



# Yaps & Yelps

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**Agility fun**



**at NSDTC**

**on Saturdays**



# Welcome to our new members

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

**7.2.09**

Michael Bell with **Nevada**  
Stella, Katie, Daniel & Ming Chan with **Bobby**  
Brent & Jane Collyer with **Mali**  
Barbara, Alan & Alice Davie with **Louis**  
Janine Deck with **Ollie**  
Denise & Ben Herman with **Yofi**  
Minh Ho & Glen Boultwood with **Lili**  
Carol Ible with **Saffron**  
Julie Lieknins with **Lucy**  
Cathy & Roderick Macleod with **Billy**  
Caitlin O'Hagan with **Monty**  
Bianca Oliphant with **Rosie**  
Kai Shimada & Naoko Konishi with **Sascha & Hachi**  
Jenny Silman with **Princess**  
Kate Smith with **Kuda**  
Connor Tumulty with **Dexter**  
Judith & Archie Wilson with **Poppy**

**21/2/09**

Guy Innes & Laura Barwick with **Lottie & Roxie**  
Hayley Braban with **Tess**  
Frances Buchan with **Milo**  
Elena & Kate Crittenden with **Dodger**  
Ian Lucas with **Gemma**  
Ian & Stephanie McInerney with **Beau & Tess**  
Jill Pearce with **Toby**  
Barbara Skidmore with **Bailey**  
Sarah & Barry Stewart with **Charlie**  
Brad & Lyndal Strauss with **Ari**  
Kathy Thieben with **Dizzy**  
Steven & Jodi Taljaard with **Saber**  
Phil & Jenny Wilson with **Pepper**

**7/3/09**

Michelle & Nicole Barden with **Kenya**  
Suzanne Brooke with **Beau**  
Jessica & Agung Cahyadi with **Mojo**  
Kirsty Cooke with **Summer**  
Rick & Jane van Groningen with **Elizabeth**  
Adam Heys & Monique Trickey with **Isaac**  
Katherine Ho with **Baci**  
David & Jaedene Love with **Mustang**  
Marian Melo & Zbenka Peroutkova with **Mia**  
Maria & Meilyn Michaux with **Cassis & Bikou**  
Nicki & Jason Murray with **Eddie**  
Nicole, Tony & Jan O'Brien with **Dande**  
David Owen with **Malika**  
Lisa Pulham with **Poppy**  
Deirdre Purcell with **Zola**  
Heidi Richardson with **Echo**  
Anna Riches with **Jilly**  
Caren & John Sevil with **Coco**  
Sang Hee, Warren, Joanna & Juno Wilson with **Mali**  
Cole Zapple with **Jake**

**21/3/09**

Jenny & Graeme Arnott with **Lara**  
Phillip & Annette Barwell with **Stella**  
Cherie & Michael Beach with **Harrison**  
Jill Dent & Graham & Jessica Edmeads with **Archie**  
Suzie Evennett with **Dudley**  
Maddie, Leonie & Liz Finnigan with **Chewy**  
Donna, Greg, Stephen & Melinda Kirkham with **Chloe**  
Nick & Maureen Nedachin with **Amy**  
Michael Neitman with **Uma**  
Simone & Pam Onley with **Amba and Dash**  
Roger & Catherine Parker with **Pepper**  
Joanna Sandnes with **Rolo**  
Lisa, Diana & Stephen Wee with **Mya**

From The Editor

Our Club is a community organisation dedicated to promoting the socialisation, training & welfare of our canine companions.

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** - 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

# **Congratulations on your promotion**

**21.2.09**

**To 3rd Class**

Nicky Newton & Ruby  
Anna Uther & Tilly

**28.2.09**

**To 2nd Class**

Bianca Oliphant & Rosie  
Jenny Silman & Princess

**7.3.09**

**To 3rd Class**

Jennifer Ryan & Lilly  
Barbara Simons & Bella

## **Up-coming Club demonstrations at community events**

Some of our members & their dogs will be showing the public the pleasure & fun we get from owning a well behaved & trained dog.

25 April - Ignite the Flame. 12.30pm at St Ives Village Green.

3 May - Festival on the Green. 10.30am & 2.30pm at St Ives Village Green.

31 May - Ku-ring-gai Council's Dog Day Out. 10am - 3pm at St Ives Showground.

This event has lots of activities for you & your dog to enjoy - dog races, vet clinics, for sale stalls, dog food suppliers, face painting for kids & doggie styling (wash in colours, toe nail painting, etc!)

NSDTC is giving an agility demo & will have a training information stall & a BBQ.  
Come & join in - it's fun!!

## **Club Champion 2008**

This trophy is presented in memory of one of the Club's Life Members, Bev Murrell.

It is awarded to the Club member who gains an obedience title in the preceding twelve months with the highest aggregate score.

