready to begin. Introduce the simple recall by giving the dog a couple of nuggets of her dinner for free, then quickly back up a few feet & say 'come'. Hold the food in an outstretched hand at the dog's nose level. Praise the dog all the time while she approaches & give the food as soon as she arrives. Once the dog comes readily, add a sit to the end of the recall & take hold of the dog's collar before giving the food. Many dogs will come & sit, then duck or run away to avoid being touched. They will not allow themselves to be touched because past experience has shown them that this usually means bad news (from the dog's point of view, not yours).

## More Training Exercises

Now that the dog understands the basics of the exercise, it is time to make training even more fun. Perform the To & Fro & Hide & Seek (described below) exercises between meals with your dog's favourite treats. Again, be sure the dog shows interest in the treat you're using. Use miniscule pieces - this is a treat, not a meal. One centimetre square pieces of chicken, cheese or liver are ideal. In other words, real food, not boring kibble. The better the reward, the quicker the dog learns & the longer the dog retains what she has learned.

A very simple, enjoyable training exercise is a To & Fro recall. Two or more people should

stand ten metres or so apart. One person calls the dog to come & instructs her to sit-stay. <sup>7</sup> Then the other person calls the dog to come & rewards her. Practice this exercise in the house & yard. Most dogs love this exercise & in exuberant anticipation of the commands, may madly rush back & forth, like a deranged yo-yo. To control this the person who asked the dog to sit may gently restrain her by holding her collar until she is called. Only the person who calls the dog is allowed to give a treat. We don't want the dog to think that all she has to do is charge up to someone & they will automatically dispense food.

When the dog catches on to the game of To & Fro, then the human participants can begin to spread further apart turning the To & Fro recall into a game of Hide & Seek. Two or more people begin in the centre room of the house. Each time after they have called the dog to come, they go further away from the place they started. As the game progresses, eventually one person will be in the master bedroom, the second person in the guest room & the third in the kitchen, etc. The dog does not simply run up to the person calling, he has to find that person first. This game is an especially good reinforcer because not only does it appeal to many of the dog's natural instincts, but it also associates the word 'come' with the owner & fun instead of dread.

### **Random Recalls & Other Training Motivators**

There are times when we know the dog will come, ie when the owner says, 'Do you want to go for a walk?' or 'Ride in the car?' or 'Where's your ball?' Many dogs come running to the owner just upon hearing car keys jingle or when the door where the leash is kept is opened or the cupboard that holds the treats is opened. Periodically & randomly throughout the day, happily herald such events with the cheerful announcement 'come'. For example before giving any clues that a walk is being offered, call the dog to come. If she comes, hold out the leash & ask her to sit, put on the leash & go out for a walk. If she does not come, pick up the leash, waggle it around, put it away & ignore the dog. She will probably regard you suspiciously, perhaps thinking 'How come my owner picked up my leash & now we are not going for a walk?' The next 'come' usually produces an immediate response. With enough repetition your dog will think 'I'm not sure what those words mean, but whenever I hear them I better hurry over to my owner as quickly as possible because something terrific is going to happen'.

### **Distraction Training**

Don't let a fun activity such as running free & playing with other dogs become a distraction to training. Instead, use it as a reward. Show the dog that if she comes when called, she will receive plentiful praise, a food treat & then be allowed to resume her play session. Try to be a part of your dog's good times, so that she learns it is not the end of the fun just because you tell her to 'come'. When you first take the recall training exercises outside, practice in areas with the least amount of distractions. Begin with the dog on a long leash. It's absolutely essential that you are able to enforce your command if the dog refuses to obey. Don't allow your dog to ignore you. If you call a couple of times & the dog ignores you, use the long leash to make the dog come. It will take many repetitions of 'come' during play before the dog is convinced that its freedom is not going to end just because the owner has called. Gradually add more distractions only when the dog succeeds with minimal distractions. When you find you no longer have to enforce your command, then it is time to try the exercises off leash. If at any time the dog regresses, simply go back to square one & begin again. Don't take the dog back to the off leash park again until you have done some retraining. In most cases, all it takes is for the dog to get away with disobeying once & the dog realizes that he can do it again & again.

