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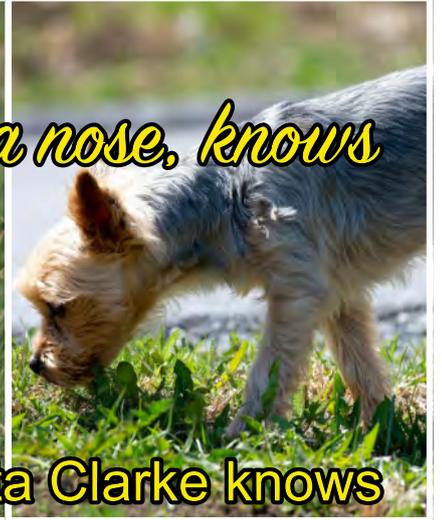


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August 2022



*Who knows what a nose, knows*

**Peta Clarke knows**



*Last month Lynn's little Tasha celebrated her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday - Happy birthday from all of us.*



*A lovely photo of Carole Hatley's pooch family, Bella 11 Annie 6 Piper 5 Ryder 2 Lilly 10 weeks*

Important Dates.

**General meetings 2022:**

10 Aug, 14 Sep, 12 Oct,  
9 Nov, 14 Dec

Sunday 11 September 2022

HILLS DOG CLUB INC

Scentwork trial

castle hill showground,

showground rd, castle hill

**EDITOR'S NOTE**

Hello everyone,

Wow, the puppy classes have been huge since the club has started accepting new members again after a temporary pause due to the ongoing 'lergy that has been doing the rounds. Thank you to all our Instructors in the Beginners classes who have been pulling many shifts to keep things flowing along.

Speaking of flowing, the rain has played havoc on the grounds which also caused us to miss a few training days on top of the school holiday closure. I hope you all have kept up the training at home.

This month we had several promotions, who are listed and pictured on pages 5 and 6. Movers and Shakers were won by Jess... Well, actually she was the only handler to send in some photos of her dog's accomplishments. Check it out on page 7. While I'm at it, let me remind all members that I will gladly publish your photos and awards if you send them to me at the [hillshowler@gmail.com](mailto:hillshowler@gmail.com) address. You can also publish on our facebook pages if you wish.

We have reprinted an article about the different zones our dogs move in, this is a good place to start to learn about noticing how and why your dog behaves in a certain way. page 4.

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We are grateful to publish an article by Peta Clarke. She gives us a in-depth look at the curative odour detection art of nose work for dogs who need some help. Sure, it's a sport, but here we see how therapeutic use of nose work creates pathways to a happier dog. Page 9

Happy training everyone

Editor, Graphic Designer  
Tony Vink





According to Sciencedaily, new research has shown that English Bulldogs (EBDs) need to be bred with more moderate physical features.

We have all heard of problems associated with English Bulldogs. The problems with giving birth, and breathing are probably the most talked about. Well it seems that scientific research has come back with some ideas for the breeders of these dogs. Mainly there are suggestions to moderate the standard characteristics, presumably to breed dogs with better muzzles to accomodate breathing.

The article we found quotes many numbers and compares the EBDs life expectancy to all other dogs' and

how their health could be vastly improved by moderating the extreme characteristics.

Countries like the Netherlands and Norway have already restricted the breeding of EBDs, and that is not what any dog lover wants to hear.

Let's see if the breeding community can come up with a solution. This may set a precedent to handling potential future problems with breed standards. Hope they don't fluff it.

Read it here:

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2022/06/220615102917.htm>

Oh and there is a survey online perhaps you'd like to cast a vote as a representative of the dog community?

Question: Is it ok to put dog poo in someone else's bin?

