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Important note to all members:

Pictured below is Ros, our Chief Instructor. This year especially with the large increase of new members each and even larger class sizes she finds it difficult to get around to see you all in class.

So if you have any problems with classes or your dog (before, during or after), please find Ros and she will be able to help you



Did you know?

Finally we know for sure why pets turn in circles before lying down. Pets aren't known for being superstitious so it's always seemed strange that dogs (and some cats) turn in circles before lying down to rest. Now we know why...

Theories that pets either instinctively used the circle work to scan the horizon for predators or scare away rats and other vermin in their bedding didn't quite wash with animal psychologist Professor Stanley Coren. So he investigated. And soon found that an uneven bedding surface tripled the likelihood of the pre-sleep spin.

So here it is. That adorable circling is used by the furry family to essentially make their own bed. It's goal back when their ancestors lived a wilder life would have been to flatten any bumps or long grass to form a makeshift mattress. But now, even on your bed, it's a habit that's not worth breaking





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There are various books and DVDs in the clubhouse library cupboard. Just ask Andrea or Wendy if you would like to borrow any.

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Notice to All Members

Our club enforces a no dog attack policy.

Whereby means if your dog has attacked another dog or human you will be asked to purchase from the clubhouse (or elsewhere) a muzzle to use whilst on SSDTC grounds during training sessions.

Please understand that the enforcing of this policy is for the safety of our trainers, members and their dogs

Removal of the muzzle at a future date to be decided by senior instructor(s) assessment on the aggressive dog..

Thank you for your understanding.



President's Report

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held in October. The date will be available for members on the website, in the WAG and at the vetting table.



Also, the election by the instructors of the chief instructor will occur in October so that the successful candidate can be ratified by members at the AGM.

Upgrade of the Clubhouse

The committee has decided that the interior of the clubhouse needs to be reorganised. Besides a number of storage cabinets which are no longer in use, there are many club trophies some of which date back to 1972 when the club commenced. Hence the committee is seeking interest from any club member who would like to quote on the construction of a large trophy cabinet with glass doors to display the trophies and keep them dust free.

Trial Trophies

All of the perpetual trophies for 2019 have been engraved.

Grading from Class 1 to Class 2

Sean with "Phoenix", Lynette with 'Dixie", Deanne with "Daisy", Lauren with "Millie", Catherine with "Rambo", Hanna with "Darcy", Jessica with "Harley", Karen with "Maggie", Jean with "Lucy", Renee with "Bane", Wade with "Dylan, Paul with"Lily".

Pam Hazelton, President

Nose to Tail

The club has available to purchase copies of Louise Harding's newly published book Nose to Tail. They are \$17.50 and available at the clubhouse.

A guide to what's inside ...
A Holistic Guide to Training Your Dream Dog
Do you dream of owning a loving, obedient, well-mannered dog?
Do you find yourself overwhelmed by your dog's bad behaviour?

Do you want to train your dog and don't know where to start?



SSTDC 2019 Calendar.

Class Start/Stop Dates and Special events

First Day of Training	Sunday, 3rd February 2019
No Training	Sunday, 21st April 2019 (Easter Sunday)
No Training	Sunday, 19th May 2019 - SSDTC Obedience Trial
No Training	Sunday, 16th June 2019 - SSDTC Agility Trial
Last day of training	To Be Confirmed

General Club Events and Meeting Dates

Instructors Meeting	The First Sunday of every month after General Training
Committee Meeting	The Second Sunday of every month after General Training
Easter Party	Sunday, 14th April 2019 (to be confirmed)
Annual General Meeting	To be confirmed
Christmas Party	To be confirmed

Obedience/Rally-O Trials

May Trial Sunday, 19th May 2019

Agility Trials

June Trial Sunday, 16th June 2019

Tracking Trials

May Trial To be confirmed

Fly Ball Musters

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Note:

Daylight saving Times changes for (Australian Eastern Standard Times) 2019 are:

- · Stops Sunday, 7th April 2019 @ 2:00am (Clock are turned "Back" 1hr)
- · Starts Sunday, 6th October 2019 @ 2:00am (Clock are turned "Forward" 1hr)

Friendly Reminder

Don't forget to take your used poop bags with you after training.

