



# Yaps & Yelps

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**Christmas  
party fun  
& games**



# Welcome to our new members

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

**13/10/07**

Marie Brien with **Sophie**  
Susan Browne with **Chesta**  
Kathleen & John Czinner with **Wulfgang**  
Saedie Farzin with **Vegas**  
Alex & Andrew Galwey with **Daisy & Mimi**  
Barbara Gobel with **Chaucer**  
Hippmann, Christopher, Danielle, Frank &  
Suzy Elfriede with **Baer**  
Jackie Holdsworth with **Jetta**  
Lynne, Amelia & Stephanie Lee with  
**Kali**  
Jacqueline & Deborah Mendelsohn with  
**Cocoa**  
Margaret O'Connor & Tim Caitlin with  
**Kaiser**  
Pam Palmer with **Shadow**  
Christine Perry with **Bonnie**  
Kala Raghu with **Milo**  
Sumi & Gohto Saikawa with **Nacho**  
Stuart & Tabatha Smith with **Blaze**  
Julian Tylney Taylor & Clare Taylor with  
**Mr. Darcy**  
Margaret & Martin Warnes with **Billy**

**20/10/07**

Kevin, Sarah, Aimee & Natalie Hinder with  
**Murphy**

Peter, Madeleine & Natalie Close with  
**Harley**  
Margo & Paul Jenkins with **Harry**  
Denise, Stephen, Glen & Phillipa Skinner  
with **Roxy**

**27/10//07**

Sue, Neil, Stuart, Matthew & Belinda Dawe  
with **Charlie Brown**  
Nick Moffatt & Sheldon Boger with  
**Farrah Fawcett**  
Matt Blanch & Jessica Thei with **Binoculars**  
Kath Nery with **Charlie**  
Sybil Pillai with **Johnny**  
Vivienne, Tim, Jane & Jennifer Hewett with  
**Achilles**  
Lyn Gilmour with **Pugsly**  
Chris & Ginny Barton with **Tilly**  
Penny Wilson with **Biscuit & Billy**

**3/11/07 to Dec 07**

Fiona Abel with **Georgie**  
Alexander & Joe Annaliese with **Tilly**  
John & Bronwyn Bates with **Kaizen**  
Stephanie Cleary with **Rery**  
Amelia Delnido with **Chiko**  
Tina Pollard with **Lulu**  
Lynda Cavanagh with **Zara**

## 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.

Please let the editor know what you'd like included in your magazine.

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

**6.10.07**

**To 2nd Class**

Tracy Geary & Ben  
Dianne Johnston & Ginnes

**13.10.07**

**To 2nd Class**

Sue Dann & Atticus  
Angus Mathieson & Banjo  
Tricia Nicola & Mindi

**To 3rd Class**

Mason Rook & Aston

**To 4th Class**

Anna Uther & Keshi

**20.10.07**

**To 2nd Class**

Carolynne Dunsford & Kara  
Pat Hicks & Rani  
Luisa Lehane & joey  
Kim Dowding & Sherlock  
Jenny Middleton & Cookie  
June Colless & Tessa

**27.10.07**

**To 2nd Class**

Jeanette Irons & Sophie  
Jennifer Ryan & Lilly  
Lyn Anning & Bosun  
Barry Connors & Mischa  
Lara March & Kaiya

**To 3rd Class**

Eve Ryan & Yoko

**To 4th Class**

Joyce Clarke & Danny

**3.11.07**

**To 2nd Class**

Sue Browne & Chester  
Denise Skinner & Roxy  
John Czinner & Wulfgang  
Barbara Gobel & chaucer

**10.11.07**

**To 2nd Class**

Kevin Hinder & Gassy  
Eve Park & Yogi

**To 3rd Class**

Louise Brooks & Roxy  
John Callanan & Wolfie

**17.11.07**

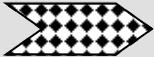
**To 2nd Class**

Hannah Baxter & Mika  
Carolyn Stkoak & Milo

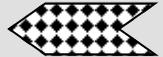
**To 3rd Class**

Derek Mock & Azlan  
Gillian Mountwinter & Max  
Caroline Straing & Dallas  
Angus Mathieson & Banjo

***The reason a dog has so many friends is  
he wags his tail instead of his tongue.***



## Help needed!!



We need people to help at the table on Saturday afternoons between 2.00 - 3.00pm. Maybe another family member is training your dog & you are there to support them - perhaps you'd like to help us whilst you're waiting for classes to begin?

This involves

- Taking money for ground fees
- Helping new members with forms & advice
- Selling pig's ears & treats
- Directing new people to their classes
- Answering general questions (or referring them to those who can help)

**If you'd like to help please see Lana Partridge  
at the table on any Saturday afternoon.**

# Puppy Pages

## Training Tips



### Pack Leadership

Your dog's ability to learn goes through stages as she grows but the speed of progress varies between individuals & different breeds. It also depends a lot on how you train your dog.

Three to twelve weeks - experiences during this stage can affect your pup all her life. From the time you take over from her mother & the breeder you need to be the leader. The puppy will be eager to please you but at the same time will be working out what she thinks is her proper position in your pack. So it is essential you teach her the right things & the right way to behave. She has to learn from day one that all family members rank above her in your pack.

