



Yaps & Yelps

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Festival of Agility



Tracey Elder	Maggie Young	Jane Hempel	Virginia Pannefather	Allison Harvey
Sergeant Pepper	Gypsy	Nitro	Tek	Kelly

Whoopee!



Good on the NSDTC good sports

Welcome to our new members

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

1/08/09

Edith Bartosch with **Pepper**
Michael & Rosina Blake with **Lola**
Louise Everitt with **Poppy**
Kay & Richard Fay with **Bridget**
Liz Gallagher with **Kameo**
Di Goodsir with **Sammy**
Miriam Jurgelat with **Schnutzy**
Ruth & Jacob Kellerman with **Sammy**
Karna & David Knott with **Poppy**
Vanessa & Kenny Lewis with **Max & Bella**
Jacinta Mantle with **Millie**
Pip, Emma & Peter Toohey with **Maddi**
Michelle, Lara & Annabel Waterson with **Tess**

15/8/09

Holly Connor & Eddy Szmelter with **Mai, Maverick, Saffy, Pav, Pickle & Vienna**
Susan, Mathew & Sophie Loftus with **Beau**
Kerrie & Emily Lyons with **Millie**
Ursula Buckham with **Zahla**
Ken, Pam & Phil Bullen with **Sam**
Dru Cox with **Esme**
Elizabeth & Carol Donald with **Bella**
Gary & Brooke Dring with **Jet**
Dan Gill with **Melody**
Sophie Kennedy with **Gracie**
Debbie Mundell with **Piper**
Robert Paikin with **Sprinkle**
Phoebe, Catherine & Craig Partridge with **Ruby**
Geraldine, Rory & Paul Turner with **Buddy**
Patty Walcott & Julie MacGregor with **Oska & Monty**
Audrey Wang with **Kobie**

29/8/09

Natasha & Christian Erlenwein with **Bert & Ernie**
Georgie Goykovic with **Niki**
Tracy & Mehdi Jaffari with **Emmy**
Ainslie Mills with **Grace**
Grant & Rebecca Robinson with **Arpie**
Stefan & Melanie Suarez with **Gerry**

Jaki & Colin Wallbank with **Atget, Bethany, Plato & Lewy**
Craig & Rachel Willoughby with **Caterina**

12/9/09

Lynne Castle with **Conrad**
Roland Cave with **Pepper**
Erin Davis with **Willow**
Susie de Zoete & Andrew Rogers with **Kobe**
Kristin & Michael Haynes with **Toby**
John & Michelle Hugo with **Bear**
Vache & Ara Kahramanian & Meline Sariyan with **Cookie**
Christine Kim with **Jerry**
Bronwyn Lawrence with **Dahlia**
Deirdre Selby with **Millie**
Neville & Dee Sender with **Spliff**
Lester & Gail Shield with **Taffy Bean**
Isela Stead with **Samson & Sienna**
Asako Takada with **Toffee**
Sue Tonkin with **Macca**

26/9/09

Daven Agranat with **Cody**
Anita, Robbert, Brent, Dane & Justin van den Bogaardt with **Zulu**
Bruce Cameron with **Oilly**
Carol Crowther with **Gwylan**
Michael & Robyn Cummins with **Zali**
Anne & Shant Evanian with **Kayl**
Lara Everett with **Buster**
Joanne Kelly with **Oscar**
Melanie Leahy with **Bess**
John & Lyndall Paget with **Ruby**
Deb & Steve Roach with **Frankie & Loulou**
Catherine & Shaun Struik & Mike, Lynn & Anna Irving with **Miley, Bear & Winston**
Garry, Scott & Kelsey Wilson with **Kobi**
Barbro & Bowie Wolthers with **Pippa & Roxy**
Joshua Woodcock & Cassandra Wong with **Charlie & Billy**
Robert Woodley with **Roxy**



NSDTC Christmas Party - 28 November

Sponsored by **Ku-Ring-Gai Veterinary Hospital**

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

- * **1.30pm Fancy Dress** - lots of prizes for **Christmas, Cleverest, Prettiest & Dog & Owner look-a-like** costumes.
- * **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

Congratulations on your promotion

1.8.09

Vickie Baard & Belle to 4th Class
Vivian Cronin & Cara to 2nd Class

8.8.09

Genevieve Colebourn & Becky to 4th Class
Karien Ortudo & Jimmy to 2nd Class
Catherine Ackeroyd & Lily to 2nd Class

15.8.09

Jessica Cahyadi & Mojo
Sue Murray & Chelsea
Susannah Radcliffe & Angus
Sue Hunter & Ralph to 2nd Class

22.8.09

Dianne Johnston & Ginnes to 4th Class

John Pattison & Mary May to 2nd Class
Jessica Shaw & Angus to 2nd Class
Diana Wee & Mya to 2nd Class
Vickie Dean & Lola to 2nd Class

29.8.09

Emilie Koek & Bill to 3rd Class

5.9.09

Audrey Wang & Kobie to 2nd Class
Patty Walcott & Oska to 2nd Class
Dan Gill & Melody to 2nd Class
Elizabeth Donald & Bella to 2nd Class

12.9.09

Richard Morrow & Zorba to 3rd Class

Summer, Christmas & Holidays are coming!

