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President's Report



New member numbers have continued to increase even as we move towards the Christmas recess.

CHRISTMAS RECESS

My thanks to the instructors for their efforts during another difficult year. The sudden increase in membership numbers, added to the continuing members, required a lot of organisation especially during the extreme weather conditions which occurred. The outcome of the inclement weather included weeks of difficulty of access to grounds especially the Little Athletics field which was not able to be used for Class1.

I hope that everyone enjoys the break and will be ready to regroup refreshed in the new year. Classes will recommence on 29 January 2023.

SEASONS GREETINGS

I hope that all club members and their families enjoy the festive season. During this time a small amount of fun training is good to keep your dog focused and ready for the year ahead. My best wishes for a safe and healthy 2023.

*Pam Hazelton
President*

Welcome to our New Members



Blake Beattie of GYMEA with Cavalier King Charles Spaniel x Sunshine
Brianna Beattie of SYLVANIA with Border Collie Nova
Natalie Beattie of HAZELGROVE with Border Collie Kolorko Raging Seas and Border Collie Ella
Rose Cooper of ILLAWONG with Poodle Fig
Maddie Cowie of HEATHCOTE with Cavalier King Charles Spaniel x Booth
Phillip Cullen of CARINGBAH SOUTH with American Staffordshire Terrier x Benny
Rio De Guzman of MIRANDA with Poodle Didi (Didier) and Miniature Schnauzer Oreo
Niels Demming of MIRANDA with Border Collie Phoebe
Violetta Demming-Rogulski of MIRANDA with Border Collie Phoebe
Camille Fernandes of PANANIA with French Bulldog Bonnie
Wade Foster of WORONORA with Border Collie x Otto
Sarah Foxe of with Whippet x Stella
Cindy Gilbert of WOOLLOOWARE with Bulldog x Lilly
Les Green of with Border Collie Miles
Ella Haigh of HEATHCOTE with Cavalier King Charles Spaniel x Marlee
Cameron Holden of KAREELA with Golden Retriever Mango
Danyel James of ENGADINE with Border Collie Cody
Renee Kennedy of HEATHCOTE with Poodle x Macie
Kristen Lawes of CARINGBAH SOUTH with Maltese x Milo
Shane Lewis of ARNCLIFFE with Poodle Maxine
Jason Luke of BUNDEENA with Bulldog x Lulu
Anita Lynch of with Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Ollie and Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Charlie
Stu Mill of KIRRAWEE with English Cocker Spaniel x Milly
Jessie Oliver of with English Cocker Spaniel x Ruby
Aden Perry of OYSTER BAY with Australian Kelpie x Bundy
Shanon Pirchmoser of CARINGBAH with Pug x Zoe
Eliza Potter of WORONORA with Border Collie x Otto
Ella Talbot of KYEEMAGH with Australian Kelpie Minxy and Border Collie Suki
Deb Tindall of KURNELL with Australian Shepherd x Bowie
Alisha Tirrell of SANS SOUCI with Australian Kelpie x Minxy
Jane Versluis of ENGADINE with Staffordshire Bull Terrier Hercules
Angela Watkins of JANNALI with Hungarian Short-Haired Pointer (Vizsla) Harley
Bernard Williams of OYSTER BAY with Labrador Retriever x Peachy
Kathryn Wilson of CRONULLA with Cavalier King Charles Spaniel x Mischief
Marina Wong of EARLWOOD with Border Collie Maisie
Alexis & Kristy Wren of ARNCLIFFE with Cavalier King Charles Spaniel x Winter
Yvonne Wu of ROCKDALE with Cavalier King Charles Spaniel x Rio

SSTDC 2022 Calendar.

Class Start/Stop Dates and Special events

First Day of Training	Sunday, 29th January 2023
No Training	Sunday, 9th April 2023 (Easter Sunday)
No Training	Sunday, 21st May 2023 - SSDTC Obedience Trial
No Training	Sunday, 18th June 2023 - SSDTC Agility Trial
Last day of training	To be Advised

General Club Events and Meeting Dates

Instructors Meeting	The First Sunday of every month after General Training
Committee Meeting	The Second Sunday of every month after General Training
Annual General Meeting	(to be confirmed)
Christmas Party	(to be confirmed)

Obedience/Rally-O Trial

May Trial	Sunday, 21st May 2023 (to be confirmed)
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Agility Trial

June Trial	Sunday, 18th June 2023 (to be confirmed)
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Tracking Trials

May Trial	Sunday, 14th May 2023 (Track & Search)
June Trial	Sunday, 24th June 2023 (Track)

Note:

Daylight saving Times changes for (Australian Eastern Standard Times) 2023 are:

- Stops Sunday, 2nd April 2023 @ 2:00am (Clock are turned "Back" 1hr)
- Starts Sunday, 1st October 2023 @ 2:00am (Clock are turned "Forward" 1hr)

Notice to All Members

Our club enforces a no dog attack policy.

