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## ▶ Editor's Note



Lee Collett

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Welcome to the October-November 2024 edition of The Wag. Not sure about anyone else, but I'm counting the days to warmer weather. Bear and I do not do well in the wet & cold – especially at Monday Night Rally Training – we've given it a wide berth this winter but looking

forward to warmer (and lighter) nights ahead.

It is with sadness that we let everyone know of the passing of our Life Member John Mitchell and our Club Member Bev Paul. May the ones who've gone before you meet you at the Rainbow Bridge.

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 was great to see so many members participating at our AGM last month. It is an important part of our club each year and the response was excellent.

Congratulations are in order for the sitting committee members that were re-elected for this upcoming year.

All the indicators were positive for the previous year, finances, membership and involvement, which are directly related to the direction the committee is moving.

Our next upcoming event will be our 2024 Christmas Party. This will be held on Sunday December 8, which coincides with our last day of Sunday morning classes. Classes will resume in 2025 on 2nd February.

There is a lot of work that goes into the Christmas party. If you would like to put something back into your club, put your hand up to help in the organising or assisting on the day. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Remember that Sunday class times change to 8:00 AM start on Sunday 13th October. Try and get to the grounds nice and early to allow our vetting officers time to process everyone and have time to get to their classes.

Don't forget to bring water for yourself and your dog as the weather warms. Extremely important, you both are well hydrated during class.

# ▶ New Members

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Tahlia Griffin of Heathcote with Harley WEIMARANER  
Christian Haberley of BARDEN RIDGE with Sunny GOLDEN RETRIEVER  
Elissa Hambly of MIRANDA with Bugs FRENCH BULLDOG  
Lisa Hockett of KIRRAWEE with Tilley POODLE  
Kelly Houtenbos of ENGADINE with Appa WELSH CORGI (PEMBROKE)  
Caroline Howe of BONNET BAY with Lucy GOLDEN RETRIEVER  
Tim Hyland of Caringbah with Louie POODLE  
Chris Jago of Heathcote with Harley WEIMARANER  
Larissa Johnston of HEATHCOTE with Bindi AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD  
Jakyo Jung of SUTHERLAND with Sugar POODLE  
Laura Kaminskaite of CARINGBAH with Louie POODLE  
Louise Kilmurray of OYSTER BAY with Coco GERMAN SHORT- HAired POINTING DOG  
Bianca Kostic of GYMEA with Bodhi FRENCH BULLDOG  
Trish Loy of CRONULLA with Rusty BORDER COLLIE  
Wesley Maher of KIRRAWEE with Murphy STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER  
Daryl Makins of ENGADINE with Ted CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL  
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Jane Mcdonnell Bass of Sutherland with Cooper POODLE  
Debbie Newman of GRAYS POINT with Missy CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL  
Dora Nikols of SANS SOUCI with Penelope DACHSHUND  
Karlina Panagiotaros of CRONULLA with Zuki GOLDEN RETRIEVER  
Jennifer Perry of ILLAWONG with Jetaime DOBERMANN  
Angie Pitts of BUNDEENA with Scooter BORDER COLLIE  
Vanessa Pollett of CARINGBAH SOUTH with Poppi POODLE  
Taylor Porter of BURRANEER with Ziva AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD  
Merryn Prout of ILLAWONG with Ruby LABRADOR RETRIEVER  
Veronica Rizk of ENGADINE with Zara BORDER COLLIE  
Andrey Shchurov of Heathcote with Dubi POODLE  
Joanne Stanborough of CRONULLA with Indie POODLE  
Claudia Steiner-taylor of ENGADINE with Dasha AUSTRALIAN KELPIE  
Paul Taylor of ENGADINE with Dasha AUSTRALIAN KELPIE  
Alf Thomas of Sans Souci with Kiani DOBERMANN  
Andrew Thyrd of BEXLEY with Aiko CONTINENTAL TOY SPANIEL  
Kate Tully of JANNALI with Winita AMERICAN STAFFORDSHIRE TERRIER  
David Vanny of CRONULLA with Zuki GOLDEN RETRIEVER  
Natalie Voss of Miranda with Charlie JACK RUSSELL TERRIER  
Julie Westwood of ENGADINE with Tilly BORDER COLLIE  
Rosie Wolfson of Heathcote with Tilly MINIATURE SCHNAUZER  
Gary Woodside of CARINGBAH with Bailey GOLDEN RETRIEVER  
Shiling Wu of Bexley with Aiko & Austin CONTINENTAL TOY SPANIEL