Summer brings the threat of heat stroke, increased prevalence of paralysis ticks, stings from bees & wasps & bites from funnel web spiders & snakes. Also fleas love the heat & humidity. Itchy skin & hot spots are common problems too.

Christmas brings all the goodies that **can be toxic to dogs** - these include: All types of chocolate & anything containing the artificial sweetener Xylitol. Alcohol.

BBQ foods - especially all the fatty off cuts, cooked bones & onions.

Nuts & dried fruits, ham, grapes & raisons.

Foil wrapping paper & decorative ties are definite no-no's!

Take special care with electric cords (eg Christmas tree lights) if you have a young puppy.

Holidays bring disorganisation into a dog's life - people forget to take them for their daily walk, & to check for ticks & fleas. Please watch they don't fall into the family swimming pool & get into difficulties. Children are either out or too busy to spend time playing with them or there's so much activity at home, the poor dog gets no time to rest quietly.

If the family dog has to go into boarding kennels - visit the facility to make sure the care they offer is right for your dog **then book early**.

Make sure they will give any medications your dog must have & that your dog will have adequate shelter & exercise.

Congratulations

Barbara Rogleff & Jilla on gaining a JDO qualification at our Annual Agility Trial

This achievement is special because Jilla developed a fear of some of the obstacles.

Over many hours, Barbara has quietly shown her that jumps & obstacles don't bite & with encouragement Jilla has conquered her fear & is again enjoying taking part in agility training & competitions.



Puppy Pages

Grooming Tips For Dogs

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Grooming sessions can become a special bonding time between you and your dog and are also a good opportunity to check on your dog's health. Look carefully for signs of fleas, ticks, skin irritations, lumps or sore spots. Check your dog's ears, eyes and teeth regularly and consult your vet about any unusual findings.

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[Regular grooming program](#)

Longhaired dogs need to be groomed daily, while shorthaired breeds may only need one session per week. Pick a time when your dog is relaxed, such as after walking, and when you have sufficient time. Then grooming will be a pleasurable experience for both of you.

Get your puppy accustomed to grooming early in life. Begin gradually by handling your puppy often, touching its ears and paws gently. Start with short grooming sessions and reassure your pup constantly.

Learn where your dog likes to be combed and brushed – some areas may be more sensitive than others. Find that special spot your dog likes the most and grooming will soon become a special treat for your dog!

[Combing](#)

Regular brushing and combing will remove loose or matted hair and helps keep the skin free of diseases and parasites such as fleas. Natural oils will be more evenly distributed to give your dog a nice shiny coat. Comb in the direction of hair growth to remove tangles.

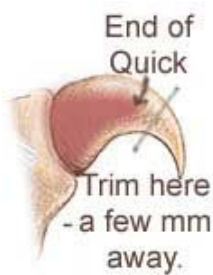
- Fine-toothed combs are used for soft, thin or silky coats, medium-toothed combs are used for normal coats and wide-toothed combs are best for heavy and thick coats
- Flea combs are very fine to remove parasites and flea dirt from the coat and may also be used to comb the hair around the eyes
- Rakes are ideal for removing dead undercoat hair in larger dogs with coarser and thicker coats, like the Golden Retriever or German Shepherd

[Brushing](#)

Brush in the direction of hair growth, beginning at the head, and work towards the tail and down the legs. Brushing removes loose hair and daily brushing of longhaired and double-coated dogs removes dead hair from the undercoat to help prevent matting.

- Slicker brushes are ideal for this purpose but are also a good general brush for all breeds if used lightly
- Pin brushes, with rounded tips to prevent damage to the skin, are good for dogs with long, fine hair such as Silky Terriers. They can also be used to fluff the coat by brushing against the direction of hair growth
- Bristle brushes are good for dogs with very long coats, such as the Afghan, and help add shine to the short coat
- Grooming mitts are also good for shorthaired breeds to add polish and shine once the loose hairs are removed.

[Clipping your dog's nails](#)



Keep your dog's nails regularly trimmed by using nail clippers specially designed for dogs. Only clip the tip of each nail, being careful to stop short of the quick where the blood vessels are. Ask your vet to show you the correct technique the first time, especially if your dog has dark nails

[Giving your dog a bath](#)

Bath your dog as necessary with shampoos formulated for dogs only. Frequency depends on the breed of your dog and whether you are using a general shampoo, a medicated shampoo for skin conditions or a flea shampoo or rinse.