Whereby 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..

Thank you for your understanding.

Friendly Reminder

Don't forget to take your used poop bags with you after training.

"Please Do The Right Thing"

There is no **Poop Fairy** ...



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Clicker Training at S.S.D.T.C.



Clicker Training is a fun and effective training method based on positive reinforcement which has been around for many years and is used in animal training schools worldwide.

The clicker (as shown on left) is a simple plastic box that you click when the dog has done what you have asked, followed by a reward of food or use of a special toy, whatever the dog responds to best.

It's all about positive training and you can join this class at any time. However, it's always better that your dog has done some training so they understand basic commands.

As your dog learns and progresses, your dog will start to understand that every time they do the right action, you will click and then they will be rewarded. This is how dogs learn and even older dogs can learn using this method.

At Clicker Class we aim to make training enjoyable, fun and rewarding in a positive way for you and your dog. Happy training means a happy dog, happy dog means a happy trainer.

Clicker Class is held every Sunday, and we welcome all members of the club to join one of our classes.

Our instructors are:

* Lorraine Jones: Obedience & Clicker Instructor

* Amanda Drury: Obedience & Clicker Instructor

The use of clickers is another way to train your dog and are used in a lot of activities in the club. It's an extension of the club's training system and has also helped many dogs with minor problems.

We hope to see you at a Clicker Class Soon!

Note: When grading through classes you cannot use food or clickers. Clickers can be bought from the Club House.





Christmas Cheer Treats



Chicken & Sage Biscuits

Almost as good as a Sunday roast

Makes around 30 biscuits
15 serves for a medium-sized dog

Ingredients

- 1 ½ cups (225g) plain white flour
- 3 tablespoons (45ml) canola oil
- 1 teaspoon dried sage
- 2 teaspoons (8g) of powdered chicken stock (low-salt)
- ½ cup (120ml) water
- 2 teaspoon (10g) chia seed

Store for up to 4 weeks
in an airtight container.

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C.
2. Mix all ingredients, roll out to approximately 5mm thick, and cut into your favourite shape.
3. Place biscuits onto a greased baking tray and place in oven for 20 minutes or until golden and crunchy.
4. Cool on a wire rack.

Peanut Butter Superstars

The perfect reward for your superstar

Makes around 34 biscuits
17 serves for a medium-sized dog

Ingredients

- 1 cup (150g) plain white flour
- ¼ cup (20g) bran cereal (eg. Kellogg's All Bran)
- ⅓ cup (100g) smooth or crunchy peanut butter
- 4 tablespoons canola oil
- ⅓ cup (90ml) water
- 2 teaspoons (10g) chia seed

Store for up to 3 weeks
in an airtight container.

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C.
2. Mix all ingredients, roll out to approximately 5mm thick, and cut with a cookie cutter.
3. Place on a lightly greased baking tray and put into oven.
4. Bake for 18 minutes or until lightly browned.
5. remove from oven and cool on a wire rack.

Recipes courtesy of Doggylicious via The Lost Dogs Home

Carob Chip Cookies

Carob replaces chocolate in these dog-friendly 'choc-chip' cookies, but your dog will never know the difference!

Makes around 25 biscuits (depending on cookie cutter)
25 serves for a medium-sized dog

Ingredients

- 2 cups (300g) plain white or wholemeal flour
- ¼ cup (45g) chopped carob buttons
- 3 tablespoons (45ml) canola oil
- ¾ cup (180ml) water
- 2 teaspoons (10g) chia seed

Store for up to 2 months
in an airtight container.

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C.
2. Mix all ingredients and roll out to approximately 8mm thick.
3. Cut into your favourite shape and place on a lightly greased baking tray.
4. Place in oven and bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown.
5. Remove from oven and cool on a wire rack.

Tuna Roughs

A deliciously healthy fishy snack

Makes around 20 biscuits
7 serves for a medium-sized dog

Ingredients

- 1 cup (150g) wholemeal flour
- ½ cup (60g) rolled oats
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley
- ½ cup (60ml) canola oil
- ¼ cup (60g) tuna in brine, drained
- ½ cup (125ml) water
- 2 teaspoons (10g) chia seed

Store for up to 4 days
in an airtight container,
or freeze.