It's a good idea to practice all these exercises at every opportunity as you want to maintain the highest level of obedient behaviour & prevent bad habits from creeping in.

# Tips for Agility

## Teaching a dog to go over the dog walk



Encourage & guide dog across dog walk



Guide dog down ramp so he stops at the bottom of the contact zone



Praise & reward dog

## Teaching a dog to go through the tunnel



Handler runs to exit

Helper stays with dog at entrance to tunnel

Handler kneels or crouches & calls dog through tunnel for a reward



**28 February & 1 March 2009**  
**Louise Lennon Pavilion**  
**St Ives Showground, Mona Vale Road, St Ives**

**Don't miss this.....** Brenda Aloff, a renowned American dog trainer & behavioural specialist will present a 2 day seminar featuring

**A Get Connected (with your dog) Clinic**

- Relationship based exercises
- Learning Theory topics & elements of body language
- Using the dog's body language in the training process
- Foundation exercises designed to negotiate with the dog in his own language
- Instinctive behaviours - impulse control & the opposition reflex

**Canine Body Language**

- Body language that is friendly or non-threatening as a starting point
- Relaxed & neutral stances
- Confidence & curiosity
- Excitement & play behaviours
- Greeting & friendly postures (e.g. the 'I love you stretch')
- Calming & negotiation signals

**Plus**

- How Get Connected exercises will obtain reliable loose leash walking
- Training & Emotions - how trainers get in their own way
- Reactivity & the competition dog
- The myth of the 'drivey' dog & no control
- Calm dogs run better & faster
- Exercises with 'drivey' dogs to preserve drive & speed but improve compliance

**Central Coast & Northern Suburbs Dog Training Clubs**

invite everyone who has anything to do with dogs to take part in this seminar.

It will be a great experience!

For information & registration details please contact

**Judy Turley email [djturley@tpg.com.au](mailto:djturley@tpg.com.au) or call 02 4384 2688**





Trial 3 August 2008

Thanks to all the dogs & people  
who took part, organised, cooked,  
recorded & stewarded. We had  
fabulous weather & a really great  
day was had by all.



## Congratulations Nicholas Gray Our Senior of the Year

Nicholas is our architect & web master, a senior instructor & is always willing to help no matter what needs doing or organising. He never appears without his long haired German Shepherd 'Lottie'

Bronwen Taylor donated the trophy in memory of her Australian Cattle Dog 'Coora'



We know Judy Perrin believes in positive reward training. Is she carrying it too far by offering a treat to Andy Seitz ?

Our instructors & those who work tirelessly for the club nearly every weekend were treated to a **'Reward Dinner'** at the Hills Flower Market restaurant in June.

A lovely evening was enjoyed by all - the food & service were great & the company was terrific.



Joan Hopwood holding her beautiful album full of memories of the club & its members.

The album was compiled by Barbara Gurney.

Some of our members & their dogs enjoying  
The Million Paws Walk  
at Olympic Park.  
The walk is held annually & raises much needed funds for the RSPCA



# Trial Results

Obedience & Agility triallers - please enter your results in the Trial Results folder in the Club office. This is the best way to ensure results appear in Yaps & Yelps.

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## Obedience

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

| Owner & Dog             | Date    | Event               | Result      |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|-------------|
| Di Hollett & Billy      | 3.11.07 | Sutherland DTC      | CD - Qual   |
| Tricia Woodman & Kayley | 17.5.08 | Armidale DTC        | CCD - Title |
| Janice Liang & Jasper   | 17.5.08 | Eastern Suburbs DTC | CCD - Qual  |
| Ngaire Chant & Bobby    | 22.6.08 | Blacktown K & DTC   | CD - Title  |
| Victor Liang & Toby     | 22.6.08 | Blacktown K & DTC   | CCD Title   |
| Karen Burges & Wags     | 28.6.08 | Macarthur DTC       | CD - Title  |
| Di Hollett & Billy      | 28.6.08 | Macarthur DTC       | CD - Title  |
| Geoff Woodman & Xanthe  | 20.7.08 | Maitland DTC        | CCD -Title  |