Vote here:

<https://www.news.com.au/lifestyle/home/pets/resident-slams-dog-owners-for-leaving-poo-in-empty-wheelie-bins/news-story/54265d2f2d84d5df844f5fc38f214a25>



**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](http://www.hillsdogclub.com) OR  
Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/hillsdogclub](https://www.facebook.com/hillsdogclub)  
Pages updated Monday 4pm &  
Tuesday 8:45am

## ZONES - DISTANCE TELLS A STORY.

by: Pat Robards

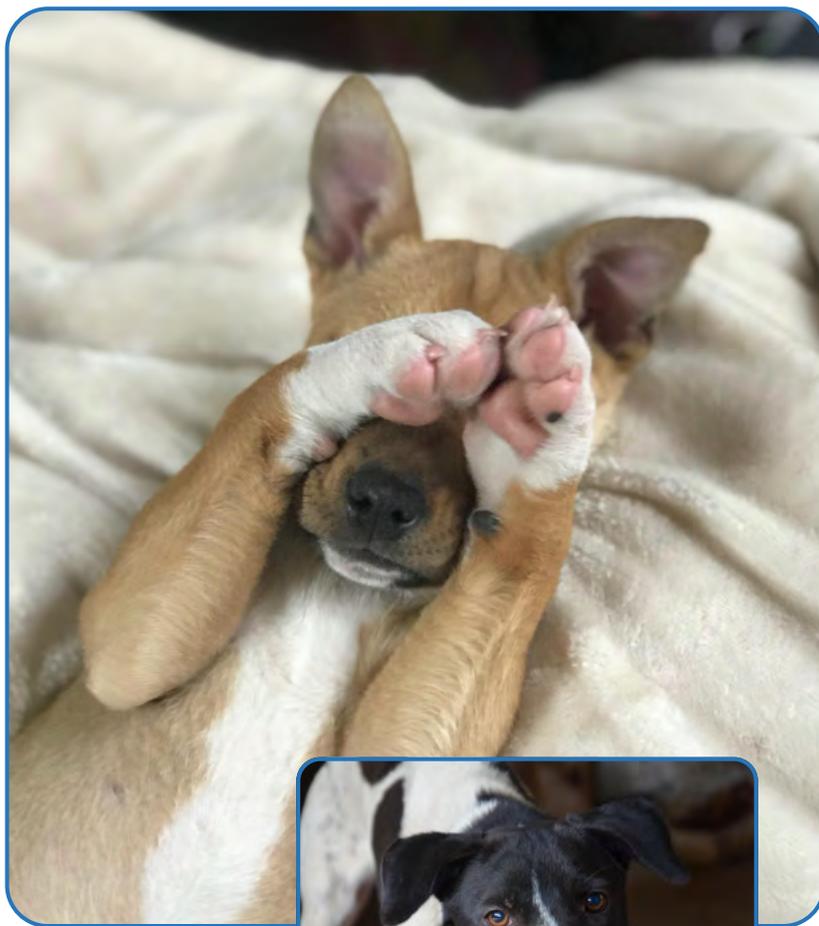
**BOLD** - The dog who is bold he has high head, confident, alert ears, relaxed mouth, broad shoulders, high tail, standing four square, some leaning forward.

**SHY** - The shy dog looks timid, insecure, the underdog with a low head and a hang dog expression, ears plastered back and the mouth drawn in a submissive grin, the shoulders are pinched with the front legs held close together underneath the body, the tail is tucked with a crouched gait. Some lean backwards like a rocking horse if you try touch them.

Zones are very interesting and are important. The zone is a circle around the dog existing of three distances and each distance tells a story. Space and distance have a MAJOR influence on your dog's behaviour. How a dog reacts to somebody or something, some contributing factors are genetic, (come from within) or behaviours learned through experience. Zones range from a matter of inches to distances measured in feet.

**Zone One** (Neutral ground and the outer circle). This outer circle represents the flight distance, the dog becomes aware of other creatures and is the distance that a frightened animal may choose to move away. Turid Rugaas has it on her video, the dog saying by signalling to his owner "don't make me go any closer". The dog will ignore the other dog or send out dominance/submissive signals, become aggressive or friendly or move on. Say your dog is friendly continue into Zone two, if not, don't as your dog just said, "Don't make me go any closer."

**Zone Two** (Critical distance and the middle circle). If the dog is unable to flee it may show fear aggression to make the intruder go away as the dog is forced into making decision of withdrawal or avoidance (fight or flight) or a warning to proceed no further, it all depends on the dog.



