

Queanbeyan and District Dog Training Club Inc

THE NEWSHOUND

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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

Hello every-one and welcome to the Queanbeyan and District Dog Training Club. I hope you enjoy coming out to the club as much as I do.

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 your dog. Training is not just about the lessons at the club; it is about enjoying all the moments with your dog. Training sessions can be as short as 1 minute just practicing things learnt. 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.

This summer may be hot and dry and we may have some burr patches on the grounds. These can easily attach to your dog's hair/fur. Please take the time and brush your dog after training to prevent any irritations. Having a larger low shedding breed, I understand this may take some time. Try and think of it as a way to get to know your dog. Find a brush that suits your dog's coat and start gently brushing the burrs out of their coat (don't forget under their paws as well). If you make it a fun bonding session, both you and the dog will enjoy it more.

The first couple of months may get hot and just like us, dogs need a place to cool down. Remember to take breaks for regular drink stops for yourself and 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 dog's paws. You can test it with your hands; if it is too hot for you, your dog's feet are going to burn.

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.

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

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.

2023 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
Barnaby Twyford with Jasper



Most Improved
Lauren Russell with Luna



Best Lady Handler
Julie Wilson with Bear & Cody

Encouragement Award
Lucia Darman with Hugo



Best Club Member
Anne Butler





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ASSESSMENT DAY – 10 December 2023

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: Rhonda Daley

- 1st Sue Hill with Ziggy
- 2nd Natalie Relph with Rupert
- 3rd Tony Mansfield with Miss Ellen



Also passed: Katrina Chambers with Frankie, Christine Ray with Basil, Nicole Trautsch with Doug, Karen Williams with Arani, Rebecca Clinton with Macy.

Beginners Ring 2 Judge: Tim Duffy

- 1st Renee Hardy with Smokey
- 2nd Hannah Cullup with Cally
- 3rd Kyle Luker with Rocco



Also passed: Kathryn Eden with Basil, Dave Gwyther-Marchant with Thor, Tanya Corneliusen with Ralph.

Beginners Ring 3 Judge: Vanessa Tuckfield

- 1st Nina Ross with Stanson
- 2nd Lana Voyneska with Yoshee
- 3rd Nemat Roshaan with Bruiser
- 3rd Hazel Carlisle with Fin



Also passed: Anne-Marie Shannon with Luna, Robyn Shannon with Nala, Keely Morris with Macca

Intermediate Ring 4 Judge: Karen Hayward

- 1st Bronwynne Morgan with Fenrir
- 2nd Sheneise Hall with Tutu
- 3rd Kathy Griffiths with Lilly



Also passed: Cheryl Cooke with Angel, Jodie Moore with Bragi

Intermediate Ring 5 Judge: John Bernadi

- 1st Karen Jenkins with Radar
- 2nd Melody Wyatt with Hugo
- 3rd Monique George with Tuxedo



Also passed: Ian Birmingham with Nelson

Advanced Ring 6 Judge: Anita Fraser

- 1st Jesse MacCullagh with Tikka
- 2nd Rory Latemore with Maverick
- 2nd James Deamer with Arlo
- 3rd Kerry Medveczky with Leesa





Advanced Ring 7 Judge: Michael Ziebell

- 1st Joanne Zhao with Anna
- 2nd Jan Loose with Remi
- 3rd Judith Miller with Jesselle



Also passed Lauren Russell with Luna

Community Companion Dog (CCD) Judge: Anne Butler
1st Kim Zeck with Tilli 92/100



**“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**



SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Some of our members attend Shows & Trials throughout the year. Here are some of the stars - you can see them also training on Sundays with these pups and their older dogs.

From time-to-time members of our club also enter shows and trials. One type of conformation dog show is the Championship Show in which Challenges, Best of Breed, Best in Group and Best in Show certificates are awarded. Two of our members attended shows in both NSW and the ACT during 2023. Congratulations to both Julie and Jodie and their fur friends on their achievement.



