

Queanbeyan and District Dog Training Club Inc

THE NEWSHOUND

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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 Report

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.

Now it is time to start training your dog. Just a tip...training is not just about the lessons at the club; it is about all the moments you have with your dog. Sitting with them, taking them for a walk, playing fetch; keep them interested and focused. Any learning is increased when you are having fun.

This summer has been hot and dry and unfortunately our grounds have suffered greatly. We acknowledge there are multiple burr patches and that your dogs will pick up these burrs very easily. Please take the time and brush your dog after training to prevent any irritations. Having a small Shih-Tzu cross myself, I understand this will be a time-consuming. Allow some extra time and don't rush; 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.

On the grounds, the committee is looking into ways to combat the burrs and have lined up a subcommittee to help with this. This way we can start introducing some strategies to combat the pesky burrs. If you would like to help, please get in touch with a member in a red shirt or email ground@queanbeyandogs.org.au

There are a number of fires in and around the ACT, and this has resulted in a health hazard due to the smoke. We will understand that on days when the smoke is particularly heavy, members may not wish to come to training. If the air quality is considered to be at a hazardous level we will advise, via Facebook and Website, that training has been cancelled.

This doesn't mean your training needs to stop. It just means you have to get creative. Use the time at home to go through the exercises that you have learnt. It needs only to last 5 minutes. Good habits and training are formed through consistent repetition. Make the most of your time with your dog and make it exciting.

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.

2019 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 Assessment Day scores Ros Bush with Missy



Best Junior Handler Haley Chacos with Apollo



Most Improved

Amy Weatherby with Bruno



Encouragement Award

Ray Kwong with Bundy



Best Gentleman Handler:

Sean McPadden with Duchess

Best Lady Handler:

Amara Stranger with Spock

Titles:

Victor Grzeskiewicz

Uhlmsdorf Black Label CDX
UD (Jaxson)

O.CH

Victor Grzeskiewicz

Uhlmsdorf Taylor Swift CDX
UD (Taylor)

O.CH

Susan Matthews

Waiwailta Mustang Sally CCD

CD

Wayne Kelly

Vladimer Klass Act UD ET
(Danny)

Tracking Dog (TD)

Karen Hore

Ch Hillmagic Golden Calypso AZ
(Mia)

CCD, RA, RE

Karen Hore

CH Hillmagic Platnum Nokosi AZ
(Jia)

CCD, RA

Assessment Day – 15 December 2019

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: Anita Fraser

- 1st Fiona Harrison with Dougal
- 2nd Sue Madge with Morgana
- 3rd Kelli Miles with Benny



Also passed: Ray Kwong with Bundy, Terese Muller with Missy, Rachel Samsa with Sidney.

Beginners Ring 2 Judge: Carmen Kong

- 1st Margrit Sedlacek with Mia
- 2nd Liane Barros with Chief
- 3rd Ashley Robson with Teddy



Also passed: Luke Donaldson with Baxter, Tracee Holz with Monty, Makayla Holz with Gypsy.

Intermediate Ring 4 Judge: Kathy Griffiths

- 1st Jenni Lenard with Lilah
- 2nd Chris Whittington with Erica
- 3rd Sue Madge with Buster



Also passed: Fiona Hale with Polly.

Intermediate Ring 5 Judge: Jodie Moore

- 1st Shalya Lester with Tyrion
- 2nd Lauren Dufail with Chief
- 3rd Laura Dawson with Macy





Also passed: Kerri Gisik with Picco.

Advanced Ring 6 Judge: John Bernardi

- 1st Haley Chacos with Apollo
- 2nd Kerrie Medvecky with Penny
- 3rd Amy Weatherby with Bruno



Community Companion Dog (CCD) Judge: Rhonda Daley

1st Jennifer Woodward with Stella

88/100



“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

The QDDTC President, would like to acknowledge that due to the hot dry weather conditions, the club grounds are very dry and contain multiple burr patches.

This year, with the help of our Grounds Subcommittee we plan on implementing some improvement strategies.