**Zone Three** (Social - the smallest inner-most circle). Personal Safety Zone or others call it the Intimate distance. It extends from direct physical contact to about 18 inches away. Very threatening, the dog will decide whether it will allow physical contact with anything within this zone and only should be breached if the dog is exceptionally well socialised or knows the person well, in this zone the risk of aggression is very high, if we allow another object/animal/human to get into our dogs faces the dog is forced into fighting, biting or hiding in between our legs.

*Re-printed with Author's permission.*



*Brenden and Moe*

## PROMOTIONS - July 2022

### Beginners to Graduate

- Cathryn with Boots the Smithfield
- Eva-Lotte with Teddy the Border Collie
- Natalie and Neo the Border Collie
- Brenden with Moe the GWP
- Terry and Ginger the Griffon

### Graduate to Intermediate

- Pauline and Bronte the Labrador
- Kevin and Milly the Miniature Schnauzer
- Deborah and Holly the Belgian Shepherd
- Carolina and Ripley the Labrador



*Cathryn and Boots*



*Eva-Lotte and Teddy*



*Deborah and Holly*



*Pauline and Bronte*



*Kevin and Milly*



*Carolina and Ripley*



*Terry and Ginger*



*Natalie and Neo*

## MOVERS AND SHAKERS

We did not get many messages from our members who have done well in competitions with their dogs... But wait, here is Jess Isaacs' dogs, I think they took all the prizes in July?

Following is the list of Jess' dogs achievements.

NSW Lure Coursing Association Lure Coursing Trial 12/06

Hamish

- Junior Courser PASS and TITLE

Hugo

- Coursing Ability PASS

Hawkesbury Dog Agility Club Agility Trial 18/06-19/06

Leo

- Masters Jumping Q 6th
- Excellent Snooker Q 3rd
- Masters Jumping Q 3rd

Newcastle ABKC Scent Work Trial 25/06

Hugo

- Novice Exteriors Q

Hound Club ACT Lure Coursing Trial 26/06

Hugo

- Coursing Ability PASS

Hamish

- Coursing Ability PASS

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club QLD Agility and Trick Dog Trial 02/07

Leo

- Excellent Snooker Q 2nd
- Masters Jumping NQ 1st
- Novice Trick Dog Q 2nd

Hugo

- Novice Snooker Q 2nd
- Novice Jumping NQ 2nd
- Starter Trick Dog Q 2nd

Hamish

- Starter Trick Dog Q 3rd and TITLE

Golden Retriever Club QLD Scent Work Trial 02/07

Hugo

- Novice Containers Q
- Novice Interiors Q
- Novice Vehicles Q
- Novice Exteriors Q
- Scent Work Novice TITLE



## DOG BREEDING MADE ABSURD

Pointer + Setter = **Pointsetter**, a traditional Christmas pet

Kerry Blue Terrier + Skye Terrier = **Blue Skye**, a dog for visionaries

Great Pyrenees + Dachshund = **Pyradachs**, a puzzling breed

Breed Pekinese + Lhasa Apso = **Peekasso**, an abstract dog

Irish Water Spaniel + English Springer Spaniel = **Irish Springer**, a dog fresh and clean as a whistle

Labrador Retriever + Curly Coated Retriever = **Lab Coat Retriever**, the choice of research scientists

Newfoundland+ Basset Hound = **Newfound Asset Hound**, a dog for financial advisors

Terrier + Bull- dog = **Terribull**, a dog that makes awful mistakes

Bloodhound + Labrador = **Blabrador**, a dog that barks incessantly

Malamute + Pointer = **Moot Point**, owned by...oh, well, it doesn't matter anyway

Collie + Malamute = **Commute**, a dog that travels to work

Bull Terrier + Shitzu = **Bull...**  
Oh, never mind

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**Entries Close: 30 August 2022**

**HILLS DOG CLUB INC**  
**SCENTWORK TRIAL**  
CASTLE HILL SHOWGROUND, SHOWGROUND RD, CASTLE HILL  
**SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2022**

