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Lee Collett

Editor's Note:

Welcome to *my* first edition of The Wag Magazine. I'm really excited to contribute to our club and am really looking forward to seeing all the great things we can accomplish.

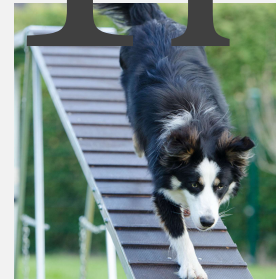
I have lived and worked in the Sutherland Shire for too many years to count! You might see me around with my border collie, Bear – he is 2 years old and a bundle of energy. We attend training on Sunday mornings and Rally on Monday nights and really encourage everyone to have a go at the different activities available for you and your dogs.

I welcome all your tips and feedback – if you want something featured, drop me a line:
editor@ssdtc.com.au



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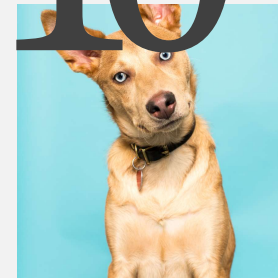
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Welcome members to our first Wag Magazine for some time. Hope you are as excited about this as I am.

A big thank you to the previous Committee, Office Bearers and helpers for the great work that was accomplished, to date, in difficult times. We came out the other end in really good shape, thanks to the hard work you did. Fantastic efforts from all.

I would like to acknowledge our retiring President, Pam Hazelton. Pam continued in this role for many years, and the success of our club is a direct reflection of her tireless work and efforts. We hope to see her back soon, after a well-earned break, to resume her fantastic work with our kindergarten class.

Welcome to our newly appointed Committee. It was great to see some new faces appointed to these positions and look forward to the fresh outlook and the enthusiasm they will bring with them.

There is a list of all Committee Members and their roles on the noticeboard in the clubhouse. Please make a point to say hello and have a chat, as you come across them during your training.

I cannot emphasise enough the great work of our instructors and the few members that help setup each week. Although a bit thin on the ground at the moment, we all would not be here on Sunday mornings if not for this knowledgeable and dedicated group.

If you are interested in joining and becoming an instructor or helping setup, please let us know and we will guide you through. It is always good to put something back into the club and

this is a most rewarding experience.

There will be "All Members General Meetings" commencing soon. This is an opportunity for all members to have a say in the club's direction, as well as volunteer to help out with some of the activities we hold. These meetings will be advertised in the weeks prior.

*Sit - Drop - Stand -
Stay - Come*



Brian Jarrett

**President's
Report
October
2023**

New Members October 2023

Chris Baker of HOLSWORTHY with Finnish Lapponian Dog Freja
Felix Banda of LOFTUS with Australian Kelpie Willow
Sofia Banda of LOFTUS with Australian Kelpie Willow
Stuart Batman of ILLAWONG with Criss Breed Roy
Joanna Bickle of PANANIA with Golden Retriever Leo
Alissa Bradley of MIRANDA with Hungarian Short-Haired Pointer (Vizsla) Coppa
Hannah Clifton of COMO with English Cocker Spaniel Charlie
Mark Da Silva of BUNDEENA with American Staffordshire Terrier X Scotty
Dianna Gawlowski of ALFORDS POINT with Airedale Terrier Tuesday
Jeff Ho of GYMEA BAY with Poodle Henry and Poodle Harvey
Trina Johnson of GRAYS POINT with Golden Retriever Louis
Deb Jones of ANNANDALE with Australian Kelpie X Savvy
Natalie Mangos of CRONULLA with Japanese Spitz Tuppence
Claire Matthews of MIRANDA with Dalmatian Koda
Olivia Matthews of MIRANDA with Dalmatian Koda
Amy Muir of MENAI with Australian Kelpie X Alfie
Brandi Ogino of BANGOR with French Bulldog Yuki
Clarissa Regan of OATLEY with Border Collie Rusty
Amanda Ritchie of LOFTUS with Australian Cattle Dog X Skittles
Keiran Rooke of KIRRAWEE with American Staffordshire Terrier X Stix

FEES:

New Member Fee
(incl joining and membership fees)
Single > \$25.00
Junior > \$15.00

Annual Membership Renewal
(due June 30th each year – will be
accepted from 1st Sunday in April of
each year)
Fee > \$15.00

Ground Fee per class > \$3.00

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.

