

Queanbeyan and District Dog Training Club Inc

# THE NEWSHOUND

April 2024



# YOUR CLUB COMMITTEE

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Anne Butler, Tim Duffy, Michael Ziebell,  
Kim Zeck, Robyn Coble. Karen Hayward

## 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	
Companion	9.00 to 10.00 am	
Recreation	9.00 to 10.00 am	
Graduate	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

Hello and welcome - I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter break with family and pets alike.

It is now time to get (back) into training, whether that be coming back to a higher class or starting out with you dog. Our class times have changed to winter times with beginner classes starting at 9am, and Intermediate and Advanced starting at 10am.

We will no doubt enjoy some lovely cold weather over the next few months, so please be mindful of your dog's requirements around the cold weather. Some older dogs feel cold in the joints much like older people. Providing extra bedding may help with this. And remember the extra layer of warmth for yourself when coming out to class. It gets cold on the grounds with frost to look forward too.

During this term we are hosting a couple of activities. One is the 'Fun day' happening on Sunday the 2nd June, where we set up some activities and games for everyone to try. This is also a great opportunity to try different types of classes we offer, like Agility and Rally O.

The second activity is our combined Obedience and Rally Trial, where some well trained dogs are put through their paces. If you are interested in seeing what this type of Dog sport offers, please keep a look out on our website or Facebook page. This is also a perfect opportunity to help the club, so why not volunteer to be a helper on the day.

Like many other volunteer organisations we are always looking for helpers. If you can spare some time on Sundays, and a Thursday each month, why not join the committee.... Or perhaps you see yourself standing in front of the class? We are also looking for new instructors, with a training session for new instructors happening this term. If you have completed Advanced, and are interested, please see one of the people in the red shirts.

Once again, remember to have fun and enjoy the term. 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.

# COMBINED OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIAL

**Entries Close: 6 July 2024**

## **QUEANBEYAN & DISTRICT DOG TRAINING CLUB INC OBEDIENCE (AM) & RALLY (PM) TRIALS CLUB GROUNDS, HOOVER RD, QUEANBEYAN SATURDAY 13 JULY 2024**

Classes to be judged: CCD, Novice, CDX, UD, UDX, RN, RE, RA, RM

**Entries to:** Miss F Grunsell, 270 Foxlow St, Captains Flat 2623

**Ph & Extreme Weather Ph:** 0419 703 067

**Cheques made payable to:** Queanbeyan & District Dog Training Club Inc

### **JUDGES**

Miss A McCann (NSW) *Ring 1* CCD

Ms C Neal (ACT) *Ring 2* Novice

Mr T Griffin (NSW) *Ring 3* CDX

Mr J Green (ACT) *Ring 4* UD, UDX

Ms M Fazekas (NSW) *Ring 1* Rally Novice, Rally Advanced

Mrs J Van Der Vegt (NSW) *Ring 2* Rally Excellent, Rally Masters

**Order of Judging:** As above, Obedience then Rally

**Judging Commences:** *Obed* 9.30am, *Rally* not before 1.00pm

**DOGS NSW Representative:** Ms P Jones

**Vetting Time:** *Obed* 8.15am, *Rally* 12.15pm **Vetting Officer:** Karen Hayward

**Entry Fees:** \$13.00 per class

**Refreshments:** BBQ & drinks

Bitches in Oestrus are not to be on the grounds

Dog height must be on your entries

The Club reserves the right to make any changes that will ensure the smooth running of the Trial and also to accept or refuse entries

### **PRIZES -**

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Sash (Qualifying scores only),

**Other Qualifiers:** Sash,



## ***Willing to help?***

Club members who are available on the day and would like to help out stewarding, writing certificates, or setting up and clearing up

***We're always grateful for volunteers!***

Please let a committee member know

# YOUR FIRST OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIAL

So, you want to enter your first Obedience or Rally trial

When you have reached training at our Companion or Graduate levels you may decide to set you and your dog another challenge and have a go at official trials.

Once you decide this it is important to do some homework and preparation to set yourselves up for success.

Things you can do are

- Ask questions – talk to your instructor and club members who trial
- Get hold of a Dogs Australia rule book from our club shop and find out what is expected of you and your dog at the level you are trialling
- Make sure you and your dog are members of your state dog control, Dogs NSW if you live in NSW, or Dogs ACT if you live in Canberra
- Find out where local trials are advertised and how to enter
- Ask your instructor to run you through some mock trials
- Visit some trials to see what happens. Clubs are always looking for stewards to help judges in the ring, so volunteer - you'll learn heaps being in the ring with the judge and judges will be happy to answer questions after the judging finishes

Trialling can be loads of fun and it's a great day out for you and your dog. It gives your dog more brain work to make them a happier more fulfilled. And if you come home with a qualifying certificate or a sash, even better!

