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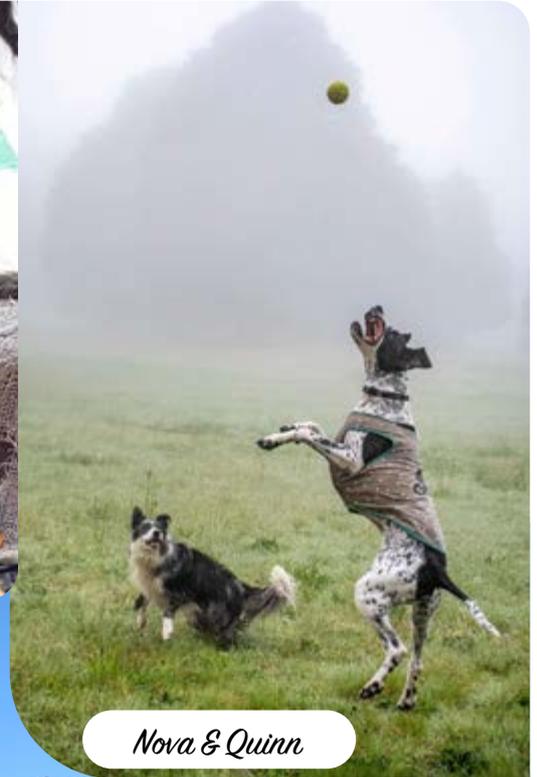
November 2020



*Cara, Robyn and Tollers*



*Gidget & Gizmo*



*Nova & Quinn*

**STORM PHOBIAS**

*Your dogs', not yours ;)*

**TRAINING IS BACK**

**HEIDI'S HIGH HONOURS**



*First Tuesday back - Advanced*

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.

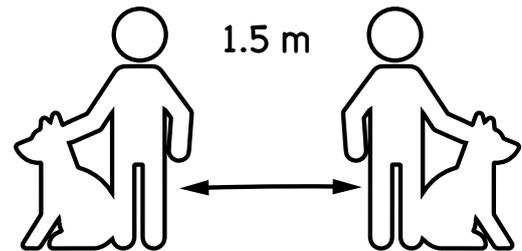
Please read and adhere to the following rules implemented by the club to conform to current Covid Regulations.



## 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:



- Always Maintain Social Distancing
- Only one handler per Dog (Except for Child members 7-11yrs who are to be accompanied by an adult).

If you have an accompanying member, they must remain outside the training field

- Proceed without delay to have your name marked off by the HDC staff, in the high Vis (Fluoro) vests at the check in tables provided located on the field.

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 staff member.

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

**Classes only – No training rings** will be available at this time.

## 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.

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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

**General meetings: 2020:**

9 Dec - General Meeting in Federation Building

**EDITOR'S NOTE.**

Dear members,

We're back! Hard to believe, but yes, that's us on the training field! Woohoo!

THANK YOU to all our members who have returned for training on Mondays and Tuesdays - we are so pleased to see you again! Also a warm (socially distanced) welcome to those who are joining us for the first time. We have received over 100 requests to join the club so while we will welcome you all, we thank you for your patience while we make sure everyone has a spot and we meet the COVIDsafe requirements. We've included everything you need to know about coming to training on the previous page.

Entering late spring, we've come to the time of year where most thunderstorms occur in NSW (between October and March). We thought we'd refresh your memory on veterinary options for those of you who have pooches hiding under the bed in a storm (page 9), as well as your training options (page 10). We hope this helps you make a plan to keep your pets safe and comfortable whatever the weather.

We also want to celebrate some of our members, workers and their dogs who can weather any storm - those who attended our Obedience Trial on Oct 31st. This Halloween evening was accompanied by heavy rain with a background of thunder and lightning - but many of our members still achieved great results (page 6), with a massive effort from stewards, workers and judges who ran the trial very competently in their rain gear.

Here's something new - Hills member Jessica Leckie from Triallers class shares her experience gaining her very first obedience title with her Bernese Mountain Dog, Heidi, on page 12. To add another