"Please Do The Right Thing"





Welcome to our New Members



July 2019

Gonzalo Orp and Britt Rowles of BONNET BAY with Labradoodle Coco Melanie and Lewis Crisfulli of ENGADINE with Staffordshire Bull Terrier X Poppy Sharon Brooks and Ray Greenup of WOOLOOWARE with Miniature Schnauzer Gus Raoul and Angel Edmonds of LOFTUS with Alaskan Huskys Roxy, Panda & Diva Eric and Tracey Tam of JANNALI with Labrador Retriever Sprinkles Doug Leven of SUTHERLAND with German Shepherd Dog Rocky Aaron Gutteridge of JANNALI with Kelpie X German Shepard Jones Jennifer Scott of CARINGBAH with Golden Retriever Ellie Chandelle and Aaron French of OYSTER BAYwith Staffordshire Bull Terrier Finn Paul and Ainslie Spratt of GYMEA with Labradoodle Juzzy Amanda Wigley and Darren McKill of REVESBY with Amercian Staffordshire Diesel Kellie Dean and Christop Peterson of LOFTUS with Bernese Mountain Dog Jemma Bear David and Jodie Levitski of GYMEA with Labradoodle Baxter Graeme and Melissa Martin of LOFTUS with Great Dane X George David Scott of GRAYS POINT with German Spitz Luxe Akayla Solano of CARINGBAH SOUTH with Staffordshire Bull Terrier X Koda Denese and Olivia William of OYSTER BAY with Australian Kelpie Sassy Annette and Danial MacFarland of HEATHCOTE with French Bulldog Pepper Steve and Braxton Monaghan of LILLI PILLI with BoxerMille Alysse Brownlow of WORONORA with Staffordshire Bull Terrier Baxter Joanne and David Hill of GYMEA with Groodle Callie Peter and Rebecca Ryan of WORONORA with Miniature Schnauzer Trixii Molly O'Halloran and Ben Georgesden of ALEXANDRIA with Australian Kelpie Henry Gregory Gannon and Rachel Flint of LOFTUS with Australian Cattle Dog Shaderack Richard and Orawan Rook of SOUTH HURSTVILLE with Blue Heeler (Australian Cattle Dog) Lisa & Staffordshire Bull Terrier Kayla Jenna Oddie and Edward Ottallaran of BANGOR with Labrador Retriever Stevie G Lorraine Gil and Steve Pascoe of YARRAWARRAH with Long Haired Weimaraner Lexi Larissa Chick and Stephen Andrews of CRONULLA with French Bulldog Pixie Daniel Smith of HELENSBURGH with German Shepherd Dog Marshall Emma Bullen of ENGADINE with Cavoodle Twiglet Ryan Hendry of BLAKEHURST with Scotch Collie Shadow Jemima Neaves-Morrissey of ENGADINE with Australian Shepherd Alfie

CLICKER TRAINING AT S.S.D.T.C.





Clicker Training is a fun and effective training method based on positive reinforcement which has been around for many years and is used in puppy school and worldwide.

The clicker (as shown on left) is a simple plastic box that you click when the dog has done what you have asked, followed by a reward of food or use of a special toy, whatever the dog responds to best.

Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club has a Clicker Class that runs on Sunday morning. It's all about positive training and you can join this class at any time. However, it's always better that your dog has done some training so they understand basic commands.

As your dog learns and progresses your dog will start to understand that every time they do the right action, you will click and they will be rewarded. This is how dogs learn and even older dogs can learn using this method.

At Clicker Class we aim to make training enjoyable, fun and rewarding in a positive way for you and your dog. Happy training means a happy dog, happy dog means a happy trainer.



We hold two classes every Sunday, Beginners and Advanced, and we welcome all members of the club to join one of our classes. Our instructors are:

- Lorraine Jones: Obedience & Clicker Instructor
- Julie Burness: Obedience & Clicker Instructor

The use of clickers is another way to train your dog and are used in a lot of activities in the club. It's an extension of the clubs' training system and has also helped many dogs with minor problems.

