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Editors Note:

Hi Everyone,

Happy New Year and welcome back to another year of training at Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club. What a busy year we have planned for you all .

February kicks off with the ever popular tricks class which is being run by Lyn Walsh & Loretta Rabbitt. There will be a couple more of these held throughout the year so keep your ears & eyes open when the next one will be. If you haven't heard the talk on the street, Trick Dog Trials are now an ANKC titled sport, be sure to check it out.

Just a couple of notes from me:

The Wag in 2020 will be published on a bi-monthly basis, issues this year will be Feb-Mar, Apr-May, Jun-Jul, Aug-Sept, Oct-Nov and final edition in December. If you're interested in advertising in The Wag, please contact the editor.

We now have two fully equipped first aid kits, one will reside in the clubhouse and the other will be stationed on the lower ground fields (during training hours) . If you require any medical supplies during training times please be sure to see your instructor for assistance.

Without another further ado, let's get cracking on what will be another great year at Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club..

Have a great February & March, see you all in April for the next edition
~~ Shanelle & Kadie ~~



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Any veterinary advice printed in **THE WAG** should be checked with your own vet.



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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Did you know you can advertise in The Wag? Below are our very reasonable rates. This includes a once off introduction/bio of your company in The Wag and also your advertisement.

<u>ONE YEAR</u>		<u>SIX MONTHS</u>		<u>SINGLE PUBLICATION</u>	
FULL PAGE	\$120	FULL PAGE	\$65	FULL PAGE	\$ 15
HALF PAGE	\$ 65	HALF PAGE	\$35	HALF PAGE	\$ 35
QUARTER PAGE	\$ 35	QUARTER PAGE	\$20	QUARTER PAGE	\$ 20

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 Welcome

Welcome to all the new members who have joined the club after the Christmas recess. Welcome to the club's new Flyball team. Welcome back to training all of the continuing members many of whom must have been practicing for their return to class. I hope everyone continues to enjoy their time spent at the club. All of the instructors are always willing to help; you just have to ask.



Footwear on the grounds

Although it is Summer it is important that all members wear appropriate shoes in class. Members need to be careful of slipping and protect their feet from the possibility of sharp objects that may have been left on the grounds. Thongs or sandals are not appropriate footwear and are not covered by our insurance. Also, the sound made from thongs is a distraction for your dog.

Christmas Party

The members' Christmas party was a great success again. Thanks especially to Bonnie and Andrea who purchased prizes and organized the agenda for the games and also everyone who helped on the day.

The Effects of Hot Weather on Dogs

It is very important to be aware of the effect of hot weather on dogs. Information concerning the problems and prevention of your dog being exposed to heat is included in the New Members Book and is on Facebook.

Working Bee

In early January there was a working bee to get rid of equipment no longer used and also a lot of paperwork some dating back to the 1980s and no longer relevant. The interior of clubhouse has been rearranged. The next step is the purchase of a trophy cabinet which will showcase the trophies and also keep the trophies in good condition.

Grading Class1 to Class 2 (last grading in December 2019)

Congratulations to:Debbie with "Marmite", Daniel with "Freddy", Tracey with "Harley", Esse with "Poppy", Sharyn with "Alfie", Karen with "Cash", Jacob with "Murphy", Jan with "Wilson".

*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.

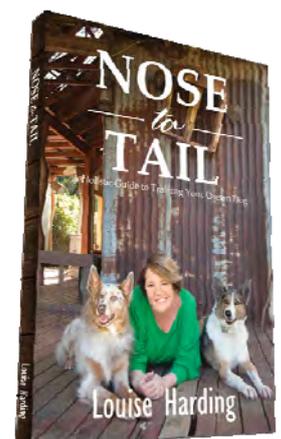
A guide to what's inside ...

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 2020 Calendar.

Class Start/Stop Dates and Special events

First Day of Training	Sunday, 2nd February 2020
No Training	Sunday, 12th April 2020 (Easter Sunday)
No Training	Sunday, 17th May 2020 - SSDTC Obedience Trial
No Training	Sunday, 14th June 2020 - SSDTC Agility Trial
Last day of training	To be Advised

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, 5h April 2020 (to be confirmed)
Annual General Meeting	Sunday 13th September 2020
Christmas Party	To Be Advised

Obedience/Rally-O Trials

May Trial	Sunday, 17th May 2020
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Agility Trials

June Trial	Sunday, 14th June 2020
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Tracking Trials

May Trial	Sunday, 10th May 2020
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Fly Ball Musters

May Muster	30th May 2020
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Note:

Daylight saving Times changes for (Australian Eastern Standard Times) 2020 are:

- Stops Sunday, 5th April 2020 @ 2:00am (Clock are turned "Back" 1hr)
- Starts Sunday, 4th October 2020 @ 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”

There is no **Poop Fairy** ...



