



Yaps & Yelps

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The trials of trialling - 'stay'!



Where did they go?



Whew!! they're coming back



My dog didn't move - wow!

Welcome to our new members

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

5/4/08

Anne Atherton with **Roxy**
Fiona & Jason Brown with **Ellie**
Kim Campbell with **Sophie**
Georgia Galvin with **Rookie**
Jane Jones with **Beth**
Niamh Kenny with **Scoobie**
Emilie Koek with **Billy**
Sam, Jess & Cathy McCallum with **Jet & Ben**
Kathryn McNulty with **Lilly**
Alison, Liam & Murray Nesteroff with **Rosie**
Lesley & Gary O'Brien with **Honey**
Kathleen, Chris, Sara & Marc Ryan with **Tilly**
Bert Sheridan & Judith Renford with **Matzko**
Conor Smyth & Suzanne Giddey with **Akuna & Mogul**
Kathryn Themis with **Coco**
Rosie & Gerard Velayuthen with **Toddy**
Sue Walker with **Toasty**
Louise & Mathew Woods with **Jessie**

12/4/08

Debra & Graham Ardern with **Snowy**
Louise Bailey & Charles Horry with **Brutus & Cleo**
Phillip & Annette Barwell with **Stella**
Brad, Gen, Patrick & Alex Bell with **Billy**
Elizabeth Dwyer with **Toby**
Sue Guthrie with **Zahli**
Tia & Rob Holgate with **Penny**
Paul Lhuede with **Bee**
Nadine & Abigail Marcus with **Honey**
Faith & Rob McDonald with **Chiko**
Greg Rowe with **Matilda**
Jacqueline & Justin Wong with **Mocha**

3/5/08

Russell Ayrton with **Maya**
Cassia & Jacqueline Baghaei with **Flo**
Noelle & John Duffy with **Ned**
Simone Espitalier-Noel with **Finn**
Vachick & Janet Gevorkian with **Coco**
Terry, Irene & Rory Gorman with **Bageera & Lida**
Ross Gustafson & Alison Utley with **Robbie & Angus**
Rachel Harkin with **Ralphie**
Amaechi Inglis & Tash Wright with **Ty**
Susanna, Angie & William Jarman with **Mindi**
Bev Myers with **Poppy**
Elliot & Frances Resnekov with **Quincy**
Rod Sommerich with **Zoe**
Stephanie Vaughan with **Ripley**
Trevor, Luke & Kate Wetmore with **Tshinga**

24/5/08

Vicki Baard with **Belle**
Robin Bligh with **Daisy**
Gloria Broli, Eileen, Tamaryn & Nicole Clarke with **Sammy, Mocca, Suzi & Sader**
Kimmo, Mark, Adam, Kiralee & Blake Derriman with **Jack**
Kirsty McCuster with **Allie**
Suzy MacDonald with **Buster**
Robert & Karen Pfaff with **Albert**
Ben, Richard & Julie Pullinger with **Freya**
Christine Van Bronkhorst with **Chilli**
Davy & Kit Wong with **Toffee**
Narelle Woodland with **Byron**

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. It aims to provide information on training, records of special events, articles supplied by club members & results of those who are trialling their dogs in obedience & agility.

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

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

5.4.08

To 2nd Class

Madeline Lindsell & Stella

To 4th Class

Tricia Woodman & Tammy

Di Tully & Jazz

26.4.08

To 2nd Class

Conor Giddey & Akuna

Suzanne Giddey & Mogul

Kathryn Mc Nulty & Lilly

To 3rd Class

Martin King & Winnie

To 4th Class

Brett Thompson & Ruby

Kay Hogan & Gazza

10.5.08

To 2nd Class

Lynda Cavanagh & Zara

Louise Bailey & Cleo

24.5.08

To 4th Class

Geoff Woodman & Xanthe

Tricia Woodman & Tammy

Promotion

Handlers & their dogs can normally expect to stay for at least 4 weeks in the class to which they have just been promoted. This is because it usually takes 4 weeks for dogs to learn & consistently perform the new exercises.

We all know our dog can 'do it' in the quiet of our own backyard, but it's a completely different story when surrounded by numerous dog & human friends & the distractions of a club day!!

Best to be patient & be certain that when you are next tested the dog will be really reliable & happy to perform the exercises required for promotion to the next level.