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C.
2. Mix all ingredients and, with lightly floured hands, roll the mixture into small balls.
3. Place on a lightly greased baking tray and press down each ball with the back of a fork.
4. Place in an oven and bake for approximately 35 minutes.
5. Remove from oven and cool on a wire rack.



Sutherland Shire Tick Warning

As a result of the extreme rain during this year there is a severity of tick infestations in the Sutherland Shire and surrounding areas.







The tick, becomes an adult during Spring.

Long grasses and bushland provide ideal environments for ticks, and if you live close to these areas, it is not uncommon to have Paralysis Ticks in your garden.

Please ensure that you check your dog everyday especially after walk



IMPORTANT AUSTRALIAN TICKS

		
PARALYSIS TICK Unfed	PARALYSIS TICK Partially fed	PARALYSIS TICK Engorged
		
BROWN DOG TICK Unfed	BROWN DOG TICK Engorged	BUSH TICK Unfed



Better than all of the
gold in the world,
Better than diamonds,
Better than pearls,
Better than any
material thing
Is the Love of a dog
And the joy that it brings.



Keep Your Dog Safe in Hot Weather

As a dog owner are you aware that:

Dogs feel the heat (or cold) differently depending on their size, colour and type of fur.

Dogs with fine fur for example staffys, boxers, greyhounds will experience heat more than those dogs with thick coats. Black dogs also become hotter more quickly than light coloured ones. Dogs can experience heatstroke because dogs do not sweat like humans. However, they lose heat through panting. Dogs cannot sweat except through their foot pads. If the build-up of heat is faster than the rate at which the dog can cool itself by panting, then its body temperature rises, and heat stress occurs. Signs of heatstroke include excessive panting, weakness, high fever, lethargy, vomiting and unresponsiveness.

Therefore, avoid walking or exercising your dog in the hottest part of the day. Hot footpaths or road surfaces can burn paws and also reflect heat onto dogs' bodies increasing the risk of heatstroke.

Also, dogs are prone to skin cancer especially when their hair is fine or is sparse, for example on the nose, eyelids, ears and abdomen. Dogs with a light coloured nose or pointy ears with fine fur for example French Bulldogs are also prone to cancer.

Human sunscreens can be toxic or cause skin irritations for dogs. Pet sunscreens are available, but pets can lick them off and can be effective for only periods. It is important to ask your vet for advice to prevent any future problems.

Further Considerations

Avoid confinement in a hot place such as a car. The temperature in the car will still rise rapidly on a hot day even if the window is left open a little.

Make sure your dog has plenty of water in a container that is not able to be tipped over.

Ensure that there are shady areas in your yard throughout the day.

There are jackets to keep your dog cool and these are available online or in specialty shops.

Referenced from:

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Training Tips

A Game For Getting Perfect Stays

Your dog's stay will improve FAST if you reward very generously in position.

1. Take a handful of treats and ask your dog to sit. Feed him one treat after the other - every 1 or 2 seconds he can have a treat.
2. Take another handful of treats and ask your dog to sit. Feed him three treats, then take one step back and immediately come back to your dog and feed him more treats.
3. With yet another handful of treats, ask your dog to sit and take one step back - return and reward. Two steps back - return and reward. Three steps back - and so on.



By making sure all good things happen in the sitting position, your dog won't see a reason to leave it!



SPIRITDOG
Training

Benefits of Scatter-Feeding - You Should Try It!

Scatter-feeding means spreading your dog's food over a large area for him to sniff out and eat, such as your yard, a meadow, your apartment etc.

- It is a great **low-arousal activity**. Especially high-strung dogs benefit from calming activities.
- It engages their brains and **teaches them to focus on a task for longer periods of time**: As soon as they "space out" and disconnect, they lose the scent trail they were pursuing.
- It is **relaxing**: Sniffing lowers your dog's heart rate and helps him destress.
- It is **mental exercise**: Scatter-feeding is a great way to engage your dog when you don't have a lot of time - eg. in the morning, simply scatter your dog's food in the yard and let him get a brain-workout while you get ready for work.

Beginner Agility – ‘Class of June 2022’

It is hard enough to entice our Triallers out to train on a chilly Wednesday winter's evening let alone a bunch of raw recruits. So, for the first time, permission was given by the Club to hold a Beginner Agility class during normal training time on Sunday mornings.



This has proved to be highly successful. So much so that we are hoping to seek permission to do it again next year.

We had eleven starters. Not everyone finished for a number of reasons. But those that did have now moved on to our Intermediate Class for their next level of training.

