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► Editor's Note



Lee Collett

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Welcome to the June-July 2024 edition of The Wag. I spent some time in Japan recently and on my return, had a read of The Wag and realised that the format wasn't that easy to read on a phone – so I've changed it up a bit. Let me know what you think!

Bear and I entered our first Rally trial on 5 May and were successful in gaining a pass. I was SO nervous and had absolutely no idea what I was doing but we had such a fun day. We didn't do so well in our second trial but we're spurred on to keep going.

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 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

I would like to welcome our new members and their dogs to our club, over 180 year to date.

We should be back to normal operation now after training being disrupted by the weather for a few weeks.

Our Obedience and Rally Trials were held on May 19 and after a lot of concern with weather and ground conditions was a great success. A record number of entries and our club's competitors finished the day with a bucket full of awards and titles gained. Congratulations to all our members that competed.

This success was the result of the work performed by the team. They pulled all the pieces together with the many months of planning and implementation of these plans on the day.

I am sure that our members that volunteered on the day enjoyed the experience, I certainly did.

The catering on the day was definitely a winner.

Feedback from the judges and non-club member competitors was all highly complementary and very positive. Well done to all.

We have our Agility Trial coming up on 16th June, if you are available to help out on the day, please let us know.

Additionally, we have a Scent Workshop commencing on 3rd August, if you are interested in this, ask your Instructor for details or visit the SSDTC website.

► New Members

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Steve Allanson of WORONORA HEIGHTS with Border Collie x Loki
Rhys Archibold of BARDEN RIDGE with Labrador Retriever x Sunny
Karen Bailey of JANNALI with Australian Kelpie x Cleo
Paris Barnard of ENGADINE with Staffordshire Bull Terrier x Coco
Alex Bogojevic of BURRANEER with Poodle Tigi
Kay Bowmaker of GRAYS POINT with Poodle x Fonzie
Paul Brennen of BUNDEENA with Boxer Oatis and Staffordshire Bull Terrier Sky
Anthony Briggs of GYMEA BAY with Golden Retriever Molly
Tanya Briggs of GYMEA BAY with Golden Retriever Molly
James Chappelow of GYMEA BAY with Golden Retriever Bertie
Jesica Covarrubias of SUTHERLAND with Australian Kelpie Rocky
Fleur Dingle of GRAYS POINT with Jack Russell Terrier Charlie
David Dixon of BUNDEENA with Golden Retriever Nellie
Henry Henderson of HEATHCOTE with Poodle Chia, Sunny and Cash
Jack Hodge of SYLVANIA with German Shepherd Dog Sash
Neil Irvine of CRONULLA with German Hound Apollo
Stephanie Johnson of MENAI with Labrador Retriever Loki
Luke Jordan of ENGADINE with Dachshund Ziggy
Gordana Jovanovic of COMO with Border Collie Kosta
Sarah Keep of SUTHERLAND with Chihuahua x Oliver and Chihuahua Lucca
Siobhan Kennedy of NEWTOWN with Brittany Spaniel Clementine
Chris Kilmurray of OYSTER BAY with German Short- Haired Pointing Dog Coco
Sharra Lannan of HEATHCOTE with Dachshund x Eunha
Joanne Laskowski of MIRANDA with English Cocker Spaniel Ivy
Craig Law of HOLSWORTHY with German Shepherd Dog Luna
Darren Lee of KINGSGROVE with Poodle x Winston
Sophie Love of ENGADINE with Staffordshire Bull Terrier Rex
Steve Loxley of CARINGBAH with Maltese x Lucy and Rottweiler x Harlow
Rochelle Luke of BUNDEENA with Bulldog x Lulu
Amy Lyu of KOGARAH with Border Collie Hana
Sophia Powell of MENAI with Cavalier King Charles Spaniel x Ginger
Colin Pursell of BANGOR with American Staffordshire Terrier Bear
Denise Smith of PADSTOW HEIGHTS with Australian Kelpie x Brandy
Robina Stevens of MIRANDA with Poodle x Molly
Jennifer Terry of OYSTER BAY with x Trixie
Rebecca Thornton of MAIANBAR with Poodle x Hazel
Neil Walshe of CARINGBAH with Labrador Retriever x's Penny and Tina
Jenny Wong of KINGSGROVE with Poodle x Winston
Darrell Yates of CRONULLA with Poodle x Annie
Naomi Adekoya of CONNELLS POINT with German Short- Haired Pointing Dog
Connie
Oliver Adekoya of CONNELLS POINT with German Short- Haired Pointing Dog
Connie
Linda Brookes of BURRANEER with Border Collie x Paddy
Jenny Day of COMO with Golden Retriever Mabel
Megan Edwards of with Poodle x Alfie
Maddy Frost of YARRAWARRAH with Poodle x Murphy
Alison Glynn-baker of JANNALI with Jack Russell Terrier x Peach Baker
Naomi Hawes of MIRANDA with Labrador Retriever x Billy Bob
Peter Healy of BARDEN RIDGE with Golden Retriever x Bailey
David Mayhew of KIRRAWEE with Pug x Mavis
Amanda Mills of GYMEA with Golden Retriever x Tessa
Tara Sutton of SANDRINGHAM with Rottweiler Chella
Kerry Tippet of WORONORA HEIGHTS with German Shepherd Dog Cami

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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.