Going to your first trial having done this preparation will make you feel more confident – sure, you'll have butterflies on the day, even the most experienced triallers do! Just go out and have fun with your dog and whether you win or lose, leave the ring as though you've come 1<sup>st</sup> and know you and your best mate have had a good crack at it!

Our trial coming up on 13 July is a great place to come to have a look at what happens, or to help steward if you have some time. We have the obedience trial in the morning and the rally trial in the afternoon.

*In the next Newshound we'll have a page on how to prepare in the lead up to your first trial and what to do on the day to set yourself up for success*

# CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST AT THE TRIAL

We are looking for Club members to volunteer as Stewards at the club's Obedience and Rally Trial on Saturday 13 July 2024. Please refer to the [Steward Guidelines](#) for what is involved with being a steward. (guideline can be found on the Club website under [Training | Trialling Obedience & Rally](#)).

If you are available between 8.30am-12noon OR 12noon-5pm on Saturday and would like to offer your assistance in being a steward we would welcome you! Please let the Trial Manager, Fay Grunsell ([fay.grunsell3@bigpond.com](mailto:fay.grunsell3@bigpond.com)) know.

Lunch will be provided.

We are also calling on volunteers to assist on Friday 12 July from 2pm to assist with cleaning the grounds that consists of picking up roo poo and set up trial rings.

If you are free on Saturday, come out and have a look at dogs working the higher levels – including retrieving, jumping and scentwork.

# ASSESSMENT DAY – 23 MARCH 2024

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: John Bernardi

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kimberely Baillie with Cookie
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Amanda Johnstone with Oakley
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kayla Anderson with Buster



Also passed: Ashlee Smith with Baxter, Thomas Power with Frankie

**Beginners Ring 2 Judge: Tim Duffy**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Neville Page with Milo
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grace Nott with Douglas
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Rebecca Doolan with Hugo



Also passed: Rob Hungerford with Herbie, Harman Mangat with Junior

**Beginners Ring 3 Judge: Michael Ziebell**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Julie Edgerton with Sugar
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Shelby Muir with Tiger
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Larissa Webb with Squeak



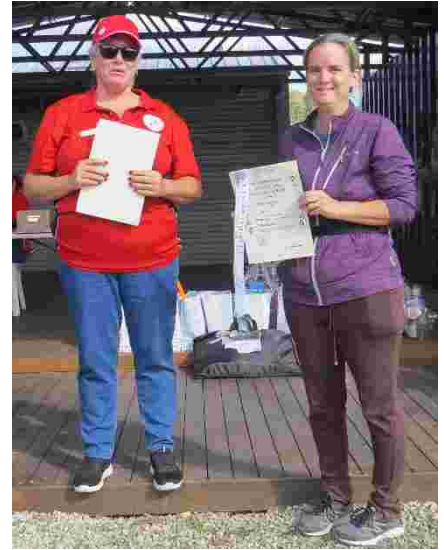
Also passed: Caitlin Crowe with Winnie, Janet Drew with Alfie



**Intermediate Ring 4 Judge: Jodie Moore**

**Assistant: Robyn Coble**

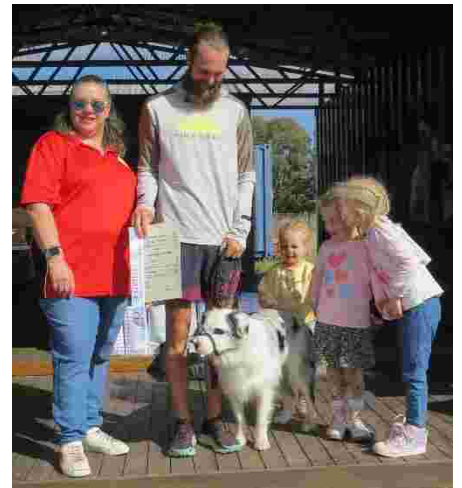
- 1<sup>st</sup> Svetlana with Stanson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Natalie Relph with Rupert
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Hazel Carlisle with Fin



Also passed: Sue Hill with Ziggy, Kathyne Eden with Basil, Karen Williams with Arani, Andrea James with Bowie