Scoop your Poop
Grab it • Bag it • Toss it





Welcome to our New Members

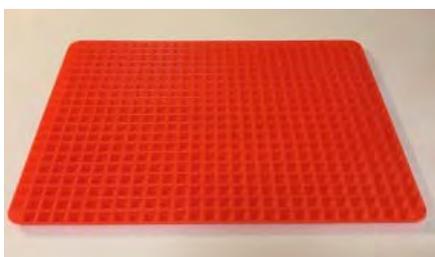
December 2019

Niki and Bryn McDonagh of WOOLLOOWARE with Nova Scotia Duck-Tolling Tolly
Lyndal and Isabella Rowley of COMO with Border Collie Roxy
Karine and Justin Tobin of TAREN POINT with Labrador Retriever Cross Diesel
Karen and Ben Donovan of ENGADINE with Havanese Oak
Odelle Shearsby of COMO with Whippet Nala
Chad Speering of SUTHERLAND with Corgi Daisy
Lisa Formica and Ruby Higgins of MENAI with King Charles Spaniel X Jrt Kira
Soph and Luke Griffiths of Gymea with Boudica Wolfhound X



Homemade Treats made simple ...

A few years ago I shared this handy tip on how to make LOTS of homemade treats in a simple baking session, so here's a recap for those of you who might have missed it in 2017 or are new with us.



Buy a "Pyramid" silicone mould (silicone cooking mat intended for low-fat cooking), turn it upside down. Now you have a mould with 556 small cavities, hey presto, instant training treats for your dog!!

One brand available through Ebay is called the Pyramid Pan.

Mix up your favourite treat recipe, but adapt it in the following ways:

If there is anything coarse in the recipe, put the batter through a food processor. It needs to be smooth. Adjust the liquid so that it is more like a batter than a dough.

Put the silicone mould, cavity side up, on a large cookie sheet or baking pan. Mould turned upside down and filled with treat batter

Spread the batter around so that it fills all the little holes. This can take a while (but not as long as cutting them all up!). You can use a spatula, egg turner, or even a table knife. As you finish this process, scrape the top so that the boundaries between the holes are fairly batter-free.

Bake it for about half to two-thirds the time you normally would

Take it out of the oven, and when it's cool enough to handle, dump the treats out into a container.

Smile because you don't have to spend the next 20 minutes cutting up treats and cleaning up crumbs.



A Note From The Chief Instructor

Welcome to Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club, 2020

Here we are in a new decade. We can all look forward to beginnings with our dogs whether they are new puppies learning, rescue dogs, or dogs now trained at high trialling standards.

Having a dog in your life is a wonderful experience, full of love, joy and laughter and of course many challenges.

For those of you who are new to the club, you have made a positive start in training your dog. You will learn that training is not short term but takes a lot of time, persistence and patience. Always use positive training methods. The club does not condone any negative methods such as smacking dogs or adverse training equipment. Be kind to your dog, give love and your dog will give love in return. There will be challenging times as puppies and rescues learn, but please stick to the training and the payoff will be a very well trained, behaved dog.



For myself, my role in the club is to coordinate the three fields, classes, and the Instructors. If you have any problems at all, whether it be a class problem or personal training issue please come to Pam Hazelton, your Club President, or myself. We would like to see any issues sorted with immediately. The aim of the club is for you to receive the best tuition with your dog possible. We aim to have about eight per class, but this cannot always be possible pending the day.

All Instructors here are volunteers and all have been in your shoes, in training their dog/dogs. They have all had Instructors training, some with specialist training. The specialists will be able to help you with those, what seems, unusual problems with your dog. Again, please see me and I can direct you to them for help.

Yellow dog jackets

Dogs wearing yellow jackets need to have distance from other dogs. Please respect this request for your dogs safety and the other dog and handler.

Finally

Please remember to wear your membership tag, bring weekly fee, wear closed in shoes, bring poo bags and please pick up after your dog. At NO TIME is your dog allowed OFF LEAD

Facebook page

Please join our Facebook page **Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club**. Here you will see weekly updates, photos, training tips, special club announcements etc. Also, any Sutherland Shire Council Alerts, dog health warnings etc. It's a really great source of information.

Web page

www.ssdctc.com.au

Vetting

Every Sunday morning, we all face the vetting line up. Some mornings it can be daunting with what seems an eternal line with a mix of happy and anxious dogs. Our President, Pam Hazelton and the vetting supervisor Robert Collaro, would have informed you on day one, on your Kindergarten day, the reasons why it is important to have your dog vetted.