## **Congratulations to Judy Perrin & Fernie CD**

The photo shows Stoyen Rogleff, one of our Club Patrons, presenting Judy & Fernie with the trophy at our last Christmas Party



# Puppy Pages

## Resource guarding

Preventing resource guarding is easy if you start early enough.  
Food & toys are the most common resources guarded by pet dogs.

Food guarding usually occurs because the dog thinks they need to protect a vital resource. It is a natural & normal behaviour but one which can & should be, eliminated in a pet dog.

Dogs that have been hungry at some point in their lives are more prone to food guarding than those that have always enough to eat.

To prevent food guarding you need to teach your puppy that a hand approaching a food dish is not coming to take the food away, but instead is bringing something more appetising to eat. Once a puppy has learned this, they will welcome you rather than try to keep you away.

Never become aggressive yourself in response to food guarding or you will teach your puppy to become aggressive too & the pup may eventually become dangerous when eating.

### Try some of these tips at mealtimes-

Call your puppy to you at mealtime, place their dinner on the floor, squat down beside them & as they begin to eat, gently stroke & touch them all over, talking quietly while doing this. Begin on their back & side, progressing slowly towards their head. Stroke their ears & underneath their neck. If the pup shows signs of anxiety, slow down & distract them again with a few special titbits.

Take small pieces of food that are more appetising than their ordinary food (eg chicken, cabanossi, cheese) & hold them in front of your puppy's nose as they are eating. Allow them to eat these tasty titbits from your hand (do this 3 or 4 times at each meal).

Place your hand in the puppy's food bowl with a tasty titbit in it. As the puppy starts to sniff at your hand, open your hand (palm up) & allow them to eat the titbit from your hand. Dig around in their food bowl & give them another piece of tasty food that you have hidden. Do this a couple of times each meal, then leave them alone to eat their meal in peace.

Do this every day until they start to wag their tail & look up from the food bowl to see what else is on offer as you approach. At this stage you can occasionally remove the bowl from your pup while they are eating, place some tasty titbit in the bowl, then return the bowl telling them they are a good dog & to eat.

### For toy guarding try these tips

The toys used when you play with your dog are **yours** (not the dog's). Therefore you own the resource & are happy to share it when it suits you!

To get your pup to give up a toy (&/or bring it back to you) have another 'swap' toy in your hand.

Get their attention by waving or squeaking the 'swap' toy & as soon as the pup drops the first one, give or throw him the 'swap'. Remember to praise when your pup drops the toy.

You can also swap a food treat for a toy. Ask your dog to 'give' & immediately they let go of the toy, praise them & give them a couple of treats. Then throw them the toy again. Keep repeating the process.

Slowly decrease the distance from you that is acceptable before the pup gets their 'swap'. The final goal is to have them put the toy in your hand before the treat or swap is given.

## **Things dogs love (& humans don't understand!)**      Thanks to Gael Goldsack

**Leaving the toilet bowl lid down.** Humans just don't understand that the water is cold, fresh & always tastes better there. For the little dogs that have never been able to 'reach' this delightful experience – you don't know what you are missing.

**Not sharing in the fruits of your labour.** I don't mean 'fruit' actually. I mean that thick beautiful, steak you cooked to such aromatic perfection. We're all part of the pack, right? Why am I not getting my share?

**Not understanding my behaviour.** Okay, so I like to greet strangers by leaping on them. I like to chase my tail by that lead crystal vase you call an heirloom. I'm not misbehaving; I'm a dog for crying out loud. It's all good & like shadow chasing, helps build eye-to-paw coordination.

**Bathing.** What is with the daily bath 'thing' that humans do? Why do they inflict that obscenity upon me on occasion? Just when I think I am smelling fine, they bathe me. I really don't understand. I'm only going to go out & roll in 'something' again. They just don't appreciate the effort it takes to get that perfect doggie odour.

**Being away.** I love attention & being around people, noise & excitement. When you are away, at work, or running errands ... this is time away from me. Don't you know? It is ALL about me. Your life should revolve around me & I can make you regret leaving me behind....

**Nail trims.** They are MY nails – I spend lots of time growing them & here they come again touching my feet. I hate that!

**Not letting me chase the possum.** They torment me by placing a 'glass wall' between me & lots of critters outside. How annoying. All I want to do is 'play with them. The other thing they do is restrain me with this thing called the leash. I want to run forward & I'm pulled back. If they can't keep up, they should just let me go. What is a dog to do?

**Not letting me at the postman.** This is so unfair. I wait all day for the postman & finally he comes. The anticipation is great. Then, they hold me back. Tell me to be quiet. They don't appreciate the fact that the postman comes most days & I single-handedly scare him away. My bravery & courage are unappreciated. How annoying.

**When my owner is playing with the other dog or cat.** This really hurts my feelings. Seeing MY owner play with someone else. It is all about me... they really don't understand.

