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The Hills Dog Club Committee welcomes you back to training and wishes you a wonderfully successful year ahead.

Bring on 2024!



Club volunteers - on the last Monday night of training - a successful Christmas celebration organised for members with BBQ, prizes, photo bay and fun training in classes! Great work and a wonderful team!

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Editorial

Happy New Year and welcome back to the club for 2024!

The New Year offers a fresh start, a chance to reassess your dog training goals, and commit to best training resolutions, providing an opportunity for personal growth. Make 2024 your best year!

My resolutions always focus on well-being, continuous learning, and cherished moments with friends, family, and Syrus – and especially aiming to make the Howler a newsletter you genuinely enjoy reading every month!

The club is excited to welcome new members and their puppies and to see how members have progressed during the break.

You may wish to contribute to the club's newsletter, and we absolutely do want to hear from you and appreciate all contributions! If you are unsure about your item or topic - contact me on thehowlerHDC@gmail.com. I will get back to you or call you if you prefer.

This month I hope you enjoy hearing from two of our busy instructors and enjoy our researcher's contributions about training and health.

The membership renewal form is attached for your completion as well as a Nomination form for the Committee positions which are vacated at the AGM in early April, you may wish to consider nominating someone for the club's committee or take on one of the many roles.

Narelle B Editor

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- Name of Owner
- Name of Dog
- Name of Activity
- Date of Activity

Christmas Memories



To our members, thank you for making it a fun time with your dogs!

Reports

President's Report

Carole Hatley

Welcome Back to 2024!

I would sincerely like to welcome all our committee, office ladies, instructors and all our members back to the club for another year. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a happy New Year and are keen to start the New Year with your dog back at training.

We have lots to look forward to this year with a new batch of trainee instructors keen to learn and pass their instructor's course for 2024.

We have an extra Scentwork trial scheduled for this year allowing more entries to be taken and offering more elements available to each class.

April 3rd will be our AGM and we hope to be able to give out lots of awards, trophies and medallions. So, get those entries in! Anyone who has competed this year in any ANKC sport and received a title may apply. Anyone who has competed in Rally and Obedience may also be entitled to a medallion for their performances (criteria applies). So, look up your results and download the form and rules to see if you are eligible. Entries close on 13 February 2024.

We also have a number of our members taking judges courses this year in obedience, rally and tricks so we wish them well in their endeavours. This can only be a good thing for our club as well to have these people available to us as mentors and instructors. Good luck!

Whether you are returning to learn more with your dog, build a better relationship, to maybe learn to compete or are a competitor I hope you have an enjoyable year with Hills Dog Club.

Chief Instructor's Report

Lea-Ann Laughton

Happy New Year everyone!



This year is looking great with a new course beginning for trainee instructors - good luck team I know you are going to enjoy the sessions and learn lots from the homework.

Additionally, I have been working with a subcommittee to update the manuals for instructors and members. We have to continually update and move with the times and ensure we have the best practice. I am certainly grateful for the consultation of our instructors, committee, office workers and their commitment to this process.

I am looking forward to joining in classes this year to see how you are going - it helps me to see how we can improve and ensure we are consistent and that your time at the club is the best for you and your dog.

Meet Your Instructors

Meet Kerry Richards Co-ordinator for Puppies 1-4 on Monday nights and Instructor Tuesday mornings

Your Dog – Tia, a 9-year-old black Labrador

What makes your dog special? Because she is mine. Tia is always happy to do anything with me. Tia will eat anything lol - a Labrador.

Length of time at the Hills Dog Club and the best advice given to you. I became a member in Feb 1993. Advice - Be patient. Step back and take a look at what the dog can see.

Activities you do with your dog - I have done Obedience, Rally, Agility and Scent work. I currently do only home activities with what Tia has learnt and walking trails local to me.

What keeps you busy? Hill Dog Club, my dog Tia, my 5 chickens, grandchildren, vet puppy classes and work.

Your favourite quote - “A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than you love yourself.”

What would you tell a new dog handler? Have fun with your new dog.



Meet Nat Conway Beginners 1- 4 Instructor and Publicity officer on the Hills Dog Club Committee

Your Dog - Sadly, none at the moment but our home has been filled over the years with a beautiful Border Collie named Rex, a family dog BC x Kelpie named Peppa and an amazing BC Kai, plus foster carer and have housed over 150 dogs in the last 10 years.