▶ 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



► Calendar of Events

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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

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Meeting Dates

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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

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



Thank you to all our Helpers

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My first time as Trial Secretary for the club, and what a great experience. Many thanks to Margaret Taylor for your guidance. Where would we be without your abundance of knowledge with your many years of running trials for the club, we certainly have big shoes to fill. We are very lucky to still have you to look over our shoulders whilst we still continue to run trials.

This was our largest entry ever for our Obedience and Rally Trial, and we were certainly prepared for it, well mostly, until the rains happened, just to throw a spanner into the works, but we soldiered on. Other clubs will aspire to what we achieved on the day, and the ever evident teamwork of our "village". Events such as these are run by many volunteers who certainly came out in force.

***Your help whether large or small certainly contributed to the huge success of our trial
I can't thank you enough***

Field Prep: Lynda B, Lyn C, Margaret T, Carol C, Lyn W

Ground Crew Setup/Pack Up: Margaret K, Brian J, John McG, Pam R, Patricia C, Maria H, Lynda B, Peter S, Judy S, Linda B, Robyn G & Lyn C

Check In: Linda B & Judy

Catering: Iris, Lyn W, Andrea & Wendy

Stewards: Amanda D, Lorraine J, Silvia D, Dianne C, Brian J, Patricia P, Sandra T,

Gilberto C, Michelle J, Peter S, John McG, Joy C, Lyn M, Gay W, Leslie R, Catherine L

Huge apologies if I've missed anyone

A special thank you to Iris & Lyn W, who looked after all of morning tea and lunch requirements, this is no easy task and a large part of the trial.

And it goes without saying, I am very proud of all our members who came away with placings, qualifications and almost qualifications in Obedience and Rally. Your dedication to your training is paying off.



Sunday 19 May 2024

Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club Obedience & Rally Trial

Shanelle Corben – Trial Secretary/Manager



Club Member Results - Obedience

Class	Number	Owners Name	Dog Name	Breed	Score	Placing
Community Companion Dog						
CCD	113	Patricia Cooper	LACEY RN AD JD	Associate Register	98	1st
CCD	107	Vera Auerbach	PEPPATREE MOON LIGHT SERENADE	Flat Coated Retriever	94	3rd
Novice						
CD	124	Lynette Coleman	AYBYDAN GYPSY PEARL CCD. RA. TK.N	Border Collie	197	1st
CD	128	James Brizi	BARDUFF NAMI	Labrador Retriever	191	2nd
CD	123	Mrs P Ryan	WHITETARTIN SPIRIT OF ARTEMIS TK.S. CCD. RN. CD.	Border Collie	182	Q
Highest Scoring Club Member - Obedience						
CD	124	Lynette Coleman	AYBYDAN GYPSY PEARL CCD. RA. TK.N	Border Collie	197	1st

