

Queanbeyan and District Dog Training Club Inc

THE NEWSHOUND

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TRAINING TIMES SUNDAY MORNING

Beginners	9.00 to 10.00 am	Bitches in season are not permitted at training classes. All dogs are to remain on leash whilst at training classes unless they are doing an exercise controlled by an Instructor.
Intermediate	10.00 to 11.00 am	
Advanced	10.00 to 11.00 am	
Community Companion Dog	9.00 to 10.00 am	
Recreation	9.00 to 10.00 am	
Novice	9.00 to 10.00 am	
Open	10.00 to 11.00 am	

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President's Report

Welcome to Queanbeyan and District Dog Training club, I am glad you have decided to train your dogs with us. We will be with you every step of the way.

I hope everyone enjoyed Christmas and the New year's celebrations.

It is time to get back into the swing of things and start working with your dog. Training is not just about the lessons at the club; it is about enjoying all the moments with them. Taking them for a walk, play fetch or tug or both; keep them interested and focused and most of all show them what is right and what is not.

Training can be as short as 1 minute, so spend it with your dog practicing some of the things learnt. Remember to make it fun for the dog, include games, and make yourself the reward.

Our club is a not for profit community group and most of our income comes from membership fees and the generosity of members who donate and then buy raffle tickets (at Easter and Christmas). I would like to thank you all for the amazing array of donated items for last year's raffle. THANK YOU.

Over the Christmas break it has been particularly hot. Dogs need a place to cool down just like you. Remember to take breaks in the hot weather and have a cold drink with you and take regular drink stops for your dog. Also please take a moment before any walk to check the temperature of the ground as this can be very hot on the dogs paws. You can test it with your hands, if it is too hot then your dog's feet are going to burn.

At the grounds there will be wading pools for the dogs to cool down in. If you notice excessive panting and your dog is hot to touch please inform your instructor and take a break under a tree and if needed wet your dog down. Breeds with pushed in faces should be monitored closely as they are extremely susceptible to heat stroke.

Finally have fun and enjoy the term and remember if you have any questions, please speak to any one of the friendly members in RED shirts.

Karen Jenkins, President

www.queanbeyandogs.org.au

Visit the club website where you can:

- Download issues of The Newshound - our Club magazine - in full colour
- Check the Club Website for your Class syllabus and be prepared for next Sunday's lesson by reading about what will be taught
- See your dog's photo taken on Assessment Day

<https://www.facebook.com/QDDTC/>



Visit the club Facebook page for:

- Club events
- Articles or other resources on dog training
- Photos

Changes to class times due to inclement weather
are posted to the club website and Facebook page



**Thank You to our instructors and volunteers -
we could not hold classes without you**

A huge *Thank You* to all of you who volunteered to take classes this term
and to help out on Assessment Day



2018 Club Perpetual Trophy Winners



Our Club has a number of perpetual trophies which are awarded at the Christmas Break Up day each December. These recognise outstanding achievement in several fields and the winner's names are added to the growing list engraved on each trophy.

Best Club Person
Anne Butler



Best Gentleman Handler
Matthew Walkington with Jinx



Best Lady Handler
Ellie Robinson with Caliber



Best Lady Handler
Lisa Buchanan with Dusty



Most Improved
Dominic Eramo and Ezra



Encouragement Award
Lindsay Peak with Matilda



Best Assessment Day scores

Fay Grunsell and Dusty



Best Junior Handler: Amara Stranger with Borgie

Titles:

Carmen Kong	Happylea Upper Class RA JD GD SPD	CCD, Novice Agility, Excellent Jumping
Wayne Kelly & Susan Matthews (handled by Wayne)	Waiwailta Mustang Sally	CCD
Wayne Kelly & Susan Matthews (handled by Wayne)	Vladimer Klass Act UD	ET
Victor Grzeskiewicz	Uhlmsdorf Black Label CDX	UD
Rhonda Daley	Hillmagic Golden Snitch CCD	RN



Easter Hamper Raffle

This is your club's major fundraiser

Can you help?

Donations of nonperishable foods,
small toys and gifts to fill the hampers

Please bring your donations to the Club on Sunday mornings and any committee member will gratefully accept them or leave them in the box, where you collect your cards for class.

Here is a list of ideas that make great hamper additions

Jams & Syrups	Dog Treats & Toys
Honey & Spreads	Dog Shampoo, Leashes etc
Pickles & Chutney	Bubble bath/ bath bombs
Sweet & Savoury Sauces	Bath Oils
Oils – Olive/Flavoured	Easter eggs
Teas & Coffees	Chocolates & Sweets
Biscuits & Crackers	Marshmallows
Pretzels & Nuts	Bunny ears

Tickets are available for selling to family and friends from your trainer or the club shop

HAMPERS will be drawn in time for Easter on
Assessment Day – 14 April 2019

Need more info: www.queanbeyandogs.org.au or
www.facebook.com/QDDTC/

Or talk to a club volunteer (in the red shirts)

Assessment Day – 16 December 2018

Thanks to those wonderful members and friends who helped out on the day and particularly those who volunteered to Judge, set up rings and sit at the registration table as well as dealing with various other responsibilities that needed to be done.