**Intermediate Ring 5 Judge: Vanessa Tuckfield**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hannah Callup with Caly
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Katherine Walsh with Lou
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dave Gwyther-Marchant with Thor



Also passed: Tony Mansfield with Miss Ellen, Chris Ray with Basil, Jo Drummond with Eddie

**Advanced Ring 7 Judge: Karen Jenkins**

1<sup>st</sup> Bronwynne Morgan with Fenrir

2<sup>nd</sup> Monique George with Tuxedo

3<sup>rd</sup> Kathy Griffiths with Lilly



**Companion Judge: Rhonda Daley**

1<sup>st</sup> Lucia Darman with Hugo 85/100



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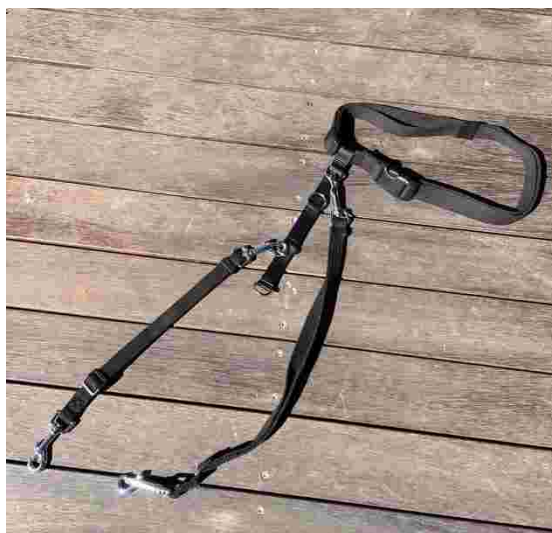
**“Thank You” to our instructors and volunteers - we could not hold classes without you**

**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**



**A very generous thank you to Dee Ann Gunter**

We would like to formally thank one of our members, Dee, for her generous gift of double end leads, hands free leads and accessories to the club from her business Dees Ability Dog Training. These items will be available to purchase in our shop.



# 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

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

All membership and training fees are due for renewal on the **1st July 2024**

An email will go out to all financial members **mid-June** advising memberships are due for the 2024/2025 financial year, instructions on how to renew and how to make payment.

Your renewal will cover you for the year.

## 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 - April to July

### April

6	Saturday	Belconnen Dog Obedience Club – Double Obedience Trial
20	Saturday	<b>QDDTC Working Bee</b>
20	Saturday	<b>QDDTC Committee meeting</b>
28	Sunday	<b>QDDTC Term 2 commences</b>

### May

18	Saturday	Belconnen Dog Obedience Club – Double Rally Trial
26	Sunday	<b>QDDTC Committee meeting</b>

### June

2	Sunday	<b>QDDTC Fun Day</b> (9.30 – 10.30)
22	Saturday	ACT Companion Dog Club –Rally Obedience Trial
23	Sunday	<b>QDDTC Term 2 Assessment Day</b>
27	Thursday	<b>QDDTC Committee meeting</b>

### July

13	Saturday	<b>QDDTC – Obedience and Rally Trial</b>
14	Sunday	ACT Companion Dog Club –Obedience Trial
25	Thursday	<b>QDDTC Committee meeting</b>
28	Sunday	<b>QDDTC Term 3 commences</b>

# FUN DAY



## QDDTC

### FUN DAY

9.30am to 10.30am

Sunday 2nd June 2024

**Fun activities instead of training!  
Training via play!  
Plus Agility & Rally-O equipment to try out!**

**BBQ, Drinks & Cakes/Slices**



## VOLUNTEER TO BE A OBEDIENCE INSTRUCTOR

Did you know that your club is always on the lookout for enthusiastic members who may like to become one of our club's obedience instructors?

To become an instructor at the club, you must have passed Advanced Class. You also need to undertake the Level 1 Instructors Course, held by our amazing head instructor, Ann, at the club.

You will then shadow a current instructor for a term or two until you feel confident that you can instruct a class on your own.

If you think you might be a good fit for the role and would like to volunteer, please send all enquiries to [president@queanbeyandogs.org.au](mailto:president@queanbeyandogs.org.au).

We are taking names now from Advanced class up, to put together a small class for our head instructor.

# CLUB PERPETUAL AWARDS

Queanbeyan and District Dog Training Club hands out Perpetual Awards to its members at the end of each training year. The club's awards encourage and acknowledge effort and excellence in club activities and ANKC sanctioned activities that reflect well upon the club and club members.

