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Christine and Neo



Mia (Owner Jenny)



Donna and Jess



Dianne and Zephi

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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.

Covid Rules

Training at the Hills Dog Club has resumed.

Please read and adhere to the following rules implemented by the club to conform to current Covid Regulations.

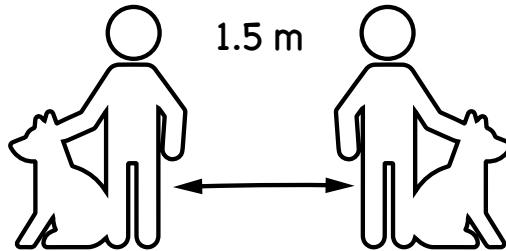


Please stay at home if you're feeling unwell.

You will be asked to leave by staff if you show any cold or flu like symptoms*

Ensure everyone's safety by assisting us with the following guidelines:

These rules may change from month to month - keep up to date via our Facebook Page



- Always Maintain Social Distancing
- Proceed without delay to check-in using the QR code provided OR if you haven't got a device for that purpose, enter your details at the check in tables provided located on the field or near the office.

Due to these unprecedented times, we would encourage handlers to arrive well in advance of the 7pm class to allow for the time and space needed to check everyone in.

After Check in you will be shown which class to proceed to by a dog club volunteer.

VERY IMPORTANT: No mingling either before or after classes with staff or other members.

We look forward to seeing you!

Hills Dog Club supports the use of masks for the safety of yourself and the HDC staff.

The above guidelines are based on current advice from NSW Health, Dogs NSW and Hills Shire Council, however the COVID-19 situation can change rapidly.

We encourage you to keep up with government health advise and we will do our best to keep you notified of any changes to our events, or if it's not safe to train via the community page. <https://www.facebook.com/hillsdogclub/>

The guidelines are to ensure that the Club meets its legal responsibilities. These laws from State Government. NSW Health and the Hills Shire Council relate to both your health & safety and how HDC ensure that we all stay safe whilst we train. The financial penalties for failure to comply with these laws are extremely high, along with the financial penalties, Council has told the club we would be given only 1 warning for a breach and then we would be banned from hiring any Hills Council property in the future.

* The club has the right to temperature check any member they feel they need to for safety reasons

Important Dates.

General meetings: 2021:

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

Annual General Meeting 2021

March 24th at the Harvey Lowe 7:30 pm

EDITOR'S NOTE.

Dear readers,

Looks like we're well on our way to another year of training, as well as another year of bringing you the latest club and doggy news!

This month we've got an excerpt from an oldie but a goodie: a piece on canine socialisation periods by Volhard and Fisher. Knowing and understanding these crucial stages of your puppy's development and working through them with care are a vital part of raising a happy, healthy, well-adjusted dog. Please check it out on page 5.

We've also got an opinion piece we received from one of our members about the issues surrounding fenced and unfenced off-lead dog parks. Understanding the pros and cons of these places can assist in knowing if off-lead parks, and which type, are suitable and beneficial (or detrimental) to your dog. We've also included a review of a fabulous guide to using dog parks - it's all on page 13!

Lastly, we'd like to apologise for an error in our February edition where instructor Gabi's report on entering her very first trick competition with her Brittany, Lucy, was missing - even though we told you it was there! You'll find it on page 10 of this edition - no, really. It's there. We pawmise!

Happy reading and happy training!

Ellen

Editor

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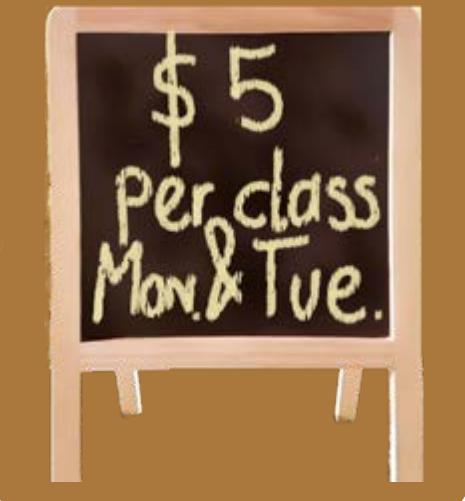
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**PLEASE NOTE! BOTH Monday and Tuesday morning Ground Fees are now \$5.00. Please pay via cash or EFTPOS at the club-house on the grounds when you arrive before each class.
Effective from February 2021**



PROMOTIONS - FEBRUARY 2021

Graduate to Advanced

☞ Aimee Lee with Trooper the Puli



Aimee and Trooper are now Graduates! Congrats!

