



# Yaps & Yelps

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## Puppies

The lifeblood of all dog training clubs



**'Settle' or 'on your mat'**

**One of the hardest exercises for any puppy!!**

# Welcome to our new members

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

**14/8/2010**

Steve, Melinda and Terry Bickerton with **Buddy**  
Martin and Imogen Deutsch with **Jeff**  
Jacqui and Craig Gurney with **Barney**  
Richard, James and Raelene Langford with **Kinta**  
Julie Sheldon with **Cosmo**

**28/8/2010**

Jann Cathels, and Eloise and Sam Barnes with **Honey** and **Maddie**  
Dianna Cooper with **Kirra**  
Katie, Alice and Mary Eyselshoven with **Monti**  
Amelia Gilmore and John McFadzean with **Jimmy** and **Maggie**  
Oliver and Kate Grenot with **Pluto**  
Sue Guthrie with **Tamika**  
Sonya Hillenberg and Rick Spence with **Ruby**  
Braddon, Katherine, Alexander and Harriet Jolley with **Amera**  
Gay and Hamish Lavery with **Gypsy**  
Emma Paul with **Buddy**  
Dawn Perry and Darren Neville with **Sharnie**  
Dawn Wade with **Freckles**  
Amelia and Luke Watkins with **Scarlett**  
Tina Zanatta and Robert LeFoucheur with **Odin** and **Loki**

**11/9/2010**

Anne, Chris and Brad Arcus with **Bundy**  
Pamela Bell with **Millie**  
Anna Birch and Frankie, Olivia and Harry Bouchier with **Billie** and **Eva**  
Gale Coutts with **Matilda** and **Murphy**  
Brian and Judith Harris with **Bessie**  
Steph Peake with **Cleo**  
Lisa Ratard with **Sammy**  
Stephen West with **Spunky**  
Sarah Woodbury with **Buffy**

## Farewell Strawbri Yetholme Enchantress



My little Strawbri had a terrible life before she came to me - 2 broken front legs & very little care or love.  
After many hours of surgery & lots of home nursing, she became the pretty little miss we all knew so well in class, wearing her pink hair ribbon with matching collar & lead.  
Strawbri gained her CCD title. She was the first Yorkie in 20 years to compete in obedience!  
She was working towards her CD title when disaster struck & very sadly & suddenly she left me to join my other dogs at Rainbow Bridge.

Very much missed by Pam, Robbie & Shiralee

# Congratulations on your promotion

7.8.10

Joel Taylor & Sukie to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class  
Annabelle Murphy & Daisy to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

28.8.10

Helen Marshall & Roxie to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

4.9.10

Lauren Williams & Ted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

11.9.10

The Woodmans & Elwyn to 4<sup>th</sup> Class  
Melanie Leany & Bess to 4<sup>th</sup> Class  
Karyn Jacka & Kalla to 3<sup>rd</sup> Class  
Barbara Allen & Kirra to 3<sup>rd</sup> Class  
Annabelle Murphy & Daisy to 3<sup>rd</sup> Class

18.9.10

Deirdre Purcall & Zola to 3<sup>rd</sup> Class  
Vickie Dean & Lola to 3<sup>rd</sup> Class

## Puppy Classes - December 2010 & January 2011

Training of puppies doesn't stop during the Christmas/New Year holiday break

**Puppy Classes will be held on Monday nights 7.00-8.00pm  
commencing 29 November 2010**

Puppies who haven't completed their six week course are welcome to attend.

New members need to complete the membership application which can be downloaded from our website & pay their membership dues on the first night.

**For information & to book in please contact Eve Park on 9449 1941**

## Come & join in the best Christmas Party on the North Shore

**Saturday 27 November 2010**

**It's fun for everyone - humans & dogs**



- \* **1.30pm - Fancy Dress** - lots of prizes for the Christmas, Cleverest, Prettiest & Dog & Owner look-a-like costumes
- \* **2.15pm - Games** - like the Good O race, egg & spoon race, knickers race & if there's time, a few other surprises
- \* **Afternoon Tea** - please bring a plate of goodies for all to share

Our **Raffle** will be drawn during the afternoon - **please add something to the basket** (on the Clubhouse verandah) prior to the party.

