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Monday class closure will be posted at
4.00pm Monday.
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5.00pm Monday.

The mission of the Hills Dog Club is to enhance human-dog relationships through training, education and the promotion of good breeding practices within our community.

G'day from the HDC Committee



G'day again from the HDC Committee,

Our cover photo this month, are graduates from Beginner Class 8, Club Instructor Janice with Morgan her Pembroke Corgi and Jeanette with Tedy, her Pomeranian. Both dogs are working really well and also displaying amazing focus on their handlers and now move up to Graduate class – Congratulations!

Congrats!

In this issue are reports from Club President Carole Hatley and Chief Instructor Lea-Ann Laughton and a report from Carolyn Jensen on the Trick Dog demonstration given by Club members, which was watched and enjoyed by many.

Coming up!

- December 2024 General Meeting 11th December 2024.
- February 2025 General Meeting 12th February 2025.
- Final dates for 2024 Classes – Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th December.

The traditional End of Year Sausage Sizzle and Ice-Cream party will be on Monday night after classes and some 'serious' games, and for Tuesday, there will be a Morning Tea in the Clubhouse, also following classes and games! Everyone is encouraged to dress up in Festive spirit (either yourself or your dog or both) – prizes for the winners and there will be a Christmas photo station. The 8 pm Advanced class Monday 9th will be at 7pm – maybe another Advanced class Dog Christmas tree could be done?? Come along and enjoy the fun after all your efforts this year!

HDC re-opens in 2025 for both existing and new Members from Monday, 3rd, and Tuesday 4th of February. Renewals and new Memberships for 2025 can be done at the Office from Monday, 2 December. Renewals must be lodged by 18 th March 2025 or a joining fee will be required. Full Year Membership form is on the last page of the Howler and can also be downloaded from the HDC website [HDC Membership Form](#).

This is the final Club newsletter for 2024 and HDC Committee would like to wish all Volunteers and Members a safe and happy festive season and look forward to seeing you all at Club next year.

The Howler welcomes contributions from members, especially stories about you and your dog. If you would like to contribute to the Howler, please send your 'tail' and photos to

hillshowler@gmail.com

And remember,

Give all dogs some space, pack a bag of great rewards and a pooh bag!
Happy 'loose lead' training!



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President's End of Year Report and Christmas Message



Firstly, I would like to say what a fabulous year it has been at Hills Dog Club. Our members continued successes in the Trial arena, our Interclub achievements and our continued education of our companion dogs and owners to learn good behaviours that make their family life better. I would also like to congratulate those who have achieved their judge's licences this year. It adds so much to our club to have judges who can offer their expertise to our club.

Huge congratulations must go to our Instructors for their continued support of the club and the help they provide to all our dogs and their families from Puppy 1 all the way up to the Advanced classes and also to Sandy O'Neill and Joan Stewart for Obedience and Rally ring training. Congratulations also to our newly graduated instructors, who we look forward to seeing around the rings next year.



A huge thank you to our committee members, coordinators, office staff, stewards, and groundspeople for their continued support of our club. Without whom, we could not function. These people do so much for the club behind the scenes that members do not see.

Lea-Ann, our Chief Instructor, has had a massive year taking on this role. Helping train instructors, running the training classes, always there to lend a hand at trials setting up and stewarding, thank you for all your support this year. To Anne, our Vice President and Lynne, our Treasurer, which is also a huge job behind the scenes, I would like to thank you both for everything you do for the club in the office and support of our club whether it's trials, meeting or lectures, but also for being so very supportive of myself, with your knowledge and understanding of our club. I could not have done my job without this support. Huge thank you and appreciation to Jane who tirelessly helps wherever, being Secretary of the club is a huge job, and you also find time to teach and run the Howler.

Thank you and appreciation must also go to our Committee, their jobs are time consuming, and many hours are spent behind the scenes making sure that everything is working as it should. Our Trial Secretary Judy for the Obedience, Tricks and Rally competitions.

Janet and Janice, who run our Conformation shows and help in the office. Bob, our VP and Equipment officer, is always there wherever needed to help with equipment and rings. Carolyn, my Scent trial assistant who does a marvelous job with ribbons and helping run the trials. Genevieve has done a marvelous and time-consuming job of training our new instructors and organising with her subcommittee in re-writing the manuals. Kathy Zaia for her I.T. support and continued expertise in the computer field. Also, to Carolyn B, Shannon, Belvane, Jo, Roger and Liz – all there helping at check-in and set-up at the start of classes.