Classes to be judged: Novice, Advanced & Excellent - container & exteriors

**Paper entries to:** Mrs C Hately, 7 Powell St, Hobartville 2753  
**Ph & Extreme Weather Ph:** 0407 279 057  
**Cheques made payable to:** Hills Dog Club Inc

**JUDGES**  
Miss C Stani (NSW)      Advanced and Excellent Exterior  
Dr P Mead (NSW)      Advanced and Excellent Containers  
Ms N Neppi (NSW)      Novice Containers & Exteriors

**Order of Judging:** Novice containers and Excellent containers & Exterior, Followed by Novice Exterior and Advanced containers & Exterior

**Judging Commences:** 9.00am

**Vetting Time:** 8.00am      **Vetting Officer:** Hills Dog Club Member

**DOGS NSW Representative:** Mr A Hall

**Entry Fees:** \$10.00 per element      **Catalogues:** Free online

**Odours used:** Novice - Birch, Advanced - Birch & Clove, Excellent - Birch, Clove, Cypress

**Entries open on 16 August 2022**

No odour to be brought to the grounds      One dog per handler per class/element

Bitches in oestrus may not be trialed

Novice spots 40 per element. Adv & Exc combined total of 80 spots per element

**PRIZES**  
**1st, 2nd, 3rd each element:** Prize & Sash  
**Qualifier & Titles:** Ribbons

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www.hillscountry.com.au

## SEEKING THERAPY?

What makes a nose work class therapeutic and why.

*Peta is a Professional animal trainer with many contributions in the Australian animal scene. She is a popular guest speaker at Hills Dog Club. Article with permission. <https://petaclarke.org>*

If you haven't heard that "nose work is therapeutic for dogs", you must be living under a rock. No, even then I am sure some dog's would have come up and sniffed at your rock with owner in tow, who waited patiently while her dog gathered all the information from your hiding spot. On seeing you she would startle (what are you doing under the rock, anyway?), and on composing herself she would tell you, "I let him sniff as long as he wants now on walks, because it's good for him to use his nose".

And there you have it, the latest dog owner belief. Thankfully, this belief has a bit more substance to it than common owner beliefs from the past, and even more importantly there is no harm in it for their dog's. As more and more pet dogs are given opportunities to use their nose, the anecdotal evidence builds that a dog that uses their olfactory system regularly will often show a reduction in the behaviours we all link with negative emotional states – anxiety, reactivity and aggression. It really does sound too good to be true.

As some of you know, I have been hooked on the link between this activity and the subsequent behaviour change in dogs for over 6 years now. Like many of you, Marion Brand was the first to introduce me to one version of Nose Work referred to as K9 Nose Work® with my two carpet pissers – I mean Chihuahuas – after we finished two years working on the musical Legally Blonde.



I knew that life could easily be very boring for them after we finished the show, and nose work sounded interesting. Little did I know just how interesting I would find it.

*"I let him sniff as long as he wants now on walks, because it's good for him to use his nose"*

While there are lots of reasons for attending Nose Work or Scent Work classes with your dog, the one we hear thrown around a lot is the therapeutic aspect that prevails. These classes will vary tremendously in approach and application, and it is this variation that is important to look at when we are interested in nose work specifically to improve a dog's overall wellbeing. The benefits of nose work are tremendous for dogs, but only when certain variables are in place. When these variables are not present, nose work classes can not only be unhelpful in improving our dog's emotional state, but can actually increase a dog's anxiety and reactivity. It is vital for us all to realise that not all nose work classes are equal.

The list we are going to delve into together has been created from information gained, and observations made over the past two to three years that I have travelled around Australia giving nose work workshops focused specifically on the therapy of this wonderful activity. The list is not final, nor exhaustive. This is a very young activity for us, and I have no doubt that our understanding on how to utilise nose work to improve a dog's general wellbeing will grow vastly over the coming years. But it is a start to help us all improve the lives of dogs, whether we are a dog trainer wanting to use scent activities and formal classes to help our clients, or we are owners of "project dogs" ourselves.

