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A Demonstration team member (Bobbie) at Work

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Editors Comment's.....

Hi everyone. This is my first issue of editing **The Wag**. Now that Dawn is moving to the south coast she is unable to continue with the job. I only hope I can do the job as capably as Dawn. I will be sharing the job with Ron Brouwer as Dawn did. If anyone else is keen to take a turn please see Ron or myself.

I have always looked forward to The Wag and don't usually put it down till I've looked through from front to back. It's great to see what everyone else has been up to, how they're progressing and also to have a laugh at the jokes.

I have made many great friends through dog training and my dog (Tamba) and I have benefited through all we have learnt. I'm sure the bond with your dog is strengthened when you work with your dog as a partner to achieve new skills.

If you have any articles that you think may be of interest to other members please drop them in the Wag box (located inside the clubhouse on the wall adjoining the shop). Maybe you have seen some good internet sites or have a recipe for dog treats worth sharing. If anyone has any hints they may like to pass on or articles from newspapers or magazines, please forward them. We all like to see photos of each others pets too. You can also email any articles to Ron or myself (which makes our job even easier).

I was sorry to have missed the training demonstrations held on Sunday 15th Feb. Unfortunately I had to leave training in a hurry as I had just begun my class when I received a message that my daughter had been in a car accident.

I would like to thank all the people who have sent their best wishes over the last couple of weeks. It's times like these that we appreciate our friends. Even though Carly has quite a few injuries, she is recovering well in hospital and has a very positive outlook on life.

Hopefully in the future there will be more demonstrations after dog training. We all like to have some goals to aim for.

Welcome to the many new members who have joined the club in the new year. If you have any questions on training your dog don't be afraid to ask any of the instructors. They do a fantastic job and are all keen to help out. The club also has a library of books and videos (\$20.00) deposit which may be helpful.

Keep having fun and enjoy your dog.

Kym Haywood



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PRESIDENTS REPORT

More than 90 new members have joined the club since we have returned in 2004. I hope that everyone including these new members will have a successful year training their dog to the standard they require.

Thanks

Many thanks to Jan Taylor who organized the Demonstration Day on the 15th of February for everyone at the club. Many thanks also to the members of the club who represented us so well. I have had a lot of positive feedback and interest in the various activities in which the club is engaged. It is intended that later on in the year there will be another demonstration day which will not only include obedience and agility, but also Gun Dog work.

No Training

There will be **no** training at the club on **Easter Sunday 11th April**

Royal Easter Show

The club team will again be in the Mass Obedience Demonstration at the Royal Easter Show. I hope many club members will have a chance to see the team perform. Several of our members will be in the obedience and agility competitions. So Good Luck to everyone at The Royal Easter Show.

Senior Instructor

Many thanks to Jim Rostrum who has been the Senior Instructor since November. Thanks also to Ron Brouwer who has set up a database for the instructors' roster.

Class sizes

Class sizes are very large at present, anyone in the senior classes who is interested in learning to be an instructor should come and speak to me.

Grading from Class 1 to Class 2

Congratulations to: Brianna Talbot "Grace"*, J Dunn "Lucy"*, S & G Ferguson "Millie"*, M Firenze "Tess", S & A Steinel "Polly", A & L Tunbridge "Lady", R & J Moore "Bonnie", A & R Rossiter "Cadbury", L & S Burtenshaw "Noodles", V Nunan "Kye", S & B Davidson "Harley", M Devlin "Bailey"*, A Murray "Sasha"*, D & D Cowell "Charlie", M Clarke "Gus", J Drake "Jack"*, C Cole "Boo"*, T Hogbin "Lucy"*, J Smith "Sunny", S Parratt "Bella", K White "Tia", Jules Mayne "Reba"*.

* denotes blue ribbon

Pam Hazelton

*I found this one in an old mag and thought it quite appropriate for dog trainers, if you heed the frogs attitude you will eventually get that *%\$@# dog trained; even if it is a noisy Kelpie or a cranky German Shepherd, so hang in there and be firm*

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John Mitchell

NEVER EVER GIVE UP



Free to a Good Home

Hello, My name is 'Ralph'. I'm an 18mth old Male Golden Labrador with a lot of love to give I am fully immunised and micro-chipped. It's not safe for me at my present home as there are no fences. If can help me please call Bernadette Caine on (525 5958)



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Dogs were paired and one dog in each pair was fed 25% less food than its pair mate until death.

Not surprisingly, compared to control dogs, food restricted dogs weighed less and had lower body fat content. Moreover, the median lifespan was significantly longer for dogs in which food was restricted. The average lifespan for the control-fed dogs was 11.2 years, for the restricted-fed dogs the average lifespan was 13 years.

This is one of the first studies to document that dietary restriction increases survival time and highlights the importance of good weight control in our pets.

Many low calorie foods are now available, and these, combined with regular exercise, will contribute towards ensuring your dog will lead a long and healthy life. Consult your local vet for more information!

WELCOME to our NEW MEMBERS



Ron & Judy Moore of Kirrawee	& Bonnie (Golden Retriever)
Robyn Brown of Sylvania	& Harry (Cavoodle)
Katherine Greene of Heathcote	& Jasper (German Shepard X Staffie)
Melissa Kewin of Sylvania Waters	& Molly (Staffy)
Teresa Racomelara of Miranda	& Jet (Staffy)
Karen Grigg of Bundeena	& Aster (Airedale) & Rosie (Giant Schnauzer)
Daniel Haigh & Kylee Van Der Louw Yarrawarra	& Tia (Labrador)
Tina Mougios of Beverly Hills	& Gracie (Doberman)
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Lindsey & Karen O'Brien of Kirrawee	& Bozley (Akita)
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Gillian Richter of Gynea	& Muffin (Maltese X Shihtzu)
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Julie & Ian Gibbs of Caringbah	& Tazzie (Cattle Dog)
Brianna Talbot of Sylvania	& Grace (Shetland Sheepdog)
Colin & Rebecca Benson of Menai	& Harry (Miniature Poodle)
Terence & Barara Bolton of Oyster Bay	& Zac (Border Collie)
Doug Trotter of Miranda	& Fletcher (Labrador)
Taryn Frohmader of Oyster Bay	& Mishka (Croodle)
Helen Nicol of Como	& Oscar (Staffy)
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Colin Cook of Woronora	& Tilly (Jack Russell X Staffy)
Mrs J Mayme of Yowie Bay	& Reba (Scottish Terrier)
Peter Davis of Kareela	& Ty (Stumpy Tail Cattle)
Andrew & Linda Tunbridge of Loftus	& Lady (Alaskan Malamute)
Andrew Murray of West Como	& Sasha (Great Dane)
Alison & Gareth Denyer	& Pippa (Poodle X Cavalier)
Carole Bowyer of Kirrawee	& Molly (Jack Russell)
Kerri & Tim Rundle of Loftus	& Rex (Jack Russell)

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NATURAL SOLUTIONS

ALAN HAYES
Author

Q We have two dogs we've treated for fleas but they're still jumping around the carpets. Can you help with a natural way to get rid of them?