Three to six months - in human terms these are the preteen years. Your pup depends on you & is still eager to please but by six months she will be much more independent so it is best to start training early as it becomes more complicated as your pup develops a mind of her own.

Six to twelve months - in human terms this period equals the teens &, as with humans, sexual maturity arrives before emotional maturity. Many dogs will challenge your authority & territorial behaviour begins. This can be a difficult time but if you have laid a solid foundation of acceptable behaviour earlier in your dog's life, this should only be temporary. Emotional maturity eventually follows but can take anything from eighteen months to three years depending on the breed.

Puppies are ready & able to learn from a very young age so start firm but gentle training as soon as she comes into your home.

They excel at interpreting body language - use this to your advantage by giving clear voice commands & using consistent hand signals & body movements. Remember running & squealing will elicit a chase response so limit this until your puppy understands when you say the game is over.

Communicate clearly to your pup what you want them to do by using single word commands & consistently using the same tone in your voice.

Consistency in how the rules are set & kept is most important in training.

Harsh discipline is not required - a growly word or a moment of isolation will work well.

Dogs are pack animals & must have a leader - this is your role from the moment you bring your puppy home to her last day on this earth.

**I don't understand.....  
he does this beautifully at home.....**

Have you ever said this to anyone?

Your dog does really well at home but plays up in the most creative ways when you get to training!!! Well don't be too worried it happens to most of us.



You train your dog at home but Saturdays are for us to train you to train your dog. You do the learning, while your dog reacts to all the distractions around it, giving many opportunities for your instructor to show you what to do when the dog isn't getting it right.

As long as you keep up the practice & praise for your dog & you show lots of patience with training, the day will come when suddenly your dog comes to club & behaves (well ... most of the time!!)

Talk to some of the handlers with those amazingly advanced dogs who seem so well behaved & you will find they were once just as frustrated as you now.

Your dog can be just as well behaved as their dogs but you'll always need to keep your sense of humour & stick with it through the inevitable difficult patches.



### **Let sleeping dogs lie**

You've all heard the expression 'let sleeping dogs lie' but did you know that dogs have a discrimination safety period?

When a dog registers different external stimuli with his senses they are transmitted via nerve fibres to special sections of his brain & filed away within a fraction of a second. This response is usually automatic, the dog doesn't consciously think about it.

What happens, for example, when a dog meets a stranger?

During the discrimination process, especially within the first 15 seconds, the dog is in a state of alertness. The body becomes tense, the tail stiffens - the signals of danger.

If the dog receives pleasant or familiar impressions from the stranger, he starts to relax - this is why it is always good idea to give the dog a minute before attempting to touch it.

If the impression is unpleasant, the dog will remain alert because his survival instincts are activated & he could react with flight or aggression.

For this reason we can see why a dog may snap at even familiar people when surprised or startled by them. The dog needs to have time to decide 'friend or foe'.

This discrimination safety period is always in force, so caution is advised with all dogs.

When a dog is sleeping he should never be touched suddenly or from behind & startled. Always call his name & give him a chance to recognise you by voice sound, smell & sight which will permit him to respond appropriately & greet you with pleasure - in other words he recognises this as a pleasant experience, relaxes & welcomes you.

Children need to be taught this & understand not to disturb their dog when he is asleep.

# Tips for Obedience Training

## Socialisation

### What is Socialisation:

Socialisation is basically a very lengthy & life-long process of desensitisation, exposing your puppy or adult dog to every new sound, sight & situation possible. The aim is to eliminate any adverse reactions & have your dog view these occurrences as normal, non-threatening & non-exciting.

### The Purpose of Socialisation:

The ultimate goal of socialisation is to be able to take your dog into any place or situation & have him stay calm, relaxed & confident. Over-excitement, anxiety, hyperactivity are all unwanted reactions in a properly socialised dog. The desensitisation process does not have an ending, it that must be continued every day of your dog's life. Before that scares you, it is important to note that it really is not as hard or time-consuming as one might think. This is an essential part of responsible dog ownership & every dog should be socialised extensively.

### The Importance of Socialising Your Dog:

A well socialised dog can be taken everywhere (allowable by law/regulations). Poorly socialised dogs are hazards in more ways than just knocking somebody down through over-exuberance. A poorly socialised dog is an unpredictable animal when placed in a new, potentially frightening situation. He may bite, he may run away & be injured. He may cause injuries to others around him. A poorly socialised dog reflects badly on dog owners everywhere & due to just such an image, many dog owners are penalised by restrictive laws & limits. One bad owner will spoil the whole bunch. Do your part & properly socialise your dog! Take your dog with you everywhere. The ultimate goal of socialisation is to have a dog you can take into any awkward, noisy or crowded area & he will still behave well, stay calm & be relaxed. By continuing this throughout his life, your dog will gain confidence & keep a steady head wherever he is.