Club Member Results - Rally

Class	Number	Owners Name	Dog Name	Breed	Score	Placing
Rally Novice						
RN	75	Miss C Rothwell	MAGIC	Associate Register	100	1st
RN	70	Mrs L D Rabbitt	BEDDYDANE GREATEST SHOWMAN FS.S. FS.N.	Poodle (Toy)	99	2nd
RN	71	Vera Auerbach	PEPPATREE MOON LIGHT SERENADE	Flat Coated Retriever	96	3rd
RN	82	Mrs L D Rabbitt	NEUT. CH. FS.CH. BEDDYDANE SOUTHINKU CANDANCE DWDF.A	Poodle (Toy)	90	Q
RN	69	Ms J Gormley	DOLLY	Associate Register	89	Q
Rally Advanced						
RA	35	Patricia Cooper	R.CH. SKYE CDX. RAE. RM. ADO. ADM. JDM. JDO. GDY. SDX. SPDX	Associate Register	98	1st
RA	42	Patricia Cooper	LACEY RN AD JD	Associate Register	98	2nd
RA	40	Carol Wallace	HERDSMAN HEY MISS DIOR CD.TKS. RA. AD. JD. HT	Shetland Sheepdog	97	Q
RA	20	Sandra Walker	TRALEE KIP RN AD JD	Sporting Register	95	Q
RA	31	Carol Wallace	HERDSMAN NOTHIN HOLDIN ME BACK CCD, RN,	Shetland Sheepdog	95	Q
RA	21	Judy Smith	ROSEBIRD CASEY RN TK.N. FS.N	Labrador Retriever	92	Q
Rally Excellent						
RE	52	Lynette Coleman	AYBYDAN GYPSY PEARL CCD. RA. TK.N	Border Collie	98	1st
RE	61	Jenny Wong	WINSTON CCD. TK.S. RA. SWN AD. JD.	Associate Register	95	2nd
RE	53	Barbara Horton	QUINORA JESSICA IN MY SOUL CCD CD RA TK.N	Border Collie	86	Q
Rally Master						
RM	8	Maria Herger	NEEKO TK.S. RN. RA. TK.N. TK.I.	Associate Register	100	1st
Highest Scoring Club Member - Rally						
<i>(Score / Time / Number of Signs)</i>						
RM	8	Maria Herger	NEEKO TK.S. RN. RA. TK.N. TK.I.	Associate Register	100 7sec p/s	1st

More photos can be found on the Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club Facebook page

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Barbara & Carol



Lee & Bear



Vera & Luna



CCD Stays

► Volunteer Appreciation

SSDTC Committee

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In the face of unprecedented challenges, the dedicated members of our dog club embarked on a journey to organise what would become the biggest trial in the club's history. With 180 competitors eagerly anticipated, the stakes were high, and the pressure was on to deliver a memorable event.



Months of meticulous planning and tireless effort went into preparing for the trial. Late last year, Shanelle Corben spearheaded the submission of documents to DOGS NSW, ensuring compliance and authorisation was provided to conduct the trial. From purchasing ribbons and organising judges, accommodations, flights, stewards, drinks, snacks, and securing sponsors for prizes, every detail was meticulously attended to in anticipation of the big day.



However, as the trial date approached, a series of unforeseen events threatened to derail our plans. Bad weather descended upon Sydney, prompting the council to close the ovals a week before the trial was scheduled to take place. The grounds were left saturated, posing a significant challenge to the feasibility of holding the event.



Despite the setbacks, our team refused to give up. With no alternative dates available and the determination to see the trial through, they pressed on. When the council reopened the ovals on Thursday, albeit with restrictions and some areas still unusable due to wet conditions, Shanelle rallied a group of volunteers to assist

in remeasuring the rings and preparing the grounds for the event. In the final hours leading up to the trial, Shanelle and the team of volunteers worked tirelessly to address last-minute logistics and setting up – some volunteers starting at 6am! Iris & Lyn shopped and prepped all the food to feed everyone. The BBQ on the day was delicious and so appreciated! Contingency plans were put in place, including procedures for handling potential incidents, ensuring that the event would proceed smoothly under any circumstances. As the trial day dawned, the weather held up, providing a stroke of luck amidst the challenges. Despite initial concerns, the event proceeded without a hitch, thanks to Shanelle's leadership and the collective efforts of the many volunteers. Shanelle's unwavering dedication and resilience proved instrumental in overcoming the obstacles that threatened to thwart our plans. Despite the odds stacked against us, the successful execution of the trial stands as a testament to the club's perseverance, teamwork, and steady commitment to our shared passion for dogs and competition.



Unfortunately, due to weather conditions several Agility Trials have either been cancelled or postponed. Nga Bustamante was the only Sutherland Agilite to come back with trial results, and that was from the Gundogs trial in ACT nearly two weeks ago. It was raining all day, wet and very slippery.

Nga entered 2 runs for Lily and 4 runs for Poco but of course Lily was still overcoming illness and would not do anything. Poco got a disqualification in Master Gambler because the closing sequence was extremely difficult - there were seven obstacles in the exclusion zone instead of normally four. It was so hard, only one dog qualified in the whole class. Poco attained two qualifications at the trial; one in Master Agility and the other in Master Strategic Pairs. Nga did not bother to run him in Master Snooker as he already has that title.

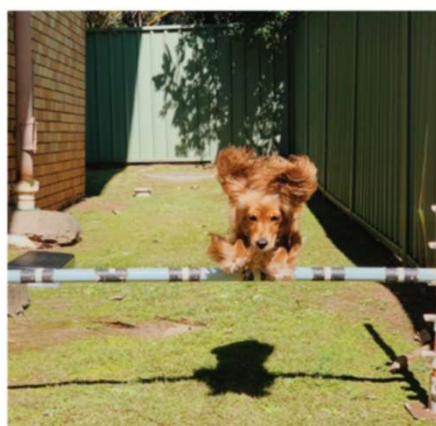
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The weather has also caused havoc with our Sunday morning Beginner Agility Training.