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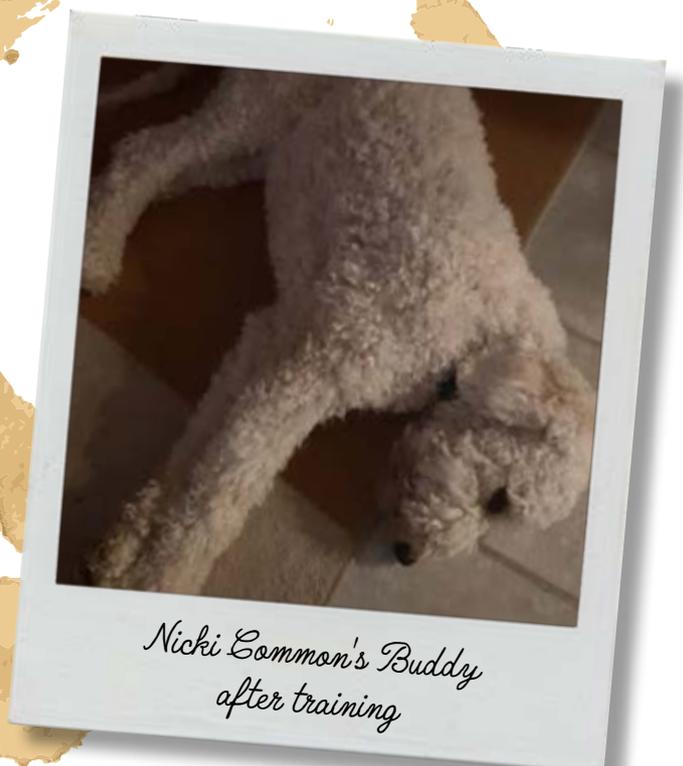
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perspective we've dug up an oldie but a goodie - the first trial experience of Chloe the Border Collie (with a little help from her handler and typist, Barb Monument), after a Hills trial many years ago. Check it out on page 4.

Happy reading and happy training!

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# OUR FIRST TRIAL

## A dog's-eye view

by *Chloe Monument*

Well what a day, I took my handler to the Hills District Trial last weekend for our first real trial.

I was pumped and had been practicing throughout the week and felt ready, you know, good to go. My handler, we'll call her B for privacy reasons, she was a mess, knocking knees, dry mouth, forgot all the training she had learned.

I was thinking, gee we're in trouble here, if she doesn't get things together soon I'll have to do all the work. You see, I have to go where she steers me, if it was up to me I'd do all the boring bits last, but no I have to let her be in charge at these things.

So Saturday dawns and it's a beautiful sunny day with a light breeze, just enough to keep things cool, we pack the car (boy she's got some junk) early in the morning and off we go. I get left behind while B struggles with chairs, gazebo, bags, etc. Have you ever seen one person try and erect a gazebo single handed?

Then out of the car I go, looking good, feeling excited and ready for action only to find out B brought along my crate, yuk yuk, and then expects me to get in it for a while. That's not quite what I had in mind – I was ready to work. I seem to recall B mentioning I should rest up first. Rest – I'm a border collie for goodness sake – rest is not a word or action we recognise.

Before I know it I have managed to count quite a number of sheep and then my time comes. The crate opens, I am called to the starting blocks (sorry that should have been the starting peg – normally I just chew pegs as I'm no swimmer). Things haven't improved any with B, in fact she has got worse, I can actually hear her knees knocking together.

Off we go into the ring where a very nice man is telling B to relax and enjoy, that'll be the day I think. He explains the exercises to me that we are to perform – no point telling B, I was going to have to get both of us through. For "heel on lead" B said we were heady, I really think she meant ready. I took a big deep breath and off

we went. At one point B lost her concentration and nearly fell over me, I thought we were finished. It seemed like a lifetime before he said "exercise finished" but when he did both B and I took a breath. You see we had been holding it ever since we took off.

Once our breathing became regular we started to have fun, next was the "stand for exam", I knew I could do this even though I didn't know the judge. He came at me, my knees shook a little and I wagged my tail. He then ran his hands down my back which felt good. I was fine and all of a sudden I noticed, so was B.

2 down 1 to go, the "Recall". Oh boy this wasn't my strong suit to date, but I thought maybe I could nail it to stop B going blue, there she was holding her breath again. I sat, I stayed and she walked away. Mmmmmm I thought this could be my crowning glory if I got this right. I waited, poised (a little nervous), B called and like wings appearing beneath my paws I ran (yes ran, not sauntered, or jogged as usual) all four legs ran to her, sat in front and she came around me.

We did it, got a pass and were going on to groups. B was smiling and laughing and giving me lots of cuddles, hooping and hollering all over the place, something I had never seen her do publicly before. I had done good and she was very proud of me. I was very proud of me.

We got through the groups, I figured as I had carried us through the other exercises I would enjoy sitting for a minute and then could have a good lie down for 2 minutes. I had earned it!

Although I have never learnt to count numbers I could tell that we had done GOOD with a pass of 93. I will need to do a little extra training with B and her breathing before the next one. It is just a case of control. MINE.