## Before you start

Before you start training here are a few useful things to remember

- Make training sessions a positive experience for both you & your dog.
- Keep sessions short - three ten minute sessions are better than one thirty minute session.
- Always end on a good note - ask your dog to do something he is good at & reward him well.
- Stop if you feel yourself getting frustrated or angry as you will pass these feelings on to the dog & things will only go from bad to worse.
- Use kind facial expressions & body posture & be clear in your commands. Reinforce each command with hand, arm or body signals.
- Be consistent in your training & praise & use the same commands & praise in each session
- Reward correct actions immediately. Ignore bad or unwanted behaviour.
- Use rewards to your advantage - whether they be treats, toys or praise. Use as many treats as you can. This will keep your dog guessing & fuel his motivation.
- Make training sessions fun! Dogs are born to play, so if the session is fun he will be more likely to learn & remember. It will make him want to work with you

Have a look at the website for the famous Battersea Dogs & Cats Homes in England.

Their logo key words are rescue, reunite, rehabilitate & rehome.

website - [www.dogshome.org](http://www.dogshome.org)

# A dog's view of adding fun to training

Thanks to Bronwyn Maurer & Marli

**Heel on lead.** A bit of a grind. Hang your head & walk very slowly, then without warning spring forward with all your might. *If your handler falls flat on his face you score 20 points.*

**Heel free.** Heel beautifully until your handler gets to a turn. If he goes left, you go right & run as fast as you can. Usually at least one other dog will join you. Your handlers won't chase you 'cause they'd never catch you. Then attend to the wants of nature. This gives you an unbreakable alibi & shows your handler up as a cad who forgot to look after you before training started. *You score 5 points for each minute of freedom.*

## **Stand for examination.**

(If your handler is doing this exercise alone) -

As your handler leaves, follow quietly about a metre behind. Just as he's about to turn around, stand stock still. *If he looks puzzled score 40 points.*

(If your handler has an instructor) -

Stand solidly until the instructor goes to examine you, then go into raptures of love for this person, even if you've never seen them before. *Score 10 points for moving all 4 feet, 20 points for placing your front feet on the instructor's shoulders & 30 points for asking for a belly rub.*

**Recall.** Your handler walks off, let him go but when he turns & calls you, assume rock deafness. Look anywhere you like, but not at him. Then, in your own time, go to your handler, preferably cringing & with your ears laid back. This will convince the other handlers that yours is a secret dog beater & he will lose face. On no account sit in front of your handler, he will only make you go round him. Instead assume the heel position right away & look lovingly into his eyes. *If your handler loses his voice, you score 30 points.*

**Change of position.** When your handler gives the command to drop, assume the correct position quickly & perfectly. Just when he thinks you've got it right (as he returns) roll onto your back with all four feet in the air. Make sure you're a total dead weight. *If your handler turns red trying to budge you, you score 25 points.*

**Retrieve the dumbbell.** When your handler throws the dumbbell, watch with interest but on no account go & get it (he'll only throw it away again). Alternatively rush out with lots of enthusiasm, sniff the dumbbell & return without it, sitting perfectly in front. *Score 10 points for every time your handler retrieves the dumbbell.*

**Long sit.** On no account really sit, they always try to train you on wet, cold ground. The Weimeraner Squat is good enough - you stay about 2.5cms from the ground at the back end. From this position you can spring away into your fastest speed with no hesitation. *Score 5 points for each successful squat.*

**Long down.** Here you have to lie down. With practice you can travel metres on your stomach to reach other competitors. If they move, pretend you think the exercise is over & leave too. *Score 5 points for every 50cms covered & 10 points for every dog that leaves with you.*

**In conclusion.** Without warning do any exercise you choose perfectly. This will leave your handler thinking that previous mistakes were his fault & the sucker will take you to training week after week, after week, after week.....

# NSDTC Obedience Trophies 2007

## Club Champion

*Highest scores gained  
for an Obedience Title*

**Penny Dalzell & Enniskey**



## Community Companion Dog

*Highest scores gained  
for this Title*

**Ginny Legh & Bonny**



### The C.C.D Trophy

ANKC & Dogs NSW introduced the CCD class in obedience in 2006.

Penny Dalzell has kindly donated a trophy to be presented annually to the club member who gains the highest aggregate score for their CCD title during each year.

The 2006 CCD winner was Sharon Househam with Tully.

Ginny Legh & Bonny are the winners in 2007.

Congratulations to these fine handlers & their dogs.

We have a number of new triallers already well on their way to CCD titles for 2008.

# NSDTC Agility Trophy 2007

1st Allison Harvey & Kelly

2nd Maggie Young & Toby

3rd Tracey Elder & Hamish



# Titles won in 2007

**Congratulations  
to our  
clever dogs  
&  
handlers**

## Obedience - Legend for Obedience Titles

**C.C.D** = Community Companion Dog  
**C.D** = Companion Dog      **C.D.X** = Companion Dog Excellent  
**U.D** = Utility Dog      **U.D.X** = Utility Dog Excellent  
**O.CH** = Obedience Champion

Penny Dalzell & Enniskey O.CH  
Penny Dalzell & Enniskey UD  
Liz Hatcher & Babe CDX  
Dawn Howell & Capella CDX  
Bronwyn Maurer & Marli CDX  
Sharon Househam & Tully CD  
Teresa Kernahan & Max CD  
Ginny Legh & Bonny CCD & CD  
Judy Perrin & Fernie CCD