Please understand that while the committee is dedicated in achieving a better grounds area, it will take some time to accomplish

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

18 Saturday ACT Companion Dog Club – Double Rally Obedience Trial
30 Thursday **QDDTC Committee meeting 6.30pm**

February

9 Sunday **QDDTC Term 1 commences**
27 Thursday **QDDTC Committee meeting 6.30pm**

March

7 Saturday ACT Companion Dog Club – Double Rally Obedience Trial
14 Friday ACT Companion Dog Club – Obedience Trial
26 Thursday **QDDTC Committee meeting 6.30pm**

April

4 Saturday Belconnen Dog Obedience Club – Double Obedience Trial
5 Sunday **QDDTC Term 1 Assessment Day and Easter Raffle**
30 Thursday **QDDTC Committee meeting 6.30pm**

May

3	Sunday	QDDTC Term 2 commences
9	Saturday	Dogs ACT State Titles – Obedience and Rally
10	Sunday	Dogs ACT State Titles – Obedience and Rally
25	Saturday	Tuggeranong Dog Training Club – Double Rally Obedience Trial
28	Thursday	QDDTC Committee meeting 6.30pm



**Our Easter Raffle is a major fundraiser for your Club
It will be drawn on Term 1, 2020 Assessment day
5th April 2020**

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

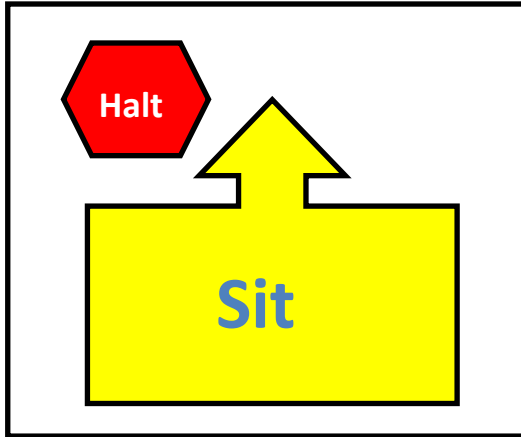
You can leave your donation here in the box or give it to any committee member.

Suggested Items:

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



Rally O



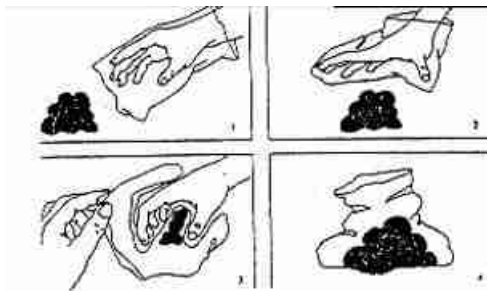
Rally O classes are now being held Sundays, each Term at **9 - 10am**, 2nd week of each term.

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](#) and you will be asked to deposit the Rally O training fee of \$30.

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.

Meet the Instructor: Jan Loose

Jan is the Secretary of the club. On Sunday mornings, she can be found training in CCD.



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

The first dog I trained was a very independent Bearded Collie back in 1988 at Berwick Obedience Dog Club in Victoria. Following that I trained a mini Schnauzer cross (Moorabbin obedience & agility, Berwick flyball) and Jack Russell cross (Moorabbin obedience).

My current dog Sherlock (cattle dog cross) began his training at Moorabbin Obedience Dog Club (Victoria) before we relocated to NSW/ACT in 2015. I joined Queanbeyan club and still enjoy bringing him to CCD classes when I can fit it in. As well as obedience, we have had a go at Recreation classes and Rally-O at this club, and Introduction to Noseworks (at Canberra Noseworks Training).

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

Training different breeds with different personalities means there is always something new to learn and keep each dog stimulated, challenged and happy. They have all found a way to surprise me.

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

Mainly to be confident and have fun while training. The important thing is to be consistent both in class and at home and in the timing of rewards.



Why did you decide to be an instructor?

After moving interstate, I was looking for new challenges. Since being asked to become an instructor, I have enjoyed the opportunity to pass on my knowledge to other handlers and watch them succeed in their training goals. I have found it has improved my relationship with my own dog and my skills as a handler.



What is your biggest challenge as an instructor?

Working with a full class and assessing how to teach handlers and dogs all with different learning capabilities. When we can solve a problem or achieve a goal, it is really satisfying.

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

When my children were younger and living at home we always had two dogs at a time and life was busy. Visiting a holiday house and walking along the beach was a favourite pastime in Victoria. Now back to one dog I am looking forward to more road trips and holidays where he can come too. Sherlock also loves exploring, chasing the ball on our 3-acre block and supervising our landscaping projects.