We hope to see you at a Clicker Class soon!





Note: When grading from classes you cannot use food or clickers. Clickers can be bought from the Club House, cost \$5.







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Interclub Obedience Challenge

Well done to our obedience trialling team who competed in the 25th Annual Interclub Obedience Challenge which was hosted by Hills District Kennel & Training Club at Castle Hill on Saturday 27th July 2019. Always such a fun day out!

The Sutherland Shire Dog Training club team consisted of 6 dogs, plus one steward:

CCD—Barbara Horton & Jessica

CD—Greg Dalley & Tobin

CDX—Carol Wallace & Missy and Roz Manning & Pluto

UD—Leslie Rowling & Dannie

Rally Novice—Heather McMillan & Sam

Team Steward—Shanelle Corben

Unfortunately due to injury Lesley and Dannie were unable to compete, we wish Dannie a speedy recovery as he rests after his cruciate leg surgery.

Also in attendance from SSDTC was Jan Taylor & Bentley who represented the Bearded Collie Club

Congratulations to Barbara who placed 1st in CCD, and Greg who placed 2nd in CD

Sutherland climbed up a few spots this year, placing 7th in a field of 21 teams

Awesome Results, well done team!!.









The 25th Inter-Club Challenge Proudly Hosted By Hills District Kennel & Training Club

Place	Team	Club	Team Score
1	NOVA STARS	HILLS DOG CLUB	10
2	NORTHERN LIGHTS	NORTHERN SUBURBS DTC	29
3	ZULU WARRIORS	HILLS DOG CLUB	46
4	HOLY BITCHES	BLACKTOWN KENNEL & TRAINING CLUB	51
5	BANJO STRINGS	HILLS DOG CLUB	52
6	NEWY TAILS	NEWCASTLE ALL BREEDS DTC	58
7	SHIRE CHICKS	SUTHERLAND SHIRE DTC	59
8	YOU HAD ME AT WOOF	BLACKTOWN KENNEL & TRAINING CLUB	60
8	NORTHERN STARS	NORTHERN SUBURBS DTC	60
10	GOLD RUSH	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB	61
10	GOLD FEVER	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB	61
12	THE CRATE ESCAPE	BLACKTOWN KENNEL & TRAINING CLUB	64
13	IMPISH ELVES	HILLS DOG CLUB	70
13	EASTS RED	EASTERN SUBURBS DOG TRAINING CLUB	70
15	NEWY PAWS	NEWCASTLE ALL BREEDS DTC	75
16	METRO MÁGIC	METROPOLITAN MID-WEEK DTC	76
17	EASTS BLUE	EASTERN SUBURBS DOG TRÄINING CLUB	83
17	QUINN & FIVE OF A KIND	HILLS DOG CLUB	83
18	BEARDED COLLIE CLUB	BEARDED COLLIE CLUB OF NSW	92
20	PENRITH	PENRITH KENNEL & OBEDIENCE CLUB	95
21	MACARTHUR MARAUDERS	MACARTHUR DOG TRAINING CLUB	115





Farewell Judge John

Once a month on a Sunday morning Rain, hail or shine, Judge John Spiteri made the trek from his hometown in Penrith to come to Sutherland to put those in Class 4 through their paces for ring practice. This was either in preparation for those who were trialling, or for those wanting to attain their Club Medal and Club Medal Excellent.

Due to John's ongoing judging and also family commitments he unfortunately has had to step down from helping us with this.

Over the last 2 years Judge Sandra Gluck has also been helping SSDTC on alternate months, and she will continue with this, along with newcomer Judge Nicole Hansbro. So as we farewell John, we welcome Nicole with wide open arms.

John we'll certainly miss your smiling face, and always positive helpful advice. Your support, encouragement and guidance over the last 4 years is something money just cannot buy. We wish you well in your future judging career and no doubt this is not goodbye, its see you soon for those of us who are fortunate enough to cross your path in the obedience trialling circuit.