He has gone to join his beloved 'bruvie'
Gutter Gordon

Farewell NAITASLA

5.1.94 - 26.3.08

Our deepest sympathy to
Pam Louie
on the loss of her much loved
German Shepherd Dog
Naitasla

Puppy Pages

Reward based training - using treats & voice

by Ginny Legh

Reward based training produces a happy dog who is ready & willing & wants to work with you.

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

Treat foods have different values as far as your dog is concerned. Imagine your boss says he is going to pay you with peanuts instead of dollars - you would obviously tell him to go jump in the lake & find a new job with a more realistic boss wouldn't you?

Dogs behave in a similar way when you no longer pay them properly for working well.

- They stop listening to you & no longer pay attention
- They start looking around for something more interesting to do
- They put their nose down & start sniffing the ground or pick up a stick to chew on
- They move away from you & start to pull on the lead, etc

So how do you 'pay' your dog appropriately?

Choose **high value treat foods** such as cheese, salami, cabanossi, BBQ chicken, cooked beef sausages, cooked hamburger mince or some of the **soft** commercial treats such as Chicken Chunkers or Smackos & cut them into small pieces.

Avoid using hard treats such as kibble & commercially dried liver or beef treats as dogs, especially puppies, take too long to chew them - 'everything has to stop while I finish this bit!', if they gulp the treat they can choke on it & basically they find their everyday kibble boring - 'you give me this every day'!

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

Talking of jackpots - if your dog does something really well, then quickly reward him with a jackpot. Stop & reward him with your voice & your hands & feed 5-6 treats in quick succession. Attach the word 'jackpot' to this performance - he'll soon learn the meaning of the word & will get really excited whenever you say it. It's a wonderful way of 'waking up' a lagging or bored dog (but make sure he has earned it before saying & giving a jackpot).

When training puppies, we advise using lots of food treats. In the first few lessons you will have learned to use treats & your 'happy' voice to lure your puppy into doing the chosen exercise. As you progress you will stop luring, but have tiny treats always at the ready & give them generously. As training progresses you will start to randomise the giving of treats & intersperse it with voice rewards, in other words you'll keep the dog guessing as to when the treat will appear!!

Your voice is the second best treat you can give your dog. A happy, enthusiastic 'yes' can instantly mark the moment when the dog did the right thing. This of course is then followed with a food treat in the early stages of training or when you start training something new. Once the dog knows the exercise you can reward with the 'yes' every time he does it correctly & randomise the giving of treats (remember a particularly good performance can also earn a jackpot!). All types of reward must be given within 5 seconds of the wanted behaviour occurring or the dog doesn't know what he's being rewarded for.

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

‘Leave it’ alone!!!

Is your dog the ‘one word from me & he does exactly what he wants’ type?

Is he aggressive towards other dogs & other animals such as cats?

Is he the local garbage guts, who loves to eat or roll in all the most horrible, smelly things?

Does he steal your best shoes & run off with them saying ‘catch me if you can!’

The ‘leave it’ command can make a huge difference in all these situations.

We teach ‘leave it’ exactly the same way as every other exercise - with reward based training.

The first step is to get your dog to recognise that the word ‘leave it’ means good news in the form of treats, praise & pats is on the way.

Sit your dog & put a small food treat on the ground about half a metre away. Stand beside him & tell your dog in a firm (but not aggressive voice) to ‘leave it’. Count to 5 & if your dog sits & waits then tell him ‘eat’ or ‘take’ & immediately praise him enthusiastically with lots of pats, hugs & another couple of treats.

Practise this at least twice daily & within a week your dog will happily ‘leave’ whatever you put in front of him because he knows a reward treat & praise is only 5 seconds away.

If he doesn’t sit still the first few times you have move really quickly & grab the treat off the floor before he gets to it, whilst saying ‘ooh ooh’ & ‘sit’ & then start all over again.

You can use his dinner as an extra practice but make sure you do the exercise in the house, in the garden, in the park & even in the car because you don’t want him to only associate the ‘leave it’ with waiting a few seconds before being told to ‘eat’ or ‘take’ his dinner. You want it to work no matter where you are.

The ‘leave it’ command can be very successfully linked with the ‘come’ command.

In other words if your dog is showing aggression towards another dog or running off with your shoe, you tell him ‘leave it’ then say ‘come’. He is used to having a 5 second delay after the ‘leave it’ & knows the ‘come’ always produces rewards so he will drop whatever he is doing & come to you & so the problem situation is over & yet the whole exercise was a positive experience & no harsh words or actions by you were required.

