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Lee Collett

Editor's Note:

Welcome to our April-May edition of The Wag Magazine. I'm loving featuring our members and their dogs – we welcome photos or contributions to articles!

Our club is off to a great start for 2024 with a General Meeting on Sunday 3 March. Loretta filled us in with what's been happening with the club - see page 7 for further details.

I'm looking forward to the trials we have for the year. I'm entered with Bear in our very first Rally trial on 19 May. Very excited for some great results from our members.

I welcome all your tips and feedback – if you want something featured, drop me a line:

editor@ssdtc.com.au



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# President's Report

## April 2024

I would like to welcome all our new members for 2024 to SSDTC. In the 6 weeks we have been operational, we have had over 80 new members join, which is great news.

We had our first General Meeting on March 3 which was very successful. We will continue these meetings throughout the year and use the feedback to provide an enjoyable experience for our members and their dogs. Thank you to all that attended, and our volunteers that pulled the meeting together.

We have trials coming up soon, Obedience/Rally on May 19 and Agility on June 16. There is a mountain of work needed to be completed prior to these events. It would be fantastic if our members, who have entered into these, could help out the organisers in any way they can.

Additionally, on the trial days, we need volunteers to help as Stewards. This is a rewarding experience and no prior involvement is necessary. The Judges and experienced Stewards will be there to guide you through on the day. It's always a great day and a lot of fun.

With the Royal Easter Show starting on March 22, it's a chance to check the breed judging and trial schedule and visit on the day your favourite dog or trial is on.



Brian Jarrett



### FEES:

New Member Fee  
(incl joining and membership fees)  
Single > \$25.00  
Junior > \$15.00

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(due June 30th each year – will be accepted from 1st Sunday in April of each year)  
Fee > \$15.00

Ground Fee per class > \$3.00

Vetting starts 30 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.

Dogs accepted from 4 months old

All dogs must be fully vaccinated with C5 vaccination which includes Kennel Cough. Titer Test Certificate also accepted.

Certification required on commencement of membership and updated annually

All Correspondence to:  
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## New Members February-March

Susan Anstey of ALFORDS POINT with x Ben  
Nat Armytage of BANGOR with Golden Retriever Maisie and St. Bernard Billie  
Donna Avery of BUNDEENA with Curly Coated Retriever x Max  
Gail Ayash of CRONULLA with Pug x Suzie  
Nicole Benson of GYMEA with Labrador Retriever Piper  
Shawn Benson of GYMEA with Labrador Retriever Piper  
Hannah Biehl of BEXLEY with Golden Retriever Darby  
Anthea Bulmer of JANNALI with x Jett  
Tennille Cairns of CARINGBAH SOUTH with Jack Russell Terrier x Freddie  
Catherine Clarke of BLAXLAND with Australian Kelpie x Esther  
Peter Clarke of CARINGBAH SOUTH with Border Collie x Buster Clarke  
Rupert Clifton-bligh of WOOLLAHRA with Border Collie Bundy  
John Dalla-bona of GRAYS POINT with Australian Shepherds Bailey and Albie  
Tilly Dalla-bona of GRAYS POINT with Australian Shepherds Bailey and Albie  
Alana Douglas of ENGADINE with Boston Terrier Norman Smiley  
Rachel Eliopolo of KURNELL with German Shepherd Dog Freya  
Tara Gent of GYMEA BAY with Border Collie Pippin  
Jackie Gerard of WOOLLOOWARE with Lhasa Apso Hunny and Lhasa Apso Abby  
David Guldbrandsen of BARDEN RIDGE with Border Collie Jasper and Nala  
Robyn Guldbrandsen of BARDEN RIDGE with Border Collie Nala and Jasper  
Karen Hancock of KIRRAWEE with Poodle Stetson

