

The HILLS HOWLER



March 2017

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Upcoming Meeting Dates

8th March
12th April
10th May
14th June
12th July

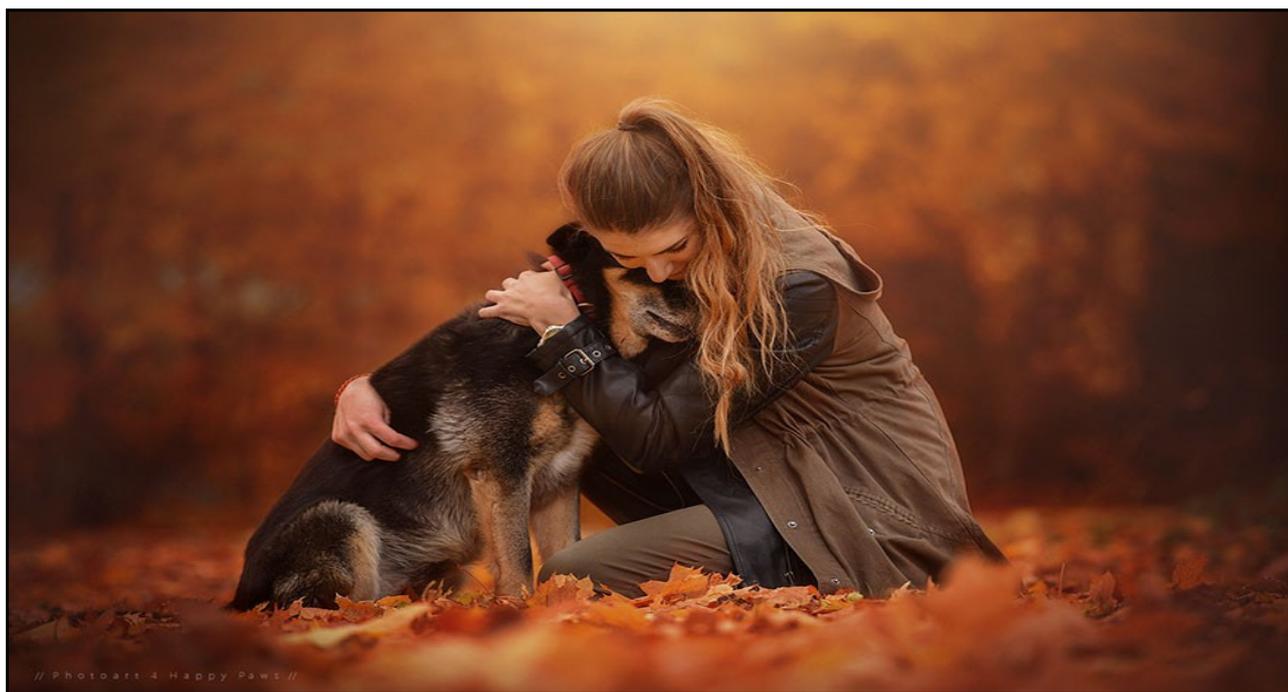
9th August
13th September
11th October
8th November
13th December

John Rogerson
22nd & 23rd April,
2017

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Everyone Thinks They Have The Best Dog...And None Of Them Are Wrong

W.R.Purche



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Anne Small, Betty Cansdale, Robyn Jones, Janice Lyons, Vicki Gresser, Lynne Sheather



Notice is given of the **General Meeting** of the Hills Dog Club Inc.
to be held on
Wednesday 8th March 2017,
in the Meeting Rooms, at Castle Hill Showground.
Commencing at 7:30 p.m.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Agenda:

- 1 Open Meeting
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Confirmation of minutes of the previous
General Meeting
- 4 Business arising from the minutes
- 5 Correspondence
- 6 Presidents Report

- 7 Secretary's Report
- 8 Treasurer's Report
- 9 New Members
- 10 Other Reports:
 - Show Secretary
 - Chief Instructor
 - Trial Secretary
 - Publicity Officer
- 11 Sub-Committee Report
- 12 Committee Recommendations
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 - * Interclub News



- FREE MEMBERS BOARD -

The Club has decided to include a FREE notice board column in the Howler each month for club members. This will be a maximum of 3 lines for one (1) month and will be non commercial.

- MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE -

The Hills Howler newsletter is written by members, for members. The views expressed here are not necessarily the views of the Hills Dog Club Inc. and the club does not accept responsibility for any information, articles or advice published.

- NOTICE BOARD -

Leave your dog "on lead" at all times unless your instructor requests otherwise.

Please bring correct money to training for ground fees.

No thongs or bare feet in classes. Closed shoes are preferable and safer.