What makes your dog special? Each and every dog that has come through our home is special, and each has taught me how to become the trainer I am.

Length of time at the dog club and best advice given 9 fab years and the best advice given to me was from our previous Chief Instructor Dianne where she would often say “suck lemons, it’s what you make of a situation, don’t complain, make a positive change.”

Activities you do with your dog

We did obedience, competition nose work, bush walks, took on holidays, the beach and their antics were often used on my Facebook page.

Share a little about what keeps you busy

I am a certified and qualified Dog Trainer (13 years). I also work casually as a Senior Behaviour and Rehabilitation Trainer within an awesome team. Foster Care, specialising in the “Puppy farm dogs” and “mums and pups”. Lastly, I enjoy travelling overseas with my daughter yearly to volunteer at various Dog Shelters, this has to be my highlight!



Your favourite quote - I have many so putting in two. 1. "Dog Training is a never-ending process of evolving" Ivan Balabanov and 2. "Minds are like parachutes – they only function when open" Thomas Dewar.

What would you tell a new dog handler? As a new dog handler, remember you have much to learn, and every dog will teach you something new. This then makes you a great dog handler.

Promotions - December 2023

Graduate to Intermediate

Owners Name	Dog Name
Vlodek	Missy Australian Shepherd
Jessica	Replay Border Collie
Stuart	Frodo Mix/Staffordshire Terrier

Intermediate to Advanced

Owners Name	Dog Name
Amy	Bodhi Golden Retriever

Congratulations everyone!

Caution - Antifreeze (Ethylene Glycol)

Contributor: Narelle B

Antifreeze, or automotive radiator coolant, is the most readily available source of ethylene glycol. This colourless, odourless, possibly sweet-tasting liquid is highly toxic to dogs.

Unfortunately, dogs and cats find the liquid quite tasty and will eagerly drink it up when given the chance.

Antifreeze poisoning affects the gastrointestinal tract, liver, brain, and kidneys. Once ingested, ethylene glycol is rapidly absorbed from the stomach and metabolised in the liver, leading to acute kidney failure.

Aside from antifreeze, there are many other sources of ethylene glycol, *including windshield de-icing agents, brake fluid, motor oil, photography developing solutions, wood stains, solvents, inks/printer cartridges, eye masks and snow globes.*

The diagnosis of antifreeze poisoning is made by blood and urine tests.

Treatment for antifreeze poisoning needs to be started as soon after ingestion as possible to be effective. The earlier treatment is started, the greater the chance of survival. Once kidney failure develops, most animals will die.

Prevention is essential:

- Keep new and used antifreeze in a sealed, leak-proof container.
- Dispose of antifreeze at recycling centres – don't pour it on the ground.
- Check driveways for puddles of antifreeze that may have leaked from the car.
- Take care in walking your dog around garages or service stations where antifreeze may have leaked.
- Don't allow your dog to drink from water on the ground - it could be toxic.

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Children on the Grounds

Contributor: Narelle B

A reminder to all parents/caregivers with children.

1. Children under the age of seven years cannot be a club member. (It can be hazardous to have young children on the field when dogs are in training - they may inadvertently run into another group, or may be doing something that can cause reactions with dogs, e.g. rolling around on the ground, running and on the odd occasion fighting with siblings, crying, screaming etc.) Younger children are often unhappy that they are unable to participate.



It is hard being so young!!

Please ensure children under 7 do not have hold of the dog's lead at any time on the field and are supervised and cared for while you are with the dog and any other child.

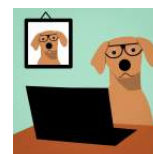
2. **Child Membership** - A child 7 - under 12 must join as part of an adult's membership, either in Family or Dual category. An adult of this family membership must be with the child in class and on the field at all times. Please supervise your child and the dog to ensure the child can manage and control the dog from pulling across to other dogs and people.
3. The Instructor may ask the adult to take over the training of the dog at any time. Not all children can manage the hour long training, manage a strong dog and listen to the instructor. Please help them participate as best they can and take over when needed. Perhaps share the session: 15 minutes for the child and the remainder for the adult.
4. **Junior Membership** is for those aged 12-16. The Parent or Guardian cannot take over the dog unless they are a member of the club. In Junior Membership there is no requirement for the parent or guardian to be in the class however they must be on the grounds.