We have had to cancel two training sessions because of rain and to make way for the Clubs Obedience Trial on 19th May. *(BTW, well done Shanelle Corben and the team of Stewards and Helpers who made the Obedience Trial such a success – a well-oiled machine - Congratulations.)*

We do not have all that many weeks left in the Beginner Agility training schedule but in saying that the Beginners are progressing extremely well and should smoothly slide over into the Agility Group where they will continue with more advanced training.

However, the inability to train on Sunday mornings has not deterred some of our Beginners. They have been practicing their 'homework' in the back yard as per the photo of Kasia's Cocker Spaniel, Foxy perfecting her jumping skills. Don't you love her ears in flight!



► Agility Round Up

Jan Taylor



Our Agility Trial, which is scheduled to take place on Sunday 16th June, is progressing nicely. However, we are still in need of Stewards, especially someone with a 4x4 and tow bar who can collect and return the Agility Equipment Trailer we have hired from

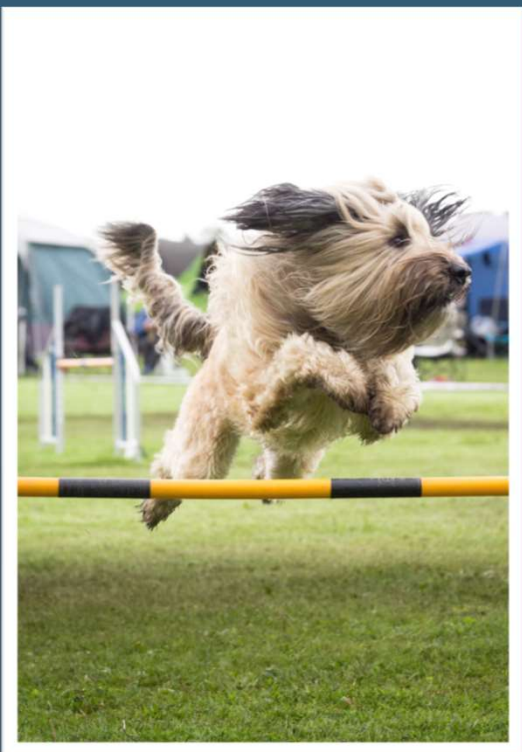
Dogs NSW at Orchard Hills. We will pay for Tolls and fuel. So, if you are free and are able to help on the day please pass your name on to the ladies in the office. Training will be provided.

Can I just say that these Trials (Obedience & Agility) are a unique way to give back to the Club. Additionally, you may not be thinking about Trialling yourself right now, but down the track you might reconsider and helping out at Trials, whether it be Obedience or Agility, is the best way of learning how it all works.

Looking forward to the Agility Nationals, with competitors from all over Australia and New Zealand, which is happening 9th to 14th July at Dogs NSW complex at Orchard Hills. Spectators are welcome. A number of our Agilites are competing and Sandra Walker is Judging. I've volunteered to Steward so am looking forward to seeing our people in action over the week-long event.



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



## ► What is Agility?

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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.