**Won't let me eat out of the litter box.** I think of it as an opportunity for a tootsie roll snack. My owners get all grossed out, run around & then actually deny me access to what I desire the most. I am actually helping to clean up. What's the problem?

**Expecting me to be at their beck and call.** For a treat – I have to do some humiliating little trick & pretend I like it. What about independence, freedom & respect?

**Rolling up the car windows.** I feel such joy from the little words 'want a ride'? This gives me thoughts of having the window down with cool wind blowing through my hair, looking just dynamite as other dogs stare from the curbs in envy & awe. Just when I am really getting into it – head out, ears flapping, they roll up the window. Then I am forced to stare at other dogs going by with their heads out the window. Mega bummer.

*A wonderful insight into normal dog behaviour which we humans just have to change!!!      The Editor*

# Tips for Obedience Training

## Luring & rewarding

Thanks to Judy Perrin

Are you one of those handlers who constantly feeds your dog during class? If so, liken this over indulgence to YOUR every day occupation!

Are you paid for every hour of the day or only for the hours you work? SO - your dog should be rewarded for the work HE does - no work completed - no reward.

Behaviour rewarded will be repeated & once you have enabled your dog to understand this concept by only rewarding AT THE RIGHT TIME & then by rewarding appropriately - you are well on the way to becoming a good trainer.

**LURING** is used to **shape a behaviour** which is unknown to the dog eg put a food treat to his nose, draw it over his head & very close to his head, to lure him into a 'sit'. As his bottom hits the ground give him the treat. Now add the verbal cue 'sit' as you take the food from his nose over his head. Once he understands what you are asking of him, luring is no longer needed. NOW change to Rewarding.

Luring can help develop a good relationship between dog & handler whilst assisting in guiding/shaping the behaviour & minimising the stumbling blocks of confusion or fear.

**REWARD** - means 'thanks - I really like it when you do that'.

Ask the dog to sit by giving him the verbal cue 'sit'. As he does so, reward him with a food treat.

Remember - your dog's favourite reward may not be food - it may be a pink pig, a grubby ball or just a scratched chest! With this in mind it is now appropriate to introduce the **verbal cue 'yes'**, which will mark the precise moment the behaviour happened, acting as a **'bridge'** between that moment & the time you are able to deliver the treat, whatever that treat may be. The 'yes' ends the behaviour which must now be rewarded.

**BRIBING** - is an attempt to gain control of the dog by getting him to do something he chooses not to. NOT a preferred part of dog training but, used sparingly, it is an effective way to solve a dangerous or frustrating situation, eg the dog is charging round the garden with an expensive article of clothing. He may be willing to 'trade' it for a piece of cheese.

In a training situation the handler, who does not show the dog the treat, asks the dog to perform a 'known' exercise eg "Sit".

The dog fails to sit.

The handler produces the treat, shows it to the dog & again asks him to sit.

Dog sits & receives the treat.

He has now become a qualified extortionist!!!

In positive reinforcement training, timing is critical if rewarding is to be effective.

**The reward should be given within 3 seconds of a desired behaviour** or the dog may inadvertently perceive the reward as one given for another subsequent behaviour.

Timing is also important when defining the criteria for success.

A puppy may be given 10-15 seconds to process a request & comply whereas an older or more experienced dog may only be allowed 2 seconds.

To be effective, the intensity of the reward must match the degree of difficulty of the action. The degree of difficulty of an exercise will also depend on your dog's breed, his physical ability, temperament, desire to work on that particular exercise eg a Labrador can be expected to be more willing to retrieve than a Shar Pei. This being so, a retrieve by the Shar Pei

should be rewarded with a 'jackpot'.

**Variety** of rewards is important - high value rewards, intermittently, will bring high value work. If you rely on a tennis ball & verbal praise as your sole rewards what happens when your dog is 13, deaf & unable to chase a ball - or when you lose your voice or have an injured shoulder?!!! As an employee earning a fixed salary, how do you feel when your boss offers you & your partner a weekend in the Hunter Valley as a "thank you" for your excellent contribution to the business?  
Says it all!

**It's time to have a bit of fun!**

Completed questionnaires should be given to the author -  
Judy Perrin - our Chief Instructor, Obedience.  
Has she heard all the answers before?

**My dog is not coming up to the expectations of the Instructor today because:**

(please highlight the appropriate excuse)

He doesn't like sitting on wet grass	He just sat on a bee
It's too hot/cold/windy/sunny today	There are ants in the grass
He is not enjoying your class today	You're shouting at me & it upsets my dog
She just had a bath & she's itchy	She's allergic to the grass
She's still doopey from her hypnotherapy	He missed his afternoon sleep today
My dog is not very bright	My 'Cuddles' hates dog training
I really need a cup of tea	I have a hangover
She's depressed because she missed Dr Harry on the TV last night	
The instructor has taken an instant dislike to both me & my dog	
He's seen something interesting in the grass	
I don't understand how to do this exercise – my dog doesn't understand either	
She's a Sheltie.....(space for other breed)	
I think my Spaniel has a hangover – his ears are so droopy	
My Wolfhound doesn't like the Jack Russell next to him	
I seem to have forgotten some of my hand signals – all of them actually	
We forgot to practice this week/this month	
My dog has a sore foot/back leg/back/.....(space for other ailment)	
She's called a Retriever but that doesn't mean she can retrieve	
My dog IS sitting – he's just short like me	
He ran away, just a moment ago. What should I do?	