Dogs accepted from 4 months old

All dogs must be fully vaccinated with
C5 vaccination which includes Kennel
Cough. Titer Test Certificate also
accepted.

Certification required on
commencement of membership and
updated annually

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Calendar of Events

Club Event Dates

13 May - Tracking Trial (T&S)

19 May - Obedience & Rally Trial

16 June - Agility Trial

22 June - Tracking Trial

Trick Trial – date to be confirmed

Training Dates

Final Sunday for 2023 Training will be Sunday 10 December

First Sunday for 2024 Training will be Sunday 4 February

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

Meeting Dates

Instructors Meetings take place on the first Sunday of every month after general training

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

AGM will be held Sunday 8 September 2024

CHRISTMAS PARTY

10 December 2023

Join us to celebrate an amazing year and take a minute to appreciate all the hard work we've put in with our dogs.

We'll have lots of activities, games and prizes. Stay tuned to the Facebook page for further details.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

We need help organising the Trials the Club will be holding in 2024.

If you can steward, help in the kitchen or are savvy on the computer, please reach out to Shanelle Corben at scorben@tpg.com.au



Celebrating 60 Years

In the summer of 1963, a group of likeminded dog enthusiasts got together and started Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club.

60 years later, the club is still an amazing community.



1963 – Sunday on the Upper Field

The Lower Field, Cycle track and AFL Ground did not exist at this stage, all still bushland



Our President Brian Jarrett and Life Member Peter Stone cutting the beautiful cake made by Loretta Rabbit's daughter-in-law, Natalie Cochrane.

Brian gave a lovely speech on the club and the direction it is heading in. We all can't wait to see the great things our members achieve in the future.


If any members have any feedback, ideas, activities or events that they'd like to see happen at the Club, please get in contact with the Editor at editor@ssdtc.com.au

All ideas are welcome!

If you would like your dog featured in The Wag, feel free to email a photo and a paragraph about your amazing dog!

Training Tips

Teaching Recall



As with any training, recall is all about putting a routine into your dog's day which he enjoys taking part in. Recall should never mean "if I run back to my owners, they'll put me back on leash" but always, "if I run back to my owner, it's usually worth my while". With adult dogs, all recall training is easier done using a long line, which is dropped on the ground & dragged behind the dog. Never go from a short leash to no leash. Instead, use a long line which gives your dog freedom without you losing control. Here is a quick guide to recall training, both for use with young puppies & older, more routine established dogs. First, pick a recall command (not your dog's name) and only use it when the dog is either running towards you, or can be enticed towards you, because you are worth running to (what reward are you offering?). Start all training in a low distraction environment such as your house and/or garden. Only call your dog to you when you are sure he will come back, or you can bring him back or go to get him. Don't waste your recall command, no point in calling if he's ignoring you. Always make it worth your dog's while to come back to you, at first using food or his favourite toy. Surprise him with the reward, sometimes use his boring food kibble, sometimes using real chicken, liver, hot dog, cheese. Always keep him guessing & deliver the reward in a fun way. Don't just push it into his mouth. Toss it, drop it or roll the food/toy. When first training recall on a long line, give & expect 100% attention. This means that even if he's only on the long line for 2 minutes, during this time you are playing with him. This way, he's really paying attention to you & enjoying his time as the most fun he has on a walk. If you cannot watch your dog, he should be on a short leash.

Invent games to keep your dog thinking "it's always worthwhile to check in with mum/dad". Any voluntary engagement by the dog should be rewarded. Use tasty treats & toss or roll them on the ground. Take out his favourite toy & play for a short period when he's not expecting it. Drop some food, then quickly run away calling his recall command. When your dog catches up, drop some more food & run away again. Teach your dog a range in which to stay while walking off leash. When he's reaching the end of his longline, give a command such as 'this way', then stand briefly on the line before immediately changing direction. This teaches your dog to watch you, as you're unpredictable & he may lose you if he doesn't keep an eye on where you are going. When you've done this a few times, begin to change direction without saying anything, always rewarding your dog when he catches up. Teach your dog that the quicker he comes back, the quicker he'll get to resume what it was he was doing before you called him. This improves speed of response & enthusiasm & means you don't always need to use a food or toy reward. The quickest way to teach a dog not to come when called, is by allowing him to run up to & play with every dog he sees. This is confirming in his mind that you are less fun than other dogs who are always worth investigating. This is also the quickest way to get your dog beaten up by other dogs. When you see another dog, always teach him to sit & not leave you until you release him. Remember just because your dog is friendly, does not mean the other dog is. If your dog does not have a reliable recall, regardless of the distractions present, he simply should not be off leash. Every dog should be able to be taught a reliable recall so that, where appropriate, they can run free. This is, after all, the biggest reward you can give any dog.

