



Yaps & Yelps

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Virginia Pennefather & Tec

**Our
team
came
2nd**



Jane Hampel & Nitro

**The
Festival**

**of
Agility**



Allison Harvey & Kelly



Maggie Young
& Gypsy

**Well
done
!!!**



Tracey Elder & Sgt Pepper

Welcome to our new members

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

9/08/08

Estelle Ash with **Stewie**
Alison Axam with **Finnegan**
Jennifer Fahey with **Callie**
Lisa & Sam Greentree with **Moet**
Gary Hedberg with **Pippi**
Annette Liden with **Nelson**
Susannah & Ewan Radcliffe with **Angus**
Margaret, Simon, Tom, Lucy, Andrew & Ben Terrell with **Bella**
Sue, Gerry, Emily & Robbie Zammit with **Bella**

30/08/08

Frances, Ian & Amy McIver with **Gertie**
Niki van der Smagt with **Pepe**

20/09/08

Andrew Birch & Frantz Landgraf with **Bakari**
Tracy Cornish with **Adelaide**

Ben, Susan, Paul & Nicholas Cowdrill with **Sabastian**
Dale Dawes with **Shadow**
Armena Demirdjian with **Franky**
Peter, Jane, Daniel & Stephen Frick with **Bella**
Udo & Renate Handel with **Loki**
Christian Jacobs with **Libby Lulu Belle**
Julie, Lauren, Aaron & Steve Mackay with **Peppi**
Silvana, Mark & Larissa Mahony with **Mitzi & Molly**
Geoff & Andrea Mathers with **Wookee**
Jessica O'Carroll with **Lola**
Debra & David Shirley & Ray Cooper with **Tux & Benji**
Grant Sonnberg with **Jazz**
Rhys & Jennifer Withers with **Hugo**

NSDTC Christmas Party 29 November



Come & join in. It's fun for everyone - humans & dogs

1.30pm Fancy Dress -Christmas, Dog & Owner look-a-like, Prettiest & Cleverest costumes. Prizes for each category.

2.15pm Games - Good O race, egg & spoon race, knickers race & if time allows there maybe some other surprises!

Afternoon tea- please bring a plate of goodies

Our **Raffle** will be drawn during the afternoon - please add something to the basket (on the clubhouse veranda) prior to the party day



From The Editor

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

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

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

Please note - to avoid internet viruses you **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



2.8.08

To 2nd Class

Rachael Rose & Shelly
Roger Faulkner & Disni
Cameron Diggelman & Ella
Nicky Newton & Ruby
Charles Harry & Brutus
Susan Still & Trafford
Barbara Simons & Bella
Vicki Baard & Belle
Dorota Opiela & Ralph

To 3rd Class

Geoff Woodman & Katrina
Madeline Lindsell & Stella
Jill Norman & Cooe

9.8.08

To 2nd Class

Anna Uther & Tilly

16.8.08

To 2nd Class

Gillian Mountwinter & Leo
Peter & Victoria Kohlhagen & Zeus
Kim Campbell & Sophie
Alicia Paes & Magic

23.8.08

To 2nd Class

Ngaire Chant & Magic
Janene Hobbs & Connor
Abbie Hartman & Archie

To 3rd Class

Nerida Ware & Merlin

To 4th Class

Sandy Gordon Baker & Humphrey

30.8.08

To 4th Class

Sue Murray & Badi
Jenny Jacobs & Zali



Congratulations to NSDTC & Ku-ring-gai Council

We now have 3 securely fenced rings in the off leash area at the Showground.

Please read & note the following

NSDTC hires the whole of the leash free area on Saturdays for our club activities.

Obedience classes are held from 12.30 - 4.00pm each club day.

Members are not to use the small centre fenced area for off leash play from 1.30-4.00pm

as dogs chasing balls or running up & down the fence line are unacceptable distractions to dogs working in class in the two large fenced areas.

- 4th Class/CCD & Social Novice will be held in the two large fenced rings from 1.30-2.30pm .
- 2nd & 3rd Class will be in the two large fenced rings from 3.00- 4.00pm.
- Puppy Classes will be in the small fenced ring from 3.00- 4.00pm.

- During the Advanced Classes Obedience Training period (12.30pm - 2.30pm) classes are held on the main grassed area near the clubhouse.

Members are asked **not to walk across this area** during this period, except in corridors between the classes, as the dogs are 'in training' & need to be able to concentrate on their exercises.

NSDTC requires all dogs to be 'on lead' during the obedience training period from 12.30 - 4.15pm except when permitted to work 'off lead' by their class instructor.

This ensures that all dogs & handlers are able to work in a safe environment.

Beware of the Dog (thanks to Roger Tregear & Charlee Girl)

In a small country store, a stranger sees a sign on the door DANGER! BEWARE OF THE DOG!.

Inside a harmless old hound dog is asleep on the floor near the cash register.

'Is that the dog we are need to beware of?' the stranger asks the store owner. 'Yes, that's him' he replies.

The amused stranger says 'Doesn't look like a dangerous dog to me, so why the sign?'

The owner responds 'Because, before I put up the sign, people kept tripping over him'.

Puppy Pages

My dog's missing!! What can I do?

Take action immediately. The sooner you start your search, the better your chances of finding your dog.

