

Howler



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December 2017



Our winning Christmas photo from: Dori Leadle. "Christmas is For Time with Friends." Here are: Bob, Nova, Cooper, Tayler, Brad and Quinn. Thanks for gracing our cover page this month.

CLOSING DATES FOR THE SUMMER

Last training for Monday Nights will be Mon. 11th December, and Tue. 12th December for Tuesday Mornings. Monday night we'll have a Sausage Sizzle and Tuesday finger foods. Supplied. Training will recommence in the new year on Monday 5th February and Tuesday 6th February 2018.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

We made it! Another year at Hills – that's another year of learning and having fun together. Speaking of fun, we really enjoyed all your entries for our cover page competition. Big congratulations to Dori Leadle for her winning entry, 'Christmas is For Time with Friends' which you see on our front cover. Some more 'highly commended' entries can be found throughout the newsletter.

It was great to see so many members (and dogs!) attend local vet Dr Marjorie Au's talk on tick treatment and prevention last month. Check out Dr

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF INSTRUCTOR

We are all getting to the time of the year where we start to slow down on the serious stuff and start celebrating Christmas with our friends and family. I'd like to thank all the Members for their attendance at our training classes this year. Our Club acknowledges and also appreciates your dedication to your dogs and the training hours you have put in this year. We also understand it can be

A special thanks to all our Club Instructors, Committee Members and Office Workers who kept this Club running in 2017. Your dedication to the pets and people is so important to the dog owners in our community. Thank you. Please stay safe and please read our December Howler articles - We have a few good articles to help you keep your dog safe over the holiday period. I will be around during the Christmas break and if any member has a serious problem they would like to discuss with me please phone me on my home phone line (02) 9654 3833 or email Diatkins@bigpond.net.au and I will be happy to give you any advice I can.

I am going to leave you with two definitions and I think they relate to what our Instructors try to achieve with our human Members, but we also relate that to our Members on teaching their dogs :)

TEACH to impart knowledge or instruct (someone) as to how to do something - we teach you, you teach your dog.

LEARNING the acquisition of knowledge or skills through study, experience, or being taught - our Instructors are always learning - you are always learning - your dog is always learning.

Sometimes you're a student, sometimes you're a teacher - have a great Christmas break and stay safe!!!

Dianne Atkins



On the right, Dianne. Ahem, where's the appropriate footwear?

Au's top tips for preventing heatstroke on page 8. Those who will be enjoying a Christmas by the beach, bush or barbie, take note!

We also had a couple of instructors attend APDT annual conference this year. Keen to share his experience, Ryan reports back on page 6. Sending holiday greetings to all members and wishing you all, two- and four- legged, a happy and safe summer. Ellen and Tony

hard to turn up week after week. Communication and understanding with regular practise is what training is about. We hope we have helped you and your dog achieve your goals this year and we will see you all back in February 2018 eager for another year of learning.



Once again, the end of the year approaches and hasn't this year gone so quickly? Our Membership has been a record one at over 1300 and counting.

It just shows that we must be doing something right and that we are definitely helping the community with their pets.

My thanks go out to all of the Committee, Instructors and Helpers for their time and devotion to making our Club the best it could be.

I am certain that both the Community and Council must appreciate our efforts in creating a service to help our dog lovers and their pets.

Whether you are a pet owner, or are involved in any of the many dog sports, I would like to wish you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, and GREAT 2018 for both you and your dog.

I look forward to seeing you back at the Club next year.

Gordon Fenbow
President



DOGS' DAY OUT.

by Marleen Broekmans.

Your boyfriend drops on one knee; diamond ring in one hand, a blue merle Australian Shepherd puppy tucked under his other arm. The moment every girl yearns for is finally here, and there is a puppy?!

Little did I know how much this moment would change my life - for better AND worse!

...in Somersby on twelve acres is a glorious doggy haven

Harley is your typical "working dog." He is a carton of rambunctious energy with no end, and when left without entertainment, proves to be a very expensive member of the family. Fortunately, I am very blessed that my line of work as

Harley loves water.



a professional cellist allows me to visit my dogs in the middle of the day, either between rehearsals and concerts, or



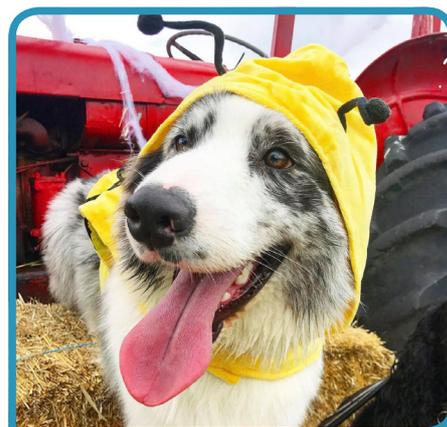
*Harley loves water.
Oh, we mentioned that.*

between my morning and evening cello students. The disjoint it creates in my day can often prove to be very tiresome however - especially when five kilometre runs with a forty kilogram beast are involved!