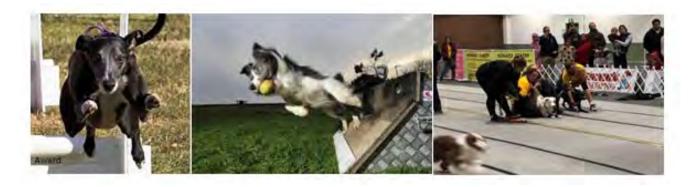
Sydneysiders Southerly Change Flyball Competition

The Sydneysiders Flyball Club will be hosting a Flyball Competition at the grounds of Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club on Sunday 18th August. Teams from all over NSW will be competing. If you haven't seen this fast-paced dog sport before, this is your chance.

What is Flyball?

Flyball racing is a relay race between two teams. Each team has four dogs racing in a heat, with up to two reserve dogs. There can be 3 or 5 heats to a race.

There are two racing lanes set up with as little as a 10-foot space between each lane. In the center of the racing lanes there is a set of drag racing lights to count down for the start of each heat. When the last light turns green the dogs are off and racing (they mustn't cross the start/finish line until the light is green otherwise, they receive a foul).



They run as fast as they can for the first 51 feet of the course, jump four hurdles one by one spaced 10 feet apart then 15 feet from the last hurdle is a flyball box with a tennis ball in it. The dogs leap onto the box to do a swimmer's turn and at the same time the box releases the ball which the dog must catch on the run. The dog then races as fast as they can back over the 4 hurdles to its handler. As soon as the first dog crosses the start/finish line with its nose the next dog is off and racing.

The first team to have all four of their racing dogs complete their runs cleanly wins the heat.

Any dog can do Flyball. It can vary significantly on how long it takes to train your dog to be ready for its first competition based on the dog's previous training and breed.







Agility Round-Up



Central Coast (Kincumber) - Sunday 30th June 2019

Patricia Cooper with Skye entered the Kincumber trial and Patricia reports: Masters Jumping was unachievable for the fast dogs - 6 jumps in a straight line which the dogs saw when rounding a bend – problem was the last jump they had to take from the back. Easy for the slower dogs where the handler was up with them but impossible for the dogs where the handler was 3 jumps behind. Not even Sarah (Sarah is from Hawkesbury Dog Agiliy Club and an awesome handler) could do it!

Masters agility had a horror start with the spread, tyre & weaves – Skye knocked the spread as did about 60% of the dogs. It wasn't a straight line and I was focussed on trying to push her path from the tyre into the weave entry. My fault – I should have looked back at the start to make sure she saw the spread. But the good news is we got a qualification & 3rd place in Open Jumping with a really nice run. All good fun!

From Nga Bustamante

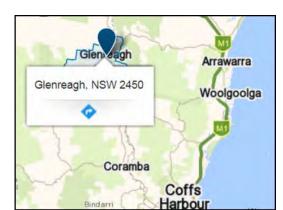
After the Sutherland trial, Pepe was limping on his left hind leg so I had cancelled all trials after that like Central Coast and Hawkesbury Dog Agility Club.

We only went to Glenreagh (Coffs Harbour trial) on the weekend of 20st & 21st July.

This is my first time in Glenreagh; the location is very beautiful, people are so friendly and the food sold by the catering van was the best I ever had.

On Saturday, Pepe gained a Qualification in Open Agility, two clear rounds Master Jumping but Overtime.

On Sunday, he achieved Qualifications in all three events entered: Master Agility, Open Agility and Open Jumping.



Agility Dog Club - Saturday, 13th July 2019

Robyn Israel's Logan gained a Pass in Master Agility which resulted in him achieving him his ADM2 Title. Young Archer came second in Novice Jumping as a Non-Qualifier (one fault) Sandra Walker's Kip blitzed the Novice Jumping course with an extra-ordinary fast run and first place.

Aussie Shepherd Dog Club - Sunday, 14th July, 2019

Another cold start to the day – minus 1 as we headed out to Orchard Hills - at least there was no ice on the ring ropes like last year. When it is a "Breed" Trial only dogs of that Breed or Class – in this instance Class 5 (Working Dogs) can enter. Sandra Walker, Carol Wallace and I were the only Sutherland people to attend.

