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## ▶ Editor's Note



Lee Collett

Welcome to the December 2024-January 2025 edition of The Wag. This year has absolutely flown by for me with some renovations on my house, starting a new job and preparing for a Winter Christmas in Europe. I have not participated in nearly as much training as

I would like. Next year should be much more relaxing and I plan on paying some much needed attention to dog training. Hopefully we can get another Rally certificate too. Happy Holidays to all.

When your human is the editor of the magazine, you get to be on the front page ;) but if you want your dog featured in the magazine drop me a line at [editor@ssdtc.com.au](mailto:editor@ssdtc.com.au) You'll also see me at training and trials hovering and taking pictures, so look out for your furry friend in future editions.

## ▶ President's Report



Brian Jarrett

It has been, both, a busy and rewarding time in 2024. The club has introduced many new initiatives over the year, and these could not have had the success they had without the dedication and efforts of our volunteers along with support of the committee. Well done to all.

We welcomed almost 200 new members this year and thanks must go to our group of Instructors and volunteers that administer new and existing members, vet them and then apply their knowledge and experience in the various classes each week. This is a fantastic effort from each every one of you.

We will celebrate our last Sunday classes for 2024 with a fun filled Christmas Party on December 8th, from 8am till 9:30 am. Please come along, in festive dress up and enjoy the activities our Christmas Party team have put together for you and your pooch. Lots of prizes and fun for all. Many thanks to the team for pulling this event together.

We will have a well earned break over the Christmas/New Year period and reassemble again on Sunday February 2nd 2025 at 8:00am.

On behalf of the SSDTC Committee and our volunteers, we wish all our members a merry Christmas, a safe and prosperous New Year and will see you all again in 2025.

# ► New Members

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Stephen & Leticia Arico of WOOLLOOWARE with Fox Terrier (Smooth) x Kira  
Peter Blackwood of WORONORA with German Shepherd Dog x Ragnar  
Remy Dawkes of REVESBY with Dobermann Cooper  
Michael Donnelly of YOWIE NAY with Poodle x Alfie  
Anne-Maree Donnelly of YOWIE BAY with Poodle x Alfie  
Julia Dunn of CARINGBAH SOUTH with Golden Retriever Winnie  
Jessica Hizart of SUTHERLAND with Poodle x Hanna  
Dianne Mccallum of SANS SOUCI with Border Collie x Lotti  
Kirsten Mcleod of SUTHERLAND with Poodle x George  
Neville Parlato of PICNIC POINT with Border Collie Zara  
Ian & Lisa Percival of HEATHCOTE with Australian Cattle Dog x Clementine  
Kelly Peters of LOFTUS with Border Collie Bodie  
Gavin & Josh Sawtell of ENGADINE with Border Collie Bowie  
Stella Tarakson of KOGARAH BAY with Labrador Retriever Watson

Editors Note: I want to thank Jan & Shanelle for all their contributions to The Wag – they've done an amazing job and really made things easy for me when editing the magazine!

I'd like to welcome Robyn & Jenni to the contribution team and look forward to working with you on future issues!





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▶ 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.

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# ▶ Calendar of Events

## Club Event Dates

6 April – Trick Dog Test

12 May - Tracking Trial (T&S)

18 May - Obedience & Rally Trial

15 June - Agility Trial

21 June – Track & Search Trial

## Training Dates

First Sunday for 2025 Training will be Sunday 2 February

Final Sunday for 2025 Training will be Sunday 7 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

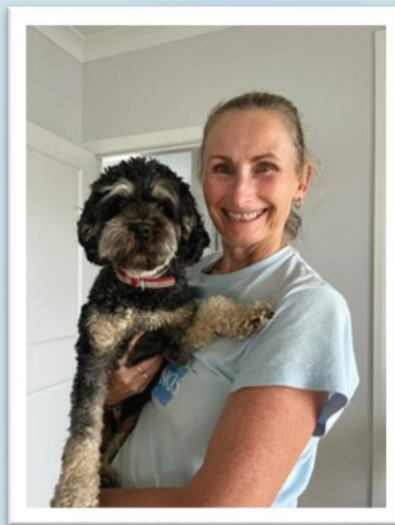
Committee Meetings take place on the second Sunday of every month after general training

Annual General Meeting will be held SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

**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 [ams.corben@bigpond.com](mailto:ams.corben@bigpond.com)

**THERE WILL BE NO TRAINING ON**  
6<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 18<sup>th</sup> MAY  
or 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE



*Linda Michel & Jasper*

Firstly, as the new contributor of the Agility Round-Up article, I'd like to join in thanking Sandra, Jan & Lyn for their work through the year.