We want to ensure everyone is safe at the Hills Dog Club and have a positive experience.

Just for Laughs

What do you get when you cross a dog and a calculator?

A friend you can count on.



Using the Marker Word

Contributor: Vanessa Van Vugt - Researcher Training

In dog training, the marker word serves as an easy way to communicate your approval and allows your dog to know it will be rewarded for a desired behaviour.

- The marker word tells the dog "Yes! What you did is what I want and gets you a treat!" The word acts as an opportunity (a bridge), to give you time to deliver the reward to your dog for a job well done!

Using a marker word like "yes" allows for a delay between the desired behaviour and the delivery of the treat.

- A marker word makes it easier to reward small steps and helps your dog focus when in distracting environments with just one word! How easy!!

Using marker words is a powerful tool - helping to recognise and reward good behaviour, it will strengthen your bond with your dog and encourage them to repeat the positive actions. It's a win-win for building a strong relationship and encouraging desired behaviours.



Can I use a different Marker Word?

Of course, some common markers are: Yep, Ok, Good or a Snap of your fingers. For deaf dogs or dogs losing their hearing you could also try a thumbs up.

- Your dog will soon be waiting for you to say the marker word as he learns that a treat will follow!

To help make your marker word the best ever word your dog wants you to say, pair it with a high value (yummiest) treat to create a positive association. Short and easy marker words work best. Your dog will find the reward exciting, motivating and will want to repeat the desired behaviour to get another treat. The yummiest rewards reinforce good behaviour!

Avoid using the marker word during unwanted behaviours like jumping or barking. Most dogs catch on quickly, typically within one or two training sessions.

Tips for using a Marker Word

- If you say the marker word, a treat must follow.
- Practice using the marker word consistently, with the same tone of voice, volume and length (positive and happy).
- Don't use the marker word to get your dog's attention. A marker is not a cue or command!
- Use your marker word when practising behaviours around distracting or new environments.

Practice Pairing the Marker Word

- Have 5 to 10 small training treats ready. Use a treat pouch as it makes it easy to grab and deliver a treat quickly.
- Say your marker word. Try to keep your body as still as possible, this will prevent your dog from watching or learning "your hand moving towards the treat pouch" as the 'marker'.
- Ideally, the delivery of the treat follows within 1-2 seconds of the marker word.
- Repeat until you use up all your treats and then finish the training session with some play and pats for your dog.

What's the Difference Between a Marker Word and a Clicker?

Marker words and clicker training work in the same way, with one being verbal and the other mechanical. While clickers are effective, we often forget to carry them with us – we can't forget to carry our voice! Some dogs may find the loud click of the clicker unsettling, making a spoken word a more comfortable alternative for them.

Why Phase Out Treats?

Contributor: Vanessa Van Vugt - Researcher Training

Most behaviours (come, sit, drop, stay etc) are initially taught and strengthened using food rewards.

Owners often ask instructors how soon they can phase out the use of treats when training their dog.

Why would you want to do that? Except for the rare occasions when your dog can't eat temporarily for medical reasons, or in competition, training with treats is the most effective way to teach your dog behaviours you want them to learn.

Food treats are a universal reinforcer.

Consider this: Phasing out treats is like having your boss stop paying you at the end of the week and just patting you on the shoulder and saying, "Good job!" instead. We would soon be looking for another job. Your dog learns in a similar way.

Carrying treats with you and being quite generous with them frequently but not every time they do something, makes it quite likely that they will happily repeat a desired behaviour.

Play can also be a very high value reinforcer, even if you're generous with treats.

Some dogs get quite excited about a game of tug after a training session. Praise, consistently paired with your happy voice, high value treats and a favourite game, can be a useful reinforcer when food and toys aren't an option.

It is possible to train a dog with positive reinforcement and without food – it's just not the fastest, easiest, or most effective way to go about it.

Look out for a future article on this subject.

Recipe

Contributor: Narelle B with thanks to Tia for using her well equipped kitchen!

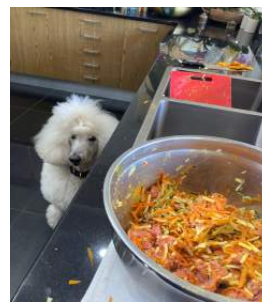
Have you ever wondered what other people feed their dogs? Here's a simple recipe from a member.