## New Members February-March

Sophie Heath of CARINGBAH SOUTH with German Shepherd Dog Heidi  
Paul Horner of GYMEA with Border Collie Duke  
Patrick Hynes of CRONULLA with Australian Shepherd x Buddy  
Jess Ireland of MAIANBAR with Poodle x Mindi  
Andrea Irvine of CRONULLA with German Shepherd Dog x Apollo  
Aiden James of ENGADINE with Border Collie Huxley  
Liza James of JANNALI with Border Terrier Arlo  
Reece Kelly of ENGADINE with Australian Cattle Dog Jett  
Crystal Leigh of LAKEMBA with English Cocker Spaniel x Kingston  
Karen Mastro-battista of WOONONA with Lhasa Apso Hunny  
Harry Matthews of MIRANDA with Dalmatian Koda  
Anna Mccaffrey of BONNET BAY with Rhodesian Ridgeback Earl  
Janet Mckaig of CARINGBAH SOUTH with Poodle Winnie  
Sharon Mckenzie of PORT HACKING with Staffordshire Bull Terrier Charlotte  
Elyse Mclennan of ENGADINE with Australian Kelpie x Akira  
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Debbie Mucci of SUTHERLAND with Brittany Spaniel Archie  
Anna Mullens of WORONORA with Poodle x Willow  
Deirdre Munckton of BONNET BAY with English Cocker Spaniel Maggie  
Jo Murphy of AUSTINMER with Jack Russell Terrier Ripley  
Loga Nadan of LOFTUS with Jack Russell Terrier Zoey  
Shivani Nadan of LOFTUS with Fox Terrier (Smooth) Archie  
Sushen Nadan of LOFTUS with Jack Russell Terrier Zoey  
Alicia Nash of HEATHCOTE with Poodle x Deo  
Craig Nolan of ENGADINE with Australian Kelpie Max  
Pouya Nourbehesht of with Poodle x Ted  
Marisa O'brien of GRAYS POINT with Australian Shepherds Albie and Bailey  
John Ortika of JANNALI with Border Collie x Licorice  
Patrick Polomka of OYSTER BAY with Border Collie Elsa  
Wade Powell of HEATHCOTE with Staffordshire Bull Terriers Freddie, Stella Dylan & Mack  
Kelly Quinn of PORT HACKING with Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Marley  
Michelle Riordan of CARINGBAH SOUTH with x Oshi  
Joanne Rohr of BURRANEER with Australian Shepherd Penny  
Joanne Ryan of GYMEA with Whippet Finn  
Michelle Shepherd of ENGADINE with Australian Kelpie Max

## New Members February-March

Deanna Sherry of HEATHCOTE with Poodle x Pepper  
Marnie Sigal of BUNDEENA with Australian Kelpie Rusty  
Greg Sprod of MENAI with Poodle x Marley  
Tamara Sprod of MENAI with King Charles Spaniel x Toby and Poodle x Marley  
Caitlyn Sprod of MENAI with King Charles Spaniel x Toby and x Marely  
Helen Squire of WORONORA HEIGHTS with Poodle Holly  
Ross Trevor of OYSTER BAY with Beagle Darci  
Michael Turner of KIRRAWEE with Golden Retriever Bailey  
Peter Tyrrell of GYMEA BAY with Cavalier King Charles Spaniel x Frankie  
Rhonda Tyrrell of GYMEA BAY with Cavalier King Charles Spaniel x Frankie  
Claire Urban of PANANIA with Welsh Corgi (Pembroke) Rocky  
Tamiko Viswasam of CRONULLA with German Shepherd Dog Scar  
Bradley Warren of ENGADINE with Rhodesian Ridgeback Eddie  
Brendan Wheelahan of SUTHERLAND with Australian Kelpie Rocky  
David Whelan of CARINGBAH SOUTH with Border Collie Teddy  
Michell Whelan of CARINGBAH SOUTH with Border Collie Teddy  
Leah Whittemore of ENGADINE with Staffordshire Bull Terriers Memphis and Sway  
Gay Wickens of ILLAWONG with Labrador Retriever Kali  
Cathy Wiles of with Australian Shepherd Maple  
Alex Wilks of ENGADINE with Border Collie Skoki  
Ann Alexoudis of TAREN POINT with Golden Retriever x Georgie  
Lucy Armstrong of BELLEVUE HILL with Poodle x Freddie  
Cassandra Breen of OYSTER BAY with Poodle x Archie  
Rebecca Dray of INGLEBURN with Golden Retriever Raven  
Vicki Falconbridge of JANNALI with Australian Kelpie Banjo  
Sienna Faulkner of SUTHERLAND with Border Collie Ellie  
Emma Fisher of OYSTER BAY with Cavalier King Charles Spaniel x's Clarence & Hazel  
Meg Fisher of OYSTER BAY with Cavalier King Charles Spaniel x Clarence  
Susan Moloney of HEATHCOTE with Australian Kelpie Roxy  
Daniel Parker of MENAI with Finnish Lapponian Dog Rosco  
Heidi Quintano of GRAYS POINT with Australian Kelpie x Nala  
Kate Schnabel of ENGADINE with Airedale Terrier x Frankie  
Eve Trickey of KAREELA with Pug Buddy  
Rhonda Tucker of BARDEN RIDGE with Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Jaxy  
Maria Turner of KIRRAWEE with Golden Retriever Bailey  
Brad Walker of BEVERLEY PARK with Border Collie Dutch  
Tim Whalan of HEATHCOTE with Bulldog Donnie



## [iPetStore.com.au](http://iPetStore.com.au)

iPetStore is a family owned, Sydney based pet supplies store. Starting in 2013 as an on-line only pet supplies business, their warehouse is now open to the public 7 days week and includes Puppy Preschool and a DIY Dog Wash.