As fortune would have it, I stumbled across a Facebook page one evening, and discovered an innovative business which benefits the mind and body of energetic dogs like Harley. Doggy Daycare Farm Trips are the creation of Sam and Luke at Salty Dawg. Set in Somersby on twelve acres is a glorious doggy haven, filled with games of tyre and lure chasing, Treibball, two dams for swimming, a giant ball pit, and themed doggy pawties (parties)! And while Somersby is a bit of a hike for most of us, an air-conditioned bus picks our Harley up bright and early from our local dog park in Parramatta (there are also pick up locations in Pennant Hills, Centennial Park and Northern Beaches), and

delivers him back to us in the late afternoon.

The dogs are very carefully supervised at all times, and dogs with behavioural issues which could present a danger to others are not permitted



Farm dog, clearly.

to visit the farm. Sam knew I was particularly anxious about leaving Harley the first trip, so she kept me constantly updated with photos of him, and gave me the assurance I needed. At the end of each day, the photos are uploaded to Facebook and Instagram, where you can see what your canine friend has been up to in their absence!

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The result? A very exhausted Harley, and a very relieved Marleen. Suddenly, my Australian Shepherd, bred to herd sheep and work on farms, had a "job" too! In fact, I always thought I had adequately depleted my dog of energy until I sent Harley to these Farm Trips. What is humanly impossible for me, is suddenly a reality the moment Harley hops on Luke's bus. And boy does my boy know where it takes him!

Find out more here:
www.doggydaycarefarmtrips.com.au
www.facebook.com/doggyfarmtrips/
www.instagram.com/doggydaycarefarmtrips



PROMOTIONS - NOVEMBER 2017

Beginners to Graduate

- ☞ Susan Ley with Merlin the Foxhound
- ☞ Evelyn Hall with Jack the Border Collie
- ☞ Catherine Bertlett with Hayley the GSD
- ☞ Aimee Walker with Luca the Labradoodle
- ☞ Jen Gibb with Arlo the Border Collie/Mastiff
- ☞ Louise Hoston with Nessie the Bernese Mountain Dog

Graduate to Advanced

- ☞ Sue Armston with Meika the Shar Pei
- ☞ Andrea Barkby with Sasha the Border Collie



BOOK REVIEW.

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

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

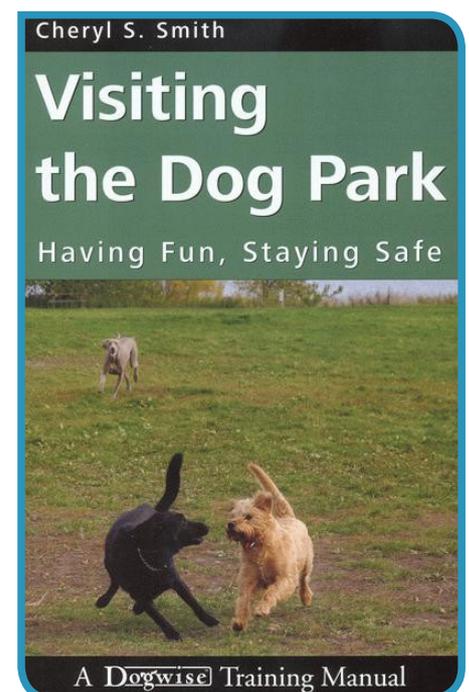
Firstly, she outlines personality types – of both dogs and humans – who are suited to dog parks, and discusses those who aren't. She also writes that not all dog parks are created equal. Design aspects such as gate type and specific terrain

can make for a safer or more comfortable dog park experience. This book gives the reader more information to evaluate dog parks on a case-by-case basis.

The part I found most useful was the chapter titled 'canine observation skills', which discusses how to read and interpret dogs' body language. Alongside simple explanations with drawings, it includes exercises detailing common dog park scenarios to test your understanding of dog behaviour.

This book also touches on training commands that are essential for dog park users, conflict resolution amongst both dogs and humans, and health issues relating to parks. I found it useful because it is practical and straightforward, arming the reader with information they can apply in

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



SEEKING A CHALLENGE

by Ryan Fergusson

As some of you may or may not know 2017s' Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) annual conference took place in late October. Held in Adelaide's beautiful beachside town of Glenelg, this vibrant outer-city suburb really set the mood for an outstanding weekend of learning and discovery.

This year there was a distinguished line up of speakers that all gave outstanding presentations in their fields of expertise. These speakers included; Risë Van Fleet, Veronica Boutelle, Susan Friedman, Alexis Davison, Nicolas Bishop and Peta Clarke.