Linda has expressed it very nicely:

*I'd like to thank all of you for all the work and time you've put into training us and our dogs in Agility. You've all been very patient with us and we really appreciate it.*

*We've really enjoyed it and try to make it every week unless I'm away. My work schedule is very busy, so I don't think I'll be able to trial anytime soon. Maybe when I retire or cut down on my work? I am interested in trawling, I just don't have the time at the moment so am happy to continue learning and practicing with the Sutherland group.*

*We started this year in March when the beginners class started & have really enjoyed learning Agility. Jasper seems very excited to arrive each week, so I think he really enjoys it too. I feel its good stimulation for his mind & good exercise as well. I feel that we've learned a lot since starting earlier this year (but still have a long way to go).*

*I think that we're doing fairly well at sit/stay for lead outs, jumps, the Dog walk & the A frame. My front & rear crosses are improving. My goal for next year is to be able to send Jasper out to obstacles rather than having to run all the way with him, to master the weavers, and get Jaz to go on the sea saw (he's quite scared of it).*

*Thanks again for all of your hard work!*

## An Amazing Experience at the Agility Novice Skills and Handling Clinic by Catherine Link.

In early November, Kasia Wojcikowska, myself, and our dogs, Foxy and Jack-Jack, participated in an exceptional agility Novice Skills and Handling clinic. Hosted at Canine Ed in the Southern Highlands, the clinic took place in their state-of-the-art, undercover agility arena, ensuring a comfortable training environment regardless of weather conditions.

The clinic was led by Iwona Golab, an esteemed instructor and the 2024 World Agility Champion. With her extensive expertise and passion for the sport, Iwona provided invaluable guidance throughout the session.

This small and highly personalized class was limited to just four participants, allowing each handler and dog to receive individualized attention. Over the course of three hours, we enjoyed four tailored sessions, with Iwona adapting her instruction to suit the unique abilities of each team.

The clinic offered a fantastic opportunity to refine our skills, enhance our handling techniques, and strengthen the bond with our dogs. It was an unforgettable experience that left both handlers and dogs inspired and eager to continue their agility journey.



*Catherine and Jack Jack at their first Seminar*



*Kasia and Foxy at their 1st Seminar. Thanks for amazing shots of action to Jaco Ehlers (@jaco\_ehlers\_photography).*

From Kasia Wojcikows and her dog Foxy:

Agility is a fantastic sport for dogs and their companions. Foxy and I already shared a strong bond before we started, but this experience has brought us even closer. It's not just fun; it's about learning to work as a team and achieving small goals together. I love seeing Foxy's excitement before a jump—she's like a little flying fox! This journey has helped us understand each other on a whole new level.

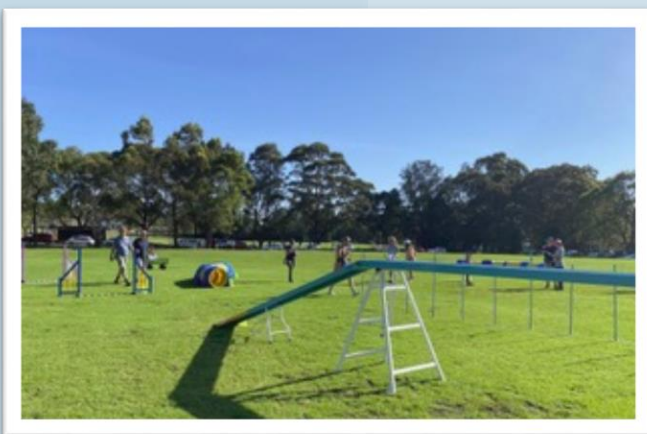


Yearly round up by Jan Taylor

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November was our last day of Agility training for the year. We decided to finish up by introducing the class to a Game in Agility called 'Strategic Pairs' or better known to some as 'Organised Chaos'. The idea is to have two teams running on course on rotation. You strategize who is better at Weavers or Contacts and then work out what section of the course each team will undertake. The obstacles are numbered and each team has to remember which obstacles they are doing. Sounds simple enough.....what could go wrong! Well if a team member drops a bar or does not hit the contact point on the Dog Walk or Scramble then it is up to the other team to complete and correct the mistake. And this is where the fun starts.