They ship to most places in Australia and offer free shipping to most metro areas. iPetStore can be found at Warehouse 27, 3-11 Flora St, Kirrawee - just down the hill from Woolworths and South Village. There is parking available on the site and they are open Mon-Fri: 9am - 5pm, Sat: 9am-3pm, Sun: 10am-2pm.

All of their products are distributed from their warehouse in Kirrawee. The team is available to chat via phone 9am-5pm (AEST) or if you would prefer, you can email [sales@ipetstore.com.au](mailto:sales@ipetstore.com.au)



# Calendar of Events

## Club Event Dates

7 April - Trick Workshop

13 May - Tracking Trial (T&S)

19 May - Obedience & Rally Trial

16 June - Agility Trial

22 June - Tracking Trial

## Training Dates

First Sunday for 2024 Training will be Sunday 4 February

Final Sunday for 2024 Training will be Sunday 8 December

The Wag Magazine distribution dates are 1st of February, April, June, August, October & December

## Meeting Dates

Instructors Meetings take place on the first Sunday of every month after general training

Committee Meetings take place the second Sunday of every month after general training

AGM will be held Sunday 8 September 2024

### CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

We need your support for both the Obedience/Rally and Agility trials. We require stewards for Obedience & Rally for May, and Agility in June. Please see Shanelle or Jan to put your name down to help out on these days.

If you can steward, help in the kitchen or are savvy on the computer, please reach out to Shanelle Corben at [scorben@tpg.com.au](mailto:scorben@tpg.com.au)

**THERE WILL BE NO TRAINING ON  
19th MAY and 16th JUNE**



## General Meeting

On 3 March 2024, the club held a General Meeting.

Loretta talked through the following points:

New committee elected and the teamwork is making a difference. The Club celebrated the 60TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY IN OCTOBER celebrating the occasion with a cake & members getting to know their newly elected committee.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** - The members Christmas party was a huge success. We received a very generous sponsorship of prizes from iPetstore.

**TWO EDITIONS OF THE WAG** - The club was without an editor for our newsletter "THE WAG" for approximately 18 months. Lee Collett has brought the Wag back to life, and since her appointment as Editor has published two jam packed editions.

**CHIEF INSTRUCTOR APPOINTED** - It has been a while since we have officially had a chief instructor at the club. The Chief instructor holds a very important role at the club with many responsibilities. Our very capable Lyn Walsh was appointed to this position in October of last year, she has many qualifications and years of experience.

**NEW INSTRUCTORS TRAINED AND APPOINTED** - six new instructors have been trained and are currently out instructing on the field. We thank them for coming forward to assist the club with their knowledge and dedication to helping the club.

Three TRIALS scheduled and confirmed for 2024

- Track & Search and Obedience & Rally in May
- Agility in June
- Trick Dog was scheduled for 7th April however delay from council with the grounds so now we are holding a TRICK WORKSHOP on this date. (See details on page 9)

**COOK COMMUNITY AWARD**

- Pam Hazelton was nominated and presented with a 2023 Cook Community Award at a special community ceremony in December. Pam was recognised for her service to Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club.

**NEW OBEDIENCE EQUIPMENT** - The club has arranged for the purchase to update a lot of the outdated obedience equipment for training and trial use.

**OBEDIENCE TRIALLERS TRAINING** - re-introduction of Obedience Triallers training. This is being held on every 2nd Monday night, and for those in Class 3 or above who are keen in competition obedience trialling. Please contact Leslie Rowling if you are interested.

**CLUB MEMBERS WE NEED YOU** - Sometimes we need some help with things at the club and having some inside members with skills helps.

What skills or trades do we have out there to call upon if we need a hand with some small things?

- First Aid Certification
- Legal knowledge
- IT skills / website update
- Good computer skills for data input at our trials
- Assisting in new member registers
- Electrician
- Handymen
- Builders

# Training Tips

## Leash Reactivity

There are many reasons for leash reactivity. Some of the major ones are:

**Fear** : The leash restricts a dog's option to move away from something scary. (removal of flight option) Loose leash walking can help make a dog feel more comfortable as it gives them more freedom of movement.