I would like to wish all members, instructors, committee, and all volunteers at the club a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May everyone have a safe break, and we look forward to seeing you all back in 2025.

Carole Hately, President Hills Dog Club Inc.



Chief Instructor's Report



I love helping our community build strong connections with their dogs, and my passion for training dogs remains unwavering. I'm immensely proud of our dedicated team - all volunteers - including Instructors and Office staff, who show up every week, rain or shine, with a smile and often do many more hours behind the scenes.

Our volunteer Instructors continually learn new techniques and engage in a number of varied dog activities. I want to express my gratitude to each one for their hard work, dedication, and time at the club. Together, we form a supportive second family, always there for one another.



This year, the Club has run another Trainee Instructors course – it will be great to see them out on the field, run K9 Companion Award days - with seven members passing, and hosted impressive shows and trials in Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Trick, and Scent Work.

Both the Instructors and Members Manuals have been reviewed and updated, with new information and exercises being included.

For members, we are here for you, great work this year.

I see you and your dog improving from week to week, month to month, and the number of handlers and dogs graduating from Beginners class and going on to do the more advanced classes is great to see.

If you see me on the grounds, don't hesitate to say hello!

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2025!



Stay safe, and keep up your dog socialising and training during the break

Lea-Ann Laughton



Promotions

Beginners to Graduate

Sher Lyn with Eula (Shiba Inu) - No Photo

Danielle with Gemz (Miniature Pinscher) - No Photo

Amy with Eclipse (Kelpie X Aussie Shepherd) - No Photo



*Kylie with Fergus
(Bernadoodle)*



*Susan with Ivy
(Boston Terrier)*

Graduate to Intermediate



*Susan with Hector
(Foxhound)*



*Sharon with Myles
(Collie Rough)*

Promotions

Intermediate to Advanced



*Evelyn with Echo
(Border Collie)*



*Helen with Ellie
(Border Collie)*



*Ulodek with Missy
(Australian Shepherd)*

Expression of Interest – Treasurer



Do you have knowledge of Bookkeeping?

Would you like to join our team that runs Hills Dog Club?

We are looking for expressions of interest for our Club
Treasurer from April 2025.

The role involves keeping track of Club accounts and delivering a report at the monthly committee meeting.

As a treasurer, you will be a much-valued member of our team. To find out more, please chat with our friendly office staff, come along to a general meeting, or send an email to **infohillsdogclub@gmail.com**

Hills Dog Club Inc General Meeting Notice

Agenda, Hills Dog Club Inc December General Meeting, 11/12/24



Where: Large Meeting Room, Clubhouse, 7:30pm

1. Open Meeting
2. Attendance and Apologies
3. Confirmation of October General Meeting 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



A copy of the ratified Minutes (of all meetings) are available to all members on request at the Office on training days

General Business

HDC Annual donations
Roadside Banner booking
Facebook posts for member information

Notice of Motion

I move, that Hills Dog Club Inc introduce Perpetual Trophies for Trick Dog Competitions.

Moved: Carole Hatelly

Seconded: Lea-Ann Laughton

Rationale: As Hills Dog Club now runs Trick Competitions we need to introduce Perpetual Trophies for our members.

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New Perpetual trophies for Trick Dog Competitions

Rationale – As Hills Dog Club Inc now runs Trick Competitions we need to introduce Perpetual Trophies for our members.

All calendar award time frames run from January 1st to December 31st. Starters and Novice run over 2 years.

Moved: Carole Hately

Seconded: Lea-Ann Laughton

TRICK DOG PERPETUAL TROPHIES CRITERIA

Trick Dog Starter Trophy

Criteria – Highest scoring dog out of 3 passes within the last 2 years.

Rationale: Because dogs can only get 3 passes this allows them to have 2 years to get the scores.

Trick Dog Novice Trophy

Criteria – Highest scoring dog out of 5 passes within the last 2 years.

Rationale: Because dogs can only get 5 passes this allows them to have 2 years to get the scores.

Trick Dog Intermediate Trophy

Criteria – Highest scoring dog out of 5 passes within the last 2 years.

There is no limit on the number of passes a competitor can achieve thus allowing them to pick their 5 highest scores.

Trick Dog Advanced Trophy

Criteria – Highest scoring dog out of 5 passes within the last 2 years.

There is no limit on the number of passes a competitor can achieve thus allowing them to pick their 5 highest scores.

