

Queanbeyan and District Dog Training Club Inc

# THE NEWSHOUND

May 2018

Images from the Fun Day



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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	10.00 to 11.00 am	
Recreation	9.00 to 10.00 am	
Novice	10.00 to 11.00 am	
Open	9.00 to 10.00 am	

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# President's Blog

It's May already and winter is just around the corner, so we will see Jack Frost visiting us so hope you all will remember to wear warm clothing and proper warm foot wear when you come to training on Sunday Morning.

Welcome to our new members, we hope that you will enjoy being a member of our club, have a look at the club's shop and if you need any help speak to Vanessa and she will answer all your questions, you can also speak to your instructor after your class has finished.

This is a list of some of the dog sports that are available, Agility, Dances with dogs, Earthdog, Endurance, Flyball, Gundogs and Retrieving, Herding, Lure Coursing, Obedience, Tracking and Rally-O, if you would like to find out more you can go to Dogs NSW – Activities and events <http://www.dogsnsw.org.au/activities-a-events.html> and Dog Sports & Activities : Dogs ACT <http://dogsact.org.au/act-clubs-events/>.

In the next couple of weeks once the Level One instructors course is completed Rally-O class will start up, it is held at 11am to 12pm after normal classes have finished each Sunday, it is a fantastic class and it is for any member that has passed beginners, the first class that you do is free but after that it only costs \$30 a year.

Also, a reminder about our club's Obedience and Rally-O trials on Saturday the 14 July 2018, it is held at our grounds, it is a great day for everyone, so get your entries in as it is on Ozentries.

Happy training everyone,  
Fay Grunsell  
Vice-president

Queanbeyan and District Dog Training Club  
now has a Facebook page

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

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

## COMBINED OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIAL

Saturday 14 July 2018

Club Grounds, Hoover Rd, Queanbeyan

### OBEDIENCE (AM)

#### JUDGES

Mrs A Butler (NSW) CCD, Novice  
Ms J Cutts (ACT) Open  
Mr R Butler (NSW) UD, UDX

### RALLY-O (PM)

#### JUDGES

Ms S Turner (NSW) RN, RE (A&B)  
Ms J Cutts (NSW) RA (A&B), RM

Judging commences: 10am (Obedience) 1pm (Rally-O)  
Trial Manager: Ms Fay Grunsell  
Vetting Time: 9.15am to 9.45am (Obedience)  
12.15pm to 12.45pm (Rally-O)  
Vetting Officer: Karen Roberts  
Dogs NSW Representative: Ms P Jones

### PRIZES

Cash and Sash for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places - qualifying scores only  
Sash for other qualifiers  
Highest Scoring Club Member - Trophy and sash

**Entry fees:** \$10.00 per class  
**Entries to:** Trial Manager - Fay Grunsell  
270 Foxlow St, Captains Flat, NSW 2623  
**Entries close:** 22 June 2018  
**Catalogues:** \$2.00 prepaid with entry

Extreme weather status phone: 0422 729 762

### NOTE:

1. Refreshments available
2. Camping **NOT** available
3. Bitches in oestrus may not be on the grounds
4. Enter **online through OZentries**; pay with credit or Visa card
5. 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.



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

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

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

Please let a committee member know

# Your First Obedience Trial

The decision to enter your first obedience trial should be the culmination of sufficient training to ensure that competing is a happy and rewarding experience. These factors will help:

1. to be in touch with current ANKC Obedience Rules
2. you have trained your dog to the best of your ability
3. you have run through the exercises under mock trial conditions at your local dog obedience training club

What the judge is looking for:

1. enjoyment and willingness to work; fear and dislike of work shall be penalised
2. gentle and smooth handling
3. a handler shall give a command once only, except in the case of the command "Heel" which may be repeated to the dog each time the judge tells the handler to go forward
4. talking to the dog by the handler, snapping of fingers, slapping of sides and stamping of feet must be penalised
5. during the Heel routines, the handler must walk briskly with the dog at the left side. In the "Heel on Lead" exercise, the leash must be completely loose. Guiding the dog by means of the leash is penalised
6. the dog must not anticipate the handler's commands but must wait for commands

**A very good opportunity to either enter or observe a trial is coming up with the Club's annual all breeds dog obedience trial being held on Saturday 14 July at our Hoover Road Club Grounds in Queanbeyan.**

If you are in Community Companion Dog (CCD) level or higher, your dog may be trained well enough to participate. As your Instructor for an informal assessment. The CCD competition format and exercises are similar to the Club's CCD class.

What you need to do to enter the Club trial:

- be a financial member of Dogs NSW – the State body which oversees the running of each Club's trials;
- have your dog registered with the appropriate section of Dogs NSW (cross breed and non-pedigree dogs are included on the Associate Register). Your dog will get a unique number to identify him/her and record any passes at obedience trials;
- fill out an entry form and post it off before closing date.