Did you know that puppies have critical phases of development where they learn about their own species, about humans, and the world around them? Did you know that they have 'fear impact periods' where they may show fear towards things they were previously comfortable with? Do you know at what age your dog will reach 'maturity'?

Knowing these stages can help you understand your puppy's development, so here's a basic guide from internationally recognised trainers Joachim Volhard and Gail Tamases Fischer.

CRITICAL PERIODS OF CANINE DEVELOPMENT



Baby puppies learn so much from adult dogs.

CANINE SOCIALIZATION PERIOD

(21 to 49 Days)

The period from 21 to 49 Days, or three to seven weeks is the Canine Socialization Period, when the puppy learns to use the species - specific behaviours that make him a dog.

To reach his genetic potential, the puppy must stay in the nest with his mother and littermates throughout this time. During this period he will practice body postures, facial expressions and vocalizations, and learns their effects on his siblings, mother and any other dogs he meets. He learns how it sounds to bark and be barked at; how it feels to bite and be bitten.

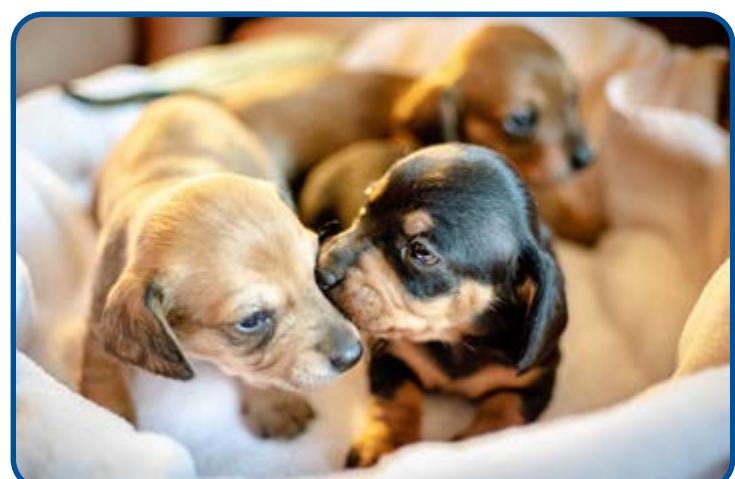
He learns the various behaviours that make him a dog: chase games - imitating the chase necessary to catch and bring down game - teach him coordination and timing; greeting behaviour teaches him the body postures of greeting; fight games teach him the use of his body, body postures and expressions to elicit various responses. For example, during play, when a fight might begin, the puppy learns that a submissive body posture has the effect of turning off the aggression of his littermate.

During this critical period, the puppy learns one of the most important lessons of his life - to accept discipline. He learns it from his mother, who through discipline teaches the puppies not to bite so hard, or, during the weaning process, to leave her alone.

HUMAN SOCIALIZATION PERIOD

(7 to 12 weeks)

The best time to bring a puppy into its new home is during the Human Socialization Period, from 50 to 84 days, or seven to twelve weeks. It is also the best time to introduce him to those things that will play a role in his future life. For example, if he has not already been exposed to farm animals and it is necessary for him to interact peacefully with them, it is at this age that he should meet them in a positive, non-threatening manner. If the breeder has not already introduced him to the sounds of the vacuum cleaner, car engines and city traffic, he needs to be exposed to these now.



Puppies learn from their littermates.

Children, men with beards, women in floppy hats, and senior citizens while all people to us, appear different to the dog. His education and socialization should include exposure to many types of people of all ages.

At seven weeks of age, a puppy's EEG shows the brain waves are the same as those of an adult dog. His capacity for concentration is not yet adult and his attention span is short. However, he can learn. Not only can a young puppy learn, he will learn whether we teach him or not. This is the age when the most rapid learning occurs. Everything he experiences makes a greater impression on him now than it ever will again. Learning at this age is permanent.