A Weekly vacuuming of the house and airing of rugs is essential to prevent outbreaks. When vacuuming, do the whole house in one day and vacuum lounges, cushions, carpets, mats, up and down curtains, along crevices, beds and their coverings. Take animal bedding, cushions and mats outside and air them in the sun for a day, then vacuum before bringing back inside. Treat carpets, mats and pet bedding with the following flea repellent: mix 18 drops of neat pennyroyal oil with 500g of bicarbonate soda. Sprinkle this over carpets, rugs etc, leave for an hour then vacuum up. Neat pennyroyal oil sprinkled over carpets and mats will send fleas hopping until they drop from the fumes. Use sparingly as the fumes can be overpowering. You can also make a flea-repellent spray for treating pets' bedding, lounge cushions etc by blending 20 to 30 drops of pennyroyal oil with 10ml of methylated spirits, then adding the mixture to a pump-spray bottle containing half a litre of water. Shake well and use on a fine-mist setting.



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Pet Repellents

TO REPEL CATS

CLOUDY AMMONIA:

Soak a cloth in ammonia and leave near your favourite plants or bury small bottles up to their necks in the soil around seedlings or precious plants and pour in a little ammonia.

ORANGE PEEL:

Sprinkle orange peel nearby with the cut face upwards.

TO REPEL DOGS

MOTHBALLS:

Dot around garden to discourage visiting dogs; the effect will last for a few weeks.

Warning: Ensure children do not mistake them for sweets - they are poisonous.

NAPHTHALENE FLAKES:

Sprinkle flakes on garden. Will not harm plants or grass. Warn children not to touch.

Please Note:-

Due to Kym's current situation, I've taken the **WAG** in the last bit to help her out (and added some of my own stuff) so this month is a real combination of editors.

The articles received this month have been great and keep em coming people.

The Demonstration Day on the 15th February seemed to go along alright and I got some positive feed back from several people, maybe we could have arranged it better but it work ok for the first time.

The Committee list is finally finished and in place, so take a look at **YOUR 2004 committee** members.

Anyway, hope you enjoy this issues and by the way, apologies for the mix up in the Grading, that's something we'll have to take in mind when we organise another demonstration day!

Ron Brouwer

Ron

WELCOME to our NEW MEMBERS



P & I Wydevold of Woronora Heights	& Bella (Labrador)
Pintley James of Loftus	& Buddy (Kelpie)
Mary Firenze of Miranda	& Tess (Australian Shepherd)
Melissa Strawbridge & Justin Devenski Gynea	& Saxon (Jack Russell X Pug)
Kathryn Heber of Caringbah	& Trigger (Whippet)
Lyn Thurkett of Barden Ridge	& Rossi (Cavalier)
John Walsh of Caringbah	& Charlie (Poodle X Shihtzu)
Colin Fegan of Kareela	& Alf (Poodle)
Donna Martin of Loftus	& Jessie (Rotti/Cattle/German Shepard)
Melanie Clarke of Engadine	& Gus (Staffy)
Julie Baker of Cronulla	& Jack (Mini Schnauzer)
Melissa Sampson of Engadine	& Lily (Golden Retriever)
Mark Williams of Como	& Star (Pug X German Shepard)
Sarah & Gwen Fergusson of Kareela	& Millie (Labrador)
Kate & Shirley Henry of Loftus	& Leo (Labrador)
Barry & Janine Packman of Loftus	& Rusty (X Breed)
Jason & Katie Ferguson of Miranda	& Jak (Boxer)
Joanne Carr of Gynea Bay	& Barney (Jack Russell X)
Brenda & Shannon Martin & Fay Cullen Woronora Heights	& Jasper (Border Collie)
David Parramore of Yarrawarra	& Splash (Border Collie)
Bobbi Burgmann of Helensburgh	& Misty (Kelpie)
Anthony & Lailee Smith of Engadine	& Whisky (Kelpie X Schnauzer)
Rick Balding of Engadine	& Jake (German Shepard)
Lucinda Opperman of Miranda	& Leah (Standard Poodle)
Greg & Jean Perkins of Illawong	& Sasha (German Shepard X)
Greg & Jean Perkins of Illawong	& Bub (Kelpie X Collie)
Liz Moses of Grays Point	& Riley (English Setter)
Julie Murphy of Yowie Bay	& Tessa (Weimaraner)
Bianca Massey of Helensburgh	& Buddy (Labrador X Staffie)
Margaret & Laurie Cross of Yowie Bay	& Caesar (Rottweiler)
Scott Thomas of Caringbah	& Varley (Dalmatian)
Jacqueline Assel of Oyster Bay	& Ranger (German Shepard)
Erin Shaw of Engadine	& ^ Piper (Pug)
Jenny Peters of Jannali	& Jackie (Jack Russell X Corgi)
Adam Azzopardi of Como	& Sunny (Labradoodle)
Jason Firmstone of Como West	& Sophie (Toy Poodle)
Kathy & Gail Armstrong of Lugarno	With Gracie (Boxer) Carlie & Podgie (French bulldogs)
Natashia Moore of Corrimal	& Sharp (Cattle X Staffie)
Vanessa D'Souza & Andrew Wright of Helensburgh	& Nina (German Shepard)
Lauren & Jessica McDonald of Oatley	With Sam & Sophie (Golden Retriever)
Lorraine Jones of Como	& Kurnella (Kelpie)