# K9 CHRISTMAS PHOTOS

Make merry memories at Kylie's K9 Country Retreat with a furry family photoshoot.

WHERE : Kylie's K9 Country Retreat. 25 Alkoomie Pl Wilton, NSW  
WHEN : Saturday the 9th of November, 2024. 10AM - 4 PM

PACKAGE PRICES :

**BASIC PACKAGE - \$89**

15 min session. 3 High Resolution Digital Photos

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30 min session. 8 High Resolution Digital Photos

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Kylie's K9 Country Retreat

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This month we meet Instructor, Sam Simmonds

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# ▶ Calendar of Events

## Club Event Dates

7 April - Trick Workshop

13 May - Tracking Trial (T&S)

19 May - Obedience & Rally Trial

16 June - Agility Trial

22 June - Tracking Trial

## Training Dates

First Sunday for 2024 Training will be Sunday 4 February

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

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

The Beginner Agility Course for this year has completed with the students being incorporated into the main Agility Group. May through to July proved difficult for training because if it was not raining then the field was boggy or wet underfoot and therefore too high a risk of injury to dog and handler. However, most have progressed nicely, but it is obvious that a few have not been doing their homework especially when it came to the Weavers. Well done to the Beginners and I am sure you are enjoying the next level of Agility.

The 2025 Beginner course will commence in March. If you are interested in doing Agility, whether it be for competition or fun, you will have to register your details with the ladies in the office. But before you do you will need to meet the following criteria.

All dogs will be assessed prior to commencement of the course.

Dogs who are overweight, or have any Back, Hip, or Leg problems should seek Veterinary advice before doing Agility. This sport puts extreme pressure on your dog's body, so soundness of bone and muscle is important.

You must be in Grade 3 at the time of commencement

If your dog is either Dog or People aggressive then Agility is not for them.

We train only Dogs over 16 months of age, as by this time all their bones should have finished growing (except for large dogs, this may take a little longer).

All Dogs must have a certain amount of obedience training ie, to sit, drop or stay on command, be able to work off lead, to return to handler when called:- no matter what is going on around them at the time.



Patricia Cooper with Lacey trialled at the State Titles on the weekend of 7th and 8th September. Patricia said Lacey won both Excellent Jumping 300 heats and came 2nd in Excellent Agility 300 on Saturday.

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She was in the finals for both events. Unfortunately, we DQ in Excellent Jumping. We were going clear but for the second last jump where she took it from the wrong side. It was not her fault. I was just too far behind to push her around. We did however go clear in Excellent Agility and she is now the State Champion. It was very unexpected as we hadn't trialled since October 2023 so I was very pleased with her performance.

Jenny and Darren Wong with Winston also entered the NSW State Titles earlier this month. Winston did well and received the following awards:

2024 NSW Dog of the Year -  
Agility Dog Excellent 300

NSW Novice Snooker Dog State  
Champion

1st place in Heat 2 of Agility  
Masters 300

2nd place in Strategic Pairs  
Novice 200 with Penny the Pug

Winston also made the finals in  
Master Jumping 300 and Master  
Agility 300 placing 4th and 5th  
respectively.



Thanks goes to NSW Agility and all the volunteers for making it such an enjoyable event. Also special thanks to the Coffee van lady who provided hot beverages and snacks to the appreciative handlers on each of the days.

As a side note: We loved Sandra Walker's Novice Gamblers course at the Nationals which were held in July. It was the first time we did Gamblers and had a lot of fun both thinking how we would run the course and then actually running it!