- Walk around your local area (particularly follow your normal walking routes) calling your pet's name. Take any favourite squeaky toys or their food bowl with you & make a lot of noise. A very strong smelling food such as cheese or fishy kitty treats may also be helpful. Stop periodically to listen carefully for your pet.
- Knock on doors in neighbourhoods where you think your pet might be. Give a description & ask them to take a look in their yard while you are there. **Do not go alone** – take a friend.
- Pets may make their own way home of their own accord so make sure you put out some food & water out & some items with a familiar smell such as a blanket or your shirt at the exit points of your yard. This may help your pet to smell where its territory is & find its way home.
- Call every animal shelter, RSPCA, humane society, council & veterinarian in your area & continue to do so daily. Also call breed rescue groups if your pet is a particular breed.
- Road crews/council workers often remove dead animals from the roads so find out who does this in your area & give them your pet's description. In this case – no news is good news.
- Provide a detailed description of the animal, including the name of the pet, sex, age, breed type, weight, neuter status, colour & distinctive markings. Describe the type of collar & identification tag the pet should be wearing. If the pet is microchipped or has a tattoo, be sure to provide that information too. Some vets & other facilities will post a notice in their facility about a lost pet.
- Make a flyer. Design a simple format with easy-to-read type & a photo (colour, if possible) of the pet. Do not include too much detail; you want the type large enough for people to read & you want readers to remember the key details. If possible, include a strip of tear-off tabs with the phone numbers you may be reached on.
- If you offer a reward, **do not** include the money amount. Caution must be exercised when people ring claiming to have your pet – always **hold back one distinguishing feature** that may be used for identification. Never go to a stranger's house alone & always take someone with you when searching or distributing flyers.
- Most pets are found within a 3km radius of the place where they were lost, so owners should be sure to blanket this target area with attention-getting posters.
- Put your flyers where pet owners go - pet stores, vets, grocery stores (including pet food aisles), libraries & schools. Also speak to & give flyers to mail carriers, delivery drivers, meter readers & local police officers. These people may spot your pet.
- Alternatively, you may wish to employ the services of an organisation such as the RSPCA, Petsafe, Pet Alert or The Lost Petfinders. (Just try typing 'find lost pets' into Google!! There are numerous organisations that offer help).
- Call local radio stations - some will help by making an announcement about a lost pet.
- Place a lost pet advertisement in your local & daily newspapers. Also check the Lost & Found columns in the classified sections of daily & local newspapers.
- Check your local shelters & animal control departments at least every other day after you initially alert them. Due to their changes in staff shifts & hectic environments, it is possible that your initial report may get lost in a busy office.

Do not give up. Sometimes pets can be recovered weeks after loss.

Play it safe! 5 rules to follow when choosing dog toys

Rule 1. Don't give him a heap of toys at the same time or he may think everything that is thrown on the ground or floor is for him & can be chewed up.

Rule 2. Choose the right kind of toys for your dog's breed & size. The main rules when choosing the right toy should be (a) buy toys that are large enough so they can't lodge in the mouth or be caught in the throat & (b) buy toys with no sharp, pointed components.

Rule 3. Never give him worn out slippers or shoes to chew on, he won't know (or care about!) the difference between old or new shoes.

Rule 4. Don't think all the toys that babies play with are suitable for your dog. This is especially so for puppies, because when they're teething their canine teeth are far more piercing than any human teeth. Hence they may chew off & swallow pieces of the toy which may not be digestible & can cause a bowel obstruction (a veterinary emergency!!).

Rule 5. Although most dogs love stuffed toys, they're not ideal dog toys. Even though there are some exceptional dogs that will not destroy stuffed toys, most will rip the plastic nose & eyes or the stuffed ears off & swallow them. These are risky, indigestible items & can result in a very unpleasant visit to the vet for both you & your dog. If you really want your dog to enjoy the comfort & fun of a stuffed toy only let him play with it when you're with him.

Some reasons why your puppy doesn't pay attention to you

- **Exercise:** *Does your puppy get enough exercise?* Regardless of breed, size, age, weight & fitness level, all dogs need some form of exercise to stay physically & mentally fit. If your puppy doesn't get that extra energy out of his system, paying attention to you could be very challenging. You don't have to wear him out before training begins, just make sure he gets a good interesting walk at least once a day.
- **Activity:** *Does your puppy have enough activity throughout the day?* Some activities can be physically demanding for some dogs (i.e. climbing stairs, hide & seek, roaming around the house) but some quiet time with you is just as important. Make sure your pup gets at least 15 minutes of quality time with you each day. These quiet activities can be anything from cuddling time, grooming time or just lying very close to you time. Give him all the attention he needs so he doesn't feel he is being deprived.
- **Motivator:** *Are you using any tool to motivate your puppy?* Praise is one of the best motivational tools to get a puppy or any adult dog to pay attention. You can't do any harm by over praising your dog when he's done something appropriately. Another motivational tool is either using food treats or a toy. Most dogs are food driven but some will focus more on you when their favourite toy is in your possession. So find what tool drives your puppy & use it to your full advantage.
- **Elimination:** *Has your puppy got a full bladder or does he need to poo?* Generally, when puppies need to go they really need to go! Most will poo & pee in their toilet spot, but others may look for a quiet, private spot to 'go'. Remember that exercise usually increases the need & wish to go, ie a good, interesting walk may be just what he needs.
- **Timing:** *Are your training sessions too long?* All training times should be kept very short - no longer than 5 minutes for young dogs. Don't ask for more than your dog can give you. Remember be a KISSER trainer (**Keep It Short & Simple with Easy Repetitions**) & always end on a positive note (praise) - this will reinforce the positive feelings your pup gets from training so that he'll be eager to do it again at your next training session.