**Frustration**: The dog is unable to get to his goal of saying "hello." This frustration can be reduced by starting at a distance and teaching the dog that calm behaviour and a loose leash means that he / she can get to his goal.

**Antecedent Arrangement**: The things in your dog's environment that make it more likely for certain behaviours to happen. Working on training with shorter walks with less stimulation and avoiding long walks where the dog's emotional bucket is allowed to overflow can help with this.

**Conditioned Associations**: These are things that the dog starts to associate with being on the lead. Avoiding negative associations eg: corrections like jerking on the lead when another dog/ trigger appears, and creating positive associations eg: asking instead for a sit and rewarding this behaviour, can help to make the sight of another dog / trigger a positive experience.

**Subtle Cues**: Dogs are really good at picking up any subtle changes in our expressions, body language and anxiety levels. If we show signs of anxiety the dog will pick up on this and start to prep up for action. We can help with this by trying to be relaxed and calm and try to avoid things like tensing up on the leash when we see triggers approaching. Wherever possible we should try and control the environment to reduce the impact of these triggers.

Acknowledgement to : Michael Shikashio  
CDBC (Certified Dog Behaviour Consultant)

## Do not allow unleashed dogs to approach on lead dogs

Be a responsible dog owner and respect other dog walkers



 If you see this	 & you have one of these	 you might cause this	 or this
Dogs might be on a lead for various reasons such as training, reactive behaviour towards other dogs or people, nervousness or for health reasons (post-surgery)	When your dog is off lead, for the safety of all dogs, you should keep them away from others that are on lead. Off lead dogs should have a great recall and come back to you when called.	It might be frightening or frustrating for on leads to be approached by off leads and forced into greeting a dog that they don't want to greet. This could cause the dog to become worried by other dogs in the future	Things can escalate very quickly. Not all dogs like other dogs and you could cause a fight and serious injury to your dog and the other dog. This can be stressful for all dogs and owners

**Entries Close: 1 May 2024**



# SUTHERLAND SHIRE DOG TRAINING CLUB INC

## OBEDIENCE TRIAL & RALLY TRIAL

WARATAH PARK, RAWSON AVE, SUTHERLAND

### SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024

Classes to be judged: CCD, CD, CDX, UD, UDX, RN, RA, RE, RM

**Entries to:** Trial Secretary, PO Box 231, Sutherland 1499  
**Ph & Extreme Weather Ph:** 0422 123 073, [ams.corben@bigpond.com](mailto:ams.corben@bigpond.com)  
**Cheques made payable:** Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club Inc

#### JUDGES

Mrs V Harris (NSW)	RM, RA
Ms M Fazekas (NSW)	RE, RN
Ms R Braid (NSW)	CCD
Miss K Arkins (NSW)	CD
Mr R Probert (NSW)	Open
Mrs M Wheeler (NSW)	UDX, UD



**Order of Judging:** As per catalogue

**DOGS NSW Representative:** Miss I De Wit

**Check in Time:** *Rally* 8.00am - 8.45am, *Obed* 9.00am - 9.30am

**Judging Commences:** *Rally* 9.00am, *Obed* 10.00am

**Entry Fees:** \$12.00 per entry      **Refreshments:** Available

**Catalogues:** Available, [www.ssdct.com.au](http://www.ssdct.com.au)

**Entries may close earlier if entry limits are reached**

Competitor cards to be collected day of Trial

Formal vetting will not be conducted however the Club reserves the right to vet any dog present on grounds

The Club reserves the right to appoint additional or substitute judges without notice

#### PRIZES -

**1st, 2nd & 3rd in each ring:** Cash & Sash  
Ribbon for Title gained on the day



## SUTHERLAND SHIRE DOG TRAINING CLUB INC

### ANKC Trick Dog Workshop

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

With instructors/judges Loretta Rabbitt & Shanelle Corben

Morning Session 10.00am – 12.30pm : Starter Class

Afternoon Session 1.00 – 4.00pm : Novice / Intermediate / Advanced classes

**Note:** *Novice/Intermediate/Advanced Class is strictly for those already competing in Trick Dog, if you are a beginner you need to enrol in Starter Class*

Your dog must be at least Class 2 level to register

Due to restricted time you will need to come with an idea of what tricks you would like to learn from the ANKC Trick Dog Rule Book for competition