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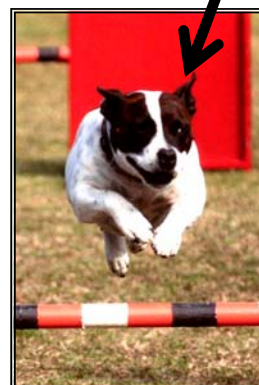
**Congratulations to Patricia Steer & "Zena"**  
( Staffordshire Bull Terrier) who have attained the following Titles :

**\*\*\* Jumping Dog JD \*\*\***  
**\*\*\* Agility Dog AD \*\*\***

|            |                             |               |
|------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 25/10/2003 | Agility Dog Club of NSW     | Mrs A Yerbury |
| 23/11/2003 | Spring Fair                 | E Barker      |
| 29/11/2003 | Hawkesbury Dog Agility Club | Sue Dwyer     |

## Class 2 to 3

|            |                                    |                   |
|------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 13/09/2003 | Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club | Ms Patricia Walsh |
| 14/09/2003 | Springwood Dog Training Club       | Ms Patricia Walsh |
| 08/02/2004 | Hawkesbury Dog Agility Club        | Dr Lee Hammer     |



*See, Staffies can do it, Well some-*

**Dennis Greacen & Tina (Maltese)**

Joanne Drake & Jack (X German Shepard)  
Geoff Newman & Zac (X Kelpie)  
Edward Bourke & Frosty (Labrador)  
Linda Smith & Saar (Bull Arab)  
Allan Manne & Hazel (Scottish Terrier)  
Mariano & Lua (Curly Coat Retriever)

Date: Sunday 8th February  
Grader Ron Brouwer  
Number Attempted Grading.. 11

## Class 3 to 4

Cheryl Whiteman & Eddie ( Kelpie)  
Ida Bashford & Suzie (Akita)  
Narelle Meyer & Angus (Labrador X)  
Stan Crossley & Angle ( Whippet)  
Allan Connel & Bear ( German Shepard)  
Martin Duncan & Kellie (Kelpie)  
Dennis Greacen & Tina (Maltese)  
Stephen Graham & Maxine (Staffy X)  
Rachel Shapter & Bear (Golden retriever)

Date: Sunday 29th February  
Grader Ian Bridges  
Number Attempted Grading... 4

Date: Sunday 29th February  
Grader Dave Varney  
Number Attempted Grading... 9

## Class 4 to 5

You guys need to train more....

## Trialled for Club Medal

Keep practising Guys.....


## Awarded Club Medal

Next Month Maybe.....

## Club Encouragement Award

Keep trying people (or do ya need some encouragement?)...



 Denotes 1<sup>st</sup>

Please see Pam Hazleton at the club house  
after training to accept your award

### **Note:**

In accordance with decisions ratified by the Committee and Instructors;  
A handler and their dog may achieve a pass a week after the scheduled grading if and only if they fail one of the requirements of the grading.  
The decision to allow a handler and their dog to participate in any post grading is given at the time of the grading and is subject to conditions.  
No correspondence will be entered into.

## LONG AFTER THE TEARS

His bones are creaky, he's not too sound,  
But his eyes are bright and his tummy round.  
He's gone quite deaf and his face is grey  
I walk the others, but he's happy to stay.  
His tail still wags and I get a greeting  
He's happy to potter and he's still eating.  
I have to bellow to make myself heard  
Some things he does without a word.

The old man and I have seen such a lot.  
He's one of the most treasured friends I've got.  
He's a pain at times I have to admit  
But I wouldn't change him – not one little bit.  
The years creep by – the time ticks on  
I know that one day he'll be gone.  
When the time comes, I will let know  
I'll do what's right – I'll let him go.

God willing I'll be with him and hold him tight  
And see him safely into his long "good night"  
But until that time I'll keep him near  
To me he's part of all that's dear.  
He's got no title – what do I care?  
All I worry is that he's there.  
The time will come when he is no more  
And in my life will close a door.  
But I'll have the memories from all the years  
And they will remain long after the tears.

Anon

## WHY DOGS ARE BETTER THAN KIDS



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- Dogs don't care if the peas have been touched by the mashed potatoes.
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- Dogs are housebroken by the time they are 12 weeks old.
- Your dog does not become embarrassed if you suddenly sing in public.
- If your dog is a bad seed, your genes cannot be blamed.



## LONG LIVE THE CHECK CHAIN

*I read the article in last months. wag and thought, well everyone is entitled to an opinion. so here is mine. Why did this person get the name wrong at the start, the correct name is check chains, which used incorrectly can choke a dog, so can a million other things.*

*The next thing he said was that they check the dog by choking it, which if used correctly is rubbish. The dictionary says to choke is to " stop the breathing of, stifle, smother, suffer choking and obstruct. " My present dog is eight and a half, how has she lived so long when I have trained her with a check chain?, funny also that she still has all the hair on her neck.*

*He also says that to do agility dogs work by encouragement and voice alone, how true, but how did they train it too that standard in the first place? I'll bet a chain popped up somewhere.*

*He also said he had to badger, the RSPCA etc before they gave him an answer. They probable wanted to rid themselves of him.*

*Of 16 vets he only got 13 responses and only 7cases of misuse, think about it how many people go to these vets? That's not even one a vet and over what time frame? Think how many people go to the vet. Or there aren't that many being hurt.*

*There was the case one dog nearly choked when the chain locked on, ,you are right next to your dog when training was this trainer blind or had he tied the tied up the dog and left it. I've been training dogs since 1964 and I've never seen a choke lock on.*

*Mr Hawgood concludes that there are times when a check comes in handy but why use it on a trained dog? Because they are easier to put on to take your mate for a walk and more people have trained their dogs with a check chain than probable any other tool, since they were discovered, there can be accidents in many ways, they can even choke on that biscuit you reward your dog with. Remember nearly all the videos you see on dog training using food, clickers and check chains are using already trained dogs, so it is only a demonstration ,not an actual training session.*

*Anything and everything can be dangerous but God gave you a brain to use and if the check chain is used as it was meant it will serve you well and you will end up with a happy trained friend.*

*Dog lover*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

### **RE: MISUSE OF CHECK CHAINS**

Obviously Des Hawgood does not know the correct name, let alone the correct use of it. Why do we have to print a report from England, not knowing if it to be true or not. We also have no way of knowing how they use the check chain to train there dogs.