*It is the puppy's perception
of the experience that is
important, not that of the
owner.*

Because of the relative ease of teaching at this age, because the puppy has not yet learned any bad habits that will later have to be cured, and because the puppy is just a fraction of his adult size and weight, this is the ideal time to begin obedience training in a positive, non-punitive manner, taking into account his physical limitations and short attention span.

FEAR IMPACT PERIOD

(8-11 Weeks)



Bite inhibition is learnt with littermates!

During the Fear Impact Period, from eight to eleven weeks, any traumatic, painful, or frightening experience will have a more lasting impact on the puppy than if it had occurred at any other time. It is the puppy's perception of the experience that is important, not that of the owner.

For example, a trip to the animal hospital during this period, if unpleasant, could forever make a dog apprehensive about going to the veterinarian. By taking along a toy and some treats and making the experience pleasant and fun, the potentially negative impact is alleviated.

SENIORITY CLASSIFICATION PERIOD

(13 to 16 Weeks)

This critical period, from thirteen to sixteen weeks, is also known as the "Age of Cutting" - cutting teeth and cutting the apron strings.

During the Seniority Classification Period, the dog attempts to clarify and resolve the question of leadership.

FLIGHT INSTINCT PERIOD

(4 to 8 Months)

The Flight Instinct Period occurs sometime between four and eight months of age. This is the time when a puppy will test his wings. He will venture off on his own and may turn a deaf ear when called.

The Flight Instinct Period lasts from a few days to several weeks. How the dog is handled during this stage will mean the difference between a dog that doesn't come when called and one who responds readily. Because most dog owners are not aware of this naturally



Avoid an unpleasant vet visit during Fear Impact Period by taking it slow with treats and toys.

occurring developmental stage, they react incorrectly, thereby creating a problem for themselves.

This emergence of the Flight Instinct is another reason for starting puppies in obedience class before this age.

There is a physiological change that corresponds with the Flight Instinct Period - teething. While the adult teeth come through the gums prior to six months of age, they don't set in the jaw until between six and ten months. There is a physiological need for him to exercise his mouth at this time.

What marks the Second Fear Impact Period is a change in the behavior of the now adolescent dog. He may suddenly be reluctant to approach something new, or be frightened of something or someone familiar. When a dog is exhibiting fear or reluctance, he should not be forced into a confrontation, bullied into being brave, or reinforced in his fear through soothing tones and petting. Force can frighten the dog further, and soothing tones only serve to encourage his fear.

His fear should be handled with patience and kindness. The dog is permitted to work it out for himself without being forced to deal with something he perceives as dangerous. Training during this period puts the dog in a position of success, so his self-confidence will be built up.

MATURITY

(1 to 4 Years)

Many breeds, particularly the giant breeds, continue growing and physically changing beyond four years of age, so maturity refers to sexual maturity rather than full growth. For the average dog, maturity occurs sometime between one and a half and three years of age, with small dogs maturing earlier and giant dogs maturing later. This critical period is often marked by an increase in aggression and by a renewed testing for leadership.

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SECOND FEAR IMPACT PERIOD

(6 to 14 Months)

This Fear Impact Period, also called the Fear of New Situations Period, is not as well defined as the first. The Second Fear Impact Period corresponds with growth spurts. Hence, it may occur more than once as the dog matures.

All new
Members



Due to COVID regulations, we have had to limit our numbers and **new members must book in.**

Please email us at infohillsdogclub@gmail.com for information about joining and to be allocated a definite start date.

To those who have joined: Welcome! Once you are a member, there is **no need to book each week or to notify us of an absence.**

You can train Mondays or Tuesdays (or both!) and you can join us on our Facebook group “Hills Dog Club Members” to keep in touch during the week!



Hustle and bustle of check in before classes start

Dear members,

There will be no renewal fee for existing members for 2021!

A Renewal Form will though, still need to be completed with correct names of all members, including age of children and must be signed.

Please submit your dog/s current vaccination with your renewal.

Renewal Forms need to be submitted by Tuesday 16th March 2021 by one these following methods

Posting to Hills Dog Club at P O Box 392 Round Corner 2158

Email to infohillsdogclub@gmail.com

Handing in to the office during training times.

Hills Dog Club Inc.



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.

REMINDER!

Classes start 7.00 pm Mondays and 10.30 am Tuesdays. (Monday night Triallers class 8:00 pm.) **Please be on time** for the start of class so you don't miss valuable information and as a courtesy to your fellow class members!

