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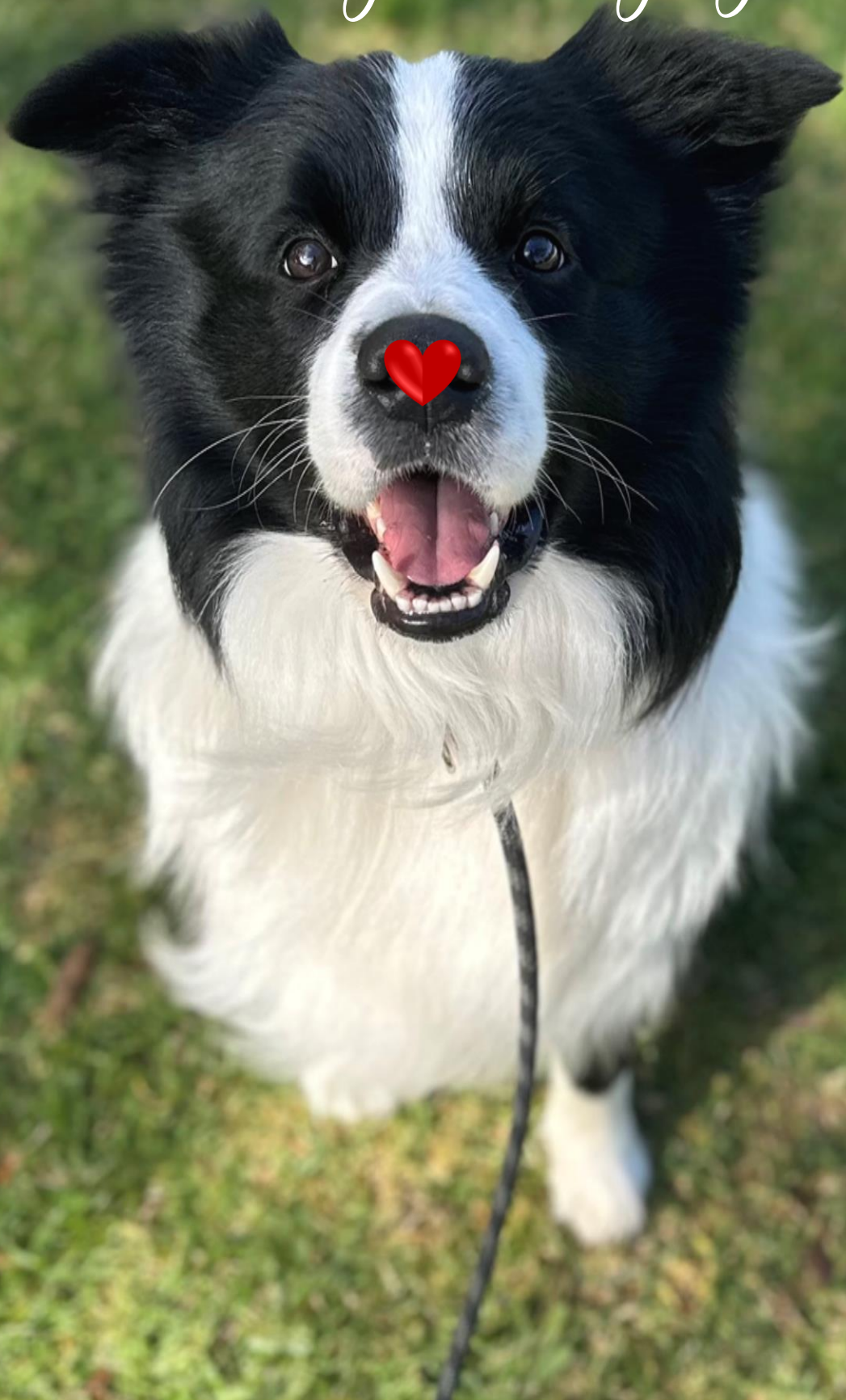
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▶ Editor's Note



Lee Collett

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Welcome to this bi-monthly edition of The Wag Magazine. As always, it's a joy to bring you the latest happenings in our vibrant dog-loving community. Whether you're here for training tips, event updates, or just a few heartwarming pup stories, we hope this issue brings a smile

to your face and keeps you connected to our club. A big thank you to everyone who contributes photos, articles, and ideas!

