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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





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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.

### **Editors Note:**

# Just a couple of things from me this month:

- The SDDTC AGM is being held on Sunday 13th October at 9.30am. All members are welcome to attend.
- The next Beginner Agility Course will commence on 2nd October. Please see ladies at the office on Sunday mornings to put your name down.
- After many years Jan Taylor will be resigning as Club Secretary at next AGM due to family reasons. This position will be vacant and therefore needs to be filled. Is there anyone interested in taking on the position as Club Secretary?

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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

### Ladies Athletics Event

The class 1 locations may need to be changed on 15 September following information received by Jan Taylor from the council that a special workshop / field day will be held on that Sunday. Last year the club was informed about

a similar event, but the commencing time was not correct. The club is trying to ascertain the actual starting time of this event from Little Athletics.

### Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held at the clubhouse on 13 October at 9.30am. Jan Taylor who has been the club secretary for many years is retiring from that position. Any club member who is also a member of DOGSNSW can nominate for this important position which requires liaison with DOGSNSW and Sutherland Shire Council and attendance at Club Committee meetings the second Sunday of the Month.

### **Flyball Competition**

The club hosted a Flyball competition on Sunday 18. This required a change in location for some classes. Thanks to Ros and the instructors there was minimal disruption to Sunday training. Also, many of the club members remained after training to look at the dogs who have a fun time competing in this event.

### Grading from Class 1 to Class 2

Congratulations to: Des with "Elke", Lisa with "Toffee", Alysse with "Baxter", Maria with "Maya", Jacinda with "Kasey", Emily with "Jackson", Tracey with "Teddy" Ryan with "Shadow" and David with "Luxe".

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**

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### **Agility Trials**

June Trial	Sunday, 16th June 2019

### **Tracking Trials**

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### Fly Ball Musters

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To be confirmed

### Note:

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

To be confirmed

· 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

### August 2019

Johanna and Lauren Power of OYSTER BAY with Rottweiler Axel Katherine Scott and Omar Restrepo of SANS SOUCI with Maltese Pomeranian X Marvin Mishayla Jarrett of KIRRAWEE with German Shepherd Dog X Gunner Lara Fraser of BONNET BAY with Pomeranian Lola Alex and Peter Warren of OYSTER BAY with Australian Bulldog (Aussie) Bron Faye and Lara Hillier of SUTHERLAND with Australian Cattle Dog Freddie Michelle and David Lucas of BARDEN RIDGE with Golden Retriever Sunday Phylliss and Allan O'Donnell of WOOLOOWARE with Kelpie Staffy Cross Ivy Isabella Day of CARINGBAH with Cavoodle Nobi Joe Butera of SYLVANIA with Weimaraner Pluto Elizabeth Coburn of SANS SOUCI with Cavoodle Luna Rhys and Belinda Poole of YARRAWARRAH with Border Collie Hunter Alana and Sam Tropiano of KAREELA with Labrador Retriever Mavis Katie Digiorgio of GYMEA with Staffordshire Bull Terrier X Luna John Digiorgio of GYMEA with Bulldog Leo Jenny Bridge of MIRANDA with Chihuahua Spencer Valma Creasey of CARINGBAH SOUTH with Shetland Sheepdog Darby Viti Takayawa of HEATHCOTE with Jack Russell Terrier Grace Mae Rebecca Whalan of MIRANDA with German Shepherd Dog Thor Sharon Olde and David Lewis of COMO with Dingo X Labradors Bonnie and Clyde Jane and Mark Jones of MENAI with Cavalier King Charles Archie David and Shelley Williams of CARINGBAH with Australian Kelpie Tash and Border Collie Boris Alice and Patrick Falson of WOOLOOWARE with German Shepherd Dog Honey Leanne and Kurtis Owers of BANGOR with Spoodle Baxter Isabella Clark of COMO with Alaskan Malamute Koa







# 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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## Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club Inc Agility Round-Up



BEGINNER AGILITY: We will be starting a new course in Beginner Agility on Wednesday night 2nd October. The course will run till the end of the year. If you think you and your dog have what it takes to be a future Agilite, then put your name down with the ladies in the Office. Your dog will be assessed for suitability: must have an excellent Recall and be non-aggressive to other dogs and people. Dogs also need to be over 12 months of age.

Manly Dog Training Club – Saturday 3rd August.

Normally Manly's trial is held on their grounds at Frenchs Forest, but this year they moved the trial to Dogs NSW grounds at Orchard Hills. Dense fog made travelling a bit precarious, but as the day progresed we were blessed with a beautiful day for trialling. Because of time constraints I decided to do the morning session only, which included Novice Snooker. Bentley only needed one more pass for his title and when I saw the course set up by Judge Jenny Taylor I thought my prayers were answered. If he stuffed this simple course up then it is time for us to quite Agility.... Needless to say, that was our last Agility Trial!