Please wear your membership card at all times. It makes everyone's life easier!

All dogs on the training grounds must be vaccinated under Club rules.

Bitches in season are not permitted to attend class. You may still come and watch, but she may not.

Yes, training is on when it rains. Bring a raincoat and wear boots. If it is very wet we will train under the covered ring.

Extreme Weather Policy

If the temperature reaches 35° or higher the Club reserves the right to either halt, suspend or cancel training.

FORGOT TO BRING TREATS TO TRAINING?

Don't worry! We have lamb treats for sale at the office for just \$5 a bag.

All correspondence to:

The Secretary,
Hills Dog Club Inc.
56/159 Ridgescrop Drive,
Castle Hill NSW 2154

FOR NOTICE OF CLASS CANCELLATION

In the event of extreme weather conditions (heat or rain)

Go to:

www.hillsdogclub.com

OR find us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/hillsdogclub

Pages updated
Monday 4pm & Tuesday 8:45am

Hills Dog Club Inc

TRAINING TIMES

Monday 7pm Puppies, Beginners, Graduate & Advanced
8pm Triallers

Puppy classes are for dogs 12-20 weeks. NO CLASSES HELD ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 10.30am All Classes NO TUESDAY CLASSES HELD IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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

All Club correspondence or enquires should be addressed in writing to The Secretary, 56/169 Ridgeway Drive, Castle Hill, NSW, 2154.

NEWSLETTER

Hills Howler is available at the clubhouse on training days/nights and online. All members are encouraged to contribute.

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 graduation classes.
4. A member shall not ill-treat a dog at any time. Any such action may give rise to the suspension or expulsion from the Club by resolution of the Committee.
5. Bitches in season and/or dog/s with an un-well or infectious condition are not permitted on the obedience training grounds.
6. Members are to pick up after their dog/s and help keep the training 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 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.

Edition 6/14

Promotions

Beginners to Graduate

Carolyn Becker with Pepper the German Shepherd
Helen Murdoch with Echo the Australian Shepherd
Adam Wildin with Buddy the Border Collie
Dave Clark with Clyde the Foxie X
Jane Carpenter with Henry the Golden Retriever

Graduate to Advanced

Julianne James with Sonny the Shetland Sheepdog



Your Dog Knows Who Your Friends Really Are

Your dog is judging your friends. It is sitting there, spotting who doesn't get the rounds in, noting who forgets your birthday — and remembering.



TOM WHIPPLE
The Australian
February 8, 2017

Scientists have shown that dogs recognise unfriendly gestures towards their owners and bear a grudge.

The experiment, by scientists from Kyoto University, was a test of the extent of dogs' social cognition. Research has shown that children as young as three will take against people who appear to behave unfairly, and the same is true in monkeys. In dogs, however, the findings have so far been mixed.

An experiment in 2011 found that dogs preferred actors who gave food to beggars over those who refused to do so. However, the same experiment also showed that they preferred actors who "gave" food to an inanimate box. The preference seemed to be based more upon the wanton distribution of treats, and the likelihood that such treats might find their way into the dog, than on an innate sense of morality.

In the latest research, published in the journal *Neuroscience & Biobehavioural Reviews*, scientists devised a different experiment that attempted to overcome this by feeding the dog irrespective of its "moral" choices.

Fifty-four dogs and their owners were recruited to help the scientists, without being told the purpose of the study. The owners were given a container that they had to pretend to struggle to open. After a few seconds they asked an actor in the room for help. The actor either assisted them or turned away.

Finally, the actor and a neutral person held out a treat simultaneously. Whichever proffered hand the dog chose first was deemed to be their preferred person. If the dogs had seen the actor be helpful they tended to take the treat from them. If they had seen the actor be unhelpful, they tended to choose the neutral person.

The scientists described the ability to judge someone based on observed behaviour — rather than their own interactions with that person — as "social eavesdropping". They said that the fact dogs could do this showed they had "highly developed social competence" and a "core morality" similar to that found in humans.

It could be that this skill evolved among wolves, which live in highly social packs. It is also possible that the reason dogs appear to have human morality is precisely because of humans and the 15,000 years over which they have been bred for skills that include sensitivity to human emotions.

Whatever the reason for it, the researchers said that the dogs' behaviour showed sophisticated intelligence. "Pet dogs are not merely passive observers of other individuals' interactions," they wrote. "Instead, in some circumstances at least, they pay attention to the outcome of the interaction, evaluate how the actors behave, and make use of that information in reaching a decision about which individuals to interact with or to avoid."