Sandra used a Novice Strategic Pairs course from the 2024 Agility Nationals so after setting it up and explaining the rules we set the class off to work out their plan. Confusion reigned! But when it came time to run the course some of the "Teams" did extremely well whilst a couple of others needed a guiding hand from Sandra, who was Judging. They all wanted to have another go, but sadly there was only enough time for one run each. Sandra promised to set up another Strategic Course next year. However even though Strategic Pairs does have a tendency to throw all of their training out the window and they are in survival mode to complete the course, Sandra was highly complimentary on how much their handling skills had improved. Agility training will recommence when training goes back in February but we will revert back to Wednesday night as Sunday morning is clearly too hot.

Beginner training will commence in March. If you are interested please refer to the criteria that was outlined in the previous Wag and supply your details to the ladies in the office.



*Comment from Judge Sandra Walker "Some of the guilty handlers running the Strategic Pairs course"*

## Trial Results

Many of our members have been successful in recent trials.

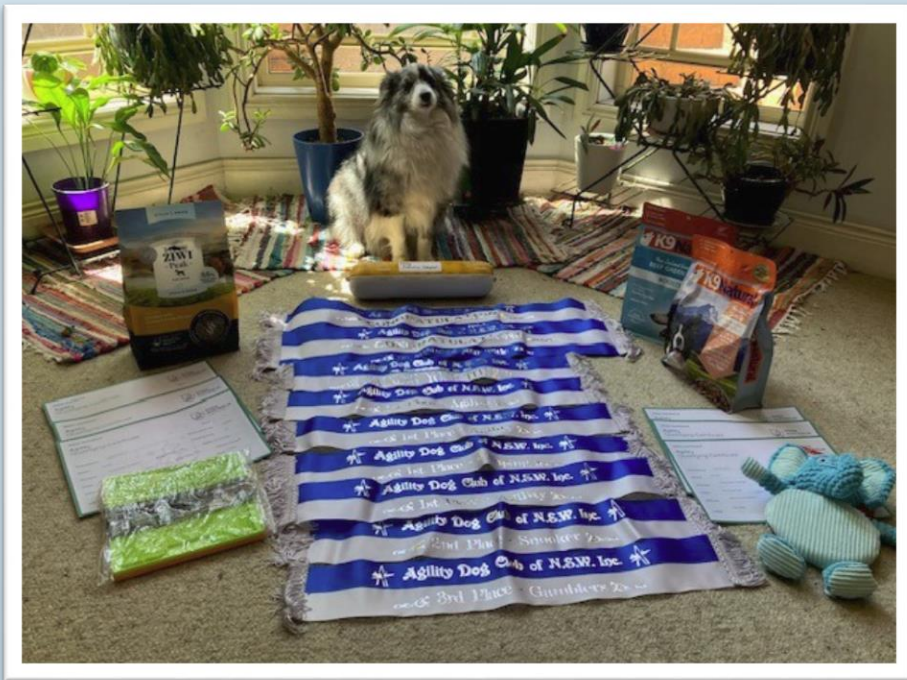
### *Deer Bush Trial September 29*

Darren Lee and Winston - JDM 1st Q, ADM 3rd Q

ADC Oktoberfest Trial at Castle Hill October 26-27

From Patricia Cooper

We attended Castle Hill last weekend- on Saturday Lacey came 1st & Q in 2 x ADX 300; and 1 JDX 300 & her title and 2nd in SD and her title. On Sunday she won 1 JDX 300 & Q and came 3rd in GD & her title. We have never had such a successful weekend – 6 out of 8 events. It probably won't ever happen again.



## Other successful results

Darren Lee and Winston – Sat JDM Q, ADM Q, Sun JDM Q and 3rd place

Rhonda and Michaela – Sat JD Q 1st place

Maria and Arlo – JD Q 1st place Sat, GD Q 2nd place Sun

Maria and Neeko – GD Q and Title Sun. Neeko had ants in his pants on Saturday so no Qs!