## Tips for Agility

**The Sydney Royal Easter Show ....** Thanks to Tracey Elder it's not all fairy floss & dagwood dogs!

When I was a little girl my Grandmother used to take me to the Royal Easter Show ... I loved it ... the pavilions with the cows & the pigs & the horses ... the waffles & the ghost train.... So many things to see.

How strange that my clearest memory of those days at the Easter Show is of Butterfly dogs.

It's strange because the highlight of my year is still the Sydney Royal Easter Show ... but now I'm part of it in the company of my own Butterfly dog, Sergeant Pepper.

Sergeant Pepper is a Papillon (French for Butterfly) & together we are competitors in the Agility dog events at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. His companion is called Hamish.

Our day starts very early ... we're up before 5.00am. You have to be up & ready to head for the site where the 'Royal' is located. It is still dark when we reach the first check-in gate.

Next to unload all the gear that we need for the day. Believe me, you can't afford to forget anything, as once you check in you can't get out until at least 5.00pm.

I have so much gear that I need a trolley. I have a dog-box & a bag for all the other stuff.

From the car park to the dog pavilion is quite a long way along a bumpy road but we enjoy ourselves ... we can't help feeling excited. The dogs never complain.

At last we reach the dog Pavilion, find our own cubicle & make ourselves comfortable. The other competitors keep arriving ... excited chatter starts to fill the emptiness of the pavilion.

Rally round! Get in line! ... the Vet, appointed by the committee of the Sydney Royal Easter Show, has the responsibility of checking every dog entered in the Agility events.

I can't remember how many dogs are entered ... but there are a lot ... all shapes & sizes!

Vetting done, each competitor checks in, numbers are allocated & catalogues distributed.

The buzz of excitement now completely fills the Pavilion ... dogs are exercised & given last minute instructions ... after all this very important day ... it is the Sydney Royal Easter Show!

The crowds have filled the small grandstand ... the stewards have checked that everything is up to 'Royal' standard & then the Judges are introduced.

In Agility events the competitors must walk the courses that the Judges have designed. After that, all competitors, dogs & handlers, are introduced to the crowd.

Excitement ... the joy of just being part of the Sydney Royal Easter Show... I just love it! My turn is coming up ... I admit I feel some nerves ...

It is good to swap happenings of the day with other Agilateers, a number of whom are members of the Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club.

Finally the presentations are held & ribbons are presented ... could it be lucky, lucky me?

Time to go home. Check ... have I forgotten anything? Yes ... Fairy Floss & a Dagwood Dog!

**The Agility events at the Sydney Royal Easter Show will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> April.**

A number of our Club members will also be competing in Obedience & Confirmation events.

Dates can be checked in the Show's promotional literature or on their website.



# Get Connected & Canine Body Language Seminar

with Brenda Aloff, renowned American dog trainer & behavioural specialist

Central Coast Obedience & Dog Training Club & Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club joined forces to present this two day seminar to 125 participants each day.

Brenda's knowledge & enthusiasm was exceptional - talk about a motivational speaker! She had the audience in the palms of her very active hands, for the whole seminar. There was plenty of laughter & there was no chance of anyone nodding off!

Brenda spends a lot of her time working with difficult dogs, rescued from shelters & other bad homes. She is amazingly adept at reading canine body language & being able to apply her calming techniques, thus getting the dog's attention & focus on her.

She believes the first thing we have to do is get the dog to switch out of the hind brain mode, which controls arousal & instinctive behaviour, into front brain mode where the dog starts to think before he acts & is thus able to learn new & acceptable behaviours.



Ben is normally an over-the-top dog.

He pulls, he jumps on people & has difficulty concentrating for more than a few seconds!

Under Brenda's guidance he calmed down & became a model dog!

He & Tracey have already spent many hours practising some of Brenda's exercises & it shows - wow! Tracey's back is a lot less sore these days.

Maggie is very shy.

Here she learns to focus on her owner & to trust her to 'make it all OK'. Mum knows best!



Ben tried everything!

Here, he's trying to get Brenda to react.

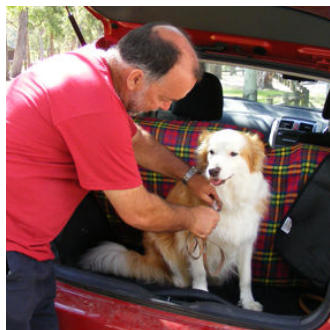
The audience had a good laugh when he did this.