DON'T BE LATE!



Please ensure you allow EXTRA time for COVID check-in and payment of ground fees before class each week.



Lucy the Brittany - Stationary hold



Lucy the Brittany practices her tricks.



*Lucy the Brittany practices
Step-up.*

We messed up. We admit it. We advertised this report from Hills instructor Gabriele last month, but on the way to the printers, a puppy stole it and ran away with it... or something. Either way, it wasn't there - but we still really wanted to share it with you, so here it is. - Editor

THAT DOES THE TRICK

By: Gabriele Loft

I started HDG roughly around 4.5 years ago and could not really find a sport for Lucy and I. We found Obedience was just too serious, Agility too "full on" for Lucy and I (we also tried to get into Thursday Agility but never got in...) and Rally is too challenging for me as a handler (can't read signs very well - haha!)

Trick Dog started and Lucy and I really have fun doing it. You are allowed to treat and talk to your dog and there are a variety of tricks. Whilst doing Starter (the entry level) the tricks get more complex and they build up which is great as it helps you to grow within the competition. I visited the workshop at Dogs NSW with Joan Stewart and really enjoyed the day out with Lucy.

You can take as little or as much "props" as you like as some tricks need equipment like "jump" or "step up" (onto a box), others are just "find straddle" (move between the handler's legs) or "circle handler". It is helpful to have an obedience trained dog as the ring is open and for example "leaving the ring" or excessive barking results in disqualification.

I practiced a lot - being German - I like to be as prepared as possible! Lucy has great fun doing tricks but we had to stick to the rules which made it sometimes hard. All of a sudden Lucy would refuse to "sit pretty" and I panicked as that was one of my chosen "safe" tricks. So we just used the "step up - 5 seconds".

I was extremely nervous as the day came. I got help from (fellow instructor) Fay, the Trick Dogs Team and they answered my endless questions. The FB page of Trick Dogs helped as well. Fay pretended to be my judge at the HDC Grounds and we got a fright as we thought the Comp had to be done wearing masks but luckily we did not have to! Fay gave me some ideas how to make it bulletproof and also videoed me so I saw my mistakes.

When I rocked up at the Orchard Hills NSW Dogs Ground I saw a couple of the HDC members which made me feel at ease. I definitely was not as experienced as all the others. I was the only one who attended a competition for the first time. I had no idea that you need a number to show and also hand in your trick sheet at the check in. A lot of organisational things which I had no idea of. The competitors were super helpful and with a safety pin from (fellow instructor) Karen I could put my start number 17 up - woohoo!

Lucy did very well and it went so fast I wish I would have taken a video. We are trying to get into our next comp so Lucy gets a title.

With help from HDC we found our perfect dog sport - it's lots of fun!

Gabriele and Lucy achieved their first ever qualifications at NSW's first ever Trick Dog competition. Neat, right? For more information on [Trick Dog competitions](#), see Dogs NSW.



My winning trick is looking cute



FOR NOTICE OF CLASS CANCELLATION

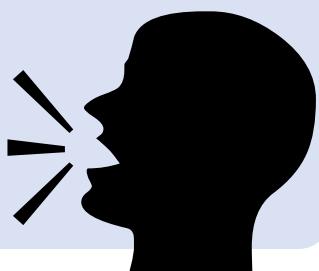
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Go to: www.hillsdogclub.com OR
Facebook:
www.facebook.com/hillsdogclub
Pages updated Monday 4pm &
Tuesday 8:45am

BY ORDER.

The next handler who runs out of treats during class, will be taken out the back and turned in to chopped liver as treats for sale in the office... we're running low.

JUST KIDDING! But seriously..

Please make sure you bring LOTS of food rewards to training! When it comes to training treats, think: SMALL, SOFT and SMELLY. Popular options include real meat like boiled chicken or kangaroo, dog food roll, sausage, devon, cheese... whatever your dog loves, chop into really small pieces, load up that treat pouch and you're ready to train!