<https://dogsaustralia.org.au/media/10067/20-trick-dog-rules-2024.pdf>

Places are strictly limited, email [ams.corben@bigpond.com](mailto:ams.corben@bigpond.com) to register



# Grading Fundamentals

*What does it take to grade up?*

## 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
  - ❖ 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) permitted. Canine Bridle, Halti 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 lead
  - ❖ Stays: (A) Sit, handler beside the dog for 1 minute; (B) Down, handler beside the dog for 1 minute
  - ❖ Handling: based on the handler's ability to communicate command

## 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 checking the dog will earn a penalty. Consistent checking must be failed. No clicker, food rewards (luring) permitted. No Canine Bridles or Haltis permitted.

### Core Elements

- ❖ Loose Lead (leash) all paces, automatic sit, stand for examination, sit stay and drop (or down) stays with 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 movement will earn minor deductions as per CCD judging). If dogs all four paws move, it is a fail.
- ❖ 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 handler's ability to communicate command



## Class 4 to Club Medal

- ❖ Grading takes place Sunday as per Judges Ring schedule

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 checking the dog will earn a penalty (repeated checking will be failed). No clicker or food rewards (luring) permitted.

### Core Elements

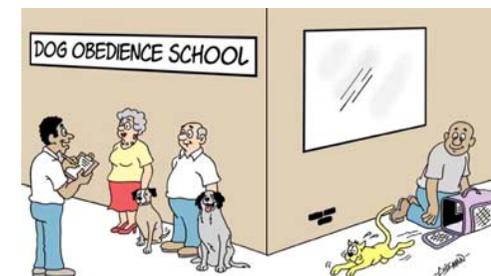
- ❖ Loose Lead (leash) all paces, Automatic sit, stand for examination, Recall, Sit stay and drop (or down) stays. Handler in front dog
- ❖ Heeling: at all paces to an advanced standard (Automatic sits, stands and downs signal and voice only)
- ❖ Stand for Examination: as in a CCD Trial with the handler in front of the dog to the length of the leash. If dogs all four paws move, it is a fail.
- ❖ Recall: 12 metres off lead (components of exercise as in CCD Trail)
- ❖ Stays: (A) Sit, handler 5 metres in front of dog for 1 minute; (B) Down, handler 5 metres in front of dog for 2 minutes
- ❖ Handling: based on the handler's ability to communicate commands.
- ❖ Note: Pre-requisite is the handler and dog having graded to Class 4

## Club Medal Excellent

- ❖ Grading takes place Sunday as per Judges Ring schedule

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

Note: Pre-requisites of (1) the handler and dog having graded to Class 4, (2) having gained Club Medal



"OKAY, ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR FINAL EXAM?"



# Agility Report

*Jan Taylor*

The 2024 Beginner Agility Class commenced on 3rd March and will run through to June. We have 12 enthusiastic starters. The Instructor's are: Lyn Walker, Jan Taylor and, when available, Chief Agility Instructor, Sandra Walker.

It is always exciting to start a new group of Agilites and we wish them well on their journey.

To do Agility you must be in Class 3 and have a stable and healthy dog. If you are interested in the next Agility intake you need to register with the ladies in the office.

**Wednesday Night Agility is moving!** At the end of April/beginning of May the Wednesday night Agility Group will be moving to Sunday mornings. We have found that the cold night air and dew settling on the Contact equipment is proving dangerous to the dogs who could slip off this apparatus and hurt themselves. Our policy at Sutherland Agility is that the safety of the dogs and handlers come first; we would not knowingly put them in danger. Therefore, we will be sharing the area and equipment with the Beginner Agility Group until September.



**TUESDAY 9TH – SUNDAY 14TH JULY 2024**

Join us at the Dogs NSW grounds for an exhilarating showcase of speed, skill, and canine athleticism as Sydney plays host to the 2024 National Agility Championships! The event will bring together the country's finest agility competitors as they vie for the title of national champion.



## WE NEED YOU....!

The Club will be holding an Agility Trial on Sunday 16th June, 2024. We have not had an Agility Trial at Sutherland for a few years mainly due to Covid and finding someone to organise the trial. There is a lot of 'behind the scenes' work, which Margaret Taylor could attest to as she, single handedly, organised both the Obedience and Agility trials for a number of years.

Because of the trial there will be no training that day, so why not volunteer to help-out ..... give something back to the Club. There will be two Rings and each Ring will need Stewards, Lead Runners, back-up Time Keepers, Scribes, course builders and 'go-fors'. Additionally, we do not have enough equipment to accommodate two rings so we must hire equipment from Dogs NSW.