## Agility - Legend for Agility Titles

<b>AD</b> = Agility Dog	<b>ADO</b> = Open	<b>ADX</b> = Excellent	<b>ADM</b> = Masters
<b>JD</b> = Jumping Dog	<b>JDO</b> = Open	<b>JDX</b> = Excellent	<b>JDM</b> = Masters
<b>SD</b> = Snooker Dog	<b>SDO</b> = Open	<b>SDX</b> = Excellent	<b>SDM</b> = Masters
<b>GD</b> = Gamblers Dog	<b>GDO</b> = Open	<b>GDX</b> = Excellent	<b>GDM</b> = Masters
<b>SPD</b> = Strategic Pairs		<b>SPDX</b> = Excellent	<b>SPDM</b> = Masters

Judy Bratter & Bindi JD & AD  
Vickie Dean & Boston JD & AD  
Tracey Elder & Hamish AD & with Sgt Pepper SPD & SD  
Nelly Felczynski & Monty ADO  
John Ferguson & Chloe AD & JD  
Jane Hampel & Nitro ADO, GDX & JDO  
Allison Harvey & Kelly ADO & JDO  
Dawn Howell & Capella SPD, JDX, GD, GDX, SD, SPD & JDO  
Ruth Hyde & Bracken GD  
Robyn Israel & Bailey ADM & with Jonte SPD  
Teresa Kernahan & Max AD, JD, GD, SD & SPD  
Peter Kirkwood & Bazza JD  
Mary O'Dwyer & Titan GD & SPD  
Andy Seitz & Casey JD  
Ela Starzynski & Innes SD, GD, SPD, ADX, ADM, JDO, JDM  
Anna Uther & Holly SPD & JDX & with Keshi JDX  
Lyn Walker & Blaze SPDM & JDO  
Sandra Walker & Gidgee GDX, SPDM & JDO  
Pat Walsh & Venus JDM  
Geoff Woodman & Kayley SD & with Tammy JD  
Maggie Young & Gypsy JDM & with Toby GD

# Tips for Agility

## My dog can jump!

by Tracey Elder

*Bronte & I became members of Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club when I realised that I needed HELP!*

You know what it's like trying to train a puppy! It can be so frustrating at times that you think your pup will never, ever walk on lead without pulling you into an oncoming telegraph pole.... never come when you call it or even do a simple thing like sit when you ask it.

*Bronte* enjoyed Puppy Class, although she was not a perfect pupil, she graduated & we moved up a class.

Of course you are all familiar with the way it works...so I will move on.

*Bronte* graduated 1st Class, 2nd Class, 3rd Class & then moved to 4th Class where we decided to go into the Social Novice Class.

Now this is where it becomes interesting!

*Bronte & I* formed our partnership in canine fun activities.

In the Social Novice Class they have, as part of the exercises, JUMPS & TUNNELS.

Golly, I thought, I hope she can do it?... *Bronte & I* faced the JUMP & with great gusto I said to *Bronte* 'over'...& to my delight *Bronte* did go over!

I couldn't help myself... I yelled out to everyone 'My dog can jump!'

*Bronte* took to Jumps & Tunnels like a duck to water & I have to admit I did too! We were ready to start training to do **Agility**... We were hooked...it was so much fun!

Since then we have both graduated to perhaps 'University' level in Agility. *Bronte* has just retired at the age of 9 years...loving every moment being involved in the world of Agility training & trialling.

It is only fair to say that there is a bit more to Agility than claiming 'My dog can jump'!

Dog & handler have to work in a close partnership & put a lot of time into training.

But the opportunity is there for anyone who has a dog.

Believe me, **Agility** is the **greatest** fun you can ever have with your dog.

All you have to do is keep on with your training

until  
you get to the  
class with the  
**JUMPS**  
&  
**TUNNELS**



Tracey has successfully trained & trialled four Agility dogs.

*Bronte & Belle* - Cavalier King Charles Spaniels,

Sergeant Pepper, a Papillon & Hamish a Shetland Sheepdog.

She is also an enthusiastic Agility instructor at Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club.

The Editor

# Joan Hopwood

a very special lady who is a loyal & willing Northern Suburbs Club member



You've all met Joan - she's at the table every Saturday, come hail, rain or sunshine.

She greets each & every person as though they are long lost friends, makes you feel welcome from the moment you arrive & makes sure you know what to do & where to go.

Joan will be leaving us in the first half of 2008 - she is moving to Queensland to be close to her family & friends.

It is going to be very hard to find someone to take over the myriad tasks that Joan has done without complaint for years - all the necessary forms & information for new members, taking the ground fees, putting out the class markers, organising & selling the pig's ears & treats, making sure there are always plenty of afternoon tea supplies in the clubhouse (as well as cleaning up after us & even washing & ironing the table cloth we all mess up every Saturday!!), organising & serving morning tea for the judges & stewards at our Obedience Trial & above all making people feel at home & welcome.