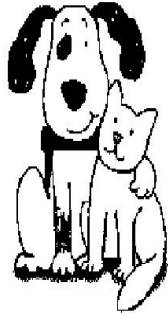
Having trained with a check chain and continued over a period of 28 years for either of my Labradors, neither suffered any loss of neck hair or damaged ligaments to the neck.

Add to this the thousands of people and there dogs which I have help train I believe they are a safe method of training.

Over the past 10 years I have attended three vet surgeries each once a month to talk at the puppy classes. I have instructed at all these classes the correct use of the check chain. No vet or vet nurse ever objected with these instructions. No vet or vet nurse ever commented about having to treat treating "countless" dogs with neck injuries.

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They did comment about the influx of dogs suffering from bad coats, infections and obesity from people constantly feeding food while training especially to pups with the sugar treated, corn treated doggy treats.

Used correctly and with the correct tone of voice the dog will never suffer and is happy to be rewarded with a kind word, a pat or a hug.

When I showed my dogs the check chain over their life they would happily shove there head in the loop knowing good times were ahead. There are two sides to a story , this is mine.

p .s. There are many trainers in our club who have trained there dogs without food and constantly been number 1 on the day in obedience trails and have very happy dogs

David Vamey

Well, it's good to see some people do read the WAG and it's even better to see that John felt he should or could reply to an article or comment. As I've said many a time the WAG is your magazine also so why not drop a line about what you think?

John made several good points but one that should be noted is the fact that we are all entitled to a opinion. You should all be aware that each and every Instructor is a volunteer and they also have an opinion or a different idea on how a dog should or shouldn't be trained, nothing wrong with that at all. When you under instruction it's up to you to decide what's' right for your dog, that doesn't mean you don't listen to what your being told or shown, but you know your dog better than anyone, you know their problems and if shown a different way and it works, STICK TO IT.

While I'm at it, **could everybody please remember to give a tethered dog some breathing space!** A dog that's been tethered for what ever reason obviously can't move around at will and therefore in some cases, may feel vulnerable to attack from any source. As you walk freely along with your dog give the tethered dog a wide berth say at least 1.5 m radius , that way they won't feel intimidated nor will they lunge out at your dog and give both of you a fright you didn't need to get!

Ron Brouwer

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An Italian, a Scotsman and a Chinese guy are hired at construction site. The foreman points out a huge pile of sand and says to the Italian guy, "You're in charge of sweeping.", to the Scotsman he says, "You're in charge of shovelling.", and to the Chinese guy, "You're in charge of supplies."

He then says, "Now, I have to leave for a little while. I expect you guys to make a big dent in that there pile."

So the foreman went away for a couple hours and when he returns, the pile of sand is untouched.

He asks the Italian, "Why didn't you sweep any of it?"

The Italian replies, "I no hava no broom. You saida to the Chinese a fella that he awasa in a charge of supplies, but he hasa disappeared and I no coulda finda him nowhere."

Then the foreman turns to the Scotsman and says, And you, I thought I told you to shovel this pile." The Scotsman replies, "Aye, ye did lad, boot ah couldnay get meself a shoovel. Ye left th' Chinese gadgie in chairge of supplies, boot ahcouldnay fin' him either."

The foreman is really angry now and storms off toward the pile of sand to look for the Chinese guy. Just then, the Chinese guy leaps out from behind the pile of sand and yells...

"SUPPLIES"!!

## Darwin Awards 2003

Yes, it's that magical time of the year again when the Darwin Awards are bestowed, honouring the least evolved among us.

These, are the glorious winners for 2003.

When his 38-calibre revolver failed to fire at his intended victim during a hold-up in Long Beach, California, would be robber James Elliot did something that can only inspire wonder. He peered down the barrel and tried the trigger again. This time it worked.....

And now, the honourable mentions:

The chef at a hotel in Switzerland lost a finger in a meat cutting machine and, after a little hopping around, submitted a claim to his insurance company. The company, suspecting negligence, sent out one of its men to have a look for himself.

He tried the machine and lost a finger.

The chef's claim was approved.

A man who shovelled snow for an hour to clear a space for his car during a blizzard in Chicago returned with his vehicle to find a woman had taken the space. Understandably, he shot her.

After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Beltway had escaped. Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride.

He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies.

The deception wasn't discovered for 3 days.

An American teenager was in the hospital recovering from serious head wounds received from an oncoming train. When asked how he received the injuries, the lad told police that he was simply trying to see how close he could get his head to a moving train before he was hit.

A man walked into a Louisiana Circle-K, put a \$20 bill on the counter, and asked for change.

When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the man pulled a gun and asked for all the cash in the register, which the clerk promptly provided. The man took the cash from the clerk and fled, leaving the \$20 bill on the counter. The total amount of cash he got from the drawer...\$15.

(If someone points a gun at you and gives you money, is a crime committed?)

Seems an Arkansas guy wanted some beer pretty badly.

He decided that he'd just throw a cinderblock through a liquor store window, grab some booze, and run. So he lifted the cinderblock and heaved it over his head at the window.

The cinderblock bounced back and hit the would-be thief on the head, knocking him unconscious.

The liquor store window was made of Plexiglas.

The whole event was caught on videotape.

As a female shopper exited a New York convenience store, a man grabbed her purse and ran.

The clerk called 911 immediately, and the woman was able to give them a detailed description of the snatcher.

Within minutes, the police apprehended the snatcher. They put him in the car and drove back to the store. The thief was then taken out of the car and told to stand there for a positive ID. To which he replied, "Yes, officer, that's her. That's the lady I stole the purse from."

The Ann Arbor News crime column reported that a man walked into a Burger King in Ypsilanti, Michigan, at 5 a.m., flashed a gun, and demanded cash.

The clerk turned him down because he said he couldn't open the cash register without a food order. When the man ordered onion rings, the clerk said they weren't available for breakfast. The man, frustrated, walked away.

### A 5-STAR STUPIDITY AWARD WINNER!

When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked on a Seattle street, he got much more than he bargained for.

Police arrived at the scene to find a very sick man curled up next to a motor home near spilled sewage. A police spokesman said that the man admitted to trying to steal gasoline and plugged his siphon hose into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges, saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had.