# The Ku-ring-gai

All members & their dogs, in 3<sup>rd</sup> class or above, are encouraged to take part in the Ku-ring-gai K9 Award test.

Prior to being tested for the Award, you will need to study the information contained in your green Club Handbook. All answers to the take-home questionnaire will be found in the Club Handbook.



## Road Safety

The handler will open the car door, attach the lead & invite the dog to get out (if the dog is wearing a car harness, this must be unclipped & the dog told to wait **while** the lead is being attached)

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The handler will then pick up a basket (supplied by the Club) & walk to a gate with the dog on lead, ask the dog to wait, open the gate & walk through (inviting the dog through with them). The handler will then close the gate behind them



## Accepting a friendly stranger

The Tester will shake hands with the handler, then greet & pat the dog (not on the head). The dog should **not** jump on the Tester or shy away

## Walking responsibly

The handler will walk a set course with the dog on their left side.

Sits, downs & stands will be included. The dog is to walk without pulling



## Sit or down stay

The handler will leave the dog in a sit or down position, move 5 metres away & wait for 30 seconds before returning to the dog's side. The dog must stay in position until the handler has returned

**All dogs  
in 3rd Class  
or above are  
capable of  
achieving the  
KK9 Award**

# K9 Award

Throughout the test exercises, handlers **may use praise & encouragement.**

**Food & toys are not permitted** during any of the exercises **except** during the recall, where a toy or food may be used as an incentive.

## Grooming & vet check

The handler will groom the dog.  
The Tester will check ears, eyes, teeth, tail & feet.  
The dog should show no sign of stress or shy away



## Release & recall

The dog will be released in an enclosed area with other friendly 'off lead' dogs. After 1 minute the handler will call the dog to return. The dog must return promptly to the handler

## Walking through a crowd

The handler, with the dog on lead, will walk through a crowd including 1 person with a dog, 1 person with an umbrella (which will be opened & closed), 1 person sitting & 1 person on a bicycle.

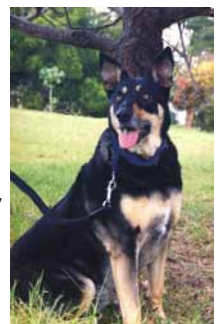
The dog should not jump on anyone in the 'crowd' or show stress



**Next test day is Saturday 2 May 2009**  
**See Bron Maurer to book your test time**

## Supervised separation

The Tester will ask the handler if they can hold the dog. The handler will hand over the lead & walk out of sight. The Tester will examine the dog's ID tags. After 1 minute the handler will return. The dog does not have to stay in one position, but **may not** continually whine, bark or pull on the lead. The Tester may talk to the dog but should not engage in excessive talking, patting or management attempts. This exercise demonstrates that the dog can be left with a friendly person & will maintain good training & good manners





## Andy Robertson demonstrates the Tellington TTouch

Linda Tellington-Jones developed the Tellington TTouch Method. She first used it in 1983 with horses & has since adapted it for smaller animals - domesticated & wild. It is used by dog owners, trainers, breeders, veterinarians & in animal shelters world wide. Using a combination of specific TTouches, Leading Exercises & the Confidence Course a dog's performance & health are improved, common behaviour issues are solved & physical problems are positively influenced. It can assist a dog to recover from serious illness or injury & will generally enhance the quality of the animal's life.



Andy demonstrating one of the TTouches on Zac.

Zac quickly relaxed & was happy to accept Andy's hand on him.

He responded by gazing up at Andy's face & asking for more, (much more please!) when she stopped.

Zac normally does not like staying still for long!!



TTouches can be used to help a dog overcome their fear of thunder storms, fear of strange places & noises & fear of certain people.

It also helps dogs who are nervous, suffer from separation anxiety, are hyperactive or show aggressive behaviour.

Old dogs who suffer from stiffness & arthritis often get marked relief from TTouches.

You can borrow some of Linda's books from the NSDTC library.

Andy is showing Kay how to hold the lead for the Balance Leash Exercise. This exercise aids in correcting the dog that pulls on the leash.

The lead has 3 points of contact with the dog - their normal collar, the head halter & across the front of their chest.