Let me tell you it was not easy for the ‘Class of June 2022’ as they had to battle through Covid lockdowns which delayed the start of the class and then the rain! Oh, the rain! There were some

Sundays at the beginning of their Foundation skills where we actually trained under the Covid Testing shelters. However, it did reach a point where we really needed to move the class out onto the grass in order to expand their skills to Contacts and Jumping Drills. There were a few Sundays where we did have to cancel training a few times due to the weather and condition of the field as safety of dog and handler is always paramount.

The students were fortunate to have four Instructors with a combined Agility Knowledge of over 100 years.



Margaret Taylor was my instructor when I started Agility back in the 1990's. Her knowledge on Agility, especially Foundation work, knows no bounds.

Margaret is highly respected in the Agility fraternity and a member of the Agility Committee for a number of years. She was a major contributor to the best ever organised Agility Nationals held in NSW in 2012.

We also had Lyn Walker, who together with her sister, Sandra, competed in Agility at the highest level with their Kelpies. They were the first ‘team’ in Australia to earn the Title of Master Strategic Pairs.

Sandra is a highly regarded Agility Judge and member of the Agility Judge's Training Program. Over the years they have trialled their Kelpies, with great success, in Obedience and Sheep Herding. My knowledge was achieved under the guise of these three lovely ladies, seminars with international Instructors and reaching Master level with my Bearded Collies.



Our 'Class of June 2022' included: Ben & Hamish; Heather & Sammy; James & Kiara; John & Koko; Kathleen & Smudge; Liisa & Milo; Lyn & Coco; Sophie & Willow; Steven & Bailey; Tony & Lucy; Vera & Luna. Instructor Sandra was also using this opportunity to work with her young Kelpie, Bindi, as was I with Mr Wilson, but I gave up under duress!



Agility Foundation (Beginner Agility) can be boring and when you have students who are keen to get out there and hit the Agility equipment it can be difficult to slow them down and re-focus on the basics. The 'Class of June 2022' realised this once they were introduced to Jumping Drills and Contact Equipment. They started to understand the rudiments of Foundation training and its implications.

We feel certain that it will not be long before our 'Class of June 2022' will be looking to Register with Dogs NSW which would enable them to enter Agility Trials, should they so desire. We wish you the best of luck for the future.

Are you Interested in doing Agility?

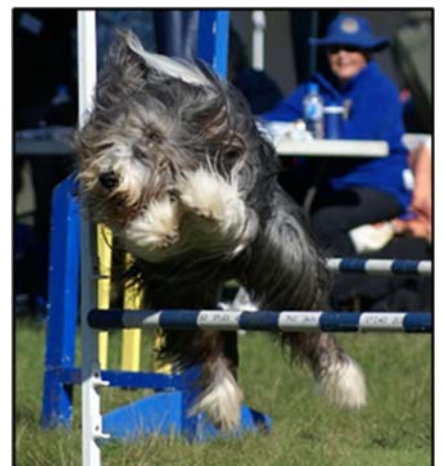
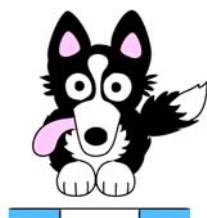
The Foundation Class is a three-month course (barring any disruptions, like rain!). It is full on and we expect you to complete homework that is set each week.

It is open for dogs:

- 🐾 Around the age of 18 months;
- 🐾 Class 3 or above;
- 🐾 Non-Aggressive to other dogs or humans
- 🐾 With a Strong Recall
- 🐾 The dog must be physically fit and not overweight (check with your Vet)
- 🐾 An assessment of your dog will be undertaken prior to being accepted.

If you feel this is an activity that you would like to share with your dog, then put your name and contact details down with the ladies in the office.

- Jan Taylor -



PETS ARE FOR LIFE, NOT JUST FOR CHRISTMAS

Pets are not disposable

Every year hundreds of thousands of pets are abandoned at animal shelters in Australia. A large percentage of pets are surrendered, and often put down, in the weeks and months following Christmas by people who made impulsive pet purchases or by people who received a pet as a surprise gift. Pet ownership is a serious responsibility and the decision to get a pet is one that needs to be well thought out and a decision that needs to be made by an entire family. There are a few things you need to consider before you decide whether or not you (or your family) should be giving or getting a pet for Christmas.

Can You Make the Commitment

Can you afford a pet? Responsible pet ownership is expensive. Dog owners can expect to spend between \$1200 – \$3500 a year on their dog. Cat owners spend an average \$1020 a year on their cat. This price guide is only for basic care – if your pet gets sick or injured then the cost of pet ownership can become astronomical. Responsible pet owners should protect their pets and themselves with pet insurance.

Do you have time for a pet? Dogs and cats require a lot your time and attention. Feeding, training, exercising, playing – it all adds up to a big commitment – but at the end of the day most pet owners will tell you it is 100% worth the time and the money because your dog or your cat will be the most loyal, most comforting, most appreciative best friend you could ever wish for.