Every speaker each had valuable take away lessons from his or her years of acquired knowledge and their own unique way of connecting with the audience. However, it was Peta Clarke's lecture on "Seeking Therapy" that connected with me most. So in the limited word count that I have to write within I would like to share with you reading just one part of Peta's imparted wisdom, and something that I learnt in the four, eight hour

days I spent sat in a brightly lit room with people extensively more intelligent than myself. Our very own Peta Clarke



*Hills Instructors
Ellen and Ryan at APDT*

is a mighty vessel of animal training knowledge. Having spent a lot of her career working at various zoos' and animal sanctuaries, her scope of wisdom stretches further than many can comprehend. In such, Peta has had the pleasure of training species such as free-flight birds, elephants and even octopuses. Remembering the fact that the basics of animal training can be applied across all species, it's not surprising Peta is so distinguished in the industry and an exceptional dog trainer.

Throughout her numerous years spent training and developing relationships with animals, Peta has discovered a way of helping anxious dogs cope with stressful situations by what she calls Seeking Therapy. Seeking Therapy involves activating a dog's seeking behaviour in order to counter-condition the



Want to give back to the community?

We are looking for a VICE PRESIDENT. Duties: Stand in for President when he/she is unavailable for committee or General Meetings and AGM, or as the Hills representative for Dogs NSW or other associated groups and assist with other duties as required. Privileges include cake at meetings and eternal glory.

Get involved! We'd love to have you



undesired response emitted from any tense situations. This behaviour is natural in dogs (and all other animals); where the dog actively starts looking for food or prey. You may have noticed it in your dog when they are searching for lizards in the back yard or when they can't find the tennis ball you

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accidentally threw over the neighbours' fence. All dogs have seeking behaviour and all dogs love to engage in it. Now in essence, Seeking Therapy is just a game to the dog. And just like any dog game, there need to be a motivation. So the first thing you're going to want to do is find out what motivates your dog. The most important part about finding your dogs' motivation is to let your dog choose it. Many dogs love and work for food. While others prefer play or their favourite toy. Whether your dog prefers chicken, liver, tennis balls or a tug toy, whatever it may be, ensure that your dog is crazy for it. Once your dog's motivation has been established you can begin



to teach them the seeking game. Get your dog excited for their chosen motivation by letting them know that you have it. Have a little game with it or give them a few pieces of food. Now the way Peta likes to teach the seeking game is to place the food/toy in a cardboard box and allow the dog to find it. You may need to help your dog a little at first by encouraging them, as they may be a little confused as to why you've just put their dinner in a box. Remember: when teaching a dog anything new, start at the simplest level to allow your dog to learn effectively, and gradually

increase the difficulty. Once your dog understands this game; you will know this when you dog can find the food/toy with ease. You can now attach a command to the game. So every time, before you let your dog search the box say a word such as "FIND" or "SEARCH." This allows you to put the seeking behaviour on cue giving you more control of the behaviour. Now that your

dog's seeking behaviour is on cue, you can increase the number of boxes. Increasing the number of boxes means your dog has to search a few places first before finding the one with the food/toy in it. The next step is to increase number the things you hide in the boxes. This is easier done with food than with toys. Say you have ten boxes, you can



now begin to hide food in two of them. Then three. And so

on. But don't fill all the boxes with food. Remember the fun is in the challenge. For dogs who prefer toys, it may be easier to skip this step and just stick to using the one toy.

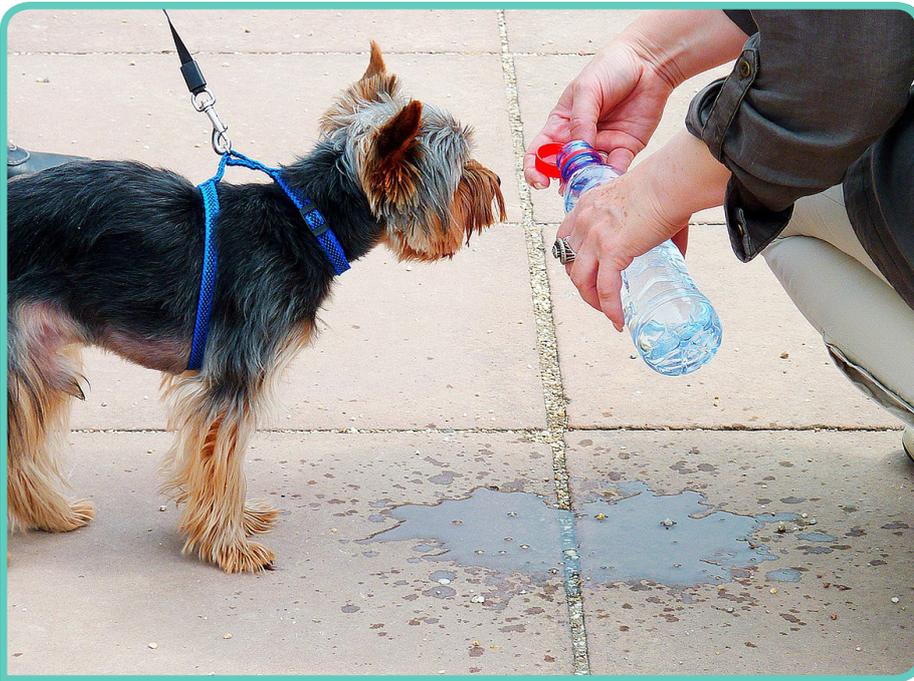
The last step is to begin hiding



the boxes. Taking the game outside, hiding the boxes behind trees or under tables is a great way to improve their seeking capabilities. You can also create a more challenging game by removing the boxes all together, allowing your dog to search for just the food/toy.

