

# The HILLS HOWLER

dogs  
Companions  
& Competitors

May 2017

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## Upcoming Meeting Dates

10th May	13th September
14th June	11th October
12th July	8th November
9th August	13th December

## REMINDER:

**Obedience and  
Rally-Obedience Trial**  
**Saturday 13th May, 2017**



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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 10th May 2017,**  
in the Meeting Rooms, at Castle Hill Showground.  
Starting at 7.30pm.  
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 Breed Show Judges Election 2018  
7 Presidents Report  
8 Secretary's Report

9 Treasurer's Report  
10 New Members  
11 Other Reports:  
• Show Secretary  
• Chief Instructor  
• Trial Secretary  
• Publicity Officer  
12 Sub-Committee Report  
13 Committee Recommendations  
14 General Business

## **INTERCLUB 2017**



### **When: Saturday 29th July, 2017**

Its a great club day out against other club's which is an event held each year.

We need dogs in CCD, Novice, Open and UD.

If you are unsure what class you can compete in or whether you are able too, please come and see Vicki at the club on Mondays or Tuesdays for more information.

Its a fun day and handlers and dogs do every exercise in their class including stays whether they pass or not.

We consider this a fun day out for all so if you are interested come and see us.

Vicki Gresser

### **- 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.

### **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](http://www.hillsdogclub.com)

OR find us on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/hillsdogclub](https://www.facebook.com/hillsdogclub)

Pages updated  
Monday 4pm & Tuesday 8:45am

### **Extreme Weather Policy**

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

# Hills Dog Club Inc

## TRAINING TIMES

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

**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 Ridgecrop 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.

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# Promotions

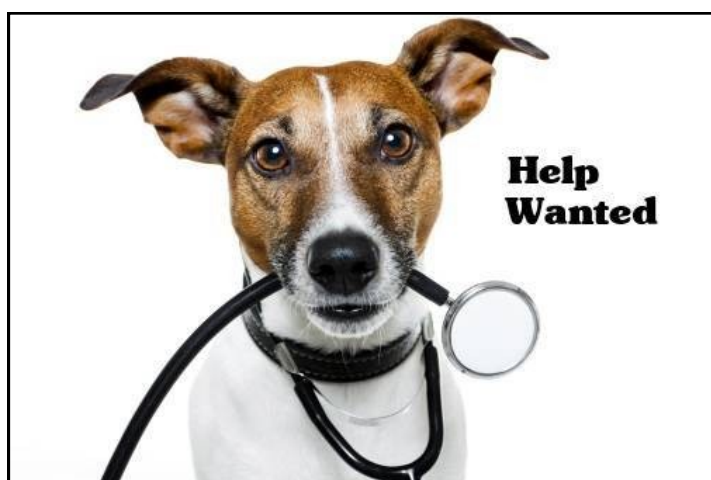
## Beginners to Graduate

Elizabeth Kaine with Annie the Cattle X

## Graduate to Advanced

Helen and Sue Murdoch with Echo the Australian Shepherd

Colin Richardson with Georgia the Labrador Retriever



**Hills Dog Club Inc is searching for a...**  
**Secretary and Assistant Secretary**

to stand for the next term.

Please enquire within if you would like to help.







**Hills Dog Club Inc**

**Obedience AND Rally-O Trial**

**When: Saturday May 13th, 2017**

**Where: Castle Hill Showground**

**Start Time: Obedience @ 9am**

**Rally-O @ 1pm**

**Volunteers Needed**

**Please contact Tiki Friezer on:**

**[bondsmum@bigpond.com](mailto:bondsmum@bigpond.com)**

**We will also have Not Your Average Dog and Pets on the Park  
on the day to purchase goodies.**

# 'EXTINCT' MOUNTAIN DOGS REDISCOVERED IN THE WILD

BY ALEXANDRA E. PETRI 03 APRIL 2017

**Unseen for more than 50 years, the New Guinea highland wild dog has at last been confirmed in its natural island habitat.**



Scientists are crooning over new pictures that confirm the survival of the New Guinea highland wild dog, which until now was feared to be extinct in its natural habitat on the South Pacific island.

Thought to be among the rarest species of canine, the highland wild dogs are either the same as or close relatives of the famous [singing dogs of New Guinea](#), which exist only in captivity.

More than a hundred camera-trap pictures taken in 2016 show at least 15 wild individuals, including males, females, and pups. Though they are most commonly a golden colour, some of the dogs are cream, ginger, roan, or black, with different markings and patterning's.

DNA evidence suggests that the New Guinea highland wild dog is among the most primitive canines alive today, and it may be a key ancestor of domesticated dogs.