Mince meat (can combine Pork and Lamb), Eggs, Grated Cheese, Vegetables, a pinch of Turmeric and Cinnamon (can add different vegetables or leave out items as preferred by your dog!)



Grate vegetables or chop in a food processor.



Combine all ingredients - it helps to have the dog supervise this process!



Voila! After 40 mins at 180 degrees in the oven. Can be frozen and if you are peckish go ahead and join them!

What Would Your Dog Say?

Does My Dog Love Other Dogs?

Just like people, dogs have different levels of tolerance for other dogs.

As a dog matures, he or she will often quite naturally become less social and tolerant. There are many developmental changes that happen between sexual and social maturity, and most dogs will continue to display these changes until two to three years of age. Proper facilitation of dog-dog introductions and friendships can change your dog's sociability for the better over time, and bad experiences can quickly make things worse. Good leadership and direction is important to set your dog up for success with their species.



DOG SOCIAL

I generally LOVE all dogs, even the ones who get in my face and do rude, annoying stuff. I am either a PUPPY or a VERY SOCIAL ADULT.

**Most puppies start here*



DOG TOLERANT

I get along with most dogs. I am generally tolerant of rude behavior, and stay pretty calm on leash. I'm cool and relaxed, and have good communication skills.



DOG SELECTIVE

I have dog friends but am picky about new dogs. Seeing unfamiliar dogs when I am on leash is really stressful. I don't cope well with some types of dogs or styles of interaction. I need human supervision, positive guidance, and proper introductions.



DOG AGGRESSIVE

NOPE. Not into other dogs. If I have to select 1 or 2 dog friends, I am super sensitive around them too, and may act like a jerk when triggered. I need extra management and patience from my humans, whom I love more than dogs!

A dog's social tolerance changes over time and is flexible and manageable!

#respectfordogs

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Source: paws4udogs.wordpress.com/2017/02/16/understanding-dog-dog-sociability

Secret Lives of our Members!

Whose dog is in demand on TV?

Lea-Ann's Archie of course - filming last month for Critical Incidents, a new series in 2024. Filming took place in Blacktown with Archie popular with all the actors! Archie feels he is now famous and deserves more treats and he has the law on his side!

Well done, Lea-Ann!

Do you have any news to share?



Book Reviews

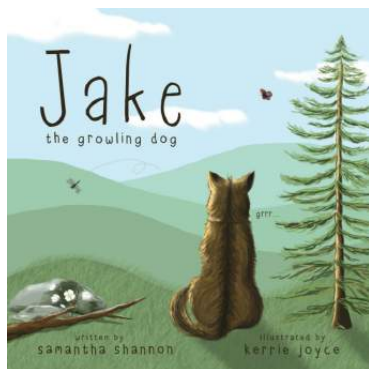
Contributor: Narelle B



Dogs in Literature - People have been writing about dogs for more than 2000 years. The earliest books were about working dogs. Fictional characters appeared in Aesop's Fables written over 500 years BCE, where the Greek storyteller used dogs as a way of illustrating human foibles. It was only in later centuries that dogs were written about as pets and treated with personalities of their own.

Let us know about your favourite dog book!

Dogs Books for Children - do you remember reading any of these? The Big Red Dog, Hairy McClary, Honey of a Dog: a Book about a Little Dachshund or Nike the adventuring therapy dog? However, this is the one that caught my eye this month:



Jake the Growling Dog is a fun-loving tale about kindness, acceptance, friendship, and diversity.

Author and licensed school counsellor, Samantha Shannon, and illustrator and art educator, Kerrie Joyce, spotlight Jake, who is different from the other dogs and critters. With a little help and understanding, the others learn to love Jake despite his differences.

This timely children's book about feelings, friendship, dogs, kindness, and diversity is packed with tons of fun, while also educating little ones about friendship and how to be kind to others.

Has a dog changed your life? We would love to publish your story! Write to The Howler at thehowlerhdc@gmail.com

Famous Dog Icons

The Dog on the Tuckerbox

In Snake Gully 9 miles from Gundagai rests *The Dog on the Tuckerbox*: An Australian historical monument and tourist attraction. I remember visiting there years ago and was quite surprised to see that it was a small statue. Nothing like the Big Merino or the Big Pineapple, in fact I nearly missed it.