RATIONALE – Starters and Novice have been based on our current criteria for Rally Novice, CCD and CD and applied because once a dog has the required number of passes it must proceed to the next level. Intermediate and Advanced have been based on our criteria for Open and above, Rally Advanced, and above as you may continue to compete in these classes indefinitely, so can accumulate more than the required 5 passes and pick your best results.

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Trick Dog Demonstration at Hills Dog Club

On Monday 11 th November, a Trick Dog demo was conducted at the end of classes.

I'd like to thank the teams involved, in order, left to right in the photo.



- Eva-Lotta Baad Peach with her famously Border Collie, Teddy.
- Carolyn Jenson, current instructor with Bidy, Australian (wonder) Cattle dog.
- Karen Richardson with super poodle Orion, Karen being one of our senior instructors.
- Club Member Samantha Kelly with her charming Havanese, Thor.
- Patricia Bradley and the very talented Derry a beautiful cattle dog, Pat also a long- time instructor.
- Christiane Diebler with 'goodest' boy Badger a Border Collie.

Eva-Lotta and Christiane are currently undergoing our instructors course and coming to teach you in a class soon!

All teams have competed in the ANKC Trick Trials. The Trick Dog Tests encourage owners and handlers to teach their dogs skills and to display various behaviours in a POSITIVE and FUN ENVIRONMENT.



Tricks allow us to improve communication and thereby increase our bond with our dogs.

We heard quite a few "ooohs" and "aaahs" as the dogs performed!

Carolyn Jensen

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.
7. **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 on 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.

12. **Child Members:** Child members (aged 7 to 11 are to be accompanied by an adult/parent/guardian in classes). 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. This will be at the discretion of the class/chief instructor.

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HDC Committee Members 2024/2025

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 Hatelly
Bob Watters
Anne Small
Jane Lamont
Belvane Parsons
Lynne Sheather
Janet Power
Lea-Ann Laughton
Judy McCartney
Janet Power
Lynne Sheather
Vacant
Genevieve Young
Bob Watters
Jane Lamont

Committee Members

Natalie Conway
Kathy Cocks
Carolyn Jensen
Karen Richardson
Margaret Thomson
Pam Wood

Trophy Stewards

Trial:
Show:
Club:

Jessica Leckie
Janice Lyons
Carole Hatelly

Patrons

Mayor, Dr Michelle
Byrne
Mrs Luci Ellem
Mrs Vicki Austin

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



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



Email:
Members FB:
Post Address:
In Person:

Infohillsdogclub@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/162308877129471>
The Secretary Hills Dog Club, P O Box 392, Round Corner 2158
Speak with a Committee Member at the clubhouse

Further information is available at our website <https://www.hillsdogclub.com/>

HDC Awards Criteria



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.

Please note:

Entries will close on Tuesday 11 th February 2025. 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 <u>or</u> handed to Carole Hatley 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 Wednesday 19 th March 2025 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. We will have new Tricks and Scentwork Perpetual trophies, Criteria will be available after December General Meeting.
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, Tricks and Scentwork 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 <u>including</u> 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 <i>Howler</i> . To view the full documentation, and to print application forms, please go to our website www.hillsdogclub.com OR the files section on the members fb page..

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.
Hopefully the transition will be smooth!

Committee Nomination Form 2025

I hereby nominate: _____

(Please Print)

For the Position of: _____

(See below for listing of positions)

Signature of Nominee: _____

Signature of Proposer: _____

Signature of Seconder: _____

Completed form to be handed to Secretary Mrs Jane Lamont or her Nominee, Mrs Anne Small at the office counter by 8.00pm Monday 17th March 2025 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]]



MEMBERSHIP

Application

Full Year: 1st January - 31st December

infohillsdogclub@gmail.com

Hills Dog Club Inc.
PO Box 392
ROUND CORNER 2158

PERSONAL DETAILS

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NEW MEMBER

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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)

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FULL MEMBER

(Full voting rights)

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Joining Fee \$35

Joining Fee \$40

PLUS Annual Subscription

Adult New Member / Renewal \$15 ☐

Dual New Member / Renewal \$20 ☐

Family New Member / Renewal \$30 ☐

Dual/Family membership may include child member/s aged 7yrs to under 12yrs.

JUNIOR MEMBER

12yrs and under 16

☐

Joining Fee \$25

PLUS Annual Subscription

New Member / Renewal

JUNIOR \$10 ☐

(No voting rights)

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