Therefore, we are after someone, that has a 4x4 vehicle with a tow bar, who could collect the Agility equipment trailer from Dogs NSW (Orchard Hills) on Saturday and return it Monday morning (we will pay for fuel and toll charges).

If you are able to help out for the whole day, or even part, your assistance will be most welcome. We will provide you with the necessary training and lunch.



## THE AGILITY NATIONALS ARE COMING BACK TO SYDNEY IN 2024

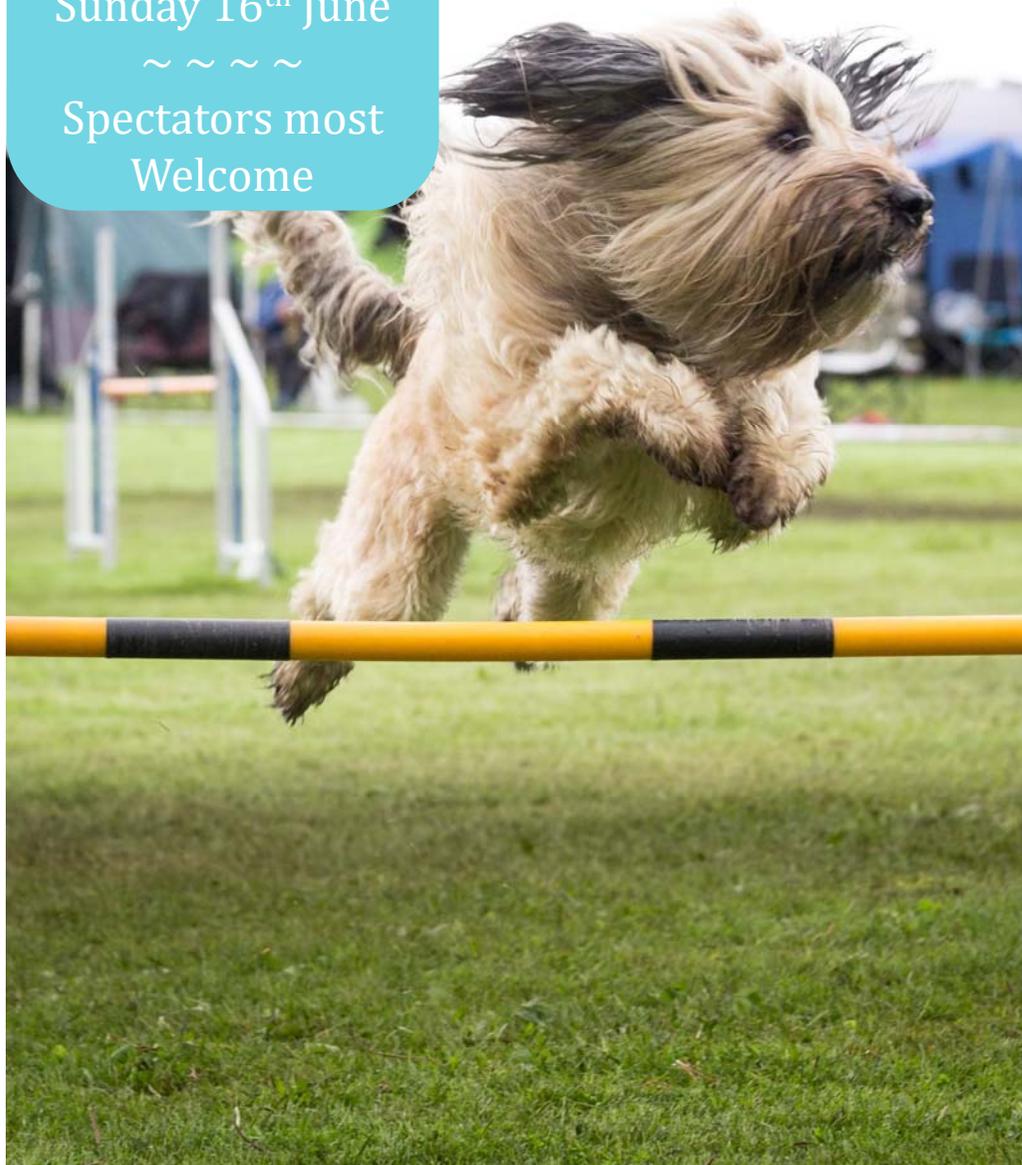
Yes, the Australian Agility Nationals is returning to NSW and will be held at the Dogs NSW complex at Orchard Hills from 9th to 14th July. The Nationals are held every two years (with the exception of a break during Covid) and each State in Australia has the privilege of hosting the event. It was 2012 when Sydney last hosted the Nationals at the Olympic Equestrian Centre and without a doubt it was one of the best competitions ever. Our Margaret Taylor was on the organising committee and Sandra Walker was one of the Judges.