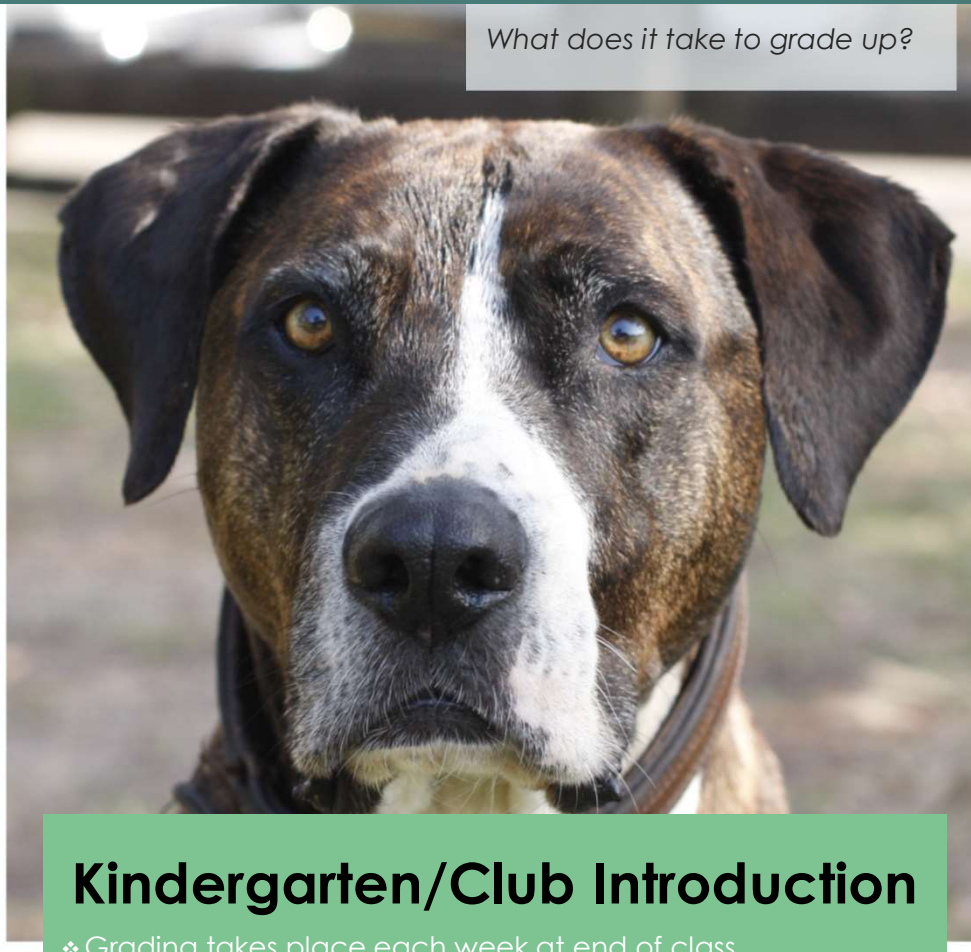
<https://dogsaustralia.org.au/members/rule-regulations/rules/>



# ▶ 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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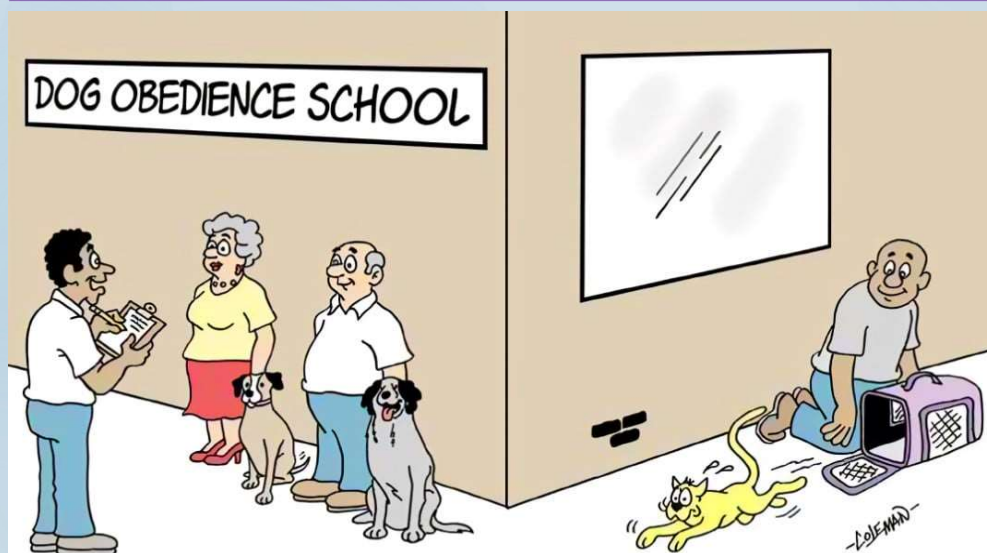
- ❖ Grading takes place Sunday as per Judges Ring schedule

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



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

## 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

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You can't reward  
or punish  
emotions, you  
can only reward  
or punish  
behaviour

You can find more information on Ryan & Jen Tate at their website <https://www.tateanimals.com/>

"You cannot reward or punish your dog's emotional state."

Let's break down what this means -

The latest scientific research indicates you cannot reward or punish emotions, you can only reward or punish behaviour, or actions.

When a dog has developed a behavioural issue, it's crucially important before trying to fix the problem, that you fully understand what's driving your dog to act this way.

Here's a couple of commonly misinterpreted scenarios:

Case study 1 - A dog barks or growls at children.

Every time the dog does this, his owner yanks on the leash and reprimands the dog. The owner believes they are punishing the dog for being aggressive and with a few repetitions the dog will probably learn not to act in this way. Problem fixed? No — unfortunately, it's worse. The dog still hates kids, possibly even more, but he's now learned that he shouldn't show this with a bark or growl. The behaviour (vocalisation) has been punished and may cease, but the underlying emotional state (a hatred of children) will remain. This means we've now lost a very clear warning signal from the dog and he is also more likely to bite instead of bark or growl next time.