Raisins & grapes - a warning to all dog owners

This is an abridged version of an article sent to Gael Goldsack

Written by: Laurinda Morris, DVM Danville Veterinary Clinic, Danville, Ohio

This week I had the first case in history of raisin toxicity ever seen at MedVet. My patient was a 56-pound, 5 yr old male neutered lab mix that ate half a canister of raisins sometime between 7:30am & 4:30pm on Tuesday. He started with vomiting, diarrhoea & shaking about 1:00am on Wednesday but the owner didn't call my emergency service until 7:00am.

I had heard somewhere about raisins & grapes causing acute renal failure but hadn't seen any formal paper on the subject. We had her bring the dog in immediately. We contacted the ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Centre & they said to give IV fluids at 1.5 times maintenance & watch the kidney values for the next 48-72 hours.

Unfortunately his condition continued to worsen & the owners elected to euthanase.

This is a very sad case - great dog, great owners who had no idea raisins could be a toxin. Please alert everyone you know who has a dog of this very serious risk. **Poison control said as few as 7 raisins or grapes could be toxic.** Many people I know give their dogs grapes or raisins as treats.

Bottom line = don't give your dog grapes or raisins.

Tips for Obedience Training

'Stay', 'wait'.... don't move or else!!!!

Stay means stay.

This is the first lesson we, the human part of the team, needs to understand & agree on.

It means that when we tell the canine part of our team to 'stay', we mean remain where I've left you until I return & release you.

Why do we teach this exercise?

It gives us great control over our dog. For instance, once the dog can reliably perform the 'stay', we can use it to prevent the dog getting into a dangerous situation; make it easy for the Vet to examine the dog; have a photograph taken; stand still whilst being groomed; keep the dog still when visitors arrive, etc.

It is also a requirement in all obedience tests & is an exercise in agility as well.

How to we teach our dog to stay?

The two most important points to remember in the early stages are

- **Never** use the 'stay' command unless **you** are going to **return** to the dog. For instance never call the dog to you from a stay or tell it to stay when you're about to leave home for the day.
- Increase the time & distance away from the dog VERY, VERY slowly, because if the dog breaks from the stay, what you've actually taught him is - when I'm ... distance from you, you can get up & I can't do anything about it!!

The **basic steps** are

- Sit your dog beside you, tell him 'stay' & carefully step forward & stand facing him with your toes almost touching his toes.
- Give him a food reward immediately, but do it quietly & slowly - no excitement at this stage.
- Step quietly & slowly back into position beside him - don't walk round him, step backwards into the heel position.
- Now praise & reward him again - this time show him how pleased you are.
- Release the dog (ie move a few steps forward) & have a little cuddle or tug game.
- Repeat the exercise 3-5 times then move on to something quite different.

Remember - don't use the 'stay' command unless you can immediately reinforce it, should the dog move. Many people try to make their dogs 'stay' before putting their dinner on the floor. This is fine once the dog really knows what the word means, but not whilst he's learning.

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

If you intend to call the dog to you from the place where you've left him, it is advisable to use a different command such as 'wait'. It is important that the dog is competent with the 'stay' before starting to teach the 'wait' as you do have to move at least a metre away to practise the 'come' part of the exercise.

Use of food treats when teaching 'stay'

- Don't make the dog stretch for his treat as this encourages him to lift his rump.
- You can give food treats in all the stages of 'stay', the more the better as this reinforces that he's doing exactly what you want & it makes the exercise a pleasurable experience.

What do my dog & I have to do to be promoted to the next class?

Promotion from First, Advanced First & Advanced Puppies to Second Class (all on lead)

- ▶ Heel on a loose lead (with a little help)
- ▶ Sit & drop (no luring with food)
- ▶ Come fore (no luring with food)

Promotion from Second to Third Class

- ▶ Heel on loose lead
- ▶ Automatic sit (slight reminder with lead is allowed)
- ▶ Drop in one action
- ▶ Stand
- ▶ Stay for 10 seconds in sit, drop & stand
- ▶ Release dog, play & recall - touch collar - no luring with food
- ▶ Hand signals to be used correctly

Promotion from Third to Fourth Class

- ▶ Heel on loose lead in normal, slow & fast pace
- ▶ Automatic sit
- ▶ Stay for 30 seconds in sit, drop & stand
- ▶ Heel free for short distance at normal pace
- ▶ Short recall & finish around handler (no luring with food)

After being promoted please ask at the table for your new class ribbon

Your class instructor will suggest when you & your dog are ready to be tested.