**Thank you to Ku-Ring-Gai Veterinary Hospital for donating the prizes**



### SIT TO GREET - or an end to jumping

Coming home to a happy hound rather than an empty house is one of the real pleasures of dog ownership. It is natural for dogs, particularly young dogs to welcome returning members of the pack with a lot of submissive posturing and face licking. Problems start when our dogs - too low to reach our faces – start to jump up. Soon this simple greeting ritual turns into a time of stress and exasperation for owners or their visitors who don't enjoy being jumped on by a twenty kilo muddled mutt. What to do?

#### Train don't complain.

The basic principle to remember is that the dog is seeking the reward of your attention by jumping up to greet you. Most training will therefore be based on removing your attention for jumping and giving your attention for 'sitting'. Here are a few hints:

**Plan the exact greeting behaviour you expect** from your dog both when you arrive home and when visitors arrive. Are you happy if your dog simply keeps all four feet on the ground or would you prefer a sit? May the dog greet you at the door or in the kitchen? Is he to wait for a release word or is he free to move around as long as he's not jumping? Once you have decided on the exact behaviour you want you can start to train it, rewarding your dog for little steps in the right direction. Be specific, be consistent and be patient.

**Teach your dog to 'sit'** – in all situations, including the high excitement of home comings.

**Set up front door rehearsals.** Don't wait until you are actually having dinner guests to start training the dog not to jump – set up rehearsals on weekends or whenever you have time. Ask other family members to ring the doorbell and practice lots of front door greetings. Keep a jar of treats handy at the front door and reward your dog for either keeping 'four paws on the floor' or for sit. If your dog is very lively you may start by simply throwing small treats on the floor whenever your dog keeps 'four on the floor'. Treats stop immediately if he should start to jump. Throwing treats on the floor keeps the dog's attention focused low down rather than up at faces. If you prefer to reward a sit, treat from the hand. After several repetitions your dog will start to act more calmly at the front door in the hope of a reward.

**Teach 'up' and 'off'.** Some people like their dogs to jump up on them some of the time. In this case you need to put the jump up behaviour 'on cue'. When the dog jumps up say 'up good boy' then immediately follow with 'off – good boy' and some food rewards. In most cases there should be bigger rewards for the 'off' than the 'up'. This is another example of using a cue to turn 'on' and 'off' a specific behaviour. Just as the dog learns 'sit' and 'unsit' the dog can learn 'up' and 'off'. The dog should never be rewarded for 'up' however unless you have first asked for it!

#### Learn to 'talk dog'

As mentioned above, most jumping up is part of a greeting ritual that means our dogs are happy to see us so we don't want to be horrible to them, we just want them to stop. We can use our body language to help our dogs to understand that jumping up is not desirable.

Stillness begets stillness – the quieter you move and speak the quieter your dog will become. Moving around quickly, pushing your dog away or yelling at your dog is only likely to increase his arousal and excitement.

Stand your ground or lean into your dog's space. As your dog gets older it is rude for him to push into your personal space. Stand your ground or even lean into his space instead.

There is no need to step on toes or knee your dog in the chest but refuse to concede ground to his pushy behaviour. When he sits be sure to follow with praise and rewards.

Turn your back – taking away your attention by turning your back works well with some dogs although highly excitable dogs may simply continue to jump on your back because the movement of turning still speaks ‘activity’ in doggy language.

Ignore your dog going about your tasks until he settles or at least keeps ‘four on the floor’.

Crouch down – to your dog’s level and say hello to your hearts content. This often works well for small dogs or very young puppies. This method simply teaches the dog that jumping is not necessary to get what it wants.

Note: The suggestions above are for a typical, untrained but friendly and sociable young dog who jumps up and demand your affection. If jumping up is always directly aligned in front of you, and is accompanied by a hard stare in the eye with any signs of aggression such as hard nipping, or growling you need to consult a behaviour specialist for a full assessment.

## **Still having problems? Check for:**

### **Consistency**

How consistently are you ignoring jumping up and rewarding sit? Does it depend on the clothes you are wearing, the mood you’re in or how busy you are? Perhaps you are consistent but children, visitors or strangers in the street think your dog is so cute, they don’t mind him jumping up. If your dog is randomly rewarded for jumping up it will not only take him longer to learn the correct behaviour it will actually teach him to try harder and be more persistent. This is one reason why the smaller and cuter your dog is the harder this exercise may be to teach. Few people will tolerate a fully grown Labrador jumping up but many do not object to a Chihuahua.