Case study 2 - A dog runs around the house frightened, pacing and panting every time there is a thunderstorm.

Owners in this situation often worry that if they give the dog any attention or rewards, they will reward him for being scared. However, if they give the dog a few treats for lying down on his bed, the dog may learn, 'If I go to my bed during a thunderstorm, I get treats and attention.' There is a bonus here: the dog may start to feel calmer as a result of the training and the act of lying down. When the dog feels good, the fear that was driving the behaviour of running around fades, which means you have helped your dog to feel less scared.

We can train dogs to hug each other, but we can't train them to love each other quite so easily.



## Border Collie Obedience & Rally - 23 March

Lyn & Gypsy

1st Novice Obedience 196/200

+ Qualifier in Rally Excellent 89/100



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## Brush Farm Dog Training Club - 24 March

Pam & Artemis - Novice Obedience Qualifier & Rally Advanced Qualifier

Dagmar & Kaizen - Rally Excellent Qualifier

Lyn & Gypsy - Novice Obedience Qualifier & Rally Excellent 97points 2nd Place

Rob & Tex - CCD Obedience Qualifier



## Denison Dog Training Club - 7 April

Rob & Tex

CCD Obedience 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



► Obedience, Rally, Scent  
Work, Tricks & DWD Report

Shanelle Corben

## Royal Easter Show - March/April

Roz & Barney - Highest Scoring Obedience Golden Retriever

Judy & Casey Intermediate Trick Qualification(L)

Judy & Casey Scent Work Novice Qualification

Heather with Billy won his category in conformation (R)

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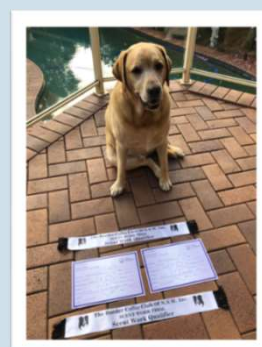
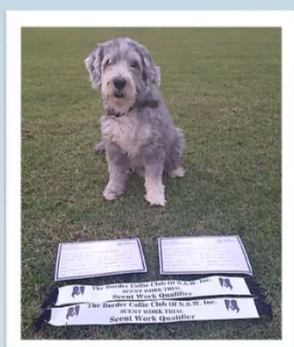
Also a big thank you for the huge support of members & friends who came out to steward for Loretta and Shanelle judging at the Royal Tuesday – trick stewards Lyn W, Carol, Judy and Jan, and Jane from IDTC + others, Friday - Jan and Lyn C + others  
Loretta, Judy and Shanelle were also involved with the Dances with Dogs demonstrations



## Border Collie Scent Work Trial - 19th April

Jan & Bentley Passes in Novice Interior & Exterior (L)

Judy & Casey Passes in Novice Interior (R)





## Metropolitan Mid-week Rally Trial – 24th April

Passes attained by Sandra & Kip + Carol & Sasha in Rally Advanced and Jan & Mr Wilson in Rally Excellent



L-R: Sandra with Bindi & Kip, Jan with Mr Wilson, Jenni with Dolly, Barbara with Jessica, Lyn with Dixie, Carol with Sasha & Missy.

## Northern Suburbs Rally Trial – 28th April



Jenny & Dolly and Christie & Magic both achieved their first qualification in Rally Novice

Sandra & Kip Rally Advanced with 97 Lost 1 point going to the finish because Kip forged in front of Sandra to finish!

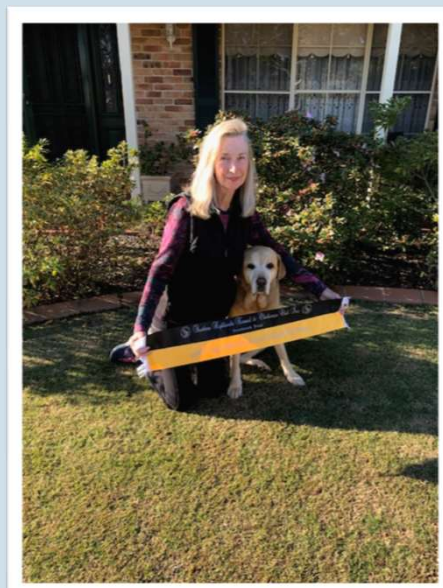
Lyn and Dixie got another pass in Rally Advanced

## The Doberman Club Scent Work Trial – 4th May

Judy & Casey two passes in Scent Work Novice

## Southern Highlands Scent Work Trial – 26th May

Judy & Casey (R) achieved their final pass in Scent Work Vehicles to attain their Scent Work Novice Title



The SSDTC nursing home team has been operating for a while now, after the long break we had during the pandemic which had made all visits to our elderly and most vulnerable community members impossible.