# Trial Results

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

## 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
Judy Perrin & Fernie	31.1.09	Penrith Kennel & Obedience Club	CDX - Qual
Judy Perrin & Fernie	14.3.09	Hornsby DTC	CDX - Qual
Judy Perrin & Fernie	22.3.09	Brush Farm DTC	CDX - <b>Title</b> & 3rd
Emma Carpenter & Ember	5.10.08	Dogs NSW State Titles	CCD - Qual
Emma Carpenter & Ember	11.10.08	United Retriever Club of NSW	CCD - Qual 1st place
Emma Carpenter & Ember	15.11.08	Macquarie Towns DTC	CCD - <b>Title</b>
Emma Carpenter & Ember	29.11.08	Blue Mountains DTC	CCD - Qual
Jane Carpenter & Sam	6.12.08	Wollondilly DTC	CCD - Qual
Jane Carpenter & Sam	3.1.09	Manly & District DTC	CCD - <b>Title</b> 1st place
Jane Carpenter & Sam	16.1.09	Combined Northern Canine Committee	CCD - Qual
Jane Carpenter & Sam	21.2.09	Werriwa AB & DTC	CCD - Qual
Jenny Scamps & Charlie	20.3.09	Castel Hill & Hills District Agric Society	CCD - Qual & 2nd
Jenny Scamps & Charlie	22.3.09	Brush Farm DTC	CCD - Qual

## 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
Wendy Johnston & Quix	7.3.09	Newcastle All Breeds Dog Training Club	JD - <b>Title</b>
Nicole Keller & Alfa	8.3.09	Newcastle All Breeds Dog Training Club	ADO - <b>Title</b>
Nicole Keller & Lea	22.2.09	Dogs NSW	JDM - <b>Title</b>
Nicole Keller & Lea	8.3.09	Newcastle All Breeds Dog Training Club	SPX - <b>Title</b>
Nicole Keller & Indi	Dec 08	Hawkesbury Dog Agility Club	ADX - <b>Title</b> & 1st place
Anna Uther & Holly	8.3.09	Newcastle All Breeds Dog Training Club	SPX - Qual
Mary O'Dwyer & Titan	8.3.09	Newcastle All Breeds Dog Training Club	SPX - Qual
Geoff Woodman & Kayley	3.2.09	Hawkesbury Dog Agility Club	ADM - Qual 2nd place
Geoff Woodman & Tammy	8.2.09	Hawkesbury Dog Agility Club	JDX - Qual - 3rd place

## Victorian Bushfire Appeal Virtual Dog Show

There were 8664 entries received from around the world.

At \$10 per entry the Virtual Dog Show raised \$86,640.00. What a result!!

There are 219 pages! The complete, all breeds list, can be viewed at  
<http://www.dogsvictoria.com.au/assets/virtual-dog-show-list.pdf>

### A Dog's Blessing

May you always have a full bowl,  
a soft bed to sleep on & a blanket  
to cover yourself.  
Most of all, may you have someone  
to scratch your back & whisper words  
of love in your ear.

### Victorian Bushfire Appeal

Our Club donated \$1000 to help care for any  
animals (wild & domestic) hurt in the fires.  
\$500 was sent to Dogs Victoria & \$500 to the  
Whittlesea Veterinary Clinic. This clinic is at the  
base of the mountains & became the emergency  
field hospital for all animals being brought in.

## A Healthy Dog is a Happy Dog

### Fleas -they just love warm, humid weather!!

Every dog will occasionally have a flea/s on them.  
Please check your dog daily & protect them against fleas  
with the flea treatment recommended by your vet.

### Paralysis ticks

Ticks are active all year round in the Sydney area. Check your dog daily - don't just rely on whatever tick prevention medication you are using.

Remove any tick immediately & closely observe your dog for the next 48 hours. If they show any of the early signs of tick paralysis (wobbliness, a change in bark, breathing difficulty or lethargy &/or a decreased appetite/vomiting) **get them to the vet immediately.**

### Ear problems

High humidity increases the chance of ear irritations & infections.

Signs of ear problems are:

scratching at the ears	shaking the head	having a thick, black, waxy discharge
foul odour or discharge	swollen ear flap	redness or inflammation

If your dog has any of the above - they need to see the vet urgently.

### Easter time & dogs

Please ensure your dog does **NOT eat chocolate**. This means dark, semi-dark, milk, white & cooking chocolate & anything iced with, covered in or containing chocolate/cocoa. Chocolate & the artificial sweetener Xylitol are highly toxic & can be fatal.

### Continuation of Minutes of General Meeting held on 21 February 2009

KK9/Handbook Sub-committee

A new Questionnaire is being compiled for 2009, as the program no longer has lectures. All answers to the questionnaire can be found in the new Green Handbook.

#### General Business:

- Jenny Scamps reported that Pigs' Ears are now in short supply. They are still being sourced locally, but are now costing the club \$1 each, so we can no longer sell for \$1. It was proposed that Pigs Ears would now be available at 4 for \$5 or \$2 each. The Pigs Ears are of Australian origin.
- Position for new member registration & ground fee collection have now been swapped to allow new members easier access to the table & to avoid dog to dog confrontation. Bron will make appropriate signs & laminate them
- Di reported from the Dogs NSW Rule Changes meeting. CCD will be changed, followed by other categories. The changes will go to the ANKC for approval.
- Kay informed the meeting that help was desperately needed at the enrolment table. Pam reported that Keith was now helping on a regular basis. The need for more help has been announced every week for over a year now. One suggestion was to have a list of casual helpers, perhaps drawn from Instructors on weeks when they were not rostered to teach.
- Bron has asked Brian to put litterbins close to ring 6. There are none in the vicinity to dispose of dog poo.
- Kaz asked if the class markers could be spaced further apart during assembly to prevent conflict amongst dogs.
- Barbara reported that there are problems with equipment sales. Sales of equipment will be guaranteed to be available between 2.30-2.50pm & again from 4pm-4.30pm. Any instructors willing to help can be trained.
- It was reported that there is a hole in the bottom of the emergency exit door. The door needs to be replaced with an external fire door. The secretary will inform KMC.