### **Check for Inadvertent Rewards**

Are you rewarding jumping up with negative attention such as pushing or yelling. Some dogs find even negative attention better than none.

**Check your body language** – is your body telling your dog to be still and quiet?

**Check your training levels** – have you trained a reliable ‘sit’ in a distraction free area before relying on it in a high excitement situation such as meeting and greeting.

**Check the number of rewards** – are you generously rewarding correct behaviour at every opportunity. Every reward is a piece of information telling your dog how you would like him to behave in a given situation.

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## **Free Seminar for Dog Owners**

Ku-ring-gai, Pittwater & Warringah Councils are sponsoring this event

**Where** - The Wildflower Garden Education Centre, Mona Vale Road, St Ives

**When** - 20 October 2010

**Time** - 6.30 - 8.30pm

Speakers will be:

**Steve Austin** - What to do if confronted by an aggressive dog  
How to avoid dog attacks  
What to do about it

**Marilyn McKenzie** - Common dog problems - obesity, skin & heart problems in dogs

The seminar is free but **bookings are essential** - ring Ku-ring-gai Council 9424 0888

# Obedience Training

**It's not all about competing  
in Obedience Trials!!**

**Ollie hits the silver screen!!**

Many of our Club dogs have featured in advertisements.

The finished product usually looks very impressive but ....!! most people have no idea just how many times the poor dog & their handler have to repeat the same sequence over & over again, often under hot lights & with all the loud noises that go with a film studio.

The dog has to respond to instructions given by the handler who may be some distance away or even out of sight - all the everyday training we do at Club prepares our dogs for this type of work.

## **Hairy dog!**

As Judy Perrin, Ollie's owner says 'We spent the day filming 'Hairy dogs' - Ollie was to be vacuumed with a special attachment for grooming dogs.

When Dr Harry had him all composed & ready, he foolishly turned the vacuum on & he & Ollie headed for the hills - it was priceless to see poor Dr Harry on the end of Ollie's collar going places!

On expert advice, the vacuum was switched on & off a few times until Ollie got used to it - he normally ignores mine.

He then performed like a champ.

Several cheese cubes later, he & Dr Harry were best friends again & we were told 'we'll need Ollie again - soon'!



Ollie obviously felt much more at home whilst taking part in Dr Harry's segment on '**Keeping pets off the couch**'.

He was more than happy to 'drop' & 'stay' on his royal purple cushion - in fact Judy thinks she may have to get larger one for use at home - Ollie is a real, royal boy & he knows it!





## A Healthy Dog is a Happy Dog

# Summer is coming

It's a wonderful time for holidays, Christmas with all the goodies, BBQ's, visits to dog friendly beaches & walks in bushland.

It's the perfect time to enjoy the fun & company of your canine friend.

Whilst it's a great season, just like humans, dogs can suffer a number of health problems during Sydney's hot & often humid summer months.

### Heat stress

Most at risk are:

- ♦ Young pups & elderly dogs
- ♦ Breeds with shortened muzzles such as Boxers, Staffordshire & British Bull Terriers.
- ♦ Heavy or long coated breeds.

### Preventive measures

- ♦ Exercise your dog in the early morning or late evening.
- ♦ Make sure they have deeply shaded areas all day where they can stay cool & away from biting flies & other insects.
- ♦ Provide a number of water bowls, just in case one is emptied or your dog decides to have a wet down in their water bowl! Bowls should be heavy so they can't be knocked over.
- ♦ Whenever possible bring your dog inside the house during the hottest part of the day.
- ♦ Never leave your dog in a car on a warm day. The temperature can rise from 25° to 50° in less than ten minutes. Brain damage & death can follow quickly.
- ♦ Long or heavy coated dogs are often more comfortable when stripped or clipped (never shave them as the coat protects from sunburn & acts as insulation against sudden changes in temperature).

