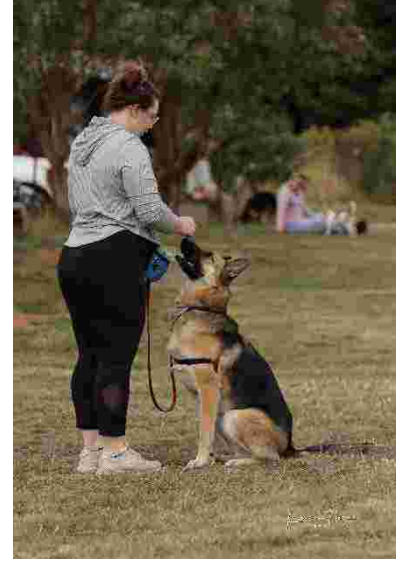


Queanbeyan and District Dog Training Club Inc

THE NEWSHOUND

February 2021



YOUR CLUB COMMITTEE

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TRAINING TIMES SUNDAY MORNING

Beginners / Puppies	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 / Novice	9.00 to 10.00 am	
Recreation	9.00 to 10.00 am	
Open	10.00 to 11.00 am	
Rally O (week 2 of each Term)	9.00 to 10.00 am	

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PRESIDENT'S BLOG

Welcome everyone. Hope you were able to catch up with family and friends over the Christmas and New Year period, after what can be considered a very stressful year.

It is good to get back to almost normal. Happily, last term went off without much of a hitch and we are all looking forward to what 2021 brings.

The instructors and I are all looking forward to seeing new faces on the grounds as we get to know each of you and your dogs. We enjoy getting out each Sunday and helping you all to the next level. To those who made it through last year with us, it will be great to catch up with how you are going.

January and February in Canberra can be quite hot; please remember hats, sunscreen and to take extra water with you for yourself and your dog. We have sunscreen in the shop/admin container if you forget. Earlier in Jan, the committee made a decision to start classes half an hour earlier to reduce the time in the heat. Your instructor will also evaluate the class progress when temps are warming up and they will amend the class accordingly.

Remember to check Facebook and our website for any notices regarding weather and classes.

During the last term in 2020 and over Christmas, the council has been busy with the stormwater drains around the club grounds. They have worked with us to limit disruptions, and I would like to thank them for their efforts in keeping us informed and safe.

We are continually looking to improve things at the club; be that the grounds, the storage containers and the admin areas. We rely on volunteers to do all this and if you can lend a hand, provide a suggestion or get involved with the committee, we would be very grateful.

Karen Jenkins, President

Queanbeyan and District Dog Training Club
Facebook page

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

Please follow the page as will have updates on weather, coming terms and events that may be happening at the Club.

2020 CLUB PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS



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

Best Lady Handler Genevieve Hales-Davin with Perdy



Encouragement Award – Laura Dawson with Stanley

ASSESSMENT DAY – 13 December 2020

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: Tim Duffy

- 1st Regina Campbell with Charlie
- 2nd Sarah Kimmorley with Clive
- 3rd Hanna Utzinger with Yuki



Also passed: Mel Taylor with Archie, Julie Hogan with Ellie

Beginners Ring 2 Judge: Jan Loose

- 1st Teagan Sgouros with Harry
- 2nd Traci Chatfield with Maize
- 3rd Kylie Ballard with Teddy



Also passed: Georgina Aceituno with AJ, Songyee Yoon with Kong.

Beginners Ring 3 Judge: John Bernardi

- 1st Mitchel Scott with Kleo
- 2nd Lindsay Lyon with Malcolm
- 3rd Cameron Lyon with Jet



Also passed: Paige Wells with Georgie, Ron Kelly with Cooper.

Intermediate Ring 4 Judge: Jodie Moore

- 1st Sharon Shultz with Bonnie
- 2nd Chloe Burns with Milo
- 3rd Christiane Weissbach with Bobby



Also passed: Robyn Coble with Abby.

Intermediate Ring 5 Judge: Kathy Griffith

1st Kris Greenhill with Chia

2nd Lou Nulley with Bowie



Advanced Ring 6 Judge: Michael Ziebell

1st Genevieve Hales-Davin with Perdy

2nd Margrit Sedlacek with Mia

3rd Amy Weatherby with Bruno





Also passed: Marianna JB with Sandy, Jocelyn Ho with Milo, Fiona Harrison with Dougal.

Community Companion Dog (CCD) Judge: Ann Butler
1st Rhonda Daley with Isko 92/100
2nd Tish Lyon with Ted 87/100



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

A huge *Thank You* to all of you who volunteer to assist in making the club an amazing place! We appreciate the time you give to help with the grounds, BBQs and working bees



NOTICE BOARD

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

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

DIARY DATES - January to May

January

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| 16 | Saturday | ACT Companion Dog Club – Double Rally Obedience Trial |
| 31 | Sunday | QDDTC Term 1 commences |
| 31 | Sunday | QDDTC Committee meeting (while COVID rules apply) |

February

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| 28 | Sunday | QDDTC Committee meeting (while COVID rules apply) |
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March

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| 6 | Saturday | ACT Companion Dog Club – Double Rally Obedience Trial |
| 13 | Friday | ACT Companion Dog Club – Obedience Trial |
| 28 | Sunday | QDDTC Term 1 Assessment Day and Easter Raffle |
| 28 | Sunday | QDDTC Committee meeting (while COVID rules apply) |

April

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| 10 | Saturday | Belconnen Dog Obedience Club – Double Obedience Trial |
| 17 | Saturday | Tuggeranong Dog Training Club – Obedience Trial |
| 25 | Sunday | QDDTC Committee meeting (while COVID rules apply) |

May

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| 1 | Saturday | Tuggeranong Dog Training Club – Rally O Trial |
| 2 | Sunday | QDDTC Term 2 commences |
| 30 | Sunday | QDDTC Committee meeting (while COVID rules apply) |



**Our Easter Raffle is a major fundraiser for your Club
It will be drawn on Term 1, 2021 Assessment day
28th March 2021**

Please pop an extra Easter or Dog related goodie in your shopping and help the club make this year's Easter Raffle a success!