What we look for:

- . A simple health check. A check of the dog's eyes, ears, body temperature. If you have a breeding dog, is your girl in season?
- . Have you got your collar/lead/harness on correctly?
- . Do you have your current membership tag and is the dog's vaccination up to date?
- . Thank you for your Shire Council ground fee contribution, \$3.00?
- . Any upcoming notices will be on the noticeboard at the table.
- . Please keep your dog on a short lead

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter. It is important that all the above points are covered for both you and your dog.

Grade One & Two

Because you have further to walk to your field, please come early to find parking and be vetted.

AFTER VETTING

you have the opportunity to have a chat to an Instructor who you can find nearby on the field. Look for the Instructors in their blue uniform. They will be able to help you with any problems you may have.



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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Training Tips - Puppy Socialisation

So you've just got yourself a new puppy or thinking about it, now what you ask?

Puppy Behaviour: A Sensitive Period for Puppy Socialisation

How do we know when it is and whether it's important?

You've probably heard that puppies need to be socialized, but how do we know this and what do we know? Most of the ground breaking studies were done in the 1950's and 1960's, one of which was performed by co-authors, David Freedman, John A. King and Orville Elliot and published in Science in 1962. They carried out a classic study using the methodology that had already been established for determining critical periods in other animals such as ducks, guinea pigs, chicken and sheep. They took 5 litters of cocker spaniels and 3 litters of beagles and raised each litter with their mom in a one-acre fenced field in isolation from humans.

Then, 29 pups were used in the socialisation treatment groups and were taken and socialized for a week while 5 puppies remained as un-socialized controls. Puppies in the socialized group were socialized for a week either at 2 weeks of age, 3 weeks of age, 5 weeks of age, 7 weeks of age or 9 weeks of age and then returned to live in the field. During their week of socialisation, the puppies were played with, tested and cared for during 3 daily 30-minute periods.



Behaviour during the week of socialisation

The age-related differences between the pups was clear, even at the start of socialisation. The pups socialized starting at 5 weeks of age were significantly more attracted to humans than puppies that started socialisation at 2,3 and 9 weeks of age. The low scores for the 2 and 3 week old pups was due to their immature motor skills; however the low scores in the 9-week olds occurred because these puppies tended to avoid the handler! They were fearful! Luckily by the end of the week of socialisation all except for the 2 week olds were equally attracted to the handler.

Researchers also found a difference in interactions when puppies were left in a room with a person who was lying passively. Two week olds were too immature to interact much, but three week olds spent most of the 10 minutes pawing at, climbing on and mouthing the person and his clothing. Five week olds were wary at first but played by the end of the first session. The 7 and 9 week old puppies were frightened and stayed away from the passive human for the first several sessions. The 7 week-old puppies were comfortably playing with the person until day 3 but the 9 week-olds weren't until day 4. Hence the fear response to humans (and most likely other new objects, environments and animals) is more developed and increasingly difficult to reverse as the puppy ages. However it was fairly easy to reverse in the puppies in this stage up to 9 weeks of age.

Sociability Tests at 14 Weeks of Age

After the week of socialisation, the puppies were placed back in the one-acre field and lived without contact from humans. Then, when puppies reached 14 weeks of age, they were tested over a two-week period during which they received daily contact with humans. Three types of tests—handling test, leash test, and reactivity test—were performed. The results were again dramatic. At the 16th week (after two weeks of daily contact with humans) only the control groups scored significantly lower on the handling test. These puppies were fearful. Even after conclusion of the study when the researchers decided to take one of the control puppies and continue its socialisation for 3 months, this puppy showed only minimal improvement at the handling test. In other words, puppies need good socialisation experiences before 14 weeks of age.



The researchers also performed a leash-control test devised to test the dog's ability to learn to respond to leash guidance. Dogs socialised at 5, 7, and 9 weeks of age were significantly easier to train than the control puppies.

The final test was the reactivity test where each pup was fitted with a physiologic harness that held them. Heart rate was monitored using an EKG and depth of respiration, and muscle tensions were measured and scored concurrently. The pup was

then exposed to a variety of stimuli one at a time. They included: cajoling vs. threats from a human, a loud, startling sound, and mild electric shock. Overall the controls were significantly more inhibited (they froze), tense, and had higher heart rates than the pups socialised at 7 weeks of age. They were easy to handle, responded well to being on leash (fewer balks, calm enough to eat), and were the least fearful of potentially scary stimuli.

The Take Home Message?