Play biting

Puppies need regular times when they can interact with people, other dogs & puppies. It helps them to develop their social skills. It is common for puppies to include biting & mouthing during play

If you watch a litter of puppies playing, they rumble & tumble & chase each other, growl & bite & generally rough-house around. If one pup bites too hard there will be a sharp, shrill yelp & the game will stop. The pups will wander off, each doing their own thing, then the rumbling game will start again. If the pup is playing with an older dog, as soon as the pup gets too rough, the older dog will growl & may even 'air snap' to warn the youngster that very rough play is just not allowed.

Puppies don't automatically understand that biting humans is unacceptable. They have to be taught & this should start at a very early age as biting or mouthing can lead to painful &/or serious problems. When puppies are small their biting & mouthing isn't painful for most people so owners tend to allow it & then they wonder why the puppy doesn't understand they can't do it as they get bigger & stronger (& so do their teeth & jaws!).

All puppies will be even more 'bitey' when they are teething. Chewing makes their sore gums feel better & more comfortable.

Don't engage in games such as getting the pup to chase your hands as this nearly always ends with a nip & the human getting angry because it hurts - that's not fair, you started it!!

How can you stop play biting?

If a puppy is biting or mouthing you, say 'no' or 'uh uh' once & withdraw all play & attention.

After a few minutes start a new game by offering a toy or chewing object & praise the puppy when they choose to play with it. If the pup continues to bite at your hands you may need to take the toy away & turn your back on the pup in order to withdraw attention.

Time out in a quiet place is another very effective method. Once the puppy has quietened down, let them come back in & praise them for remaining gentle & quiet.

Physical punishment is usually ineffective & can serve to reinforce aggressive behaviour or cause the puppy to become anxious, fearful or perhaps even more excited.

It is fine to use distractions such as asking your pup to sit & wait, to lie down or to come for a cuddle (in other words slow down the activity level). Remember to reward good behaviour!

Using loud noises like shaking a can of pebbles or blowing a loud whistle is **not recommended**.

For the training to work, you & all members of the family need to be immediate & consistent in allowing only what is acceptable. Any unwanted behaviour ends the game.

Obedience Training

The Ku-ring-gai K9 Award

Next test day is on 7th November 2009

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

We encourage all members to do so as a mark of their achievement in Basic Obedience Training

The KK9 Award is a joint venture between Ku-ring-gai Council, Metropolitan Mid Week Dog Training Club & Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club.

The Award comprises an attractive certificate of achievement & a royal blue lettered lead provided by Ku-ring-gai Council - there is no cost to you!

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 watch TV etc, 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.

All year your instructors have been teaching the exercises which form part of the KK9 Award. By the time you have been **in 3rd class for about 4 weeks** you will have learned all you & your dog need to know to pass the KK9 Award test.

Prior to doing the test you will need to complete a take-home questionnaire & your dog **must have been promoted to third class or above.**

Answers to all questions can be found in your 'Green Book' (the Club's information manual which you received on joining the Club). Details of the practical test, which will take approximately 20 minutes to complete, are on page 8 of this manual.

Please talk to **Bron Maurer or Judy Perrin** if you'd like to take part on 7th November.



What happens to your animals in an Emergency?

Our Emergency Card is an identification card which you can carry in your wallet (the size of a credit card). The card includes AWL's contact details and an identity number for your pets. All of your pets will be on our privacy protected database.

Should an accident occur, AWL can be contacted to arrange immediate accommodation for your pets.

The Emergency Card is not limited to cats and dogs. All your pets may benefit from your good planning. Cost is a one off payment of \$30, to cover our administration.

For an application form or more information on how you can protect your pets with an Emergency Card, contact Head Office on (02) 8899 3333 or go to the website http://www.animalwelfareleague.com.au/services_emergency.asp

In the last issue of Yaps & Yelps we published Gerard The Dog's article titled

Stop Anthropomorphising Me!

http://www.theonion.com/content/opinion/stop_anthropomorphizing_me?utm_source=b-section

Now we hear **Comments from a dog trainer from the same website:** (NB. Not a member of NSDTC)

While I agree dogs are not humans in furry suits & should not be regarded that way, Gerard certainly is quite right there. I do think the author missed the two most important points he could/should have made, as cute as it was.

1. Dogs are not "lesser creatures" -- they are different. Parallel paths. Dogs have many characteristics that are 'better' than humans - they don't start wars or invent means of torture or trash the environment. A dog does not deliberately try to deceive or pretend to be someone he is not. They are pure & simple & always honest (i.e.: if they don't like you, they don't fake it like a politician, they bite you!) That purity & honesty is part of their appeal to me.

It is indeed insulting to treat them like little furry humans. But the author should have made the point that we should RESPECT the other animals for who & what they are. Dogs may not be able to debate philosophy or do advanced calculus or invent Ipods or rocket to the moon, but their skills outshine ours in many ways.....scent, hearing, running/jumping, loyalty, honesty, patience. Why did he feel the need to compare & compete, why not just celebrate the differences?

2. When we treat dogs as if they were capable of abstract reasoning & other human characteristics, we greatly inhibit our ability to communicate with this alien species. It shows a great lack of understanding on our part.