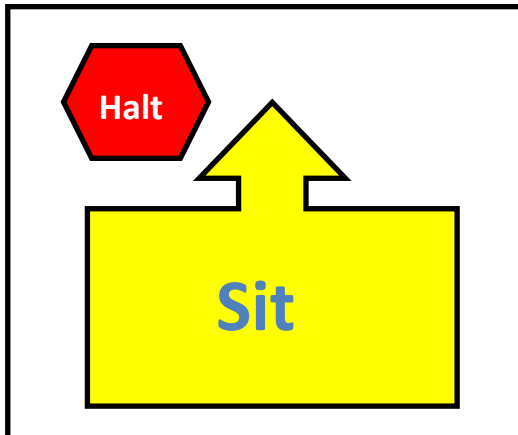
You can leave your donation here in the box or give it to any committee member.

Suggested Items:

Easter Eggs, Easter foods, Hot chocolate, Easter toys, Dog Treats, Dog toys



RALLY-O



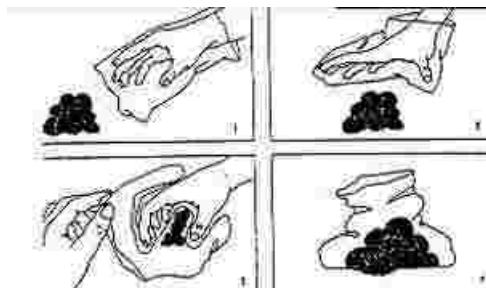
Rally O classes are now being held Sundays, each Term at **9 - 10am**, 2nd week of each term (in Term 1 will commence 8.30-9.30am).

Any of our members who have passed **Intermediate** level may join in. Try it for the first week free, then complete the [Rally O online membership form](#).

Rally O is a fun dog sport where you and your dog work together as a team performing various exercises in a more informal and light-hearted manner other than traditional obedience.

Unlike traditional obedience, waiting for your instructor to give you commands, you proceed around a course of designated stations with your dog in heel position. The course consists of 10 to 20 signs that instruct you and your dog what to do.

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.

TITRE TESTING AND VACCINATIONS

In the November 2020 edition of the Dogs NSW Gazette, it was reported that Titre Testing is acceptable in place of C3 vaccination in older dogs (from 4-5 years) for core diseases (Distemper, Hepatitis and Parvovirus) and if showing a positive result do not need to be re-vaccinated or re-Titre Test for 3 years.

How do vaccines work?

Vaccines contain small quantities of the agent similar to the microorganism that causes the disease. When administered, they stimulate your dogs' immune system, allowing the body to recognize it as a threat. The immune system will then produce disease-fighting cells and proteins, or antibodies, to protect against disease.

The importance of vaccines

Keeping vaccinations up-to-date is important for a healthy lifestyle and proper development. The necessity of vaccination against specific disease depends on different factors including age, medical history, lifestyle, and habits. Administering of vaccinations will be repeated at regular intervals with some only needed to be received for particular diseases.

Types of vaccines

Vaccines are divided into two categories: Core and non-core.

Core vaccines are those which are administered no matter on age, environment, habits, breed or circumstances. Core vaccines help prevent contraction of life-threatening diseases that have a global distribution. These include:

- canine distemper virus
- canine adenovirus
- canine parvovirus

Non-core vaccines are those required based on the context in which the animal lives. These include geographic location, environment, and lifestyle. These include:

- parainfluenza virus
- bordetella bronchiseptica (kennel or canine cough)
- leptospira interrogans

It is advised to vaccinate your dog with both core and non-core vaccines, although it's best to consult with your vet.

What is titre testing

A titre test (pronounced TIGHT er) is a laboratory test measuring the existence and level of antibodies in blood. The antibodies are produced when a foreign substance like a virus or bacteria provokes an immune response from natural exposure or a vaccination.

Titre testing vs vaccination

Vaccinations have unquestionable benefits, though the subject of annual revaccination is constantly being examined. In some diseases, immunity is short-lived and so not all vaccinations can be administered on a less frequent basis and still confer preventative immunity these cases still need to follow an annual vaccination schedule. While side effects are uncommon vaccinating if immune compromised or suffering disease can cause more severe acute or long term side effects. In this case the use of antibody titres to determine the need for vaccination becomes

important.

Why test?

Rather than automatically administering a vaccination every three (3) years a titre test examines the antibodies for the Parvovirus/Distemper/Canine Infectious Hepatitis (C3) to determine if your dog requires additional vaccinating, in which may save your dog an unnecessary shot. This form of testing is also useful when making a decision about vaccinating with unknown vaccination history.

This can be rechecked again every 3 years, though it is advised that you discuss timing with your vet as it can vary, in lieu of automatic revaccination. The testing intervals is reduced for dogs greater than 10 years to ensure that aging of the immune system is not an issue.

Cost

The cost of a titre test is substantially more in comparison to vaccinations, and it is advised to ring around to get a cost comparison.

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