We are really going to miss you Joan, but we wish you every happiness & good health in your new home - please come back & visit us whenever you can.

In June 1980 I came home after visiting my family in Queensland to a beautiful surprise - a little white & gold fox terrier puppy. I named her 'Penny'.

As she grew up I realised she had a lot to learn & a friend suggested I join Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club. After I retired, Saturday training became a must.

In 1983 the club was looking for volunteers to help Miriam Smith on the table & I have been there ever since!

Not long after that, Jim Powell, the club's founder, talked me into joining his instructors' classes but after a while I realised instructing was not my scene. About this time I retired my foxie 'Penny' - much to her delight & just stayed on to help Miriam with greeting new members, seeing all the forms were completed, answering questions & taking the ground fees each Saturday.

In 1987 I was made a Life Member along with Betty & Kevin O'Connor & the late Bev Murrell (the O'Connors still come to help at our obedience trial each year).

Another highlight was being chosen as Senior of the Year in 2003 - I shared this with Margaret Laundry.

Mostly these were happy times but there was sadness too. In November 1991 Jim Powell died & in April 1994 we lost his widow Miriam. They were wonderful friends.

2006 was especially sad for me as in April my husband, Noel, died. I managed to get through this with the help & kindness of my wonderful Club friends. Later on in that year we also lost two wonderful volunteers - Margaret Laundry & Jennie Castle.

I will be moving up to Queensland in 2008 so will have to say goodbye to all my lovely friends at Northern Suburbs. I will miss you all.

# Having fun at our



## Fun, fantasy & fancy dress



# 2007 Christmas Party



## Ku-ring-gai K9 Award Winners

Jenny Cumming & Adam  
Tracey Elder & Hamish  
Barbara Langley & Penny

Terry Slack & Molly  
Jackie Walker & Fergus  
Geoff Woodman & Tammy

### Congratulations

You have proved dogs your are good canine citizens &  
are ready to live in today's busy, urban in society

## Christmas Party Competition Winners

### Christmas

Di Hollett & Billy  
Margaret Cochrane & Buddy  
Joyce Clark & Danny

### Funniest

The Partridge Family 'The Worm'  
Judy Perrin 'Vote for Ollie'  
Denise Wigney 'Devil Dog'

### Cleverest

Peter Kirkwood & Bazza  
Tracey Geary & Ben 'Goldilocks & 3 Bears'

### Prettiest

Bronwyn Maurer & 'Lady of the Night'  
Penny Wilson & Billy 'On a Holiday'  
Josie Wilson & Biscuit 'Ballerina'

### Dog & Owner Look-alike

Jeanette Kay & Tammy 'Yee Hah'  
Margaret Cochrane & Buddy 'Xmas Trees'

### Most Unusual

Bronwen Taylor & Sissy 'Racoon Dog'  
Carolyn Dunsford & Kara 'Princess'  
Amanda Emmett & Bailey 'Christmas Angel'

### Knickers Race

Barbara Bessen & Nella  
Margaret Cochrane & Buddy  
Sarah Bryce & Cleo

### Good O Race

Barbara Bessen & Jilla  
Peter Kirkwood & Bazza  
Sarah Bryce & Cleo

### Soccer Ball Race

Rob Bryce & Cleo  
Teresa Kernahan & Max  
Josie Wilson & Billy

## Christmas Raffle Winners

Skye Royal  
Tracey Geary  
Kay Hogan

Barbara Bessen  
Kay Luke  
Di Hollett

'Lottie' Gray  
Lana Partridge  
Allison Harvey

Women & cats will do as they please,  
men & dogs should relax & get used to the idea!

# 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.

## Obedience

Owner & Dog	Date	Event	Result
Penny Dalzell & Enniskey	23.11.07	Cooma & District K&O Club	UD -Qual & 1st
Penny Dalzell & Enniskey	24.11.07	Cooma & District K&O Club	UD -Qual & 1st
Penny Dalzell & Enniskey	25.11.07	Cooma & District K&O Club	UD -Qual & 1st
Mo Kramer & Amy	30.11.07	Hills District K&T Club	CCD - Qual & 4th place
Ginny Legh & Bonny	30.11.07	Hills District K&T Club	CD -Title & 3rd place
Ngaire Chant & Bobby	30.11.07	Hills District K&T Club	CCD - Qual
Judy Perrin & Fernie	5.1.08	Manly District K&DT Club	CD - Qual & 2nd place
Ngaire Chant & Bobby	5.1.08	Manly District K&DT Club	CCD - Qual
Jacky Walker & Fergus	5.1.08	Manly District K&DT Club	CCD - Qual
Mo Kramer & Amy	5.1.08	Manly District K&DT Club	CCD - Qual
Penny Dalzell & Enniskey	5.1.08	Manly District K&DT Club	CDX - Qual & 2nd place

## Agility

Owner & Dog	Date	Event	Result
Anna Uther & Keshi	28.10.07	Brush Farm Agility	JDX Title & 2nd place
Marcelle Fitzgerald & Gabbie	8.1.08	Hawkesbury Dog Agility Club	JD Title & 1st place

## A Message from a Rescue Dog

Here in this house....