If you want to have a look at dogs doing formal obedience trialling where they can gain ANKC recognised obedience titles, come along on the day, or volunteer to help out.

**If you leave the ring as if you have won the class,  
your dog will never know or care**

# Special Achievements

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

## ACT Companion Dog Club – Obedience Trial – 16 March 2018

Carmen Kong: **Happylea Upper Class RA JD GD SPD (Ben)** 91/100  
(Chinese Crested Powderpuff)

## Tuggeranong Dog Training Club – Double Obedience Trial – 21 April 2018

Carmen Kong: **Happylea Upper Class RA JD GD SPD (Ben)** 92/100  
(Chinese Crested Powderpuff)

**“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  
help out on Assessment Day



# Assessment Day – 15 April 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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Penny Cullen with Frankie
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gerlinde Nicolson with Boss
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Anne Gardner with Mia
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ashleen Forster-Britton with Rogue



Also passed: Sue Pagura with Koda, Jemma Crampton with Maisie

**Beginners Ring 2 Judge: Jan Loose Assistant: Zoe Tuckfield**

1<sup>st</sup> Michael Morris with Jada

2<sup>nd</sup> Dominic Eramo with Ezra

3<sup>rd</sup> Lindsay Peak with Matilda



Also passed: Sandra Markezic with Jax



**Intermediate Ring 4 Judge: Kathy Griffiths**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ryan Williams with Monkee
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bruce Paterson with Newton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lisa Buchanan with Dusty



**Intermediate Ring 5 Judge: Jodie Moore**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Susan Matthews with Jessie
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dean Limmer with Digger

**Advanced Ring 6 Judge: Christiane Weissbach**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jesse Ebsworth with Pip



**Advanced Ring 7 Judge: Karen Jenkins**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Colleen Krestensen with Pippin



# Notice Board

Check the Club Website for your Class syllabus  
Be prepared for next Sunday's lesson by reading about what will be taught

See your dog's photo taken on Assessment Day

**[www.queanbeyandogs.org.au](http://www.queanbeyandogs.org.au)**

## FOR SALE

The Club sells a range of products to support your dog training, including a range of collars, leads and other products including clickers, dumbbells and treat bags, poo bag holders and the ANKC Obedience Trial Rules.

Come to the container and browse the products and support your training club.

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## DIARY DATES - May to July

### May

6	Sunday	<b>QDDTC Term 2 commences</b>
12	Saturday	Dogs ACT Obedience titles and Rally O trial
13	Sunday	Dogs ACT Obedience titles and Rally O trial
20	Sunday	RSPCA Million Paws Walk
26	Saturday	Tuggeranong Dog Training Club Double Rally O trial
31	Thursday	QDDTC Committee meeting 6.30pm

### June

16	Saturday	ACT Companion Dog Club Double Obedience Trial
16	Saturday	A Pooch Affair – Doggie Day Out EPIC
23	Saturday	ACT Companion Dog Club Double Rally O Trial
28	Thursday	QDDTC Committee meeting 6.30pm

### July

1	Sunday	<b>QDDTC Assessment Day</b>
14	Saturday	<b>QDDTC Obedience Trial and Rally O</b>
26	Thursday	QDDTC Committee meeting 6.30pm
29	Sunday	<b>QDDTC Term 3 commences</b>

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## RSPCA Million Paws Walk – Sunday 20 May

After Obedience Classes on Sunday 20 May you could head over to the Million Paws Walk. It's a great opportunity to socialise your dog and take part in all the fun events.

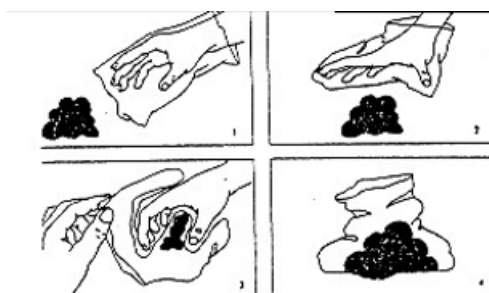
The Walk starts at @ 11am, Stage 88, Commonwealth Park, and follows the scenic path around the edge of beautiful Lake Burley Griffin.

As well as the walk, there will be entertainment, displays, stalls, giveaways and other activities.

Whatever your age, whether you're a pet owner or not, you're invited to join the fun!

For more information or to register go to [www.millionpawswalk.com.au](http://www.millionpawswalk.com.au)

### 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.

## 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

# Meet the Instructor: Anne Butler

*Anne is Head Instructor and on Sunday mornings, you can find her helping teams at Obedience trialling levels as well as encouraging other instructors at the club and training up future instructors.*

## **How long have you been training your dog(s)?**

I started training in 1983 at the ACT Companion Dog Club with a male Rottweiler who had suddenly decided that he was the toughest dog on the block. I did my first instructor's training there about 18 months later.