The test is done by a senior instructor on a one-on-one basis away from the class .

You may praise your dog during testing, but luring with food or a toy is **NOT** allowed.

Ku-ring-gai K9 Award

The Ku-ring-gai K9 Award is a joint venture between Ku-ring-gai Council, Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club & Metropolitan Mid Week Dog Training Club.

Prior to the test you must attend three lectures at the club - one on veterinary care, one on diet & grooming & one on your legal responsibilities as a dog owner. You must also complete a take-home questionnaire & you & your dog must have reached approximately 3rd class standard at training.

Please read all the information given in your Club Information Booklet (the green book you received on joining the Club).

Dogs who pass the test are awarded a certificate & special lead.

All dogs are capable of passing this test, the exercises are basic requirements for a happy, well behaved, family canine companion - give it a go & you'll enjoy the experience.

Please see Marcelle Fitzgerald to book in & for more information.

Wednesday night obedience training for instructors only

All instructors are invited to take advantage of Wednesday night training.

You do NOT have to be involved in trialling to join in.

It's a great chance for those who have young dogs to work along side more experienced dogs.

Classes start at 7.30pm & finish around 8.30pm

- Those who have young, inexperienced dogs or dogs trialling at CCD level & those just going into CD are grouped together with one instructor.
- Those trialling at Open level & those who already have 2 qualifications at CD level are with another instructor.
- Provision is also made for those trialling at UD & eventually UDX levels.

For more information speak with Judy Perrin

Tips for Agility

You asked ... about Agility?

By Tracey Elder

Agility is a sport!

Dog & handler compete to complete a course of obstacles with accuracy, against the clock. In the last issue of Yaps and Yelps you were introduced to the sport of Agility.

It is my bet that you can't wait to hear more about it!

The thing is that once you start to get interested in Agility you are hooked ... and what's more, your dog will take on a new lease of life!

You and your dog will be first in line for training sessions and you'll also find ways to train at home. Five minutes here ... five minutes there ... has been known to produce top agility performers.

It won't take long for you to have the confidence to start "trailing". Events for the Novice dog and handler in agility and jumping are just the thing to get you started.

You may be wondering about the difference between "Jumping" and "Agility" events, well let me explain.

Putting it simply a "Jumping" event offers the dog and handler the challenge of a course made up of only jumps and tunnels.

An "Agility" event offers a variety of challenges with the course being made up of jumps and tunnels plus what are called "contact obstacles" being an A-frame, a see saw and a dog-walk. A table is often included but always included are 12 weave poles.

The generally accepted routine for "trailing" is for you and your dog to enter the event (the formality relating to that is something to discuss later) ... then you get your gear together and head for the trial venue. You will have to be up at the crack of dawn because Trials start very early!

Next you pick your spot to "set up" your "camp" for the day ... chair, gazebo, umbrella, dog pen/crate, water bowl, etc etc etc.

Trials are very social affairs ... everyone is friendly ... especially the dogs!

Agility trials are not only good to compete in ... they also offer a great deal of interest for the spectator. So if you're not running you are watching!

You may note that the word "running" was mentioned! Believe me, Agility can make you feel as if you are running like the wind ... it is so much fun!

Some of our Northern Suburbs club members are among the "top" triallers in NSW ... and they all started here with the basics of training ... and continue to train here alongside club members of all levels.

The first Sunday in August is the day to mark in your diary. NSDTC will host a big Agility Trial ... around 800 entries. Don't miss it. You may even like to get involved with the organising. So let's know as we can promise you a great day!

To see is to believe ... to do it is to know! Agility is fun!