Tips for Obedience Training

The Ku-ring-gai K9 Award

We humans have a bad habit of wanting to control everything in our lives - including our dogs. People new to dog training listen to experienced dog people casually using the words 'obedience training' & see them with their 'obedient' dogs & think 'I'll never be able to do that'.

..... YES YOU CAN.....

Obedience doesn't mean you can't have fun with your dog & it doesn't mean having to use harsh words & rough handling. It **does** mean teaching your dog to enjoy being active with you & equally being quiet & companionable. And above all being safe & reliable in today's busy, suburban world.

All dogs (& their humans) can achieve The Ku-ring-gai K9 Award (KK9 Award).

The KK9 Award is run jointly with Ku-ring-gai Council, Metropolitan Mid Week Dog Training Club & Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club.

Gaining this award shows you have a happy well behaved companion dog who is a pleasure to own, comes when you call, sits to greet a friend instead of jumping on them, lies quietly when you need some peace & quiet to read a book or work on an important matter, is well socialised with adults, children & other dogs & will go for a walk with you without dragging you along on the end of a lead.

Once you've attained the basics it is possible to add the icing on the cake & go on to higher levels of obedience training & trialling, agility or other dog sports.

From the beginning of 2009 instructors teaching classes from New Members & Puppies up to 3rd Class will put greater focus on exercises which form part of the KK9 Award. During the classes you will learn all you & your dog need to know to pass the KK9 Award which we see as an achievable goal for all members.

Currently, prior to being tested for the KK9 Award, you must have attended 3 lectures, one on veterinary care, one on diet & grooming & the third on your legal responsibilities as a dog owner. You must also complete a take-home questionnaire & your dog must have reached approximately third class standard at training.

The KK9 Award practical test consists of the following exercises

- No 1. Road Safety
- No 2. Walking Responsibly
- No 3. Grooming & Veterinary Check
- No 4. Accepting a friendly stranger
- No 5. Walk through a crowd, including another dog & distractions
- No 6. Stay in position (sit or down)
- No 7. Release dog & recall
- No 8. Dog separated from its owner while tied & identification tags examined

Details of each of the above tests are in the NSDTC Information Booklet that you received when you joined the club.

The next test day is 1st November 2008 starting at 12 noon. Remember to book in.

Agility Report

Festival of Agility 2008 *SILVER ... not to be sneezed at!*

Our team is featured on the front cover

Thanks to Maggie Young for the photos & Tracey Elder for the report

Our Northern Suburbs Agility team was placed a triumphant 2nd in the 2008 Festival of Agility's Team Challenge.

The Festival of Agility signifies the end of the Agility competition year. Held early in August, the Festival highlights 'The Agility Dog of the Year', 'The Jumping Dog of the Year' finals & the annual FCC event, the latter being the Challenge for NSW Agility Club teams to match their Agility 'bests' against all other team contenders.

The *Festival Club Challenge* was held over two days of the three days of the Festival. The first challenge being **Agility** ... & the final challenge being **Jumping**. Scoring is based on a point system with deductions made for course & time faults with significant point losses for disqualifications. Speed & accuracy are the major deciding factors.

Each team is made up of 5 members ... based on the 'jump height' of each dog ... ranging from 200mm through to 600mm. Each team featured a dog & handler to compete in each category. The competition was made up of 8 teams from all over NSW, bringing the overall number of competitors to 40 dogs with handlers.

On Day 1 the Northern Suburbs team grouped to discuss 'team strategy' for the FCC Agility event. The weather was horrible .. cold & very wet .. soggy underfoot & consequently it was agreed that the show of team colours would have to be abandoned, as wet weather gear was essential under the inclement circumstances.

The competitors lined up ... the crowd gathered ... the team supporters 'chanted' & it was apparent that all dogs sensed that their team was counting on them!

Points were added & deducted ... there were cheers to support each competitor ... Northern Suburbs, it seemed, had a 'rent-a-cheer-squad' as it was the cheering that carried our team members from start to finish line.

Day 2 of the competition, the Jumping event, was thankfully fine & sunny so Club shirts were proudly worn.

Russell Clarke, the Chief Agility Instructor from our Northern Suburbs Club, was spotted cheering from the sidelines, looking very proud of 'his team'.

The members of the Northern Suburbs Agility Team did very well & each should be proud of their efforts.

Second place ... SILVER! ... not bad? ... not bad at all!

Official placing of Clubs: 1st Manly, 2nd Northern Suburbs, 3rd South Coast, 4th Agility Dog Club, 5th Armidale, 6th Hawkesbury & 7th Port Macquarie

Congratulations & pats all round to Maggie Young & Gypsy (200mm), Tracey Elder & Sergeant Pepper (300mm), Allison Harvey & Kelly (400mm), Jane Hampel & Nitro (500mm) & Virginia Pennefather & Tec (600mm).

..... and the word is out ... 'We're going for GOLD next year!'

A Healthy Dog is a Happy Dog

Summer Time & Dogs

Tick Paralysis

Remember there is no tick free season in Sydney any more.

Paralysis ticks are most active & prolific September to April.

There are many topical & oral medications which provide some help in deterring ticks from attaching themselves to our dogs BUT they are NEVER 100% guaranteed.

The only safe method is to go over them daily with your fingers. Use your finger tips & go over every millimetre of your dog's body at skin level. Remember to also check 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 & carefully observe your dog for the next 36 hours.

If it shows any signs of weakness &/or a change in breathing - **get to your Vet immediately.**

Heat stroke & summer discomfort

Important things to remember in regard to dogs & summer

Dogs have an efficient cooling system but they can't sweat as we do! They rely mainly on their tongue to lower their core body temperature.