I will never know the loneliness I hear in the barks of the other dogs 'out there'.

I can sleep soundly, assured that when I wake my world will not have changed.

I will never know hunger or the fear of not knowing if I'll eat.

I will not shiver in the cold or grow weary from the heat.

I will feel the sun's heat, the rain's coolness & be allowed to smell all that reaches my nose.

My fur will shine & never be dirty or matted.

There will be an effort to communicate with me on my level.

I will be talked to & even if I don't understand, I can enjoy the warmth of the words.

I will be given a name so that I may know who I am among many.

My name will be used in joy & I will love the sound of it!

I will never be a substitute for anything I am not.

I will never be used to improve peoples' images of themselves.

I will be loved because I am who I am, not someone's idea of who I should be.

I will never suffer for someone's anger, impatience, or stupidity.

I will be taught all the things I need to know to be loved by all.

If I do not learn my lessons well, they will look to my teacher for blame.

I can trust arms that hold, hands that touch.

I'll know that, no matter what they do, they do it for the good of me;

If I am ill, I will be doctored.

If scared, I will be calmed.

If sad, I will be cheered.

No matter what I look like, I will be considered beautiful & thought to be of value.

I will never be cast out because I am too old, too ill, too unruly, or not cute enough.

My life is a responsibility & not an afterthought.

I will learn that humans can almost, sometimes, be as kind & as fair as dogs.

## A Healthy Dog is a Happy Dog

### Applying an Elizabethan Collar

These are used to prevent your dog from licking or chewing an injured or itchy body area or after surgery.

You can buy them from your Vet or use a suitable size plastic flower pot with the bottom cut out (pad the cut edge so it doesn't cut or rub the dog's neck).

For large dogs you can use a soft plastic bucket.

Thread tape or a shoe lace through the narrow end of the Elizabethan collar & tie firmly behind ears.



### Applying a temporary muzzle



Use a soft bandage. Loop it under the dog's muzzle & tie gently once on top of muzzle.



Now take the bandage below the muzzle & tie again.



Finally take the ends below the ears & tie firmly at the back of the head.

### Giving medication or tablets



Use a syringe without the needle. Tilt head upwards & squirt liquid **very slowly** into the cheek pouch.



Open mouth wide. Note position of hands in the picture above.



Push tablet/s right to the back of dog's mouth. Close mouth & gently stroke outside of dog's throat until he swallows.

## Warning!!! Tick poisoning is a real threat to dogs

On the east coast of Australia ticks are most active from August to April. They can range in size from a pin head to little finger nail size depending on how long they have been attached.

Dog owners are advised to check their dogs daily by using their finger tips to feel over every millimetre of the dog's body. Remember this includes inside ears, around eyelids, inside nostrils, around lip margins, around anus & vulva, between toes & around nail beds.

If you find a tick, remove it immediately & observe the dog closely for the next 36 hours.

If you notice any change in voice, vomiting or gagging, wobbly walking, cough or difficulty breathing, **get to your vet ASAP. Tick paralysis can cause death**

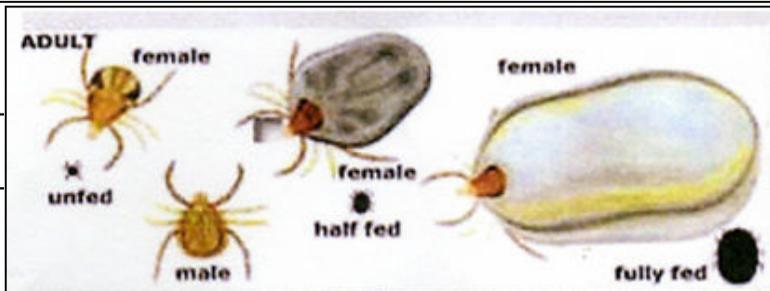
Some breeds are particularly sensitive to the effects of the neurotoxin that the ticks inject into the blood stream. These include Collie Roughs, Border Collies, Irish Setters & German Shepherds. Puppies are also very susceptible because they have a limited body mass & therefore are less able to deal with the tick poison circulating in their bloodstream.

The photos below show the most common types. It is safest to presume every tick is lethal.

All can cause a dog to be sick but the Paralysis Tick is the one which is life threatening.

There are many medications available which help in preventing tick attachment but none are 100% effective. A daily examination is still the most effective method.

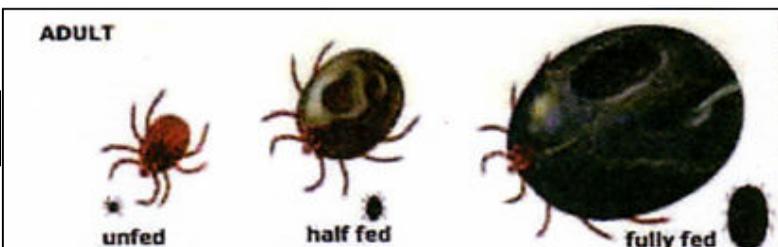
Paralysis Tick



Cattle Tick



Bush Tick



## Courtesy around other dogs & their handlers

Thanks to Judy Perrin our Chief Obedience Instructor

In our efforts to socialise our dogs we sometimes forget to consider the feelings of other people & their dogs.