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

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▶ President's Report



Brian Jarrett

I would like to welcome our 42 new members that have joined our club in April and May. I am certain you, and your dog, will enjoy what we provide and hope your expectations are met.

We held our annual Rally and Obedience Trial on May 14. This was another huge success and I would

like to thank all those involved in the organising and running of the event, along with all the volunteer members that helped out on the day. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated.

Coming up on June 14 is our Annual Agility Trial. This is another well organised event and a real fun day for our members that are competing and those volunteering to help. I highly recommend our members, not involved, to come along and enjoy seeing some amazing dogs and handlers performing the moves they have trained so hard for.

Membership renewals will commence from June 1. You will notice that your 2026-27 member badge will now have a unique QR Code printed on it. This will be scanned on attendance at any club session. It will be used for administrative purposes and reporting participation data to ensure field allocations into the future.

Although we have a temporary pause in classes in June, we will be back on the 21st and look forward to seeing you all then.

▶ New Members

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April 2026

Mclean and Michelle Barnett of BANGOR with Border Collie Zephyr and Border Collie Eddie

Sonny and Zane Campbell of KIRRAWEE with American Staffordshire Terrier x Murphy

Brian Carr of BUNDEENA with English Cocker Spaniel Daisy

Walters Fowlers of COMO with English Cocker Spaniel Obie

Anthony Gothard of BARDEN RIDGE with Maltese x Rocky

Breanne Greer of BUNDEENA with Staffordshire Bull Terrier Jax

Terry Hall of GRAYS POINT with Border Collie Ted

Kim Harley of JANNALI with Yorkshire Terrier Nutmeg

Hallie Hill of SYLVANIA with Fox Terrier (Smooth) Cola

Isabel Lambers-Kelly of HEATHCOTE with Staffordshire Bull Terrier Maggie

Jess Mcaviney of CASULA with Old English Sheepdog x Ralphy

Joanne Mcneil of MIRANDA with Weimaraner Bella

Renee Mumby of KIRRAWEE with Staffordshire Bull Terrier Luna

Geoffrey Pilling of GRAYS POINT with Golden Retriever Meeko

Judith Sporri of CARINGBAH SOUTH with Poodle x Millie

Angie Stuart of LILLI PILLI with Golden Retriever Sash

Beth Sutton of SUTHERLAND with American Staffordshire Terrier Claire

Dominique Van Stiphout of CRONULLA with Australian Cattle Dog x Gigi

Michelle Waring of OYSTER BAY with Golden Retriever Monty

Julie Webster of PICNIC POINT with Poodle x Doris

Sarah Wehbe of ILLAWONG with Poodle x Denzel

May 2026

Michael Antonakis of SANS SOUCI with Australian Kelpie Rosie

Cath Azzopardi of BANGOR with Poodle x Archie

Sandi Bailey of KIRRAWEE with Cavalier King Charles Spaniel x Poppy

Troy Brinkworth of HEATHCOTE with Australian Kelpie x Tess