I can still remember her Open Jumping Course; it was difficult, but what a hoot to run. I understand Sandra has been appointed to Judge 'Strategic Pairs' and 'Gamblers' at this years Nationals. If you would like to see some exceptional dog/handler teams from all around Australia and New Zealand then mark the dates down on your calendar. Additionally, I think they might be still looking for Stewards, so if you are free and able to help out, then contact the organising committee.



Sutherland Shire  
Dog Training  
Club will be  
holding an  
Agility trial on  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June  
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Spectators most  
Welcome



# What is Agility?

Dog Agility is a sport open to all dogs, it is the fastest growing of the dog sports and most breeds, from Toys like a Chihuahua to Giant Breeds, like a Great Dane, could be suitable for agility. Agility is fun sport for dogs and handlers to get fit together. Dogs are required to learn fun obstacles such as hoops, tunnels, weaving poles, scramble, dog walk, see saw and jumps. Obstacle jump heights are suited to the dogs, jumps at 200 mm, 300mm, 400mm, 500 mm or 600mm based on the height of the dog at the withers.

Be aware that a few breeds may not be suitable for agility and it may be advisable they become spectators rather than participants. It is also advisable not to train overweight dogs or dogs with joint problems without consulting your vet first.

Agility training is specialized and offered by select affiliated Clubs. Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club have a couple of beginner Agility intakes each year, please contact the club for further details.

Puppies could start from eight months of age when their joints and bodies are fully developed. Fit adult dogs can commence training at any age. Some handlers and dogs may only decide to come to training for the fun of it all.

## The Agility Trial

Agility was originally developed from equestrian show jumping. The aim of this competition is for a handler to direct their dog around a course of different obstacles to assess and enhance their intelligence and ability. It is an educational and sporting activity intended to improve the dog's integration into society.

Dog Agility competitions are held around Australia and the World. Most weekends Agility Trials happen and offer classes of the various levels of difficulty from Novice to Masters. Courses are set by the Agility Judges and no two courses are ever the same.

Competitions for Agility, Jumping and Agility Games include Novice, Excellent and Master classes. In Agility and Jumping there is also an Open Class which all the dogs compete against each other not just their height category. The Agility Games classes test the handler's strategic skills in classes of Snooker, Gamblers and Strategic Pairs.

A 'clear round' must be obtained to receive a "Qualification" which is no time faults or course faults recorded on the course. As qualifications are gained "Titles" are awarded and the dog will progress to the next higher class, Novice to Excellent and then Master. The highest level of achievement is Agility Champion.

For all rules relating to Agility please view the Dogs Australia website.  
<https://dogsaustralia.org.au/members/rule-regulations/rules/>

## February – March 2024

### Blacktown Trick Dog Test Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024

- Sandra & Kip - Trick Dog Starter  
1<sup>st</sup> Place 59/60 points
- Carol & Sasha - Trick Dog Starter  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place 59/60 points  
**& Gained their Trick Dog Starter Title**
- Judy & Casey  
- Trick Dog Intermediate Qualification



Judy & Casey

# Obedience, Rally, Scent Work, Tricks and DWD Report

Shanelle Corben



Sandra & Kip



Carol & Sasha

## Obedience, Rally, ScentWork, Tricks & DWD Report (cont)

### Northern Suburbs Dances with Dogs Double Competition

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

- Judy & Casey – Freestyle Novice AM 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Loretta & Fosse – Freestyle Advanced AM & PM Two Championship passes
- Loretta & Swayze – Freestyle Advanced AM & PM Two Grand Champion passes
- Shanelle & Kadie – Heelwork to Music Advanced AM 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Place



Fosse & Swayze

### Cessnock Obedience & Rally Trial

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

- Maria & Arlo  
Qualification in Rally Novice
- Maria & Neeko  
3<sup>rd</sup> place in Rally Master

*This was the first time for Maria's boys in these levels, very hot temperatures and rumbling thunder.*