First, the puppy's socialisation should start early—before 5 weeks of age, because by five weeks the puppy is showing fear responses to people, objects and other unfamiliarity around them. That means it's essential that breeders and foster puppy caretakers carry out a socialisation plan. Secondly, the socialisation should start before 14 weeks of age or many puppies will be doomed to a life of fear unless they go through a regimen of socialisation that's more intense than the 1.5 hours a day carried out by the researcher here. The message is simple and straightforward and taking it to heart can be the difference between having a happy well-adjusted dog or one fearful of people, objects, other animals, and various environments that we humans perceive as safe.



SSDTC Members 2019 ANKC Titles

<i>Member</i>	<i>Dog Name</i>	<i>Title Gained</i>
<u>Agility</u>		
Nga BUSTAMANTE	PEPE	ADM8 ADM9 ADO9 ADO10 JDM7 JDO7 JDO8 SPDM
Patricia COOPER	SKYE	ADO JDM
Robyn ISRAEL	LOGAN	ADM2 ADO4
Rachelle TIAH	MAPLE	JD
<u>Obedience& Rally O</u>		
Linda BEBINGTON	BANJO	RM
Linda BEBINGTON	CLANCY	CCD RE
Greg DALLEY	TOBIN	CD RA
Barbara HORTON	JESSICA	CCD RN
Heather McCONNELL	GEMMA	CCD
Danielle MONTI	ZARA	CCD CD
Rachelle TIAH	MAPLE	RAE RM
Dagmar URBAN	KAIZEN	RN
Lyn WALSH	SCOUT	RE
Lyn WALSH	QUANAH	RE
<u>Herding</u>		
Rachelle TIAH	MAPLE	HSAS
<u>Dancing with Dogs (Heelwork to Music)</u>		
Robyn ISRAEL	LOGAN	HTM.N
<u>Retrieving & Field (Gundogs only)</u>		
Claire WADE	SAGE	NRA

ANKC TITLES ABBREVIATIONS

Agility Novice – AD	Agility Excellent – ADX	Agility Master – ADM	Agility Open – ADO
Jumping Novice – JD	Jumping Excellent – JDX	Jumping Master – JDM	Jumping Open – JDO
AGILITY CHAMPION (Height required) – AG CH (HEIGHT)			
Snooker Novice – SD	Snooker Excellent – SDX	Snooker Master – SDM	
Gamblers Novice – GD	Gamblers Excellent – GDX	Gamblers Master – GDM	
Strategic Pairs Novice – SPD	Strategic Pairs Excellent – SPDX	Strategic Pairs Master – SPDM	
Community Companion Dog – CCD	Novice – CD	Open - CDX	Utility - UD Utility Excellent - UDX
OBEDIENCE CHAMPION – O.CH			
Novice – RN	Advance – RA	Excellent - RE	Advance/Excellent – RAE Masters - RM
RALLY O CHAMPION – RO. CH			
<i>There are also other Titles for:-</i>			
Herding Titles for Dogs that work Sheep, Ducks & Cattle (Herding Dogs only)			
Retrieving & Field (Gundogs only)	Dancing with Dogs	Tracking	Endurance
Drafting	Lure Coursing	Sled Sports	Tricks

SSDTC Annual Perpetual Agility Trophies

2019 Winners

(for Club Members only – conditions apply)

BG TROPHY - AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR

Donated by Barbara Horton (Trophy uses a point score system)

NGA BUSTAMANTE with PEPE (59 Points)

JEDDA TROPHY - JUMPING DOG OF THE YEAR

Donated by Robyn Goodhew (Trophy uses a point score system)

NGA BUSTAMANTE with PEPE (37 Points)

HEELER'S RIDGE "RUBY'S" TROPHY

Donated by Gayle Jarvis (Fastest Agility Time under SCT- Set Course Time)

SANDRA WALKER with KIP (SCT was 72.00, Kips time 28.18) 43.82 under time.

COCO'S TROPHY

Donated by Carol Wallace - (At Sutherland Agility Trial only –Agility events only, for non-qualifying dog, closest total faults to a qualifying score).

NGA BUSTAMANTE with PEPE (1.47 Total Faults)

Congratulations to everyone who took part

Obedience Tails (December - January)

Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club : Rally O Trial —Saturday 11th January 2020

Heather McConnell & Gemma

Rally Novice - 3rd Place / 99 points





Agility Round-Up



BEGINNER AGILITY

The eight-week Agility Beginner Course that commenced in October has produced a bunch of bright and enthusiastic new Agilites that show great promise for the future. Thanks goes to Sandra and Lyn Walker for their intuitive instruction and to Margaret Taylor for her wealth of knowledge and assistance, all of which was greatly appreciated.