Jessica Brunen of CARINGBAH with English Cocker Spaniel Huxley

Aldo Cajas of LOFTUS with French Bulldog Bruno

Fed Czerwinski of with Border Collie Timmy

Shane Darley of BONNET BAY with Australian Kelpie x Mali

Jacqui Fenwick of LOFTUS with Romagna Water Dog Bernie

Lizzy Fowler of ENGADINE with English Cocker Spaniel Biscuit

Pauline Franks-pearson of MIRANDA with Labrador Retriever Yolanda

Michelle Jones of ENGADINE with Miniature Schnauzer Boomer

Reece Larkins of CRONULLA with Australian Cattle Dog x Gigi

Clarissa Lewis and Riley Gibson of CARINGBAH SOUTH with Labrador Retriever

Maybe and Australian Kelpie Dizzi

Joanne Mattingley of WORONORA HEIGHTS with Border Collie x Rumi

Bianca Symes of ENGADINE with Australian Kelpie x Gizmo

Jo Tam of GYMEA with Australian Kelpie River

Craig Timbrell of MENAI with German Shepherd Dog Tillie

▶ SSDTC's Inaugural Dances with Dogs Competition a Great Success

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On Sunday 12 April 2026, the Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club proudly hosted its inaugural Dances with Dogs Competition at the DOGS NSW Amenities Building.

The event represented a significant milestone for the club, with competitors and spectators enjoying a day filled with creativity, teamwork and outstanding canine performances across both Freestyle and Heelwork to Music classes.

Competitors travelled from far and wide across New South Wales to participate, showcasing the special bond between handler and dog through carefully choreographed routines performed to music. From first-time competitors through to experienced performers, the standard of performances throughout the day was impressive and highlighted the growing popularity of the sport.

One of the highlights of the day was the supportive and encouraging atmosphere created by competitors, officials and spectators alike. Dances with Dogs is a discipline that celebrates not only training and precision but also the enjoyment and partnership shared between dogs and their handlers, and this was evident throughout the competition.

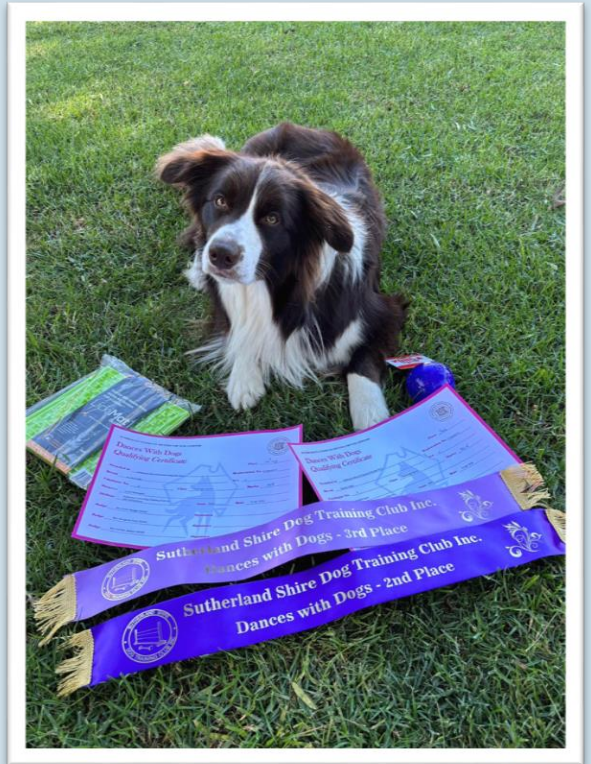


As a first-time event for SSDTC, the competition was the result of months of planning and preparation. The Club would like to sincerely thank our judges, DOGS NSW Representative, stewards, music coordinator and volunteers whose efforts helped ensure the day ran smoothly. Their support and dedication were instrumental in making the event a success.

We would also like to thank our sponsors Kong Australia and Wilton Dog Training Centre whose contributions enhanced the event and provided competitors with wonderful prizes and awards.

Most importantly, thank you to all competitors who supported our inaugural competition. Without your enthusiasm and willingness to be part of this new venture, the event would not have been possible. The success of this first competition has provided a strong foundation for the future, and SSDTC looks forward to continuing to grow and support Dances with Dogs in the years ahead.