The judge was Mr List from New Zealand. His courses were magic. It was so refreshing to have flowing sequences and subtle challenges that tested your skills.

Carol's Missy came first in the 400 height category in both events entered – Excellent Jumping and Agility – with just the one fault in each. Really lovely performances.

My Bentley was disqualified in Excellent Agility, which was my fault as I sent him over a jump instead of A-Frame; 3 faults in Open Agility (mostly bars); 1 fault in Open Jumping and Clear round in Excellent Jumping but over time by 4 seconds. However I found out a few days later that he actually came first in the last event due to him being the only dog with a Clear round. Overall, I was pleased with his runs, just wish he would stop arguing with me as it wastes too much time.





Kip, Sandra Walker's young kelpie did not gain any passes but did a sizzling run in Novice Jumping. Sandra made an error in the early part of the course, but Kip re-grouped and did the last 8 obstacles, which included a tunnel, by herself with Sandra bringing up the rear. Absolutely stunning! Expecting big things from this young lady in the future.







New addition to the Agility family.....

Robyn Goodhew has new addition to her family..... Cattle Dog pup named Kasie. After the passing of 11 year old Kelpie, Kellie her other Kelpie, Josie was moping around the house, so the family decided it was time for the patter of little paws and decided to go back to their first love.... Cattle Dogs. Kasie has fitting in nicely and Josie just loves her new play-mate. So watch out for Miss Kasie at training in a couple of months after she has had all of her shots.





Beginner Agility Intake....

The next Beginner Agility Class will commence in September. Classes will be held on a Wednesday evening. If you are interested in learning and possibly competing in Agility then please leave your name and contact (phone/email) details with the ladies in the Office. For safety reasons, your dog will be assessed to ensure suitability.







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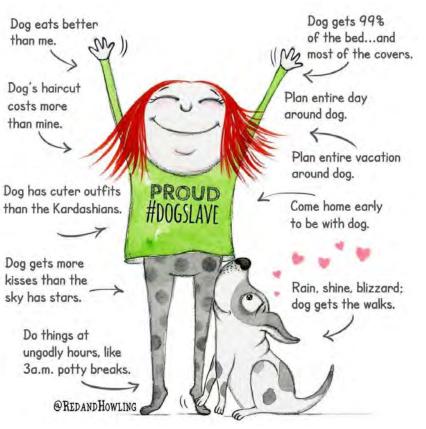
Dogs don't speak our language and can be overwhelmed by too much verbal information. The more you can utilize environmental consequences to show your dog which behaviors work and which don't, the faster he will learn.

If for example he tends to bolt out the door, do not open the door while pulling on his leash and telling him "No! Sit! Stay! Leave it!"

Instead, simply close the door if your dog rushes towards it and open it when he backs off. It will be much clearer to him what he has to do in order to get what he wants (go outside) and how he can affect the world around him!

SPIRITDOG Training





Car travel tips for dogs with anxiety

Many dogs and cats can get motion sickness like us humans, but there are also many dogs with anxiety when it comes to travelling. To help, here are my top tips tips for helping dogs with anxiety when they travel in the car.

Before we get into it though, remember that it is illegal to drive with a pet is on your lap or if it is deemed to be a distraction, so always ensure your pet is restrained in the back seat with a harness.

Is it motion sickness or anxiety?

If your dog or cat is prone to getting sick during car travel, then just give them a light meal before the trip, but plenty of water.

Stop every couple of hours for exercise and toilet and make sure the car is well ventilated or the window is down.

If your pet has motion sickness you might notice them looking listless or uneasy, licking their lips or drooling, or it can even develop into vomiting or diarrhoea. However, these signs and others such as shaking or whining might also indicate they have anxiety.

Create a positive association with car travel for dogs with anxiety

If your dog is still a puppy or hasn't done a lot of car travel, it's important to create a positive association by taking slow, short and frequent trips in the car to fun places, gradually increasing the length of the rides and rewarding calm behaviour with treats or praise.

If your adult dog is stressed or anxious about car travel, then it is important to go back to the basics and re-introduce them to car travel in very small steps, to help overcome the negative associations. This is called desensitisation.