NSDTC 40th Annual Obedience Trial 27 April 2008



UD Judge George Bartolo
presenting the
the Jim & Miriam Powell Trophy
for Winner of Winners of the UD Rings
to
Penny Dalzell & Enniskey



This year the
Arrott Spillars Cup
was won by
NSDTC

The cup is
presented to the
team gaining the
highest score on
the day

**Congratulations to
our successful members**

NSDTC President Barbara Bessen
presenting Penny Dalzell & Enniskey
with the Miriam Smith Trophy for the
highest scoring club member



Our 40



th Annual Obedience Trial
a great success
thanks to all who helped
seen & unseen



Success

for

NSDTC



Virginia Pennefather
& Tec - CDX Title



Ngaire Chant
& Bobby - CD Qualification



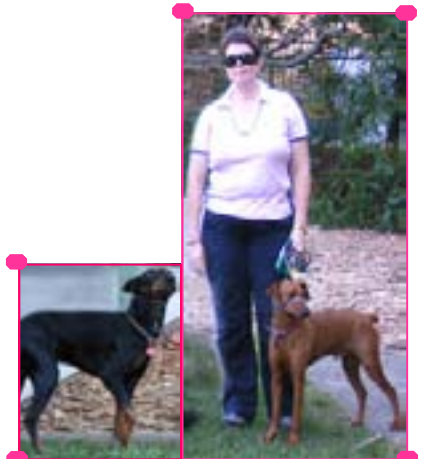
Victor & Janice Liang with
Toby & Jasper - CCD Qualifications



Mary Young
& Dice - CCD Qualification



Judy Turley
& Baillie
CDX Qualification



Caroline Mainey with
Mandela - CDX Qualification &
Kostya - Winner in CCD Ring

A Healthy Dog is a Happy Dog

Caring for our senior dogs An overview of common problems encountered as dogs age & what we can do about them

The old classic 'one human year equals seven dog years' is an easy way to calculate & relate to your dog's age, but isn't entirely accurate.

Large breed dogs (ie Great Danes) are considered a senior at 6 or 7 years of age, whereas small breeds (ie toy poodle) aren't considered a senior until their teen years.

As a general rule of thumb, a dog who is 7 years or older should be considered middle to senior aged & a consultation with your vet is a good idea to determine the best health care maintenance program for your dog as he or she ages.

What things should I expect as my dog ages?

Each dog, like each human, is different. Here are some general things to watch for

Slowing down - You may notice that your dog slows down as they age. This isn't always the case, but look for subtle changes in how he/she gets up, lies down & uses stairs. Is there any hesitation or stiffness? Does a change in the weather (rainy, cold, hot) make him/her worse? Arthritis is common in dogs as they age, particularly medium to large breeds. Arthritis can occur in any joint, but most commonly in the legs & back (spine). There are many different medications available to help ease the discomfort of arthritis - see your vet if you notice any signs of slowing down in your dog.

Another potential cause of slowing down is hypothyroidism, an endocrine disorder common in dogs. This condition is easily diagnosed & treated with proper veterinary care.

Greying around the face & muzzle - Some dogs go prematurely grey at two years of age, but most dogs commonly show a bit of grey starting at middle age (5-6 years).

Reduced hearing - Is your dog hard to wake up after sleeping or does he/she become startled easily if you approach from behind? Hearing loss or deafness may be a reason for this. There isn't a lot that can be done for age-related hearing loss, but a vet exam should be done to rule out other medical problems, such as an infection, growth or a foreign body in the ear. If your dog does experience hearing loss, take care to protect him/her from hazards, such as cars & children that he/she may not hear (or see). Dogs do learn & adapt well using hand signals to come, stay, sit & so on. It is a good idea to 'cross train' your dog early in life to recognize basic hand signals.

Cloudy or 'bluish' eyes - As they age, dog's eyes often show a bluish transparent 'haze' in the pupil area. This is a normal effect of aging & the medical term for this is lenticular sclerosis. Vision does not appear to be affected. This is NOT the same as cataracts which are white & opaque. Vision can be affected by cataracts & your vet needs to be consulted (see 'when is it time to see the vet?' below).

Muscle atrophy - Mild loss of muscle mass, especially in the hind legs, may be seen with old age. Some muscle atrophy, notably on the head & the belly muscles, can signify onset of certain diseases. Be sure to have your vet check this out if any muscle loss is noted.

When is it time to see the vet?

Regular veterinary examinations are important for overall health at any age. Annual examinations are the norm, but more frequent exams may be needed, based on your pet's health. As a dog ages, signs of potentially serious health problems are commonly overlooked by pet owners as 'normal for an old dog'.

It is much better to err on the side of caution & have anything new or unusual in your dog checked out as soon as possible by your veterinarian. Older dogs don't usually have the 'reserve' that younger dogs do & time can be critical.

The following is a list of ***signs that should be seen by your veterinarian*** as soon as possible.