## CANINE MAN'S BEST FRIEND

Our first CMBF course for the year is away and running (and walking, sitting, dropping etc.) Each new group of dogs brings with it their very own set of strengths and weaknesses. Hopefully by the end of the eight weeks much will have been achieved and the dogs and their handlers will have learned a few things and had a lot of fun.

Next on the agenda is the beginner's agility course. Should be a few photo opportunities there! Also coming up is the trick training segment – where each person gets to pick a trick card out of a bucket and then attempts to teach that trick to their dog. This also is a lot of fun. Remember, even trick training is still getting your dog to obey you, so is just another form of obedience training. In fact having fun with the trick training also rolls over into your more “serious” training, which then becomes fun also.

Have you ever looked over at the dogs doing agility, obviously having such fun, and wondered why obedience training has to be so serious? Of course it doesn't. You and your dog can enjoy yourselves whatever you are doing. Once you start having a good time your dog will respond with a willingness to work that you wouldn't have believed possible.



Because of Easter holidays the next Canine Mans Best Friend course will not commence until 18<sup>th</sup> April. If you are interested please put your name down with Betty in the Clubhouse, so that we will have some idea of numbers.

Happy training, Noella.

## Demonstration Group

### NEXT NURSING HOME VISIT

PALMS NURSING HOME, 454 President Avenue, Kirrawee.

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm.



Please let David or Noella know if you are going to be there. If you haven't taken your dog to a Nursing Home before, why not do it now? You will find it a very rewarding experience just sharing your dog with these people. Never before will you have been so appreciated.

### **IS LIFE TOO FULL?**

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full? They agreed that it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cans of beer from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognise that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things - your family, your health, your children, your friends, your favourite passions - things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full." The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else - the small stuff.

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house, and fix the disposal. "Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the beer represented.

The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers."

### **YOU KNOW YOU'RE A DOGGY PERSON WHEN.....**

- ⇒ You have more dog beds, chew toys, collars, leashes, harnesses and dog crates than you have dogs.
- ⇒ You meet other people with dogs and remember their dog's name after 30 seconds, but don't get the owner/handler's name until you've met them 2 or 3 times.
- ⇒ You don't think twice about trading licks of an ice-cream cone with your dog.
- ⇒ Your parents give up on grandchildren and start to refer to your dogs as your "kids".
- ⇒ You have hundreds of pictures of your dogs on your desk at work, in your wallet, but none of your family or yourself.
- ⇒ No-one wants to ride in your car because they know they'll get dog hair on their clothes.
- ⇒ You reach into your pocket for change and liver treats, dog kibble and poo bags fall out.
- ⇒ You watch simply awful movies because your breed is either featured in a cameo scene or there's a 3 second camera shot during a crowd scene.
- ⇒ All of your clothes have dog hair on them, even when they come back from the laundromat or dry cleaners.
- ⇒ The first thing your friends, colleagues and passing acquaintances say to you when they see you is, "How are your dogs?" or "How many dogs do you have now?"
- ⇒ Your photo Christmas cards feature your dogs (humans optional).
- ⇒ The highlight of your day is spending time with your dog.

# Agility Round-Up

**Date: 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> February 2004**

**Location: Hawkesbury DAC Inc**

Ever the innovative club, Hawkesbury decided to have Dusk till Dawn trials over this weekend. On Saturday evening they had a Regional Qualifying Heat (RQH) and a Jumping trial and on Sunday (commencing midnight) an Agility trial and another Jumping trial. At this time of year it was a very welcome relief to work our dogs in the cooler evening, early morning. Results were:

## SATURDAY

| <b>RQH</b>        |         | <b>Open Jumping</b> |          | <b>Master Jumping</b>       |
|-------------------|---------|---------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Lynn & Blaze      | DQ      | Robyn & Jedda       | DQ       | Lynn & Blaze                |
| Peter & Max       | 1 Fault | Patricia & Shadow   | 2 Faults | "Out of Control"<br>1 Fault |
| Patricia & Shadow | Clear   | Phil & Gemma        | 2 Faults |                             |
| Robyn & Jedda     | DQ      | Patricia & Xena     | 1 Fault  |                             |
| Phil & Gemma      | Clear   | Pam & Shaker        | DQ       | Peter & Max                 |
| Peter & Billy     | DQ      |                     |          | Peter & Billie              |

## SUNDAY

| <b>Master Agility</b> |                | <b>Open Agility</b> |               | <b>Novice Agility</b> | <b>Pass – Title Gained</b> |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Peter & Max           | DQ             | Peter & Max         | DQ            | Patricia & Xena       |                            |
| Peter & Billie        | 3 Faults       | Robyn & Jedda       | DQ            |                       |                            |
| Patricia & Shadow     | Clear - o/time | Pam & Scarlet       | Clear -o/time |                       |                            |
|                       |                | Tony & Charlie      | <b>Pass</b>   | Pam & Shaker          | 2 Faults                   |

| <b>Master Jumping</b> |                                        | <b>Open Jumping</b> |                             |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Peter & Billie        | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b><br>1 Fault | Robyn & Jedda       | DQ                          |
|                       |                                        | Patricia & Shadow   | 2 Faults                    |
| Lyn & Blaze           |                                        | Peter & Billie      | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b> |
|                       |                                        | Pam & Shaker        | DQ                          |

At presentations on Sunday morning we were all treated to free barbecued sausage, bacon & egg sandwiches and at 6.00 am we rolled out of Castle Hill showground and headed for home – wondering how many centuries it has been since we stayed up all night!!

Can't wait for next year's trial.

As I was away that weekend my thanks goes to Pam Lyons for Hawkesbury's write up.

**Date: 21 February, 2004**

**Location: Royal NSW Canine Council Fund Raiser Trial – Erskine Park**

This trial was in aid of the National Agility Dog Trial to be held in a couple of months.

Driving over to Erskine Park thinking this is really stupid trialing in 40 degree heat, but surprisingly as the afternoon progressed the temperature decreased and it turned out to be a very pleasant evening.