Arlo & Neeko

## February – March 2024

### DOGS NSW Dances with Dogs Double Competition

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024

- Judy & Casey – Freestyle Novice AM 1<sup>st</sup> Place, PM 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
**& Gained Their Freestyle Novice Title**
- Loretta & Fosse – Freestyle Advanced AM 2<sup>nd</sup> Place & PM 1<sup>st</sup> place with Two Championship passes
- Loretta & Swayze – Freestyle Advanced AM 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Shanelle & Kadie – Heelwork to Music Advanced AM 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
**& Gained Their Heelwork to Music Advanced Title**



Judy & Casey



Shanelle & Kadie



Loretta & Swayze

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# Spotlight On

## *Instructor: Dagmar Urban*

Hi everyone, first of all I want to thank all the volunteers in this club for the time and hard work they do. It's only because of them that I have come this far with my dogs over the time I joined this club in 2000 with my first dog who always wanted to please us.

After a long break I joined the club again in 2015 with my current dog who had a lot of problems which we could fix with a lot of training and patience and even ended up doing Obedience and Rally competitions together.



*Dagmar Urban*

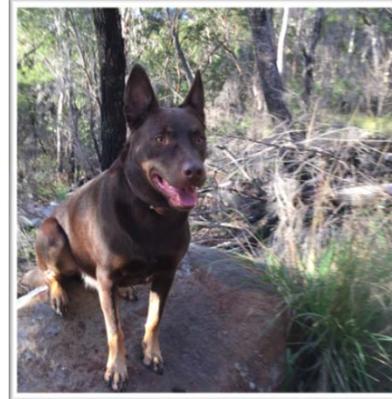
I am originally from Bavaria, Germany where I worked as a technical drawer specialised in machinery.

I moved to Australia in 1992 because of marriage which was very hard for me because of the language and cultural barriers.

We have one child who got married last year and we are blessed with one grandchild.



*Kaizen*



In Australia I worked in a preschool for 21 years as a child assistant and retired in 2022.

Now I spend my time looking after my grandchild, training my dog and have been volunteering as an instructor in this dog club for the last 3-4 years.

My dog and I really enjoy our time training with the club and appreciate the people and other dogs we have met during our time here.



*We have six new instructors at Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club.*

*Please welcome (from L to R) Vera, Hjordis (Sam), Steven, Jason and Dan – not pictured is Jamie.*

*SSDTC really appreciate the time and effort all volunteer trainers put in to turning up each Sunday.*

*If you're interested in joining the training team, please reach out to Chief Instructor, Lyn Walsh.*

Treat Pouches

Will be

available for

purchase soon

**Merchandise**

Our club enforces a no dog attack policy. This 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.

#### TRAINING AND CLASS TIMES

##### SUNDAY MORNING

Kindergarten - 8:30 to 9:30 am

*(During Daylight Saving 8:00 to 9:00 am)*

Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 - 8:30 to 9:30 am

*(During Daylight Saving 8:00 to 9:00 am)*

Beginners Agility - 8:30 to 9:30 am

*(During Daylight Saving 8:00 to 9:00 am)*

##### MONDAY NIGHT

The Help Class - 7:00 to 8:30 pm

*(Invitation Only - Enquire at Clubhouse)*

Rally - 7:00 to 9:00pm

Trial Class 7:00 to 9:00pm

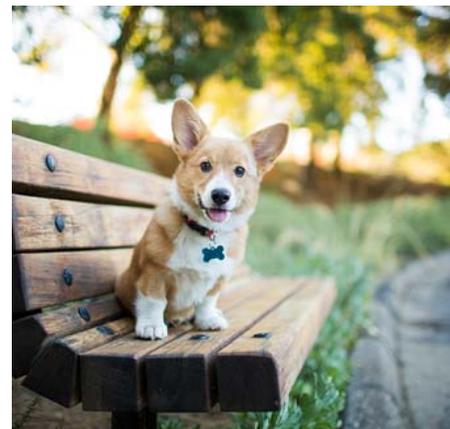
*(every fortnight)*

##### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

*(moving to Sunday Mornings soon!)*

Agility Training - 7:15 to 9:30 pm

*(Intermediate/Trialers)*



There is no Poop Fairy ...



**Scoop your Poop**

• Grab it • Bag it • Toss it

#### 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 appointed vetting officers before you proceed to a class. No dogs will be allowed on 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. All handlers of dogs who foul the grounds must immediately clean up and dispose of the matter in the bin/s 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 behave courteously to other members and officials of the Club at all times.
10. Any disputes should be referred to the chief instructor or a committee member at the time of the dispute.