Also at the NSW State Titles was Susie Gale with her Toy Poodles Dollie and Serendipity. They achieved multiple passes and Placings in the 300 height category.

### **Novice Snooker**

Sirokko Stoli Dollie Qualified and Third place

Sirokko Serendipity Qualified and Second place

### **Novice Jumping (Sat)**

Sirokko Serendipity Qualified and Third place

### **Masters Jumping (Sat)**

Sirokko Stoli Dollie Qualified and Third place

### **Novice Gamblers**

Sirokko Stoli Dollie Qualified and Fourth place



Additional results from Susie were at the Australian Nationals in July when Sirokko Stoli Dollie Qualified and First Placed in Excellent Jumping thus gaining her Title. And at the Spring Fair on 1<sup>st</sup> September in Master Jumping Sirokko Stoli Dollie qualified and came First. Great results.



In early August Robyn Goldsmith with little Saffy gained qualifications in Open Jumping and Open Agility at Manly Dog Training Club's Trial. Well Done.

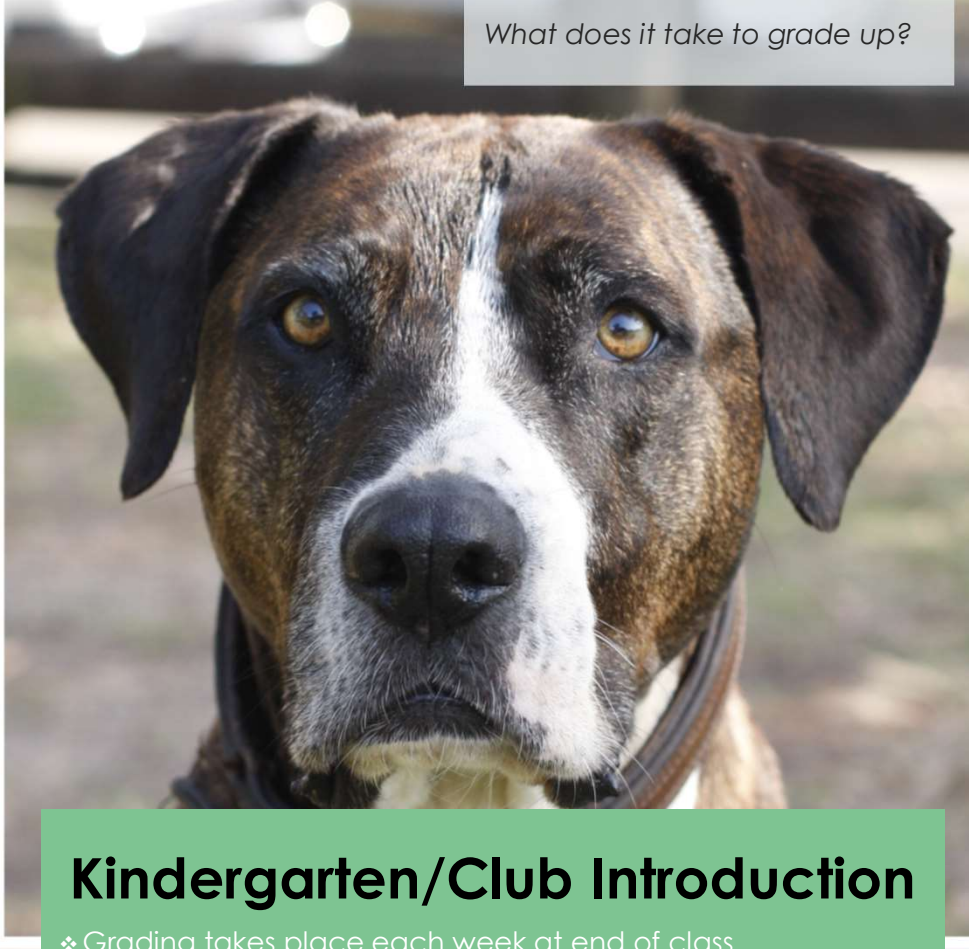
I am sure we would all like to wish Sandra Walker's young Kelpie, Bindi a speedy recovery after breaking her hind leg. No doubt they are both feeling 'cabin fever' due to being confined at home whilst she is recuperating.



