

Queanbeyan and District Dog Training Club Inc

THE NEWSHOUND

February 2023

Celebrating 30 Years 1992-2022



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TRAINING TIMES SUNDAY MORNING (TERM 1)

Beginners / Puppies	8.30	to	9.30 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	9.30	to	10.30 am	
Advanced	9.30	to	10.30 am	
Community Companion Dog / Novice	8.30	to	9.30 am	
Recreation	8.30	to	9.30 am	
Open	9.30	to	10.30 am	
Rally (week 2 of each Term)	8.30	to	9.30 am	

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PRESIDENT S BLOG

Welcome to Queanbeyan and District Dog Training club, I am glad you re deciding to train your dogs with us. I hope every-one enjoyed Christmas and the New year s celebrations.

It is time to get back into the swing of things and start working with you dog. Training is not just about the lessons at the club; it is about enjoying all the moments with your dog. 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 a game or two, and make yourself the reward.

Take 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.

Over summer it may get hot and just like you and I, dogs need a place to cool down. 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, especially if it is on a bitumen road or concrete; these can be very hot on the dogs paws. You can test it with your hands; if it is too hot for you, your dog s feet are going to burn.

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 (brachycephalic - break-ee-cef-alec, like pugs) should be monitored closely as they are more susceptible to heat stroke.

During this term, to cool dogs down, there will be wading pools put out. Please remember this is for all dogs, so please take turns if your dog is fond of water.

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). Last year s raffles were well supported; I would like to thank those who helped contribute to making the year a success THANK YOU .

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

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.

2022 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 Gentleman Handler
Michael Clarke with Rey



Best Lady Handler
Kelsey LeMesurier with Beartholomew




Best Junior Handler
Riley Win with Reggie

Encouragement Award
Rose Herman with Joji

Most Improved
Leanne Clearly with Tully

Encouragement Award
Zac Breasley with Trixie


Highest Scoring Club Member
Kim Zeck with Tilli






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ASSESSMENT DAY 11 December 2022

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 Jade Georges with Cappa
- 1st George Cross with Walter
- 2nd Julie Wilson with Cody
- 3rd Page Coleman with Douglas



Also passed: Cindy Scott-Findlay with Freddie, Maree Burke with Teddy, Bridget McDonough with Winnie.

Beginners Ring 2 Judge: Anita Fraser

- 1st Laura Hill with Henry
- 2nd Fansiska Sylvana with Tuna
- 3rd Simon Scott-Findlay with Chloe



Also passed: Michelle Mordike with Esme, Maureen McClean with Jack, Barbara Curnow with Bonnie.

Beginners Ring 3 Judge: Karen Jenkins

- 1st Vanessa McMaster with Nova
- 2nd Lucia Darman with Hugo
- 3rd Jeanette Barker with Rusty



Also passed: Melissa Giddins with Pepsi, Kate Jackman with Luna.

Intermediate Ring 4 Judge: Jan Loose

- 1st Adam Stokes with Deano
- 2nd Julie Wilson with Bear
- 3rd Zoe Kershaw with Winston



Intermediate Ring 5 Judge: Tim Duffy

1st Mikala McConnell with Bruce

2nd Irene Pullen with Bertie

3rd Bettina Cheung with Boo Boo



Advanced Ring 5 Judge: John Bernardi

1st Jeanette Barker with Cooper



Advanced Ring 5 Judge: Vanessa Tuckfield

- 1st Zac Breasley with Trixie
- 2nd Alistair Hirsch with Leo



Community Companion Dog (CCD) Judge: Rhonda Daley
1st Margy Wylde-Brown with Frankie 86/100



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 - February to May

February

5	Sunday	QDDTC Term 1 commences
26	Sunday	QDDTC Committee meeting

March

4	Saturday	ACT Companion Dog Club Rally Trial
11	Friday	ACT Companion Dog Club Obedience Trial
13	Monday	<i>Canberra Day</i>
26	Sunday	QDDTC Committee meeting

April

2	Sunday	QDDTC Term 1 Assessment Day and Easter Raffle
7	Friday	<i>Good Friday</i>
10	Monday	<i>Easter Monday</i>
15	Saturday	Belconnen Dog Obedience Club Obedience Trial
28	Friday	National GSD CH Show & Restricted Obedience Trial VIC
29	Saturday	National GSD CH Show & Restricted Obedience Trial VIC
30	Sunday	National GSD CH Show & Restricted Obedience Trial VIC
30	Sunday	QDDTC Term 2 commences
30	Sunday	QDDTC Committee meeting