Arthritis pain - As previously mentioned, there are many medications available today to help ease the pain & discomfort of arthritis. See your veterinarian to discuss what medication is right for your pet.

Bad breath, bleeding gums - Good dental health is important not only for the teeth & mouth, but overall general health! As a dog ages, tartar, gum disease & tooth loss are all potential problems. Oral cancers, infections, metabolic diseases (kidney disease, diabetes) are also potential causes for bad breath & oral health problems.

Sudden blindness, hearing loss, head tilt/staggering - These signs can be seen with a variety of causes - infection, poisoning, age-related, cancer, etc & your vet should be consulted to find the cause & begin any necessary treatment. Note: some dogs can develop cataracts in just a few days with sudden onset diabetes. See your vet as soon as possible.

Change in weight or appetite - Weight loss or gain should be kept track of, as well as any changes in diet or eating habits. Dogs should be fed a diet appropriate for their age & general health (some dogs require special or prescription diets).

Change in urine output & thirst - Dogs should not drink more water simply because they are old, it is summer time or the heater is on in the winter. The most common causes of increased water intake are diabetes & kidney problems. Urine leakage or having 'accidents' signals problems, either with infection, loss of sphincter control or other underlying disease.

Cognitive dysfunction - Dogs, like people, can experience age-related dementia. There is treatment available that may help some dogs. Consult your vet about the common signs & appropriate treatment.

Hair loss, itchy skin - This can occur at any age & should not be ignored. Dogs can do a lot of damage to their skin by licking, scratching & biting, so the sooner the dog is examined, the better.

There are many other potential age-related conditions which can be properly managed so if your dog is 'not quite him or herself', then it is time for a check up at the veterinary clinic!

How to keep your pet more comfortable in his/her senior years

Regular checkups & communication with your vet will ensure that you are doing all that you can medically to help your pet enjoy the senior years. To help your pet at home, here are some pointers:

- Provide a comfortable clean bed - there are many 'orthopaedic' beds available now at pet supply stores to ensure comfortable rest & good posture.
- Give your senior dog a warm bed & plenty of shelter in winter as old joints get stiff & sore in cold weather.
- Provide fresh water daily (note any changes in water consumption) & a healthy diet appropriate for the dog's age & health.
- Don't expect too much from your senior dog - he/she may still want to run & play Frisbee like the good old times, but go slowly - heat, arthritis, age-related muscle atrophy & other age-related effects can take their toll.
- Monitor loud noises & distractions - senior pets can be easily startled by or become fearful of kids, loud noises & general commotion as they age. Conditions such as arthritis can make the dog fearful of getting hurt (or the potential to get hurt). Watch for the sudden movements made by children & other animals or people stepping on or near them.

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

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	CD Title
Geoff Woodman & Xanthe	23.4.08	Metropolitan Mid Week DTC	CCD - Qual
Geoff Woodman & Kayley	23.4.08	Metropolitan Mid Week DTC	CCD - Qual
Diana Tully & Dixie	23.4.08	Metropolitan Mid Week DTC	UDX Title
Janice Liang & Jasper	27.4.08	Northern Suburbs DTC	CCD - Qual & 2nd
Victor Liang & Toby	27.4.08	Northern Suburbs DTC	CCD - Qual
Mary Young & Dice	27.4.08	Northern Suburbs DTC	CCD - Qual & 3rd
Caroline Mainey & Mandela	27.4.08	Northern Suburbs DTC	CCD - Title & 1st
Ngairé Chant & Bobby	27.4.08	Northern Suburbs DTC	CD - Qual & 2nd
Virginia Pennefather & Tec	27.4.08	Northern Suburbs DTC	CDX - Title & 1st
Penny Dalzell & Enniskey	27.4.08	Northern Suburbs DTC	UD - Qual & 1st
Penny Dalzell & Enniskey	27.4.08	Northern Suburbs DTC	Winner of Winners
Wendy Johnston & Quix	4.5.08	Port Stephens All Breeds & Canine Club	CCD - Title
Tricia Woodman & Kayley	4.5.08	Golden Retriever Club of NSW	CCD - Qual
Victor Liang & Toby	11.5.08	Sydney All Breeds DTC	CCD - Qual
Janice Liang & Jasper	11.5.08	Sydney All Breeds DTC	CCD - Title
Geoff Woodman & Xanthe	17.5.08	Armidale DTC	CCD - Qual
Geoff Woodman & Tammy	17.5.08	Armidale DTC	CCD - Qual
Tricia Woodman & Kayley	17.5.08	Armidale DTC	CCD - Title
Ngairé Chant & Bobby	18.5.08	Sutherland Shire DTC	CD - Qual & 2nd
Robyn Dive & Isis	18.5.08	Sutherland Shire DTC	CCD - Qual
Shannon Cross & Secret	31.5.08	Newcastle All Breeds DTC	UD - Qual & 1st