Example: if a dog pees on your carpet or chews your couch while you are gone at work all day, he is not 'getting back at you' or doing it 'out of spite'- dogs are simply not capable of that type of thinking. He urinates because his bladder is full. He chews because he is bored, lonely, frustrated or it is just plain fun.

Example: The old-fashioned 'alpha' or 'dominance' based behaviour model that everything a dog does being some sort of Master Plan To Be In Charge is totally crazy! It is based on no data whatsoever. That is the worst form of anthropomorphism of all. Your dog is not trying to be 'dominant' & Take Over The Universe. He rushes out the door first because he wants to be outside. He jumps on you to say hi because that's where your face is. He pulls on the leash because he wants to go forward. He takes food off the counter because it tastes good. He rolls in deer manure after a bath because it smells like Chanel No 5 to him.

Example: Language barrier issue: When two nice humans (& other primates) first meet, they usually stare straight into each other's eyes, walk directly towards each other, give a big smile showing teeth & reach out their hands towards each other to greet in a handshake or hug. This is considered very friendly & polite behaviour, right? Well in the canine world (dogs, wolves, foxes, etc) this greeting behaviour would be basically considered a huge challenge, if not outright attack behaviour!! When two polite well-mannered dogs first meet each other, they do not look directly at each other, instead they look out of the corners of their eyes with heads turned sideways. They circle around & around in their approaches to each other, sniffing butts or even the ground nearby. They certainly don't show teeth or put legs/chests on top of each other in a 'hug' -- that translates as humping the other dog, which is of course a very aggressive, pushy, dominant & rude thing to do to another dog. It absolutely amazes me there are not a heck of a lot more serious dog bites, the things we do to dogs! We humans are usually well meaning, certainly, but grossly inept.

Humans with our big forebrains need to be the ones to try harder to understand the dog's body language as communication, since they cannot exactly learn much English.

A bit of trivia

In the past year, the most popular names for dogs joining NSDTC were

Archie, Jake & Poppy

A Healthy Dog is a Happy Dog

A Stress-Free Guide to Giving Your Dog a Bath

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Some dogs love bath time, while others are very reluctant indeed! However, bathing or washing your dog need not be a traumatic time. The key to no fuss bathing is having everything ready before you start

[Getting ready](#)

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[Getting ready](#)

If you are bathing your dog outside on the lawn, have a couple of buckets of lukewarm water ready – one for wetting your dog so the shampoo will lather and another for rinsing. Have your shampoo on hand and a towel ready to dry off your dog (after he has shaken himself all over you!)

If you are washing your dog in a bath, have a non-slip mat on the bottom of the tub so he won't slip and try to jump out. You can use buckets of water or better still, a gentle shower nozzle attached to the taps.

[Wetting your dog](#)

Wet your dog gently with lukewarm water, starting along the backline from the tail toward the neck then massaging the water under the belly, between and down the legs. Wet your dog's head last and be careful not to get water in the ears – cup your hands over them or press long ears against the head. Make sure the coat is thoroughly saturated.

[Shampooing](#)

Shampoo the coat starting from the hindquarters and working your way forwards, leaving the head until last. Don't forget under the stomach, under the tail and the neck fold area, and work in well. Be very careful shampooing the face and around the eye area, especially with medicated and flea shampoos – leave this area out if you are unsure.

[Rinsing](#)

Some shampoos require that they be left on for 5 – 10 minutes so read the label carefully before you rinse (also if the product you are using states it is a rinse then it should not be washed off). Use lukewarm water for rinsing but start from the head and work your way backward. Knead the soap out of the coat with your free hand and avoid leaving any residues that can result in dryness and itching.

[Conditioning](#)

Conditioners are recommended with some shampoos and should be massaged into the skin after rinsing. Leave on the coat for 5 minutes and rinse again. Check the label carefully as some lotions are left on the coat to condition and clean the skin between shampoos.

[Drying](#)

Dry your dog well with a towel. Some dogs can benefit from using a blow dryer on a low setting, such as longhaired dogs, poodles with wavy coats or little dogs that get cold easily.

[How often should I bath my dog?](#)

This depends on the breed and the nature of your dog. Once a month is generally enough, unless your dog more frequently rolls or wallows in smelly things. Washing too often, or using an inappropriate product, can leave the coat dull, and cause dry, flaky and itchy skin. Human shampoos are not suitable as they are formulated with a different pH than what a dog needs. Double-coated breeds only need washing a few times a year because their coats have special insulation and waterproofing properties.

[What type of shampoo should I use?](#)

Some breeds, for example Cocker Spaniels, are prone to skin conditions and need to be bathed

more often with medicated shampoos as directed by your vet.

Flea & tick shampoos need to be used weekly if they are sole source of external parasite control. There are shampoos to brighten white coats, revitalise red and yellow coats, aromatherapy shampoos, conditioning shampoos for fluffy coats, gentle and tearless shampoos for puppies, hypoallergenic shampoos for gentle cleaning and oatmeal shampoos for itchy skins. Because there is such a wide variety of types and quality of shampoos available, you should always read the label carefully and ask your vet to recommend the best shampoo for your dog.