Grading Fundamentals

What does it take to grade up?

Kindergarten/Club Introduction

- ❖ Grading takes place each week at end of class

Handlers are introduced to the club, informed on basic dog to handler communication and shown basic commands. Handlers and their dog are in this class for one week only

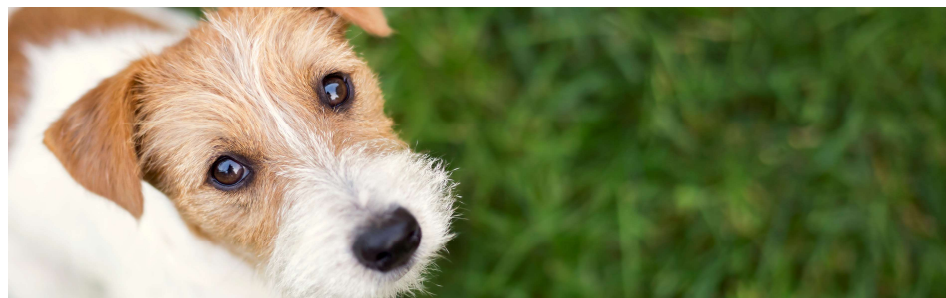
Class 1 to 2

- ❖ Grading takes place every Sunday at end of class

Handlers are allowed to encourage their dogs verbally and repeat commands. Checking a dog is not penalised. Clicker & food rewards (luring) are permitted.

Core Elements

- ❖ Handler is to demonstrate a level of communication between them and their dog is being established
- ❖ Handler may touch, encourage and direct the dog during all heeling patterns
- ❖ Heeling with a loose lead (as much as possible), execution of left and right turns, sits and basic handling
- ❖ Handler is to demonstrate a knowledge/ability to communicate commands to the dog



Class 2 to 3

- ❖ Grading takes place 2nd Sunday of each month

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

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 handler's ability to communicate command

Class 3 to 4

- ❖ Grading takes place 3rd Sunday of each Month

Handlers are allowed to encourage their dogs verbally but only issue one command. Handling the dog or 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 with handler in front of dog (1.5 m minimum)
- ❖ Heeling: at all paces with a loose lead. Sits to be automatic. Stands and Downs using signal and voice only. Handler is not to touch or guide the dog into any directed position.
- ❖ Stand For Examination: with dog beside handler. (Dogs' paws 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 handler's ability to communicate command



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 or food rewards (luring) permitted.

Core Elements

- ❖ Loose Lead (leash) all paces, Automatic sit, stand for examination, Recall, Sit stay and drop (or down) stays. Handler in front of 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 handler's 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 trialled 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 trialled at an official ANKC obedience trial



Obedience, Rally, Scent Work, Tricks and DWD Report

Shanelle Corben

DOGS NSW State Titles Weekend October 2023

The biggest NSW Obedience & Rally event of the year, the DOGS NSW State Titles Long Weekend.

Held over 3 days, from Saturday 30th September to Monday 2nd October 2023, which included trials held by Eastern Suburbs, Penrith and the 3rd day by DOGS NSW being the finale.

The weather conditions were less than ideal, more a test of endurance than obedience, however some outstanding results to share from our members..



Steven & Bailey:
Saturday 1st Place CCD
Sunday 1st Place CCD & 1st Place Rally Novice,
Monday 3rd Place CCD & qualifier Rally Novice
Also achieving:
- Gold Medallion for CCD
- CCD Triple Qualifier Medallion
- CCD and Rally Novice titles in just over a week

• Patricia & Lacey:
Sunday - 2nd place in Rally Novice 97 points, and gained their Rally Novice Title

• Patricia & Skye:
Monday - Lovely qualification in Rally Master towards their Rally Championship.