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

Agility

Owner & Dog	Date	Event	Result
Patricia Walsh & Tianah	20.1.0.07	Springwood	ADM - Qual & 3rd
Patricia Walsh & Tianah	3.11.07	ACTCDC	ADM - Qual
Patricia Walsh & Tianah	6.11.07	Hawkesbury Dog Agility Club	JDM - Qual & 2nd
Patricia Walsh & Tianah	24.11.07	Dogs NSW Agility Committee	ADM - Qual
Patricia Walsh & Venus	1.12.07	Hawkesbury Dog Agility Club	ADO - Qual & 2nd
Patricia Walsh & Venus	1.12.07	Hawkesbury Dog Agility Club	SD - Title & 1st
Patricia Walsh & Venus	1.12.07	Hawkesbury Dog Agility Club	GD - Qual & 1st
Patricia Walsh & Venus	1.12.07	Hawkesbury Dog Agility Club	SPX - Title & 1st
Geoff Woodman & Kayley	29.3.08	The GSP Society (NSW)	JDO - Qual
Geoff Woodman & Kayley	29.3.08	The GSP Society (NSW)	ADO - Qual
Patricia Walsh & Venus	28.4.08	Kyeamba	ADO - Title
Patricia Walsh & Venus	29.4.08	Kyeamba	JDO - Qual & 3rd
Nicole Nasr & Alfa	5.4.08	Far South East Coast KC	GD - Qual
Nicole Nasr & Alfa	5.4.08	Far South East Coast KC	JDM - Qual
Nicole Nasr & Lea	6.4.08	Far South East Coast KC	JDX - Qual & 1st
Geoff Woodman & Tammy	6.5.08	Hawkesbury Dog Agility Club	JDX - Qual
Geoff Woodman & Xanthe	11.5.08	Cessnock DTC	JD - Qual
Geoff Woodman & Kayley	11.5.08	Cessnock DTC	JDM - Qual
Wendy Johnston & Quix	10.5.08	Cessnock DTC	AD - Qual 2nd
Wendy Johnston & Kelly	11.5.08	Cessnock DTC	ADX - Qual 2nd
Geoff Woodman & Kayley	17.5.08	Armidale DTC	JDO - Title
Anna Uther & Holly	17.5.08	ADAA	AD - Qual & 1st
Anna Uther & Holly	17.5.08	ADAA	JD - Qual & 1st
Anna Uther & Keshi	17.5.08	ADDA	AD - Qual & 1st
Anna Uther & Keshi	25.5.08	Wollongong Dog Sports Club	SPD - Qual

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 gabby.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

NB. Agility
New memberships
cannot be
completed on
Monday nights

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 19th April 2008

Business Arising from the previous Minutes:

Marcelle is to take over the Agility & Obedience Title Trophies. The new trophies will be ordered next week.

Gael phoned Ku-ring-gai Council re the proposed Saturday Growers' - will not impinge on our activities.

Penny Dalzell has accepted the position of Inter-Club Challenge team captain & will put together 2 teams for the event.

Business Arising from Correspondence:

Dogs NSW have advised us that for a child under the age of 12 to be allowed in class, the parent/s must be members of Dogs NSW (ie covered by their insurance). The Club has added the proviso that the parent/s accompany the child to class.

Dogs NSW advise that dogs belonging to members of Dogs NSW that are declared aggressive, are permitted to participate in training classes with the club. They are not permitted to be on the grounds during a Dogs NSW show or trial. Dogs NSW will recommend that our suggestion that dog be muzzled & kept on lead at all times be submitted to their Board of Directors as a future requirement.

The overdue library books had been returned & were subsequently located

Treasurers Report:

Current Balance \$79,184.41

Business Arising from Treasurers Report:

Over \$2,000 of this month's income was for trial entries, without which we would have made a loss for the month.

Deb will resume the Treasurer's position next week.

Obedience Training Report:

Julie Parrot has been welcomed back as an instructor.