~ Chloe

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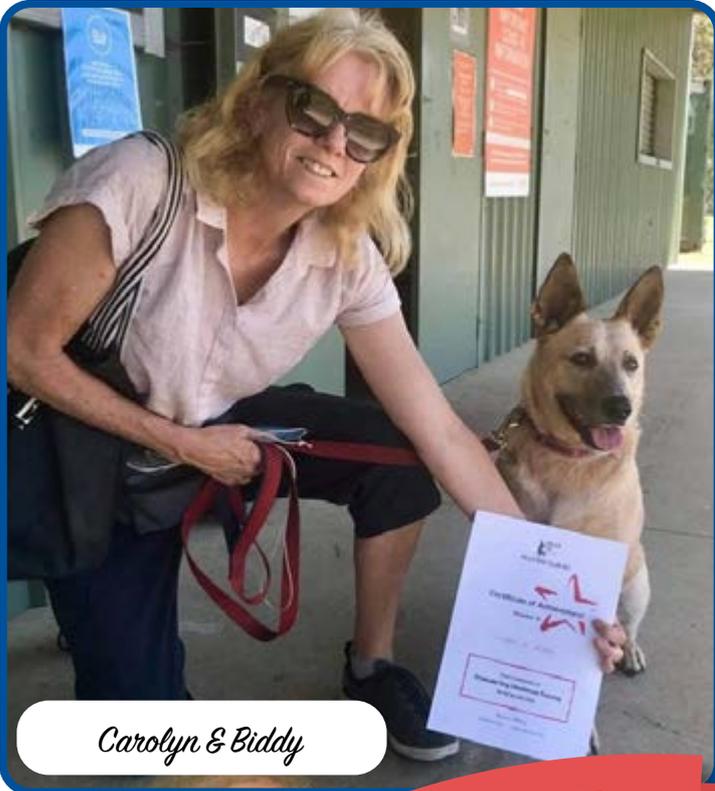
## PROMOTIONS - OCTOBER 2020

### Graduate to Advanced

- Ajit Atwal with Joey the Sheltie
- Rocky Chau with Taka the Staffie

### Graduate to Advanced

- Carolyn with Biddy the Cattle Dog



*Carolyn & Biddy*

**BIDDY**

**JOEY**

**TAKA**



*Rocky Chau & Taka*

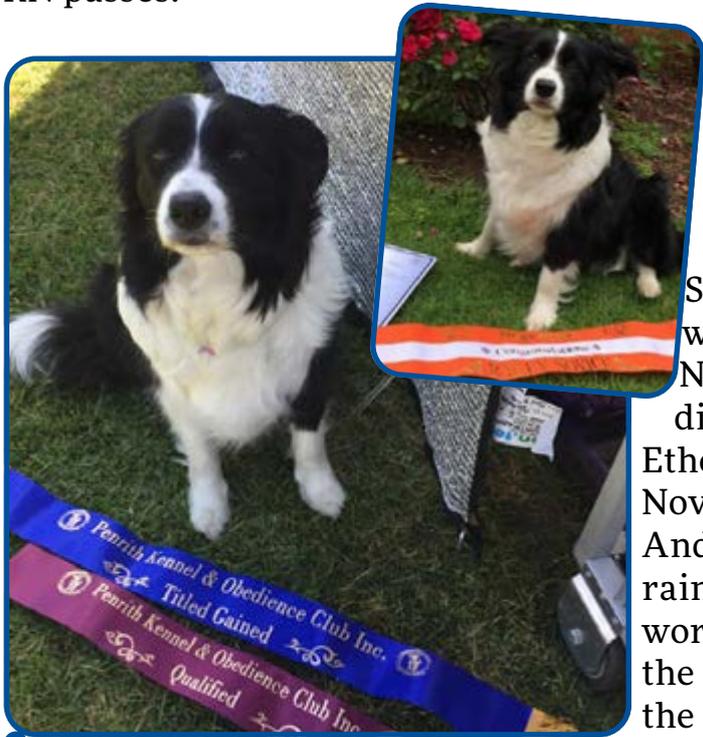


*Ajit Atwal & Joey*

*only my dog  
understand  
me*

## MOVERS & SHAKERS

Carole Hatley: “Really happy with the dogs today! Piper 96 and title in RN and Ryder at 6 mths got 69 in RN but super pleased with his work - only [his] second time at a trial, first one was a show!” This month Piper also achieved 2 passes & 2nd and 3rd place in Rally Adv A and Ryder another 2 RN passes.



*Carole Hatley's Piper*



*Sandy O'Neill, Nova & judge Vicki Etherington*

Sandy O'Neill: “First day of NSW State Titles weekend at Eastern Suburbs trial. Very hot day. Nova did lovely work in UDX but unfortunately did not pass. However, she did win [judge] Vicki Etherington's UD ring with 194 points. Good girl Novy Povy!”