## 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

| Owner & Dog            | Date    | Event                       | Result            |
|------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Geoff Woodman & Kayley | 25.5.08 | Wollongong Dog Sports Club  | SPDX - Qual       |
| Geoff Woodman & Kayley | 31.5.08 | Goulburn D&TC               | ADO - Title       |
| Anna Uther & Holly     | 3.6.08  | Hawkesbury Dog Agility Club | ADX - Qual & 1st  |
| Anna Uther & Holly     | 29.6.08 | Central Coast Agility Trial | ADX - Qual        |
| Anna Uther & Keshi     | 29.6.08 | Central Coast Agility Trial | ADX - Qual        |
| Anna Uther & Keshi     | 5.7.08  | Manly & District K&DTC      | ADX - Title       |
| Anna Uther & Keshi     | 5.7.08  | Manly & District K&DTC      | ADO - Qual        |
| Geoff Woodman & Kayley | 5.7.08  | Manly & District K&DTC      | ADM - Qual        |
| Geoff Woodman & Kayley | 5.7.08  | Manly & District K&DTC      | GDX - Qual        |
| Mary O'Dwyer & Titan   | 12.7.08 | Manly & District K & DTC    | ADX - Qual        |
| Mary O'Dwyer & Titan   | 12.7.08 | Agility Dog Club of NSW     | SD - Title        |
| Patricia Walsh & Venus | 12.7.08 | Manly& District K&DTC       | JDO - Qual & 3rd  |
| Geoff Woodman & Kayley | 12.7.08 | Manly& District K&DTC       | ADM - Qual        |
| Geoff Woodman & Kayley | 13.7.08 | Deerbush TC                 | JDM - Title & 3rd |
| Geoff Woodman & Kayley | 13.5.08 | Deerbush TC                 | ADM - Qual        |
| Patricia Walsh & Venus | 18.7.08 | Agility Dog Club of NSW     | ADO - Title       |

## YOU

You are a hairy fleabag  
You never do a stitch of work  
You lick the faces of complete strangers  
with the sole intention of underlining my  
own social inhibitions.

Not only are you colour-blind you also  
cannot tell the difference between a  
carpet & a couch.

You pretend that you find the word "no"  
incomprehensible.

You insist on sharing your unmelodious  
bark with the entire neighbourhood.

You are the laziest, dirtiest, most stubborn  
and presumptuous thing I have ever known  
and I think you're perfect.

with thanks to Judy Perrin

## A Healthy Dog is a Happy Dog

## Warning!! Cocoa shell mulch is lethal for dogs

**NB. Cocoa Mulch is sold by garden supply stores  
in Australia.**

The following warning has been issued by Ali Taylor, Head of Welfare, Battersea Dogs Home in the UK.

Cocoa mulch supplied by 'Target' is sold as a garden mulch. However following several dog fatalities over the last 2 - 3 weeks please check you haven't used it in your garden. It contains the ingredient 'Theobromine' which is lethal to dogs & cats who unfortunately like to eat the mulch because of its chocolatey smell.

The labelling information is apparently dubious & does not fully warn of this danger.

**Please pass this on to as many people as you can.**

### Potty Training

Gael Goldsack found this in a Bernese Mountain Dog newsletter & thought it interesting.

Riley is only 4.5 months - she's probably not going to make it through the night. A general rule of thumb is this - **it is reasonable to expect your puppy to hold it for approx one hour longer than her age in months.** With this formula you should probably potty her just before bedtime & then plan on setting your alarm to get her out about 5 to 6 hours later. Which, if you put her to bed around 10.00 pm would occur near 3:30 am... think she's telling you something?

### Excerpts from Chip In - Information for Dog Owners in NSW

**[www.dlg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au)**

The Companion Animal Act 1998 was introduced in NSW on 1.7.99 to protect pets, people & the wider community.

**Microchipping & Registration** is a two part process that requires dog owners to

1. Have their animals implanted with a microchip from the time they are 12 weeks of age, at point of sale or change of ownership (whichever occurs first).
2. Register their animals with their NSW local council by 6 months of age.