Meeting closed at 6.05pm

## **What is a Title? by Sandy Mowery, Wisconsin**

(Thanks to Mo Kramer for this)

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores. A Title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honour that dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in the memory for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard and, though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievements have been noted, a Title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A Title says your dog was intelligent, adaptable and good natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed. And a Title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog and that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed and that in the end your faith was justified.

A Title proves that your dog inspired you to have the special relationship enjoyed by so few, that in the world of disposable creatures, this dog with a Title was greatly loved and loved greatly in return. And when that dear short life is over, the Title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials before or after the name.

A Title is nothing less than love and respect, given and received, permanently recorded.

## **If I didn't have a dog**

(Thanks to Eve Park for this)

If I didn't have a dog I could walk around the yard barefoot in safety.

My house could be carpeted instead of tiled & laminated.

All flat surfaces, clothing, furniture & cars would be free of hair.

When the doorbell rings it wouldn't sound like a kennel & I could get to the door without wading through fuzzy bodies who beat me to there.

I could sit on the couch & my bed the way I wanted, without taking into consideration how much space several fur bodies would need to get comfortable.

I would have money... & no guilt to go on a real vacation. I wouldn't be on first name terms with 6 vets (as I put their yet unborn grand kids through college!).

The most used words in my vocabulary wouldn't be: out, sit, come, no, stay & leave it.

My house would not be cordoned off into zones with baby gates or barriers.

My house wouldn't look like a day care centre with toys everywhere & my pockets wouldn't contain things like poo bags, treats & an extra lead.

I would no longer have to spell the words - B A L L, W A L K, T R E A T & C A R.

I wouldn't have as many leaves inside my house as outside.

I wouldn't have to look strangely at people who think having one dog or cat ties them down too much.

I'd look forward to spring & the rainy season instead of dreading 'mud' season.

I wouldn't have to answer the question 'Why do you have so many animals?' from people who will never have the joy in their lives of knowing they are loved unconditionally by someone as close to an angel as they will ever get.

**How empty my life would be!**

# 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 21st February 2009

### Business Arising from the Minutes:

Leads will be given as a promotion memento from First, Advanced first or Advanced Puppies classes to Second class. Moved we adopt the Dogs NSW high temperature policy for shows & trials for our training classes. If the temperature in the shade exceeds 32C (30C for agility) training will cease until the temperature falls below that level.

A motion was tabled re the donation to the Victorian Bushfire appeal as per the Emergency Committee Meeting on 14 February 2009 - to donate \$1000. \$500.00 to Dogs Victoria & \$500.00 to Whittlesea Veterinary Clinic, Victoria to aid in the care & veterinary treatment of all animals hurt in the recent horrific bushfires in that State. Motion Carried. It was suggested by several members that the club needs a financial plan so that we can adequately manage funds required to be kept in the cheque accounts while maintaining some funds in the IBD. The concept of two rolling IBDs was also discussed (2 separate IBD accounts maturing a minimum of 3 months apart). A Finance sub-committee of Treasurer Deb Selby, Vice President (Finance) Di Hollett, President Sandy Fry & Barbara Rogleff was appointed to produce a financial plan before the current IBD matures.

### Business Arising from Correspondence:

At future meetings copies of tabled correspondence will be available. Items for action could be indicated.

The Dog Ring bookings for 2009 is 80 days (current license 70 days) The Secretary has phoned the Council re the invoice for additional ground hire

Nicholas has a copy of the minutes from the St Ives Precinct Forum

Two quotes to move the fuse box received. It was voted to accept Adrian Webb's quote \$2860 + GST. Secretary will write to the Council for permission to move the fuse box. A further quote may be needed if the Council reply delayed.

Treasurers Report: Read by the Treasurer, Deb Selby. Current Balance \$67, 136.40as at 31st January 2009

### Business Arising from Treasurers Report:

Clarification of Brenda Aloff subsidy. Instructors & Committee members who have contributed significantly to the running of the Club (equivalent to instructing half of each roster) were offered a 50% subsidy for early bird registration. Other Club members were offered 10%.

Obedience Training Report: Given by Chief Instructor, Judy Perrin

Andy Robertson presented her Tellington TTouch Seminar to the January Instructors' meeting.

The SHCNSW Leash on Life program went ahead despite the hot weather.