Nga and Poco – ADM Q Sat

### *Wollongong Trial at Wombarra Beach (near Wollongong) November 23*

Weather was very warm but the location was superb, adjacent to a dog beach with a lovely sea breeze to keep us cool. Many of our dogs were able to enjoy a dip in the surf before their run.

## Results:

Patricia and Lacey Q and 1st place in Lacey's first Masters run.

Rhonda and Michaela - Q and 2nd place in JD

# ▶ Grading Fundamentals

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*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

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- ❖ 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

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- ❖ Grading takes place Sunday as per Judges Ring schedule

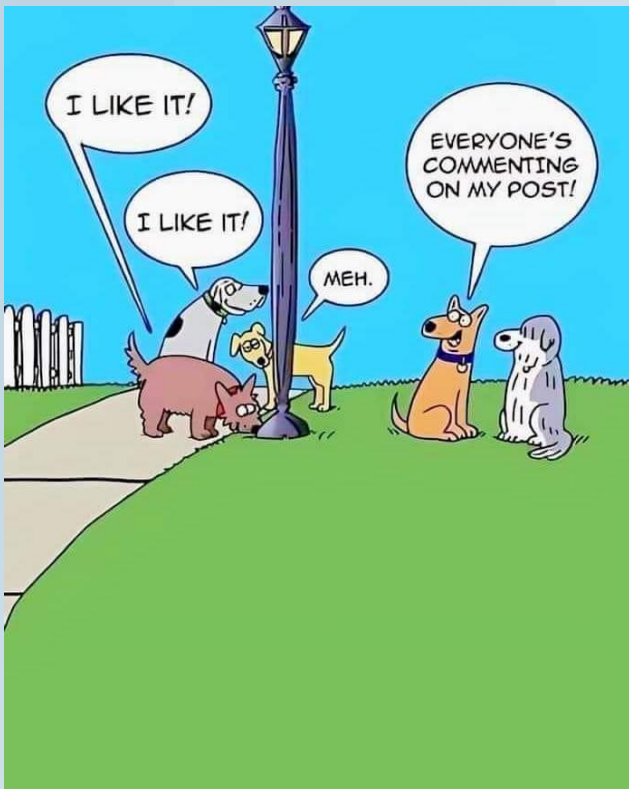
Three qualifying passes to Dogs NSW trial standard -> Community Companion Dog (CCD) Standard

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 of 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

# ▶ Training Tips

## 5 Tips for High Energy Dogs



### Tip 1: A Tired Dog is a Good Dog

A tired dog is a good dog! A treadmill is a GREAT way to burn off a little extra energy before bedtime, on rainy days, or when you simply have a dog who needs a little extra burn before their daily excursions. I WALK my dogs predominately on the treadmill. The idea is not to get their fitness level so high that it exceeds your energy level, but to burn off a bit of energy in a slow, controlled fashion. Twenty minutes of “walkie time” as I call it on a treadmill will prepare you and your dog for a more enjoyable hike later in the day. Think of it as a warm up. You might add five minutes of trotting to get the tongue lolling, but mostly calm walking is best to condition a relaxed mind.

### Tip 2: Teach Your Dog Patience

Teach your dog the concept of patience. We tend to go places. We always have a destination. In horse training there is a method of tying a horse on what is called a patience pole. They simply learn the skill of doing nothing for long periods affixed to a pole sunk in the ground. In dog training, your dog needs to learn to be patient and relaxed while on leash. YOU can be the patience pole. If it can be done with a thousand pound animal, surely we can teach Fido to just wait. Do nothing. Go no where. Coffee shop patios are great for this. Also, teach your dog to be patient and travel in a crate. They exit the vehicle calmer in most cases and allow you to get your equipment organized before the dog exits the vehicle so you aren't in a mad rush. If you are rushing because your dog is wound up, who is in the driver's seat?

### Tip 3: Make a Training Box

Get the equipment to help you accomplish these things. Make a training box or bag. Training leashes, collars, Bitter Apple Spray for barking, squirt bottles, treats are all part of my training box. You may need a pro to help you properly implement their use and perfect techniques, but without the right gear you are wasting your time.