Where will you be in 13 years? The average cat lives to be 12-14 human years old. A dog's lifespan varies quite a lot by breed, but dog's on average live to be 12.8 human years old. If you can't make a long term commitment consider adopting an elderly animal or become a foster parent for a pet.

Before You Buy

The perfect match: Consider which pet is right for you. Cats and dogs have unique needs and every pet will have different requirements depending on his activity level, intelligence, and personality. Research information online, speak to other pet owners, ask a veterinarian – find the perfect pet for you!

Make a plan: Before you bring a pet into your home have a conversation with the people you live with. Who will walk your dog? Who will feed your cat? If you live alone speak to your friends and family and ask them whether you can count on their support if you are unable to temporarily (or permanently) care for your pet.

Be an informed buyer: Whether you are adopting a forever friend from an animal shelter, a breeder, or a pet store, you need to do some research so you can be sure your pet is coming from a reputable establishment.

Be a Responsible Pet Owner

Your house is their house: train your pet properly and be sure rules of the house clear to your pet from the beginning. Are they allowed on the furniture? Where can they sleep? There are many household and backyard dangers you need to be aware of. Be sure you are well informed and that your house is safe for your dog or cat.

Protect your pet: The world can be a dangerous place for a pet. Training your pet properly is essential to their safety and well-being.

Please carefully consider whether a pet is the right gift to give or to receive this Christmas



CHRISTMAS GIGGLES



2022 Trialling Tails

Dagmar Urban & Kaizen

Dagmar and Kaizen finally got our second pass in Rally Advanced at Hills Rally Trial in October 2022 after a long journey. Covid no training and a TBLO operation on his hind leg with a 6 month recovery.



Judy Smith & Casey

Well 2022 has been a very busy and exciting year for Casey and I. He was fortunate enough to gain his title in Starter Tricks and Novice Rally. Just recently gained the club medal and hopefully will secure his Novice Tricks title by the end of the year. He is about to embark on a new sport Dances with Dogs. Keep tuned we will let you know how he goes in the New Year.



Patricia Cooper with Skye & Lacey

2022 has been a quiet year for Skye, Lacey and I having attended just a handful of trials.

Rally:

Northern Subs January Master 1st Place,
Brush Farm October Master 4th and 2nd.

Open Obedience:

Brush Farm March 1st place, SSDTC in May
1st Place

Skye also achieved 5 of the SSDTC
Perpetual Trophies pictured below.

And Agility, Only one trial – Day 2 of the
2021 State Agility Titles Sun 27/3/2022

Skye SPDX Qual & 1st (State Champion) &
Title, SDX – Qual & Title, GDX – Qual & Title

Lacey – GD - Qual – This was her first run in
Gamblers and great result especially as we
didn't have a chance to walk the course.



Robyn Goldsmith with Saffy & Kobi

Saffy and Kobi each got their Novice Trick
Title at Hills Trial in October.

Saffy also got her GDX title at the ACT
State Titles in October.



2022 Trialling Tails

Jan Taylor with Bentley & Mr Wilson

As in the human world, Covid had a significant impact on our dogs as well. Virtually, two years of training and trialling our dogs was lost. And for those of us who welcomed puppies into our family prior to and during Covid the effect on their development was monumental.

It was finally a relief to come out of the Covid mist only to be struck down this time by flooding rain. Trial after trial was being cancelled, post-poned or re-scheduled, in some cases not just once but twice. But kudos to those Clubs that were able to go ahead with their trials otherwise my Bentley would not have gained his Tricks Starter Title at the tail end of last year and three passes in Novice this year. Nor would Mr. Wilson have gained Titles in Tricks Starter and Rally Advance and is one pass shy of his CCD Title.

Special thanks goes to our Volunteer Instructors for their help and guidance plus to the "Sutherland Crew" for your companionship and encouragement when my world would fall apart at trials.



Barbara Horton & Jessica

After 2 1/2 years off for Covid and health reasons I got my self together with the help of my doggy friends I entered a couple of trials and achieved my CD, Rally Advanced and Starter Tricks Titles, which I was very pleased. We are looking forward to the next levels.



Carol Wallace with Sasha & Missy

I'm so proud of my little Sasha. Had her in three obedience trials. And she qualified in all three equal first and a third, All in the high nineties not bad at all.

She gained her CCD and Rally Novice title this year, three trials, three passes each. She is doing well. I can't ask for anything more from her, Love her to bits. Missy continues her training in CDX which is going very well.