Thank you to those who put so much time and effort into the production of the new Green Handbook  
Several Club members attended Garry Somerville's funeral.

Agility Training Report: No report Agility Trial Report: Nothing to report Library Report: No report.

Obedience Trial Report: Given by Trial Manager, Andy Seitz

The trial is fast approaching – 26th April. Many helpers are needed.

Eve notified the meeting that due to circumstances beyond her control, the bulk of the Trial Secretary's job was now being handled by Jenny Scamps. Eve will assist.

### Membership Secretary's Report:

Pam Rushworth apologized for not issuing an updated membership list in December. It will be done soon.

Intake of 17 New Members on the first week back & 13 today despite the hot & wet weather

### Publicity / Newsletter / Archives Report:

Copies of old Green Handbook sent to Archives. 300 copies of the 2009 Green Handbook printed. All instructors should avail themselves of the new edition & as many as possible be distributed to current members.

### Other Reports

Council:

There was a meeting of the Ideas Forum St Ives Showground today attended by representatives from NSDTC.

The Forum was held to discuss future use of the St Ives Showground, Council Nursery, Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden, HART and the old tree-logging depot. Speakers from the Council outlined the guidelines of the forum (Roger Faulkner spoke on the Showground).

Brenda Aloff:

Penny Dalzell tabled a report & financial statement. The seminar has been sold out since mid January.

All committee members have been busy & it is hoped that all contingencies have been planned for.

Once all claims are in & payments made, any remaining money will be divided between the 2 clubs.

There are 2 monster raffles & lucky door prizes on both days. It is hoped the raffle proceeds will cover Brenda's sightseeing expenses. All arrangements for Brenda's itinerary, meals etc have been finalised.

*continued under A Healthy Dog is a Happy Dog*

## **PATRONS**

Mr Stoyan Rogleff Mayor of Ku-ring-gai  
Dr Angus Ross Dr Michael Eaton Dr Marc Simpson

## **CLUB EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE**

<b>President:</b>	Sandra Fry	9416 6080
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<b>Treasurer:</b>	Debbie Selby	9477 4430
<b>Vice Presidents:</b>	Di Hollett	9984 8488 (Finance)
	Eve Park	9449 1941 (Admin)
<b>Chief Instructors:</b>	Judy Perrin	9449 7388 (Obedience)
	Russell Clarke	9997 1798 (Agility)
<b>Joining Enquiries:</b>	Sandra Fry	9416 6080

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Clubhouse Coordinator & KK9 Coordinator:** Bronwyn Maurer

**Clubhouse Catering:** Anna Uther

**Council & Showground Liaison Officer:** Barbara Rogleff

**Librarian:** Ruth Hyde

**Assistant Librarian & Purchasing Officer:** Jenny Scamps

**Membership Secretary:** Pam Rushworth

**Assistant Membership Secretaries:** John Jonker

**Newsletter Editor:** Ginny Legh

**Obedience Demonstration Coordinator:** Vickie Dean

**Publicity Officer & Web Coordinator:** Nicholas Gray

**Training Equipment Officer:** Kay Luke

**Assistant Training Equipment Officer:** Barbara Gurney

**Trial Equipment Officers: Obedience:** Andy Seitz

**Agility:** Geoff Woodman

**Trophy Officer (general):** Patricia Woodman

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

**Trial Manager:** Andy Seitz

**Trial Secretary:** Eve Park

**Chief Steward:** Gael Goldsack

**Trophy Officer:** Denise Wigney

**Catering Officers:** Kay Luke & Kay Hogan

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

**Trial Manager:** Andy Seitz

**Trial Secretary:** Russell Clarke

**Chief Steward:** Phil Palangas

**Trophy Officer:** Tracey Elder

# NSDTC DOGGY DIARY DATES



## April - June 2009

Saturday 4 April	New Members. BYO BBQ 5pm Training for Trial Stewards at 12.30 & 4pm
Saturday 11 April	<b>No training - Easter Saturday</b>
Saturday 18 April	Flyball 2.15-2.45. <b>General Meeting 4pm</b>
Saturday 25 April	New Members
Sunday 26 April	<b>NSDTC Annual Obedience Trial</b>
Saturday 2 May	<b>KK9 Test Day 12-2pm.</b> Flyball 2.15 - 2.45. BYO BBQ 5pm
Saturday 9 May	New Members
Saturday 16 May	<b>No training - St Ives Show</b>
Saturday 23 May	Flyball 2.15-2.45. <b>Instructors' Meeting 4pm</b>
Wednesday 27 May	<b>Committee meeting 7.30pm</b>
Saturday 30 May	New Members
Saturday 6 June	<b>No training - Sausage Sizzle &amp; games from 12 noon</b>
Saturday 13 June	Flyball 2.15-2.45
Saturday 20 June	New Members
Saturday 27 June	Flyball 2.15-2.45. <b>General Meeting 4pm</b> Membership renewals due