Please re-read the section on heat stress & your dog in the Club Information Manual. This covers heat stress in detail. **Remember heat stroke is a veterinary emergency.**

### Parasites & other creepy crawlies

- ♦ Fleas & ticks thrive in the higher temperatures & can cause major health problems.
- ♦ Spiders & snakes are far more active in hot weather.
- ♦ Discuss flea & tick preventative measures with your vet. Whatever program is suggested please make sure you follow it exactly. In addition use your fingers to check all over your dog every day for ticks.

### Christmas goodies, parties & BBQ's

A lot of the goodies we eat at festive times can be **toxic for dogs** - never feed dogs

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|--|-----------------------------|
| ♦ chocolate of any type                      | ♦ grapes & raisons          |
| ♦ fatty off cuts & scraps of ham & BBQ meats | ♦ avocados                  |
| ♦ onions - cooked or raw                     | ♦ macadamia nuts            |
| ♦ garlic - in large amounts                  | ♦ alcohol                   |
| ♦ Xylitol (artificial sweetener)             | ♦ kernels from stone fruits |

Have a special bowl full of dog treats at the table for those who want to indulge the dog!

- ♦ Foil gift wrap & metallic ribbons are a big no-no.
- ♦ Make sure food gifts are out of reach. NB. Gutsy dogs will climb on chairs to get them!!
- ♦ Make sure pups cannot get at the cords of Christmas tree lights.

## Skin problems

- ♦ Hot spots & other skin problems can be caused by high humidity levels, salt water being left in the coat & contact with some plants.
- ♦ If your dog has been swimming in salt, chlorinated or creek water, rinse them off with clean tap water & make sure they are completely dried off.
- ♦ Skin problems are best treated by your vet.

## Ear problems

- ♦ Hot, humid weather increases the risk of ear problems, especially in long eared dogs.
- ♦ If your dog is shaking their head, scratching their ears or rubbing their ears on the ground - see your vet.
- ♦ Dogs often suffer from fly bitten ears - ask your vet to recommend a safe, effective repellent for fly bite.

## Swimming pools

### Fact - dogs can drown.

- ♦ Even though most dogs instinctively know how to swim, they can panic or exhaust themselves if they don't know how to get out of a swimming pool. They cannot climb out unless they use the steps.
- ♦ Even if you do not intend to let your dog use the pool it is wise to teach them where the steps are just in case they inadvertently fall in when you are not there.
- ♦ To do this the dog must be taken into the pool, allowed to swim around for a short time, then guided towards the steps (a number of training sessions will be required).
- ♦ Make sure they know how to get from the deep end to the steps in case one day they fall in when no-one is around.
- ♦ The last person out of the pool must check the dog has also left the fenced pool area.
- ♦ If your dog is allowed in the pool, hose them off as soon as they come out. Pool water left in the coat can cause skin & ear problems.

## White cedar tree berries/seeds

- ♦ These are highly **toxic for dogs**. A pregnant bitch belonging to one of our Club members recently lost her litter at 6 weeks & they nearly lost her as well.
- ♦ If you own dogs, get rid of them from your garden & watch out for them in parklands.

### Vets are warning of an outbreak of preventable, but deadly, parvovirus.

The Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) <http://www.ava.com.au/> (AVA) reports that vets across Australia have been treating unusually high numbers of winter cases of parvovirus, the deadly dog and puppy disease.

"Usually we only see large numbers of dogs and puppies with parvovirus during the summer months," says Dr Graham Swinney from the AVA.

"In the past two months there have been around 200 reported cases of parvovirus across Australia, which is unusually high for this time of year.

"This is particularly worrying for new dog owners as parvovirus is most severe in puppies – with death in around 80% of untreated cases," Dr Swinney says.

Common signs of the disease are:

- ♦ severe vomiting      ♦ lethargy
- ♦ bloody diarrhoea      ♦ unwillingness to eat.

Dr Swinney says that the frustrating thing for vets is that the virus is highly preventable.