To keep cool, dogs need continuous movement of air while they pant & they need to drink a lot of water. Dogs with dark coats absorb more heat from the sun's rays than dogs with light coloured coats.

Heat stroke

The most common causes in dogs are strenuous exercise on a very hot day, being left in a locked car & being exposed to sun without shade.

Symptoms of heat stroke

Excessive panting, salivation & listlessness in the early stage, leading on to muscle tremors, vomiting or diarrhoea, walking as if drunk, collapse & seizures if immediate action is not taken to reduce the dog's temperature. Without immediate treatment the dog may develop shock, kidney failure & blood clotting abnormalities leading to coma & death.

What to do if you suspect your dog is suffering from heat stroke

Spray the dog with cool, but not iced water or place ice packs on back of neck, in 'arm' pits & on belly & take the dog immediately to a vet. During the trip keep the cooling aids on the dog & the car windows open & air conditioning full on to ensure the greatest possible movement of air.

Factors which make some dogs more susceptible to the warmer weather

Breeds with short noses like the Boxer, Bulldog, Staffordshire, Pug, Shih Tzu, Shar Pei & Lhaso Apso. Conditions such as obesity, heart or lung disease & laryngeal paralysis increase the risk of heatstroke. Old or unfit dogs & young puppies are also more susceptible to heatstroke.

Some ways to keep our dogs cool

Long haired breeds can be clipped short or their coats drastically thinned.

Offer a variety of water bowls. Some deep, some shallow, perhaps leave a tap dripping into one.

Place water bowls in different locations so one is always in shade. Add ice cubes to their water bowls.

Place wet towels (or a 'cooling' dog pad) in a number of shady places. Rewet them regularly.

Ensure your yard/garden has plenty of shade & cool tiles or concrete for your dog to lie on.

Allow him access to house foundation area if safe. (Beware of snakes, spiders & rodents/baits).

Try adding some water to the dog's food if it is reluctant to drink. Feed tinned dog food rather than dry food on hot days (it has a higher moisture content).

Let your dog share an air conditioned part of the house with you.

Other things to be aware of during summer

Snakes are more active so be careful if walking near bushland - dogs are susceptible to snake bite & are likely to chase the snake too! If you suspect your dog has been bitten by a snake use the same first aid as for snake bite in a human. Be able to name the type of snake & go to the nearest vet as quickly as possible.

Remember bees & wasps are also more active & their sting can cause severe swelling around the sting site - monitor carefully & seek veterinary attention if breathing is affected.

Funnel web spider bites are as serious for dogs as they are for humans, seek immediate veterinary attention if you suspect your dog has been bitten.

Short haired breeds can suffer from sunburn - use pink zinc or blockout sun screen on non-pigmented areas such as the nose or top of the muzzle.

A car accident – and an animal is involved!

Thanks to Judy Perrin

The number 1 rule of First Aid is to ensure that YOU are safe. If you, in your efforts to help, become another accident victim, you will not be able to help those who need your help.

Be wary when approaching an injured animal – an animal with a perfect temperament may well become aggressive when in pain.

Always approach the animal slowly & quietly with a reassuring voice & handle him very gently. Use a soft tie or a strip of material tied in a figure 8 around his muzzle & under his ears, tying at the back of his neck before handling him unless he has injury to his mouth or head. An alternative is to use a sock as a muzzle to reduce the risk of biting.

Try to stop bleeding with pressure – either by hand or using a firm bandage.

Get the animal to a vet ASAP – remember that there is no animal ambulance service though many vets do now have suitable vehicles. The best way, however, is to transport the animal yourself to avoid loss of valuable time. Try to make a phone call to give the clinic warning.

Check for the femoral pulse on the inner thigh of the dog. Mouth to mouth resuscitation is difficult with a dog & only attempt CPR cardiac massage if you have taken a First Aid Course.

If the colour of the gums is a good pink the dog is probably not too badly injured but if pale pink or blueing then veterinary attention is required very quickly.

The dog should be moved onto a blanket or towel with the minimum of movement before being lifted into the car.

DRIVE CAREFULLY!

Congratulations to the organisers of The Animal Saviours Breakfast

They raised almost \$6,000 with everything being donated so it was a terrific outcome.

Karen Andronicus & Carole Dunphy have kindly given permission for their delicious dog biscuit recipe to be published in Yaps & Yelps. The recipe originally came from a book called "Cooking For Your Dog".

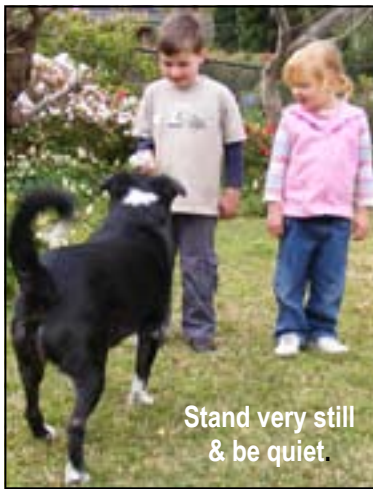
150g whole wheat flour	15g grated parmesan
60g porridge oats	1 clove garlic
10g lard	1 carrot
1 tsp safflower oil	1 zucchini
130 ml unsalted chicken stock (any salt reduced stock would do)	

PS. They're also yummy for HUMAN cracker lovers - I know - I taste tested them!!
The Editor

Preheat oven to 160° C. Grate vegetables & put garlic through a garlic press

Mix flour, oats, lard, oil & cheese. Add stock & mix to a dough. Mix in vegetables & garlic. Roll out on a well floured board (depending on how juicy the vegies are you may need extra flour so you can easily work the dough). Roll out to about 1/4 inch thick. Cut with cookie cutter or just use a sharp knife to cut into shapes.