**Please note:** Your dog is required by law, when in a public place, to have a collar around its neck with a tag attached that shows the dog's name & the address or phone number of the dog's owner.

### Updating Your Information

When you become the owner of a dog either by purchasing the animal or being given the pet, ensure that the previous owner or breeder sends the local council a completed & signed change of owner form.

If you sell or give away a dog it is your responsibility as the 'old' owner to update the new owner's details on the Companion Animal register at your local council, otherwise penalties may apply. You should also notify council when any of your animals have died.

### What to do when your dog is missing

Contact your local council & pound (& local vets) as soon as possible.

## Thunderstorm Fear

Sydney Animal Behaviour Service (run by Dr Kersti Seksel) is undertaking a double blind trial with a homeopathic remedy for thunderstorm phobia/fear. If anyone is interested please contact Dr Jackie Ley on 9949 8511



Go to the website [www.leadtheway.org.au](http://www.leadtheway.org.au) for more information

### LEAD THE WAY & SUPPORT THE ANIMALS (REGULATION OF SALE) BILL

We are a nation of Animal lovers, but we need to do more to ensure their well-being & eliminate animal cruelty. Regulating the sale of animals means a better beginning in life & helps reduce the 60,000+ unnecessary deaths in NSW alone every year.

**'The principle here is about our responsibility as humans to the animal world'. Lord Mayor Clover Moore MP**

It is a public campaign to restrict the sale of pets to registered breeders & shelters only. This should stop mass production of unwanted animals (by backyard breeders) to be sold through pet shops, newspapers etc. De-sexing at point of sale will be mandatory as will better education on responsible pet ownership.

## SHERIFF JOE IS AT IT AGAIN!

Thanks to Bob Park for finding this snippet

You all remember Sheriff Joe Arpaio of Arizona, who painted the jail cells pink & made the inmates wear pink prison garb. Well.....

Maricopa County was spending \$18 million a year on stray animals, like cats & dogs. Sheriff Joe offered to take the department over & the County Supervisors agreed.

The animal shelters are now all staffed & operated by prisoners. They feed & care for the strays. Every animal in his care is taken out & walked twice daily. He now has prisoners who are experts in animal nutrition & behaviour. They give great classes for anyone who'd like to adopt an animal. He has literally taken stray dogs off the street, given them to the care of prisoners & had them place in dog shows.

The best part? His budget for the entire department is now under \$3 million.

Teresa & I adopted a Weimaraner from a Maricopa County shelter two years ago. He was neutered & current on all shots, in great health & even had a microchip inserted the day we got him. It cost us \$78.

The prisoners get the benefit of about \$0.28 an hour for working, but most would work for free, just to be out of their cells for the day. Most of Sheriff Joe's budget is for utilities, building maintenance, etc. He pays the prisoners out of the fees collected for adopted animals.

Happy animals, much happier prisoners!!

## All you'll need to know

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

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

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

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES** are due by 30 June each year.

**GROUND FEES:** \$3 per class per dog for all members except Juniors & Pensioners who pay \$2.

**YAPS & YELPS** The Club journal is published every two months & is available from the table at the clubhouse.  
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, St Ives Showground every Saturday, February - November inclusive. NB. No training on Public Holidays

**OBEDIENCE:**

Saturdays 3.00 - 4.00pm Adv Puppies, First, Adv First, Second & Third classes  
Every second Saturday Classes start for New Members & New Puppies

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

Saturdays 12.30 - 1.30pm Sixth (UD) Class

Wednesday 7.30 - 8.30pm Training for Instructors only

\***AGILITY:** Beginners First Saturday & Monday of the month  
All levels Saturdays 9.30 - 12 noon  
Night Agility Mondays all levels 7.00 - 9.30pm

\***FLYBALL:** All levels Alternate Saturdays 2.15 - 2.45pm

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

\*Dogs must be at least **1 year old & in Third Class or above** to start Agility or Flyball

## NSDTC Vaccination Policy

- NSDTC Inc requires a **minimum C3** (distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus) vaccination after the age of 12 weeks for all puppies **less** than **12** months old.
- All dogs joining or renewing that are 12 months to 3 years of age must have had at least a C3 vaccination in the preceding 12 months.
- Dogs joining or renewing over the age of 3 years who have not had a C3 vaccination in the preceding 12 months must be referred to the Club Veterinary Officer or nominee with their most recent vaccination certificate or letter of exemption from their vet.
- As Bordetella and Parainfluenza are not **normally** life threatening to healthy dogs, these vaccinations are optional but **recommended** and owners are reminded that these will be required if the dog is to be boarded in kennels.
- All vaccination certificates must be signed by a registered veterinary surgeon.
- Homeopathic ‘vaccinations’ will not be accepted.