"The discovery and confirmation of the [highland wild dog] for the first time in over half a century is not only exciting but an incredible opportunity for science," the [New Guinea Highland Wild Dog Foundation](#) (NGHWDF) says on its website.

## LIVING THE HIGH LIFE

Previous reports in 2005 and 2012 suggested the dogs were still living in their highland homes, but neither was considered to be solid, conclusive evidence.

Luck came in 2016, when zoologist James K. McIntyre led a group of NGHWDF researchers on an expedition to the Papua Province. There, they came across researchers from the University of Papua, who were also eager to discover signs of the dog's existence.

The trip delivered some promising initial evidence: a muddy paw print.

Together, the university team and the NGHWDF deployed camera traps throughout the forests of the New Guinea highlands, roughly between 11,000 and 14,000 feet above sea level.

The trail cameras that they set up recorded more than 140 images of the dogs in just two days on the mountain summit of Puncak Jaya.

In addition to photographic evidence of these rare canines, the researchers observed the dogs first-hand and collected scat samples, which will help scientists better understand the animal's modern lifestyle and rich history.

***WATCH: ANCIENT WILD DOG POPULATION FEARED EXTINCT, NOW CAPTURED ON CAMERA***  
[video.nationalgeographic.com/video/news/170330-new-guinea-highland-wild-dog-vin](https://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/news/170330-new-guinea-highland-wild-dog-vin)



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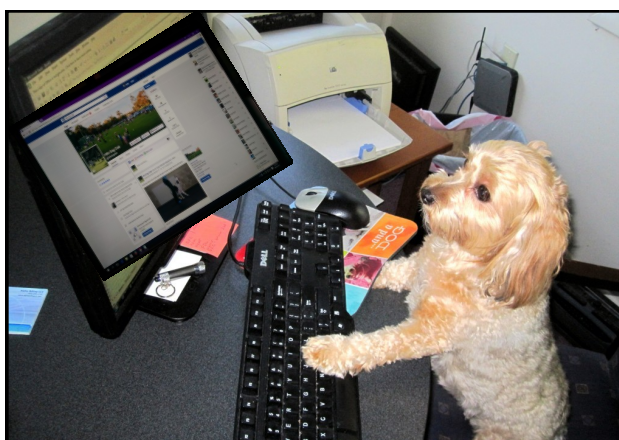
## Hills Dog Club Community Page

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

Click: **Like**

Notifications: **Follow**

Please Note: **All you need is a internet connection to view this page**



## Hills Dog Club Members

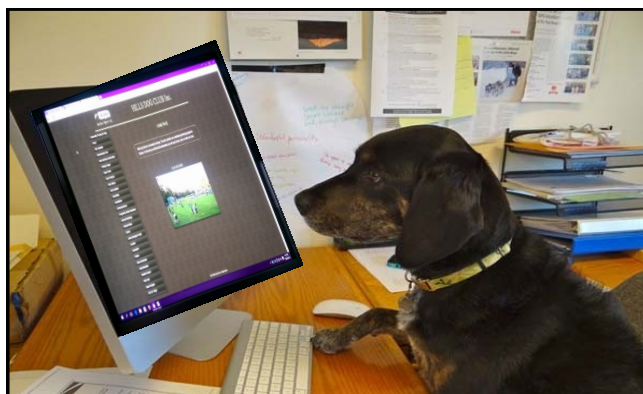
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/162308877129471/>

Click: **Ask to Join**

Please Note: **Admin will ask to confirm Membership**

## Hills Dog Club Webpage

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



# TOP 10 TRAINING TIPS

- 1 MAKE TRAINING FUN!**  
Training should be fun for you and your dog
- 2 GET EVERYONE INVOLVED!**  
Get the whole family involved in the training
- 3 IDENTIFY BEHAVIORS YOU WANT YOUR DOG TO KNOW!**  
Plan ahead: sit, down, stay, come...
- 4 REWARD GOOD BEHAVIOR!**  
Reward behavior you like when your dog does it
- 5 USE GOOD REWARDS!**  
Use food, toys, walks, and access to fun as rewards
- 6 KEEP IT SIMPLE IN THE BEGINNING!**  
Make it easy enough for your dog to get it right
- 7 PRACTICE OFTEN!**  
Practice 15- to 30-minute sessions two to three times per day
- 8 BUILD ON YOUR DOG'S SUCCESS!**  
Add new skills as your dog masters old ones
- 9 MAKE LEARNING A REGULAR PART OF YOUR DOG'S LIFE!**  
Dogs are smart and always need new things to learn
- 10 TAKE A TRAINING CLASS TO LEARN MORE!**