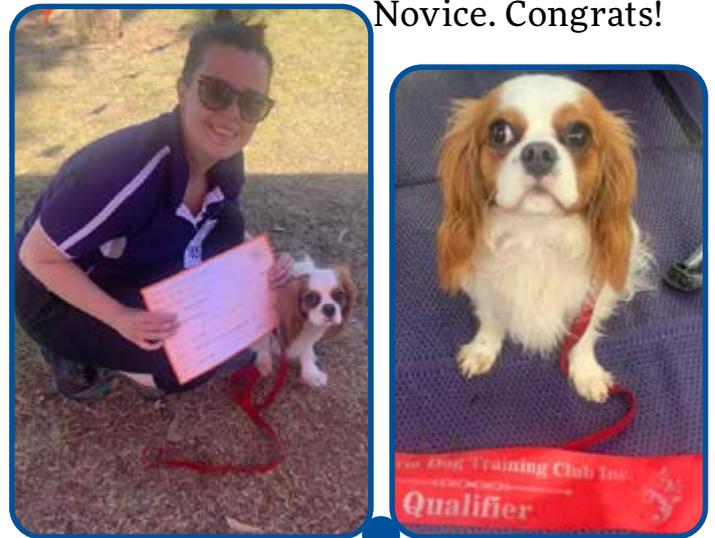
And after the Hills trial... “Despite the torrential rain and us both getting soaked to the skin, Nova worked really well and got two UDX 1st places in the double Hills trial this evening. Thanks to all the very hardworking judges, stewards and Hills members for braving the elements and making the trials successful.”

Karen Richardson: Star won 3rd place in Rally Advanced A at the Penrith Trial and achieved his first Novice qualification!



*Karen Richardson's Star Novice OB & Novice*

Jess Isaacs' and Hugo achieved their first two qualifications (and a 97/100) in Rally Novice. Congrats!



*Jess Isaacs' Hugo*

Vicki Gresser: In Rally, Blade scored 91 and his 1st Master Rally pass, while little Skye enjoyed herself in Novice Rally and obtained a pass with an 88.

And at Hills Obedience trial in pouring rain... Blade gained 1st place in Open on 194 and his Open title. Very proud of this boy who has gained his title with 3 firsts and 3 lovely scores, can't ask anymore than that. Baby Skye turned 19 months yesterday and in the pouring rain gained 3rd place on 92. In the second trial she worked beautifully dropping only 1 point coming first on 99 and also getting a lovely sash for highest heeling score in CCD. Go team!



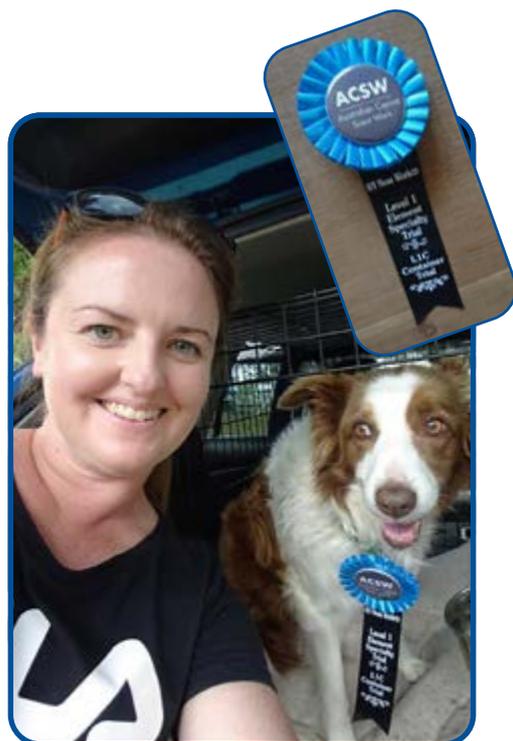
*Vicki Gresser's Blade & Skye HDC trial*



Jessica Leckie and Heidi achieved their second and third qualifications in CCD to achieve a PB point score of 96 and their first title! Congrats Jessica and Heidi!

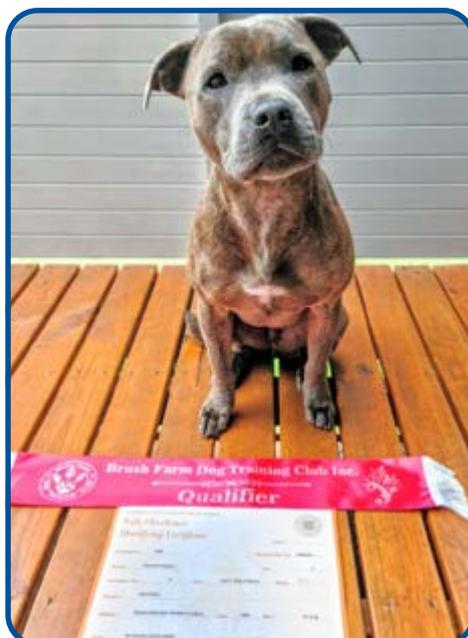


*Jessica Leckie's Heidi*



*Lesia Burford and Syrah*

Lesia Burford and Syrah achieved their ACSW Level 1 speciality container title. Lesia said, "The old girl did me proud once again... couldn't ask for a better team mate."