Ben accumulated more than enough points in the Snooker component, but he brought down the jump at the start of the closing sequence...seriously! So deflating. Only positive thing to come out of the day for me was winning a prize in the Raffle –'Snuffle Mat'. How cool are they; Barbara Horton made me one for Wilson and both he and Bentley love sniffing through the material strands for food.

Other people from Sutherland attended this trial, such as Rach with Border Collie Maple (pictured above) and Susie with toy Poodle Aurora. From what I could see they did some superb runs just a shame I did not receive their results to include in the Wag.

# Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club – Sunday, 4th August.

It has been some years since this trial was held in conjunction with the Heritage Markets. Such a shame as we used to have a lovely time investigating the many Stalls in between runs and sampling the delicious food on offer. However, for a couple of hours in the morning there was a vintage car rally. Only problem was the fumes being emitted as the 'rev-heads' were showing off their pride and joy.





It was a cold windy day and if you ~`

could protect yourself from the icy breeze, the sun was quite pleasant. Pam Lyons came down from the Central Coast and joined us for the day. It was lovely catching up with her and her boisterous pups (Spring and Schtepp).

For Nga Bustamate it was a case of two passes from three events entered. Pepe gained them in Open Jumping and Open Agility. He achieved a clear round in Master Jumping but was overtime.

Barbara Horton's Jessica was focused for her run in Novice Agility (did not wonder off with the fairies half way through the course). Just such a shame she stuffed up the weavers and was a Non-Qualifier Third Place. Jessica found the 'fairies' in Novice Jumping and decided to change the course to her own design in Open

Agility, but her last run of the day, Open Jumping, was a much better result; she was fully focused however made two simple mistakes.



Carol Wallace was so pleased with Missy's run in Excellent Agility. Thought she had a Pass but did not realise Missy brought a bar down mid-way through. She also had a lovely run in Excellent Jumping. My Bentley was off the planet in Open Agility. He is 7 years old and still thinks that 'Contacts' are spring-boards to fly off. I thought I would receive a warning letter from Dogs NSW for dog cruelty; I had run out of food treats to keep Ben's attention off dogs ahead of us in the Excellent Agility ring. It is amazing how strong a 25 kg dog can be, so to save myself from being pulled over and dragged at the end of a leash, I resorted to putting him in a 'head-lock' – not one of my proudest moments at a dog trial..... Redeemed himself in Open Jumping with a clear round, but over time due to arguing with me



Our Agilites have been on the road to some country trials and they have provided us with their excellent results.

### Port Macquarie – 11th&12th August

Nga Bustamante: I entered Pepe 3 events for each day: On Saturday, he got 3 Qualifications out of 3 runs :



2 in Master Agility and one in Master Jumping.On Sunday, he gained qualifications in Open Agility and Master Strategic Pairs. in Master Gambler, he got the gamble but did not have enough points.

Susie Gale also entered Port's trial with Aurora gaining a qualification and 5th place overall heights in Gamblers and Susie's youngest, Veronika was awarded the Judges "Encouragement Award".

### Newcastle – 17th& 18th August

Susie's Aurora gained a Pass in 1st Place in 300 height for Master Agility and Veronika was a Non-Qualifier 3rd in Novice Jumping.





# "Space Needed" Jackets

You may have seen some posts recently on our Facebook page regarding dogs wearing yellow "Space Needed" jackets or vests. You will be pleased to know that we now have these in stock to sell to you. They come in a variety of sizes and are \$20 each for club members. See the ladies at the clubhouse on Sunday mornings if you require one of these for your dog..



# "I DON'T WANT TO USE TREATS."

(A SHORT STORY)

PENNY WENT TO AN INTERVIEW FOR A POSITION SHE WAS HIGHLY QUALIFIED FOR. THE INTERVIEWER WAS KIND, TOLD HER HOW MUCH HE LOVED HER ENTHUSIASM, AND SAID HE COULDN'T HAVE DREAMED OF A BETTER CANDIDATE TO FILL THE POSITION! ECSTATIC, PENNY ASKED, "GREAT! WHAT IS THE PAY AND WHEN CAN I START?" "OH. WELL HERE, WE ACTUALLY DON'T PAY ANYTHING. WE EXPECT OUR EMPLOYEES TO DO

THINGS BECAUSE WE SAY SO AND BECAUSE THEY LOVE US," THE INTERVIEWER REPLIED. SO, PENNY THANKED HIM FOR HIS TIME, WALKED OUTSIDE, AND DECIDED TO GO SNIFF SOME FLOWERS, DIG A

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HOLE IN HER YARD, AND BARK AT THE NEIGHBORS.