Step 1

You might even need to go as far back as just having them sit in the car whilst it is stationary, leaving the door open and giving them treats and praise without moving. Do this for as long as needed until they start to feel comfortable.

Step 2

Gradually step by step take them a little further. For example, simply start the car and leave the engine running with the door open, or sitting in there with them, and give them a toy or treat to help distract them and help keep them calm. It is important to reinforce the calm behaviour and not inadvertently encourage their anxiety by mistake.

Step 3

Once they are used to the car vibrations and movement and are acting calm, your aim is slowly get them used to going further distances. Stop frequently, make it fun and rewarding and build on this over time to change their association with car travel.

Other tips to help dogs with anxiety in the cars

It may also help to give your dog a special toy they really love, and save it just for car trips, or their favourite blanket to help create that positive association with car travel.

A pheromone calming spray such as Adaptil for dogs (or Feliway for cats) may also help keep them calm during car travel. The spray releases pheromones that mimic the chemical that a dog naturally produces, like a mother dog does to her puppies, to provide a signal of security and comfort.

Spray it in the car or on your dog's car blanket 15 minutes before you leave to help reduce symptoms like panting, trembling or restlessness. Re-spray every 4 hours and never spray directly on your dog.

It takes time and patience, but it is really important you don't force dogs with anxiety into car travel or go too far too quickly as this will simply reinforce the fear.







Source: Pooches at Play

Obedience Tails (July 2019)

Danielle Monti & Zara

Illawarra Double Obedience Trial—Sunday 7th July 2019
AM Trial: CCD Obedience - 1st place with 98 points
PM Trial: CCD Obedience - 1st place with 98 points

98 points in both trials!!! Danielle & Zara also achieved their CCD title on the day, huge congrats.





Greg Dalley & Tobin

Western Suburbs Obedience & Rally O Trial—Sunday 28th July 2019 2nd Place Rally Advanced A

Linda Bebington & Banjo

Western Suburbs Obedience & Rally O Trial—Sunday 28th July 2019
3rd Place Rally Advanced B 97/100 & 3rd Place Rally Excellent B with 88/100

Linda Bebington & Clancy

Western Suburbs Obedience & Rally O Trial—Sunday 28th July 2019 Qualification 95/100 in Advanced B

Megan Dortkamp & Chivas

21/7/19 am Albury & Border KC Rally Adv (a) 98 pts. 1st place 21/7/19 pm Albury & Border KC Rally Adv (a) 97 pts. 1st place. 28/7/19 Western Subs DTC Rally Adv(a) 86pts. 3rd place

Megan Dortkamp & Ash

8/6/19 Sapphire Coast Rally Adv (a) 98 pts, 1st place 8/6/19 Sapphire Coast Rally Adv (a) 97 pts 13/7/19 Queanbeyan & Dist. KC Rally Adv (a) 93 pts. 2nd place 21/7/19 Albury & Border KC Rally Adv (a) 90 pts 28/7/19 Western Subs DTC Rally Adv (b) 97 pts



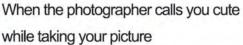
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Grading Awards July 2019

Class 1 to 2





Jessica & Harley



Karen & Maggie; Jean & Lucy; Renee & Bane; Wade & Dylan



Paul & Lily

Class 2 to 3



Margret & Max , Joy & Callie Gay & Elly Phillip & Charlie



Instructors Elwyn & Bonnie

Class 3 to 4



Sandra and Obie, Amanda and Jonty, Carole and Pip, Catherine and Ned

Club Medal



Dagmar & Kaizen

Grading Fundamentals



Revised October 2016

Kindergarten /club Introduction < (Grading takes place each week at end of class)

Handlers are introduced to the club, informed on basic dog to handler communication and shown basic commands. Handlers and their dog are in this class for one week only.

Class 1 to 2 <— {Grading takes place every Sunday at end of class}

Handlers are allowed to encourage their dogs verbally and repeat commands. Checking a dog is not penalised. {Clicker & food rewards (luring) are permitted!}

Core Elements —> Handler is to demonstrate a level of communication between them and their dog is being established. Handler may touch, encourage and direct the dog during all heeling patterns

Heeling:-With a loose lead. (as much as possible) execution of left and right turns, sits and basic handling.