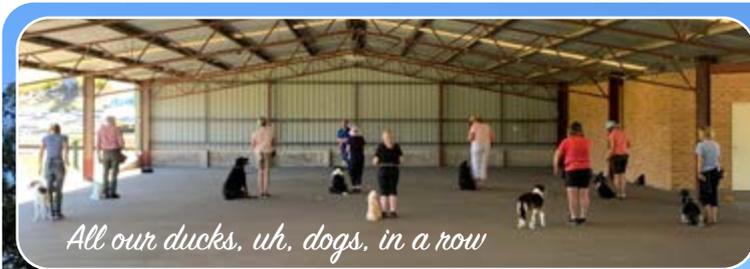
*Rocky Chau's Taka*

Rocky Chau's Taka: First ever Rally O quallie! Congrats!



*Barbara Horsfield's Henri*

Barbara Horsfield's Henri achieved 2 qualifications and a 3rd place in Rally Excellence!



*All our ducks, uh, dogs, in a row*



*Tuesday Beginners 8*

## WE'RE BACK, BABY.

What a joy it was to be back on the training field this month! There were many smiles and wagging tails at the Hills Showground as members and instructors returned to training this month.

Over the break, our committee worked hard to create a COVID-19 Safety Plan and obtained a COVID Safe registration for our club. This all came to fruition on Oct 12 and 13 when we welcomed back returning members who were checked in and had their first class in over 6 months. Thank you to all our workers who assisted on our first weeks back - we are proud to be an entirely volunteer-run organisation and your spirit never fails to shine.

We are happy to say that it all went quite smoothly - even the dogs seemed unusually well-behaved! We think the increased distance between handlers as well as their pleasure at being back combined to make a great recipe for good training. We also suspect many dedicated handlers spent some of their iso-time practising and training their dogs. Well done and welcome back, Hills!



*Masks on, pens ready!*



*Triallers Class*



*Check In table*



## THE VETERINARY SIDE OF... STORM PHOBIAS

Thunderstorms and fireworks to a dog's sensitive hearing and sense of smell often causes devastating effects on their health; not to mention stress and worry to their owners. Dogs may salivate, shake, bark or howl; try to escape or hide by digging, jumping or chewing through fences during these periods, and this can lead to severe physical injury, or worse. Mental anguish and unwanted behaviour can worsen over time if this phobia is not addressed appropriately.

Unfortunately, there is no "quick fix" for noise phobias. Each dog is different - what the triggers are, and what management strategies are best. Talking to your vet and professional dog trainers can help you devise a plan. Note the emphasis on that last word, "plan".

It is vitally important once you have recognised that your dog may be hyper-reactive to noise, that you plan for these times as well as you can. Some recommendations include:

Insulating the dog from the noise and light - cover the dog's ears, kennel, windows; or alternatively leave lights on (if the dog reacts to the flickering of the lightning)

### **Using a Thundershirt®**

**Playing calming music** eg. "Through a Dog's Ear" or white noise to cover the sounds of thunder

**Desensitising CDs** - teaching calmness while gradually introducing thunder sounds

**Diverting the dog's attention** to something else during periods of anxiety

**Gently stroking & quietly talking** to your dog to calm it can help - it won't make the anxiety worse when dogs are in this heightened state

### **Relaxation training**

Often I hear people say that they do not want to use drugs to overcome phobias in their pets, but since phobias are irrational

chemical brain responses, certain safe medications when used appropriately, can dramatically improve the dog (& their owners) quality of life.

Just like management strategies, there is no "quick drug fix" though. A veterinary consultation and prescription is required to ascertain the best therapeutic medication to reduce anxiety and the "panic attacks" that these dogs get. There are many behaviour-modifying drugs available now, and they do work well, but it is important to be aware that the doses need to be titrated to effect. That is, each dog needs to have their dose tailored to their requirements, and if the dose is not working, it should be gradually increased (under veterinary advice) until the desired effect is achieved.



Since dogs have amazing senses, it is important that medication be given early, at least 2-3 hours or more before the storm hits. Some medications are safe to give several days in a row which is perfect for those hot humid summer periods in Sydney when we get a thunderstorm every afternoon.

Some dogs respond better to one medication than to another, so don't be disheartened if one drug has been tried with poor effect. Speak to your vet about prescribing other medications.

Also, please be aware of a sedative called ACP (acepromazine) which is NOT an anxiolytic. It will NOT help with noise phobias; in fact, ACP makes dogs more sensitive to loud noises and it immobilises them so they cannot react. Unfortunately, some people may think this drug works well because the dog is quiet & lying still, but it actually increases their anxiety and phobia.

Lastly, Dog-Appeasing Pheromones in the form of an Adaptil® collar, can reduce anxiety by up to 70% in some dogs. This is worthwhile as an adjunctive strategy to try, and does not require a prescription.