The statue was erected on 28 November 1932 and unveiled at the time by Prime Minister Joseph Lyons. Donations to the wishing well at the base of the monument fund the Gundagai District Hospital. There is quite a history to the dog on the tucker box that can be read on Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dog_on_the_Tuckerbox). The first mention was in a rude poem but then taken up by another into a song that brought more attention to the dog on the tucker box!



His Master's voice

His Master's Voice (1898) is a painting by Francis James Barraud, an English painter (16 June 1856 – 29 August 1924). This painting became one of the most famous commercial logos in the world, having inspired a music industry trademark used by corporations including EMI, HMV, RCA Victor and JVC.

The painting is of a dog named Nipper, ear cocked as he listens to a wind-up gramophone which helped popularise the world of sound recording and brought Barraud worldwide fame.

Can you think of other items that use a dog as a logo or design?

I can think of 4 but I know there are more. How many can you think of?

Dog Breeds - German Shepherd Dog (GSD)

Contributor: Carolyn Becker

The German Shepherd Dog (GSD) breed was started by Captain Max von Stephanitz in Germany around 1890. Captain von Stephanitz, often referred to as the father of the GSD, developed the breed and also established the breed club (the SV), the association which gave its support to developing and perfecting the breed as a great all round working dog.



The first two registered dogs in Germany

Intelligence qualities are crucial, akin to preferring a dog with a good temperament over one that looks fine but lacks the ability to fulfil assigned tasks effectively.

A GSD should give the impression of strength, intelligence and suppleness with harmonious proportions and nothing either overdone or lacking.

"Show" versus "Working Lines"

A show line is often considered to have a sloped back, broader body, angled hindquarters and sometimes incorrectly assumed to have weaker hips.

The working line has much less focus on looks and is **very high** energy, **high** drive, fearless, has a strong work ethic, extremely intelligent, confident in all they do, and have nerves of steel so they do not back down to threats.

Both "types" should be "steady of nerve", attentive, loyal, calm yet self-assured, alert, courageous and physically resilient, characteristics for a versatile working dog.

Nervousness, shyness and over-aggressiveness are serious faults.

GSDs come in a variety of colours – the most common is black & tan, or sable, however there are an increasing number of all blacks coming to popularity in Australia at the moment and as well as many bi-coloureds in the working lines. White is considered a breed fault.

To ensure suitability of breeding, animals are screened (Xray) over 12 months of age for hip and elbow dysplasia and are issued an 'A' stamp for hips and a 'Z' stamp for elbows. Animals over 18 months of age are also put through a breed survey scheme to evaluate the quality of breeding stock, these animals must have their A&Z stamps, present with a 5-generation pedigree, and measured, weighed, checked for correct dentition and assessed for correct construction and soundness of nerves.

There are 2 coat types recognised within the breed, Stock Coat (short coat) and Long Stock Coat (long coat). In 2011 the long coats were recognised as a separate variety and can now be shown.

Two short coats or 1 long and 1 short coat can produce either long or short coat puppies however 2 long coats can only produce long coats. Until the last 2 years, intervariety breeding was not allowed, however, intervariety breeding is now permitted.



Black and gold long stock coat puppy!



Above photo has done the rounds of Facebook for years as an example of how different one dog can look when set up differently.

People often refer to “straight” or “roached” back. These terms are misleading, as most GSDs can be set up to look like either. The following photo shows the same animal set up in numerous different ways:

Health issues

- **Hip & Elbow dysplasia** is an issue in many large dog breeds. Reputable breeders scan all breeding stock for suitable hips and elbows to try to minimise the chances of problems. The German Shepherd Council of Australia has a very rigid scheme for screening breeding stock.
- **Bloat** is also known as gastric dilatation and volvulus (GDV) and is a condition where the stomach twists and fills with gas. This can be fatal however most breeders will give their puppy buyers some clear guidelines on feeding and exercise to help avoid this terrible condition.
- **Cancers** common in this breed are mammary and prostate, particularly in unneutered animals, and spleen cancer.
- **Fly Bite** often occurs where flies are attracted to the GSD ears and failure to use preventative treatments can lead to flies actually eating away large portions of the tips of the ears.

Sports

Being a versatile and athletic breed GSDs are suited to numerous activities – to name a few:

- ANKC obedience, agility, nosework, endurance titles, limited number of dancing with dogs, sheep herding, flyball and lure coursing.
- IGP/Schutzhund is the German Style working titles and includes obedience, tracking and “Character” work (which is illegal in most states).