This is just a basic guide to starting a seeking game with your dog, so don't be afraid to make your own changes and adjustments to keep your dog learning new things. Always remember that when you're moving to the next step to keep it as simple and easy as possible. If your dog is having a lot of trouble finding the food or toy, the exercise is probably too difficult for him and you may need to simplify it. All in all, remember to just have fun!





HOT TIPS FOR A HOT SUMMER

by Dr Marjorie Au

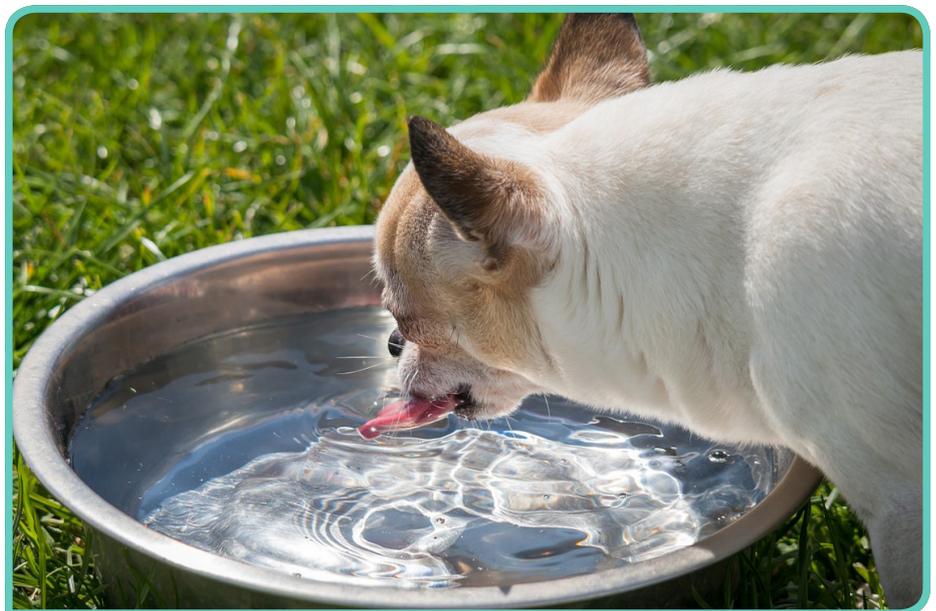
Dogs can only cool down by panting, and they only sweat from their foot pads, so keeping our canine companions cool during the summer heat is a priority.

Here's a quick checklist:

1. Shade & shelter at home; and a cool breeze if possible
2. Avoid exercising during the hottest part of the day, especially when it is very humid as well. Enjoy a walk at sunrise or sundown instead, and listen to the birds singing!
3. Keep Hydrated – At home, ensure there's easy & plentiful access to clean cool drinking water at all times, and don't forget to take a water bottle and a collapsible dog bowl with you on a walk.
4. Don't leave your dog in the car, ever! As we all know, temperatures inside a car can soar to fatal levels within a few minutes in the sun.

5. Some dogs are more at risk:

- a. Brachycephalic breeds, like Bulldogs, Pugs, & Shihtzus etc, have shorter snouts & smaller nostrils which can impair airflow in the upper respiratory tract and therefore impair their ability to pant & cool down;



- b. Thick- or long-coated dogs, like Alaskan Malamutes, may get hot more easily;

- c. Overweight animals also suffer from warm humid weather more;

- d. Older, large breed dogs can get a condition called laryngeal paralysis, which can also affect airflow & their cooling ability.

6. Hot surfaces can burn dog's pads too - Just like we can burn our feet walking across the sand at the beach, dog's pads can become irritated, inflamed or even peel from hot asphalt, concrete or other heat-absorbing surfaces. Avoid these, or buy doggy boots!

SIGNS OF HEATSTROKE

7. Excessive or continual panting
8. Excessive salivation
9. Distress
10. Vomiting
11. Bluish or dark red gums
12. Body temperature over 41 degrees Celsius (normal is 38.0-39.3 degrees)
13. Disorientation, collapse or seizures

FIRST AID

If you suspect your dog has heatstroke, move the dog out of the heat & start cooling immediately by hosing with

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tap water (not icy water), or placing wet towels under the front legs and in the groin area, and turning a fan on. It is important not to cool the body



temperature too far as this can cause other problems. If the dog is able to, encourage them to drink. Often dehydration is contributing to the signs.