Brian Hilliard, Judge for the Jumping trial, set an absolutely cracking Open course - that was until you came to the Weavers, where just about everyone came unstuck! Loretta Rabbitt with Poodle, 'Josie' managed a clear round only over time. Patricia Steer with 'Shadow' gained a Pass and only requires one more for their Title (no pressure, you understand.....) As for the rest of us Open folk, well, Pam & 'Shaker' had 3 faults, Patricia & 'Zina' totally stuffed up, Robyn & 'Jedda' did a nice run – that is when 'Jedda' was not spinning, my 'Hamish' was Disqualified – pulled out of the second last weaver – shame, shame, shame!

In Novice Jumping we did not fair all that well with the following registering one fault: Barbara & 'Rebecca' ; Carol & 'Natasha'. Karen & 'Penny' were Disqualified – that canvas tunnel was just too heavy for the "Pocket Rocket" to push her way through.

Master's dogs did no better with Peter & 'Billy' with one fault – knocked a jump down – good time though! And Phil & 'Jem' also with one fault.

The Judge for Agility, Graham Elven, is not known for his generous times, so when he gave 60 seconds for Open, I ran up to feel his forehead, thinking that he might have a fever !!! However, in saying that, it was a hard time to get – a lot of running between obstacles.

So, how did everyone do in Agility ... read it and weep is all I can say.



Novice: Barbara & Rebecca – 3 faults ; Karen & Penny who decided it was easier to run across the top of the 'broad jump' rather than jump it ; Noella & Enzo – Noella pulled Enzo off the table before judge counted up to 5 ; Sue & Morgan – their first trial – Morgan was very enthusiastic, unfortunately the Judge almost ran out of fingers counting the faults.

Open was a little better: Loretta & Josie – clear round but over time ; Pam & Scarlet – also clear but over time, however the team of Pam & Shaker needs some work – Shaker thought it was too hot to do Agility and Pam, well mum stuff up big time, so

Shaker thinks ; Patricia & Zina – Oh those Weavers!!! ; Phil & Sky – three faults ; Robyn & Jedda – Halleluiah she stayed on the Dog Walk – no airborne antics – then again we could hear Robyn



screaming "don't move, stay there, stop" – I think Jedda was too scared to move ; my Hamish gained a Pass, and I think I only had control over him because he was totally exhausted – during the break we went down to video tape Peter Thompson put his Border Collie, Billy through his paces at Sheep Herding, and Hamish continually ran from one end of the field to the other before he realised he could jump the fence. However, when he reached the sheep on the other side of the paddock he stopped dead in his tracks because he did not know what to do (great sheep dog he makes!!). By the time we got back the trial had recommenced and he was next in the

ring. I put him in a sit, but he fell over – I had to lift him up and hold him in a sit until the Judge gave the OK to run the course. As for the old girl, Pippa, she missed the first Weaver, but did the rest of the course expertly.

Masters: Patricia & Shadow – just the one fault in an otherwise superb run ; Peter & Billy - lovely run, made all of his colours, but stuffed up on the Weavers and Phil & Jem – knocked a bar, and still likes to survey her territory on the A frame.



The organiser decided that as the Jumping Trial finished early, but Masters Agility was still running they would hold a fun event – 'Snooker'. The only problem was they did not start the game until after Masters Agility finished. So instead of leaving to come home at 10 pm, those of us to receive Passes had to wait another hour. We were impressed !!



For those of you going to Newcastle for the Jumping Trial ... have fun and we expect at least two Open Titles (Robyn and Patricia).



## A Little Bit of Chit Chat

I hope everyone had a nice break and gave their K9 plenty of TLC. I think we all put on a few pounds over the Xmas and the New Year, even our K9 friends.

Unfortunately we had a few problems in our household over the break, one of them being that we found out that Lacey is partially deaf. We now have to learn to live with her problem. We will still be able to trial her as long as all the hand signals are clear to her. Also, we can now understand why she was agro at times with other dogs. She sometimes just didn't hear them coming from behind. All of a sudden there was a dog in her face and she would be scared and have a go at the other dog. Mind you she still does have a problem with some dogs and that's OK as we all can't like everyone, just like people, we all have our dislikes in one way or another. So, if you do come in contact with Lacey and she has a grumble we hope you will understand the reasons.

To Sharon and Angel, who Lacey has taken a liking to—they are one team that know how to have fun. So, if you need the recipe on how to have fun, just walk up to Sharon and her Border Collie without a tail (Aussie Shepherd) and boy she is sure going to give me what for, for saying that. Another person who I admire and who I have a lot of respect for is Mr John. He and Fire have a few tricks up the sleeve and paws.

This is what dog training is all about - to have fun while you are working with your K9. It's so easy to get ourselves into a rut with our training. Don't make it a chore to train your friend, let your K9 bond and love you as that is the start of a great friendship between you both. So, no matter what class you are in have fun with your K9, talk to your friend and if they or you are getting bored with the instruction take your friend for a walk around and have a look at other classes and how they work. One of our dogs (Rikki) is learning agility and being trained by Maureen. They are both having a ball, so remember as you reach higher classes there are many avenues open to you. There is also one thing we must not forget — all the Instructors give their time on Sundays freely and our President / Chief Instructor is also there to help.

The Royal is just around the corner and once again Shaina and I have entered. It will be our last Royal as she is nearly 8 years old and has done her very best at trials, but I have noticed lately that she is getting tired. We will still do home ground trials. So at the end of this year Shaina will retire from the glamour and fun of the ring and Lacey will have her turn. Shaina has been a very loyal companion throughout the years. She has made me laugh and sometimes cry, but above all she has been my best K9 friend and you can't ask any more than that.

Kym, our new co-editor and Ron need some help with articles for the wag. As this is your wag and these people put a lot of time into it, please send in some articles to give them a hand.



# Class Grading Flow Diagram

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*Kindergarten*  
*Graded weekly*

*Class 1*  
*Graded weekly*

*Class 2*  
*Graded week 2*

*Class 3*  
*Graded week 3*

*Class 4*  
*Graded week 4*

*Class 4A*  
*Off Leash  
Grading from Class 4*

*Class 5 OB*  
*Graded week 1*

*Canine Mans  
Best Friend*  
*8 week Course  
(must return to  
Class 3 for Grading)*

*Class 5 D*  
*Demonstration Class*

*Agility*  
*Mon. & Wed Nights*

*Club Medal*  
*Novice Trial Standard  
(3 Passes required)*

*New Instructors*  
*Refer C.I.*

Week 1 - 1st Sunday of month  
Week 2 - 2nd Sunday of month  
Week 3 - 3rd Sunday of month  
Week 4 - 4th Sunday of month

**Optional classes in grey  
Evening classes with dotted  
borders**

Monday & Wednesday night  
**Help class**  
Classes 4 & 5  
(2 & 3 BY REQUEST & approval from Instructor)

Wednesday Night  
(Trial Class)



# PROMOTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

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## Kindergarten

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

Handlers are allowed to encourage their dogs verbally and repeat commands. Checking a dog is not penalised.