Working Uses

- Police, customs, drug detection, bomb detection, security work and of course assistance dogs.

NSW Breed Club is the German Shepherd Dog League.

Next Month: Whippet and Rhodesian Ridgeback

Mark your Diaries

Month/Date and Time	Event	Location
February 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th February at 7pm • 6th February at 10.30am • 14th February at 7.30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training recommences • Training recommences • General Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Grounds • Dog Grounds • Clubhouse
March 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13th March 2024 • 19th March 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Meeting • Membership due 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubhouse
April 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd April 2024 • 8th April 2024 • 27th April 2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual General Meeting • General Meeting • Scentwork Trial Novice and Advanced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubhouse • Clubhouse • Dog Grounds
May 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8th May 2024 • 11th May 2024 (Sat) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Meeting • Obedience and Rally Trial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubhouse • Dog Grounds
June 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st June 2024 (Sat) • 12th June 2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scent Work Trial Excellent and Masters only • General Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Grounds • Clubhouse
July 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10th July 2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubhouse
August 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14th August 2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubhouse
September 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 September 2024 • 15 September 2024 • 28 September 2024 • 29 September 2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Meeting • Scent Work Trial • 2 All breeds Championship shows • All Breeds Championship Show 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Grounds • Clubhouse • Dog Grounds (AM & PM) • Dog Grounds (AM)
October 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 October 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubhouse
November 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 November 2024 • 13 November 2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trick Dog and Rally Trial • General Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evening • Clubhouse
December 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th December 2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubhouse

Notes:

Link to 2024 Show and Trials Guide

<https://www.dogsnsw.org.au/media/5795/2024-show-trial-calendar-website.pdf>

Sometimes dates change so always check!

HDC Ground Rules

Ground Rules

1. **Vaccinations:** As a condition of membership, all dogs are required to be properly vaccinated according to current veterinary guidelines.
2. **Dog Behaviour:** Members are responsible at all times for the behaviour of their dog/s whilst present on the training grounds or representing the club.
3. **Appropriate Equipment:** All dogs must have properly fitted equipment and remain on lead at all times (unless instructed otherwise by a club instructor). No check/choker chains are to be used on any dogs in Puppy, Beginners or Graduate classes.
4. **No Ill-treatment:** A member shall not ill-treat a dog at any time. Any such action may give rise to suspension or expulsion from the Club by resolution of the Committee.
5. **Bitches in Season:** Bitches in season and/or dog/s which are unwell or have an infectious condition are not permitted on the obedience training grounds.
6. **Clean up after Dogs:** Members are to pick up after their dog/s and help keep the grounds clean and tidy.
7. **Sensible Footwear/Clothing:** Adequate sensible dress with appropriate footwear (no thongs, scuffs or bare feet) is required to be worn by handlers during training.
8. **Supervision Required:** Dogs are not to be left unattended whilst on the training grounds unless crated or tethered in a safe area. Members are reminded not to approach dogs that are confined. All dogs are to be kept under control and supervised while at the counter or in the clubhouse.
9. **Muzzles:** The Club reserves the right to ask any member to muzzle or in extreme cases, remove their dog/s from the training grounds. If a muzzle is required, this must remain in place whilst on the club grounds. This will be at the discretion of the Committee.
10. **Club Equipment Use:** Members who use Club equipment must ensure it is returned to the storeroom and stored correctly after classes are conducted.
11. **Child/Junior Handlers:** Children are welcome to attend classes provided they are supervised by an adult/parent/ guardian at all times. This will be at the discretion of the class/chief instructor.
 - o Child members (aged 7 to 11) are to be accompanied by an adult/ parent/guardian in classes
 - o Junior members (aged 12 to 15 under adult/parent/guardian supervision on grounds) are welcome to train provided they have sufficient control of their dog during classes.

Extreme Weather Cancellations

To protect you and your dog in the event of extreme weather conditions (heat or rain) classes will be cancelled.

Check our website and Facebook page for updates after the following times:

Monday at 4:00 pm
Tuesday at 7:45 am

www.hillsdogclub.com
www.facebook.com/hillsdogclub

Hills Dog Club Inc. Training Times

Monday at 6.45pm
Puppies (first night) under 20 weeks
- allow time to register!

Monday at 7pm
Puppies 2 (from 12 to 20 weeks),
Beginners 1 to 8, Graduate &
Intermediate classes.