## Important aspects of a nose work or scent work class to enhance it's therapy benefits

### 1. The opportunity for the dog to hunt free of social pressure

This is probably the most important aspect of the set up of a class for the dog's with emotional issues. While we have all experienced dogs that exhibit over the top behaviours in the presence of other dog's – lunging, barking, pulling, bum puckering sets of behaviour we refer to as “reactive”, there are many dogs who don't do the full monty, but who are still way short of feeling footloose and fancy free in the presence of unknown dogs. You often have to look a lot closer and be a lot more practiced in seeing, but the tell tail signs are there like quick looks to the exit, speed increase or decrease, small changes in muscle tension, pupil dilation... the list could go on and on, but basically you get what I mean. We all know that dogs (like humans – I am one of these) can display social discomfort by becoming more rowdy and hyperactive. I have often heard this behaviour change analysed as how much the dog “loves the game”. Look a bit closer and you see a dog that is simply uncomfortable.

If therapy from nose work classes is what you are after, your dog will never get it from being introduced to a new environment and the activity in the presence of other dogs. All other dogs who are partaking in the class must be away from the working area. In time and with improvement, other dogs may be added methodically as part of a systematic, pre-considered counter conditioning program. Our goal is to lower arousal by providing an environment that is considered safe and interesting to explore. If other dogs are just hanging out with their owners waiting for their turn or even in crates down the other end of the building, the experience will be less positive for each dog than what it could be, and thus in my opinion the instructor has failed to provide an experience that will be beneficial. Dog's that are waiting for their turn and can see the other dog working are also not immune from the experience, creating an increase in distress in them, which again goes against the very nature of what a therapeutic activity is supposed to be.

In this area we need to make sure that dogs have skill and ability in waiting their “turn”, it is counteractive to stress a dog out while waiting in the car or crate when this is a foreign and stressful experience for it. Thus a good instructor will make sure that dogs coming to them are



comfortable being left alone for short amounts of time, or provide a co-instructor to work with the owner and dog when it is not hunting to develop this skill.

It is imperative also when we are looking at social pressure for dog's that we look at ourselves – the humans present, some dogs will not be able to work with other people in the room watching – even if they are behind a gate and well away from the work area. For dogs that are socially sensitive they may need to go and greet the other humans in the room before they can focus on the hunting work at hand. When they enter the search area, especially for the very first time and the first run for a new week, if the dog indicates a need to go and “say hello” to the humans, it should be allowed to do so. Again, failure to allow the dog to do this can place unnecessary pressure on the dog and in some cases prevent them from being able to focus on the hunt.

When we hear trainers say “nose work is the dog’s game” and then force them by lead or by sticking a box with chicken under their nose, the trainer is missing the whole point. I want the dog to do whatever they need to do so that they can choose to play my hunting game. I’m not going to fight the dog away from what it is interested in, I am going to allow exploration until the best game is what I have to offer. Anything less reduces the therapeutic opportunity because we are once again putting the dog in a situation where we take it’s choice away. Let the dog do what they need to do, and use that information to modify antecedents and consequences – hey presto you have a dog that is desperate to play your game.

## **2. Starting with something the dog naturally loves.**

As a therapy it is vital in the introduction and early stages of the process that nose work classes provide no more pressure or discomfort on the dog than is necessary. Dogs that dearly need nose work activities added to their lives are going to find just the experience of going to a new place, working in the presence of new people, and smelling the presence of other dogs more than enough “new” for the first few weeks. That is why I want to have something wonderful that the dog naturally wants to start the therapy ball rolling, and for most dog’s this is BBQ chicken or roast lamb or beef, or toys can also be utilised here – what is most important is that we are not asking the dog to learn something new (in our case a new smell) while they are unnerved. Bring your nervous Nelly into a nose work class for therapy, and thrust a new odour under her nose followed by a treat while she is feeling uncomfortable about the new environment, and even if she eats the food **YOU WILL STILL BE CREATING AN ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE NEW SMELL AND HER FEELING OF DISCOMFORT.** This means that every time she smells the smell or you ask her to go find the smell, that feeling of discomfort will be triggered. Thats classical conditioning 101.