**Heeling:** -With a loose lead. (as much as possible) execution of left and right turns, sits and basic handling.

## Class 2 to 3

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 on a failure.

**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 2 minutes.

**Handling:** based on the handlers ability to communicate commands.

## Class 3 to 4

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.

**Heeling:** at all paces with a loose lead. Sits to be automatic. Stands and Downs using signal and voice only.

**Stand For Examination:** with dog beside handler.

**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 5

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).

**Heeling:** at all paces to an advanced standard (Automatic sits, stands and downs signal and voice only).

**Stand for Examination:** As in a Novice Trial with the handler in front of the dog to the length of the lead.

**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 2 minutes.

**Handling:** based on the handlers ability to communicate commands.

## Club Medals

Three qualifying passes to Novice Standard

## *Dogs do Bite.....*

It is a natural thing for a dog to bite if it feels threatened. There are many reasons a dog may feel threatened, it could be because of the dominance of another dog and the vibrations that the dominant dog gives off or the dog may feel threatened because of the way a person approaches a dog and the vibes that that person may be giving off.

I would like to talk about the latter.

When a person approaches a dog they feel that the friendliest thing to do is to offer their hand as a peace offering and in a lot of cases that is exactly what it is, an offering. The dog doesn't see it that way so, it may feel threatened and take

a nip at you or even bite. When a dog bites us the first reaction for us to pull away and this causes more damage. So the best way to avoid this is to **KEEP YOUR HANDS TO YOURSELF**

Don't get it in your mind that dogs don't bite because they do.

You should only be concerned about your own dog than being concerned about other peoples dogs. You don't know the person or the dog so, why would you be so gullible to reach out to another dog. That is sheer stupidity.

If you want to touch another dog, the first thing you should do is to speak to the owner and ask them if it is alright for you to do so. If they say NO then be wise and DON'T TOUCH.

If the person says it is OK then don't be a fool and reach out and put your hand in front of the dog.

First things first.

1. Speak to the owner and ask what the dogs name is.
2. Once you know the name then you speak to the dog using it's name.
3. Speaking in soft and non exciting or threatening tones and at the same time watching the dog, not looking into its eyes, look for any sign that the dog likes or doesn't like you.
4. When doing this your hands should not be near the dog. Keep them lightly folded across your tummy so as not to be a threat to the dog.
5. The owner should have the dog in a sit position next to them whilst this is happening. You then walk around the owner and then stand next to the dog facing in the same direction as the dog and owner. Still speaking to the dog in soft tones, put your right hand down next to the dogs left cheek and gently rub the dogs cheek. Once this has been done then you move slowly away. Do not prolong this exercise.
6. This should be done several times make sure you are:- WATCHING, SPEAKING SOFTLY, NO THREATENING MOVEMENTS TOWARD THE DOG OR ITS OWNER.
7. Do not offer the dog food at any time

If you do not wish to go through this pattern of exercise then it would be the wisest and safest thing not to touch the dog at all. Leave each owner and their dog to themselves and this way you can assure yourself that you wont be bitten IF the dog BITES.



# Bridge Climb

**Location:** Sydney Harbour Bridge Walk

**Date:** Friday 31 October, 2003 (Halloween)

Mid way through last year Carol Wallace suggested we finish up the year with a joint non trialing/dog activity and felt that the Sydney Harbour Bridge Walk would be the ticket. But as they only take 12 people at a time it was on the basis of first in.

The Bridge Climb is not for the faint hearted revenue wise - at almost \$300 per person. We assigned Carol as the Treasurer for our fortnightly installments.

It was a unanimous decision to do a 'Dusk' climb (extra money), but finding a Friday evening that was suitable to everyone took a while.

The day finally came around with anxious anticipation. As we started into Sydney the rain came down and the wind blew stronger. Our thoughts were...."anyone can have a nice sunny day to climb the bridge - we will remember ours for the terrible weather", but the Gods were on our side and by the time we arrived in the city it was a beautiful balmy evening.

So we would all arrive together Barbara nominated the train we were to catch. A few of us started from Sutherland Railway station, the next pick up was at Jannali. The "nominated" train did not slow down on its approach to Jannali - it sped up. We all waved to Barbara's little group standing on the station as we flew by. Thankfully we stopped at Kogarah where we met up with Carol and Robyn who decided to wait for the next train in the hope that Barbara's troupe would be on it, which they were. Mind you everyone blamed me for catching the wrong train....

It was nice to know that that we had plenty of time for site seeing, because we took the long way around from Circular Quay to the starting point of the Bridge Climb. And, no, it was not me leading the way - Sarge!

Our "Walk" was scheduled to start at 4.50pm. Not having been before, I assumed that there was only one twilight tour. Boy was I wrong! When we arrived there were people everywhere. It appears that tours leave every 10 minutes!

For those of you who have been before, you will know what comes next, but for those of you who haven't it takes approximately one and a half hours of preparation before you actually step onto the Bridge! First of all you sign your life away (I am glad my 'Will' was up to date), next you are fitted out with all of your equipment, such as safety harness, overalls, beanie, jumper, spray jacket, miners light, all of which are attached to a clip on the back of your overalls. You are not allowed to take anything with you - not even a tissue. They give you a hanky which is attached to your wrist. Next comes the practice climb up and down the ladder before lastly the two-way radio and headset is attached. At this point, due to the extra weight, you feel as though you will topple over backwards.

When we finally stepped out onto the Bridge to start our climb, the afternoon sun was shedding its last rays over the harbour, but the wind was still a little strong.