2022 Trialling Tails (continued)

Lyn Walsh & Quanah

Quannah and I have been busy this year, we achieved both our Starter and Novice Trick Titles. Onto Intermediate now which we are very much looking forward to.



Nga Bustamante & Poco

Poco started trialling agility in the early 2021, I think it was the same time when Covid started and then rain, flood. I don't think we had training evening at the club that year. We mainly trained in the backyard following One mind dogs method online. Despite that, he still gained a few titles: JD (jumping dog), JDX (jumping dog excellent), AD (Agility dog), SD (Snooker dog) and SPD (Strategic pair dog). This year 2022, rain and Covid continue and God knows what else, I think I can count the number of nights open for agility training on the fingers of one hand.

We continue going to trials and these are what we achieved this year: JDM (Jumping Dog Master), JDM2, ADX (Agility Dog Excellent), SDX (Snooker Dog Excellent), SPD (Strategic pair dog Excellent), GD (Gambler Dog). He only needs One more Qual to get his ADM (Agility Dog Master) title and One more Qual to get his SDM (Snooker Dog Master) title.



Roz Manning with Barney & Pluto

Had a great year this year with Pluto gaining his CDX title. A long time coming with COVID, rains etc. but got there!!

Barney started in obedience in CCD gaining 2 x 1st places and 1 x 2nd place to gain his title in 9 days. He has now competed in 2 novice obedience days and gained 2 qualifications with a 2nd and 3rd place.

Sandra Hindmarsh & Pippi

In April this year, at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, my dog Pippi, came 1st in Novice Agility in the 200mm class and also 1st in Open Jumping in the 200mm class. We were over time as I took a much needed breather in the middle of the course but we still won.



2022 Trialling Tails

Shanelle Corben & Kadie

Kadie and I, like the rest of SSDTC triallers have been busy about the countryside. Along with our obedience and trick training, we decided to try out Dances with Dogs (DWD), what fun it is.

She gained her Intermediate Trick title, her Starter and Novice DWD Freestyle Titles and also her Starter DWD Heelwork to Music Title.



Ann Jamieson & Honey

Honey has had some great achievements in 2022

1st place in CCD at the Golden retriever club of NSW trial, and her final pass for her CCD title was at Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club with 3rd place.

At the SSDTC they were awarded perpetual trophies for Highest scoring club gun dog & Highest scoring club CCD dog



Leslie Rowling & Dannie

2022 has been a very successful one for Dannie and I. We've been busy with Tricks, DWD and also Obedience.

He achieved his Trick Dog Intermediate title with 6 passes in total, from judges Nicola Hardaker, Joan Stewart, Loretta Rabbitt and Maree Rablin, with some 1st and 2nd places too. And to add to his lovely work this year we also achieved his DWD Freestyle Novice Title, with two 2nds and a 3rd place.



Vera Aubach & Luna

Luna and I qualified for the club medal and Level 5, which we were working towards for 3 years.



DOGS & CAR TRAVEL

The holiday season is upon us, so with careful planning and the right safety equipment hitting the road with your canine companion can be fun and hassle free.

More often than not, dogs make for willing and eager travel companions. Some dogs have even achieved literary fame as canine car companions, like John Steinbeck's French poodle Charley. But whether your dog is eager or reluctant, having the right equipment and attitude can help to assure that the trip is safe and satisfying for all.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Before you hit the road, make sure that you have everything you'll need to keep your dog happy and healthy. Here's a list of must-haves and probably-should-haves:

Lead, collar and ID tag. If your dog were to get loose far from home – that's bad. If your dog were to get loose far from home without any form of ID – that's really bad.

Food, water, bowls. Bring along a sufficient supply of the food your dog is accustomed to eating. Bring along plenty of water, too – and bowls, of course. Changing to food and water that are different from what the dog normally consumes can combine with the car's motion to create, shall we say, unpleasant bodily reactions. Don't forget their favourite toy/s.

Blankets and baggies. Bring blankets for bedding, and in cold weather, for warmth. Bring waste disposal baggies for parking lot rest stops (You wouldn't want to accidentally step in that, would you?).

Old washcloths. Handy to have on hand for wiping muddy paws that have just bounded through roadside puddles.

CRATES AND RESTRAINTS

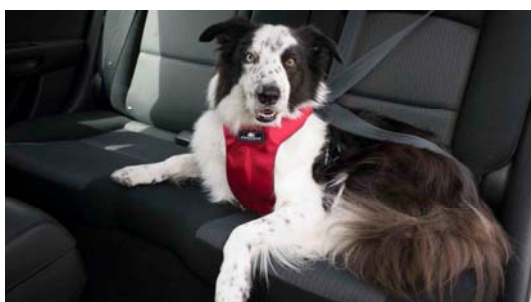
Some dogs love to get in a car, hang their heads out the window, and revel in the experience, jowls and ears flapping in the breeze. But that's not a good idea.