### Tip 4: Double Up with Exercise + Patience

Pick three to four activities lasting an hour or more to do with your dog each week to burn exercise, then practice being a patience pole during that activity for 15 of those minutes. Hiking, biking, trip to the beach or lake, field trip to Petsmart or Home Depot, etc. Don't wait to do your training until you have to make a vet appointment, or when your child is playing in a soccer game. Practice before you need the skills. With a high-energy dog, you may need to treadmill before you engage in these activities to manage their enthusiasm.

### Tip 5: Enrichment Treats

Enrichment treats such as bones with frozen peanut butter on the inside, stuffed Kongs, knuckle bones, bully sticks, and pig ears are all example of some great enrichment items to create calmness while inside the home, kennel, or crate.

### Conclusion

So, stock up your training bag. Get a strategy in place to pre burn some energy BEFORE your dog excursion, and schedule your weekly field trips. Put a plan in place and try it for two weeks and you will see a big difference in your dog's behavior.

Who knows? You might even want to go to the next level and enroll in more challenging courses for fun!

Full article can be read [here](#)



## Eastern Suburbs Dog Training Club, 5 October

- **Rob and Tex**  
Novice/CD 195/200, 2nd Place, Title gained

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## Penrith Kennel Club, 6 October

- **Jenny and Winston**  
Novice/CD, Q172 /200  
Rally Excellent Q83/100
- **Dagmar and Kaizen**  
Rally Excellent, Q89/100



## NSW State Titles – 7 October

- **Jenny and Winston**  
Novice/CD 181/200, 4th place  
Rally Excellent 89/100, Title gained
- **Maria and Neeko,**  
Rally Master, 99/100, 1st place
- **Rob & Tex**  
Novice/CD 185/200, 1st Place &  
Novice Gold Medallion  
“Highest Two Scores over  
State Titles weekend”

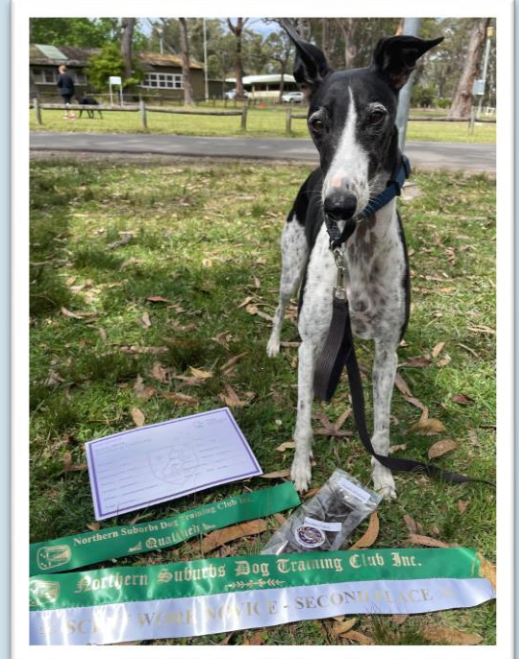


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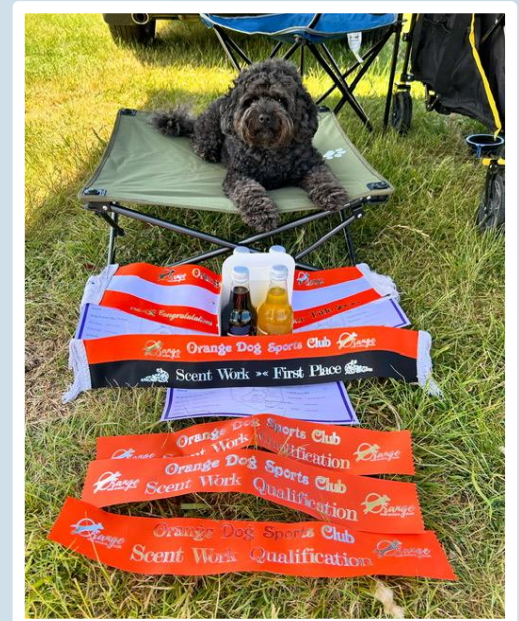
## Northern Suburbs Scent Work Trial, 13 October

- **Christie and Roman**  
Novice Vehicles, Q, 9.44s,  
2nd place
- **Christie and Jaxon**  
Advanced Vehicles, Q



## Port Macquarie Dog Training Club Triple Trial, 19-20 October

- **Rob and Tex**  
Trick Starter  
Trial #1, 58/60  
Trial #2, 59.5/60, 2nd Place  
Trial #3, 60/60, 1st Place  
Title gained (Trick Starter)



