

# Howler



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March 2020

*Have you renewed your club membership for 2020? Renewals close 17th March.*



**READY, SET, TRAIN!**

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

## Important Dates.

### General meetings: 2020:

11 Mar. ....8 Apr. ....13 May. ....10 Jun.  
8 Jul. ....12 Aug. ....9 Sept. ....14 Oct.  
11 Nov. ....9 Dec.

2 Mar. Trick Mock Trial.

**25 Mar. - AGM - See notice on page 5.**

26 Apr. Championship Show AM.

25 Jul. Interclub (Ob)

26 Sept. Double Championship Shows

24 Oct. Suzanne Clothier talk.

31 Oct. Evening Trial

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## EDITOR'S NOTE.

Dear readers,

Training at Hills is underway for 2020! We've had more than 150 new members join us so far - wow! We're so happy to have you all here with us to train your dogs.

Many of you have joined with a new puppy - for some, your first ever dog (congratulations!) or for others, your first puppy in the household for some years. Make sure you check out instructor Narelle's tips for picking up those wriggly, squirmy bundles of love on page 5.

Every month we share the achievements of our Hills members in dog sports and this month we've got some good ones! From Dancing with Dogs to conformation showing, K9 Nosework to rally obedience... you name it, someone from our club does it with their pooch! We love hearing about what you do with your dog, so if you do a dog sport, let us know how you're going at hillshowler@gmail.com. But first - check out our March Movers & Shakers on page 6.



In this edition we are lucky enough to have local veterinarian Dr Marjorie Au share her thoughts on leptospirosis, the infection which may still be on some dog owners' minds (page 8).

Lastly, we hope to see you all at our Annual General Meeting at 7:30pm on 25 March at the clubhouse. It's a great chance to see how our club is run and a night to acknowledge our hard-working volunteers and high achievers.

Happy training!

Ellen

Editor

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## TAIL ME ANOTHER ONE

Q: "Why are dogs afraid to go to space?"



A: "Because of the vacuum!"



**Notice\* is given of the Annual  
General meeting of  
Hills Dog Club.**

**It will be held on the 25th of March  
2020 at 7:30pm in the club room, dog  
area, Castle Hill Showground.**

**All members welcome!**

**Only Full Members (not Associate Members) may  
participate in voting.**

*After AGM the annual trophy awards will be  
presented to the winners in various categories.*

*\* see last two pages of this Howler*

*please RSVP for catering*

Well well, only  
one official promotion recorded this month,  
Congratulations Dee, we told you you'd get a  
whole page to yourself!  
We suppose everyone was taking it easy in the  
holidays and so not much progress was recorded.  
We hope you all in Beginners & Graduate and  
Advanced classes shake things up a bit in March.

## PROMOTIONS - FEBRUARY 2020

### Graduate to Advanced

👉 Dee Foley and Dior the Border Collie



*Dee and Dior*



# HOW TO PICK UP A PUPPY

by Narelle Brown

At our first night at the club there were a lot of very strange techniques for picking up new puppies. I saw one puppy being carried a long way – held up in front of the person by his rib cage – it reminded me of carrying a small baby that had a dirty nappy.

Puppies and dogs will not like being picked up if they don't feel safe in the process.