Linda & Kodi



Loretta and Tina
2 x 1st place





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▶ Agility Round-Up

Robyn Goldsmith takes us through the latest Agility results

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▶ Obedience & More Report

Obedience, Rally, Scent Work, Tricks & Dances with Dogs Results from Jenni Gormley

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▶ Dances with Dogs

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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.

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▶ Calendar of Events

Club Event Dates

12 April – Dances with Dogs Comp

11 May - Tracking Trial

17 May - Obedience & Rally Trial

14 June - Agility Trial

20 June – Tracking Trial

20 June – Dances with Dogs Comp

18 October – Dances with Dogs Comp

Training Dates

First Sunday for 2026 Training will be Sunday 1 February

Final Sunday for 2026 Training will be Sunday 6 December

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

Meeting Dates

Notice of Instructors Meetings will be provided prior to meetings being called

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

Annual General Meeting will be held SUNDAY 13 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

THERE WILL BE NO TRAINING ON
5th APRIL, 17th MAY
or 14th JUNE

Congratulations to Patricia and Ziggy for obtaining their title in Novice Jumping at the Shoalhaven trial in May. This is their first year of competition and they are going very well.

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Trial Results

Shoalhaven DTC May 2nd

- Patricia and Ziggy JD 1st Q. AD 2nd

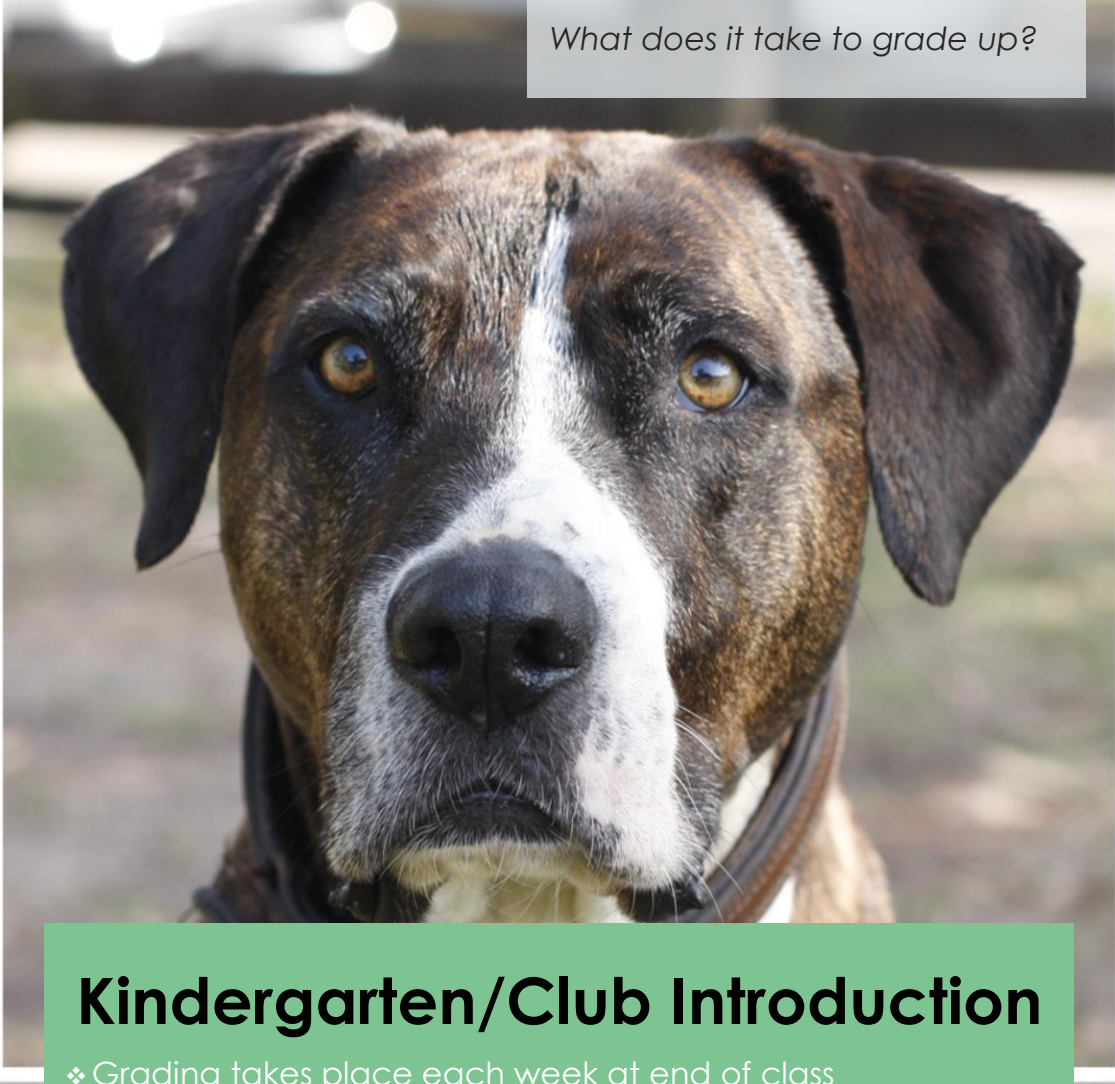
Agility Committee May 23

- Darren and Winston ADM 2nd Q
- Patricia and Lacey JDO Q
- Patricia and Ziggy AD 2nd

▶ 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

- ❖ Grading takes place Sunday as per Judges Ring schedule

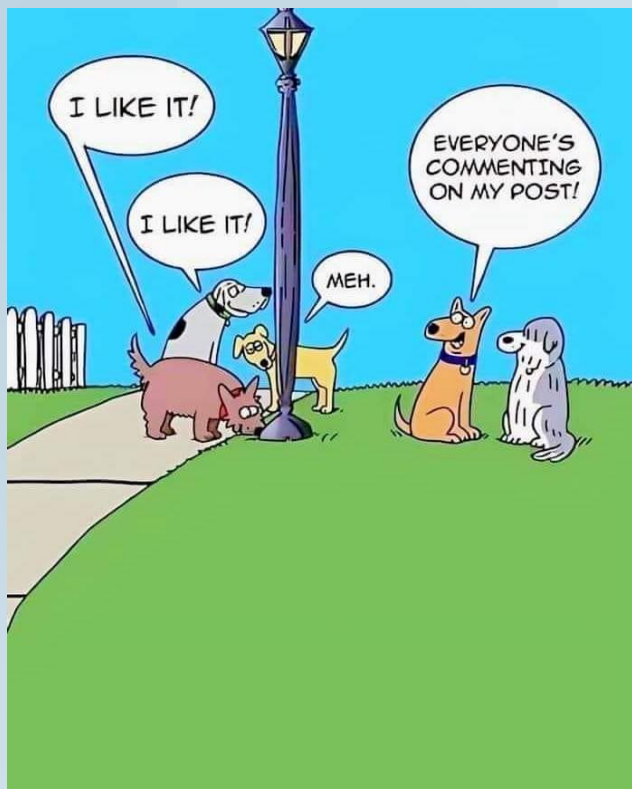
Three qualifying passes to Dogs NSW trial standard -> Community Companion Dog (CCD) Standard

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



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.