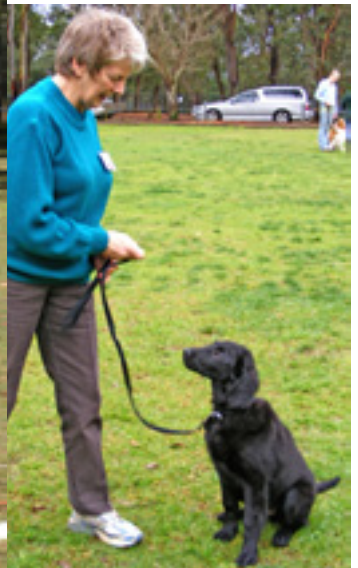
"Every single puppy or kitten in Australia needs to be vaccinated against deadly diseases. This is much less expensive than treating your pet after it gets sick. It may also save the heartache of losing a new family member so soon."





**A special  
featuring  
our puppies  
& their owners**

**in Puppy &  
Advanced Puppy Classes**





**Training puppies**



**is hard work!**





**The 4 'P's'**  
**Patience**  
**Persistence**  
**Purpose**  
**Praise**  
**&**  
**The 3 'F's'**  
**Be fair**  
**Be firm**  
**Make it fun**



**You need  
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# The Winner at Dog Obedience School

## 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

Jenny Scamps & Charlie  
Geoff Woodman & Elwyn  
  
Ngaire Chant & Bobby  
Roger Tregear & Charlee Girl

21.8.10 Werriwa DTC  
21.8.10 Belconnen Dog Obedience Club  
21.8.10 Belconnen Dog Obedience Club  
22.8.10 Brush Farm DTC  
22.8.10 Brush Farm DTC

CD - **Title**  
CCD - Qual  
CCD - Qual  
CDX - Qual 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
CDX - **Title** 1<sup>st</sup> 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

Mary O'Dwyer & Titan  
Geoff Woodman & Xanthe

10.7.10 Hawkesbury Agility Dog Club  
31.7.10 Hawkesbury Agility Dog Club  
1.8.10 NSDTC

ADM - Qual  
GD - **Title**

Tricia Nicola & Pandora

15.8.10 Newcastle All Breeds  
15.8.10 Newcastle All Breeds

JDX - Qual  
JDM - Qual  
SPX - Qual

Tricia Nicola & Mindi

1.8.10 NSDTC  
4.9.10 Festival of Agility

ADM - Qual  
SP - Qual

Anna Uther & Keshi

11.9.10 Cavalier Club  
11.9.10 Cavalier Club  
11.9.10 Cavalier Club

ADM - **Title** & 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
ADM - Qual & 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
ADO - Qual & 1<sup>st</sup> place

John Jonker & Racey

3.8.10 Hawkesbury Agility Dog Club  
15.8.10 Newcastle All Breeds

JDM - Qual  
SP - Qual

Anna Uther & Tilly

28.8.10 Port Macquarie  
28.8.10 Port Macquarie  
11.9.10 Sutherland Shire

GD - Qual  
ADM - Qual  
ADM - Qual

Jenny Cumming & Adam

3.8.10 Hawkesbury Dog Agility Club  
15.8.10 Newcastle All Breeds  
4.9.10 Festival of Agility

JDM - Qual  
SP - Qual  
GD - **Title** 1<sup>st</sup> place  
GD - Qual

Geoff Woodman & Kayley

1.8.10 NSDTC  
28.8.10 Port Macquarie  
14.8.10 Newcastle All Breeds  
14.8.10 Newcastle All Breeds  
15.8.10 Newcastle All Breeds  
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15.8.10 Newcastle All Breeds  
21.8.10 Belconnen Dog Obedience Club  
4.9.10 ACT Companion Dog Club  
18.9.10 Coffs Harbour DTC

JDX - Qual & 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
JDX - Qual 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
ADM - Qual  
GDM - Qual  
ADM - Qual  
ADO - Qual  
SPX - Qual  
JDO - Qual  
ADM - Qual  
ADO - Qual  
SD - **Title** & 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Wendy Johnston & Quix

## **President's Annual Report 2009-2010**

For the past twelve months we have been negotiating with Ku-ring-gai Council for a five year lease for the use of our club house and the surrounding dog rings at St Ives Showground. Negotiations are continuing.

This year we at last successfully regained the additional storage area known as "North of the Harbour Storeroom" at the cost of \$3000.00.

Our accounting system was upgraded to a computerised accounting package which gives us a far more accurate view of where our finances are going and allows us to plan more accurately for the future.