# CONGRATULATIONS...

To the people who received TITLE TROPHIES  
at our AGM, for Titles earned in 2016



## SINGLE TITLES

Judith Stanley & *Harvikgold Starbreaker CCD RN* (Sapphy)  
COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG TITLE 2016

Samantha Ibbott-Cordi & *Grand Ch. Tobenlee Moves Like Jagger CCD RN ET* (Jagger)  
COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG TITLE 2016

Pauline Hartwell & *Ch. Rustufarion Bubble the Brew (IID) CD RA* (Brew)  
NOVICE OBEDIENCE TITLE 2016

Terri Odell & *Ch. Nagpuni Midnight Mischief RN* (Midnight)  
RALLY NOVICE TITLE 2016

Sandra Elliott & *Quickstep Casaphia RN* (Cassie)  
RALLY NOVICE TITLE 2016

Brent & Jess Vujcich & *Steadfast Lady Bug RN* (Lady Bug)  
RALLY NOVICE TITLE 2016

Vicki Gresser & *Kaasha Star Bright UD RAE RM ET* (Savanna)  
RALLY MASTER TITLE 2016

Joanne Campbell & *Tira ADM3 JDM4 JDO ADO SDX GDX CCD CD RN SPDM* (Tira)  
STRATEGIC PAIRS DOG MASTER - TITLE 2016

Sandra Elliott & *Rivermaid Chester Cherokee CCD RA TDX* (Chester)  
TRACKING DOG EXCELLENT TITLE 2016

## MULTIPLE TITLES

Dori Leadle & *Cassalis Highland Chief CCD TD* (Quinn)  
COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG & TRACKING DOG TITLES 2016

Michelle Gurney & *Ch. Armahani Diamond Dansut (AI) CCD RA JD HT ET FM JC* (Squiggle)  
COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG & JUNIOR COURSER  
TITLES 2016

Tiki Frezier & *Killara Summer Wine TDX* (Elka)  
TRACKING DOG & TRACKING DOG EXCELLENT TITLES 2016

## MULTIPLE TITLES

Karen Richardson & *Poodlederry Mister Bojangles RN FS.S RA* (Bo)  
RALLY NOVICE & RALLY ADVANCED TITLES 2016

Karen Richardson & *HTM.Ch. Silkysootes Jessie James CDX RAE FS.A RM* (Pippin)  
RALLY MASTER & FREESTYLE ADVANCED TITLES 2016

Robyn Jones & *Tarshona Royal Abbey RN JD* (Abbey)  
RALLY NOVICE & JUMPING DOG TITLES 2016

Michelle Oldfield & *Ulara Floss CD RA ADX JDX GD SPDX SDX HT* (Floss)  
COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG, NOVICE OBEDIENCE & RALLY ADVANCED  
TITLES 2016

Karyn Gresser & *Banjo CDX RAE RM* (Banjo)  
COMPANION DOG EXCELLENT, RALLY ADVANCED EXCELLENT & RALLY MASTER  
TITLES 2016

Vicki Gresser & *Rozate an Affair to Remember UD RAE RM ET* (Kyra)  
UTILITY DOG & RALLY MASTER TITLES 2016

Michele Martin & *Moonshadow Zephyr Dream CDX RAE* (Zephyr)  
COMPANION DOG EXCELLENT, RALLY EXCELLENT & RALLY ADVANCED, EXCELLENT  
TITLES 2016

## CHAMPIONS

Dagmar Neal & *O.Ch. Auldbrig Tiger by the Tail RAE JD SPD GDX* (Zuki)  
OBEDIENCE CHAMPION TITLE 2016

Terri Odell & *Ch. Nagpuni Shaken Not Stirred* (Darcy)  
AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION TITLE 2016

Carolyn Becker & *Ch. Siobahn Greyt Temptation* (Pepper)  
AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION TITLE 2016

Samantha Ibbott-Cordi & *Ch. Tobenlee Chase N Shadows* (Samba)  
AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION TITLE 2016

Sandra Elliott & *T.Ch. Rivermaid Chester Cherokee CCD RA* (Chester)  
TRACKING CHAMPION TITLE 2016

*Well done dogs and handlers!*



# CONGRATULATIONS . . .

*The following people were recognized at our AGM, for their years of service to Hills Dog Club. Each member was presented with a Service Medal to mark their commitment.*