**REMEMBER. A delay of two weeks after the final puppy vaccination is required before puppies are permitted to join classes.**

### PARKING

- Parking for Club Members who are **not** instructing or doing other club related duties is to the LEFT of the road as you enter the showground.
- The parking area on the right, nearer the Clubhouse, is for “on duty” Club Members who need to leave their dogs, carry equipment, etc.

Thank you.

## CLUB & GROUND RULES

Please adhere to the following rules. They 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 carry extra plastic bags!).
- Each week pay your \$3.00 ground fee at the Clubhouse & collect your ticket.
- 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.

## Highlights from the General Meeting held on Saturday 28th June 2008

### **Business Arising from the previous Minutes:**

The submission for the KMC Draft Management plan, specifically relating to the Showground use) was sent.

Andy has put all the OC photos on the wall.

The Festival on the Green demonstration went ahead in the rain.

Nicholas Gray was awarded the Senior Member of the Year

The new NSDTC cards have arrived

The new committee badges have arrived, but not all have been collected.

Suggestions for judges for our obedience trial were given to Jenny Scamps and a vote taken on our preferences.

### **Business Arising from Correspondence:**

The Mayor phoned to say he was on his way to the Sausage Sizzle after it had finished

It was decided to include the article on the double blind trial of Homeopet Anxiety in Y&Y

Elizabeth sent a thank you for the flowers which was read out at the announcements.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Current Balance \$77,107.97

### **Business Arising from Treasurers Report:**

As expected we made another loss this month, but renewals are rolling in (nearly \$2000 taken today).

### **Obedience Training Report:**

Submitted by Chief Instructor, Judy Perrin. Apologies for absence. Foul weather of late has reduced class sizes.

Congratulations to Janice Laing and Jasper on their CCD, Victor Laing and Toby on their CCD

Ngaire Chant and Bobby on their CD& Di Hollett and Billy on their CD today!

A great achievement in a very short time. Also congratulations to those other triallers achieving passes.

Good wishes to the Interclub Challenge teams for next weekend

We are on the lookout for new recruits for the Instructors' Course

Plans to make the KK9 award the focus of our early classes to encourage participation and create "socially acceptable" and well-mannered pooches.

### **Agility Training Report:**

Given by Chief Instructor Russell Clarke.

Russell is putting together a team for the Festival of Agility – one dog in each height category to be selected.

The new jumps are finished and in use. The old jumps were sold for \$10

Allison Geddes is way ahead on the point score

Thanks for the dinner from agility instructors

Russell proposed that a blue dot be stuck on the name cards of regular agiliteers as the coloured ribbons fall out.

### **Obedience Trial Report:**

The judges were voted on today. Jenny will contact those judges selected.

### **Agility Trial Report:**

Entries are arriving

Need volunteers to help at trial – preferably non-triallers

Qualification cards etc. have been ordered

Ngaire will do the photos

### **Membership Secretary's Report:**

Renewals are rolling in

Help is needed on Saturdays on the table as Lana has on-going family commitments

### **Library Report:**

Stocktake will get underway in the next week or so

### **Other Reports**

Brenda Aloff: Judy is booking the Louise Lennon Pavilion for the event

### **General Business:**

- Russell reported that Pat Walsh didn't receive title trophies for Tianah (only Venus). She will fill out another application, but there were none in the folder. Gael will find a new master to add to the folder.

- Penny Dalzell proposed we acknowledge Ngaire's significant contribution to the club by way of the photography she does. It was decided to give her a \$100 Westfield gift voucher as a thank you. Debbie will organise.