Beginners Ring 1 Judge: Michael Ziebell

- 1st John Burgess with Bella
- 2nd Graham Dowd with Major
- 3rd Sonya McCarthy with Mack



Also passed: Pat Lang with Ren, Bethany Docherty with Poppy, Emma Ireland with Baxter

Beginners Ring 2 Judge: John Bernardi assisted by Tim Duffy

- 1st Sophie Jensen with Arlie
- 2nd Karen Cocks with Mowgli
- 2nd Aaron Sims with Rocky
- 3rd Jessica Hudson with Tahoe



Also passed: Laura Jin with Luna

Beginners Ring 3 Judge: Carmen Kong

- 1st Rosalind Bush with Missy
- 2nd Julie James with Luna
- 3rd Yana Potrebica with Cadbury
- 3rd Amy Weatherby with Bruno



Also passed: Clare Williams with Maggie

Intermediate Ring 4 Judge: Kathy Griffiths

- 1st Jan Loose with Rune
- 2nd Lisa Eldridge with Storm
- 3rd Craig Smith with Mika



Also passed: Teresa Muller with Toby, Kurt Williams with Diva

Advanced Ring 5 Judge: Karen Jenkins

1st Matthew Walkington with Jinx

2nd Jemma Crampton with Maisie



Advanced Ring 6 Judge: Rhonda Daley

1st Rebecca Jensen with Rosie

2nd Julie Hogan with Jack



Community Companion Dog (CCD) Judge: Anne Butler

1st Christiane Weissbach with Grace

86/100



Special Achievements

Some of our members take their dogs to official trials.
Here are their stars - you see them training most Sundays!
Ask them any questions about trialling and other competitive sports

Tuggeranong Dog Training Club – Double Obedience trial Saturday 27 October 2018

Susan Matthews	Waiwilta Mustang Sally (Jessie) Community Companion Dog	90 /100 3 rd place
Susan Matthews	Waiwilta Mustang Sally (Jessie) Community Companion Dog	92 /100 1 st place

This gives Jessie her Community Companion Dog title!

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED

No dogs are permitted to be off leash in the main training grounds, or in the small fenced off training area before or after classes on Sunday mornings **WITHOUT** the express permission and supervision of one of the Club instructors

Members doing specific exercises during classes are exempt

These items (and more) are on sale each Sunday Morning

- a range of equipment for your dog
- dog treats – for training rewards
- treat bags - plastic lined and with velcro tabs
- poo bag holders - fasten on to your dog's leash
- ANKC Obedience Trial Rules – pocket sized books

DIARY DATES - January to June

January

- 19 Saturday ACT Companion Dog Club – Double Rally Obedience Trial
31 Thursday **QDDTC Committee meeting 6.30pm**

February

- 3 Sunday **QDDTC Term 1 commences**
28 Thursday **QDDTC Committee meeting 6.30pm**

March

- 2 Saturday ACT German Shepherd Dog Association – All Breeds Obedience Trial
9 Saturday ACT Companion Dog Club – Double Rally Obedience Trial
15 Friday ACT Companion Dog Club – Obedience Trial
28 Thursday **QDDTC Committee meeting 6.30pm**

April

- 6 Saturday Belconnen Dog Obedience Club – Double Obedience Trial
13 Saturday Tuggeranong Dog Training Club – Double Obedience Trial
14 Sunday **QDDTC Term 1 Assessment Day**

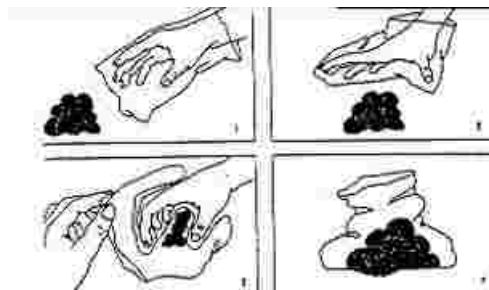
May

- 5 Sunday **QDDTC Term 2 commences**
25 Saturday Tuggeranong Dog Training Club – Double Rally Obedience Trial
30 Thursday **QDDTC Committee meeting 6.30pm**

June

- 22 Saturday ACT Companion Dog Club – Double Rally Obedience Trial
27 Thursday **QDDTC Committee meeting 6.30pm**
29 Saturday ACT Companion Dog Club – Double Obedience Trial
30 Sunday **QDDTC Term 2 Assessment Day**

SCOOP THE POOP



You are required to clean up after your dog if it defecates on Club grounds

You can be prepared, wherever you go, by arming yourself with a small plastic bag or two. Simply put your hand inside the bag, scoop up the offending pile, reverse your hand out of the bag and tie the neck of the bag. Then dispose of thoughtfully.

The Art of Engagement

In October 2018, the club supported four instructors Karen Jenkins, Kathy Griffith, Carmen Kong and Jodie Moore, participated in a training workshop "The Art of Engagement", to learn more about ways to keep our dogs engaged during training and in trials. The workshop was taught by Sharonika Williamson of Clear Canine and Tammy Peters from Precise K9. Here are some insights our instructors want to share, and they will continue to incorporate their knowledge in classes.

Training is about a lifelong relationship.

Develop a clear communication system. Marker training is about developing reliable communication. The six main types of markers are:

1. Reward – for indicating correct behaviour, reward (e.g. food) is coming
2. Non-reward – to indicate incorrect behaviour, dog should try again
3. Duration – to indicate correct behaviour which should be continued
4. Start cue – opens the window of opportunity for the dog to earn rewards
5. Finish cue – closes the window of opportunity for reward, ends the training session
6. Neutral release – to free dog from position with no reward because the value is for the position.



When the dog is struggling to focus, be patient and don't try to help the dog to focus. Wait for the dog to engage, for example, the dog looks at you. Then reward that engagement. To start with, that might take some time, but soon they learn they will be rewarded for engaging.

Keep training short, make it worthwhile, and keep it rewarding.

Keep reinforcement rates high. Rewards should have value for the dog – it is what the dog likes.

Dog should be able to work

for me and trust that I have something good for him.

Movement is reinforcing. Reward is not only delivery of food or toys, but can be done with movement, for example, throw the reward or run backwards and let the dog chase the reward.

Pre-cues can help dogs prepare for the behaviour and give dogs warning before the actual exercise. These can be visual or verbal, for example, turn head a little prior to a turn with feet.