### WHAT WE DO

Our group of handlers and dogs makes monthly nursing home visits. Those doggie demo dates are very much loved among the nursing home residents.

On the day we give a demonstration of obedience training while explaining the importance of creating well balanced dogs to happily live with us in our suburban environment.

Then each dog & handler has their own time to shine: the particular breed gets presented, its purpose, maybe a special trait explained. There might be some good old show'n'tell. Always fun. And the pooch also gets to show off any entertaining tricks he or she has learned.

Probably the most impactful part of our time spent with nursing home residents happens right before and straight after our demo: That's when whomever wants to has a chance to meet & greet our precious canines up close and personal. The reactions are often joyful and emotional. To be able to pet a dog, just feel the fur of a living creature... maybe get a gentle lick.

Comments we hear include:

"You make my day."

"I come every time to see the dogs."

"I used to have one just like that."

"you're so cute." (mostly relates to the dog)

And we also hear: "I miss my dog."

### WHO WE ARE

Amanda with Mishka the Keeshond  
Dorothee with Sheba & Takoda, both herding mixes

Fiona with Daisy the Pembroke Corgi  
Jenni with Dolly the Cavoodle  
Lyn with Quannah the Australian Shepherd  
Robyn with Kobi the Toy Poodle

### FINALLY

Our nursing home visits are an important part of our club's community contribution.

Doggie Demos give joy and brighten the day of all who attend. This certainly applies to our audience and surely also to the ever-helpful nursing staff who make sure that the less able bodied can see the show, too. Last not least, for us dog handlers it's a heartwarming, rewarding experience to spend time with some of our community's most vulnerable members.

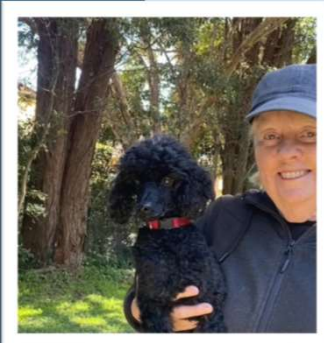
Allowing our dogs to leave paw prints on people's hearts!

# The Nursing Home Doggie Demo Team

Dorothee Wenner



Jenni & Dolly



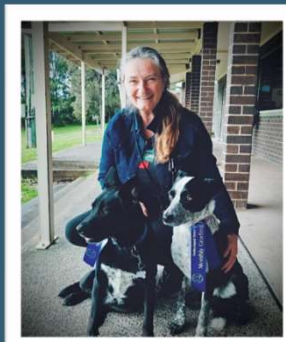
Robyn & Kobi



Amanda & Mishka



Fiona & Daisy



Dorothee, Sheba & Takoda



Lyn & Quannah



The NSW Bearded Collie Club (BCC) is a small Breed Club and the opportunity of holding a trial is financially unviable. But over the past couple of years Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club (SSDTC) has graciously allowed us to utilise the Clubhouse and equipment in order to run our annual Obedience, Rally and Trick trial and for this we are truly grateful.

SSDTC Committee Members, Loretta Rabbitt (Tricks) and Shanelle Corben (Rally) were two of our three Judges. The Obedience Judge was Kevin Speed.

Our trial could not have gone ahead without the wonderful support of our friends from SSDTC who jumped on board to help Steward (see photo) and words cannot express our appreciation.

Even though the trial was only open to Group 5 – Working Dogs, we had a strong contingent from SSDTC, some of which were very successful in achieving Qualifications.

Congratulations.

Sunday 5 May 2024

## Bearded Collie Obedience, Rally & Tricks Trial

Jan Taylor



SSDTC winners: Lyn Coleman & Gypsy, Lee Collett & Bear, Pamela Ryan & Artemis

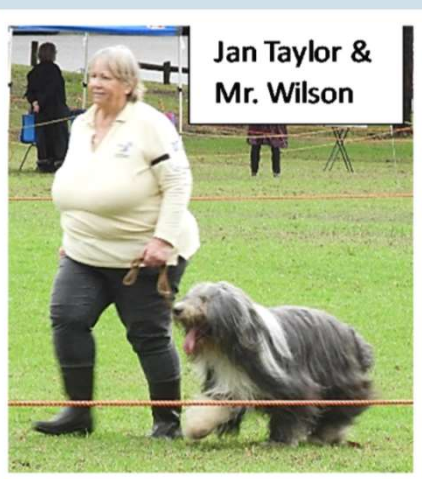


Stewards and Judges:

(L to R): Jenni, Lyn, Iris, Andrea, Judy, Lyn, Loretta Rabbitt (Judge), Shanelle Corben (Judge), Lyn (BCC), and Kevin Speed (Judge).