They acknowledged that they had yet to show whether it was a general skill or one relevant only when the dog's owner was involved. "Attachments between dogs and their owners can be strong, and the former may be particularly sensitive to how other people treat the latter," they wrote. Either way, if you notice that your dog dislikes your new partner it may be more than mere jealousy. Pay attention to your dog: man's best friend knows who your best friends really are.

The Times

Concerns Wet Year Has Intensified Parvovirus Risk In Central West NSW

ABC Central West
By [Gavin Coote](#)



There are fears a wet year in central west New South Wales has exacerbated the risk of parvovirus among dogs, with dozens of canines having to be euthanased in recent weeks.

Parvovirus has a fatality rate of up to 80 per cent in young dogs and puppies, and symptoms include watery diarrhoea, vomiting, and lethargy.

[Wagga Wagga and Tamworth are two areas](#) in Australia that have been recently considered hotspots for the potentially deadly virus.

But several central west veterinarians have told the ABC the figures do not give an accurate picture, as the high workload of rural practices has meant they have not been able to upload all cases of the virus onto the national surveillance system, Disease Watchdog.



A Cowra veterinarian said they had attended to about 100 cases of parvovirus in the past four months, many of which have had to be put down.

The vet also told the ABC the practice has had to euthanase around 20 dogs at the clinic.

Many of the region's vets have put the rise down to a wet season, because the virus is able to stay in the environment for months in moist conditions.



Vaccination The Only Protection: Vets

Forbes veterinary nurse Elle Barry said the wet and recently hot weather meant unvaccinated dogs were at serious risk.

She said while it was most common for young dogs to contract the virus, she has also been attending to older canines that did not have their vaccination up to date.

"A lot of people think that because their dogs don't go anywhere that they don't need to vaccinate, but parvo can be carried on your shoes or on your clothes," Ms Barry said.

"You may not be in contact but somebody else who comes to your property may have been in contact with parvovirus.

"The change in the weather has a lot to do with when parvo flares up."

Orange veterinarian Genevieve Payne said two dogs were currently in isolation at her clinic and there were about another 20 cases of parvovirus in the past month.

She said vaccination against the virus was the only protection.

"We were always expecting the first few parvo cases to come in, but it's certainly been significantly hotter over the last few weeks and I think we've seen, well we've got two dogs in at the moment, so we certainly have seen a bit of a spike as it's been a bit hotter," she said.



JUST A DOG

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or "that's a lot of money for just a dog."

They don't understand the distance travelled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog."

Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog."

Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise."

"Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person. Because of "just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

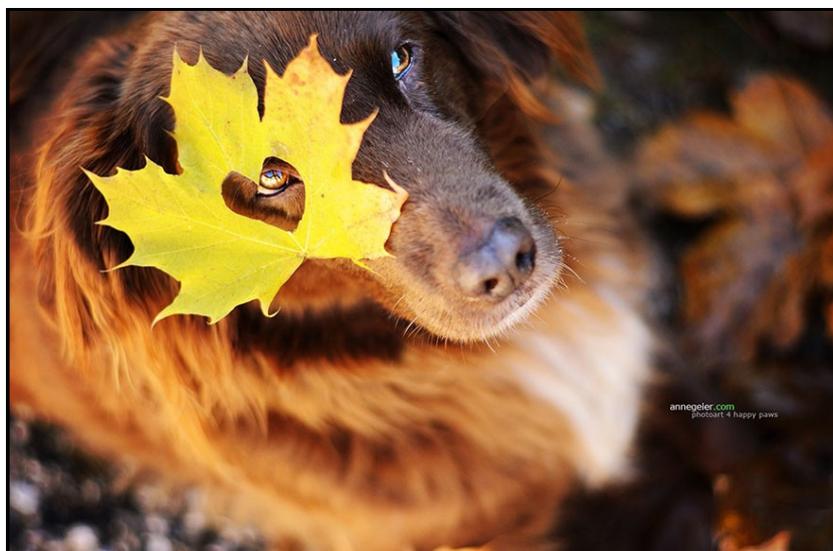
So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment.

"Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man" or "just a woman."

So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog," just smile, because they "just don't understand."