Take your dog to a vet ASAP. Heatstroke is a life-threatening condition, and even if their temperature has returned to normal, there may be internal cellular damage that, if not recognised and treated, will be fatal. Following this simple advice means a happy & healthy summer together!



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RECIPE: CHRISTMAS PATTIES

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup cooked brown rice
- 1/4 cup peas, thawed
- 1/4 cup BBQ chicken, skin and bones discarded and meat shredded
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons plain bread crumbs
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil



METHOD:

- 1) In a medium bowl, stir together rice, peas, chicken, egg, breadcrumbs and parsley. Form into four patties (more if you have a smaller dog)
- 2) Heat the olive oil in a frying pan on medium-high heat.
- 3) Add the patties and cook, turning once, until golden brown (about 6-7 minutes). Remove from the pan and allow to cool slightly.
- 4) Serve to your dog!



We train we're fine come rain or shine

FOR NOTICE OF CLASS CANCELLATION

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

Dear members,
Once more we need your kind help. The Hills Dog Club Committee has two important vacancies open at the moment. We are looking for members who have the drive and capacity to take on these important roles to strengthen our club's committee so that we may serve the members and the community by providing a great dog training resource.

Have you got skills to assist our Secretary, or are you able to run a meeting and keep things running smoothly? Then an Assistant Secretary or Vice President position might well be suited to you. Join us at the next general meeting and contact one of the committee members for more information.

Lend a paw.

UP COMING DATES:

General meetings 2018:

14 Feb.	14 March.	11 April.
9 May.	13 Jun.	11 Jul.
8 Aug.	12 Sept.	10 Oct.
14 Nov.	12 Dec.	

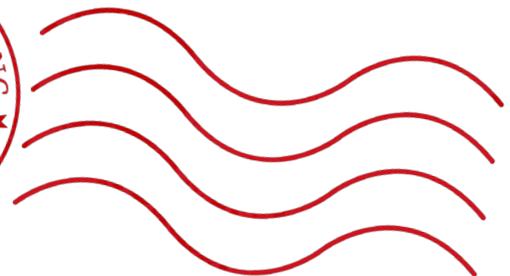
*Annual General Meeting
18th April*

NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF HILLS DOG CLUB INC.

When: Wednesday 13th December 2017 - 7:30pm
Where: Meeting Rooms at Castle Hill Showground.
Who: Everyone is welcome to attend.

AGENDA

1. Open Meeting
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting
4. Business arising from the minutes
5. Correspondence
6. Treasurer's Report
7. New members
8. Chief Instructor's Report
9. Show Secretary's Report
10. Trial Secretary's Report
11. Publicity Report
12. Donations
13. General Business



CARING FOR YOUR PETS AT HOLIDAY TIME



Holidays are complicated when you have pets. What are you going to do with them? Do you take your pets with you or leave them behind?



There are many effective and easy remedies you can choose when it comes to who should care for your pets when you are away on holiday. I am sure you won't practice what some irresponsible holiday makers do. Some find a pet too much inconvenience and think nothing of dumping their cat or dog before they go away. Certainly leaving your pets unattended at home is also not an option. Such lonely animals often escape when the boredom of solitude hits. These stray pets often suffer injuries from accidents and they can become lost. Of course most people are very responsible and want to ensure their pets are safe while they are away.

Can you take your pet with you?

Many folk couldn't bear to be

without their pets when they go off for some rest and recreation. If you can take your pets with you then they will enjoy the change in routine as much as you. Be careful if you are going camping and save embarrassment. Many camping grounds are National Parks where pets are totally prohibited. Look for a book produced by Life - Be In It called **Holidaying with your Dogs**.

It lists a variety of camping grounds and accommodation alternatives which allow dogs. There are also many farm-stay organisations which are very happy to allow you to take your pets.

Boarding Your Pet

If you are intending to book your dog or cat into a boarding kennel, then ensure you do so months before. Many boarding kennels and catteries book out for the Christmas and Easter holidays months in advance. Other holiday periods are almost as bad. I always advise pet owners to view their pet's potential accommodation to ensure the facilities are clean and well managed. Boarding kennel owners are usually happy with this but you may have to arrange the visit with



them beforehand. In a boarding kennel, there are certain times of the day when the owners cannot allow visitors through due to the potential of noise from the dogs barking and the disturbance visitors may cause to other scheduled duties. If a kennel owner flatly refuses, then I would go elsewhere.

Home Visit Services

Several organisations offer a home visit service for pets. With such services, the pets are left at home and the care-giver visits during the day to feed and exercise the pets. They will water your plants and also provide other services. For pets with the right temperament, this is a good alternative. However, be aware that your pet will still be alone for most of the day and many pets will not tolerate this. If your pet is very attached to you it may not be content if you are gone for a long period. Another alternative may be better.