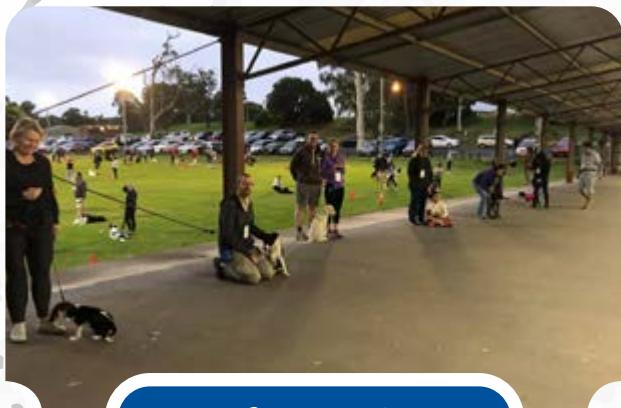
Stay At Home orders, you say?
Member Carole Hately and her dogs did as told and
practised their group stays
- at home! Perfect!!



Graduates Monday night.



Triallers



Beginners 2



Triallers

OPINION: HOW AN UNFENCED DOG PARK MAY BE SAFER FOR YOUR DOG

by Amy Locke

It is often assumed that a fenced dog park is safer for a dog than an unfenced dog park. However, the issue is much more complicated than the superficial notion that a confined dog can't run away (and is therefore safer). In this article, I'll explain why I only take my dog to unfenced dog parks, why councils should implement more unfenced off-leash dog areas, and an opportunity to create change in our local area. I'll also finish with some tips on how to keep your dog safe in dog parks, if you do decide to use them.



WHY UNFENCED DOG PARKS ARE PARADOXICALLY SAFER FOR YOUR DOG

If your dog can be trusted off-leash, an unfenced off-leash area is much safer for your dog than the often-rowdy playground of the fenced dog park. As a first-time dog owner, I used to take my dog to fenced dog parks, before she became too fearful to enter them, around the age of 2. While she had never been involved in a fight, I realised it was because I was too passive in protecting her from other dogs bullying her into playing. Luckily, she still gets along well with other dogs (and just refuses to enter fenced dog parks) and has fun interacting with supervised, well-trained

DOG
PARK

dogs in unfenced areas. I will never again take a dog to a fenced dog park as the risk of harm, either psychologically or physically, is too high. However, I have had good experiences with unfenced dog parks – how is it then, that a fence can completely change the experience of a dog park?

The biggest risk to your dog in a dog park is other dogs. The danger doesn't involve just your dog coming off second best in a fight, but also includes your dog learning that other dogs are scary and becoming fearful or aggressive. While this risk is present any time strange dogs are mixed, it is much more reduced in off-leash dog parks. The main reason is that fenced dog parks enable a lack of supervision by owners. Because their dog is safely enclosed, owners are inclined to focus on other matters like catching up with their local friends or using their phone, therefore missing the build-up of behaviour preceding a dog fight, such as hyperactivity, crowding, rough play, or posturing. If owners are watching their dogs, this can be avoided through redirection or leaving; if owners are preoccupied, dogs are left to aggressively protect themselves or initiate fights. Unfenced dog parks require an owner to be constantly watching their dog and therefore notice unruly behaviour before it escalates.

It is also probable that a factor reducing aggression in unfenced dog parks is because the dogs present often have more training, and are therefore happier and more relaxed.



Dogs that can be trusted off-leash have likely been subject to lots of training with their owner, making them less impulsive and hyperactive and more stable. Due to the time the owner has spent training them, they have a good bond with their owner and are often less obsessed with other dogs because they get their enjoyment through interacting with their owner, not external sources. If another dog doesn't wish to engage in play, a happy and stable dog knows to leave it, rather than bullying the other dog into it because they are desperate for stimulation. In addition to training producing a more stable dog, an unfenced area also requires that all dogs present have a working recall, which is always important in emergency situations even in fenced dog parks.



Happy engaged with his owner - no time for mischief!

Unfenced dog parks are also often less crowded than fenced dog parks. I speculate this is because they are less popular as the unfenced nature prescribes a standard of training that not every dog meets, and that owners are unable to be preoccupied by other activities (thus moving on sooner once their dog has sufficiently exercised).

Less crowding creates a safer environment for your dog as there are more places for it to safely retreat and there is less stimulation.