Put baking paper on an oven tray (or two) & bake for 40-50 min. (check at about 35min just to see how they're going). Turn off the oven & allow biscuits to dry out in the oven. Store in snaplock bags or other sealed containers. Will last about 10 days if kept airtight.



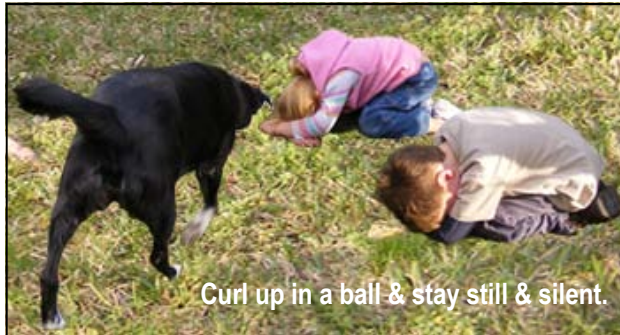
Stand very still
& be quiet.

If a strange dog approaches you:

- ** Stand very still & silent.
- ** Hug yourself, tucking your fingers under your armpits.
- ** Look away from the dog.
- ** Wait for the dog to go away.
- ** Tell your parent or the adult with you what happened.



Hug yourself &
tuck fingers in



Curl up in a ball & stay still & silent.

If a dog knocks you over:

- ** Curl up in a ball & stay still & silent.
- ** Cover your face with your hands.
- ** Wait for the dog to go away.
- ** When the dog goes away tell your parent or the adult with you what happened.

SAFETY TIPS for KIDS AROUND DOGS



Tickle dog
under his chin

If you want to pat a strange dog:

- ** Ask the owner if you can pat the dog.
- ** Ask the dog as well, by approaching slowly & gently & allow him to sniff the back of your hand. Keep your fingers curled under ie. 'make a fist'. If he backs off or looks away, leave him alone.
- ** If he comes to you, tickle him under the chin or on the chest. Don't pat him on the head & don't stare at him. NEVER run towards the dog or throw your arms around him.
- ** If the owner isn't present, don't go near the dog.



Be Doggone Smart

Learn to speak dog and teach your kids
Pet only happy dogs; ask permission



Relaxed, paw tucked.



Mouth closed, intense, warning expression



Relaxed, happy dog.



Mouth closed, tail up, intense expression.



Dogs don't like hugs and kisses from kids.

Major cause of facial bites by family dog.

Half-moon eye is a warning - dog is anxious - leave him alone.



paw lift



licking nose



yawn



raised tail

Other warnings - dog does not welcome interaction with child

For more information... www.doggonesafe.com

Don'ts

- ** Never tease a dog or throw things at him. Don't lie on him or put your face near his head.
- ** Don't take his food or toys away. Don't approach him when he is eating.
- ** Don't wake him up suddenly if he's asleep. Just call his name softly until he wakes up.
- ** Don't pat a dog left in a car, on the back of a truck or in a backyard. He's protecting his property & may bite.
- ** Don't approach a dog who lifts his lips, growls, backs away or has his hackles raised.
- ** Don't approach a dog if he's tied up.
- ** Don't enter a property, uninvited, where there is a dog in the yard.
- ** Never assume that a dog is friendly even if he's wagging his tail.

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

Owner & Dog	Date	Event	Result
Eve Ryan & Yoko	23.6.08	Blacktown K & DTC	CCD - Qual & 2nd place
Shannon Cross & Secret	16.8.08	Werriwa All Breeds DTC	UD - Title & 1st place
Shannon Cross & Secret	16.8.08	Werriwa All Breeds DTC	Highest score Border Collie
Teresa Kernahan & Max	24.8.08	Brush Farm DTC	CDX - Title & 2nd place
Eve Ryan & Yoko	24.8.08	Brush Farm DTC	CCD - Qual & 1st place
Eve Ryan & Yoko	30.8.08	Central Coast DTC	CCD - Title & 1st place
Shannon Cross & Secret	6.9.08	Hills District K & TC	UD - Qual & 1st place
Shannon Cross & Secret	17.9.08	Metropolitan Midweek DTC	UD - Qual & 1st place

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

Owner & Dog	Date	Event	Result
Mary O'Dwyer & Titan	2.8.08	Hawkesbury Agility Club	ADX - Title & 2nd
John Jonker & Racey	2.8.08	Hawkesbury Agility Club	SD - Qual
John Jonker & Racey	2.8.08	Hawkesbury Agility Club	JD - Qual & 1st
Anna Uther & Holly	2.8.08	Hawkesbury Agility Club	SDX - Qual & 3rd
Anna Uther & Keshi	2.8.08	Hawkesbury Agility Club	SD - Title & 3rd
Wendy Johnston & Quix	2.8.08	Hawkesbury Agility Club	AD - Title & 2nd
Wendy Johnston & Quix	2.8.08	Hawkesbury Agility Club	JD - Qual
Victor Liang & Toby	3.8.08	Northern Suburbs DTC	AD - Qual & 2nd
Janice Liang & Jasper	3.8.08	Northern Suburbs DTC	AD - Qual & 3rd
Peter Kirkwood & Bazza	3.8.08	Northern Suburbs DTC	Ad - Qual & 1st
Anna Uther & Holly	3.8.08	Northern Suburbs DTC	ADX - Qual
Anna Uther & Keshi	3.8.08	Northern Suburbs DTC	ADO - Qual
Nicole Keller & Lea	3.8.08	Northern Suburbs DTC	ADX - Qual & 3rd
Teresa Kernahan & Max	16.8.08	Newcastle AB & DTC	ADX - Qual & 2nd
Teresa Kernahan & Max	17.8.08	Newcastle AB & DTC	GDX - Qual & 2nd
Geoff Woodman & Tammy	17.8.08	Newcastle AB & DTC	JDX - Qual
Geoff Woodman & Tammy	17.8.08	Newcastle AB & DTC	GD - Qual
Anna Uther & Holly	30.8.08	Port Macquarie- Hastings K&OC	ADX - Title
Anna Uther & Holly	30.8.08	Port Macquarie- Hastings K&OC	SDX - Qual & 2nd
Anna Uther & Holly	30.8.08	Port Macquarie- Hastings K&OC	JDM - Qual
Anna Uther & Holly	31.8.08	Port Macquarie- Hastings K&OC	ADX - Qual & 2nd