Bega Valley Trick Trial, 10 Feb

Kodi and Linda, Novice Tricks – Q

Western Sydney Scent Work Club, 12 Jan

Bindy and Sandra, Novice Containers – Pass

Western Sydney Scent Work Club, 28 Mar

Jaxon and Christie, Excellent Interiors – Pass

Magic and Christie, Advanced Interiors – Pass

Bindy and Sandra,

Novice Interiors – Pass

Novice Exteriors – Pass

Inner Sydney Dog Sports Club Scent Work Trial, 29 Mar

Bindy and Sandra

Novice Vehicles – Pass

Royal Agricultural Society Obedience Trial, 2 Apr

Trix and Josie

CCD – Q

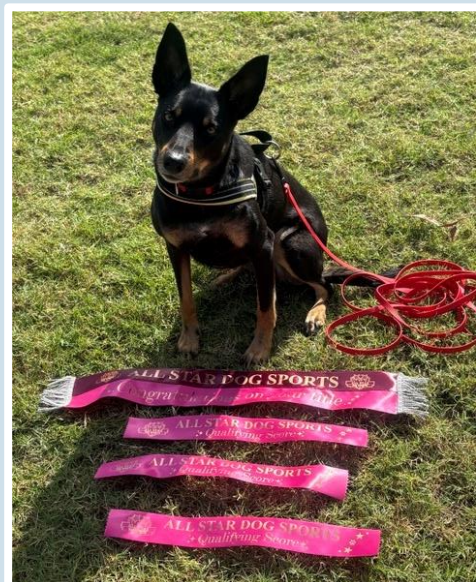
Terrier Club of NSW Trick Dog Trial, 5 Apr

Kodi and Linda

Novice Tricks – Q

KT and Josie

Novice Tricks – Q, 1st place



Gordon Setter Club Sprint Dog Trial, 6 Apr

Magic and Christie

Sprint Dog – Q 41 points

Tiny but Mighty Award

Roman and Christie

Sprint Dog – Q 41 points

Scent Work Working Party, 10 Apr

Jaxon and Christie

Excellent Containers – Pass

Excellent Vehicles – Pass

Sydney Royal Easter Show Trick Dog Competition, 10 Apr

Kodi and Linda

Novice Tricks – Q, 3rd place

KT and Josie

Novice Tricks – Q, 3rd place, title gained

Wollongong Dog Training Club Sprint Dog Trial, 11 Apr

Magic and Christie

Sprint Dog – Q 42 points

Roman and Christie

Sprint Dog – Q 41 points

All Stars Dog Sports Trial, 12 Apr

Bindy and Sandra

Novice Interiors – Pass

Novice Exteriors – Pass

Novice Vehicles – Pass, title gained (SWN)

Trix and Josie

Advanced Exteriors – Pass, 1st place

KT and Josie

Advanced Containers – Pass

Magic and Christie

Advanced Sprint Dog – Q 41 points, title gained

Roman and Christie

Sprint Dog – Q 41 points

Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club Dances With Dogs Competition 12 Apr