There are, of course, benefits to enclosed dog parks. An obvious use is if the dog park is next to a busy road, then, it is obviously overall safer to have the park fenced. A major use is also for dogs that can't be trusted to come back. This is likely the prevailing reason driving owners' favouritism of fenced dog parks, but it doesn't explain why councils very rarely implement unfenced parks. The official rule to enter dog parks require that your dog is under voice control (i.e. has a working recall) – this being the case, the lack of a fence should not pose a problem. I believe the push to always fence dog parks comes from a lack of education from council members, who assume that enclosed spaces are always safer and preferred by dog owners.



WHY COUNCILS SHOULD IMPLEMENT MORE UNFENCED OFF-LEASH DOG AREAS

I am not trying to make the point that an unfenced dog park is unequivocally better than a fenced dog park, but that the fencing of dog parks should be considered on an individual basis, instead of being viewed as a necessary addition to any off-leash area, particularly when fences can often be detrimental to dogs' safety.

It is also in local council's best interests to consider creating more unfenced dog off-leash areas. For one, they are much cheaper to implement and much more visually attractive. Unfenced areas also allow use of the park by the whole family, including non-dog users, such as joggers or cyclists. While also maximising the utility of the space, the opening up of spaces to dogs encourages owners to bring their dog along to family events, providing stimulation and socialisation, thus reducing negative dog behaviours. These behaviours, such as nuisance barking or aggression are in everyone's best interests to reduce (including the dog's!).

Of course, enclosed dog off-leash areas will always have a place within communities for those with dogs unable to be safely off-leash and in areas that are simply too risky without a fence (e.g. next to roads). But, by creating additional unfenced areas, fenced areas will become less crowded and safer for those that do need them.

HOW TO HELP

Unfenced dog parks can often be safer for your dog than an enclosed space. I know my dog prefers them, and I do too!

Hornsby Shire Council is currently proposing new dog off-leash areas and are inviting the community's comments on the proposal. The draft submission does not recognise the value in unfenced, dedicated dog off-leash areas.

You can read the strategy at this link, under 'Documents' <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/council/noticeboard/your-say/current-exhibitions/Draft-Off-Leash-Dog-Park-Strategy>.

If you agree that fencing dog parks unnecessarily facilitates aggression, or are like me and now no longer use fenced dog parks, please let Hornsby Shire Council know this. They have naively constructed their proposal under the assumption that fences are always beneficial, which is untrue. Contact Hornsby Shire Council **by the 30th of March** through the avenues outlined below to let them know your feedback.

Please mark your submission **Draft Off-Leash Dog Park Strategy – Reference Number F2020/00302** and address it to:

The General Manager
Hornsby Shire Council
PO Box 37
Hornsby NSW 1630
or email to hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au



It's not just about size - a polite greeting.

Stiff body language - something to keep an eye on!

TIPS: HOW TO KEEP YOUR DOG SAFE WHEN USING DOG PARKS

At this stage, your local dog parks will likely all be fenced. The decision to use an enclosed dog park is up to you and your dog, but there are some tips to keeping your dog safe if you do decide to use these areas.

Before entering

- Learn dog behaviour
 - Dog behaviour is very easy to misinterpret – a dog panting looks like it's smiling, but it's also a sign of stress
 - It can be hard to decipher what level of play is too rough, but learn your own dog's playstyles and also realise that many dogs don't like to play in the same way your dog might
- Exercise your dog first
 - The more hyperactive your dog is, the more likely your dog will be overbearing or annoying to other dogs, which may cause a dog fight

At the gate

- Consider the number of dogs in the dog park
 - The more crowded it is, the less places a dog has to retreat and it may become defensively aggressive

- The presence of many dogs can be over-stimulating
- Consider what owners and their dogs are doing
 - Owners should be watching their dogs and not preoccupied by other tasks
 - Dogs should be taking regular breaks from playing with each other
 - ♦ No dog should seem fixated on another, and dogs should have loose, relaxed body language
- Examine your own dog's body language
 - If your dog is scared, don't force them to enter – even if they have never been attacked, they are likely remembering other subtle negative experiences or are feeling overwhelmed. It is only 'socialisation' when a dog is relaxed and happy, otherwise you might make the problem worse!
 - If your dog is highly aroused, don't enter. Signs of high arousal include a stiff posture, high tail, and fixation. This can easily cause a dog fight if another dog feels threatened. You can teach your dog to be less obsessive over other dogs by practicing training beside the dog park and they'll learn to value you over other dogs

In the park

- Trust your gut instinct and trust what your dog is telling you
 - If your dog is staying close to you or the gate, they want to leave. Dogs can read other dog's body language much better than us, and likely there is a pushy or over-bearing dog within the park
 - If you feel a dog is behaving inappropriately, then it is better to leave than to risk an incident
- Pay attention to your dog
 - It's fun to watch your dog have fun anyway! Evaluate how they're feeling and practice calling them to you and releasing them for some quick training



BOOK REVIEW.