Handling: Handler is to demonstrate a knowledge/ability to communicate commands to the dog

Class 2 to 3 <-- (Grading takes place 2nd Sunday of each Month)

Handlers are allowed to encourage their dogs verbally, but only occasionally repeat commands. Checking a dog is penalised, consistent checking of the dog will result in a failure. {No clicker, food rewards (luring) is permitted!}

Core Elements -> Loose Lead (Leash) all paces, Sit stay and drop (or down) stays Handler beside dog

Heeling: at all paces with a <u>loose lead.</u> Sits and stands using signal and voice only. Downs <u>without force</u> although the dog

may be 'guided' down by the check chain.

Stays: (A) Sit, <u>handler beside the dog</u> for 1 minute.

(B) Down, handler beside the dog for 1 minute.

Handling: based on the handlers ability to communicate commands.

Class 3 to 4<— {Grading takes place 3rd Sunday of each Month}

Handlers are allowed to encourage their dogs verbally but only <u>issue one command</u>. Handling the dog or the use of check chain will earn a penalty. Consistent checking must be failed. {No clicker, food rewards (luring) permitted!}

Core Elements —> Loose Lead (Leash) all paces, Automatic sit, Stand for examination, Sit stay and drop (or down) stays Handler in front of dog {1.5 m minimum}

Heeling: at all paces with a loose lead. Sits to be automatic. Stands and Downs using signal and voice only. Handler is not to touch or guide the dog into any directed position.

Stand For Examination: with <u>dog beside handler</u>. (Dogs' paws are not to move during examination)

Stays: (A) Sit, handler in front of dog for 1 minute.

(B) Down, handler in front of dog for 2 minutes.

Handling: based on the handlers ability to communicate commands.

Class 4 to Club Medal <— {Grading takes place 4th Sunday of each Month or as required}

Three qualifying passes to Dogs NSW trial standard —- > Community Companion Dog (CCD) Standard

Handlers should not encourage their dog verbally, and only issue one command. Handling the dog or the use of a check chain earn a penalty (repeated checking will be failed). {No clicker, food rewards (luring) permitted!}

Core Elements are —> Loose Lead (Leash) all paces, Automatic sit, Stand for examination, Recall, Sit stay and drop (or down) stay's Handler in of front dog {2.0 m minimum}

Heeling: at all paces to an advanced standard (Automatic sits, stands and downs signal and voice only).

Stand for Examination: As in a CCD Trial with the handler in front of the dog to the length of the leash.

Recall: 4 metres off lead, handler returns to dog or Dog to be finished as requested by grader (NOTE if the dog moves

as the handler returns a failure will result).

Stays: (A) Sit, handler in front of dog for 1 minute.

(B) Down, handler in front of dog for 3 minutes.

Handling: based on the handlers ability to communicate commands.

Club Medal Excellent < -- {Grading takes place 4th Sunday of each Month or as required}

Three qualifying passes to Dogs NSW trial standard —- >Novice (CD) Standard

Rescue Dog of the Month

This month's Rescue Dog of the Month comes to you from Sutherland Shire Council Animal Shelter (located at Taren Point). If you adopt Phoenix from them then your membership fee for the year and training is absolutely free.

"PHOENIX"

Sex: Male

Breed: Medium unknown cross breed

Age: 4 years approximately

Ref: 9712

Rehoming Numbers:

SSC & COS: R251000199 & R251000200

Phoenix has been at the shelter since 09/07/2019.

Phoenix thinks "good boy" should be a lifestyle, not just a compliment! If full body wiggling and over the top cuteness were a sport, then Phoenix would be at the top of his game and an absolute champion.

This dog....my goodness he is a sweet heart! Phoenix just wants to love and lick you, and then love you a whole lot more. This hunky muscle man has ended up as a shelter pet through no fault of his own, and is now looking for a family to give him a new start in his young life.

With a bit of training already under his collar, Phoenix has shown himself to be a fast

learner, fine with other dogs and a great hound for all manner of people. This cutie won't last long at the shelter, and with a personality as awesome as his looks, all of us are utterly in love!