NSDTC's hot weather policy

Agility training will be cancelled when the temperature reaches 30°
Obedience training will be cancelled when the temperature reaches 32°

The aim of the policy is to protect the health & welfare of handlers & their dogs.

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

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

Dog owners are advised to check their dogs daily by using their finger tips to feel over every millimetre of the dog's body. Remember this includes inside ears, around eyelids, inside nostrils, around lip margins, around anus & vulva, between toes & around nail beds. If you find a tick, remove it immediately & observe the dog closely for the next 36 hours.

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

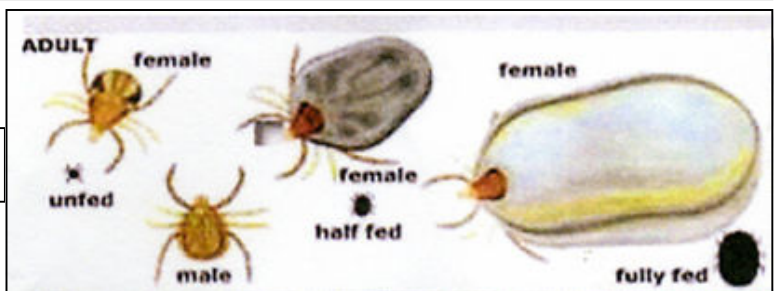
Some breeds are particularly sensitive to the effects of the neurotoxin that the ticks inject into the blood stream. These include Collie Roughs, Border Collies, Irish Setters & German Shepherds. Puppies are also very susceptible because they have a limited body mass & therefore are less able to deal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

There are a number of types of ticks. All can cause a dog to be sick but the Paralysis Tick is the one which is life threatening so **it is safest to presume every tick is lethal.**

The photos below show the development stages of the paralysis tick.

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

Paralysis Tick





**Welcome to
our new members
lots of fun in
First & Puppy
Classes**



Our Agiliters wished Russell Clarke farewell (for a while) at a scrumpious lunch in the Clubhouse



Karin Bridge presenting Russell
with a 'memory bar'
The inscription reads

Russell Clarke
our champion

Russell has been the Club's
Chief Instructor (Agility) for
the last 15 years.

In Russell's words 'What started as a
few jumps, a tyre & a tunnel in the
Social Novice class has grown into a
very successful Agility group'.

Russell & his wife Ann are off on a
long & well deserved holiday around
Australia.

We wish them the very best holiday &
will welcome them back with open
arms when they return to Sydney.



Anxiety in dogs - 14th November

All NSDTC members are invited
to join our instructors at their November Instructors' Meeting

Dr Angus Ross from Ku-Ring-Gai Veterinary Hospital
will present a talk on 'Anxiety in Dogs - its signs, causes & management'
as part of our Instructors' ongoing education programme

Date: Saturday, 14th November

Time: 4.15pm in the Clubhouse

Dr Ross will answer questions from members after his presentation.

2008-2009 President's Annual Report

Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club Inc began the year with a new postal address. P.O. Box 426, Turramurra, 2074 was opened to facilitate the collection of club mail for both general correspondence & trail entries.

An update of the 'Green Book' for new members, a new 'new members' form & an update of the instructors' booklet was then organised under the supervision of Judy Perrin, our Chief Instructor (Obedience).

The Ku-ring-gai K9 Award was revamped by its new supervisor, Bronwyn Maurer.

The fuse box was moved from the equipment shed to a new accessible & safe location in the kitchen cupboard, which will make any power problems a lot easier to remedy.

A very hard working sub committee combined with the Central Coast Dog Training Club & presented Brenda Aloff, a dog trainer from America, for the last weekend in February. The seminar made the club a net profit of \$4508.09.

Further interesting talks were arranged by Judy with Andy Robertson on Tellington Touch for dogs & Steve Austin on training methods.

A donation of \$12,000.00 was paid to Ku-ring-gai Council, being approximately one third of the cost of fencing rings 6 & 7 & the area between, with black mesh fencing & appropriate gates. This area is now used by us & the community for training & an off leash area.

Ku-ring-gai Council has been high on our agenda in two areas. One with the long term future development of the 'St Ives Showground precinct' & I thank our members who helped remind the Councillors of our vital presence in St. Ives Showground & our need for grounds because of our services to the community. Secondly with our rolling Council lease & its interpretation I wish to thank our extremely hard working Secretary Gael Goldsack, Vice President Eve Park & past President Barbara Rogleff for attending numerous meetings & Gael especially for the countless letters & emails that she has written & sent. The positive output of our work is that the Council has agreed in writing to renew our lease, has waived a \$4480.80 charge for overuse in 07-08 & allowed us free use of the grounds on a Wednesday night for our instructors for the time being. They are also forwarding to us, our 50% of rental earned by the Jim Powell Pavilion since 2007. We still have some very serious negotiations ahead of us.