Monday at 8pm
Advanced class.

Tuesday at 10:30 am
All Classes.

*NOTE: Classes are not held on Public Holidays
Tuesday classes are not held in School
Holidays*

Equipment for Sale at the Club House

Equipment such as collars, leads, haltis, dumbbells and more are available for sale at the clubhouse.

Our wonderful instructors will help with advice and fitting!

Sudoku

		6		5			3	
	1				6			
7			2	8		1		
	8		7		3		2	
9					5	3	7	
	7	4						
				4		6		
5		1				9	8	4
		9			1	2	5	

Each row, column and square (9 spaces each) needs to be filled out with the numbers 1-9, without repeating any numbers within the row, column or square. Does it sound complicated? As you can see from the image above, each Sudoku grid comes with a few spaces already filled in; the more spaces filled in, the easier the game.

Would you like to contribute your skills to the club?

We would love for you to become more involved in the dog club. If you feel you would like to help out or have a skill that might be useful, please email Narelle at thehowlerHDC@gmail.com.
*Photography, Computer input, Website design, office assistance,
Equipment set up / repair, etc*

HDC Membership

2024 Memberships can be renewed now until the
19th March 2024

The form is attached and available on the website.

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Agenda Hills Dog Club Inc General Meeting

Hills Dog Club Committee 2023 - 2024		14 February 2024, HDC Clubhouse, 7:30pm
Position	Name	Agenda
President Vice President Vice President Secretary Assistant Secretary Treasurer Assistant Treasurer Chief Instructor Trial Secretary Show Secretary Public Officer Publicity Officer Education Officer Equipment Officer Registrar	Carole Hately Bob Watters Anne Small Jane Lamont Belvane Parsons Lynne Sheather Janet Power Lea-Ann Laughton Judy McCartney Janet Power Lynne Sheather Natalie Conway Genevieve Young Bob Watters Jane Lamont	All Club members are welcome to attend. 1. Open Meeting 2. Attendance and Apologies 3. Confirmation of Minutes. 4. Business arising from the Minutes. 5. Correspondence 6. Treasurer Report 7. New Members 8. Chief Instructors Report 9. Education Officer Report 10. Show Secretary Report 11. Trial Secretary Report 12. Publicity Officer report 13. Club Trophy Secretary Report
Committee Members	Karen Richardson Carolyn Jensen Michelle Raymond Kathy Zaia Kathy Cocks Peter Guenther	<u>General Business</u> Ground Rules 2024 Interclub
Trophy Stewards Trial: Show: Club: Patrons:	Jessica Leckie Janice Lyons Carole Hately Mayor, Dr Peter Gangemi Mrs Luci Ellem Ms Peta Clarke	
Life Members	Peter Guenther Hazel Baldwin (deceased) Dianne Atkins (deceased) Janet Power Belvane Parsons Anne Small, Betty Cansdale (deceased) Robyn Jones Janice Lyons Vicki Gresser Lynne Sheather	

Contact for Club Committee Members infohillsdogclub@gmail.com

Hills Dog Club Awards - Changes

Contributor: Carole Hately

PLEASE READ!

CHANGES to CRITERIA for ALL HILLS DOG CLUB INC. AWARDS



There have been some important changes to all Hills Dog Club Inc. awards criteria this year. It is important that you read and understand these forms before submitting your entries.

- Entries will close on Tuesday 13th February. No late entries will be accepted – please do not ask for an extension.
- Entries should be posted to The Secretary, Hills Dog Club Inc., PO Box 392, Round Corner, NSW, 2158 or handed to Carole Hately at the Club at Monday night or Tuesday morning training.
- Recipients of awards and trophies will need to attend the Hills Dog Club Inc. AGM on the 3 April 2024 to collect their awards.
- Please read the new criteria for all Obedience & Rally levels, and for the Iris Bollinger Memorial Trophy **and the new Iris Bollinger Novice Memorial Trophy**
- Please note that the Dianne Atkins Perpetual Trophy for Highest Achievement in Canine Competition will be awarded only to competitors in ANKC approved dog sports.
- In the past, we have permitted qualifying certificates to be viewed and verified at the office. This will no longer be the case. From now on, photocopies of relevant documentation must be attached to your application. Applications via email or phone will not be accepted.
- Please make sure your application for Obedience & Rally Awards and Trophies (point score awards) has copies of the qualifying cards attached.
- When applying for Title Trophies you must attach a copy of the updated Title Certificate issued by ANKC. Breeder's certificates will not be accepted.
- When completing paperwork, please write your dog's name including any titles you wish to appear before or after your dog's name.
- Finally, because of the number of pages required to print all the information about Hills' awards, this will not appear in *Howler*. To view the full documentation, and to print application forms, please go to our website www.hillsdogclub.com or the files section on the member's Facebook page.