Sadly, the weather leading up to the trial was not in our favour. It rained every day including the early morning of the trial which made allocating Ring locations difficult. A huge thanks to Shanelle Corben who, with Lynda Brandt and myself, step out the field to identify suitable sites that thankfully held up in the rain. The trial did not commence until 10.30 am and our wonderful band of Stewards were out on the field in their rain-coats and gum boots setting up the rings and gazebos. The weather that day followed the same pattern as it had during the week; rain in the morning, sun during the day and rain again late afternoon. So come competition time, rain-coats came off (gum boots stayed on) and we had a most enjoyable, relaxed competition.

Thank you again to SSDTC Committee and Club members for allowing this trial to take place.



**Jan Taylor &  
Mr. Wilson**



**Lynda Brandt with Sharon  
Roach & Flynn.**



Pauline Hartwell being presented with  
her ribbon by Judge Loretta Rabbitt



**Lynda Brandt & Liza**



# ► Spotlight On

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## Instructor Greg Dalley & Tobin



Greg joined SSDTC in February 2017 with his Sheltie, Tobin who was just 7 months old at the time and extremely nervous. When Greg walked him and a bus or truck would come past, Tobin would freeze, if a person walked towards them, Tobin would freeze, if a dog came anywhere near Tobin, he would freeze. Tobin's anxiety was so severe Greg took to walking Tobin at night to minimise his distress. Despite slight improvements, Tobin's anxiety remained challenging. Greg decided to join a dog club in the hope that it would help.

We can imagine that vetting was a nightmare for Tobin as not only was somebody going to touch him, but they were going to search for his collar under his fur. Tobin would have none of it, he was never aggressive, but he would back away or duck behind Greg's legs. Greg would have to restrain Tobin while he was checked.

Greg recalls when doing a weave-through, Tobin would stick to Greg's leg to the extent that sometimes Greg would almost trip over Tobin and when other dogs were walking though, Greg would have to kneel beside Tobin to quietly reassure him. With patience and persistence and persistence and patience, and advice from our various instructors, Tobin slowly gained more confidence, eventually becoming comfortable greeting people and other dogs.

As they passed through the grades Tobin's nervousness improved and vetting became less of a nightmare. When they reached Grade 3, stand for examination was initially a bit too much for Tobin but over time, with perseverance, they were able to move up to Grade 4.

After a few weeks Greg decided to give the Club Medal a go as Tobin's heeling, stays and recall had always been good. Only the stand for examination held him back. They did well on their first go although Greg's fingers and toes were crossed when it came to the stand for examination. Tobin did move his head away as he was approached but managed to keep his paws grounded.

With the club trial coming up, Greg decided to enter. With the support and help from some of the instructors, Greg registered with Dogs NSW and entered his first trial. Greg & Tobin managed to pass and place second with enough points to score a couple of club awards. They kept trialling for a couple of years in Obedience and Rally - which is a lot less strict than obedience, Greg recommends having a go at it!

By the time all competitions recommenced after Covid, Greg had decided to give trialling away and become an instructor. After his training period he started training Class 1, Week 2. Greg has been an instructor for about 18 months. Remember - if you have an issue with your dog don't give up! With time and perseverance, you will get there in the end.



# ► Encouragement Award

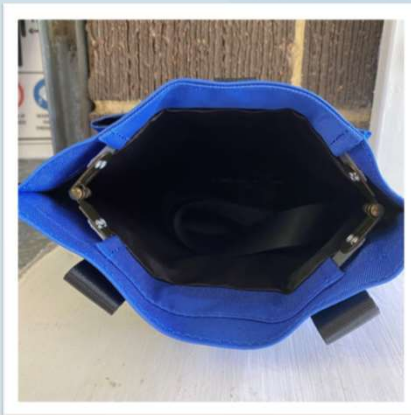
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## Congratulations to our recipients of the Encouragement Award

Encouragement awards are given by instructors who have noticed that handlers are being persistent with dogs that might be a little more challenging than most. At Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club, your instructors notice your efforts and reward for a job well done under difficult circumstances!



Torah & Skittles



## ► 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**

**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** ...

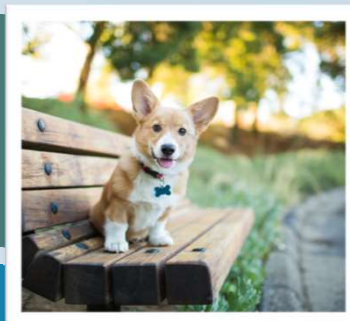


**Scoop your Poop**  
Grab it • Bag it • Toss it

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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.