We will be organising another Beginner Agility Course in a couple of months.

If you are interested please record your details (name, phone and email contact) with the ladies at the office. Dogs must be non-aggressive, have an awesome recall, and be over 12 months of age.



Robyn Goodhew's Cattle Dog, Kasey showing her jumping skills



Some of our Graduates – LtoR: Lorraine & Yanni; Kathryn & Phantom; Jean & Bella; Leanne & Django; Ailsa & Gromit; Joy &

LAST NIGHT OF TRAINING

Wednesday night Agility Training concluded on 4 December. At the suggestion of Ilka and Sherlyn a small "Strategic Pairs" course was set up. Some of the new Agilites were introduced to this fun (and at times confusing) Agility Game. We all had heaps of fun. I wonder what is in store for 2020.



Barbara & Jessica



Ilka & Bentley



Heather & Gemma



Dagmar & Kaizen



Sherlyn with Tyler and Jan with Wilson

SO WHAT DID YOU DO DURING THE HOLIDAYS?

For Nga: We had a wonderful, and a little scary, Christmas on the South-Coast. The in-laws of my daughter invited all of our family to spend Christmas with them on their holiday property in Milton. Most people stayed in their own camper vans, the house was used as the common place for cooking and eating. It was an old stone house, used to be the school of Milton in the last century, situated on a big hill with a commanding view. There was a big lake nearby, we could hear the helicopters hovering all day fetching water to put out fires in the coastal community. The dogs got to play on Collers beach in Mollymook on Christmas day.

Our intention was to return home on Boxing day afternoon but have to turn back to Milton as the Princes Highway was blocked due to fire nearby. However, there was no problem when we departed very early the next day.



Poco



Poco & Pepe

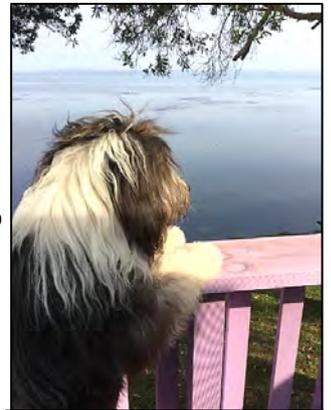




SO WHAT DID YOU DO DURING THE HOLIDAYS? (cont)

For a number of years now Barbara, Carol, Robyn and I with our husbands/sister in tow would head up the coast to Two Shores Caravan Park, two Kms north of The Entrance. The caravan park, though not fancy, is set right on the lake and is extremely dog friendly – allowing dogs to stay in the cabins (outside of school holidays). I had caravan problems so at the last minute needed a cabin, as did Barbara. Moving into a cabin did not fool my fast approaching 16 year old Beardie, Gryffindore – who, once out of the cabin, made his own way to the enviro shades where he happily sat out his days.

We had our usual Christmas luncheon with roast pork and vegetables plus Christmas Pudding (made by Barbara). Pam Lyons joined us for lunch and Santa made an appearance with heaps of presents for all. Barbara's niece and husband gave Barbara a surprise and joined us during the second week. The weather was not accommodating during the first week. It was so cold a couple of us made a dash to Target for warm jumpers. The sun made an appearance the second week and that allowed us to make several trips to the dog friendly Beach, which was just across the road. On one such visit we were greeted by a pod of Dolphins surfing the waves. The three young pups: Carol's Sasha (Sheltie), Robyn's Kasey (Cattle dog) and my Wilson (Beardie) eased into the holiday environment nicely. Even when we went to the beach we were nervous of letting the pups off the lead, but we need not have, they were so good, and happily came back when called. However Kasey was more interested in chasing and nipping Kellie on the back legs to try and get her to run. Unfortunately, Wilson let the side down when he decided to bolt as I was taking Gryffindore to the toilet in the middle of the night. With the help of a couple of the local caravan park residence we were able to locate him cowering between two flower pots in front of one of the park homes. He was obviously frightened and had no idea of how to get back to the cabin. I could not go mad at him as I was so relieved to have him back! He never did it again – learnt his lesson.



Wilson's first look at the lake from the cabin railing.



Warren & Robyn



Wilson, Ben, Sasha, Missy, Jessica



Wilson, Bentley & Gryffindore



Fun at the Beach



Fish & Chips for lunch: Carol, Barbara, Warren, Robyn & Lesley



Christmas Lunch: Barbara, Carol, Robyn, Pam & Lesley



POOCH FACTS

TOP 10 MOST POPULAR DOG BREEDS IN AUSTRALIA IN 2019

As we launch into the New Year, Pet Insurance Australia reveals which were the top dog breeds of 2019.