Storm or noise phobias are extremely common, but commonly dog owners don't know how to manage these situations. Injured or missing dogs, and damaged property, are an unwanted consequence. Most importantly though, we should be considering our best friend's mental well-being, and thankfully we can now help them cope with these frightening situations.

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## THE TRAINING SIDE OF... STORM PHOBIAS

*By: Ellen Mok*

If your dog is afraid of storms or loud noises, it is worth speaking to a qualified trainer as well as your vet about your treatment options. If you have a new puppy, there are variations on these methods that can be used to help prevent the likelihood of storm phobias developing, as well.

The most commonly used method for treating fears of storms in dogs is called a desensitisation/counter-conditioning program (DS/CC). This involves gradually and systematically exposing your dog to the different components of a storm in a safe and controlled environment, beginning at a very low intensity and gradually building up your dog's tolerance. This may involve playing thunder sounds to your dog, flashing lights, etc. Treats, toys and games are usually used to assist your dog in developing positive associations to things which may have made him/her uncomfortable.

(There is another form of exposure therapy known as flooding, where a person or animal is exposed to something they fear in a controlled environment but at much higher intensity than in a DS/CC program. This invokes significant fear but the exposure is continued until the person's reaction lessens, and eventually trains the brain that the fear response is unnecessary.



However, flooding can be extremely traumatic and while it is used in some psychological treatments in humans, it is not generally recommended or considered humane for use in situations such as storm phobias in dogs.)

The drawback to desensitisation/counter-conditioning programs for treating storm phobias is that even if a program is completed successfully, its effectiveness to remove a dog's fear of storms may be limited by the triggers involved. While there isn't yet any strong research to back this up, it is suspected that many dogs' fear of storms is triggered not only by the sight and sound of storms but also by changes in barometric (air) pressure, the buildup of static electricity and smell of ozone. (Have you had a dog who hides an hour or two before a storm happens?) However, in your training program, you can certainly be creative with stereo equipment, strobe lights, hoses and sprinklers on the roof to simulate as much of the storm experience as you can.

For dogs with a significant phobia, or whose triggers include those difficult to simulate in a DS/CC program, a veterinarian or veterinary behaviourist can advise on other treatments such as medication or equipment. In all cases, it is important to keep your dog safe from the storm and from escaping your home, and aim to prevent uncontrolled exposures to storms during your training.

If you have a puppy between 4-20 weeks old (a critical stage in their development) or a dog who is fearful of storms, speaking to a qualified trainer about storm desensitisation/counterconditioning programs can be very useful.



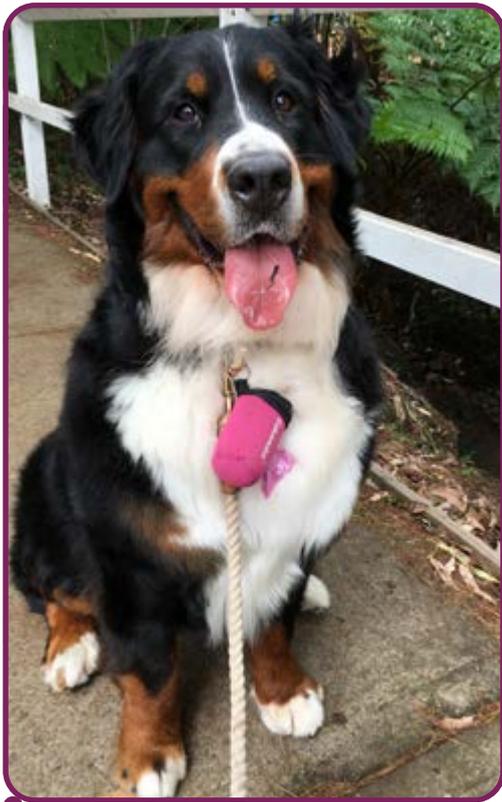
Methods for  
treating fears of  
storms in dogs



## CLIMB EV'RY MOUNTAIN: OUR JOURNEY TO A CCD TITLE

by: *Jessica Leckie*

My first obedience title dog - please meet Heidi, a nearly 3.5-year-old Bernese Mountain Dog. She's headstrong, outgoing, loves her food and thoroughly enjoys the challenges and mental stimulation obedience work brings. She's intelligent and definitely knows when it's class time, often barking in my ear from the backseat of the car in excitement as we pull into the carpark. She also salivates that much in anticipation of the reward treat I had to buy her a bib! If you spot me with a wet patch on the side of my leg from her drooly muzzle, it's a sign we've just been in obedience class!