# ▶ 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

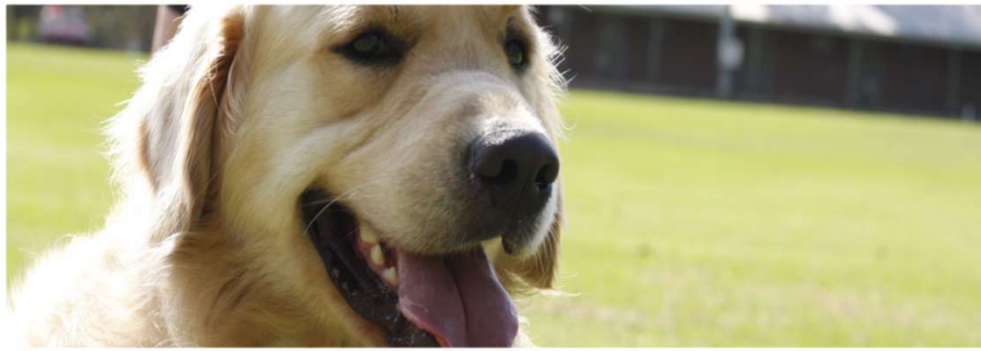
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- ❖ Grading takes place 2nd Sunday of each month

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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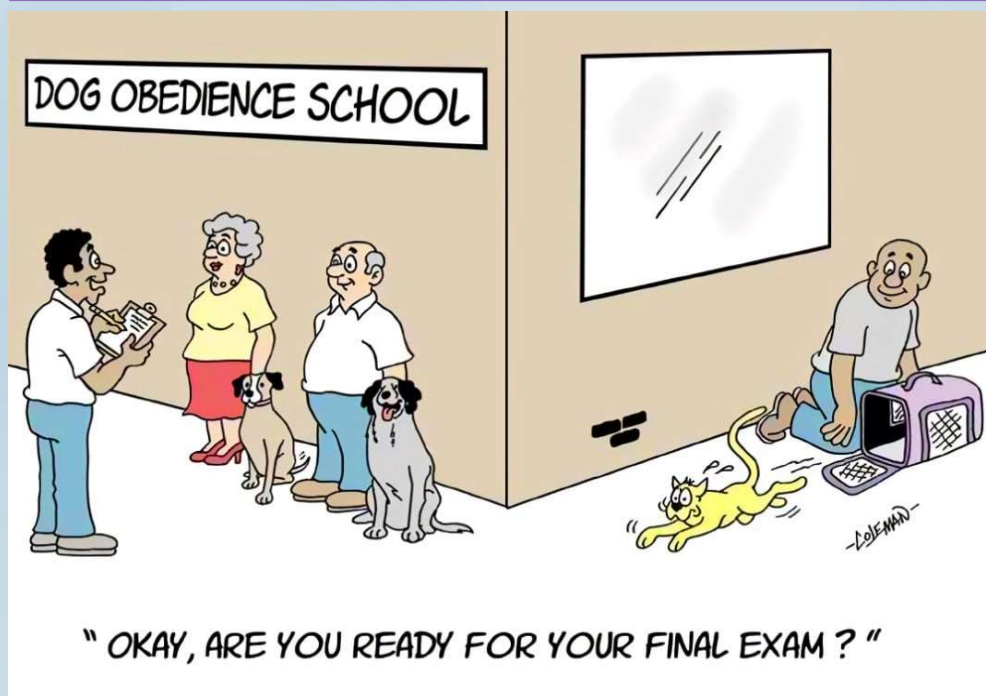
- ❖ Grading takes place Sunday as per Judges Ring schedule

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

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## Leash Reactivity

Leash reactivity in dogs can stem from various factors that influence their responses to the environment. Understanding these reasons helps owners manage and reduce reactivity effectively. Here are some key factors:

**Fear** - One major reason for leash reactivity is fear. When dogs are on a leash, their movement is restricted, particularly the ability to retreat from perceived threats. This lack of escape can lead to defensive behaviours such as barking or lunging. Practicing loose leash walking can alleviate fear, as it allows dogs more freedom of movement and helps them feel more secure in their surroundings.