This quiz was designed to teach dog safety to children. Mums & Dads should try it too!

A Dog Safe Quiz

Circle Y if true N if false

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| 1. All dogs like hugs & kisses..... Y N | 7. Dogs usually enjoy a scratch under their chin..... Y N |
| 2. Standing still like a tree is a safe way to get a dog to go away..... Y N | 8. A dog holding his tail stiff or straight up in the air is safe to approach..... Y N |
| 3. Dogs that are tied up are more likely to bite than dogs that are loose..... Y N | 9. A dog who is panting & wagging his tail wants to be friends..... Y N |
| 4. Dogs often yawn to tell us they are worried & want to be left alone..... Y N | 10. A dog with his tail between his legs is scared & should be left alone..... Y N |
| 5. Dogs like to sniff to say hello..... Y N | 11. If a dog knocks you over you should roll up in a ball & cover your face & ears..... Y N |
| 6. A dog that pulls its owner along on a lead is safe to approach..... Y N | |

Answers: 1-N 2-Y, 3-Y, 4-Y, 5-Y, 6-N, 7-Y, 8-N, 9-Y, 10-Y, 11-Y

President's Annual Report 2007-2008

Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club Inc. passed its 40 year milestone during the year & each member received a commemorative coffee mug.

Our training classes have been well attended & we have had record numbers trialling in obedience & agility.

Congratulations to the many successful members gaining qualifications & titles during the year. There is great camaraderie among those representing Northern Suburbs. Mutual support & encouragement for fellow triallers & a wonderful sense of fun relieves the anxiety many have regarding competition.

Our Inter-Club Challenge team, under the captaincy of Penny Dalzell, enjoyed a great day out representing Northern Suburbs in obedience.

One agileer from each height category proudly represented the club at the Annual Festival of Agility.

We were also in the community spotlight at a number of obedience, agility & dog-dancing demonstrations. During the year Vicky Deane competently took over as demonstration team co-ordinator from Ginny Legh, who is now concentrating on producing our excellent Yaps & Yelps Newsletter.

This club is fortunate to have such a hard-working committee, dedicated instructors & other volunteers, who ensure its sustained success. The Executive spend many hours, working behind the scenes so that everything runs smoothly. Secretary Gael Goldsack's organisation & efficiency are amazing. Our treasurer, Deb Selby was in our thoughts for many weeks, while recovering from a serious car accident, but thank goodness, she's back on deck again. Thanks to Jenny Scamps & Nicholas Gray, who kept the financial wheels turning. Assistant Librarian, Elizabeth van Ewyk, was also injured in a couple of car accidents, more recently while a passenger going home from training one Saturday afternoon.

Chief Instructors, Judy Perrin (obedience) & Russell Clarke (agility) selflessly offer their services, keeping the large band of volunteer instructors working consistently & staying abreast of advances & new ideas. Russell also joins Andy Seitz in keeping all our equipment safe & in top shape.

This year the weather was kind to us again for our Obedience Trial in April & our Agility Trial in August. Both events were a rousing success, attracting a large number of entries. It has been some time since a club member has won the Jim & Miriam Powell Memorial Trophy, but this year congratulations go to Penny Dalzell & her outstanding Border Collie, Enniskey, who additionally took out the highest scoring club member trophy.

The 2008 Senior Member of the Year in a clear vote is our publicity officer, web-master, instructor & architect, the ever-young Nicholas Gray.

Unfortunately, our members under 16 years did not gain enough points to determine a winner for the Junior Member of the Year trophy. Our society has become time poor & our juniors, who have to juggle school, casual work, sport & other recreation seem to be no exception. Hopefully next year some may discover what a positive experience dog training can be.

Our training venue at St. Ives Showground continues to be well maintained with re-turfing & mulching of the main area. Northern Suburbs is contributing to the cost of fencing three rings on the eastern side of the access road. These will allow safe off-lead training for novice, pre-novice & puppy classes & will be used by the public at other times.

NSDTC is most fortunate in having such a dedicated team of instructors & other volunteers, working tirelessly in the interests of the club. The knowledge & skills of the instructors improve our members learning experience in class. It is also important to have fun with your dog & be able to share this with like-minded individuals. Chats over tea (& the delicious cakes & biscuits), after-class walks, barbecues, games & the organized novelty events of the social functions such as the Christmas party are all part of club membership.

I hope that all members gain enjoyment & success from the bond they are developing with their dogs & the friendships they are forming with other club members.

I would sincerely like to thank the executive & committee for their personal support & together with the instructors, volunteers & all the members for helping to make Northern Suburbs one of the top clubs in NSW.