Even if your dog is a happy traveller, it shouldn't be allowed to roam free within the confines of your car. That could be very bad for your dog in the case of an accident, and an unrestrained dog could even be the cause of an accident. And all dog body parts should remain inside the vehicle at all times. There are also hefty fines which come with not restraining your dog correctly.

Dog crates are great for car travel, assuming that the size of your dog isn't a limiting factor.

When choosing a crate for your dog, it should be large enough to permit the dog to stand up completely inside and turn around, but there shouldn't be so much room that the dog can slide around inside in response to the car's movements. It should be well-ventilated, and structurally sound.

And it's important that the crate be securely fastened in place; a loose crate isn't much of an improvement over a loose dog. If a crate won't work for your dog, there are other options.



A harness that is fastened to a seat safety belt is a great alternative. It provides the dog some freedom, but restrains the dog in an accident. Be sure to buy a harness that's specifically designed to be used with safety belts.

Barriers can also be effective restraints, and are great for securing a dog in an open area, such as in a van, or in the back of a wagon or SUV. Be careful, though, when you're shopping for a barrier. Be certain that the barrier you select can be securely attached to the interior framework of your vehicle, and that it's rated to restrain the weight of your dog in an accident.

STOP, REVIVE, SURVIVE

YOU might be up for grinding along hours at a time on the road, but your dog isn't. And keeping your dog restrained and contained in your car for hours on end is a good way to sour it on car travel.

Plan on making frequent stops, just as you would if small children were along for the trip. (And if there are small children along, well then – two birds with one stone!)

Frequent potty breaks and opportunities to burn-off a bit of pent-up energy will help to make your dog a happy traveller. Just be careful not to have an escapee on your hands when you let your dog out of the car!

And when you do stop, be sure to never leave your dog in the car in the hot sun – even if you do crack the windows. Temperatures can climb to levels that aren't dog-friendly very quickly.

CHECK WITH YOUR VET

If this will be your first trip with your dog, you might want to discuss your plans with your vet briefly. There are medications that can help with problems like motion sickness and anxiety. It would be good to know what's available – just in case.

Also it is a good idea before you leave to write down name and phone number/s of any vets which will be local to where you are holidaying for any emergencies.

PREPARE FOR FUN

It's often said that dogs are man's best friend. With the proper equipment and with planning, there's no reason to leave your best friend behind when you hit the road.

Be careful, be safe – and have fun!



Sydneysiders Flyball

The Flyball Nationals was run over 2 days in an indoor arena at Hawkesbury Showgrounds in October.

Our division 6 team, Sydneysiders Pawpedoes, took 1st place.

Our division 10 team, Sydneysiders Munchkins also took 1st place.

We were thrilled when our club won the award for having made the least amount of mistakes over the 2 days of competition as there were 40 teams competing from all over Australia.

Capping off a wonderful Nationals for me, Pippi won the award for Dog of the Division.

Our Boxloader, Yvonne, is new to flyball but she loaded the balls for 3 teams and never made a mistake or lost her cool. Easy to do when you boxload for fast teams. Another club, Maximum Velocity asked her to load for them.

Another friend, Debbie Ford came along to help. In flyball, the more helpers the better.

It rained for 2 days during the comp. If we weren't sloshing through water, we were slogging through mud but it was all worthwhile in the end even though we did spend the next 2 days drying out and cleaning mud off everything, including the dogs.

- Sandra Hindmarsh -



Grading Awards

November 2022

Class 1 to 2



Holly & Penny; Nicola & Oakey; Beryl & Tilly; Kiara & Oaklee



Yvonne & Rio; Kristen & Milo; John & Mia; Cassandra & AJ



Joanne & Scout

Class 2 to 3



John & Bruno; Bart & Frankie; Jeff & Murray;
Cherie & Ragnor; Casey & Finn

Class 3 to 4



Alan & Albert; Dianne & Abby; Josh & Arty; Claire & Phoenix



Jan & Mr Wilson

Clicker Badge



Fiona & Daisy; Dorothee & Takoda;
Michelle & Denim; Sophie & Willow



Grading Fundamentals

Revised December 2022

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.

Handling: Handler is to demonstrate a knowledge/ability to communicate commands to the dog

Class 2 to 3 <— {Grading takes place 2nd Sunday of each Month}

Handlers are allowed to encourage their dogs verbally, but only occasionally repeat commands. Checking a dog is penalised, consistent checking of the dog will result in a failure. {No clicker, food rewards (luring) is 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 check chain.