May

13	Saturday	Dogs ACT State Obedience & Rally Titles
14	Sunday	Dogs ACT State Obedience & Rally Titles
20	Saturday	Belconnen Dog Obedience Club Rally Trial
28	Sunday	QDDTC Committee meeting
29	Monday	<i>Reconciliation Day</i>



**Our Easter Raffle is a major fundraiser for your Club
Raffle will be drawn Term 1, 2023 Assessment Day
2nd April 2022**

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

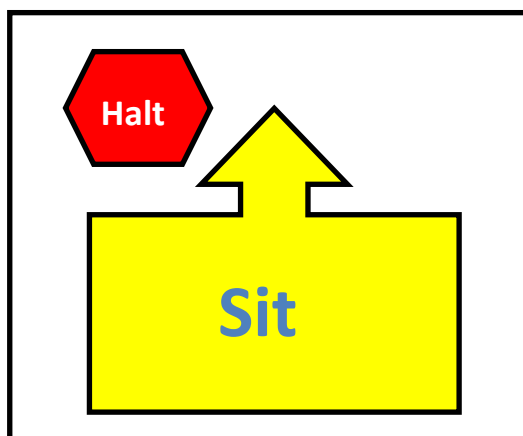
You can leave your donation here in the box or give it to any committee member.

Suggested Items:

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



RALLY



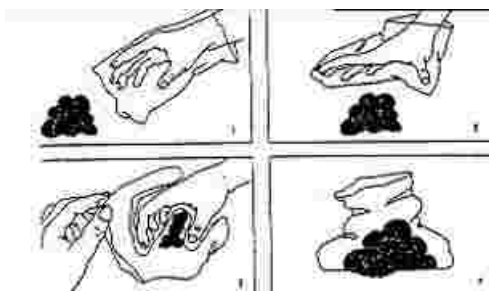
Rally classes are being held Sundays, each Term at **9 - 10am**, 2nd week of each term (*in Term 1 and 4 will commence 8.30-9.30am*).

Any of our members who have passed **Intermediate** level may join in.

Rally 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.

MEET A MEMBER KIM ZECK

Kim and Tilli can be found most Sunday's training in Community Companion Dog (CCD) level. Kim lives locally and has been fortunate enough to have had dogs for as long as she can remember. More often than not she prefers to spend time with dogs over people.

How long have you been training your dog?

Kim started the basics when she first rescued Tilli at 4 months old and joined QDDTC when Tilli was 6 months old.

What do you like most about training your dog?

Kim enjoys quality time together and learning and growing as a team. Tilli is a bit of a rat bag and constantly talks to everyone she meets including the instructors throughout lessons.



What has been the best bit of advice you've received about dog training and why?

For Kim and Tilli it was learning the watch command, Kim has found that when they have eye contact Tilli learns quicker and is more responsive.

Why did you decide to train with Queanbeyan & District Dog Training Club?

Apart from being close to home, Kim has been to other dog training facilities and wasn't that impressed so she thought she would give QDDTC a go. So far she and Tilli haven't been disappointed and are both very happy.

What do you see is your biggest reward with training your dog so far.

There are many rewards some bigger than others, but the biggest is passing at the end of the term. It puts a smile on her face when she looks back on where she started versus how well she finished the term. It is a nice feeling for her knowing all that hard work has paid off.

How do you spend your time with your dog when it's not Sunday morning?

When Kim is not training her Sunday's can vary, enjoying a bike ride, a walk around Lake Burley Griffin or more often than not a sleep in.

CLUB RECEIVES A GRANT

To assist with having the grounds re-fenced and general improvements to ensure safety for our members, the Club was successful in received funding as part of the NSW Government Community Building Partnership Grant program for 2022.

As Queanbeyan and District Dog Training Club (QDDTC) members would know we are a not-for-profit organization run completely by volunteers.

So being successful in receiving funding means that we are able to replace the fencing surrounding and within the grounds, making it safer for dog owners, family members and their beloved dogs.

Our thanks go to the members of the QDDTC committee who worked our proposal, so please just admire what has been done for now and we look forward to the completed upgrade.

Nichole Overall MP is in Queanbeyan, New South Wales.
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Peeps know I never miss a photo op with cute doggos and today I was really pleased to present \$21,000 in funding to the [Queanbeyan & District Dog Training Club](#) to install brand new fencing and general improvements.