We replaced our previous Auditor with Mr John Howard, of Meagher Howard & Wright Certified Practising Accountants at Bondi Junction. They have done the audit for Metropolitan Mid Week Dog Training Club for many years.

In the case of an insurance claim, the obedience classes have followed agility with the introduction of two sign on books. This is to facilitate proof of attendance in the event of an accident occurring on the ground or in classes.

We have upgraded our agility equipment with super light, state of the art aluminium. Our new pieces include tyres, an A frame and a beautiful dog walk, plus tunnels and jumps. We will also look at a table when the new regulations are published.

Due to a change in the legislation for non-profit organizations we are revising our constitution.

Our Obedience Trial made a small profit this year. Thank you to all those who helped. We have a new enthusiastic team running our Agility Trial. They have done a great job and we hope they continue next year.

Happily again this year, we have had several sponsors helping with prizes for both our obedience and agility trials. Prizes from Adicell/Regeneus were given to the successful competitors, while those from Ann Guy, Turramurra Vets and Seaforth Vets were raffled to help with expenses.

We again helped Dogs NSW with New Judges Obedience Training Scheme and are now reaping the benefit by asking some of these successful new judges to judge at our next Obedience Trial.

Several members have donated books to our library this year. Thank you.

Fortunately we did not win the Inter Club Challenge. However thank you to those who kept our name out there in the competition.

KK9 is looking for a new co-ordinator, but it was held again this year under Judy Perrin's guidance with 11 successful participants. This simple non threatening test is intended to allow those members who do not wish to trial in competition to either exit their training or continue with confidence, with a certificate and lead donated by Ku-ring-gai Council as acknowledgement of their efforts.

We were unsuccessful with our application for a NSW Govt Sport and Recreation Grant, however we were encouraged to reapply, and Pam Rushworth is following this up.

Our new education committee has been very busy this year arranging four seminars (this year). Karen Bridge spoke in February, Le Hammer gave an Agility Seminar on March 21<sup>st</sup>, Dianna Cooper spoke on Target training for the Handicapped on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Penny Mead spoke on the Canine Athlete on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Judy also arranged a return talk from Steven Austin, early in the new year, who is always very popular.

I would like to thank on behalf of the members our two chief instructors, Judy Perrin and Cyril Hart, for all their efforts and work over the past year. It has been tremendous as usual and appreciated by all.

Also to Di Hollet, one of the vice presidents this year and a qualified Dogs NSW judge, who used her skills to run ring practices on Saturdays, to encourage our members to enter competition trials and improve their expertise under simulated trial conditions.

To the club office bearers and committee, my total gratitude, it has not been an easy year with lots of negotiations required along the way. I am very grateful for your work and support.

Sandra Fry

### **Report from the Chief Instructor Obedience 2009-2010**

Here I go again, but this is the penalty you must pay for failing to put up your hand for the Chief Instructor's position.

Another year during which many cute, cuddly puppies have grown into well behaved dogs, undisciplined teenagers have been transformed into calm, compliant young adults, young adults have started to think & the elderly have continued to go on their own sweet way – all of them our adored 'best friends' & most of them canine ones.

Our members have progressed in their dog handling skills allowing their dogs to be promoted to higher classes in good numbers. Some have gone on to become Agility dogs, some to become Obedience triallers but most to continue as family pets, albeit better behaved ones! In our efforts to give the latter group an aim in life, we have succeeded in having 14 members & their dogs qualify for the Ku-ring-gai K9 award – proof of their becoming good citizens - since this time last year.

Dogs N.S.W. Obedience titles have been awarded as follows:

Community Companion Dog -2,

Companion Dog – 6

Companion Dog Excellent – 1

Utility Dog Excellent – 1                      Obedience Champion – 1

Penny Dalzell & Enniskey must be singled out for being both the first members of NSDTC to qualify for the newly instituted title of 'Utility Dog Excellent' & also for joining an elite group of dogs from the club who have achieved the title 'Obedience Champion'.

We now need to encourage more members into the beginner levels of trialling & work with those CD dogs who are marching on to the CDX class in style!