Roz & Barney:
Saturday 2nd Place CDX & gained CDX Title
Sunday 5th Place CDX & Rally Novice qualification
and gained Rally Novice Title
Monday 2nd Place CDX & 3rd Place Rally Novice
Also achieving:
- Bronze medallion for CDX
- CDX Triple Qualifier Medallion

DOGS NSW Spring Fair
3rd September 2023
 Leslie & Dannie – 177pts
 3rd Place in UD

Southern District Country
Border Collie Club NSW
 16 & 17 September 2023

Carol & Bella Trick Starter
 1st 60/60 & 3rd 58/60
 & gained Starter Trick Title

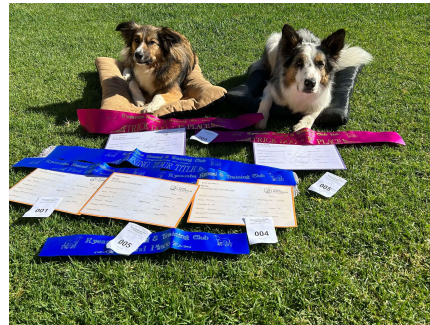


Carol & Bella

Metropolitan Midweek
Dog Training Club
 20 September 2023

Pam & Artemis
 Trick Novice Qualification

Kyeamba Kennel & Dog
Training Club (Wagga)
 15/16/17 September 2023
 •Maria & Neeko
 Trick Advanced 99.5/100 1st
 Place
 Rally Excellent, 3 x 1st place
 100pts + 98pts + 100pts
 & gained Rally Excellent Title
 • Maria & Arlo–Trick Starter
 60/60 1st Place



Neeko & Arlo

Blacktown Kennel & Training Club
 23 September 2023
 •Pam & Artemis
 Novice Obedience 1st Place
 + Novice Rally Qual
 •Steven & Bailey
 CCD Obedience 1st Place
 + 1st in Rally Novice
 •Barbara & Jessica Rally Excellent Qual



Steven & Bailey – Pam & Artemis

Belconnen Dog Obedience
Club (ACT)
 14 October 2023 : Double Trick
 Trial
 • Maria & Neeko
 Advanced 1st 99.7pts AM
 & 100pts in PM
 • Maria & Arlo
 Starter 59.6/60 1st AM
 & with 57.8/60 Qual PM &
 gained their Starter Title
 • Leslie & Dannie
 Advanced 96.8 3rd in AM
 & 98pts 3rd in PM



Leslie & Dannie

Northern Suburbs Dog Training
Club Scent Work Trial
 14 October 2023
 Jan & Wilson
 Novice Vehicle & Novice Exterior
 qualifications



Jan & Wilson

Loretta & Her Dancing Poodles
 It's been a busy period for us
 competing and judging in Dances
 With Dogs in the ACT and Sydney.
 The dogs have all achieved new
 titles with all first places.
 • Hugh - Freestyle Novice Title
 • Liza - Freestyle Intermediate Title
 • Fosse – Freestyle Advanced Title



Loretta & her dancing poodles

Port Macquarie
Dog Training Club
 21 & 22 October 2023
 Lyn & Gypsy
 - Trick Novice
 3 x 1st places 76+78+79pts
 - Rally Advanced
 99 1st+95 2nd, + 90 3rd Place
 & gained Rally Advanced Title



Lyn & Gypsy

German Shepherd Dog League Inc 15 October 2023 – Rally Trial

- Lyn & Dixie
Rally Novice Qualification
- Sandra & Kip
Rally Novice Qualification

Brush Farm Dog training Club 29 October 2023–Double Rally Trial

- Lyn & Dixie
2 x Rally Novice Qualifications &
gained Rally Novice Titles
- Sandra & Kip
2 x Rally Novice Qualifications &
gained their Rally Novice Title
- Patricia & Skye
Rally Master 2 x 2nd places
95 & 98 points & also gained their
Rally Champion Title