I trained three Rottweilers up to trialling level. Then in the '90s I developed an interest in Hungarian Vizslas after judging them a number of obedience trials. I got my first "V", Ash. Following Ash CD, we have trained Bonnie CD, Jasper CD, Merlin RN, Krikitt, Kiri, Bootsie and, soon to start, Beetle.



Training has been a bit sporadic over the last couple of years, but I am hoping to get started with Kiri and Beetle when the weather cools off.

## **What do you like most about training your dog(s)?**

I find that training develops a closer bond between me and my dogs and it is a joy to watch them develop their skills. The Vs, being working gundogs, thrive on using their brains, being taught new things and just hanging out with their people.

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

Keep expanding your knowledge of dog behaviour and training methods. And remember to think outside the box, solutions can come from the strangest directions.

## **Why did you decide to be an instructor?**

Training my own dogs was very rewarding and I found the development of other dogs in the class interesting. I also wanted to give back to the club who had helped me with my initial problems.

This feeling of satisfaction has continued throughout my instructing career. Whether it's seeing a group of beginners who were a rabble at week one, all doing a beautiful group sit stay at week seven; a member of a trialling class who gains a title; or a dog with a difficult problem that we have worked through and conquered, it is a real buzz to have had that success.

## **What is your biggest challenge as an instructor?**

Getting out of bed on a Sunday morning!!!

Seriously, it is probably always looking at ways of making the classes interesting – having a good balance between talk and movement, to have handlers go away each week feeling that they have achieved something and to have them tell me that their dogs know when it's Sunday morning and can't wait to get to "school".

### **How do you spend your time with your dogs when it's not Sunday morning?**

Being out on a property we enjoy getting out in the paddocks for a walk (when it's NOT snake season!) They are also up for helping with fencing, collecting firewood or feeding the cattle.

They have a 3-acre house paddock to play in when we are out with them and they also supervise feeding the poultry and any yard work that is going on. Vs are a breed that are happy just to hang out as well so, in the house, they are happy just to veg out and watch TV or help with the baking.

Beetle is multi-skilling and learning to herd cattle. He now rounds up the cows and sees them out of the house paddock when they sneak in.

### **As head instructor, what would be one piece of advice you'd like to give all the other instructors at our club?**

Always keep your mind open. One of our mentors in early training said that at 81 he was still learning about dogs and training.

Since I started training there has been a big change in training philosophies, from Command, Correction, Praise to mainly motivational training; and there are new methods and ideas appearing all the time. The internet has also opened up a world of training and problem-solving information.

The other thing is, if you get stuck with a problem dog in your class, don't forget the resource of the other instructors in the club. There is a wealth of knowledge there to use.

# Meet the Instructor: Jodie Moore

*Jodie can be found on Sunday mornings helping teams in either Beginners, Intermediate or Advanced classes, as well as training her own puppy Nix.*

## **How long have you been training your dog(s)?**

I started training Ziggy with the club about five years ago. Previously, I had trained two other dogs up to Advanced class but that was about 15 years ago.

## **What do you like most about training your dog(s)?**

It's a great way to build an even stronger bond with my dogs, it's fun (when you make it fun). I prefer to use a training in drive program that brings a whole other level of fun to training my dogs.

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



Make the training short and lots of fun and your dog will always look to you for more training (and fun!) We all go through the paces with our dogs but that same old plodding along gets tedious, even for the most patient handler and dog. Add a few games into the mix and it brings training onto a whole other platform.

## **Why did you decide to be an instructor?**

I had a rough start training Ziggy; he'd had no training at all when I found him in the pound at about 6 months old. I did the basics at home but when he became a teenager, he became quite a handful. A behaviourist told me that I should NEVER take him to obedience because he wasn't the sort of dog that would fit in. After 6 months of working with her with very little improvement, I joined the Queanbeyan District Dog Training Club. With the help from the more experienced instructors (specifically Fay and Anne), Zig and I ended making huge progress!

I wanted to help the club out for all the help they have given me over the years with my boy and now Nixxy (my new girl) and all the foster dogs that I have brought to training over the years.

## **What is your biggest challenge as an instructor?**

Putting the theory into practice: what works for one dog, won't always work for the next one. Developing new procedures/tips and tricks that will help the next handler in my classes. For example, last term, I had my first deaf dog in class; we had to use hand signals only and it was a learning curve for all of us.

## **How do you spend your time with your dogs when it's not Sunday morning?**

I take the dogs for early morning walks or up to the local leash free park for a run. We also venture out dog friendly events around town, like the markets. I love it when we all have a sleep in (not a regular thing, although I wish it was).

Zig has been in a formal obedience trial and my goal is to get Nix onto obedience trialling.