Our team of instructors remains at 44 with the retirement of Pam Lui & Mo Kramer this year. Thank you ladies for your many hours of work with our dogs & puppies. Linda Upton returns to us after a gap of several years, & Margaret Rockey joins again, after a break from instructing – 'welcome home, ladies!' We have 2 future instructors who have, so far, completed 6 weeks of their instructor training & will be most welcome additions to our team. In the recently completed , year long DogsN.S.W. Level 2 Instructors Course', out of 11 qualifiers, 4 belong to our club.

Our Obedience Trial once again attracted beautiful weather and finished in record time – a concern as this indicates a generalised loss of numbers in Obedience Trials, something which we need to address in the future.

Sadly we have lost some very good friends both human & canine. The sudden loss of Bob Goldsack in November hit us all very hard. Our hearts went out to Gael - & our BBQ conversations will never be the same. Some wise & elderly & some 'way before their time' dogs were farewelled to the now overpopulated Rainbow Bridge. Godspeed, not one of you will ever be forgotten.

The 2009 fencing around the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> class rings has been enthusiastically welcomed by both club members who 'do' & many members of the public (some of whom 'don't').



Hopefully our reminder notices on the gates will produce the standards of cleanliness which we promote!

The Education Sub Committee has been busy organising talks for members: Canine Anxiety, The Canine Athlete & Target Training. Attendance has been generally good & several instructors & members have also attended training lectures put on by other clubs & by the A.P.D.T.

Our Demonstration Team coordinator has continued to enthuse the crowds with her lively & amusing banter whilst some of our obedience dogs work with precision & some just 'do what dogs do' when performing obedience skills whilst surrounded by farm animals, reptiles peeking out of boxes & kids holding hot dogs & ice creams! The crowd always loves watching a few of our dogs misbehave like theirs do, so the team is always a 'hit'.

The Interclub Challenge was a fun day for the two teams from Northern Suburbs & some of the dogs performed pretty well. Sadly we did not win BUT we did win first prize of 2 bottles of white for the finest team names: 'Utterly Pawsome' & 'Muttley's Crew'. A medal would have been nice but we settled very happily for the wine!

What more can we wish for than a happy club, happy handlers, happy officials & instructors but, most importantly, happy dogs. With only the odd human or canine disagreement, I believe we have this at Northern Suburbs.

Our dogs, with or without qualifications, are just happy to be here & that's the way it should be, as most would happily chew up our sometimes prized certificates & ribbons. 'Dogs just wanna be dogs.'

My thanks to everyone who makes my job an easy & happy one – to those who make me coffee, carry gear, help with the dreaded roster, help me make decisions then support them, instruct when they are not on the roster & calm me down on 'those days'

I thank the club on behalf of the instructors for our annual 'thank you' dinner & most of all I thank 'All Instructors Great & Small' for a great job done on both hot & dry & wet & muddy days during the past year.

Judy Perrin

### **Report from the Chief Instructor Agility 2009-2010**

The past twelve months heralded another year of successful training and good fun through our sport of agility.

Briefly the Club's main highlights are summarised as follows:

1. Continued success of our members participating in trials throughout the year.
2. Our first Agility Seminar conducted by Dr L Hammer & K Edwards proved to be highly popular.
3. Replacement of most of the heavy items of agility equipment with new lightweight obstacles.
4. The club once again ran a highly successful trial with over 750 entries on the day. Our largest trial ever.

In conclusion I would like to thank

- (a) The Club committee in supporting our equipment replacement program.
- (b) Our instructors for their continued support.
- (c) All those Club members who helped so willingly on the day of our trial, in particular our trial manager Andy Seitz and our trial secretary Tsuey Hui for their outstanding efforts.

Cyril Hart

# 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 \$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 dog for all members per morning or afternoon session  
Juniors & Pensioners pay \$2.