**Frustration** - Frustration is another common cause of leash reactivity. Dogs often want to interact with other dogs or people, and being unable to do so can lead to behaviours like barking or pulling. To reduce this frustration, start training at a distance from triggers and teach that calm behaviour and a loose leash lead to positive outcomes, such as the chance to greet other dogs.

**Antecedent Arrangement** - Antecedent arrangement refers to environmental factors that increase the likelihood of specific behaviours. Being mindful of surroundings during walks can help create a positive environment. Shorter walks in low-stimulation areas can prevent emotional overwhelm, making dogs feel more relaxed and less reactive.

**Conditioned Associations** - Conditioned associations significantly impact how dogs respond on a leash. Negative experiences, such as corrections when encountering triggers, can lead to anxiety about the leash. Creating positive associations—like asking for a sit and rewarding calm behaviour—can transform triggers into positive experiences, encouraging focus on the owner.

**Subtle Cues** - Dogs are highly sensitive to their owners' emotions and body language. Signs of anxiety can alert dogs, increasing reactivity. Owners should aim to remain calm and relaxed, using techniques like deep breathing and easing tension on the leash. Controlling the environment—by avoiding high-stress situations—can also help reduce the impact of triggers.

In summary, leash reactivity in dogs can arise from emotional responses like fear and frustration, as well as environmental factors and conditioned associations. By understanding these causes and implementing strategies to manage them, owners can create a more positive experience for both themselves and their pets.

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



## Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club Double Trick Trial - 18<sup>th</sup> August

- \* Maria & Arlo Novice Tricks 2 x 1<sup>st</sup> Places on perfect score of 80
- \* Carol & Bella Novice Tricks 2 Qualifications 75.5 & 77
- \* Lyn & Gypsy 2 x 2<sup>nd</sup> Places Intermediate Tricks (78.5 & 79.5)
- \* Robyn & Kobi Intermediate Trick Qualification
- \* Judy & Casey 2 x Intermediate Trick Qualification and gained their **Intermediate Trick Dog Title**.
- \* Leslie & Dannie Advanced Trick Qualification
- \* Maria & Neeko Advanced Tricks 93.5 4<sup>th</sup> place & 95.3 5<sup>th</sup> place and gained their **Advanced Trick Dog Title**.

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

## Brush Farm Training Club Obedience & Rally Trial – 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024

- \* Maria & Neeko Rally Master 1<sup>st</sup> Place 99 points and gained their **Rally Master Title**
- \* Rob & Tex Novice Obedience 2nd Place 184 points
- \* Dagmar & Kaizen Rally Excellent Qualification 83 points

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## Northern Suburbs Dog Training Club Double Obedience Trial – September 2024

- \* Rob & Tex Novice Obedience 3<sup>rd</sup> Place on 184 points.

## Border Collie Nationals – Durack Queensland 29 August – 1 September 2024

\* Linda, Clancy & Kodiak

Both Clancy and Kodiak competed in Rally and Scent Work and got lots of lovely quallies, with Clancy managing a 5th place in Rally, not bad for an 11yr old! Kodiaks first time competing, at 11 months old, and he even had a go in the show ring!