Ivy and Judy

Starter Freestyle – Q

Starter Freestyle – Q

Kodi and Linda

Starter Freestyle - 2nd place

Starter Freestyle - 3rd place

Trevor and Paulette

Intermediate Freestyle – Q, 1st place

Dobermann Club of NSW Scent Work Trial, 17 Apr

Jaxon and Christie

Excellent Containers – Pass

Excellent Interiors – Pass

All Stars Triple Tricks Trial, 19 Apr

Kodi and Linda

Novice Tricks – Q 79.6/80, 1st place, title gained

Dog of the Day Award

Midweek Metropolitan Rally Trial, 22 Apr

Trix and Josie

Rally Excellent – Q

Castle Hill Scent Work Trial, 25 Apr

Trevor and Paulette

Advanced Vehicles – Pass

Belconnen Dog Obedience Club Dances With Dogs Trial, 2 May

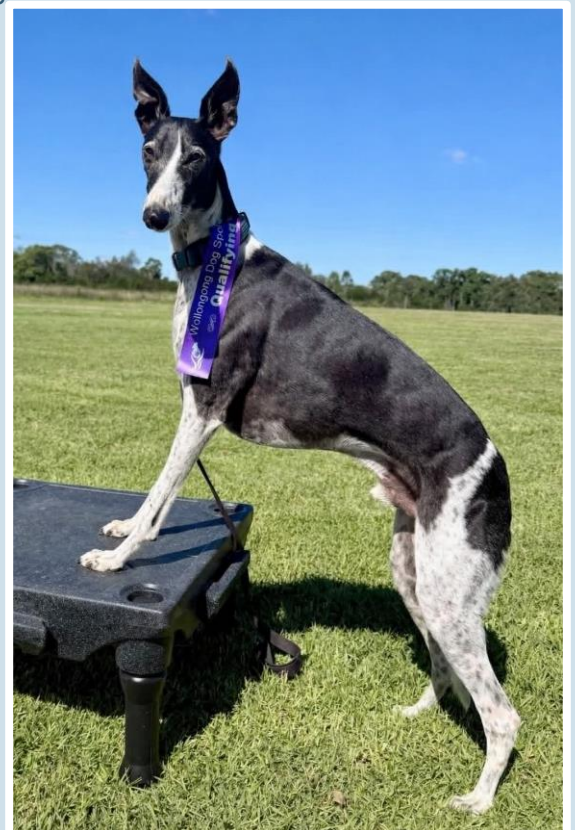
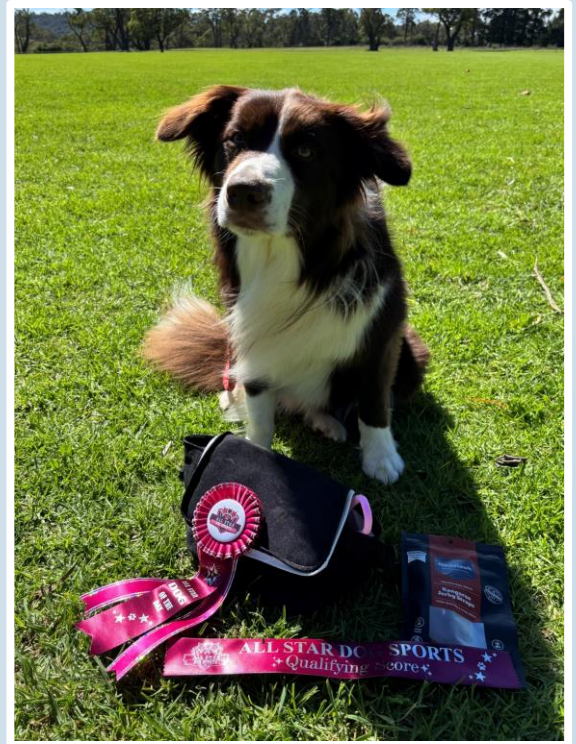
Kodi and Linda

DWD Starter – Q, 3rd place, title gained

The Dog Nose It ACSW Trial, 2 May

KT and Josie

LC1 – Q, title gained



Bearded Collie Club of NSW Rally & Trick Trial, 3 May

Denver and Lynette

Rally Novice – Q 100 points, 1st place
Trick Starters – Q 59.25 points, 1st place

Gypsy and Lynette

Rally Master – Q 95 points, 2nd place

Ivy and Judy

Rally Novice – Q
Trick Starters – Q

Artemis and Pam

Intermediate Tricks – Q
Open Obedience – Q

Golden Retriever Club of NSW Sprint Dog Trial, 4-5 May

Mr Wilson and Jan

Sprint Dog Novice, title gained

Liza and Lynda

Sprint Dog, title gained

KT and Josie

Sprint Dog – Q x 2, title gained.