Please note: We believe these new rules are more consistent across all awards and trophies and will make the application process easier for handlers.

Thank you for your patience while we introduce the changes.



MEMBERSHIP Application

Full Year: 1st January - 31st December
infohillsdogclub@gmail.com

Hills Dog Club Inc.
PO Box 392
ROUND CORNER 2158

PERSONAL DETAILS	<input type="checkbox"/> NEW MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL
I/We/Surname/s		
First Name/s		
Address		
Suburb		Postcode
Phone		Email (optional)
Emergency Contact Name		Phone No.
Optional for Dogs NSW Members – Membership Number		
DOG/S DETAILS	(Please bring current Vaccination Cert.)	
Name	Breed	Age
Name	Breed	Age

PLEASE NOTE: Renewals paid after the 3rd Tuesday in March WILL require a new Joining Fee

ASSOCIATE MEMBER (No voting rights) <input type="checkbox"/>	FULL MEMBER (Full voting rights) <input type="checkbox"/>	JUNIOR MEMBER 12yrs and under 16 <input type="checkbox"/>
Joining Fee \$35	Joining Fee \$40	Joining Fee \$25
PLUS Annual Subscription		PLUS Annual Subscription
Adult New Member / Renewal	\$15 <input type="checkbox"/>	New Member / Renewal
Dual New Member / Renewal	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	JUNIOR \$10 <input type="checkbox"/>
Family New Member / Renewal	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	(No voting rights)
<small>Dual/Family membership may include child member/s aged 7yrs to under 12yrs.</small>		

In the event of me/us becoming members, I/we also undertake to be bound by the Constitution of the Hills Dog Club Inc. (the Club). I/we understand that members & dogs train at their own risk & indemnify & hereby waive & release the Club, its members & workers from any and all liability for any injury or damage which I/we, my family, guest or my dog may suffer while on Club grounds or in Club buildings. I/we also declare that ALL dogs trained by me/us on this ground, hold a valid vaccination certificate from a registered veterinarian according to current guidelines.

Signature **Date**

OFFICE USE	
Joining Fee	\$
Membership Fee	\$
Ground Fee	\$
Sales	\$
TOTAL	\$
	Vac. Cert. Sighted
	Tyro/receipt number
	Office Staff Signature

Committee Nomination Form 2024

I hereby nominate: _____
(Please Print)

For the Position of: _____
(See below for listing of positions)

Signature of Nominee: _____

Signature of Proposer: _____

Signature of Secunder: _____

Completed form to be handed to Secretary Mrs Jane Lamont or her Nominee, Mrs Anne Small at the Office counter by 8.00pm Monday 25th March 2024 or posted to the Club Official Address – The Secretary, Hills Dog Club Inc. PO Box 392, Round Corner, NSW, 2158.

No responsibility of liability is accepted for any nomination form handed to any other person or sent to a different address.

Please note the following in the Hills Dog Club Inc. Constitution:

16. (a) A Junior Member, Provisional Member, Associate Member, Child Member, Honorary Member or Honorary Life Member shall not be entitled to vote or take part in the proceedings of a General Meeting and shall not be eligible to hold office but shall be entitled to exercise all other privileges of Membership.

(b) Provisional membership shall not entitle a person to be admitted to any other category of Membership without approval of the Club's Members in General Meeting.

24. There shall be a Committee consisting of the **Office Bearers** and four (4) but no more than six (6) **Members plus Publicity Officer, Show Secretary, Trial Secretary, Chief Instructor, and if appointed, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Registrar, Ground Equipment Officer, Education Officer and Trophy Stewards.**

37. The Office Bearers of the Club shall be: (a) **The President** (b) **Two (2) Vice-Presidents** (c) **The Treasurer** (d) **The Secretary.** All Office bearers must be financial members of Dogs NSW [Reg X 2.6 (a) (b)]