“With 2019 now firmly behind us, we’ve been busy crunching the figures to come up with a list of the most popular breeds around Australia,” Nadia Crighton, spokesperson for Pet Insurance Australia says. “It’s a great mix of large, medium and small breeds, alongside purebreds and cross-breeds.”

In Australia, there are over 24 million pets that are distributed across 62% of households. Made up of 38.5% in dogs and 29.2% for our feline friends, with the remainder being fish, reptiles, small mammals and birds.

“Australian’s simply love their pets, and this is clearly demonstrated in the huge growth of the pet industry in the past 15 years,” Crighton says. “Today, more than ever before, Australian pets are spoiled for choice from anything from toys, clothing, bedding and gadgets to the more serious stuff such as medical treatments, specialists, diagnosis and surgeries”.

Top Dog Breeds in 2019

1. Maltese Cross
2. Cavoodle
3. Labrador
4. Staffordshire Bull Terrier
5. Border Collie
6. Golden Retriever
7. German Shepherd
8. Kelpie Cross
9. Staffordshire Bull Terrier Cross
10. Jack Russell Terrier Cross



Some breeds have also surged in popularity over the past few years.

“Ownership of the loving French Bulldog has increased hugely over the past few years and is now considered one of the fastest rising insured dog breeds,” Crighton says. “This is followed by the Kelpie, Pug and German Shepherd.” The love for the French Bulldog is clearly reflected worldwide, with registrations in the UK increasing by 3,000% in the past 10 years. “The breed is also set to overtake the Labrador as the most popular dog in the UK, for the first time in 27 years!”

Credit: www.australiandoglover.com

“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..



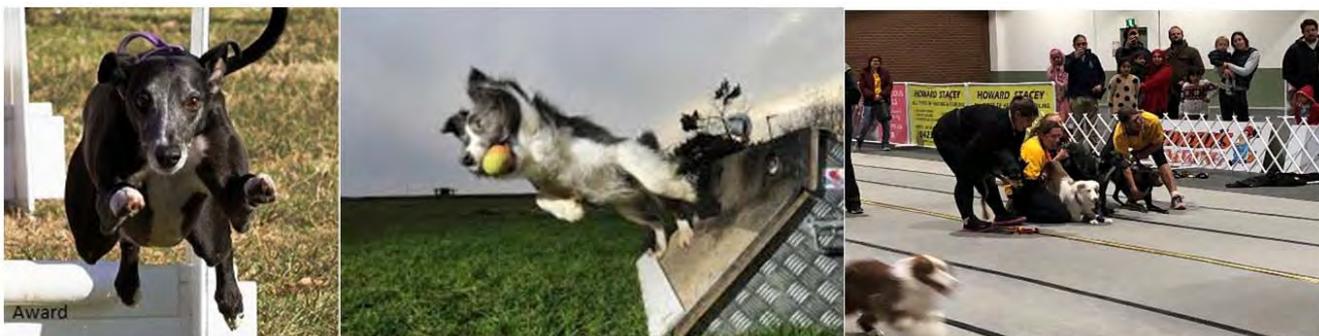
SYDNEYSIDERS FLYBALL

The Sydneysiders Flyball Club train on the club grounds most Sunday mornings after the Obedience Classes.

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 centre of the racing lanes there is a set of drag racing lights to count down for the start of each heat.



Each dog has to jump over four hurdles, leap onto a spring loaded flyball box to do a swimmer's turn and at the same time catch a tennis ball.

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.

In Australia, most competitions are held outside on grass but a few are held under cover on rubber matting.

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.

Dog's must be at least twelve months of age to commence training and have a very good recall as most exercises are performed off lead.

Competitions are held all over the state so you must be prepared to travel on weekends if you wish to compete.

If you are interested in finding out more about Flyball, come and see any of the Sydneysiders Team on Sunday mornings. There is no training on weekends when the team is competing.





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Training Tips

Take your dog on a slow and relaxing on-leash walk with lots of opportunities to sniff.

Sniffing will be calming and relaxing for him and allow him to tire out his mind without straining his body.

SNIFF WALK

Hide some treats for your dog under cups, cardboard boxes or blankets.

Let him figure out how to access his treats!

TREAT SEARCH

Ask your dog to retrieve items that are no toys: for example a toilet paper roll, a pen, a plastic spoon, his leash.
It will take much of the prey-drive out of fetch and put his mind to use!

FETCH - BUT NO BALL

Teach your dog the names of the rooms in your house: kitchen, living room, office etc.

Then have him wait out of sight, put a treat in a room, tell him where the treat is and let him put his knowledge to use!

NAMES OF ROOMS

Have all members of your family take some treats and find a place in a large circle, ideally outside, with the dog in the middle.