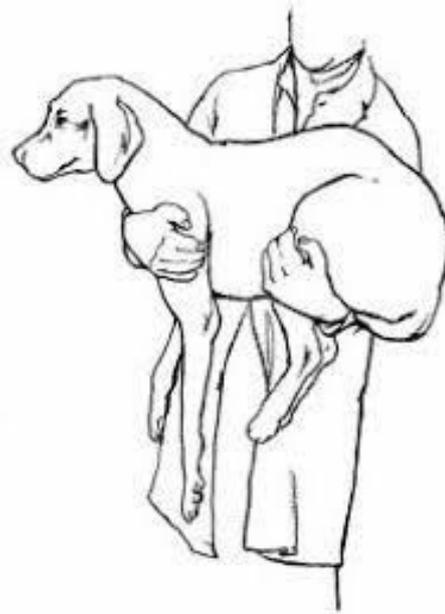
## For Puppies and small dogs

- Firstly, let your puppy know you are going to pick him up. Get him used to the word “up”.
- Place your hand under the puppy from the side and move it up between the front legs with his chest sitting in your hand and support the chest (where the rib cage is).
- You will find the puppy almost lies along your arm – depending on the size.
- Use your other hand to support the back end or the front so he doesn't tip forward.
- Lift the pup up, holding the puppy close to your body.
- Place the puppy down the same way. (Don't drop him!)
- Let your puppy know he is getting down and you can put a word to it (“Down now!”).
- Absolutely avoid lifting him by the back legs or by the scruff of the neck, or by his collars or front legs or under

armpits. Avoid holding him away from your body. Don't grab the tail.

Puppies can be hurt by being dropped and twisted in the picking up process – be very careful. We think they are roly polly and can manage this, however problems can occur. If the puppy doesn't feel safe you may find him trying to avoid being picked up.

Depending upon the size of your dog there are other techniques:



## Medium sized dogs

Put your dominant arm behind his back legs and wrap your other arm around the front of his chest. Hold your dog closely against your chest as you rise up.

For a medium sized to large dog  
Don't forget to bend your knees!



Teach children how to lift a puppy and let them practice

## MOVERS AND SHAKERS.

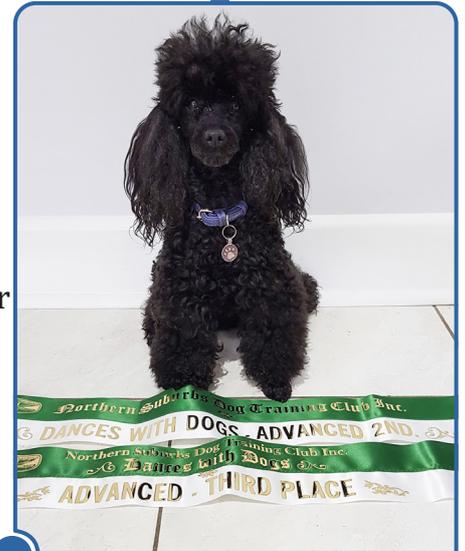


🐾 Jacky Walker and **Kenzie**:  
 “Clever Kenzie got two, out of two, Rally Novice quallies today at the Cessnock Obedience and Rally double trial. This was also his trialling ring debut! So proud of my young boy!”



*Jacky Walker's Kenzie*

🐾 Karen Richardson & **Mr BoJangles**: “I competed today in Dances with Dogs double comp, with BoJangles, in Advanced Heelwork to Music and we placed 2nd in the a.m. and 3rd in p.m. We are on the way to our Title, and then hopefully with hard work, on to a Championship.”



*Karen Richardson's Bojangles*

🐾 Lesia Burford and **Syrah**: “Tough day at the K9 Nose Work office today. But Syrah worked so hard and got her Level 1 Interiors title. She is a good egg.”



*Sandra Elliott & Chester*

🐾 Steph Betts's **Kiwi** is now Ch Dawnus Cheese All Black! At only eight months old she is a conformation champion! Well done Steph and Kiwi!



*Steph Betts' Kiwi*

🐾 Sandra Elliot and **Chester**: “Chester at today's inaugural ACSW Element Trial. He was number 1 in the draw so technically the first dog in Aus to gain an LII (Level 1 Interiors) title. It was great fun for an old dog and his old handler.”



*Lesia Burford & Syrah*

# SPACE ETIQUETTE FOR DOGS

To: People with "Friendly Dogs", Off-Leash Dogs, & Retractable Leash Dogs



**NEWSFLASH:** Running up to another dog and ignoring requests to go away is not "friendly", it is rude. Just like people, **DOGS NEED PERSONAL SPACE.** If a stranger came up and put his hand on your body, you'd be allowed to step back, yell, and push him away. Dogs have the same right to enforce their boundaries. Some dogs are called "reactive" because they are more sensitive than others. Reactive dogs are good dogs, they just need more distance and compassionate training. You can help them by honoring their need for personal space.