Another positive outcome this year was the sponsorship, by Regeneus, of all first prizes at our Agility Trial. We hope that they will continue to support us & become involved with our Obedience Trial next year. Our Agility trial excelled this year with a record profit & had 760 runs by competitors, some of which were videoed with our new video camera.

It was with much sadness that the members farewelled Russell Clarke & showed him their genuine esteem for the past 15 years service to both Agility & Obedience. We all wish him & his wife Ann well, on their travels around Australia & look forward to welcoming them back again next year. We are lucky to have Cyril Hart who has run some of the popular summer schools for Agility people to continue as Chief Instructor (Agility).

We wish our agility team much luck in the annual Festival of Agility on the 5th & 6th September & hope that this year they bring back the gold.

Our Obedience Trial in April was well managed by Andy Seitz, who also maintains our trailing equipment in good condition. The Jim & Miriam Powell Trophy was won by OC Bob handled by Sandy O'Neil. Judy Turley with Bailey was our highest scoring member & winner of the Miriam Smith Trophy.

Due to a reduction in attendance, we have decided that we will cancel next year's June sausage sizzle, held on the long weekend. This year we presented Bronwyn Taylor with the trophy for Senior Member of the Year & Abbie Hartman with her Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Archie, was our Junior Member of the Year. Next year these trophies will be presented at the Christmas Party & the title trophies will be presented at our annual trials.

A hot weather policy was introduced last summer due to Sydney's increasing temperatures. It was decided Agility would be cancelled when the temperature reached 30 degrees & likewise for Obedience training at 32 degrees, for the health & safety of our handlers & their dogs.

For the first time, due to the suggestion of our Vice President Di Hollett, Northern Suburbs has drawn up a budget to help guide our future finances. Di, a Dogs NSW judge, has also held several mock trails & training rings during the year, so it seemed appropriate that she be the team manager for our two interclub challenge teams this year, as well as a participant.

Vicki Dean has continued to keep our name in the public eye with demonstrations again at Ignite the Flame, Festival on the Green, the Pet Expo at St Ives Shopping Centre, the Dogs' Day by the Bay & All Saints Church Lindfield. Unfortunately Ku-ring-gai Council's Dogs' Day Out was cancelled, due to our muddy grounds, but Judy Perrin's scones & Dick William's impromptu barbeque sausage sandwiches recovered our costs.

On a sad note, this year saw the death of an icon of the obedience world, Garry Somerville, a long time competitor & trial winner at our club & an old friend of our founder Jim Powell.

We have ended the year with a change to our constitution enabling us to add the position of Chief Instructor (Agility) to our list of Office Bearers. We obtained a vote in excess of 75% to achieve this. At this time we are also adjusting wording in our constitution that has been changed by Act of Parliament.

In closing I would like to thank my executive & committee, especially Deb Selby, our treasurer who is not renominating & will be training her new puppy. The debates have been lively & some meetings long but while we have such a dedicated group of members & such an experienced group of instructors, who give so freely of their time, Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club can only continue to excel.

Sandra Fry
President

2008-2009 Report from the Chief Instructor (Agility)

2008-2009 has been another exceptional year for our Agility classes.

With good numbers attending on both Saturday mornings & Monday nights our results have been extremely pleasing.

Several members have entered the Trial ring for the first time while our more experienced Agiliters have gained Titles at all levels.

Our 2008 monthly Saturday pointscore was won with some beautiful work by Allison Harvey & her Sheltie Kellie. Allison & Kellie are sure to give this year's current leader Virginia Pennefather & Tek some real competition over the last few months of this year's competition.

The highlight of our year was certainly our club's second placing in the Team Challenge at the Festival of Agility, our Team's work on the second day of the event was spectacular.

None of this would be possible without a great team of instructors who donate many hours of their time & at Northern Suburbs we're lucky to have some of the best & most dedicated in the sport. Several of them measure their Agility experience in decades but they don't necessarily like me reminding them of that little fact.

I've been Chief Instructor so long I can't remember exactly how long it's been but I've enjoyed every minute of the last 15 years or so. What started as a few jumps, a tyre & a tunnel in the Social Novice class has grown to a very successful Agility group.

I'm sure you will all continue to give Cyril Hart the same support next year as I have received, thank you very much.

Russell Clarke
Chief Instructor-Agility (retired)

2008-2009 Report from the Chief Instructor (Obedience)

As with any other community group we have, in 2009, had our ups & our downs but overall it has been another great year for N.S.D.T.C.

The 'downs' have included the occasional disagreement between two dogs & sadly, we have been forced to say 'farewell' to too many of our faithful dogs, both elderly & too young to make that journey to Rainbow Bridge – all much loved by us all & treasured by their owners.

The 'ups' have been happier, with members showing gratitude for fun filled classes given by our dedicated team of 43 volunteer instructors, the arrival of many baby puppies lucky enough to own people who are willing to spend time teaching them to be well behaved canine citizens, an increasing number of triallers achieving titles for which they have worked very hard & many members who do not wish to trial working towards the KK9 Award.