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## Metropolitan Midweek Dog Training Club Obedience & Trick Trial - 18 September

\* Lyn & Gypsy 1<sup>st</sup> Place Intermediate Tricks (79.0)  
& gained their **Intermediate Trick Dog Title**  
also 2<sup>nd</sup> place 196pts in Open Obedience, tied on count back



## Coffs Harbour Dog Training Club Obedience/Rally/Trick Trial – 20-22 September

\* Carol & Bella – Novice Tricks

Trial 1 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 78.4 / Trial 2 Qualification 4<sup>th</sup> 79.7

Trial 3 Qualification 77 4<sup>th</sup> on countback &  
gained their **Novice Trick Dog Title**

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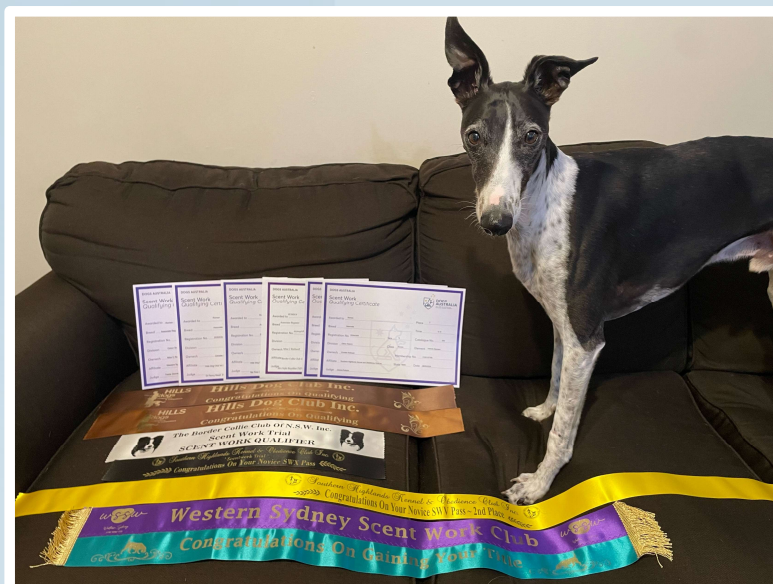
## Roman's Scent Work – Results Catch Up

\* Christie & Roman

Roman started competing in scent work in April and after attending 5 trials he gained his 6 qualifications to earn his Scent Work Novice Title in July.

His highlights were a 2nd place in Novice Vehicles in 6.15s at the Southern Highlands competition in May and a 4th place in Novice Interiors in 11.94s at the Hills Scent Work Club competition in July.

*Not bad sniffing for a sighthound!*



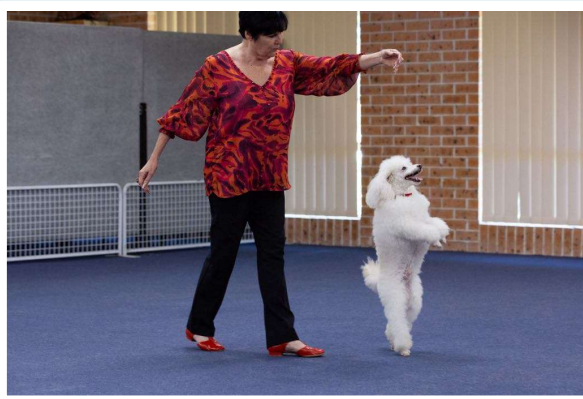
## DOGS NSW Dances With Dogs Double Competition 22 September 2024

\* Loretta with Swayze & Fosse

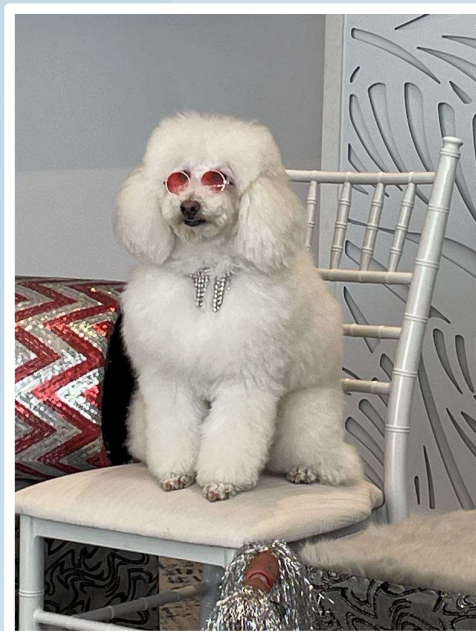
- Swayze (Pictured below) achieved 1<sup>st</sup> place in Freestyle Advanced in both AM & PM Competitions and also gained the very prestigious Title of **Freestyle Grand Champion**