~Unknown Author~



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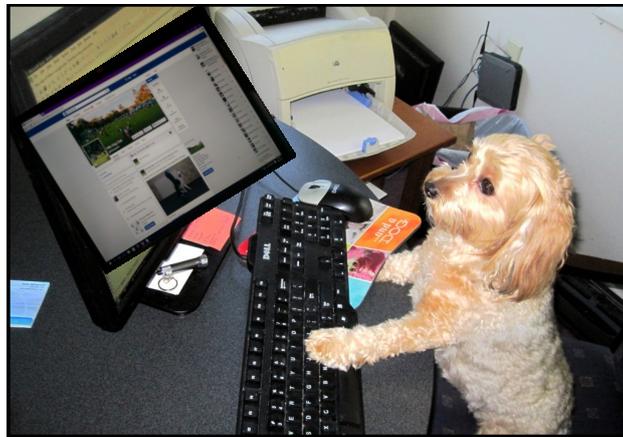
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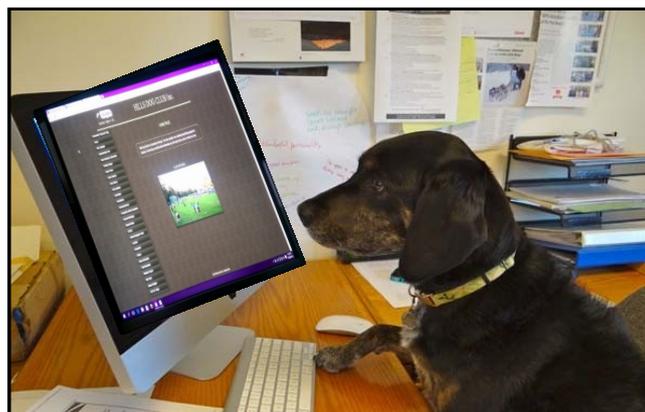
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Law and Pets

That dog is going to fall out the car window AHHHH!

Recently while driving through Parramatta I saw a Malamute with his head and front legs hanging outside of the car in front of me. It was awful to watch, scary, sickening - the dog pranced from one side to the other side of the car repeating the behaviour! I beeped the horn several times however the driver clearly did not care!

This was a disaster waiting to happen for the dog, the owner and people having to witness it and could also cause financial loss of licence, big fines and even JAIL!!

Did you know the RSPCA statistics reveal roughly 5000 dogs each year are injured or killed in Australia as a result of falling from a moving vehicle?

So read the rules!

The Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) advises that police can fine a driver and issue demerit points if an animal is causing the driver to be not in full control of the vehicle, or if they are driving with a dog on their lap. The penalties are three demerit points and \$425 (more in a school zone).

A driver must not drive with an animal in the driver's lap.

Animals should be seated or housed in an appropriate area of the vehicle.

Dogs on utes should be restrained either via a tether or cage, so that the dog cannot fall off or be injured when the vehicle moves.

A motor cycle rider must not ride with an animal between the handlebars and the rider.

A driver, motorcycle rider, bicycle rider or passenger must not lead an animal, while the vehicle is moving.

The RSPCA can also issue fines under The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. If an animal is injured because it was unrestrained, owners face up to six months' jail and fines of up to \$5,500. Carrying dogs untethered on the backs of utes can land drivers with fines of \$500.



Properly restrained dogs cannot move around inside the vehicle and will therefore reduce distraction to the driver.

In a crash or under heavy braking a properly restrained dog is less likely to become airborne, decreasing the risk of serious injury to the dog, the driver and other passengers, or other vehicles.

Restraining your dog prevents it from jumping out of the car's window or from the back of a ute/truck which could cause injury to the dog and other road users.

WHAT OPTIONS DO I HAVE?



CAR HARNESSSES secure your dog by either linking to the seat belt system or using a seat belt attachment.

<https://dogculture.com.au/product-category/car-safety/>

Measure your dog correctly and buy a harness of the right size to ensure comfort and security. Ensure that you fit the harness correctly.

Please do not allow your pets to travel on the front passenger seat if your car is fitted with airbags as this could be fatal for your pet in an accident. We also recommend that seat belt attachments be used with harnesses rather than attaching directly to your dog's collar.

Hammock seat cover or front seat barrier.

<https://dogculture.com.au/product-category/car-seat-interior-protectors>

These can be used to restrict access to the front seats and in combination with the harness and seat belt attachment for extra safety.

Dogs can travel in the open cargo area of a wagon type vehicle behind a cargo barrier or in travelling crates and containers. Make sure your pet has enough room to sit, stand, turn around easily and lie down in a comfortable position. You should also ensure that there is enough ventilation and airflow.

Crates can also be fixed in the back seat with the seat belt.

Do the right thing and restrain your dog securely on every trip in the car.

References – Dog Culture.com.au & Roads and Maritime Services NSW

Pets and Your Will

Pets are often considered a part of the family, so you need to make sure your pet is taken care of. Some options you can specify in your Will to protect your pet include leaving a sum of money to an animal charity with a legacy program, organising a Testamentary Trust that allows you to appoint a trusted carer to provide physical care for your pet or you may also want to provide a gift of a sum of money in your Will to a friend or family member so they can look after your pet.