- Dogs who live together can exhibit quite ‘pushy’ pack behaviour & gang up on a lone dog at the dog park.
- Little dogs are just as likely to cause trouble as the big ones!
- Avoid picking up your dog if he is approached by another dog – you are telling your dog that **you** are scared & you will communicate that fear to him so that he will learn the ‘I’ll get you before you get me’ behaviour.
- **Always** pick up dog ‘poo’ & dispose of it in an appropriate bin.
- If you know that your dog may show aggression towards other dogs or he doesn’t like puppies, etc **keep him on lead** – alternatively walk him very early or very late so as to avoid conflict.
- Observe signs at the park as the ‘off lead’ area may, occasionally, be designated for some other purpose & be unavailable for dogs.
- Watch your dog’s body language towards other dogs. Dogs should be allowed to approach each other their own time, working out whether the other dog is ready to play or whether there are signs of aggression/dominance & it’s time to terminate the meeting.
- Be sensible about throwing balls or toys when other dogs are around as some dogs are very possessive about their toys & don’t like to share & may see it as ‘stealing’.
- Avoid allowing your dog to run at & play roughly with a strange dog, ‘he just wants to play’ is the excuse given for behaviour which may be inappropriate & which may cause a fight.
- Should your dog get into a fight try to avoid the temptation to shout or scream as this will stimulate the dogs to continue the fight. **Take responsibility for your dog’s actions if he started the fight.** Put all dogs on lead, give them space & check for injuries.
- Your dog must, by law, be under your control even when in an ‘off lead’ area. This means that you cannot be one side of the oval chatting to friends & ignoring him whilst he is running on the other side! Also once you’ve let your dog off lead you must remain on the ground with him.
- If your dog loves to greet strangers & is ‘over-friendly’ with people remember, according to the NSW Companion Animal Act, running at, jumping on or mouthing can be taken as an aggressive action & therefore prosecuted as an offence.
- Avoid congregating around the oval gate so that new dogs may enter without being confronted by a ‘gang’.
- When visiting the vet avoid asking your dog to ‘say hello’ to another dog in the waiting room as that dog may be sick or injured & likely to snap.

There are some members of the public who resent dog owners having the privilege of ‘off lead’ areas for their dogs to play & exercise. We must respect the rights of everyone else who uses off lead parks otherwise we’ll lose the use of these areas.

Quotable quotes. The dog ...

‘he is more faithful even than the most boasted among men; he is constant in his affection, friendly without interest & grateful for the slightest favours; much more mindful of benefits received’ ... Oliver Goldsmith, from *A History of the Earth and Animated Nature*, 1774

Introducing  
**Emmy Simonsen**  
 from Denmark  
[www.haziland.dk](http://www.haziland.dk)  
 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2008  
 Rotunda, Canine Complex-Erskine Park



Emmy has trained dogs in obedience and agility since she was 16 years old and later herding became an important part of her life. She started dog dancing in 1998, which has taken over her life.

Emmy was the leading lady when Dog Dancing was approved by the Danish Kennel Club in February, 2006 and is Chairman of the Danish Kennel Club HTM Committee.

Emmy teaches Dog Dancing Workshops in Denmark about once or twice a month and also teaches in Germany and Italy. Teaching is a big part of her life and a part that she truly enjoys.

Emmy gained her knowledge on Dog Dancing by traveling to England and attended training days with some of the famous English handlers. She is fortunate to have great and talented English friends, from whom she learns so much.



Her dogs, she believes are her best teachers—training & performing with them is her greatest source of learning.

Emmy's dogs make her so proud. Whisper (7year old BC) is the most winning Danish Dancing Dog. He is Danish Freestyle Champion & Danish HTM Champion. Biscuit (Sheltie, 2 ¼ year old)

just finished his Danish Champion title and he represented Denmark at the International Freestyle at Crufts 2007 and placed 4th. He has qualified to represent Denmark again in 2008. Robbie (10 year old BC) has only been dancing for about 1 ¼ years, and is competing at advance level, gaining his first HTM & Freestyle CC.



Emmy is an approved FCI Heelwork To Music & Freestyle judge & has judged in Denmark, Germany, Italy & England.

Registration form:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dogs name: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: includes handler and one dog

- ◇ 2 day workshop \$250.00
- ◇ Early bird member \$200.00 -by 3<sup>rd</sup> February
- ◇ 1 day workshop \$135.00
- ◇ Early bird member \$130.00- by 3<sup>rd</sup> February
- ◇ Non-member \$300.00
- ◇ Non-member Early bird \$250.00- by 3<sup>rd</sup> February
- ◇ 1 day workshop \$165.00

Registration closes when places are filled

**Places limited –so get in early**

Cheques made payable to:

Obedience & Tracking Committee

Include Stamped self address envelope to:

Joan Stewart  
 43 White Cedar Drive  
 Castle Hill NSW 2154  
 Ph: (02) 9634 4753



**Please note cheques should be made payable to Dogs NSW to comply with banking requirements**

# 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 joining 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:** New members 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

\*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 27th October 2007

(A full copy of the Minutes is available from the Secretary)

### Business Arising from the Minutes:

Judy has ordered 50 blue shirts for the obedience demo team & general stock.  
Still no price for peel off labels with club logo.  
Flyers for the Christmas Party & 2008 start date etc have been printed. Available at the table.  
Judy, Jenny & Ginny met with Mark Hancock from KMC re turf & bindi spraying. All in hand.  
Balance of mug order ready for collection - 4 cases without the 40th anniversary wording.  
The clubhouse & the cattle ring are booked for the obedience workshop on 2nd December – cost \$34.  
Denise & Nicholas will store glass trophies & trial leftovers for a while. To be used for the 2008 trial.  
Nicholas spoke to Andrew Batten re roof repairs.