Visiting the Dog Park: Having Fun, Staying Safe
By Cheryl S. Smith
Dogwise Publishing, 2007
Reviewed by Ellen Mok
From Howler Dec 2017

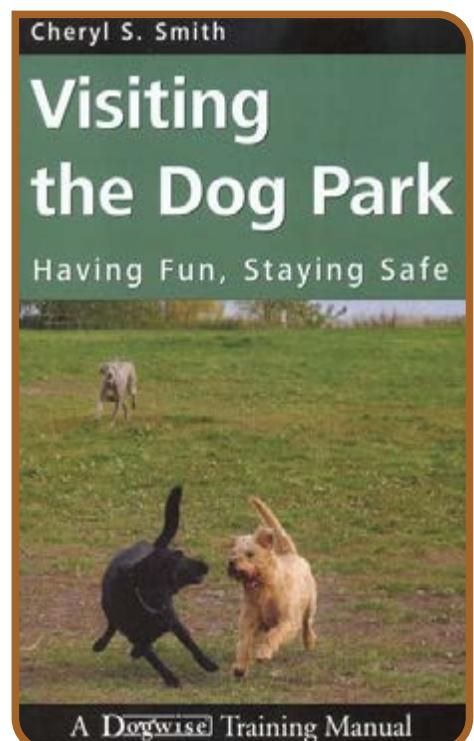
I found this book a useful and comprehensive guide to dog parks. While short, it succinctly covers the main considerations about using a dog park. The author does not argue for or against the use of dog parks – she simply presents information about them.

Firstly, she outlines personality types – of both dogs and humans – who are suited to dog parks, and discusses those who aren't. She also writes that not all dog parks are created equal.

Design aspects such as gate type and specific terrain can make for a safer or more comfortable dog park experience. This book gives the reader more information to evaluate dog parks on a case-by-case basis.

The part I found most useful was the chapter titled 'canine observation skills', which discusses how to read and interpret dogs' body language. Alongside simple explanations with drawings, it includes exercises detailing common dog park scenarios to test your understanding of dog behaviour. This book also touches on training commands that are essential for dog park users, conflict resolution amongst both dogs and humans, and health issues relating to parks. I found it useful because it is practical and straightforward, arming

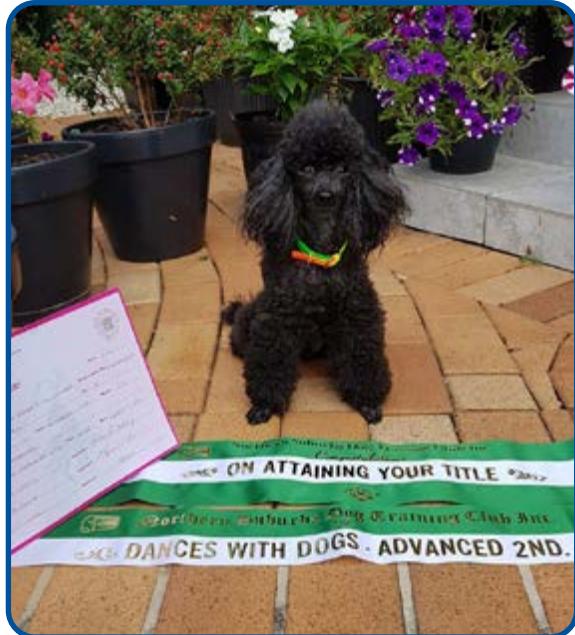
the reader with information they can apply in everyday situations with their dogs. If everyone who uses dog parks read this book, the park would be a much safer and more comfortable place.



MOVERS AND SHAKERS

Sandy O'Neill and Nova have had some amazing results lately. They achieved a perfect score of 200 points in the UDX ring at the Sapphire Coast trial! They have also achieved 193 and 198 points in UDX this month - what a star team!