The education highlight of 2009 was the successful 'Brenda Aloff Connection' seminar run jointly with the Central Coast Dog Training Club. Our presenter from the U.S.A. gave valuable insights into the mysteries of Canine Body Language which enables us to better understand our dogs.

Talks by Andy Robertson on 'Tellington Touch' & by Steve Austin on 'Motivational Training' were attended by enthusiastic audiences.

We made contributions to our local community by having our Demonstration Team perform at various occasions, we gave help to 'Husky Rescue' on a blistering training day which left the poor dogs yearning for the arctic & we made a donation to help our animal friends so badly affected by the devastating February bushfires in Victoria.

Our Obedience Trial was another triumph for the club & a triumph for the 10 members who achieved qualifying scores on the day.

Mock trials have been held for members & these must be continued in order to ensure that we are ready for trials before taking the plunge.

The Interclub Challenge proved a real challenge for our 2 teams when the unseasonably warm weather saw some of our dogs get sleepy rather too soon (our CCD dogs redeemed us!!) Nevertheless we had a great day fuelled by the traditionally excellent lunch.

In the 'day to day' running of the club we made a few changes:

Our promotion tests were altered slightly to make the early ones more manageable & the later ones a little more challenging.

The club handbook - 'The Green Book' as it is known - was updated significantly & made more 'user friendly' with the addition of many lighthearted illustrations. It has become the text for the KK9 theory test, allowing for the removal of time consuming lectures.

The club, once again, hosted a 'thank you' dinner for instructors & committee members. Held once more at the Hills Flower Market, it was a lovely gesture of thanks for the many hours of work given by our volunteers & a 'night to remember'.

We lost too many training days & nights when the long drought turned into the long wet mid year. The grounds suffered for a while but, as usual, were brought back to perfection by our friendly & long suffering Showground Park Rangers.

Last but not least, my personal thanks to my instructors – the greatest bunch of slaves I could ever wish for. Thank you for putting up with my 'please, I need help with a class - now' – 'please put your dog on a lead' – 'please take this member for a 'one on one' lesson since he is **here** in the pouring rain' – 'sure, this is my 3rd biscuit but I've been here since 8.30am and it's now 5pm!!!' - & no names mentioned this year – thank you to the gentleman instructor who presses a cuppa into my hand regularly & always when I most need it!!!

Thank you one & all & here's to yet another good year with our best friends both great & small, gentle & wild.

Judy Perrin
Chief Instructor (Obedience)

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: \$4 per class per dog for all members except Juniors & Pensioners who pay \$2.

YAPS & YELPS: The Club journal is available at the enrolment table.
Yaps & Yelps can also be viewed on our website www.nsdogtraining.com.au
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 Inc VACCINATION POLICY

- We require 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.
- Vaccination certificates **must be signed** by a registered veterinary surgeon.
- Homeopathic 'vaccinations' will not be accepted.

PLEASE NOTE: 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 \$4.00 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.

Trial Results

Obedience & Agility triallers - please enter your results in the Trial Results folder in the Club office for results to 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
Geoff Woodman & Tammy	29.8.09	Belconnen DTC	CCD - Qual
Geoff Woodman & Kayley	29.8.09	Belconnen DTC	CD - Qual 3rd place
Janice Liang & Jasper	12.7.09	Penrith K & OC	CD - Qual
Victor Liang & Toby	26.7.09	Western Suburbs DTC	CD - Qual
Victor Liang & Toby	23.8.09	Brush Farm DTC	CD - Qual 3rd place
Victor & Janice Liang & Jasper	23.9.09	Metropolitan Mid Week DTC	CD - Qual 3rd place
Mary Young & Dice	23.9.09	Metropolitan Mid Week DTC	CD - Qual 1st place