House Sitters

Many folk will have a house-sitter stay in their home when they are away. The pet stays in its home environment and that can be a very effective remedy. The pets often enjoy the new face and the small change in routine. Naturally, the house-sitter needs to have good credentials. I have friends who do this and it seems to work very well for the home owner and the house-sitter.

A Holiday With Relatives

Alternatively, having your pets cared for at the home of a friend or relative is a good idea. If this is your preference, check that the fences will prevent your pet escaping. Why not take your pet to visit this friend a few times



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before the holiday so it can acquaint itself with their house and garden?

Identification is Vital.

Lastly, no matter the system of care you use when you are on holiday, be sure to fully identify your pet with tags or a microchip. Should your pet roam while you are away, identification will assist in its return to you otherwise, you may never see it again.

Holiday Health Care.

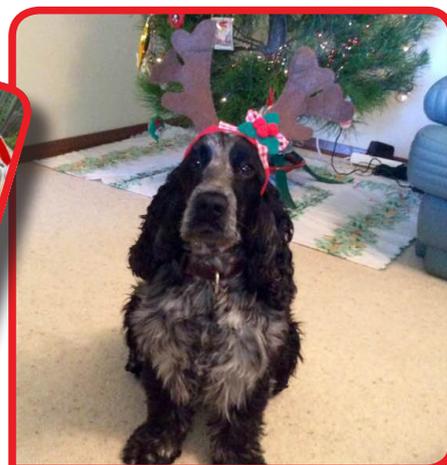
Remember that your pet will need to have its vaccinations up to date before being admitted into the kennels. For your pet's protection, its vaccinations should be given at least 10 days before the date of boarding as the vaccines won't cause immunity immediately. While your veterinarian will advise more fully, a C5 vaccine covers your dog for both of the germs that can cause Canine Cough and those that cause Distemper, Parvovirus and Canine Hepa-



titis virus. Canine Cough is a contagious upper respiratory condition that can be a problem wherever dogs group together—especially in kennels. For ems, the F3 vaccine is the minimum needed but you may also like to ask your vet about some of the new vaccines that are now available for diseases such as feline leukemia and feline AIDS. This is also a good time to have your dog or cat wormed with an all-wormer tablet and to check that their heart-worm preventative is up to date. Don't forget a bath or at least a good flea treatment is essential and if your pet is on medication of any sort, for example for arthritis or anxiety disorders, now is a good time to ensure you are well stocked with medication.

With a little forethought, you and your pets will have a happy holiday and you won't be dogged by the hassles that hound many others.

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Hills Dog Club Inc.

TRAINING TIMES

Mon. 7pm -> Puppies*,
Beginners, Graduate & Advanced
8pm -> Triallers
*Puppy classes are for dogs 12-20 weeks.

Tue. 10:30am -> All Classes

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.

NO TUESDAY CLASSES HELD IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Forgotten to bring treats to training?

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

NO CLASSES HELD ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

CORRESPONDENCE AND NEWSLETTER

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

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:

Election of Judges to take place at the following meetings:
Conformation Judges:
- - - - May and August
Obedience Judges:
- - - - - September

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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 un-well 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 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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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.

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We welcome requests for articles and info. Currently no advertising is published in the Howler, however we allow information about authors and businesses reviewed by our members to be placed.

Members are encouraged to write and contribute letters, stories, with photos related to dogs and experiences with dogs. Share a joy or a sadness with us.

Most web links on the digital version of this Newsletter are live and may be clicked to go to the appropriate site. Some images also contain web links.





Hills Dog Club Inc.

Postal Address – The Secretary P O Box 56/159 Ridgeway Drive Castle Hill NSW 2154

Renewal Application – due by the third Tuesday in March

A copy of your dog/s current vaccination certificate **must** be submitted with your renewal

PERSONAL DETAILS

I/We (Last name).....

First name

Address

Suburb Postcode

Phone.....mobile.....email.....

Optional for Dogs NSW members - Membership Number

DOGS DETAILS

NAMEBREED.....AGE.....

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Apply to be admitted as member(s) of the Hills Dog Club Inc. (club year 1st Jan – 31st Dec)

I/We enclose my/our **RENEWAL FEE** of

Full Membership	Adult	\$15.00	<input type="radio"/>	Dual	\$20.00	<input type="radio"/>
Associate Membership	Adult	\$15.00	<input type="radio"/>	Dual	\$20.00	<input type="radio"/>
Full Membership	Family	\$30.00	<input type="radio"/>			
Associate Membership	Family	\$30.00	<input type="radio"/>	Junior	\$10.00	<input type="radio"/>

**CASH OR
CHEQUE
ONLY**

*** NB: Dual Membership is any two people residing at the same address**

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX – ONLY FULL MEMBERSHIP ENTITLES YOU TO VOTE

General meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month except January

In the event of me/us becoming members, I/we also undertake to be bound by the Constitution of the Hills Dog Club Inc. ("the Club") I/We understand that members & dogs train at their own risk & indemnify and hereby waive and release the Club its members and workers from any and all liability for any injury or damage which I/we, my family, guest or my dog may suffer while on Club grounds or in the Club buildings. I/we also declare that ALL dogs trained by me/us on this ground hold a valid vaccination certificate from a registered Veterinarian according to current guidelines.