Karen Richardson: "This morning Pixel competed in his final Dances With Dogs Competition. We competed in Heelwork to Music and Pixel attained his Advanced Title and 2nd Place. A nice way for Pixel, who turns 13yrs old this year, to exit into a well earned retirement and more time on the sofa."



Pixel DWD.



Robyn Jones' Ollie.

Robyn Jones' Abbey achieved her Rally Advanced title, and Ollie passed in Rally Novice with 97!

Fay Mullan's Fleur has gained her champion title and is now CH. TRISVEN REWRITE THE STARS.



Sandy & Nova



Sandy & Nova



Fleur CH.

PUPPY PICS

With a new year comes new members and new dogs! On our cover page and here, are a few of the cuties we've spotted on the grounds in February.

Have you got a snap of your pup at training? Share it with us at hillshowler@gmail.com and we'll feature it here!



Franki & her mum Bunni at training.



When Harry Met Ava (11 wk old Harry on right)



Terri Odell's Franki



Renee Higgins' Ollie from Advanced class



Sam and Wallace



Gabi & Harry first day

NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE GENERAL MEETING

of Hills Dog Club Inc.

When: Wednesday 10th March 2021 - 7:30pm

Where: **Club House** at Castle Hill Showground.

Who: All club members are welcome to attend. Booking is mandatory to secure a seat due to venue restrictions.

AGENDA

1. Open Meeting
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of minutes of February 2021 General Meeting
4. Business arising from the minutes
5. Correspondence
6. Treasurers Report
7. New Members
8. Chief Instructors Report
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 - B. Jumps disposal
 - C. Council grounds usage May
 - D. Yearly timetable sheet
 - E. Email List



**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

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

GROUND RULES

1. As a condition of membership, all dogs are required to be properly vaccinated according to current veterinary guidelines.

2. Members are responsible at all times for the behaviour of their dog/s whilst present on the training grounds or representing the club.

3. 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. 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 and/or dog/s which are unwell or have an infectious condition are not permitted on the obedience training grounds.

6. Members are to pick up after their dog/s and help keep the grounds clean and tidy.

7. Adequate sensible dress with appropriate footwear (no thongs, scuffs or bare feet) is required to be worn by Handler during training.

8. 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. 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. Members who use Club equipment must ensure it is

NOTICE:

Election of Conformation

Judges for the year 2023

(April & two October shows)

will be held at the May 2021

General Meeting

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returned to the storeroom and stored correctly after classes are conducted.

11. Children are welcome to attend classes provided they are supervised by an adult/parent/guardian at all times.

12. 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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Facebook –**

**Like our page to get
Club updates.**

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



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- - - - - **Dr Michelle Byrne, Mayor, The Hills Shire Council**
- - - - - **Mrs Luci Ellem**

LIFE MEMBERS: **Peter Guenther, Hazel Baldwin (deceased), Dianne Atkins, Janet Power, Belvane Parsons, Anne Small, Betty Cansdale (deceased), Robyn Jones, Janice Lyons, Vicki Gresser, Lynne Sheather.**

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MEMBERSHIP
Application
Full Year: 1st January—31st December
infohillsdogclub@gmail.com

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NEW MEMBER

RENEWAL

NOTE:
RENEWALS 2021
NO CHARGE

PERSONAL DETAILS

I/We Surname/s _____

First Name/s _____

Address _____

Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Phone _____ Email (optional) _____

Optional for Dogs NSW Members — Membership Number _____

DOG/S DETAILS

(Please bring current Vaccination Cert.)

Name _____ Breed _____ Age _____

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

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

(No voting rights)

Joining fee \$30

FULL MEMBER

(Full voting rights)

Joining fee \$35

JUNIOR MEMBER

12 yrs. and under 16

Joining fee \$20

PLUS: Annual Subscription

Adult New Member / Renewal \$15

Dual New Members / Renewal \$20

Family New Members / Renewal \$30

New Member / Renewal

Junior \$10

(No voting rights)

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

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 and hereby waive and release the Club its members and 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 the 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 \$ Vac. Cert. Sighted _____

Membership Fee \$ Receipt number _____

Ground Fee \$ _____

Sales \$ _____

TOTAL \$ Office Staff Signature _____