Can I include my pet in my will?

You can provide for your pet in your will to ensure they are taken care of.

You can:

- Leave money to an animal charity with a legacy program
- Set up a trust that allows you to appoint a trusted carer to care for your pet, OR
- Leave money in your will to a friend or family member so they can look after your pet



Think about all the options available and which would suit your needs for your pet best.

Your pets & your will is a guide to making sure your pet is cared for after you have died. Download this publication at www.tag.nsw.gov.au under Wills>Pets and Your Will or have a copy sent to you by calling NSW Trustee & Guardian on 1300 364 103.

<http://www.tag.nsw.gov.au/pets-and-your-will.html>

The Companion Animal Law Guide gives an overview of the day-to-day legal issues for pets and pet owners in NSW. It covers the law about barking dogs, injuries caused to and by dogs, general requirements for pet ownership, and other issues.

Download the guide at www.lawsociety.com.au

Keeping Pets in Strata Schemes is a free guide to help tenants, agents and owners understand the laws in NSW about keeping pets in strata schemes.

You can download and print this guide at www.lawsociety.com.au



Costs of Desexing Animals



Desexed Animals Are:

- Less prone to wander, fight, and are less likely to get lost or injured.
 - Less likely to suffer from anti-social behaviours. They become more affectionate and become better companions.
 - Less likely to display territorial behaviour such as spraying indoors.
 - There is no need to find homes for unwanted or unexpected litters of puppies or kittens.
 - There is reduced risk of getting cancer or other diseases of the reproductive organs.
- Generally live longer and healthier lives.

If you are a pensioner or are on a low income and can't afford to have your pet desexed, the National Desexing Network can help you find a vet in your area who will do it at a reduced fee.

Apply online at www.ndn.org.au or by calling 1300 368 992

Pets of Older Persons

POOPS helps people 65 or older with their pets in times of crisis. It provides temporary boarding for pets if you need medical treatment, respite or other assistance. It also offers veterinary treatment, help with pet grooming and basic pet care.

To find out more phone 02 9782 4408 or visit www.rspcansw.org.au



Prepared By: Narelle Brown; Puppy 1 Instructor

BRAIN TUMOURS IN MAN'S BEST FRIEND

NOW WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER

Our canine companions can get cancers just like people, and brain cancer is no exception. Currently it is the highest cause of cancer death in people under 40, and the highest cause of death in children under 14, so research to help fight this devastating disease is essential.

Age is often considered a risk factor for brain cancers in dogs but some vet hospitals are now reporting an increasing occurrence of this type of cancer among younger dogs too. A number of brachycephalic (short-nose) breeds including Bulldogs, Boston Terriers and Boxers are particularly prone to developing glial tumours, including unclassified gliomas, and Golden Retrievers may also be susceptible to brain tumours, especially meningiomas. Dogs over seven years are also at higher risk.

The University of QLD and the CSIRO have recently combined forces with the QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute to develop new diagnostic and treatment methods for this disease, and have recently begun a three-stage trial aiming to treat dogs with brain cancer. Their findings will help develop treatments for dogs and humans alike, and help us to understand how to overcome the many barriers to treatment.

The group are working to target cell surface proteins that are specific to brain cancer cells in order to deliver diagnostic and therapeutic agents.

One such family of proteins are the Eph receptor tyrosine kinases and the group have developed antibodies that are highly specific to the EphA2 receptor. By coupling these antibodies to imaging agents and therapeutics, it is hoped that they will locate the tumour and deliver vital diagnostic information alongside a therapeutic action, a class of treatment known as a theranostic.

The group have recently re-engineered their antibody theranostics to be active towards both dog and human forms of the receptor, so that the treatments for dogs can

mirror the sort of therapy offered to humans.

Initially, the researchers are looking for canine brain tumour tissue to create cell lines which will be used to further develop these theranostics. Subsequent stages will involve testing the antibody theranostics as PET imaging agents and, eventually, for potential use as a canine therapy.

At this stage, one key referral hospital in the locations of Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane will be participating in the study. They will include: the Animal Referral Hospital in Sydney, the U-Vet University Teaching Hospital in Melbourne and the Veterinary Specialist Services in Brisbane. Vetx Research are the group administering the trial at each location.

If you're a veterinarian currently treating a dog whom you suspect may have an infiltrative brain tumour, you may wish to discuss this trial with the owner. If the owner is interested in having their pet take part in the trial, you can refer the dog to one of the hospitals involved, where a specialist will examine and decide if there is a high likelihood of a brain tumour.