Barbara Rogleff President

Obedience Training Annual Report 2007-2008

2008 has been another busy year for Northern Suburbs with class sizes growing, particularly in the second & third class areas.

We can now boast 46 active instructors & whilst all give their time for teaching on 50% of days in each roster, many are here every week come rain or shine, offering help wherever it is needed. For this I am eternally grateful as there is always a larger than normal class which needs splitting or a handler needing 1 on 1 help! Our Instructors continue to make good use of Wednesday night 'Instructor Training' under lights with Instructors Bron & Nicholas giving their time every week to run this session.

Several Instructors took part in the DogsN.S.W Instructors Course &, after undertaking many assignments (a thing they had long forgotten how to do!) & practical testing days are soon expecting to be fully qualified.

In late 2007 we welcomed Darryl & Judy Turley who gave a superb Trialling Workshop Day. An encouraging number of Instructors joined our members & all felt that the many practical ideas were of enormous help to both triallers & Instructors.

Since the introduction of the C.C.D. Title, many more members have 'taken to the trial ring', achieved that title & gone on to bigger & better things! As a result we have won, as a club, more Obedience Titles than we have won in a long time & even feel that, at this rate, we may give the Agility folk a run for their money one day!!

Titles won are:

C.C.D.

Judy Bratter & Bindi
Karin Bridge & Matilda
Ngaire Chant & Bobby
Wendy Johnson & Quix
Janice Laing & Jasper
Victor Laing & Toby
Caroline Marney & Mandela
Judy Perrin & Fernie
Geoff Woodman & Xanthe
Trish Woodman & Kayley

C.D.

Karen Burges & Wags
Ngaire Chant & Bobby
Di Hollett & Billy
Ginny Legh & Bonny
Judy Perrin & Fernie
Judy Perrin & Oliver

C.D.X.

Marcelle Fitzgerald & Gabby
Virginia Pennefather & Tec

U.D.

Shannon Cross & Secret

U.D.X.

Diana Tully & Dixie

Obedience Champion

Penny Dalzell & Enniskey

Informative talks were given to Instructors & club members by Dr. Pam Short from Gladesville Animal Hospital (Canine Acupuncture), Karin Bridge (Motivation – ourselves as Instructors & our dogs) & Dr. Angus Ross from Ku-Ring-Gai Veterinary Hospital (canine reproductive issues).

In the planning stage for early next year is the visit of renowned 'Canine Body Language' expert, Brenda Aloff from the U.S.A. Being run jointly with the Central Coast Dog Obedience Club, we hope to see many of our members join us for the two day course here on our own beautiful grounds.

Our 2008 Obedience Trial was another huge success on a glorious day – clearly attributed to the work of our leader & Trial Manager, Andy Seitz & his ever willing band of slaves.

News & information has been provided for our members by Ginny Legh who took over the onerous task of editing 'Yaps & Yelps' from long time & long suffering editor Barbara Gurney. Two talented & generous ladies who have spent countless hours at the computer keyboard.

Joan Hopwood who has manned our 'table' for years keeps threatening to retire to Queensland & we live in hope, as that time approaches, that Queensland will become an independent nation & refuse her a visa!

Our Inter club Challenge teams, under the watchful eye of team captain Penny, trained long & hard to ensure that each competitor failed at least one exercise, thus ensuring that we do not have to host the Challenge next year! Some very nice work was, incidentally, produced in every ring.

Our demo team continued to show the locals how well their dog could behave if they brought him to class – & many took up the challenge & are now enjoying the results.

A morning Mock Trial was a great success with DogsN.S.W. Obedience Judge Di Hollett giving her time to explain, exercise by exercise, how she would judge the triallers so that we can understand where & how many marks are deducted.

In readiness for 2009, three of our dog rings have been fenced – financed jointly by Ku-ring-gai Council & ourselves. This will enable our lower classes to work in a safer environment & also provide extra safe 'off leash' areas for community use.

My sincere thanks, as always, to my wonderful band of Instructors who give their time, expertise & patience, hour by hour, week by week, year by year to make Northern Suburbs the great club that it is. What other club has such a friendly, co operative, exuberant & willing band of workers who prove their friendship by also getting together outside club hours to help train, to be trained, to dog walk, to organise events, to help people in their community who have 'dog problems', to raise money for those animals less fortunate than their own, to attend & contribute to meetings of the council regarding dog issues, to join an 'Emergency Management' group who look after dogs evacuated during bushfires & storms, to look after those members who have personal problems & just to 'be there' for each other. I guess there are others but I still believe that none could surpass Northern Suburbs! Guess who would not swap involvement in this club for any other?

Judy Perrin Chief Instructor - Obedience

Agility Training Annual Report 2007-2008

2007-2008 has been another very successful & rewarding year for our Agility training classes. Both Monday night & Saturday morning groups have had great support & have attracted quite a few new members. We've also had several people make the transition from training to trialling, this is what we are aiming for & is very satisfying for our instructors.

This year our St Ives Show demonstration had a change of format & was treated as a normal Saturday morning training class. This worked well as we were available to the public for over three hours.

Our Annual Agility Trial on 3 August attracted over 600 entries. This year the layout was changed, the Novice & RQH classes being held in the cattle ring giving more space for the other rings & a greater distance from the Craft Fair. Thanks to the team for stewarding, organising & feeding the officials.

Our placing of 2nd in the Festival of Agility Club Challenge didn't indicate the strength of our club's team. Our dogs were very fast & the courses were very tight & sometimes the two just don't mix but it was great to see NSDTC members cheering for their team.