1. **NEVER LET YOUR OFF-LEASH DOG GO UP TO AN ON-LEASH DOG.**
2. **LOCK RETRACTABLE LEASHES WHEN YOU SEE OTHER DOGS.**
3. **ASK BEFORE APPROACHING OR PETTING ANY DOG.**
4. **HAVE COMPASSION FOR PEOPLE WITH SHY OR REACTIVE DOGS.**

Please do not chase us. Let us pass without interaction, and keep your judgements to yourself.

inspired by: [notesfromadogwalker.com](http://notesfromadogwalker.com) [functionalrewards.com](http://functionalrewards.com)

*Lili*  
doggiedrawings.net

When in a class situation or any situation for that matter please be aware of PERSONAL SPACE not only for yourself but our canine companions need their space too. When entering a class I ask people to make sure their dogs attention and focus is on them, they have a good 1-2 metres either side of them and to PARK your dog. It can be challenging enough to teach your dog to remain calm on the

lead and even more so while other dogs invade your personal space when their dog is barking, jumping and lunging in your di-rection and this can cause a very stressful situation not only for yourself but for your four legged family member as well. Please keep this in mind when you next take your dog out for a walk and in class situations; Kellie (HDC Instructor)

## LEPTOSPIROSIS - WHAT'S THE RISK IN THE HILLS?

by Dr Marjorie Au

The recent human Coronavirus 2019-nCoV outbreak brings to mind the outbreak of Leptospirosis in dogs last June-July. This occurred in Sydney's inner west suburbs of Glebe, Surry Hills, Redfern and Darlinghurst. This was an unexpected event with 7 dogs diagnosed and 6 deaths. Although on a much smaller scale than the 2019-nCoV, the Lepto outbreak caused widespread fear & misinformation amongst dog owners.

Leptospirosis is caused by an infection by bacterial spirochetes. It is seen in wet, muddy areas particularly with stagnant water where a host population, often rodents, carry the infection. Infection to domestic or farm animals and humans can occur through mucous membranes and open skin wounds through contamination from rats or their urine.

Signs of leptospirosis include lethargy, anorexia, vomiting and diarrhoea, & a fever followed by kidney and liver failure. Diagnosis is via direct blood and urine testing. Treatment involves hospitalisation on an IV drip with an intense regimen of antibiotics and other supportive care.

There are 17 different species of *Leptospira* and these are divided into different serovars (distinct variation within a species) as well. Two out of the seven diagnosed dogs tested positive for *Leptospira interrogans* serovar *copenhageni* but the researchers were unable to determine if there were other serovars in the rest of the infected animals. Since the fatality rate for this Lepto outbreak was very high, it has been theorised that there may be a more virulent serovar responsible.

The currently available vaccine for *Leptospira interrogans* serovar *copenhageni* is the Protech C2i made

by Boehringer Ingelheim. It is a killed vaccine combined with Canine Coronavirus, which unlike the human 2019-nCoV, only usually causes mild gastroenteritis signs.

The vaccine needs to be given as 2 doses, 2-4 weeks apart, then annual revaccination is recommended. There may be some cross-reactivity in terms of immunity to other serovars but this is not proven.

Veterinary researchers at Sydney University had recommended vaccinating dogs within a 3 km radius of the outbreak, and also those in the wider area who were known "ratters". There has currently been no other confirmed positives in the wider metro area.

In determining whether or not you should be vaccinating your dog for Leptospirosis comes down to risk versus benefit. If your dog is at low risk ie. unlikely to come into contact with rodents or urine-contaminated water sources, then in my opinion, there is not much benefit from vaccinating. However if your dog is at high risk, then vaccination is worthwhile since the outcome of infection is likely serious illness or death.

If you have further questions or specific concerns, please raise them with your regular veterinarian.