If it is likely that the dog does have a tumour, then a brain MRI will be offered to the owner free of charge. If the dog passes away or is euthanased, the specialist vet will send a brain tumour tissue sample to the QIMR Berghofer Institute in Brisbane. If the dog does not have a brain tumour, then other options for diagnosis and treatment will be considered.

The research group is now asking for cases of suspected brain tumours from referring veterinarians. Dogs will have the chance to receive excellent diagnostics and care, potentially a free MRI, and their contribution to brain cancer research will be the legacy of the brave and special animals we call man's best friend.

For further information, please contact Dr Elizabeth Evans, Director of Clinical Research at Vetx Research by email: eevans@vetx.com.au or mobile: 0409 703 412.



6 SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS & PETS



Give them space!

Some animals do not like to be hugged! Do not disturb pets when they are eating or sleeping.



Play Nice!

Always be calm and gentle when meeting a new pet. Never hit, poke, or squeeze animals.



Be Considerate!

Pets can get scared or anxious. If they do not want to play, give them time to get used to you.



Don't Force them to Share!

Never pull a toy or bone out of their mouth, some pets get bothered when their things are taken!



Don't be Loud!

Animals have sensitive ears, and loud noises like screaming can frighten or even hurt them.



Show Respect!

Pets have feelings just like humans do. Treat them the same way you want people to treat you!



Letters to our Dogs

Following our request last year for members to write a letter to their dog, telling their companion exactly what s/he means to them, here are the four entries received: all different, and all wonderful.

From Jo Campbell

Here is a letter I wrote to my baby girl Tira... just for fun...

My dear little princess Tira,
you came to me at a time of loss and sadness
for me it was way too early for the puppy madness.
But you won my love with your little antics,
The sadness soon disappeared
and I was glad that you were here.
It wasn't long before the learning began,
we were having the best time and learning so much
but the learning was stopped way too quick when I became sick.
It was months before I was well again,
with you beside me the entire time
keeping me company and making me feel fine.
It was trying times with you as pup and me not well.
You were always happy and taught me so much,
always wanting to please,
your soft gentle nature kept me at ease.
You were quick to pick up agility,
which led to many weekends
of fun with friends.
Again I was struck with illness which
didn't stop your ability
to make me happy and
make me laugh.
You are an angel in disguise and
you're always by my side.
Love you to the moon and back,
my princess.



From Maureen Shepherd, who was at first reluctant...

Talking to Genevieve on the phone, she remarked on the slow response to the request of "a letter to your dog". My immediate reply was an emphatic "NO", that my relationship with my dog was of a far too personal nature to share with anyone, least of all (in) a public newsletter.

The very essence of our relationship, of my many dogs, is, and has been, a love affair in the truest, purest of meanings. I ask, would a normal thinking feeling human share one's innermost secrets, emotions, hopes and desires with other than "The Chosen One", divulged in the intimate confines of their chosen space?

So it is the same for me with my dogs. We have shared every high and low life has to offer - and then some! I have opened my heart to them all, and they have known that, unreservedly. We do not have a spoken language as you and I use to communicate; we have an unspoken, all encompassing continual living together communication that only she and I know and share. We understand each other much of the time without words or gestures. So why would I have the desire to write to her. It has all been said. More importantly, why would I share this very special, unique God-given union through a public newsletter for all to read? I think not.

But now I sort of have, haven't I?



L to R: Echo, Kate, Nikki, & Polly at front



Natasha

From Genevieve Young

And so we passed the days
lost in our own meanings,
walking in two directions yet in one.

With figures of two minds, one mind in love,
neither has been the giver, neither given:
both have loved, both received.

We bridged the balance,
black and lovely dog,
between the voiced and the voiceless realms,
common in kinship, equal in all ways.

... and finally, from Natalie Conway & her family:



PEPPA

*Peacefully lies beside my feet
always with me
Enthusiastically chases a ball
& returns no matter the
distance
Puppy to senior dog we have
watched you grow
Patiently watches the family
always with unconditional
love
A pair of raised ears &
wagging tail greet us happily
at the door*



Conway Family



Peppa

Hills Dog Club inc
Annual General meeting
13th April 2016

Meeting Opened: 7.35pm

Apologies Accepted: M: J Power S: D O'Brien Carried

The minutes of the March AGM 2015 were read and approved as a correct record

M: A Small S: J Power Carried

The financial Statements were then presented to the meeting by the treasurer

M: L Sheather S: G Young Carried

Presidents Report:

Yet another successful year with "The Hills Dog Club".

It has been one of change again from previous years in that we have now adopted yet another "new" Constitution after a great deal of discussion, effort and time, by a number of members. It is still not perfect, and I doubt it ever will be, and like all legislation, it will be looked at, discussed, and changed again as time goes on.