Signature(s).....Date.....

OFFICE USE

Membership Fee \$ Vac. Cert. Sighted _____

Receipt number _____

TOTAL \$ Office Staff Signature



HILLS DOG CLUB Inc. AWARDS

Each year members of this Club are invited to enter our awards. The awards acknowledge excellence in Obedience and Rally Obedience Competition as well as Achievement in Combined Canine activity. In addition, Title Trophies are presented to any member's dog that has gained a Title in an approved dog discipline.

ARE YOU APPLYING FOR A POINTS SCORE TROPHY? YES/NO

If YES, please complete form for CATEGORY 1

ARE YOU APPLYING FOR A TITLE TROPHY? YES/NO

If YES, please complete form for CATEGORY 2

EXPLANATION of AWARDS

The awards fall into 2 categories:

Category 1: OBEDIENCE & RALLY O

Category 1 Awards are competitive within the club, and are awarded by the club. These awards are based on **points gained** in competition at different levels, i.e., CCD, Novice (CD), Open (CDX), UD and UDX.

To be eligible for these awards you must:

1. Be a financial member of the Hills Dog Club Inc. at the time of participation in your nominated trials AND at the final closing date for submission of entries.
2. Have been an active member of the Hills Dog Club Inc. at the time of participation in your nominated trials for these awards.
3. Submit a complete, correct and legible entry form by the closing date, with photocopies of the original qualifying certificates attached OR the original qualifying certificates must be sighted by a Committee member and your entry form signed by the Committee member.

Any trial conducted within NSW or ACT is eligible for nomination.

Each of the Obedience Awards is based on the **combined total of the required number (which depends on the level of competition) of the participants' highest scores gained in the competition year stated.**

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals are awarded according to the number of points gained, with the highest scoring Handler and Dog in each **competition level** winning the Perpetual Trophy for the year.

Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the highest scoring Handler & Dog in each level of competition. These awards will be automatically granted. The Perpetual Trophies are:

CCD	Abbey Memorial Trophy
NOVICE	Hazel Baldwin Trophy
OPEN	Hilda Smythe Trophy
UD	Barry Langdon Trophy
UDX	Hills Dog Club Inc. Trophy
OPEN & UD	Karen Valeschini Memorial Trophy
RALLY O	Iris Bollinger Perpetual Trophy
HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT in CANINE COMP.	Dianne Atkins Perpetual Trophy

The closing date for entries will be 13th February 2018. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Awards will be presented at the 2018 AGM.

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA for the DIANNE ATKINS PERPETUAL TROPHY for HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT IN CANINE COMPETITION:

The following additional criteria must be met for this Perpetual Trophy to be presented to a Hills Dog Club Inc. member. If there is no member who meets the criteria, the trophy will not be awarded that year.

1. A club member must meet all other club requirements for trophies.
2. The competition year will run from the Tuesday after the State Titles 2016 (Tues 4.10.16) until 31st December 2017.
3. A nominee must achieve a minimum of 2 Titles with the same dog in the designated competition year.
4. As the purpose of this Trophy is to celebrate high achievement, the number and difficulty of titles will be taken into consideration.
5. In the event of multiple successful applications, the Chief Instructor and the President of the club will make the final decision. Their decision will be final. No correspondence will be entered into.
6. Members may nominate themselves and their dogs for this award, or another member may nominate them.
7. Nomination forms must be completed, signed and submitted by 13th February 2018.
8. Late entries will not be accepted.

Qualifying titles include:

Obedience	Tracking	Endurance	OR any other title granted by the ANKC, or any other title deemed by the Club to be a fair title, e.g., Flyball, Canine Good Citizen, Hills Canine Companion Award, etc.
Rally O	Herding	Conformation	
Agility	Earthdog	Search & Track	
Flyball	Gundog	Dancing with Dogs	

AWARDS for OBEDIENCE

The competition year for CCD & NOVICE runs from the Tuesday after the 2015 State Titles (Tue 6.10.15) until 31st December 2017. This is a 2-year period.

CCD

Your best THREE results only will be accepted and *must fall within a 12-month time zone of the above 2-year period.*

228 to 239 points	Receive a bronze medal
240 to 251 points	Receive a silver medal
252 to 300 points	Receive a gold medal

NOVICE

Your best THREE results only will be accepted and *must fall within a 12-month time zone of the above 2-year period.*

528 to 539 points	Receive a bronze medal
540 to 551 points	Receive a silver medal
552 to 600 points	Receive a gold medal

The competition year for OPEN, UD & UDX runs from the Tuesday after the 2016 State Titles (Tues 4.10.16) until 31st December 2017.