Patricia & Skye



Sandra & Kip



Lyn & Dixie

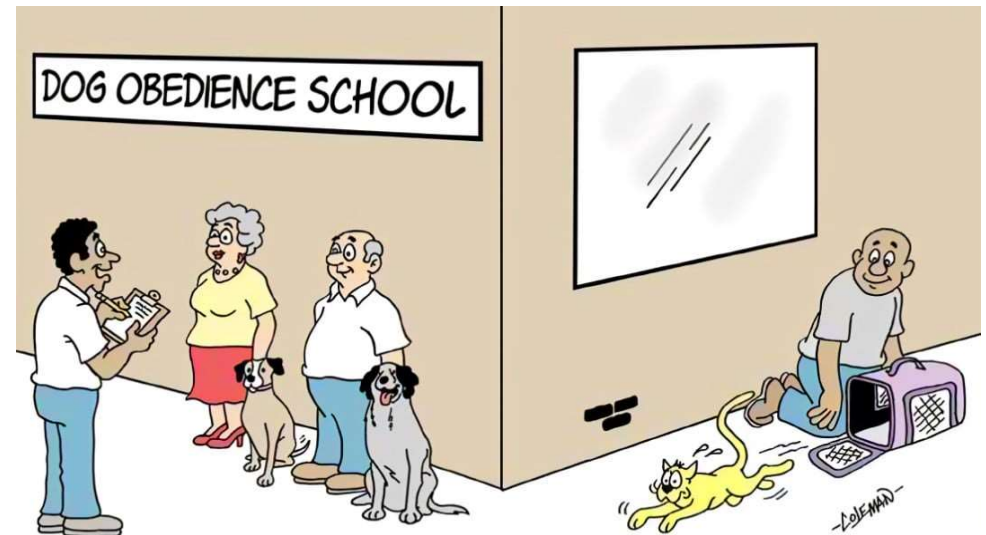
CLUB MEDAL GRADINGS



Congratulations to our members on gaining the following passes at Club Medal levels

- ❖ Club Medal
 - Steven with Bailey
 - Bart with Frankie
- ❖ Club Medal Excellent
 - Carol with Sasha

Thank you to our Judge Nadia



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

What is Rally?

Rally promotes a positive relationship between the dog and its owner, and it is a great way for the beginner to start trialling with their dog. Rally was designed as a way to introduce people who are working through their obedience levels into the world of dog sports and for everyone, whether they are seasoned triallers or not, to simply just have fun with their dog. Rally provides an environment where the handler can encourage their dog by talking and rewarding by voice, but not handling the dog in any way.

Rally is often described as a combination of Agility and Obedience. A Rally course is set out with numbered stations including a start and finish. Handlers have the opportunity to walk the course to become familiar with it before competing. Dog and handler then navigate the course by following the numbers and carrying out the exercise shown on the sign positioned at each of the numbered stations. Dogs work in the "Heel" position between exercises.

At the entry level of Novice, dogs negotiate a course having between 10 and 15 signs (not including the start and finish) and work on lead during the test. There is a total of 76 signs available to be placed on a Rally course gradually increasing in complexity as the level of Rally becomes higher. The higher levels of Rally, Advanced, Excellent and Master use up to 24 signs including many of the more complex ones and the dog is required to navigate the course with the handler off lead. Encouragement using verbal rewards and hand signals are permitted, but not touching the dog in any way.

In Rally, competitors complete the course on their own while a Judge scores the round without offering assistance. Rally has a far more relaxed atmosphere than other dog sports and each run is a different series of exercises, and you never know what the course will be until you do the preliminary walk through.

Rally training is held on Monday nights from 7:00pm.





Agility Report

Jan Taylor

First of all, we would like to thank Lee Collett for taking over as Editor of the Wag from Shanelle Corben. The Wag has been an instrumental part of communicating upcoming events, welcoming new members, providing inspirational training tips, health, and wellness knowledge for our dogs, a run-down of accomplishments from our Trialers (Obedience/Rally/Agility/Tricks/Dog Dancing/Scent Work etc) and an historical library of events that transpired since the Club's inception 60 years ago. I always looked forward to a new edition of the Wag and would eagerly rush home from training, grab a cup of coffee, put my feet up and read the magazine from cover to cover. So welcome Lee, we know you will have big shoes to fill, but from all accounts so far you have well and truly excelled.