The Club has run well with our numbers once again fairly similar to those of last year. We had over 1100 members as we have had for a number of years now.

This year has seen the Club increase ground fees so as to cover our costs more effectively and hopefully these fees will not need to be revised again for some time. We also amended the Family Membership fee.

This year also saw the creation of two new Life Members. Both Vicki Gresser and Lynne Sheather as Secretary and Treasurer respectively have held these positions for some years and each put great efforts in keeping the Club on track. Both of them are well deserved of the award. Congratulations to you both.

The year saw the usual Trials and Show events held along with the Interclub. All were as usual a great deal of work and I would like to thank all of the people who were involved with the many tasks to make them the success that they were. Numbers continue to be low for these events and not as high as we would like, we can but hope that they will improve. For our part the Club was well represented at all of the trials this last year and it is very pleasing to see our triallers doing so well and also have new blood coming along to increase the numbers.

With Council taking over the running of the grounds, bookings, and maintenance of the buildings, the future of the Showground has become a little more precarious for Clubs operating here. We need to be aware of what is planned and be involved. As a Club we need to be proactive, and promote ourselves at every opportunity, wherever and whenever possible. This I believe, is vital to our future and what we should be very aware of.

In closing I would like to thank all of the members of the Committee, the Instructors, and Office Staff, and also the helpers who assist. Without all of you doing your bit, the Club would not function. There is always room for people to become more involved in our Club, and we should all encourage them whenever we can.

I also wish the incoming Committee my best wishes for a successful year and that the club continues to flourish under your management.

C.G. Fenbow
President

Secretary's Report:

2015 has seen me doing the secretary's job for 8 years , I can't believe that much time has gone. There have been a lot of changes in those years to our club and it has grown with the times. 2015 saw some changes to the secretary's job. Lynne and Deidre regularly check the mail for me so i don't have to go up there as much, thank you girls its very much appreciated and Deidre who is the clubs assistant secretary for 2015 has taken on the job of the motion books and she keeps them typed up and up to date which is a huge help to me and again much appreciated. Most official mail and communicating with people now happens via email so as snail mail continues to decrease, electronic mail increases and computer time increases just a sign of the times. All in all 2015 was a good year.
M: V Gresser S: G Young Carried

Chief Instructors Report:

At present we have 65 instructors that take classes.
There was no course run in 2015 year we did however run 4 lectures open to instructors and members
June 2015 - Rehabilitating Rescue Dogs
July 2015 - Steve Austin
October 2015 - Peta Clarke
March 2016 Balance Canine
K9 Assessor's course

Some adjustments were made to our training manual and quite a few videos were made over the Christmas break to add to our library of videos for Instructors to be able to view of class exercises K9 course

I would like to thank all the instructors that regularly come along and take classes. A special thank you to all the coordinators that help me with organising the weekly classes. And to the girls than man the office each week. M: D Atkins S: D O'Brien Carried

The President then called for nominations for a returning officer and two Scrutineers

Returning Officer – Tiki Freizer elected

Scrutineers 1 Janice Lyons

2 Kerry Richards

The President then declared all positions vacant and vacated the chair and handed over to the returning officer to go through the received nominations and election of office bearers took place.

Position	Nomination	Nominated by	Seconded by	Accept/Decline
President	G Fenbow	J Power	J Stanley	A
Vice pres	1 D Hutchins	K Neville	A Small	A
	2 K Neville	D Hutchins	A Small	A
Secretary	V Gresser	G Fenbow	L Sheather	A
Assis Sec	D O'Brien	G Young	P Bradley	A
Treasurer	L Sheather	J Power	K Neville	A
Assis Treas	J Power	K Neville	K Van Eggerat	A
Chief Instructor	D Atkins	G Young	J Walder	D
Trial Secretary	T Freizer	D O'Brien	J Power	A
Show Secretary	J Power	K Neville	K Van Eggerat	A
Committee	S Tulk	J Power	A Small	A
	J Stanley	A Small	J Power	A
	P Guenther	J Power	D O'Brien	A
	A Small	P Hartwell	B Parsons	A
	N Conway	G Young	S Tulk	A
	K Cocks	S Tulk	D Hutchins	A
Education Officer	D Atkins	G Young	G Fenbow	D
Publicity Officer	K Neville	D Hutchins	A Small	A
Public Officer	V Gresser			
Ground Equipment Officer	L Perfect	G Young	T Freizer	A
Patrons	B Stepkovitch	J Lyons	G Fenbow	A
	Dr M Byrne	P Hartwell	D O'Brien	to be confirmed
Trophy Stewards				
Club	G Young	T Freizer	A Small	A
Trial	1 J Lyons	K Richards	S Tulk	A
	2 K Richards	J Lyons	P Bradley	A
Show	1 S Ibbott-Cordi	S Tulk	D Neal	A
	2 P Hartwell	M Gurney	K Neville	A
Registra	J Smith	S Tulk	G Young	A

Auditor Mr T Newton has accepted to be club auditor for 2016.