*Heidi*

I'm new to dog sports. Heidi is my first dog as an adult, I knew no-one who had shown or trialled their dog but knew I wanted to do something with my dog, I really had no clue what I was doing! First competition we competed in was

Conformation (I had never even been to a dog show before) and I have to thank the breeder for their help and putting me in touch with some people who could help show me the ropes. I won't go into detail on this competition but it helped me understand how to add my dog's details into the online systems, how to enter competitions, get an exhibit number and find out where the catalogues are and how to use them.

Our journey to our first obedience title has taken about 3 years. We've been attending Hills Dog Club obedience classes since Heidi was nearly 6 months old, and it mostly started out for basic puppy training and then progressed as I could see how much she enjoyed it - I saw it as a fun activity she could do, like a kid loving a preschool I guess and was more fun to her than going to a dog park. We moved through the obedience classes and I loved seeing her progress, it was such a reward! I learnt so much on how to train a dog - you sign up thinking your dog will learn but in fact it is the handler that learns!!



*Aust Champion*

It took us a year to graduate the series of obedience classes and then another year to move from Graduate to Advanced and reach the Triallers class. Having achieved her Australian Champion title in Conformation, and now reaching the Triallers class I was looking for the next challenge we could compete in. We had only 2 months of Triallers classes under our belt but had practiced in a few of the ring practice sessions the club puts on. I knew it might be early to try a trial but entered anyway thinking it would be a great experience to see how a trial runs and learn through some mistakes.

It's March 2020 and we're at our first obedience trial at Hornsby Dog Club, and it's raining. I arrive 1 hour before judging starts, to give myself time to set up a gazebo, settle my dog, sign in, collect exhibit cards, walk the grounds and have a little practice session to remind Heidi what we're here for. I find the ring for Community Companion Dog, the entry level (there's a whiteboard sitting by the ring with CCD written on it), and mention to the steward before judging commences that it's my first time trialling and they were very helpful in explaining to me what I need to do. I have a copy of the catalogue and watch the other

exhibitors going into the ring so I know when my time is coming close. Luckily, the rain eases as it comes to our turn, we complete the first section of heel work, stand for exam and recall and pass through to the stay section! Woo hoo!



*Group win*

It's an achievement to pass that level as come time for the stays, only 3 dogs passed through to this section out of the 16 exhibitors. Of the 3 dogs there was Heidi, a Labrador and another Bernese Mountain Dog - this could be interesting, Heidi absolutely loves to play with other Bernese, I really didn't know how she might go sitting next to a Bernese she hasn't had the pleasure of a rumble with yet, but she did it! So beautifully too! I couldn't be prouder! This was our first qualification and we proudly received 3rd place with 94 points, with 1st and 2nd place both on 95 points. The judge gave lovely feedback and mentioned the points lost were of no fault to the dog but handler error - back to class for me!!

March was a super month for us, not only had we entered, qualified and placed in our first ever obedience trial but we also achieved our first group win in Conformation!!! We were on fire and on a roll!! I was so excited about the coming months of dog competitions however we all know what happened next - COVID.

So no more comps or obedience classes for 6 months. We did do some incidental training however it is me who lacks the discipline. Finally, the COVID situation becomes under control and competitions and classes can start back up.

Keen to get back into it I entered the 3 trials over the October long weekend at Orchard Hills, it's a warm weekend so I was glad they were in the morning. Obedience classes hadn't resumed as yet so I was hoping Heidi would remember what we need to do - it certainly is a challenge to keep her focus when no treats are allowed in the ring! Trial 1 - we are doing really well through all exercises until the recall, the judge asks "are you ready" I reply "yes" and then Heidi thought she'd walk over and sniff something... Lesson for me, check your dog! Trial 2 - she passes both heel work and the stays and we gain our second qualification on 89 points, if there was a place for 4th that would have been us. Trial 3 - this was a little sloppy, her heel work wasn't as nice, she didn't bother with some of the commands though we scrape through with 55 points to make it for the stays. My fingers and toes were crossed that we would make it through for the final qualification for her title however Heidi wasn't in the mood and decided she would lay down halfway through the sit stay. Oh well, we did really well for 3 days in a row with no formal training for 6 months and still managing to achieve one qualification, yippee!



*The drool bib!*

Classes resume and we're so happy to be back! We polish up a little, rework the sit stay and enter the Hills Dog Club double trial for 31st October. We're feeling good! Everyone who has entered is watching the radar as there are storms coming and going all day long and by the time judging starts, yes, it is raining. Trial 1 - we complete the heel work only missing a few commands, passing through to the stays on 61 points.

It's looking promising! I was nervous to see if she would hold the sit stay and she did! Then the down stay, as I put her into position I look down at the ground and can see puddles of water, the ground is very wet, yet she went into position and held it for the 2 minutes! I was so super proud of her performance under these tough conditions! Such a great reward for this hard work to gain her title with this 3rd qualification!! Qualifying on 91 points, she placed 4th with a total of 6 dogs qualifying out of 15 exhibitors.