When the Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club (SSDTC) first started 60 years ago Obedience was all that was on offer as far as competition was concerned. SSDTC was one of the top Obedience clubs in Sydney and club members were inspired to train hard with the ultimate aim of being able to represent our club at trials.

But then in the 1980's Agility (based on Equine Show Jumping) was hatched in England and it took off like wild-fire around the world. An Agility Group was established at Sutherland in the 1990's and some of our first Instructors are still with the Club today – Carole Crow and Margaret Taylor. Our current Chief Instructors is Sandra Walker. Sandra is an Agility Judge and until recently a key member in the Judges Training Scheme and was on the Agility Committee. We are fortunate to have Sandra and her intricate knowledge of Agility.



Agility has changed a lot over the past 30 years. When we first started to trial, it was a very community-based environment, everyone knew everyone else and we had so much FUN.

Now competitor numbers have increased, it is faster, the courses are technically challenging, people doing Agility are younger (and fitter), dogs are streamlined and, in some cases, bred specifically for Agility. But the ultimate aim in Agility is still to have fun and bond with your dog.

After the success of our first Sunday morning Beginner Agility Class in 2022, we received permission from the SSDTC Committee to conduct a second Sunday morning Beginner Agility Class which commenced in April this year.

Technically it was to go for four months, but wet weather, illness and competitions seen it stretched out to six months.

Those who started the course were: Carole Sharkey & Pip, Geff Taylor & Murray, Yvonne Wu & Rio, Patricia Pestana & Ziggy, Jenni Gormley & Dolly, James Brizi & Nari, Lyn Cairns & Darcie, Ingrid Stefan & Monty.



Most of these Club members have gone on to join the Wednesday Night Agility Group and we welcome you on-board for your next level of training. Our **next Beginner Class is scheduled to begin in March 2024**. If you are interested in trying out for Agility, please see the ladies in the Club House and provide them with your details.

One of Sutherland's most decorated Agilites, Nga Bustamante, has provided an insight into her Agility career.



The last time I wrote a report for the Wag was when Poco had just started trialling. He got his first Novice Jumping Pass at Dogs NSW (Orchard Hills) and his first Novice Agility at Tuggeranong Dog Club in ACT.

Then Covid hit and trialling ceased for a long time.

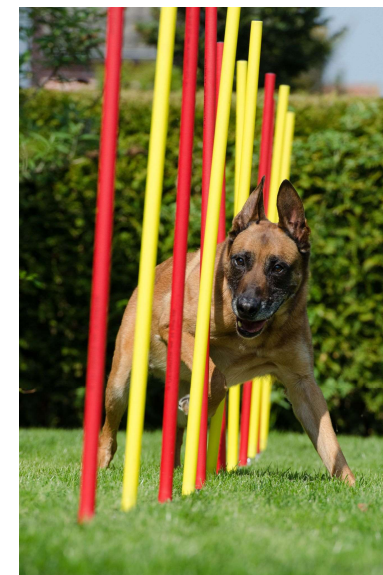
Fast forward, he now has his Master Jumping Dog x5 Title and only needs 20 more Jumping points for his Championship, whereas in Agility, he has 3 Master Agility Dog titles but still needs nearly 200 points for his Championship.



The partnership between Poco and me is rather complicated. I am getting too old and the brain is not functioning very well. Every time we received a Disqualification in Jumping it is always my fault for looking at the wrong jumps. He would keep hassling me for not telling him where to go fast enough. A friend of mine jokingly demanded that I shared half of the Qualifications which we attained due to her directing me from the ringside.

I am much better at remembering Agility courses as they have big landmarks such as the Dog Walk and the A-Frame. However, Poco is a flying bat in disguise. Every time we missed out on a Qualification card it was always because he failed to make contact on the Dog Walk or the A-frame, or both.

I am putting a lot of hope on my new dog Lily because it is so much easier to run her than Poco. Lily has been entered in two Novice Jumping trials so far: the first was a Disqualification but she had only one fault in the second run.



Spotlight On

Chief Instructor: Lyn Walsh

This year Lyn Walsh has had the privilege of being voted Chief Instructor at Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club.

Lyn is a Qualified Dog Trainer listed with *The Association of Pet Dog Trainers*.