Hills Dog Club Obedience Trial, 9 May

Trix and Josie

CCD – Q

All Stars Scent Work Trial, 10 May

Trevor and Paulette

Advanced Vehicles – Pass, 2nd place

Boxer Club of NSW Scent Work Trial, 15 May

Trevor and Paulette

Advanced Containers – Pass
Advanced Exteriors – Pass

Dobermann Club of NSW Scent Work Trial, 22 May

Jaxon and Christie

Excellent Vehicles – Pass

Roman and Christie

Advanced Vehicles – Pass

Magic and Christie

Advanced Containers – Pass

Trix and Josie

Excellent Interiors – Pass, 2nd place
Excellent Vehicles – Pass

Trevor and Paulette

Advanced Vehicles – Pass

Southern Highlands Dog Training Club Scent Work Trial, 23 May

Trevor and Paulette

Advanced Containers – Pass, 1st place
Advanced Exteriors – Pass, 3rd place



**Sutherland Shire DTC
Obedience & Rally Trial, 17 May**

Trevor and Paulette

CCD – Q 95 points, 1st place
Highest Scoring Club Member – Obedience

Darby and Hannah

CCD – Q 94 points, 2nd place

Luna and Vera

CCD – Q 92 points, title gained
Rally Advanced – Q 97 points

Denver and Lynette

Rally Novice – Q 99 points, 1st place

Ivy and Judy

Rally Novice – Q 96 points, title gained

Tanja and Karen

Rally Advanced – Q 87 points

Kobi and Robyn

Rally Advanced – Q 94 points

Ziggy and Patricia

Rally Advanced – Q 95 points

Lumi and Flore-Anne

Rally Advanced – Q 100 points, 1st place
Highest Scoring Club Member – Rally

Artemis and Pam

Rally Excellent – Q 84 points

Hey Miss Dior and Carol

Rally Excellent – Q 85 points

Tex and Rob

Rally Excellent – Q 83 points



Gypsy and Lynette

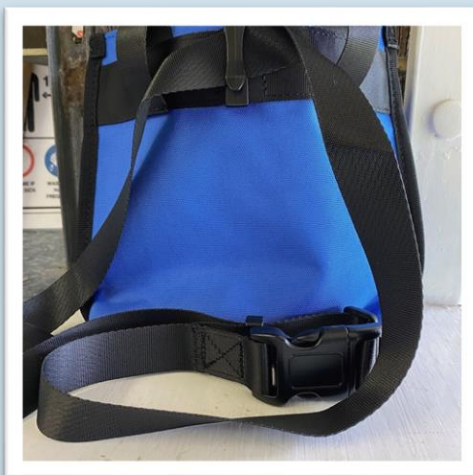
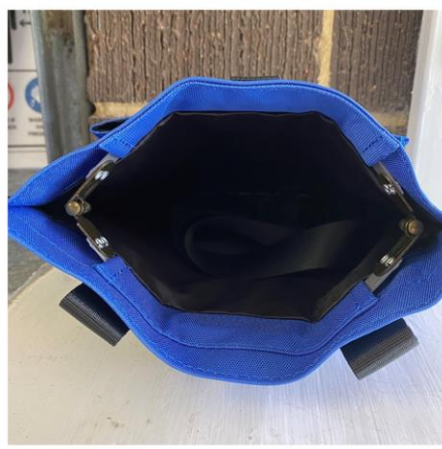
Rally Master – Q 99 points,
3rd place

Lacey and Patricia

Rally Master – Q 94 points

Rivergum and Rozlyn

Rally Master – Q 95 points



► Merchandise

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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)*

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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. All members must pay at the payment line and receive a payment dot on their membership card before proceeding to class. No dog will be permitted to attend class without prior payment.
2. Members must be in class by the time specified. Instructors have the right to refuse entry to the class if you are late.
3. 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.
4. Members without membership cards may be refused admittance to class.
5. All dogs must be immunised against Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus and Para influenza and Kennel Cough.
6. Current inoculation certificates must be produced when renewing membership.
7. No bitch in season will be allowed to attend training.
8. All dogs must be kept on a leash at all times unless under the supervision of an instructor.
9. All handlers of dogs who foul the grounds must immediately clean up and dispose of the matter in the bin/s provided.
10. Classes using the Club jumps and/or agility equipment will be responsible for returning the equipment to the equipment room after use.
11. Members shall behave courteously to other members and officials of the Club at all times.
12. Any disputes should be referred to the chief instructor or a committee member at the time of the dispute.