Stays: (A) Sit, handler beside the dog for 1 minute.
(B) Down, handler beside the dog for 1 minute.

Handling: based on the handlers ability to communicate commands.

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 the use of check chain will earn a penalty. Consistent checking must be failed. {No clicker, food rewards (luring) permitted!}

Core Elements —> *Loose Lead (Leash) all paces, Automatic sit, Stand for examination, Sit stay and drop (or down) stays 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 are not to move during examination)

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 handlers ability to communicate commands.

Class 4 to Club Medal <— {Grading takes place 4th Sunday of each Month or as required}

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 the use of a check chain earn a penalty (repeated checking will be failed). {No clicker, food rewards (luring) permitted!}

Core Elements are —> *Loose Lead (Leash) all paces, Automatic sit, Stand for examination, Recall, Sit stay and drop (or down) stay's Handler in of front dog {2.0 m minimum}*

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.

Recall: 4 metres off lead, *handler returns to dog or Dog to be finished* as requested by grader (NOTE if the dog moves as the handler returns a failure will result).

Stays: (A) Sit, handler in front of dog for 1 minute.
(B) Down, handler in front of dog for 3 minutes.

Handling: based on the handlers ability to communicate commands.

Note: Pre-requisites of (1) the handler and dog having graded to Class 4, and (2) The handler has not previously trialed at an official ANKC obedience trial

Club Medal Excellent <— {Grading takes place 4th Sunday of each Month or as required}

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

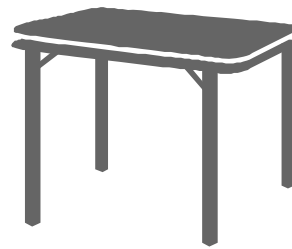
Note: Pre-requisites of (1) the handler and dog having graded to Class 4, (2) having gained Club Medal, and (3) The handler has not previously trialed at an official ANKC obedience trial

A REMINDER TO EVERYONE

Vetting starts 30 minutes BEFORE Classes

The vetting tables close 5 minutes before classes start.

Please BE ON TIME and IF POSSIBLE have the CORRECT GROUND FEE as a courtesy to your fellow club members.



FEES

New Member Fee

(including joining and membership fees)

Single \$25.00

Junior \$15.00

Annual Membership Renewal Fee \$15.00

(Due June 30th each year – Will be accepted from 1st Sunday in April of each year)

Ground Fee per class..... \$3.00

MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE

Leads (Leash)

10M (33') Leads

Training collars

Dumbbells

Clickers

Space Needed Jackets

Metal Badge

Instruction Manual

Cloth Badge

Club Cap

Adult's Polo Shirt

Adult's Polar Fleece Jumper

Adult's Polar Fleece Vest

Tea & Coffee

Soft Drinks

Hire of:

LIBRARY BOOKS, Videos, etc

(Refundable Deposit Payable)

TRAINING AND CLASS TIMES

Dogs accepted from 4 months old. All dogs must be fully vaccinated with C5 vaccination which includes Kennel Cough.

Certification required on commencement of membership and updated annually.

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 (when scheduled) **8:30 to 9:30 am**

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

MONDAY NIGHT

The Help Class *(By Invitation Only - Enquire at Clubhouse)* .. **7:00 to 8:30 pm**

Rally **7:30 to 9:00 pm**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Agility Training *(Intermediate/Trialers)* **7:15 to 9:30 pm**

All Correspondence to: The Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club

PO Box 231 Sutherland NSW 1499

Telephone: (02) 9521 1633 (Clubhouse, during Sunday training hours)

GROUND RULES

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| 1. Members must be in class by the time specified. Instructors have the right to refuse entry to the class if you are late. | 6. All dogs must be kept on a leash at all times unless under the supervision of an instructor. |
| 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 | 7. All handlers of dogs who foul the grounds must immediately clean up and dispose of the matter in the bin/s provided . |
| 3. Members without membership cards may be refused admittance to class. | 8. Classes using the Club jumps and/or agility equipment will be responsible for returning the equipment to the equipment room after use. |
| 4. All dogs must be immunised against Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus and Para influenza and Kennel Cough. Current inoculation certificates must be produced when renewing membership. | 9. Members shall at all times behave courteously to other members and officials of the Club. |
| 5. No bitch in season will be allowed to attend training. | 10. Any disputes should be referred to the chief instructor or a committee member at the time of the dispute . |

"We would like to acknowledge the Dharawal people, who are the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we meet, and also pay our respects to all Aboriginal people, Elders past and present of the Dharawal Nation."