Dianne Atkins  
Peter Guenther

25+ years of service -  
retrospective to 2015

Janet Power

25 years of service

Tom Wilson

15 years of service

Ann Black  
Tiki Frezier  
Genevieve Young  
Susan Ley  
Alex Mineef  
Lisa Williams

David Hutchins  
Mary White  
Jo Barnes  
Robert Henderson  
Karen Taylor

5 years of service

CONGRATULATIONS



*Above: Dianne Atkins, Janet Power & Peter Guenther*



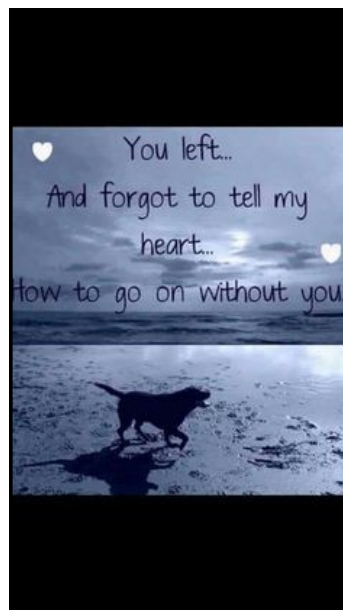
# John Gray: Unfair Transaction

## The Record

POSTED: 08/13/14

Monday's are always busiest at the local veterinarian's office and this day was no exception. People bringing in pets that got sick over the weekend or picking them up from boarding after spending a few days away. That's why I was there, to get my dog Max after leaving him for a couple of days. They bathe him and clip his nails so the guilt I naturally feel leaving him with strangers is replaced by a lie I tell myself that it's more of a "spa" experience for him, not a weekend in jail.

As I waited for my dog I looked around the room and saw all manner of pets with their owners, cats, dogs, big, small; most silent but a few making enough noise to wake the dead. It was easy to miss him at first, this older man, standing quiet as a church mouse on a Wednesday morning, patiently waiting his turn. Eventually when they called him over he moved gingerly toward the counter with no animal in tow. "Picking up?" the woman asked, assuming his pet must be somewhere behind one of the many closed doors. "No", he whispered, "I'm here for my pet's remains."



The woman's expression changed as she grasped the gravity of the situation and she turned and disappeared behind some file cabinets. She quickly returned with a pretty bag with tissue paper peeking out of the top. I thought to myself, thank God they didn't just hand him a plastic zip lock bag with the ashes, at least this was a nicer way to do it. "I'm sorry," she said sincerely as she held out all that was left of what I could tell must have been a wonderful friend to this gentleman. It was then I noticed his hands, weathered and wrinkled and shaking a bit as they reached out for the bag with obvious hesitation. I thought to myself he doesn't want to take it but he knows he has to. He's thinking, "if I take possession of these ashes then this is real and he's truly gone."

As he turned to go he raised his voice so all could hear, saying to no one in particular, "We just miss him so much already." I think every heart broke a little in that waiting room and I suspect the people holding their own pets squeezed the leash a little tighter.

We do love our pets don't we? For a child they are often the first friend, heck, the best friend they'll ever have. They certainly spend more time with us than our human friends and unlike people they don't disappoint you. They are loyal and forgiving and no matter what mistakes you make toward them or the outside world they only have one purpose, to love you. Sometimes I think they are even psychic. Whether you are physically ill or your mind is troubled by things that you can't quite control, that dog or cat you love seems to sense it and pick just the right moment to climb in your lap or ask for a walk. It's as if they are saying, "Come on, let's go, it will be OK. I promise. Whatever is going on just remember I love you."



It's such an unfair transaction this relationship we have with our pets. For starters, we can never give them back what they give to us. A dish of food and water and the occasional pat on the head doesn't come close to settling the ledger for the years of unconditional love they give. Then there is this need to leave us so soon. Just when we let them in and love them with all our heart the world takes them away. Why can't dogs and cats live to be 50? Is that so much to ask?



As I write these words in my study at home my dog Max is sleeping at my feet. That's where he insists on being as I write. I think the clicking of the keys soothes him in some way. He doesn't know I'm writing about him today and all the other animals we are lucky enough to bring home.

God, how we love them. From the moment we pick them up to that last day when we lay them down we know this is a love story that will not have a happy ending but we open ourselves up to it for all those days in between. We trade the pain for the love they give. The day we say goodbye it feels like a terrible bargain but in time we know we are the better for having known them. And given a chance to go back and do it again, we gladly would.

When I was little I once asked my father if our pets go to heaven. He smiled and said, "It wouldn't be heaven if they weren't there, now would it?" No it would not.