DON'T BE LIKE PENNY'S INTERVIEWER.

EARN ABOUT REINFORCEMENT SCHEDULES.

# Dogs in the Park - Cronulla

Hi from Dogs in the Park 2019, run at Cronulla on 25th August

We showed up at 6.45 as instructed to only hang around waiting for 1 &1/2 hours for the organisers to work out where we were going to set up. Apparently the map we had been sent was not to scale and they weren't sure if there was going to be enough room for the ring.

When we were finally allocated space, we set up the Flyball and Agility ring and muscled a few exhibitors out of the way. Funny how people are quick to move when the threat of a 40kg dog hurtling towards their displays at 40kmph is demonstrated.

There was actually no time slot allocated for an agility demo, so we overtook one of the Flyball timeslots. As there was only four dogs there that do agility, it wasn't a problem. The dogs had a great time, the photos make my dog, Ripples, look like a weaving champion, something he is not, but it looks great. We had several enquiries about where to learn agility and Flyball, so may lead to some new members.

Thanks to Sandra Hindmarsh for the agility equipment and transportation of all of it. And to Sydneysiders Flyball Club for allowing us to overtake one of their slots. For those of you interested, it is worth getting the practice without the pressure of timers and rules.

Happy agility, Sue



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# **Training Tips**

## EXPECTATION DRIVES BEHAVIOR

What your dog expects to happen will determine how he behaves.

If every time that you or a visitor enters your house the dog immediately gets played with, loved on, talked to and taken out for a game of fetch or eating treats, he will greet everyone with (too much) enthusiasm.

If you always enter calmly and first put away your purse, wash your hands and check your mail, he will wait much calmer as he doesn't expect an immediate party and playtime.





# Dog Training Tip

Forced eye contact can be very unpleasant for dogs. Where they look (or don't look) is not just an expression of interest, but can also have specific body language meanings such as "I am uncomfortable" or "I am trying to deescalate the situation". Instead of asking a stressed dog for eye contact, you can try to engage him in play or bring distance between you and the stressor and see if he can pay attention to you better. Focus comes when the dog is happy and the work is fun - let lack of eye contact be a guide for you on what to improve so your dog will focus joyfully!

## Mudgee Double Obedience & Rally O Trial - 10 & 11 August 2019

Come to Mudgee they said, it'll be fun they said, you and your dog will love it they said!!! Torrential rain, sleet, howling winds, what perfect trialling weather with top temperature on the Sunday of just 4 degrees. It actually was an great weekend and I'm looking forward to doing it all again next year. It snowed so much they there was a chance that we would not have made it home after the Sunday's trial. Coming home the scenery was just spectacular with all the snow covered mountains, really pretty!!

### Megan Dortkamp & Chivas

Saturday—Rally Excellent A - Qualification 88 points Sunday—Rally Excellent A - 2nd place 98 points

Megan Dortkamp & Ash Saturday—Rally Excellent A - Qualification 91 points Sunday - Rally Excellent A - 3rd Place on 87 points

Lyn Walsh & Quanah Saturday - Rally Excellent A - Qualification 87points Sunday - Rally Excellent A - Qualification 84 points

Shanelle Corben & Kadie Saturday - Rally Excellent B 96 points 3rd Place / Rally Master 94 points 3rd Place Sunday - Rally Excellent B 1st place 100 points / Rally Master - Qualification 96 points



## Obedience Tails (August 2019) Shoalhaven Dog Training Club Double Rally Trial—Saturday 3rd August 2019

Roz Manning & Pluto AM Trial - Rally Excellent A 2nd place / PM Trial Rally Excellent A qualification

Greg Dalley & Tobin AM Trial—1st Place Rally Advanced A & gained their Rally Advanced Title!! –

Linda Bebington & Banjo AM Trial—Excellent B 2nd Place / Rally Master 3rd Place PM Trial - Excellent B 3rd Place

*Linda Bebington & Clancy* PM Trial—Excellent A 3rd place

*Lyn Walsh & Scout* PM Trial - Excellent A 4th place (just pipped on time by Linda with Clancy)

*Lyn Walsh* & *Quannah* PM Trial - Excellent A 1st Place

## Central Coast Dog Training Club Double Rally Trial Saturday 24th August 2019

Lyn Walsh & Quannah AM Trial - Excellent A 2nd Place and his Rally Excellent Title PM Trial - Excellent A 2nd Place

Lyn Walsh & Scout PM Trial - Excellent A - 3rd Place and her Rally Excellent title!