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More advice & stories on FACEBOOK @  
Marjorie Au Vet



Did you enjoy reading this newsletter? Yes, of course you did. Would you like to get involved? We at the Howler are looking for members to join our production team! Do you like to write? Do you like to take photos? Do you go to dog events on the weekends and can share your experiences? Are you an artist? Are you an IP lawyer who can keep us on the straight and narrow? Do you like to surf the net looking for fun dog stuff? Is there something else amazing you can do that we haven't thought of but would contribute to our newsletter?

*Is there something else amazing you can do?*

If you answered YES to any of these questions, WE WANT YOU! Drop us a line at [hillshowler@gmail.com](mailto:hillshowler@gmail.com) or have a chat to instructors Ellen or Tony at the club. The Howler is for members, by members, and we want to become bigger and better!

A photograph of people walking a dog in the rain. The people are wearing rain boots and holding leashes. The dog is running through a puddle. The background is a blurred outdoor setting.

**We train we're fine come rain or shine**

**FOR NOTICE OF CLASS CANCELLATION**

In the event of extreme weather conditions (heat or rain)  
Go to: [www.hillsdogclub.com](http://www.hillsdogclub.com) OR  
Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/hillsdogclub](https://www.facebook.com/hillsdogclub)  
Pages updated Monday 4pm &  
Tuesday 8:45am

## NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE GENERAL MEETING

# *of Hills Dog Club Inc.*

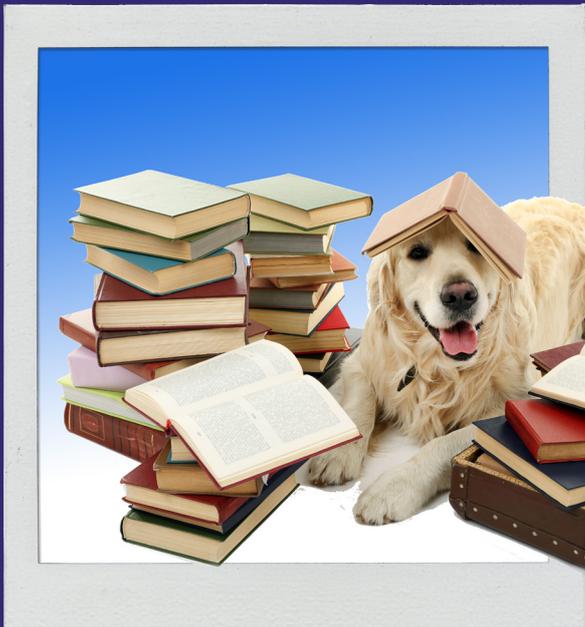
**When:** . . . . . Wednesday **11 March 2020** - 7:30pm

**Where:** . . . . . Meeting Rooms at Castle Hill Showground.

**Who:** . . . . . All club members are welcome to attend.

### AGENDA

1. Open Meeting
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of minutes of December General Meeting
4. Business arising from the minutes
5. Correspondence
6. Dealing with problems with members
7. Treasurers Report
8. New Members
9. Chief Instructors Report
10. Show Secretary Report
11. Trial Secretary Report
12. Publicity Officer report
13. New Aluminium Jumps (\$815 per set) plus freight of \$100 to \$150.
14. General Business.



**HDC LIBRARY**

Did you know that Hills Dog Club has an extensive library of books about dog training, behaviour, puppy raising and any other endeavour one might fancy in the world of canines? You are hereby reminded, or made aware of this wonderful resource. I would like to encourage you to make use of this resource, there are many titles and much learning to be had.

**NO TUESDAY CLASSES HELD  
IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

# Hills Dog Club Inc.

## TRAINING TIMES

**Mon.** 7pm -> Puppies\*,  
Beginners, Graduate &  
Advanced

8pm -> Competitive Trialling  
dogs class

\*Puppy classes are for dogs  
12-20 weeks.