## Eurobodalla Canine Club Double trial, 26 October

- **Jenni and Dolly**  
Trick Starter  
Trial #1, Q58.5/60  
Trial #2, Q59.1/60





## Orange Scent Work Trial, 2 November

- **Jenny and Winston**

Advanced Vehicle Q, 32.53s, 1st place

Advanced Exterior Place: Q, 53.18s, 1st place

Advanced Interiors Place: Q, 41.22s, 6th place

Title gained (Advanced Scent Work)

## Border Collie Club Scent Work Trial, 22 November

- **Jan and Wilson**

Novice Containers, pass

Title gained (Novice Scent Work)

- **Linda and Clancy**

Novice Containers, pass



## Dances with Dogs Double competition, 9 November

- **Judy and Casey**

Heelwork to Music Starter,

2nd & 3rd place

Freestyle Intermediate

2nd place



## Western Sydney Scent Work Trial

17 November

- **Christie and Roman**  
Advanced Containers, 4th place
- **Christie and Jaxon**  
Novice Vehicles, 6th place  
Advanced Exteriors, 10th Place

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## Newcastle All Breeds Dog Club

23 November

- **Maria and Neeko**  
Rally Master, 100/100,  
1st place
- **Maria and Arlo**  
Trick Novice, 80/80, 1st place  
Novice Trick Dog Title gained



### Outgoing Results Collator message - from Shanelle

First and foremost a big thank you and also a warm welcome to Jenni (& little Dolly) for stepping in to some of my shoes, taking over from myself collating all the amazing results that come in from all our trialling members for Obedience, Rally, Herding, Scent Work, Trick Dog and Dances with Dogs.

Over the almost 10 years either as Editor, or more recently the Results Collator for the above disciplines, I have enjoyed watching the club grow with our members who take on the journey of competing with their dogs. I want to wish Jenni well with this role and look forward to the reading about the continuing successes of our members.

**Amazing results from you all ..... Congratulations !!**

## Rally Class wrap up for 2024



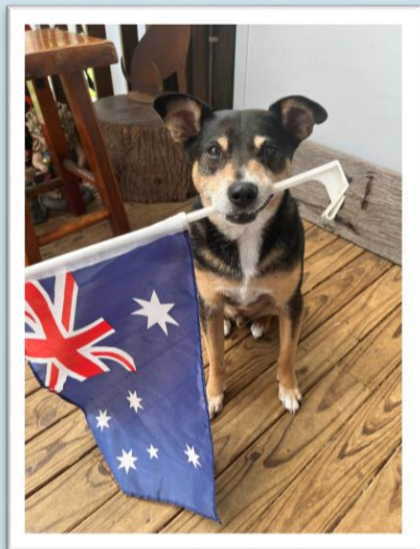
What a fantastic year the Club's Rally Group, which meet on a Monday evening, have had with multiple Passes, Placings and Titles through all four trialling levels (Novice, Advance, Excellent and Master). There have also been several new people that started throughout the year and all are showing wonderful potential. The group is very friendly and keen to help and guide our new people when neither I or Shanelle are available. We hope that with our own Club trial in May 2025 the bulk of entrants will be from Sutherland. However, if trialling is not for you that is not a problem as we encourage members to expand their enjoyment of just being with their best friend and having fun.

So, what is "Rally"? Some refer it to "Agility for Obedience Dogs" and this is because, like Agility, the Judge will set out a course, you have time to "Walk the Course" and ask questions or clarification of the Judge about certain signs before you and your dog attempt the course. The difference between pure Obedience and Rally is that in Rally you can talk encouragingly to and pat your dog whilst on course. No food rewards are permitted in a trial. The Novice signs are very basic, such as Sit, Drop, Stand, About Turn, Weave between Cones,.....etc. If you think Rally might be right up your alley then put your name down with the ladies in the office. We will accept Club members from Class two onwards on the proviso that their dog is stable, non-aggressive and has a solid knowledge of basic Obedience positions and heeling.