Lyn's journey began with the club in 2007 when she joined with her 1-year-old terrier cross, Zoe. Zoe was a rescue dog fine with people but very dog reactive.

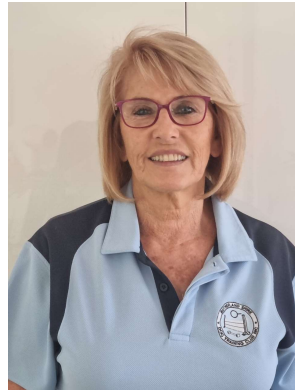
Lyn spent Sunday mornings at the club with Zoe lunging and barking at other dogs while Lyn became stressed, embarrassed and sometimes shed a tear.

Lyn was referred to a senior instructor named Noella Smith. Noella was a positive trainer who understood what Lyn was going through. Noella gave Lyn some positive reinforcement exercises to work on and Zoe gradually started to improve. Lyn & Zoe managed to move through the grades to level four which was a great achievement.

Lyn could see what could be done with the right training and realised she could also help other people and their dogs and so Lyn trained to become an instructor at the club.

Lyn & Zoe joined the flyball team and participated in demonstrations at dog events, including the Royal Easter Show.

Zoe had come long way from being plucked from the streets as a stray, however still a nervous dog and not suitable for competition work so Lyn settled on doing activities Zoe enjoyed.



Lyn Walsh

Lyn was still keen to get into competition work and realised she needed a dog that was able to do this.

Lyn spent some time researching training methods, how dogs learn, different dog sports and dog breeds.

In 2010, Lyn purchased an 8-week-old Miniature American Shepherd who she named Scout.

Meanwhile Lyn had also found a new dog sport – Canine Freestyle (Dances With Dogs). Canine Freestyle was trained with a clicker and positive reinforcement. After attending a workshop at Dogs New South Wales Lyn soon found herself competing.

Lyn, Zoe & Scout were still training at the club, participating in demonstrations at nursing homes and having fun, but Lyn really wanted to learn more about dogs and training them.

Lyn participated in many workshops on different topics with presenters from overseas and in Australia including:

- ❖ Jill & Amanda Huston (WA) – Obedience and Freestyle
- ❖ Attila Szkukalek (United Kingdom) – Freestyle
- ❖ Karen Sadler (New Zealand) – Obedience
- ❖ Vicki Austin (NSW) – Reactive dogs
- ❖ Claudia Moser (Switzerland) – Freestyle
- ❖ Brad Thurlow & Karen Eaton (NSW) – Obedience

With all the knowledge Lyn gained she found herself successfully competing in Canine Freestyle (Dances with Dogs), Obedience and Rally with Scout achieving Level 3 Title in Freestyle, Level 2 Title in Obedience and Level 3 Title in Rally.

They have performed dancing, tricks and obedience demonstrations at various canine events. Participating in the last Mass Obedience Performance in 2011 at the Sydney Royal Easter Show was a definite highlight.



Lyn, Scout & Quannah

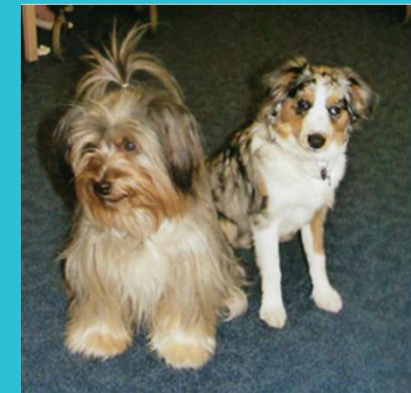
Lyn purchased another Miniature American Shepherd named Quannah and has been successful with him gaining a Level 1 Title in Freestyle, Level 2 Title in Trick Dog, Level 1 Title in Obedience, and Level 3 Title in Rally.

Lyn's training and bonding with her dogs has been both challenging and very rewarding and brings Lyn back to her beginnings with Zoe who has now passed.

Lyn is also involved in training dogs for commercials, short films and other TV work and is the assistant animal wrangler for Loretta Rabbitt and her performing poodles on the Channel 7 *Morning Show*. Watching canine body language in various situations is very interesting.

The knowledge Lyn obtained during her journey found her wanting to do more for nervous and reactive dogs. Rescue dogs are a popular choice for people but they can come with a lack of confidence and socialisation.