John Gray is a news anchor on WXXA-Fox TV 23 and ABC'S WTEN News Channel 10.  
His column is published Wednesdays in The Record and Saratogian.

## Law - Strata buildings and Pets

It is up to each strata scheme, through the owner's corporation that all owners belong to, to decide which updates they want to make to their by-laws, if any. So, the owners decide if they wish to keep or change their existing pet rule.

To change a by-law, the owner's corporation needs to pass a special resolution (ie. 75% of the owners at a meeting being in favour).

There are model by-laws, which are a guide for strata schemes only. These provide options, including rules on pets, for strata schemes to consider. Owners are always allowed to have assistance animals, such as guide dogs.

Tenants still need the landlord's permission (although, the landlord cannot accept a pet if their strata scheme does not allow the pet).



## Pets and Model by Laws

The model by-laws provide owners corporations with options to control whether pets are allowed, and on what terms. Owners can adopt a model by-law as their own or make their own by-law.

For example, the owner's corporation may choose to have a by-law which:

bans pets on the property altogether (other than assistance animals)

allows owners to keep a pet and simply provide 14 days notice from when the pet has started living on the lot owner's property, or

allows a pet with the written permission of the owners corporation. This particular model by-law states that the owners corporation cannot unreasonably refuse the request. If they do refuse, they must give the owner written reasons outlining why the pet is not being permitted.

In all cases if pets are allowed, the lot owner must still supervise their pet, clean any common property that is soiled, and ensure their pet is not noisy or negatively impacting on other residents.

Even if a strata scheme allows pets, a tenant always needs their landlord's permission first.



## Assistance Animals

The law prohibits any by-law that prevents someone using a trained and certified assistance animal, even if the by-laws prohibit other pets on the scheme. A by-law seeking to prevent assistance animals cannot be enforced by the owners corporation.

For more information, read the [Guide dogs and other assistance animals page on the Fair Trading website](http://www.nswfairtrading.nsw.gov.au).

Provided by: Narelle Brown (Instructor Puppy 1 Instructor)



# 6 Dog Training Tips for Loose Leash Walking

1

STOP! Don't move when your dog pulls. When you move when your dog pulls, your dog thinks it is because he pulled you. If you move only when there is no pressure on the leash, your dog will catch on quick!



2

BEGIN TRAINING INSIDE if your dog pays no attention to you while out side. Lower distractions to teach your dog the skills to begin with and as your dog masters those new skills, slowly increase distractions.



3

CLICK or mark with a "yes!" whenever there is slack in the leash. Always follow your clicker or marker word with a yummy treat!

4

TALK to your dog! Talking to your dog helps your dog focus on you and not get too distracted by other stimuli. Dogs love having your attention and the interaction they can get from you for behaving.

5

As you increase distractions, increase the VALUE of the food you give as rewards. In higher distraction training sessions, make sure to use "human" food such as boiled chicken or hotdogs.



6

EVERY WALK IS A TRAINING SESSION. This means that until your dog walks well on leash, find other ways to exercise your dog. Bicycle rides, running on a treadmill, and obedience training are all good methods to drain energy!

## **HILLS DOG CLUB Inc.**

### **Introducing**

**The**

# ***K9 Companion Award***

## **An Assessment for Club Members only**

Hills has introduced a K9 Companion Award for Club members with dogs in Class 8 or above and will hold Assessments as follows.

**Monday Night 22nd<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm**

The following elements are essential to undertake the test:

- Dogs must be at least 12 months of age. They must have completed our Beginner Course or be in Class 8 (or higher) of the Club's Course.
- Proof of Council registration/microchipping and a current vaccination or equivalent certificate.
- The dog should be presented in a clean and tidy manner.
- The dog should be fitted with an appropriate collar or restraint for that dog (i.e. collar, gentle collar, head collar and harness), and be on a leash. **Note – No check chains are to be used.**
- The Handler must carry a plastic bag at all times to clean up after his/her dog.
- Training treats are not to be given during exercises. Verbal praise is, however, permitted.
- The Handler may offer food rewards at the finish of each individual exercise.
- A number of both verbal and hand cues are permitted during exercises.
- The Handler must have an 80% pass rate on the theory assessment and 100% on the practical assessment.
- If you do not achieve 100% in your practical assessment, you will be able to re-sit the practical test without charge when the next K9 Assessments are held.
- The cost of the assessment is \$20.00

**For full details of the Award and information on exercises talk with your Class Instructor**

Please Hand this form into the office at least 3 weeks before the test date with your \$20.00 fee

Name of Handler: \_\_\_\_\_

Dogs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number & email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid \_\_\_\_\_