Please Note: The Presentation of the 2015 Title Trophies and Service Awards took place following the Election. These were printed in the May 2016 Edition of the Howler.

NOTICE IS GIVEN

Hills Dog Club Inc.
Annual General Meeting
12th April, 2017
Agenda

1. Open Meeting
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting
4. Financial Statement
5. President's Report
6. Secretary's Report
7. Chief Instructor's Report
8. President to declare all positions vacant
9. Election of Returning Officer & Scrutineers
10. President to vacate chair, hand meeting over to returning officer
11. Returning officer reads nominations received & calls for nominations for vacant positions
12. Election of Office Bearers
13. Nominations & Elections of Patrons
14. Nomination & Election of Auditor
15. Trophy Presentation by President
16. Close Meeting

Please Note: ALL COMMITTEE POSITIONS are declared vacant and Hills Dog Club Inc welcomes Members nominations.

Nomination forms for all Committee positions can be found on pg. 26 of this month's Howler.

Hills Dog Club Inc 2017 Committee

President: VACANT

Vice President: VACANT

Vice President: VACANT

Secretary: VACANT

Assistant Secretary: VACANT

Treasurer: VACANT

Assistant Treasurer: VACANT

Chief Instructor: VACANT

Trial Secretary: VACANT

Show Secretary: VACANT

Committee:

1. VACANT

2. VACANT

3. VACANT

4. VACANT

5. VACANT

6. VACANT



Public Officer: VACANT *A Manual containing Position Descriptions can be found at the Club Office*

Publicity Officer: VACANT

Equipment Officer: VACANT

Education Officer: VACANT

Registrar: VACANT

Auditor: VACANT

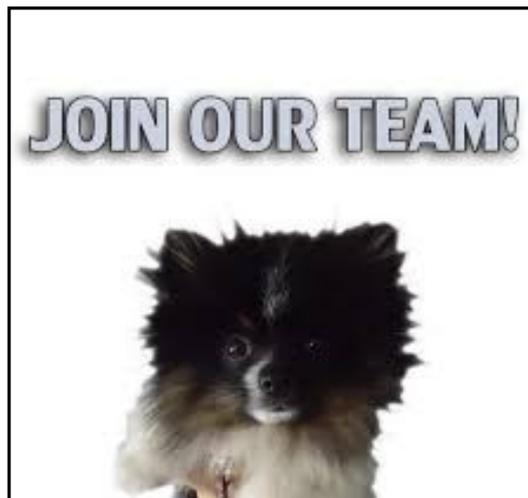
Patron: VACANT

Trophy Stewards:

Trial - 1. VACANT 2. VACANT

Show -1. VACANT 2. VACANT

Club Trophy Steward: VACANT



Life Members: Peter Guenther, *Hazel Baldwin(*deceased), Dianne Atkins, Janet Power, Belvane Parsons,

Anne Small, Betty Cansdale, Robyn Jones, Janice Lyons, Vicki Gresser, Lynne Sheather

***ALL POSITION ARE DECLARED VACANT -
NOMINATIONS WELCOMED***

Nomination of Committee & Office Bearers

I wish to nominate _____
For the position of _____
Nominated by: _____
Seconded by: _____
Accepted _____

This form must be returned to The Secretary no later than 21 days before the AGM

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Hills Dog Club Inc. proudly presents:

John Rogerson revisited!



Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd April 2017

**See our Club web page
for more details!**

<http://www.hillsdogclub.com/>

John Rogerson
KCAI, (ADV. WT., ADV BEH)

John Rogerson revisited. A Seminar with John Rogerson KCAI, (ADV. WT., ADV BEH)

Yes, I will be attending the John Rogerson Seminar, I have ticked the appropriate box.

Club Member 2 Day \$ 150

Club Member 1 Day \$ 90

Non Member 2 Day \$ 200

Non Member 1 Day \$ 120

Name.....

Contact Phone number/s.....

Email.....

Enclosed is my cheque/money order being payment for the following day/s.

(Please make payable to Hills Dog Club Inc.)

Saturday \$..... Sunday \$..... Saturday & Sunday \$..... Total \$.....

Post to: Hills Dog Club Inc. c/- D.Atkins 9 Colbran Ave, Kenthurst NSW 2156.

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