OPEN

Your best SEVEN results only will be accepted.

1246 to 1273 points	Receive a bronze medal
1274 to 1301 points	Receive a silver medal
1302 to 1400 points	Receive a gold medal

UD

Your best THREE results only will be accepted.

534 to 544 points	Receive a bronze medal
545 to 555 points	Receive a silver medal
556 to 600 points	Receive a gold medal

UDX

Your best THREE results only will be accepted.

534 to 544 points	Receive a bronze medal
545 to 555 points	Receive a silver medal
556 to 600 points	Receive a gold medal

OPEN & UD

Your best THREE results from each Class will be accepted.

AWARDS for RALLY OBEDIENCE

The competition year for all Rally Obedience awards runs from the Tuesday after the State Titles 2016 (Tue 4.10.16) until 31st December 2017 inclusive.

Your best SIX results from any Class will be accepted and these can be a mix of classes.

456 to 479 points	Receive a bronze medal
480 to 503 points	Receive a silver medal
504 to 600 points	Receive a gold medal

Category 2: TITLE TROPHIES

Category 2 Awards are the club's way of recognising Titles achieved by members and their dogs. These awards are based on **having gained a Title in a particular dog discipline, as recognised by the ANKC.**

Because this is a Title award only, **the awards are not points based.**

To be eligible for these awards you must:

1. Be a financial member of the Hills Dog Club Inc. at the time of participation in your nominated trials AND at the final closing date for submission of entries.
2. Submit a complete, correct and legible entry form by the closing date with photocopies of the original qualifying certificates attached OR the original qualifying certificates must be sighted by a Committee member and your entry form signed by the Committee member.

The closing date for entries will be 13th February 2018.

LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

The Trophies will be presented at the 2018 AGM.

SUMMARY of AWARDS

AWARD TYPE	QUALIFYING PERIOD & other criteria	ENTRIES CLOSE	DATE of PRESENTATION
C A T E G O R Y 1	Obedience & Rally O Achievements & Perpetual Trophies	13 th February 2018	At the Hills Dog Club Inc. 2018 AGM
	CCD & Novice: from the Tuesday after the 2015 State Titles (Tues 6.10.15) until 31 st December 2017 inclusive. This is a 2-year time frame. However, your BEST THREE RESULTS ONLY WILL BE ACCEPTED and the passes must fall within a <u>12-month</u> time zone of the above period.		
	Open, UD & UDX: from the Tuesday after the 2016 State Titles (Tues 4.10.16) until 31 st December 2017 inclusive.		
C A T 2	Title Trophies	13 th February 2018	At the Hills Dog Club Inc. 2018 AGM

COMPLETE THIS FORM for CATEGORY 1

OBEDIENCE & RALLY O ACHIEVEMENTS & PERPETUAL TROPHIES AWARDS

Name of Dog _____ Breed _____

Trial	Date	Class	Points	Cat No.	Office Use

TOTAL POINTS: _____ (not needed for Dianne Atkins Trophy)

Please tick box for Trophy and/or Medallion applied for:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abbey Memorial Trophy (CCD)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hilda Smythe Trophy (Open)
<input type="checkbox"/> Karen Valeschini Memorial Trophy (Open & UD)
<input type="checkbox"/> Dianne Atkins Perpetual Trophy
(Highest Achievement in Canine Competition) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazel Baldwin Trophy (Novice)
<input type="checkbox"/> Barry Langdon Trophy (UD)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hills Dog Club Perpetual Trophy (UDX)
<input type="checkbox"/> Iris Bollinger Memorial Trophy
(Rally O) |
|--|--|

Medallion: Gold Silver Bronze

Member's name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Phone number/s: _____

Original qualifying certificate/s sighted by Committee Member & signed _____

I hereby confirm that the above information is true and correct and that I have been a financial member of the Hills Dog Club Inc. now and when the above results were achieved.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

This form must be returned by 13th February 2018.

It may be handed in on the Training Ground at the counter,
 or given to Genevieve Young, or posted to:
 The Secretary, Hills Dog Club Inc., PO Box 56/159 Ridgescrop Drive, CASTLE HILL, NSW, 2154



Hills Dog Club Inc.

COMPLETE THIS FORM for CATEGORY 2

MEMBERS TROPHY FOR NEW TITLES GAINED IN 2016/17

Any dog that has gained a title during between 4.10.16 and 31.12.17 is entitled to receive a trophy recognising this achievement.

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

Members need to attend the 2018 A.G.M. to accept the trophy on behalf of their dog.

OWNER'S NAME _____

DOG'S NAME _____
(Include Kennel name, and other titles if applicable)

TITLES GAINED _____
(in the order gained)

NB: Multiple titles gained during the year will be engraved on a single trophy with the exception of Champion or Grand Champion, which will be presented as an individual trophy.

Please attach proof of title (e.g., copy of certificate or amended registration certificate).

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