### Business Arising from Correspondence:

It was suggested that NSDTC should be nominated for the Council's organisation of the year.  
Gael to write to KMC with quotes for guttering.

### Treasurers Report:

Current Balance: \$78,324.71.

### Obedience Training Report: Given by Chief Instructor, Judy Perrin.

Two successful talks well attended – Pam Short (Acupuncture) & Angus Ross (Canine Reproductive Issues)  
Steve Austin's talk scheduled for Wednesday 7th November postponed.  
Instructors are encouraged to sign up for the Turley's Trialling Workshop on Sunday 2nd December – cost \$10  
Progress with the small number of problem dogs requiring specialist attention.  
Three new trainee instructors will be ready for the New Year.

### Agility Training Report: Given by Chief Instructor Russell Clarke.

Training winding down for the year.  
The video & presentation night to be held this Wednesday.  
Allison Geddes won the Point score. Andy Seitz got his JD title this morning.

### Obedience Trial Report: Given by Trial Secretary, Jenny Scamps.

The Judges have been contacted & contracts sent to:  
CCD: Anne Butler & Heather Martyn. CD: Kyle Charnock.  
Open: Deidre Anderson, Richie Butler & Darryl Turley.  
UD : Linda Dibben. UDX & UD Balance: George Bartolo.  
Novice & Open Gundog Working Test: Steve Austin.  
Ashley Roach will be the Dogs NSW Rep. Dr Angus Ross (KVH) will be the Vet officer.  
Entries to be raised to \$9 each to cover the new Dogs NSW show levy.  
Jenny requested a cheque for \$150 for accommodation for trail judges (the Butlers who live at Cooma).  
Judges to get an unmarked catalogue instead of a marked one as this is now the normal practice.

### Agility Trial Report: Given by the Trial Secretary, Russell Clarke.

Russell will have a meeting next Saturday to get some suggestions for judges for 2008.

### Membership Secretary's Report:

383 memberships on the books.

### Publicity / Newsletter / Archives Report:

Thank you letter from Miriam Smith for the new colour format Yaps & Yelps.  
The archives are now up to date. More storage required. There are some archive boxes available under the kitchen bench.

### Library Report:

Ruth will think about new books for next year.

### Other Reports

Web site: Some reports of the latest Yaps & Yelps being difficult to read on the website. Nicholas asked for feedback.

### General Business:

- Vickie Dean will investigate replacement title trophies as our current stock is very low.
- Three quotes have been received for gutter guard for the clubhouse (Gutter Shield \$5250, Leaf Screen \$2000 & Abode Gutter \$2580). Gael to write to KMC requesting they pay as the outside of the building is their responsibility.
- Bronwyn Maurer requested that the club send a letter to Dogs NSW Board of Directors (Christine Davis) asking if aggressive dogs can attend training if muzzled. The public may bring aggressive dogs to training if muzzled, but dogs of members of Dogs NSW are excluded from attending training.

## **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 Bessen	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 Clark	9997 1798 (Agility)
<b>Joining Enquiries:</b>	Sandra Fry	9416 6080

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Archives:** Christine Rethers

**Clubhouse Coordinator:** Bronwyn Maurer

**Clubhouse Catering:** Jane Hampel

**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 Bessen

**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



## February - April 2008

Saturday 2 Feb	New Members. BYO BBQ 5.00pm
Saturday 9 Feb	New Members. Flyball training 2.15pm
Saturday 16 Feb	New Members
Saturday 23 Feb	Flyball training 2.15pm. GENERAL MEETING 4.00pm
Saturday 1 Mar	New Members. BYO BBQ 5.00pm
Saturday 8 Mar	Flyball training 2.15pm. Trial Steward Training 4.00pm
Saturday 15 Mar	New Members. Instructors' meeting 4.15pm
Saturday 22 Mar	<b>NO TRAINING</b> Easter Saturday
Wednesday 26 Mar	Committee meeting 7.30pm
Saturday 29 Mar	Flyball training 2.15pm.
Saturday 5 April	New Members. Trial Steward Training 4.00. BYO BBQ 5.00
Saturday 12 April	Trial Steward Training 12.30 pm. Flyball training 2.15pm
Saturday 19 April	New Members. GENERAL MEETING 4.00pm
Saturday 26 April	Flyball training 2.15pm.
Sunday 27 April	<b>NSDTC Obedience Trial</b>