**YAPS & YELPS:** The Club journal is available at the enrolment table.  
Yaps & Yelps can also be viewed on our website [www.nsdogtraining](http://www.nsdogtraining)  
Articles for Yaps & Yelps are welcomed & may be left at the table or emailed to The Editor, Ginny Legh at [ginny.l@tpg.com.au](mailto:ginny.l@tpg.com.au)

**TRAINING** is held in the Dog Rings, St Ives Showground  
every Saturday, February - November inclusive. NB. No training on Public Holidays

**OBEDIENCE:**

Saturdays 3.00 - 4.00pm Adv Puppies, First, Adv First, Second & Third classes  
Every second Saturday Classes start for New Members & New Puppies

Saturdays 1.30 - 2.30pm Fourth (CCD & CD) & Fifth (CDX) Classes

Saturdays 12.30 - 1.30pm Sixth (UD) Class

Wednesday 7.30 - 8.30pm Training for Instructors only

**AGILITY:** Beginners First Saturday of the month  
All levels Saturdays 9.30 - 12 noon  
Night Agility Mondays **Adv level** only 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.

## **PATRONS**

The Mayor of Ku-ring-gai - Cr. Ian Cross

Mr Stoyan Rogleff

Dr Angus Ross Dr Jim Thompson

## **COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**

### **OFFICE BEARERS**

President:	Barbara Rogleff	9969 7767
Club Secretary:	Gael Goldsack	94873656
	(Postal Address - PO Box 426 Turramurra 2074)	
Treasurer:	Ngaire Chant	0414 555 884
Vice Presidents:	Allison Harvey	94511770 (Finance)
	Eve Park	9449 1941 (Admin)
Chief Instructors:	Judy Perrin	9449 7388 (Obedience)
	Keith Langley	9402 5628 (Agility)

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Agility Sub Committee Chairperson	Jane Hempel
Council & Showground Liaison Officer:	Sandra Fry
Education Sub Committee Chairperson	
Ku-ring-gai K9 Co-ordinator:	Sharon Househam
Membership Secretary	Pam Rutledge
Newsletter Editor:	Ginny Legh
Obedience Demonstration Co-ordinator & Publicity Officer:	Vickie Dean
Obedience Trial Sub Committee Chairperson	Jenny Scamps
Training Equipment Officer:	Kay Luke
Training & Trial Equipment Officer:	Andy Seitz
Web Co-ordinator:	Nicholas Gray

### **Obedience Trial Sub Committee**

Trial Manager:	Andy Seitz
Trial Secretary:	Jenny Scamps
Chief Steward:	Gael Goldsack
Trophy Officer:	Denise Wigney

### **Agility Trial Sub Committee**

Trial Manager:	Jane Hempel
Trial Secretary:	Tsuey Hui
Chief Steward:	Phil Palangas
Trophy Officer:	Maggie Young

Catering Officers: Kay Luke & Kay Hogan

### **Education Sub Committee**

Karin Bridge	Bron Maurer
Keith Langley (Agility)	Jenny Scamps
Judy Perrin (Obedience)	Pat Walsh

**Enquiries re joining the Club: Ginny Legh 9489 1554**

Clubhouse telephone number:

**9440 2047 (Saturdays only)**

Please note this telephone has no message recording facility.

It will only be answered during training times  
if the ring tone is heard by someone in the Clubhouse.

# NSDTC DOGGY DIARY DATES



## October to December 2010

Saturday 2 Oct	<b>No training - long weekend</b>
Saturday 9 Oct	Flyball Training 2.15-2.45pm
Wednesday 13 Oct	Talk on ' <b>Special Needs Dogs</b> ' by Dr Jacqui Ley 7.30pm
Saturday 16 Oct	New Members
Saturday 23 Oct	Flyball Training 2.15- 2.45pm <b>General Meeting 4.00pm</b>
Saturday 30 Oct	New Members
Saturday 6 Nov	KK9 Test Day 12.00-2.0pm Flyball 2.15-2.45pm <b>BYO BBQ</b>
Saturday 13 Nov	New Members (last intake for 2010)
Saturday 20 Nov	Flyball Training 2.15-2.45pm <b>Instructors' Meeting 4pm</b>
Wednesday 24 Nov	<b>Committee Meeting 7.30pm</b>
Saturday 27 Nov	<b>Christmas Party 1.00-4.00pm</b>
Monday 29 Nov	New puppy intake for Monday night classes & continuation of current puppy classes 7.00-8.00pm
Saturday 4 Dec	<b>Working Bee &amp; free BBQ from 12 noon</b>

Monday night agility & Wednesday instructors' training continue throughout December 2010 & January 2011

**Saturday 5 Feb - First training day for 2011**



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