Evaluation for awards is on performances over at least three of the four terms in the evaluation period, with each evaluation period commencing with Term 4 of the year preceding the award year, and Terms 1, 2, and 3 of the award year. This allows time for the committee to finalise decisions on awards and prepare trophies for presentation at the end of Term 4.

Instructors nominate members for the Annual Awards on performance categories as follows, which is presented to the Committee for discussion and final nomination:

## **Best Gentleman Handler and Best Lady Handler**

Presented to a gentleman handler and a lady handler who during the year have:

- shown outstanding handling skills in training;
- regularly attended training at the club during the year; and
- not received a title award from the club during the year.

## **Best Junior Handler**

Presented to a junior handler (under 16) who has regularly attended classes and has made significant progress in training their dog during the year.

## **Most Improved**

Presented to the handler and dog team that has shown significant improvement (which may be evidenced by assessment scores throughout the year) in training during the year through the dedication and commitment of the handler. *The interaction and relationship between the dog and handler is an important consideration.*

## **Encouragement Award**

Presented to the handler and dog team that has overcome difficulties (whether personal or dog related), and shown dedication and commitment to training and has made commendable progress during the year.

# BLOOD HOUNDS

Did you know that pets can donate blood just like humans. In fact, it is not a well known fact and many pets lives are put at risk because of the need for blood. Recently Rhonda Daley received a call from the Animal Referral Hospital (ARH) at Majura Park looking for pets who could donate blood urgently for patients in need. We were referred by a friend and we answered the call.

This is a photo of Rhonda Daley's boy when we got home.

Detailed below are the requirements that your pet needs to meet to become a donor. Please, please think seriously about this. Who knows one day it may be your pet needing the gift of blood.

If your pet fits the below criteria, give the ARH a call on 6280 6344 and ask for Olivia. Tell her you are from the Queanbeyan Dog Club and she will be very happy to help you. Oh, cats can also donate, just in case your interested.



Your dog must be:

- 1 ½ to 7 years old
- over 25kg
- in good health
- no pre-existing health problems
- good temperament (not aggressive to people ideally)
- Up to date with vaccines, worming, flea etc

Process:

1. Blood type dog first (either Negative or Positive). Use both but type Negative is used more as it is universal.
2. Dog will get a full health exam (focusing on the heart) and a full blood work up – free of charge.
3. Place an intravenous catheter and given appropriate sedation, only enough to make them sleepy so they stay still during the procedure. Can reverse most sedatives to it's relatively safe.
4. Will clip the fur from the right side of their neck (a hand sized clip) as this is a sterile procedure.
5. Collect 450mls of blood from the jugular vein.
6. After the collection, give dog intravenous fluids to replace the blood loss.
7. Once fully recovered (usually about 2hrs post) can go home.
8. Aftercare: Go home with bandage on neck to hold pressure onto the jugular vein, this will need to stay on for another couple of hours. Once removed, ask to monitor for any bleeding, swelling, excessive bruising or any ill signs.
9. Gifts to say thank you: Receive a bag of treats, a full size bag of dog food, \$113 credit on your account and a cute pic with shoutout on Facebook page (with owner consent).

# Understanding your Dog's Body Language

## Tail Position

Learning your dog's body language can better help you understand their behaviour, when they are happy or anxious, and how to better care for them. This article is about the dog's tail position.

A lot of people think if a dog's tail is wagging, they are happy, but it's not necessarily so. It is just an indicator of the dog's arousal level (or level of alertness).

First find out what the natural tail carriage is for the dog. The sign of a friendly tail wag is a relaxed slow wag with the rest of the body soft as well (think of a wiggly Labrador).

If the tail is positioned very high (if it can be), and wagging very fast like a flag, the rest of the body still, and the dog is staring intently at something, this could mean the dog is quite concerned and it is best to stay away.

Remember that some breeds can naturally carry their tails high (like Huskies) and others have natural low tail carriages (like sighthounds).

Natural tail carriage, tail may be wagging gently = **Relaxed**

Tail is loose and wiggly; it may also wag in a circular fashion (helicopter tail) = **Happy**

Tail held high and stiff with a rigid wag = **Arousal/excited (an enhanced state of alertness)**

Tail between the legs = **Fearful/anxious**

For dogs with no tail or a tight curled short tail like a bulldog, while the tail can't go between the legs or be held high, the tail is an extension of the spine so look at the whole body. The movement of the tail can be very subtle.

It's important to read the dog's whole body and not just one part, plus take into consideration the context in which the behaviour is happening.

*Extract by Anne Hardacre from Pawsitive Connection.*