Julie Hogan with Willow
National Capital Kennel Club Inc
Baby in Group in Working Dogs
22nd April 2023.



Jodie Moore with Bragi
Dogs ACT All Breeds Championship Show
American Staffordshire Terrier Baby in Group
9th September 2023

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

20	Saturday	ACT Companion Dog Club – Rally Obedience Trial (evening)
21	Sunday	QDDTC Committee meeting
28	Sunday	QDDTC Term 1 commences

February

25	Sunday	QDDTC Committee Meeting
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March

9	Saturday	ACT Companion Dog Club – Rally Obedience Trial (evening)
16	Saturday	ACT Companion Dog Club – Obedience Trial
11	Monday	<i>Canberra Day</i>
17	Sunday	QDDTC Committee meeting
24	Sunday	QDDTC Term 1 Assessment Day and Easter Raffle
29	Friday	<i>Good Friday</i>

April

1	Monday	<i>Easter Monday</i>
6	Saturday	Belconnen Dog Obedience Club – Double Obedience Trial
21	Sunday	QDDTC Committee meeting
28	Sunday	QDDTC Term 2 commences

May

3	Friday	National GSD CH Show & Restricted Obedience Trial – SA
4	Saturday	National GSD CH Show & Restricted Obedience Trial – SA
5	Sunday	National GSD CH Show & Restricted Obedience Trial – SA
18	Saturday	Belconnen Dog Obedience Club – Double Rally Trial
26	Sunday	QDDTC Committee meeting
27	Monday	<i>Reconciliation Day</i>



**Our Easter Raffle is a major fundraiser for your Club
Raffle will be drawn Term 1 Assessment Day
24th March 2024**

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

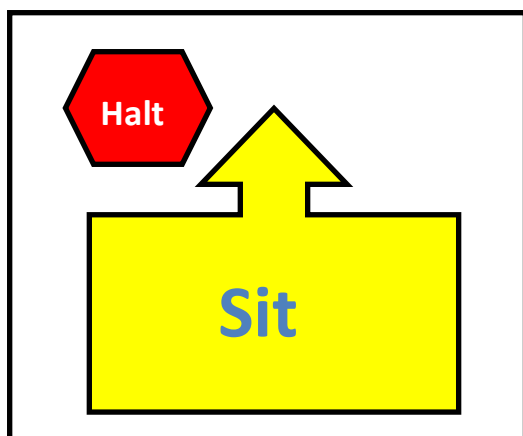
You can leave your donation here in the box or give it to any
committee member.

Suggested Items:

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



RALLY



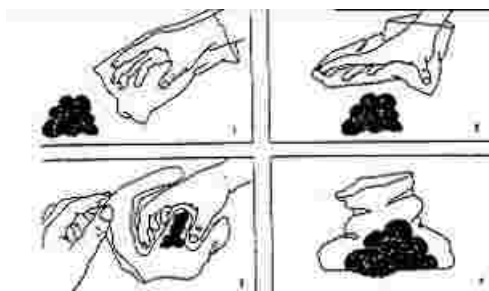
Rally classes are being held Sundays, each Term at **9 - 10am**, 2nd week of each term (*in Term 1 and 4 will commence 8.30-9.30am*).

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.

CLUB RECEIVES A GRANT

To assist with having the club toilet block upgraded to include an access ramp, railing and larger accessible toilet cubicle which will improve safety at the grounds, the Club was successful in receiving funding as part of the NSW Government Stronger Communities (Round 8) Grants 2023.

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 improve facilities, 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.



Kristy McBain

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What better way to spend a Sunday morning than visiting the [Queanbeyan & District Dog Training Club](#) to acknowledge their \$10,000 Stronger Communities Grant.

I was so impressed with the obedient dogs in training, the knowledge of the trainers, and the beautiful murals in the meeting area.

I think my new pup, Jindy, would do pretty well here! 🐾



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/>