Herding

Bronwyn Maurer & Marli 19.9.09 HT - 1st Qual

Dances with Dogs

Nicole Keller & Alfa 27.9.09 Dogs NSW Dances with Dogs Starters - **Title** 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	Date	Event	Result	
Geoff Woodman & Kayley	25.7.09	Turreranong DTC	ADM - Title	
	2.8.09	NSDTC	JDM - Qual	
	2.8.09	NSDTC	ADM - Qual	
Mary O'Dwyer & Titan	19.7.09	Coffs Harbour DTC	SDX - Qual	
	1.8.09	Hawkesbury Agility DC	SDX - Qual	
	29.8.09	Port Macquarie Hastings DTC	SDX - Qual	
	29.8.09	Port Macquarie Hastings DTC	SPDX - Qua	
	6.9.09	Dogs NSW Agility	JD - Qual 3rd place	
Anna Uther & Tilly	1.8.09	Hawkesbury Agility DC	GD - Qual 2nd place	
	Anna Uther & Holly	1.8.09	Hawkesbury Agility DC	SDX - Title
		29.8.09	Port Macquarie Hastings DTC	SPDX - Qual
Anna Uther & Keshi	29.8.09	Port Macquarie Hastings DTC	SDM - Qual	
	5.9.09	Dogs NSW Agility	SDM - Qual 3rd place	
	18.7.09	Coffs Harbour DTC	SPD - Qual 1st place	
	19.7.09	Coffs Harbour DTC	ADO - Title	
	2.8.09	NSDTC	ADM - Qual	
	Geoff Woodman & Xanthe	11.7.09	Agility Dog Club of NSW	JD - Title
		2.8.09	NSDTC	ADX -- Qual
Tricia Nicola & Mindi		2.8.09	NSDTC	JDO - Qual
	2.8.09	NSDTC	ADO - Title	
Janice Liang & Jasper	12.9.09	Sutherland DTC	AD - Qual	
	Victor Liang & Toby	2.8.09	NSDTC	AD - Qual
		29.8.09	Port Macquarie DTC	SPDM - Title
	29.8.09	Port Macquarie DTC	SDX - Title	
	16.9.09	Illawarra Collie & Shetland Sheepdog	JDX - Qual 3rd place	
16.9.09	Illawarra Collie & Shetland Sheepdog	AD - Qual 3rd place		

Dances with Dogs

Lessons will be held on the NSDTC grounds once a month, on a Saturday at 4.15pm near Hut B. Dogs from **all classes** are welcome. Dogs at **any level of training** are suitable for this activity.

If you are interested please email Penny - pdalzell@bigpond.net.au for dates.

The next lessons will be held on 31st October & 7th November

If you want to take part you must **email Penny by 5pm the previous Thursday**, so that a suitable lesson plan can be prepared.

PATRONS

The Mayor of Ku-ring-gai - Cr Ian Cross
Mr Stoyan Rogleff
Dr Angus Ross Dr Michael Eaton Dr Chris Boulton

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

OFFICE BEARERS

President:	Sandra Fry	9416 6080
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	(Postal Address - PO Box 426 Turramurra 2074)	
Treasurer:	Ida Luke	9419 8923 Fax 9419 6791
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	Eve Park	9449 1941 (Admin)
Chief Instructors:	Judy Perrin	9449 7388 (Obedience)
	Cyril Hart	4376 1257 (Agility)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Clubhouse Coordinator & KK9 Coordinator:	Bronwyn Maurer
Council & Showground Liaison Officer:	Barbara Rogleff
Education Officer:	Karin Bridge
Membership Secretary:	Pam Rushworth
Newsletter Editor:	Ginny Legh
Obedience Demonstration Coordinator:	Vickie Dean
Publicity Officer & Web Coordinator:	Nicholas Gray
Training Equipment Officer:	Kay Luke
Training & Trial Equipment Officer:	Andy Seitz
Asst Treasurer (& Asst Equipment Officer):	Barbara Gurney

Trial Sub Committee (Obedience)

Trial Manager:	Andy Seitz
Trial Secretary:	Di Hollett
Chief Steward:	Gael Goldsack
Trophy Officer:	Denise Wigney

Trial Sub Committee (Agility)

Trial Manager:	Andy Seitz
Trial Secretary:	Tsui Hui
Chief Steward:	Phil Palangas
Trophy Officer:	Maggie Young

Catering Officers: Kay Luke & Kay Hogan

Joining Enquiries: Sandra Fry 9416 6080

Clubhouse telephone number:

9440 2047(Saturdays only)

Please note this telephone has no message recording facility.
It will only be answered during training times
&/or
if the ring tone is heard by someone in the Clubhouse.

NSDTC DOGGY DIARY DATES



October - November 2009

Saturday 10 Oct	Flyball 2.15 - 2.45pm	
Saturday 17 Oct	New Members	General Meeting 4pm
Saturday 24 Oct	Flyball 2.15 - 2.45pm	
Saturday 31 Oct	New Members	
	Dances with Dogs class 4.15pm	
Saturday 7 Nov	KK9 Test Day 12-2pm	
	Flyball 2.15 - 2.45pm	
	Dances with Dogs class 4.15pm	BYO BBQ 5pm
Wednesday 25 Nov	Committee Meeting 7.30pm	
Saturday 14 Nov	New Members (last for 2009)	Talk on Anxiety in Dogs 4.15pm incorporating instructors' Meeting
Saturday 21 Nov	Flyball 2.15 - 2.45pm	NB Last training day for 2009
Saturday 28 Nov	Christmas Party 1.00- 4.00pm (1.30pm fancy dress then games)	
Saturday 5 Dec	Working bee & free BBQ from 12 noon	
<i>Throughout</i>	<i>December the following classes continue</i>	
Night Agility	30 Nov, 7 Dec, 14 Dec	
Instructors' training	2 Dec, 9 Dec, 16 Dec	
Puppy classes	Monday nights 7-8pm commencing 30 November	
	6 February is the first training day for 2010	



**The minutes of all General Meetings are available to all members
They can be viewed on the noticeboard in the Club House**