We decide to stay for the 2nd trial, the rain has eased and it's nice to have a trial just for the fun of it. Her heeling is nice, she's attentive and responsive and worked beautifully through to the stays. She holds the stays and we achieve another qualification! So excited to hear our results - with this trial we congratulate some amazing exhibitors with 1st place on 99 points and second



*Obedience - Hornsby*

and loved seeing her smile all the way through the competition – what a fun night!



*Obedience - Hills*

It's been a journey to this title and a wonderful achievement for the work we've put in. I've learnt a lot and know there are plenty more mistakes to be made and things to learn. There will always be a challenge, be it the weather, training opportunity, what other dog types are in the competition with you, your dog's mood and many more. Every exercise completed is worth celebrating, with or without a qualification. You or your dog won't be the only ones making mistakes in the ring, I've seen dogs run out of the ring in every trial I have been to so far! I find trials a great way to test your skills and figure out what needs improving and we look forward to the future in continuing through the different levels of obedience.

Thank you to the support of the obedience community who are always willing to help, share tips and bring out the best in you and your dog. This really is a great sport to be involved in!

place on 98 points followed by us in 3rd place on 96 points!! This is our personal best point score! I was so proud of her

# NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE GENERAL MEETING

## *of Hills Dog Club Inc.*

When: . . . . . Wednesday 9th December 2020 - 7:30pm

Where: . . . . . **Federation Building** at Castle Hill Showground.

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

### AGENDA

1. Open Meeting
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of minutes of December General Meeting
4. Business arising from the minutes
5. Correspondence
6. Treasurers Report
7. New Members
8. Chief Instructors Report
9. Show Secretary Report
10. Trial Secretary Report
11. Publicity Officer report
12. GENERAL BUSINESS



Notice of Motion: I move to increase the fees for the weekly Tuesday training classes from \$4 to \$5. The start date for the increase will commence on the 1st training class in 2021.

Moved by Lynne Sheather

Seconded by Anne Small.



A copy of the ratified minutes (of all meetings) are available to all members on request at the office on training days.

## ***PLEASE READ!***

### **CHANGES to CRITERIA for ALL HILLS DOG CLUB INC. AWARDS**



There have been some important changes to all Hills Dog Club Inc. awards criteria this year. It is important that you read and understand these forms before submitting your entries.

Please note:

Entries will close on Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2021. No late entries will be accepted – please do not ask for an extension.
Entries should be posted to The Secretary, Hills Dog Club Inc., PO Box 392, Round Corner, NSW, 2158 <u>or</u> handed to Genevieve Young at the Club at Monday night or Tuesday morning training.
Recipients of awards and trophies will need to attend the Hills Dog Club Inc. AGM on 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 to collect their awards.
Please read the new criteria for all Obedience & Rally O levels, and for the Iris Bollinger Memorial Trophy.
Please note that the Dianne Atkins Perpetual Trophy for Highest Achievement in Canine Competition will be awarded only to competitors in ANKC approved dog sports.
In the past, we have permitted qualifying certificates to be viewed and verified at the office. <u>This will no longer be the case.</u> From now on, photocopies of relevant documentation must be attached to your application. Applications via email or phone will not be accepted.
Please make sure your application for Obedience & Rally O Awards and Trophies (point score awards) has copies of the qualifying cards attached.
When applying for Title Trophies you must attach a copy of the updated Title Certificate issued by ANKC. Breeder's certificates will not be accepted.
When completing paperwork, please write your dog's name <u>including</u> any titles you wish to appear before or after your dog's name.
Finally, because of the number of pages required to print all the information about Hills' awards, this will not appear in <i>Howler</i> . To view the full documentation, and to print application forms, please go to our website <a href="http://www.hillsdogclub.com">www.hillsdogclub.com</a> OR the 'Recent Group Files' section of Hills Members Facebook Page.

We believe these new rules are more consistent across all awards and trophies, and will make the application process easier for handlers.

Thank you for your patience while we introduce the changes.

Hopefully the transition will be smooth!

**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

## CLUB MEETINGS

**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

The club meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, except January, in the clubhouse. Meetings start at 7.30pm. All welcome! Tea and coffee provided. Club financial year is 1st January to 31st December.

## CORRESPONDENCE AND NEWSLETTER

All Club correspondence or enquiries should be addressed in writing to The Secretary, PO BOX 392 Round Corner NSW 2158 or [infohillsdogclub@gmail.com](mailto:infohillsdogclub@gmail.com) Hills Howler is available at the clubhouse on training days/ nights and online. All members are encouraged to contribute. For admin purposes, please keep us informed of change of email address.

## NOTICE:

Watch this space for announcements re: Election Obedience- and Rally Judges for future Trials and Shows.

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## 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

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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