## Instructor Carol Crowe



Carol is one of the Grade 1 instructors on the Athletics field. No doubt you have seen her on the field on Sundays with little jumps and things set up for her beginners. Carol is a self-confessed dog geek and always looking for more to learn. She loves nothing more than going to a good workshop or course with other dog geeks. Her husband complains that when she get together with other dog geek friends all they talk about is dogs - and this a problem *why ??*

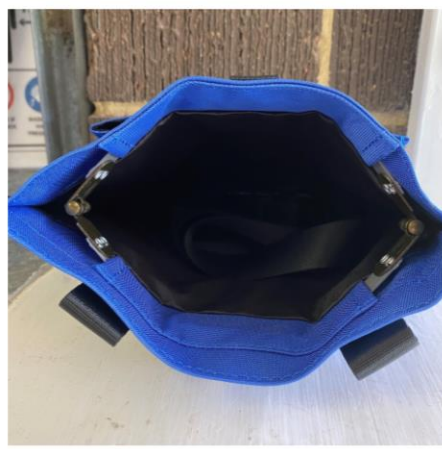
Carol joined the club in 1992 with her rescue bull terrier cross, Sarah. Sarah was a cruelty case, and Carol, along with her husband, worked towards building up Sarah's confidence after a pretty bad start in life. A trainer suggested they bring Sarah down to the club and they worked through the grades and did some Obedience trialling. They also did Flyball, Tracking and Agility. Sarah was the very first dog in the club to get her Endurance Title. She also passed the then NSW Canine Council Canine Good Citizen test – an amazing feat for a dog that came to them completely terrified of almost everything and fear aggressive. Agility, however, was where Sarah really excelled. Carol was asked to take on the Chief Agility Instructor role which she held until I resigned from the position in 2001. Carol continued to organise and act as MC for the Club at our demonstration each year at the Lugarno Lions Club Spring Fair and has many fond memories of trials and weekends away with the SSDTC agility mob.

Carol then took a very long sabbatical from dog training but kept up training at home with her Kelpie/Border Collie cross Rex and Eclectus Parrot, Spuddy. At this time, she was also working for the NSW Police Dog Unit which she loved. Sadly, both Rex and Spuddy left way too soon, and Carol decided no more dogs/birds. In 2016 Carol had spinal surgery and feeling very lonely at home on her own, decided it was time to get another dog. Along came Buddy, the rescue Kelpie cross, Carol's heart dog. He is 14 now and as smart as ever.

In 2019 Carol was really missing training dogs so decided to get a formal qualification and start training dogs again. She completed the National Dog Trainers Federation Certificate 111 Dog Behaviour and Training course. Buddy was the perfect dog for doing some of the practical assessments including the teach dogs complex skills and assistance dog training modules. Carol approached the club to see if they would be interested in having a "not quite yet" qualified dog trainer to volunteer and they said "Yes". Carol successfully completed the course at the end of that same year and have been instructing at the club ever since.

Carol says she *"loves coming down to the club each week and working with my wonderful 'newbies'. It is so rewarding to see club members start to build that close bond with their dogs. I can also say that through the club I have met some wonderful lifelong friends and some truly extraordinary dogs."*





## ► Merchandise

Treat pouches  
are now  
available from  
the canteen –  
only \$15.00 each

## 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**

**Obedience 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** ...



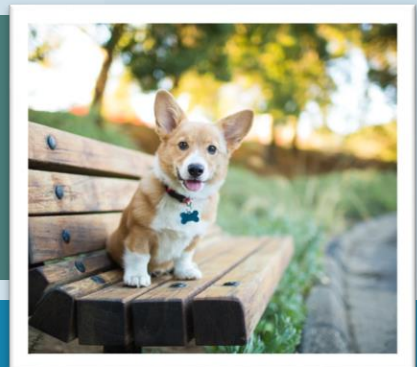
**Scoop your Poop**

Grab it - Bag it - Toss it

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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.

## ▶ General Rules



### 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.
5. Current inoculation certificates must be produced when renewing membership.
6. No bitch in season will be allowed to attend training.
7. All dogs must be kept on a leash at all times unless under the supervision of an instructor.
8. All handlers of dogs who foul the grounds must immediately clean up and dispose of the matter in the bin/s provided.
9. Classes using the Club jumps and/or agility equipment will be responsible for returning the equipment to the equipment room after use.
10. Members shall behave courteously to other members and officials of the Club at all times.
11. Any disputes should be referred to the chief instructor or a committee member at the time of the dispute.