So for me, it makes no sense to not start the dog off hunting for food (and I have thought about this a lot, and had great discussions with folk who feel differently!). Teaching a dog to find a novel odour is a very simple process, however using nose work to improve a project dog’s welfare is not. When we start out with something that the dog already loves we give them the very best chance of having great experiences straight away. Great experiences equals comfort and confidence, and comfort and confidence equals desirable behaviour.

Starting off with something the dog already has a positive association with also allows us to get the dog hunting more quickly, which allows that big olfactory brain to start working and creating a tired, content dog. The science of sniffing is very new, and while we really do not know why it is so beneficial for our dogs, the evidence that it IS continues to pile up. Science will catch up soon enough.

## **3. The ability of the instructor to modify the antecedents and the consequences specific to the dog’s needs in the moment.**

A fundamental part of all the training we do is understanding the functional relationship between the antecedent, behaviour, and consequence. After all, it is the only way we influence behaviour, so being able to quickly see how the environment is influencing behaviour and change it up to get more of the behaviour we want is what we all do every time we train.

When it comes to using nose work classes for therapy it is imperative that instructors can identify what specific aspects of the training area (the antecedents), are influencing the behaviour that is being observed (for better or worse), and what could be changed to improve the behavioural response. Do I (as the instructor) need to move out of the search area and guide the owner about what to do because my presence is making the dog too nervous? Do I need to use a higher value food? Do I need to put out just one hide to slow the dog down? Do I need to put out multiple hides to reduce the dog’s focus on the owner? Would the dog be more comfortable without the big heavy harness on? Would the dog feel more settled if the owner moved away from the door and sat down?

All of these changes in antecedent arrangements are some examples of things I have done that have made HUGE differences to a dog's comfort state, and thus behaviour. It may be that we have to move a box just a tiny bit, or change the angle. It's important to also say that I have often made the wrong call, sometimes thinking the issue was one thing, and when I changed it seeing nothing happen. I remember one dog who was described as "nervous" and "sticky" (to the owner), and I poo pood her choice of "smackos" for the dog to hunt for – thinking that chicken skin would be a much more likely food type to motivate her to move away from the owner. Suffice to say it took me way too long to work out that THIS DOG preferred smackos... and once I swapped the chook for smackos the little dude had no trouble leaving mum!

As my mentor Susan Friedman continues to remind us all; "behaviour is the study of one", meaning that every individual animal, while bound as we all are to the laws of behaviour that govern this planet, stands before you as a unique learner and must be worked with as an individual.

For a dog that is uncomfortable in the search environment, the instructor's ability to understand the dog's choice of "reinforcement" in the moment, and respond accordingly is another vital aspect of getting the therapeutic value from nose work classes.

The main activity in an introductory class will be to find food in a box, or create a conditioned response to a novel odour by pairing it with the delivery of food (depending on the instructor's methodology). With the common belief that "reinforcement = food", and "food = reinforcement" we are all too easily swayed to believe that if the dog is eating the food we are reinforcing a

behaviour, and/or creating a positive association to the novel stimulus presented before the food. This is a really dangerous belief to hold onto in general, but especially if nose work for therapy is your goal.

If the class offers the chicken in a box game as a way to introduce dogs to nose work and the dog is indicating via its body language that there is a consequence more highly valued than food it is motivated to access, not allowing the dog to access that reinforcer will greatly reduce the therapeutic gains. Control of the environment, meaning the freedom to choose what they do when it is their "turn" is central to nose work as a therapy. For sure, it is the instructor's job to move the dog into a place where they choose to play the box game, but as I have said above, the failure to acknowledge the dog's desires and needs and allow access, whether in the role of a motivating operator or consequence, is a failure to understand the fundamental value of nose work classes for therapy.



A great example of this is the dog that wants to leave the search area as soon as they have come in. If orientation to the door is obvious and consistent, the dog is telling us escape is more reinforcing than food. If an instructor believes that a positive or successful experience in a nose work class only occurs when the dog finds and eats the food, they fail to provide the dog with the control. Failing to give the dog control will fail to give the dog the most positive experience they can have, and thus the most value from a therapy point of view. If the dog wants out, the dog should be allowed to go out, and in this scenario it is my personal option to ask the owner to invite the dog to come back in again – knowing full well that the dog will probably head straight back to the exit.