Lyn attended a seminar run by the Association of Pet Dog Trainers. The speaker was Mike Moeller from San Francisco's *Society Prevention Cruelty Animals* (SPCA) and his specialty was leash/reactivity discussing the use of Canine Body Language and how to work with shy fearful dogs.



Zoe & Scout

Mike developed and taught *The Reactive Rover Dog Training Class*. This class is used to train staff at dog pound facilities in the USA and Lyn completed this course whilst attending the seminar.

Lyn further attended a course *The Growl Class* presented by Ian Dunbar (Vet and Canine Behaviourist United Kingdom).

2018 saw Lyn attending the Obedience Instructors Workshop – Obedience & Tracking Committee NSW and completing three courses at Richmond TAFE:

- ❖ Advanced Canine Behaviours
- ❖ Canine Behaviour Assessment
- ❖ Behaviour Modification and Rehab of Dogs & Cats

In 2019 Lyn completed a Qualified Dog Trainers Course with the *Institute of Modern Dog Trainers*.

To gain as much knowledge as possible to help dogs with problems, Lyn has read many books on reactivity in dogs and attended many courses and webinars such as *The Canine Brain – IMDT, Anxiety busters plus others - Ryan Tate, Red Flag Behaviours - Dr Lucy van der Weide BScVMS MANZCVS, Canine Adolescence – IMDT & Aggression and Separation Anxiety (4 days) - Michael Shikashio*.

For many years, Lyn has volunteered at local animal shelters until this year when health issues forced her to stop with many tears being shed and Lyn missing the little souls so much.

Lyn's latest course this year was Easy Peasy Puppy Instructors Course. Steve Mann, who started the Institute of Modern Dog Trainers in the United Kingdom many years back, came out to run the course himself.

Lyn is immensely proud of what she has achieved in all things dogs although she says it has been a late bloom.

Lyn has chosen to volunteer at the Club sharing her knowledge with fellow instructors and people in need of help with their dogs to say thank you to Sutherland Shire Dog Club for their financial help in part of Lyn's education.

Lyn has a love of all animals but a real passion to help fearful, reactive, and shy dogs.



Lyn's beautiful pets (L to R) Scout, Quanah, Cheeky & Tango

In Lyn's words: we need to be strong, kind leaders to give dogs the support they need to build their confidence so they can have a rewarding life. I feel by sharing my journey and the knowledge I have obtained along the way; I may be able to enrich your relationship with your dog. Please don't hesitate to ask for help if you need it. We are here for you and your dogs.



Merchandise

Our club enforces a no dog attack policy. This means if your dog has attacked another dog or human you will be asked to purchase from the clubhouse (or elsewhere) a muzzle to use whilst on SSDTC grounds during training sessions. Please understand that the enforcing of this policy is for the safety of our trainers, members and their dogs. Removal of the muzzle at a future date to be decided by senior instructor(s) assessment on the aggressive dog.

TRAINING AND CLASS TIMES

SUNDAY MORNING

Kindergarten - 8:30 to 9:30 am

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

Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 - 8:30 to 9:30 am

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

Beginners Agility - 8:30 to 9:30 am

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

MONDAY NIGHT

The Help Class - 7:00 to 8:30 pm

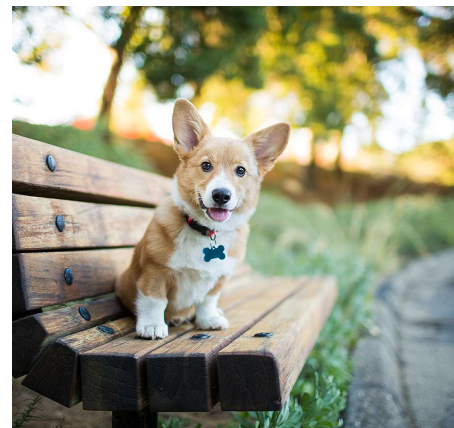
(Invitation Only - Enquire at Clubhouse)

Rally - 7:00 to 9:00 pm

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Agility Training - 7:15 to 9:30 pm

(Intermediate/Trialers)



There is no Poop Fairy ...



Scoop your Poop

• Grab it • Bag it • Toss it

Ground Rules

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