- Fosse achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Freestyle Advanced

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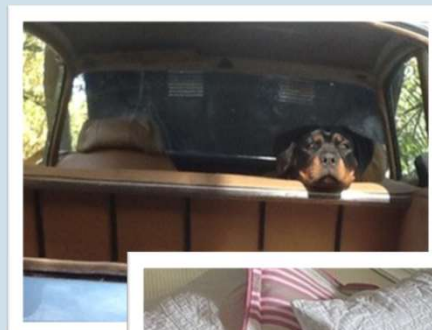


Swayze whilst on his way to being Freestyle Grand Championship also appeared on the TV show **Dogs Down Under** on Channel 7 and performed at The Dog Lovers Show



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

## Instructor Sam Simmonds



Back in mid-1993, Sam was offered the chance to become a junior instructor, and that's where the journey began. To his surprise, Sam found that he genuinely enjoyed instructing. His love for dogs, combined with his growing knowledge from trialling and teaching, made it incredibly rewarding to help others succeed with their pets.

Over the past 40 years, Sam and his family have bred, trialled, and shown numerous dogs, primarily Rottweilers. They also welcomed a poodle-silky terrier mix into their lives—a clever little companion with a confident and stubborn terrier attitude.

Currently, our household includes a geriatric Shih Tzu cross that was passed down to us, along with an exceptionally intelligent toy poodle named Ziggy. Despite his impressive lineage and potential to excel in trials, shows, and agility, Ziggy prefers to lounge around on Sunday mornings rather than join Sam for training.

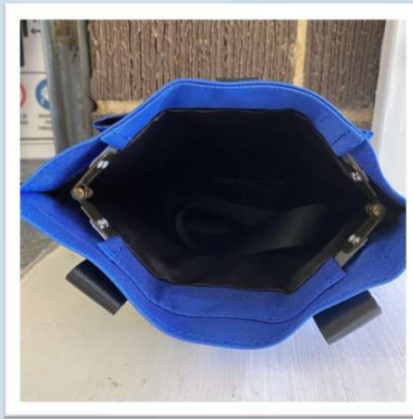
Sam's own trialling experiences have been a mix of successes and challenges. One particular memory stands out from "The Spring Fair" at St Ives Showgrounds. One of my dogs, who was typically enthusiastic, suddenly decided to lag behind and act utterly disinterested once we entered the ring. Yet, when it was time for the recall, she sprinted toward me with such elegance that it made the judge, Tiki Friezer, laugh—an unforgettable moment for all of us.

Why did she behave that way? She was clever enough to realize there wouldn't be any corrections in the ring. Sam often shares this story with his classes to remind everyone that even instructors have their off days!

So, why does Sam keep returning every Sunday? The joy of witnessing even the smallest improvements in a dog's training is immensely fulfilling. It's a privilege to enhance the bond between dogs and their owners.

When Sam tells his classes to give themselves a pat on the back for braving the cold or hot mornings, he truly means it. Your commitment is what makes this journey special.

Editors Note: Sam was my trainer in Class 1 and I can vouch that he was the best introduction for me to dog training. His encouragement and kindness (and terrible jokes) made me come back each Sunday! Dog training is not easy, especially with a puppy and Sam always made me feel confident – thanks Sam!



## ► 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** ...

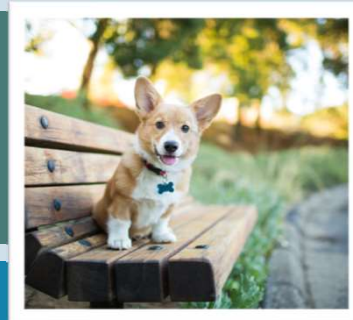


**Scoop your Poop**  
Grab it - Bag it - Toss it

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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.