Karin Bridge gave a superb motivational talk at last Saturday's Instructors meeting which was well attended

Agility Training Report:

Russell is collecting names for the Dog Day Out agility demonstration at the end of May

The St Ives Show demonstration will take the form of a normal agility training session.

Russell has obtained the wood for the new jumps & has begun building them.

The Agility Nationals will be held in Victoria this year.

NSDTC was well represented at the Sydney Royal Easter Show agility

There will be no new members enrolled in agility on Monday nights. All enrolments - first Saturday am of the month.

Obedience Trial Report:

25 Club members have entered our trial. We are still short of stewards.

Agility Trial Report:

A cheque for equipment hire is needed

The schedule has been proof read. A President's message is required for the catalogue

Membership Secretary's Report:

480 memberships on the books

Publicity / Newsletter / Archives Report:

The latest issue of Yaps & Yelps has some incorrect dates for New Members listed for March, April & May. Corrections have been noted for future editions. Ginny has included an article on footwork.

Library Report:

The new book on Developing Jumping Skills has been given to Ruth for inclusion in the collection.

Bronwen Taylor has kindly donated a book entitled "A Dog Called Blue" to the library

Other Reports

Web site: Calendar Dates will be updated by tonight. Other minor modifications still to be done.

General Business:

- The Council has received quotes for the fencing of 2 dog rings with pipe & black mesh fencing at \$37,000 for 2 rings. The club had previously offered \$6,000 towards the fencing of one ring. Following some discussion it was decided that the club offer the council up to \$12,000 towards the project.
- Gael has obtained some photo frames similar to those already in use for AOC dog photos. Some more hooks are needed on the wall to hang 2 more AOC photos & to replace the one of Jim Powell.
- The lock on the new fridge has the same combination as the other one.
- Dick Williams reported that the 3pm classes have been starting late. Every effort will be made to begin the announcements at 2.50pm so classes can be underway by 3pm. There are still problems with members arriving up to half an hour late for classes, but as we provide the classes voluntarily, latecomers will be allowed to join the classes, but instructors should not have to repeat exercises already covered. New members who arrive after 3pm will be enrolled and will be allowed to watch the class, but not participate until the following new members intake.
- Specific badges for committee positions of "Librarian", "Equipment Officer", "Membership" and "Ku-ring-gai K9 Co-ordinator" badges will be ordered.
- The proposal by Central Coast Dog Training Club to co-host a weekend seminar by Brenda Aloff in early 2009, was discussed. Brenda is the author of books & DVD's on training, body language, aggression etc. The meeting agreed that we should go ahead & a sub-committee consisting of Judy Perrin, Ginny Legh, Jenny Scamps, Julie Parrot, Penny Dalzell and Di Hollett was set up for the purpose. The sub-committee will report back to future club meetings.

PATRONS

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

CLUB EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE

President:	Barbara Rogleff	9488 9488
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Vice Presidents:	Sandra Fry	9416 6080
	Eve Park	9449 1941
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Joining Enquiries:	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 Rogleff

Trophy Officer: Denise Wigney

Catering Officer: Kay Luke

Trial Committee (Agility)

Trial Manager: Anne Clarke

Trial Secretary: Russell Clarke

Chief Steward: Phil Palangas

Trophy Officer: Tracey Elder

NSDTC DOGGY DIARY DATES



June - August 2008

Saturday 7 June	NO TRAINING - Sausage Sizzle from 12 noon
Saturday 14 June	New Members. Instructors' Meeting 4.00pm
Saturday 21 June	Flyball Training 2.15pm
Saturday 28 June	New Members, GENERAL MEETING 4.00pm
Saturday 5 July	Flyball Training 2.15pm. BYO BBQ 5.00pm Inter Club Obedience Challenge
Saturday 12 July	New Members
Saturday 19 July	Flyball Training 2.15pm. KK9 Lecture 1 (Diet) 4.00pm
Wednesday 23 July	Committee Meeting 7.30pm
Saturday 26 July	New Members
Saturday 2 August	Flyball Training 2.15pm. BYO BBQ 5.00pm
Sunday 3 August	NSDTC Agility Trial
Saturday 9 August	New Members
Saturday 16 August	Flyball Training 2.15pm. Instructors' Meeting 4.00pm
Saturday 23 August	New Members. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 4.00pm
Saturday 30 August	Flyball Training 2.15pm