Once hooked onto the safety cable we commenced our ascent. There were some tight crevices to fit through and a few low hanging beams (still have your headache, Peter) to maneuver past, but once we made our way up the arch the view took our breath away. Sydney Harbour is certainly spectacular! Trains thundered across the throws of the bridge and cars swished past whilst sailing vessels of every description glided majestically below us. We watched as a couple was married in the roof top garden of a harbour side hotel and as the laughing face of Luna Park lit up the sky.

When we reached the summit there was still enough light for a photo session with the Opera House in the background.

Crossing over to the western side of the Bridge our breath was literally taken away by the strong wind. We tried to imitate the bow scene from the movie "Titanic" – not a pretty sight when you cheeks are flapping in the breeze. Some of us did ponder over what the "G Force" factor might be.

Night had fallen by the time we started our decent. The city presented us with a magical light show. Turning our own head lights on we looked like the dwarfs (I mean 'height challenged') from the fairy tale "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" on our way home from the mine.

Our guide was "Dak" and bless his cotton sox, he had to put up with a lot from us giving him a hard time. He said we were the worst group he has had the misfortune of conducting. We were on such a high after (and during) our walk, talking and laughing about our experience/s - he could not get a word in edgeways and was constantly yelling instructions at us. Actually....he loved us....we were an hilarious source of amusement and he did not stop laughing from beginning to end.

Those in attendance were: Patricia & Gordon Steer ; Lillian & Colin Chase ; Barbara & Len Horton ; Leonie & Bob ; Peter Thompson ; Carol Wallace ; Robyn Goodhew ; Jan Taylor

Thank you Carol for organizing the Bridge Climb. It was a wonderful adventure – certainly one I would love to repeat. At the end of this year we hope to arrange a Theatre Party so more Agilites can attend.

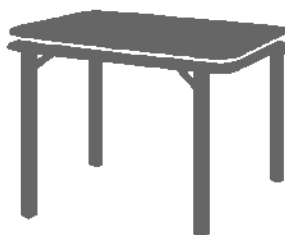


# **A REMINDER TO EVERYONE**

**Vetting starts 15-20mins 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 & COMMODITIES**

**New Members (includes joining and membership fees)**

Single -----\$20.00

Dual -----\$22.00

Family -----\$25.00

Student/Pensioner -----\$13.00

**Annual Membership Renewal Fee  
(due June 30th each year)**

*Single/student/pensioner ---\$8.00*

Dual -----\$10.00

*Family -----\$13.00*

**LATE renewal will incur an additional joining fee of:  
\$12.00 (single/dual/family) and \$5.00 (student/pensioner)**

## **MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE**

|                         |                         |                                           |                       |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>LEADS</b>            | <b>\$6.00 TO \$7.00</b> | <b>CLUB SLOPPY JOE</b>                    | <b>\$26.00</b>        |
| <b>10M (33') LEADS</b>  | <b>\$20.00</b>          | <b>T SHIRTS W/COLLAR</b>                  | <b>\$25.00</b>        |
| <b>CHECK CHAINS</b>     | <b>\$5.00 TO \$8.50</b> | <b>CLUB JACKET</b>                        | <b>\$30 - \$35.00</b> |
| <b>DUMBELLS</b>         | <b>\$5.00 (Approx.)</b> | <b>RULE BOOKS</b>                         | <b>\$3.00</b>         |
| <b>METAL BADGE</b>      | <b>\$1.50</b>           | <b>INSTRUCTION MANUAL</b>                 | <b>\$8.00</b>         |
| <b>CLOTH BADGE</b>      | <b>\$5.50</b>           | <b>LIBRARY BOOKS (REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT)</b> | <b>\$20.00</b>        |
| <b>TEA &amp; COFFEE</b> | <b>\$1.00</b>           | <b>SOFT DRINKS</b>                        | <b>\$1.00</b>         |

## **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**

|                                                |                       |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Kindergarten</b> .....                      | <b>8:30 to 9:30am</b> |
| <i>(During Daylight Saving 8:00 to 9:00am)</i> |                       |
| <b>Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 &amp; 4a</b> .....       | <b>8:30 to 9:30am</b> |
| <i>(During Daylight Saving 8:00 to 9:00am)</i> |                       |
| <b>Class 5 &amp; Instructors</b> .....         | <b>7:30 to 8:15am</b> |
| <i>(During Daylight Saving 7:00 to 7:45am)</i> |                       |
| <b>Canine Man's Best Friend</b> .....          | <b>8:30 to 9:30am</b> |
| <i>(During Daylight Saving 8:00 to 9:00am)</i> |                       |
| <b>Demonstration</b> .....                     | <b>7:30 to 8:30am</b> |
| <i>(During Daylight Saving 7:00 to 8:00am)</i> |                       |

### **MONDAY NIGHT**

|                                                          |                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Help - Classes 4 &amp; 5</b> (2 & 3 by request) ..... | <b>7:30 to 8:30pm</b> |
| <b>Agility Training</b> .....                            | <b>7:30 to 9:30pm</b> |

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

|                                                                  |                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Classes 4, 5 &amp; Demonstration</b> (2 & 3 by request) ..... | <b>7:30 to 8:30pm</b> |
| <b>Trial Class - Novice Open &amp; Utility</b> .....             | <b>7:30 to 8:30pm</b> |
| <b>Agility Training</b> .....                                    | <b>7:30 to 9:30pm</b> |

All Correspondence to:   The Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club  
PO Box 231 Sutherland NSW 2232



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

## **GROUND RULES**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Members must be in class by the time specified. Instructors have the right to refuse entry to the class if you are late.</li><li>2. All dogs must be vetted by the class instructor or appointed vetting officer before commencement of training. No dogs will be allowed onto the field before being vetted.</li><li>3. Members without membership cards may be refused admittance to class.</li><li>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.</li><li>5. No bitch in season will be allowed to attend training.</li><li>6. All dogs must be kept on a leash at all</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>times unless under the supervision of an instructor.</li><li>7. The handlers of dogs which foul the grounds must immediately clean up with the equipment provided.</li><li>8. Classes using the Club jumps and/or agility equipment will be responsible for returning the equipment to the equipment room after use.</li><li>9. Members shall at all times behave courteously to other members and officials of the Club.</li><li>10. Any disputes should be referred to the Chief Instructor or the Deputy Chief Instructor at the time of the dispute.</li></ol> |
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