It is a life of fun and adventure with a loyal best mate to lick that Phoenix is dreaming of. Phoenix is young and energetic with worlds most fun play mate written all over him, so an active family dedicated to his physical and mental exercise each day is a must so Phoenix can live his best life. With a smile that melts and a happiness that is like sunshine, the new family of Phoenix will have a ball entertaining this adorable boof head.

Delightful, adorable, cuddly, cheeky and incredibly fun are just a few ways to describe our beautiful Phoenix....if you make him yours he will spend his life loving you, and always be that hunky beast that is loyally by your side.

The adoption fee for Phoenix is \$280.00. This includes microchip, lifetime registration, de-sexing, vaccination and vet check, worm and flea treated and a collar and Council tag.

To enquire about Phoenix please contact the Sutherland Shire Council Animal Shelter which is located at 8 Production Road, Taren Point, Telephone (02) 9710 0401.



A REMINDER TO EVERYONE

Vetting starts 15-20 minutes BEFORE Classes

The vetting tables close 5 minutes before classes start.

Please BE ON TIME and IF POSSIBLE have the CORRECT GROUND FEE as a courtesy to your fellow club members.





FEES & COMMODITIES

Sunday in April of each year)

Single/student/pensioner\$10.00

Dual\$15.00

Weekly Ground Fee \$3.00

MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE

LEADS (Leash) \$6.00 TO \$10.00
10M (33') LEADS \$20.00
Training collars \$20.00
DUMBELLS\$5.00 (Approx.)
METAL BADGE\$1.50
INSTRUCTION MANUAL\$8.00
CLOTH BADGE\$5.50
LIBRARY BOOKS, Videos, etc \$20.00 (REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT)
Club Cap\$14.00

Adult's Polo Shirt-----\$40.00

Adult's Polar Fleece Jumper-----\$45.00
Adult's Polar Fleece Vest------\$34.00
Adult's Tracksuit Jacket------\$47.00
Adult's Tracksuit Pants------\$30.00
Tea & Coffee ------\$1.00
Soft Drinks ------\$1.00

TRAINING AND CLASS TIMES

Dogs accepted from 4 months old. All dogs must be fully vaccinated with C5 vaccination which includes Kennel Cough.

Certification required on commencement of membership and updated annually.

SUNDAY MORNING

Kindergarten	8:30 to 9:30 am
(During Daylight Saving 8:00 to 9:00 ar	m)
Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	8:30 to 9:30 am
(During Daylight Saving 8:00 to 9:00 ar	m)
Demonstration Team	7:30 to 8:15 am
(During Daylight Saving 7:00 to 7:45 ar	m)

MONDAY NIGHT

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Agility Training (Beginners & Intermediate/Triallers)7:15 to 9:30 pm

Demonstration Team (Enquire at Clubhouse Sunday morning) 7:30 to 8:30 pm

All Correspondence to: The Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club

PO Box 231 Sutherland NSW 1499

Telephone: (02) 9521 1633 (Clubhouse, during training hours)

GROUND RULES

- Members must be in class by the time specified. Instructors have the right to refuse entry to the class if you are late.
- All dogs must be vetted by the class instructor or appointed vetting officer before commencement of training. No dogs will be allowed onto the field before being vetted.
- 3. Members without membership cards may be refused admittance to class.
- 4. All dogs must be immunised against Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus and Para influenza and Kennel Cough. Current inoculation certificates must be produced when renewing membership.
- 5. No bitch in season will be allowed to attend training.

- 6. All dogs must be kept on a leash at all times unless under the supervision of an instructor.
- 7. The handlers of dogs which foul the grounds must immediately clean up with the equipment provided.
- 8. Classes using the Club jumps and/or agility equipment will be responsible for returning the equipment to the equipment room after use.
- Members shall at all times behave courteously to other members and officials of the Club.
- Any disputes should be referred to the Chief Instructor at the time of the dispute.

[&]quot;We would like to acknowledge the Dharawal people, who are the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we meet, and also pay our respects to all Aboriginal people, Elders past and present of the Dharawal Nation."