We are incredibly lucky to have an extremely dedicated & experienced group of instructors, without them our club couldn't function. I thank each & everyone very much for donating their time.

Russell Clarke Chief Instructor - Agility

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

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 23rd August 2008

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Discussion on the proposed changes to the Ku-ring-gai K9 awards was held. Judy apologized for any misunderstanding arising from the discussion held at the recent Instructors' meeting. The new KK9 Co-ordinator, Bronwyn Maurer will look at the current program & the original test procedure, then report back to an Instructors' meeting. The current lectures will probably cease, as they are not well attended. The lecture information will be printed in the revamped handbook instead & the written test made a little more difficult. Metro Mid Week Club will be consulted as they also run the program. It is hoped KK9 test days can be held 4 times a year & handlers in 3rd class will be encouraged to take the tests. A report on the 2008 Inter-Club Obedience Challenge was tabled by the team leader, Penny Dalzell along with the results. Penny declined an invitation to be team leader for 2009. Di Hollett accepted the 2009 team leader position.

Business Arising from Correspondence:

Tracey Elder asked about the mechanism of informing the committee members about events or news (as she had not heard that Marge had been in hospital). The secretary informed the meeting that such information was sent out by email to the committee in the first instance & Tracey had been included in the mail out. It was decided to sponsor Sydney Royal Dog Show with a \$200 donation (\$100 each for an obedience & an agility prize). Russell reported that NSDTC would provide stewards for one ring at the Festival of Agility. The Club's official address is now PO Box 426 Turramurra 2074.

Treasurers Report:

Current Balance \$77,303.16 at 30th June 2008 (audited accounts)

Business Arising from Treasurers Report:

Debbie requested that the club close off accounts at the end of each month, rather than at the meeting dates to make life easier for the Treasurer - approved

Obedience Training Report:

46 active instructors

Thanks to Bronwyn & Nicholas for giving their time to run the Wed evening Instructors only training. The 3 new fenced dog rings will improve safety for puppies, second & third classes.

Agility Training Report:

The team has been selected for the Festival of Agility (Maggie Young, Tracey Elder, Allison Geddes, Jane Hampel & Virginia Pennefather)

Allison still leads the 2008 Point Score

Agility Trial Report:

Russell is still catching up on lost sleep & has yet to write his report from 3rd August

Membership Secretary's Report:

The membership stands at 276 (245 renewals, new members & 31 life members)

Thank you to those who have pitched in to help when things get busy

Publicity / Newsletter / Archives Report:

The secretary will forward the updated information for Yaps & Yelps

The reputation of the club is spreading far & wide with members being drawn from the eastern suburbs & central coast as well as the local area.

Other Reports

Web site: The secretary will forward the updated information for the Website

Council: The meeting scheduled for 31st July did not go ahead as the chairman, Tony Hall, had been excluded

Brenda Aloff: A progress report was tabled by Penny Dalzell. Arrangements are well in hand. Enrolment information is now available.

General Business:

- Russell requested that the new name tags for agility member who have renewed their memberships be left in the office for collection on Monday night & Saturday morning

- Russell requested that the club consider selling blue club fleeces to the general membership. Prices will be obtained & information circulated to members so an order can be made up.

- Sandy reported that the Club's Constitution no longer accurately reflects the conduct of the club in the 21st century. A sub-committee will be set up to review & update the constitution in time to be ratified at the 2009 AGM (with notice of motion going out to the members with their membership renewals in May)

PATRONS

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

CLUB EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE

President:	Sandra Fry	9416 6080
Club Secretary:	Gael Goldsack	94873656
	(Postal Address - PO Box 426 Turramurra 2074)	
Treasurer:	Debbie Selby	9477 4430
Vice Presidents:	Di Hollett	9984 8488 (Finance)
	Eve Park	9449 1941 (Admin)
Chief Instructors:	Judy Perrin	9449 7388 (Obedience)
	Russell Clarke	9997 1798 (Agility)
Joining Enquiries:	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

Catering Officers: Kay Luke &
Kay Hogan

NSDTC DOGGY DIARY DATES



October - December 2008

Saturday 4 Oct	NO TRAINING - Long Weekend
Saturday 11 Oct	New Members. KK9 Lecture 3 (Laws) 4.00pm
Saturday 18 Oct	Flyball Training 2.15. Instructors' meeting 4.00
Saturday 25 Oct	New Members. GENERAL MEETING 4.00pm
Saturday 1 Nov	Flyball Training 2.15. KK9 TEST DAY from 12.00 BBQ 5pm
Saturday 8 Nov	New Members (last for 2008)
Saturday 17 Nov	Flyball Training 2.15pm
Saturday 22 Nov	Last training day for 2008
Wednesday 26 Nov	Committee Meeting 7.30pm
Saturday 29 Nov	CHRISTMAS PARTY 1.00 - 4.00pm Fancy dress 1.00pm followed by fun & games & afternoon tea
Monday 1 Dec	Night Agility 7.00-9.00pm. Continuation of puppy classes
Wednesday 3 Dec	Instructors' only training 6.30-9.00pm
Saturday 6 Dec	Working Bee & free BBQ from 12.30pm . All members welcome
Monday 8 Dec	Night Agility 7.00-9.00pm. Continuation of puppy classes
Wednesday 10 Dec	Instructors' only training 6.30-9.00pm
Monday 15 Dec	Night Agility 7.00-9.00pm. Continuation of puppy classes
Wednesday 17 Dec	Instructors' only training 6.30-9.00pm

Saturday 7 February - first training day for 2009