- Jenny reported that the price of pigs' ears has risen, but they are still just under the \$400 per box of 400, so no need to raise the price just yet.

- Russell requested that we again sponsor the Festival of Agility (State Titles). \$150 will be sent.

## **PATRONS**

Mr Stoyan Rogleff Mayor of Ku-ring-gai - Cr Nick Ebbeck  
Dr Angus Ross Dr Michael Eaton Dr Joanne Righetti

## **CLUB EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE**

|  |                 |                       |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>President:</b>  | Barbara Rogleff | 9488 9488             |
| <b>Club Secretary:</b>   | Gael Goldsack   | 94873656              |
| (for committee business only - 89 Grosvenor Street Wahroonga 2076) |                 |                       |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>  | Debbie Selby    | 9477 4430             |
| <b>Vice Presidents:</b>  | Sandra Fry      | 9416 6080             |
|  | Eve Park        | 9449 1941             |
| <b>Chief Instructors:</b>  | Judy Perrin     | 9449 7388 (Obedience) |
|  | Russell Clarke  | 9997 1798 (Agility)   |
| <b>Joining Enquiries:</b>  | Sandra Fry      | 9416 6080             |

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Archives:** Christine Rethers

**Clubhouse Coordinator:** Bronwyn Maurer

**Clubhouse Catering:** Anna Uther

**Ku-ring-gai K9 Award Coordinator:** Marcelle Fitzgerald

**Librarian:** Ruth Hyde

**Assistant Librarian:** Elizabeth Van Ewyk

**Membership Secretary:** Lana Partridge

**Assistant Membership Secretaries:** Pam Rushworth & John Jonker

**Newsletter Editor:** Ginny Legh

**Obedience Demonstration Coordinator:** Vickie Dean

**Publicity Officer:** Nicholas Gray

**Social Secretary:** Eve Park

**Training Equipment Officer:** Kay Luke

**Assistant Training Equipment Officer:** Barbara Gurney

**Trial Equipment Officers: Obedience:** Andy Seitz **Agility:** Geoff Woodman

**Trophy Officer (general):** Tracey Elder

**Website Coordinator:** Nicholas Gray

### **Trial Committee (Obedience)**

**Trial Manager:** Andy Seitz

**Assistant Trial Manager:** Judy Perrin

**Trial Secretary:** Jenny Scamps

**Chief Steward:** Barbara Rogleff

**Trophy Officer:** Denise Wigney

**Catering Officer:** Kay Luke

### **Trial Committee (Agility)**

**Trial Manager:** Anne Clarke

**Trial Secretary:** Russell Clarke

**Chief Steward:** Phil Palangas

**Trophy Officer:** Tracey Elder

# NSDTC DOGGY DIARY DATES



## August - October 2008

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Saturday 2 August   | Flyball Training 2.15pm. BYO BBQ 5.00pm                          |
| Sunday 3 August     | <b>NSDTC Agility Trial</b>                                       |
| Saturday 9 August   | New Members  |
| Saturday 16 August  | Flyball Training 2.15pm. <b>Instructors' Meeting</b> 4.00pm      |
| Saturday 23 August  | New Members. <b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b> 4.00pm                |
| Saturday 30 August  | Flyball Training 2.15pm.   |
| Saturday 6 Sept     | New Members. BYO BBQ 5.00pm                                      |
| Saturday 13 Sept    | Flyball Training 2.15pm. <b>KK9 Lecture 2</b> (Parasites) 4.00pm |
| Saturday 20 Sept    | New Members  |
| Wednesday 24 Sept   | Committee Meeting 7.30pm   |
| Saturday 27 Sept    | Flyball Training 2.15pm.   |
| Saturday 4 October  | NO TRAINING - Long Weekend                                       |
| Saturday 11 October | New Members. <b>KK9 Lecture 3</b> (Laws) 4.00 pm                 |
| Saturday 18 October | Flyball Training 2.15pm. <b>Instructors' Meeting</b> 4.00pm      |
| Saturday 25 October | New Members. <b>GENERAL MEETING</b> 4.00pm                       |

**NB. Saturday 1 November KK9 Test Day from 12 noon**