**Tue.** 10:30am -> All Classes

**NO CLASSES HELD ON  
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

**NOTE: NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!**

**Forgotten to bring treats to  
training?**

Lamb Treats are on sale at the  
office for \$5 a packet

## CLUB MEETINGS

The club meets monthly on  
the 2nd Wednesday of the  
month, except January, in the  
clubhouse. Meetings start at  
7.30pm. All welcome! Tea and  
coffee provided.

Club financial year is 1st  
January to 31st December.

## CORRESPONDENCE AND NEWSLETTER

All Club correspondence or  
enquiries should be addressed  
in writing to The Secretary, PO  
BOX 392

Round Corner NSW 2158 or  
[infohillsdogclub@gmail.com](mailto:infohillsdogclub@gmail.com)

Hills Howler is available at the  
clubhouse on training days/  
nights and online. All mem-  
bers are encouraged to con-  
tribute. For admin purposes,  
please keep us informed of  
**change of email** address.

**NOTICE:**  
Election **Obedience- and  
Rally Judges** will take place  
at the general meeting  
every **November**  
Election of **Conformation  
Judges** for the year **2022**  
(April & 2 September shows)  
will be held at the May 2020  
general meeting

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Subject: Send Howler



## GROUND RULES

- As a condition of membership, all dogs are required to be properly vaccinated according to current veterinary guidelines.
- Members are responsible at all times for the behaviour of their dog/s whilst present on the training grounds or representing the club.
- 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.
- 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.
- Bitches in season and/or dog/s which are un-well or have an infectious condition are not permitted on the obedience training grounds.

- Members are to pick up after their dog/s and help keep the grounds clean and tidy.
- Adequate sensible dress with appropriate footwear (no thongs, scuffs or bare feet) is required to be worn by Handler during training.
- 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.
- 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.
- Members who use Club equipment must ensure it is

- returned to the storeroom and stored correctly after classes are conducted.
- Children are welcome to attend classes provided they are supervised by an adult/parent/guardian at all times.
- Child members (aged 7 to 11 are to be accompanied by an adult/parent/guardian in classes) and Junior members (aged 12 to 15 under adult/parent/guardian supervision on grounds) are welcome to train providing they have sufficient control of their dog during classes. This will be at the discretion of the class/chief instructor.

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Club updates.**  
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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND TROPHY PRESENTATION

## **OF THE HILLS DOG CLUB**

Wednesday 25th March 2020 in the Club Room, Hills Dog Club, Castle Hill  
Showgrounds  
Commencing at 7:30 pm.

### AGENDA

1. Meeting Open
2. Attendance and Apologies
3. Confirmation and acceptance of the minutes of the previous 2019 AGM
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report – including receipt and adoption of the balance sheets and accounts of the club for the previous year
6. Secretary's Report
7. Chief Instructor's Report
8. Any other business – received by the club in writing at least seven days prior
9. Appointment of Auditor
10. Election of Returning Officer
11. Election of Two Scrutineers
12. Declaration of all positions vacant – Scrutineer to take the chair and carry out the election of the next year's Committee
13. Meeting Close

Please note the following from the Hills Dog Club Inc constitution.

40. The Office Bearers and the Members of the Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and shall take office at the General Meeting held in the month following the Annual General Meeting. The Office Bearers will hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

41. All nomination of Members proposed as Office Bearers or as Members of the Committee may be received in writing and/or nominated from the floor at the Annual General Meeting. [11.15]

42. If there be more than the required number of Members nominated for the election to any office, an election by ballot shall take place, but if there be only the required number, the Chairman shall declare those nominated to be duly elected.

**Following the Annual General Meeting  
the Presentation of Awards for 2020 will be held.**

**Hills Dog Club**

**Committee Nomination Form 2020**

I hereby nominate

.....

(please print)

For the position of

.....

Signature of nominee

.....

Signature of proposer

.....

Signature of seconder:

.....

Completed form to be handed to Secretary, Taryn Gibbons or her Nominee, Mrs Anne Small at the office counter by 8.00 pm Monday 24th March, 2020 or posted to the Club Official Address – The Secretary, Hills Dog Club Inc. PO Box 392, Round Corner, NSW, 2158.

No responsibility or 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]]