### Spring Fair Obedience & Rally O Trial Sunday 1st September 2019

Linda Bebington & Banjo Rally Excellent B - 2nd Place

Linda Bebington & Clancy Rally Excellent A - 2nd Place







# Just for Laughs





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## Grading Awards August 2019 Class 1 to 2





Des & Elke



Jacinda & Kasey; Lisa & Toffee; Alysse & Baxter; Maria & Maya



Emily & Jackson; Tracey & Teddy



Ryan & Shadow; David & Luxe

Class 2 to 3



Peter & Link



Mick & Frank; Marco & Mack





Laura & Alfred

# 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. <u>{Clicker & food rewards</u> (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, <u>handler beside the dog</u> 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 issue one command. 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 dog beside handler. (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). <u>{No clicker, food rewards (luring) permitted!}</u>

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 Amity from them then your membership fee for the year and training is absolutely free.

### "AMITY"

Sex: Female / Breed: American Staffordshire Terrier cross

Age: 12 months / Ref: 101797 Amity has been at the shelter since 13/03/2019. Rehoming Numbers for SSC and COS: R251000199 and R251000200

For over 5 long months this gorgeous girl has been waiting at the shelter for her people to come. How a dog as dazzling, cheeky and fun, loving and cuddly and all round awesome is still waiting is beyond us. Amity is the BEST and has all of the qualities that we love about our canine friends. She needs a family and home and to get busy living her best life and she needs them now. Amity has decided to make this week International Adopt Amity Week. It will be a week that is all about a beautiful dog in the search of love and her happily ever after. We have promised Amity that we've got this and will do everything we can to find her perfect match. We also told her that you will help her too. Let's make International Adopt Amity Week the week that changes our Amity girls life.

Dogs don't get much prettier than this sexy woman... introducing AMITY! What a dog this cheeky and adorably cute princess is. Aside from all of her obvious beauty, this



fun little busy bee is what great dogs are made of. Amity is all about love and cuddles and good times. She is a big sooky sweetheart who just wants to be with you so she can spread her contagious happy sunshine and make you smile. Amity is all about fun and adventures. She loves to play and bounce and be crazy and always has a ball of a time with you by her side. Very much a peoples pet, Amity loves to show off her silliness and all round beauty while that winning smile melts your heart. This crazy character is bursting out of her blue and white coat to please and love you, while her hilarious antics are forever entertaining.

Amity is looking to begin her pet life journey with a family that is tailor made for her. Being an active and energetic woman, Amity needs a family that she will very much be a part of. She looks forward to family fun filled adventures where she can experience the life that she spends her shelter days dreaming of. Daily exercise through walks and training to keep that active mind and body content are a must, as Amity is no coach potato. She is highly intelligent and loves to show off her smarts and skills when training. Amity is very much the performer with a high drive and will be a fun and fulfilling dog to continue training with. And just like all dogs, when she is not burning energy with her antics, she loves quality snuggle time with her people and will make a great chill out companion while she purs like a pampered princess in your arms. Amity, with her undeniable cuteness and love for everyone and everything, is a dog that will make your life complete. She will be the loyalist best friend and adventure buddy you have ever had, with endless licks of love and admiration so that you always know that your hearts are one. Amity is searching for her destiny, and is wiggling her bum and doing her happy dance in excitement for meeting you.

The adoption fee for Amity is \$270.00. This includes microchip, lifetime registration, de-sexing, vet check and vaccination, worm and flea treated and collar and Council tag.

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

# <u>A REMINDER TO EVERYONE</u>

## 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

New Members

(including joining and membership fees)		
Single\$	25.00	
Dual\$	25.00	

Student/Pensioner .....\$15.00

Annual Membership Renewal Fee \$15.00 (Due June 30th each year– Will be accepted from 1st 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

### **MONDAY NIGHT**

The Help Class (By Invitation Only - Enquire at Clubhouse)..7:00 to 8:30 pm

Rally Obedience (Rally-O) .....7:30 to 9:00 pm

### 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**

- 1. Members must be in class by the time specified. Instructors have the right to refuse entry to the class if you are late.
- 2. 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.
- All dogs must be immunised against Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus and Para influenza and Kennel Cough. Current inoculation certificates must be produced when renewing membership.
   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.
- 9. Members shall at all times behave courteously to other members and officials of the Club.
- 10. Any disputes should be referred to the Chief Instructor at the time of the dispute.

"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."