Now everyone calls the dog randomly and rewards him when he comes to the right person!

FAMILY TIME

Most of the life of a modern dog is spent on even ground.

Make it three-dimensional by finding a hill or slope in a park or forest and having your dog walk up and down it as well as traverse sideways.

HILL WALKING

Teach your dog to balance. Start of easy with a wooden board, advancing to more and more difficult places like the back of your couch, the back of a chair etc.

Dogs can even learn to balance on a slack line!

BALANCING

II Alternatives to Playing Fetch

Fetch is a fun game, but can be over-stimulating for some dogs.

It is a very high-impact activity for their bodies as well and can lead to injuries when played very frequently.

Here are some ideas to switch up your daily game of fetch!

Let your dog experience different surfaces.

Use naturally occurring ones such as sand, snow, grass, stones, pebbles, mud (yes...mud!) and also artificial ones such as aluminum foil, tarps, ball pits ...

SURFACE SURFING

Teach your dog a new trick, such as weaving through your legs or crossing his paws!

YouTube has many trick tutorials, or you can sign up for our tricks online class for ideas.

TRICK DOG

If your dog likes people and behaves well in public, take him to a coffee shop and get him his own little cup of whipped cream.

Hang out and enjoy!

SOCIAL BUTTERFLY



SPIRITDOG
Training

This game is played like Family Time I, but this time with the people facing to the outside of the circle and the dog being on the outside as well.

He now cannot see everyone's face and has to find them by the sound of their voice!

FAMILY TIME II

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Christmas Party Round Up - December 2019

What a party we had!!! Perfect weather and a healthy roll up made for a wonderfully successful end of year Christmas celebration for Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club.

Equipped with suitably attired canines and an appropriate sense of humour members were treated to a great morning of fun and games.

First up was the judging of the Christmas fancy dress. There were so many imaginative outfits, it made judging extremely difficult. This was followed by various entertaining events such as dog and handler musical chairs, recall races, poo collection race (thankfully not real poos!!), fastest eater contest to name a few.

Prizes were awarded to the lucky winners of each event and there were lots more give aways during the morning, hopefully resulting in everyone going home with something. Many thanks to our various sponsors and especially to Andrea and Wendy for their efforts in organising the prizes.

The programme ran smoothly all morning, thanks to the wonderful team of dedicated helpers (both instructors and club members), who ran each event efficiently and in the spirit of good fun. I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas Party





IS YOUR DOG "NOT FOOD MOTIVATED?"



Try these ideas to see if you can get him interested in training for treats!

1

BEST PIECES

Experiment with the treats you are using. The higher the meat/dairy content, the better dogs tend to like the treats. Treats that you can buy in pet stores are made to be shelf-stable and often contain a lot of non-meat ingredients.

Maybe your dog likes hotdogs, string cheese, cooked chicken, roast beef, ham or bologna from your fridge much better!

2

DOGS LOVE THE CHASE

Instead of just handing the treats to your dog, make your treat delivery a dynamic act. Run away with the treat in your hand and let your dog catch you or toss it across the floor.

Verbally encourage your dog and make catching and eating the treat an exciting event!

3

EASY FIRST!

If your dog likes to train for treats at home but refuses them out and about, make the transition from easy to distracting situation as smooth as possible. You can for example train in your hallway, then in your hallway with the front door open, then just outside the front door, in your driveway, on your sidewalk and finally at a local park.

4

KEEP IT SIMPLE

If your dog already struggles to enjoy your treats, making him do complicated behaviors for it is not going to be helpful. We cannot train a difficult behavior with a reward our dog does not appreciate.

Instead, ask your dog for behaviors that are simple and dynamic (such as spinning or a hand touch) for food rewards at first.

5

EAT, PLAY, LOVE

If your dog likes to play with toys you can carry over a bit of his drive towards the food by doing the following:

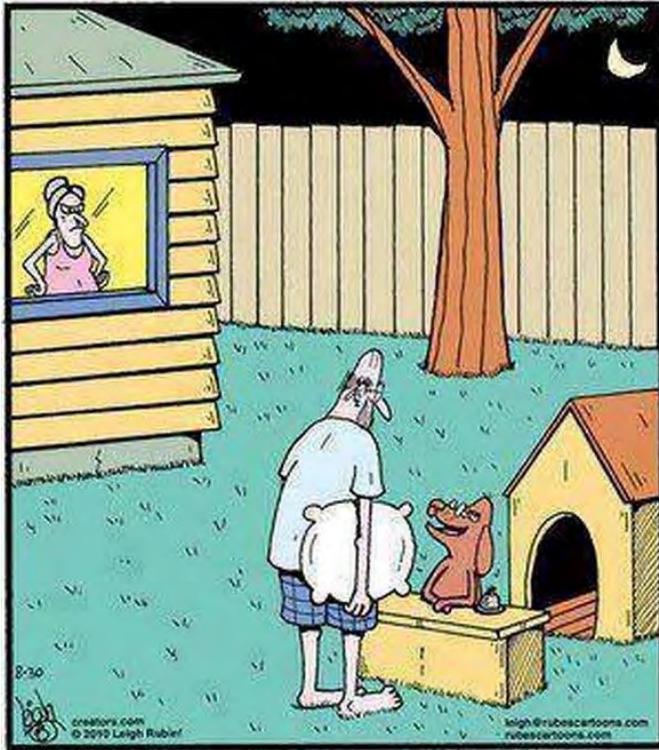
Show him his toy, then offer a treat. Wait until he eats it. Then you throw (or play tug with) the toy. Eventually your dog will eat the treat quicker and quicker because he knows that then he can play, and he will also carry over a bit of his value for the toy onto the food.

6

HAPPY HOUR

Only use your dog's happy hour for food training. This means the time of the day when he is bursting with energy - such as at sunset or right after waking up. When your dog is "going crazy" and zooming around is the best time to use all his energy towards building enjoyment for eating and training!

Just for Laughs



"Welcome back, sir. Are you planning on being our guest for one night only, or will this be your usual extended stay?"



Octopus obedience school



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Grading Awards

December 2019

Class 1 to 2



Debbie & Marmite; Daniel & Freddy; Tracey & Harley; Esse & Poppy; Sharyn & Alfie;
Karen & Cash; Jacob & Murphy; Jan & Wilson

Class 2 to 3



Tracey & Sprinkles; Cheri & Doug;
Sharon & Luca

Class 3 to 4



Ida & Tia

Encouragement Awards



Joy & Beau , Phillippa & Bandit; Jana & Diesel





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 loose lead. Sits and stands using signal and voice only. Downs without force although the dog may be 'guided' down by the check chain.

Stays: (A) Sit, handler beside the dog 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 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). {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 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 Coco from them then your membership fee for the year and training is absolutely free.

"COCO"

Sex: Male / Breed: Cattle Dog Cross

Age: 2 years / Ref: 101897

Coco has been at the shelter since 09/10/2019.

Rehoming Numbers for SSC & COS: R251000199 and R251000200

Sweet man Coco has been on the lookout for his new home for a couple of months now, and we're all quite surprised that it's taken him this long to get his new life started! With his big friendly smile, luscious chocolately coat and waggly tail, he's always on the lookout for his potential new best friends... surely they'll be coming soon?

To help Coco on his search, we've put together a little list of things this eligible bachelor is after....Firstly, a family with time to take him out on plenty of adventures to keep him fit, trim and stimulated every day. Coming from a line of cattle dogs, Coco has energy to burn, so daily exercise is a must for this handsome man! And Coco just LOVES his walkies – he's always keen to get his collar on and head out on a new adventure. It doesn't matter where he goes, he's always happy to be out, active and with the people that he loves and trusts.

Secondly, Coco would like a helping hand in the "good boy" department. He's already got a few handy skills under his belt and he always sits for a treat, but some training to build his confidence would help him enormously in his day-to-day life. He can be a little bit nervous in new situations, so a family who can really boost his self-esteem with some training is on the list!

His last wish is simple – love, and lots of it! Coco adores being with people, loves a pat (his coat is so soft and inviting) and dreams of being with his new family as much as possible! What can he say, he's a bit of a socialite! While we don't know if Coco has had a doggy brother or sister in the past, he appears to be OK walking with the other dogs and doesn't mind playing through the fence in the yards. If his potential family already has a dog, shelter staff would be happy to arrange a play date for them.

Coco is truly a handsome dog who enjoys the simple things in life: family, exercise, training and lots of love. We are hoping that Coco's new home is just around the corner! Come on down and meet Coco at the shelter today!

The adoption fee for Coco is \$309.00 This includes microchip, lifetime registration, de-sexing, vet check and vaccination, worm & flea treated and collar and Council tag.

To enquire about Coco 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

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(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

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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 am)
- Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5** **8:30 to 9:30 am**
(During Daylight Saving 8:00 to 9:00 am)
- Flyball** **10:00am to 1:00pm**
(During Daylight Saving 10:00am to 1:00pm)
- Demonstration Team** **7:30 to 8:15 am**
(During Daylight Saving 7:00 to 7:45 am)

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/Trialers)* **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.
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.
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."