I also let Tim Duffy know I'll be bringing down the Overall golden retriever for some much needed training!



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NILIF stands for Nothing In Life Is Free

This is the attitude that you should take when training and interacting with your dog. When your dog runs to you, don't pet him, give a sit command and when he complies, then give him what he wants, praise. If he ignores the sit, go back inside ignoring him.

Dogs are hedonists, this means, pleasure seeking, pain avoiding. This works very well in line with training, by incorporating this ideal, we can introduce discomfort when the dog will not comply with a command and we can in turn provide pleasure in the form of attention.

Although the above method may sound harsh, it is how pro dog trainers all over the world train and live with their own and other people's dogs, and one of the main reasons why we get results many times faster than a novice.

When you start to adopt the above example, you will find the dog running to you and sitting without being told to, happily. Meaning he has learned to sit when he greets you, not jump up on you. Many dog owners have a similar complaint, which is, the dog jumps on people, and he just won't stop doing it. Why is this so? Dogs don't jump on other dogs, so it's unnatural for them to do so. Well, humans are to blame, as with most things

When we get a new dog or even a puppy, we encourage the dog to jump on us; we actually train it to do so. The training goes like this; you call the dog, when he comes to you, put out your hands to catch his paws. When he does jump up, you reward him with praise and petting. You have trained him well; this reward based training is very firm in the dog's mind, very hard to reverse.

The NILIF program can be adapted when teaching any command; because dogs are Hedonists (pleasure seeking pain avoiding) they will soon learn how to please you in obedience work. By being consistent with your praise for good work and correcting for non-compliance, the dog will remain happy in the fact that he can avoid correction and get his pleasure with compliance. Making a clear line between right and wrong will make a happy, well-balanced dog.

The main idea of this program is to teach the dog that he must work for what he wants, dogs that come up and stick their head in your lap, paw you or jump on your for attention are gaining their own success. Whilst you may think you have smart dog, all your teaching the dog is how to make you do what he wants.

This can be a recipe for disaster with the right, or should I say, wrong dog.

Another good example is at dinnertime, when you prepare your dogs dinner, hold the dish high and give a sit stay command. Place the food down and make the dog wait until YOU say he can eat. This will do many things:

1. Affirm your place as the leader.
2. Strengthen the sit command
3. Strengthen the stay command
4. Improve the okay or free command.
5. Reward the dog with food for complying with your command under distraction.
6. Allow him to understand that he eats when you say.

I like to use an analogy I call the bag of tricks. I call behaviour a trick and the dogs mind the bag. Here's how I explain it in training class.

The dog comes to us with some tricks already in his bag, such as jumping up to get attention. The better this trick works, the higher it's placed in the bag, meaning the more it will be used. If the

dog finds the trick of jumping up never works, or worse, brings discomfort, that trick will be called on less often until no more.

You can add and remove tricks from the bag with training. The NILIF is excellent for this. When your dog comes running to you, he will no doubt offer some trick to get you to pet him, feed him etc. If you start offering no reaction, watch how many unwanted tricks, behaviours, he starts to offer.

He might jump up, bark at you, nip you and many other unwanted behaviours, like the dog that barks at you when you talk on the phone

I won't please a dog by reacting at all, in fact I will walk away from a dog like this. Even as little as saying 'no, get down' is some sort of reaction. What I will do is offer the dog a known command, and when the dog complies, I then give the praise the dog was looking for.

It won't be long, if your consistent, before you will have a dog that sits quietly when he wants attention. You can then expand that, when you grab the leash, teach the dog he must sit quietly or you won't fit the leash.

This program works extremely well on dominant dogs as it takes the control away from them without force. Which keeps you safe, unlike many other programs.

I have found through consistent obedience training and the Nilif, I can rehabilitate a dominant aggressive dog in a matter of weeks. The key we look for is when the dog starts to look to you for guidance, this is when you have regained leadership.

Try re programming yourself to not reward the dog for breathing, make every interaction one where your dog performs some small or intricate task for everything you can offer. You will be surprised just how happy the dog will be, and how much faster normal training goes as you will have increased the value of your attention.

Nothing in Life is Free Program

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Link to article on K9 Pro website: <http://k9protraining.com.au/2007/03/07/nilif-nothing-in-life-is-free/>