This is one of the most powerful experiences a dog can have in nose work classes, the experience of learning you will be heard, and more often than not when the dog is once again invited into the search area, it will investigate, if only just a bit.

The agency this animal has just been given is the very experience it needs to build confidence to begin to hunt. If they are forced to stay more often than not shut down will occur, thus adding to the dog's experience that force and coercion from humans is the norm, reducing again the dog's comfort and trust in humans.

#### 4. The instructors ability and skill in reading body language

The above aspect of a nose work class is impossible without having an instructor that has a very high level of observational skills. Behaviour is communication, being able to firstly notice and then correctly interpret what that behaviour is telling us is key to creating an opportunity for the dog to succeed.



I know of no other way to get good at observing behaviour than to observe behaviour. I am forever grateful for the chance to improve my skills in this area by working with birds. They say so much with so little, and let's face it when you don't notice a slight slicking of the feathers and they fly off and are gone for two days, the consequence of your lack of observational skills is rather high! But seriously, watching dogs is the best way to get really good at understanding what dogs are saying at a very minute level. It was such a wonderful experience to travel with Marion initially and watch her work dogs, I saw so many different dogs in so many different

situations, it really helped me understand canine behaviour specific to the context of nose work. And we all have the opportunity to do this, especially if you are teaching or are interested in teaching nose work. Getting out to other classes and just observing dogs is the way to go for sure.

The other thing here is to totally acknowledge and accept that none of us will ever interpret canine behaviour one hundred percent correctly, one hundred percent of the time. Of course that should not cause us to do nothing! If we see a dog is uncomfortable in any way, the only wrong thing we can do is nothing! Try changing the boxes, try changing the set up, try the dog on lead, try the dog off lead. It may be nothing other than experience and time that will build the dog's confidence, but one thing is for sure, doing nothing because you are not sure exactly what to do is the biggest failure of all.

Scent work classes are only going to increase in number, the ease for the owner and the benefit for dogs means that it is a no brainer that soon every trainer out there will be utilising olfaction to some degree in their programs. Whether it is to hunt for an drop of essential oil in a nose work class or scouring the back yard for an hour or more, sniffing out the kibble that no longer comes in a bowl and gone in thirty seconds (hello Labrador owners), or finally being given the time to investigate the latest neighbourhood goings on during the daily stroll with the human, allowing a dog to use it's nose is the best canine enrichment around. But if we are formally going to offer nose work classes and praise it's therapeutic aspects, it is imperative we all dig deep and understand just how to present this incredibly simple game in a class setting to best milk the marrow out of the benefits it can bring to our dogs.

Peta Clarke for CLICK magazine APDTA 2019

## NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE GENERAL MEETING

### *of Hills Dog Club Inc.*

**When:** . . . . . Wednesday **10 August 2022** - 7:30pm  
**Where:** . . . . . Meeting Rooms at Castle Hill Showground.  
**Who:** . . . . . All club members are welcome to attend.

#### AGENDA

1. Open Meeting
2. Attendance and Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes.
4. Business arising from the Minutes
5. Correspondence
6. Treasurer Report
7. New Members
8. Chief Instructors Report
9. Education Officer Report
10. Show Secretary Report
11. Trial Secretary Report
12. Publicity Officer report
13. Club Trophy Steward & Scent work Report
14. Show and Trial Trophy Steward report



#### GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Club Lecture on Canine Dentistry
2. September Scentwork trial
3. Instructor On-line resource survey



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

**NO TUESDAY CLASSES HELD  
IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

## Hills Dog Club Inc.

### TRAINING TIMES

**Mon.** 7pm -> Puppies\*,  
Beginners, Graduate &  
Intermediate classes

8pm -> Advanced 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.

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Next date TBA

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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.

Check us out on Facebook  
'Like' our page to get Club updates.

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



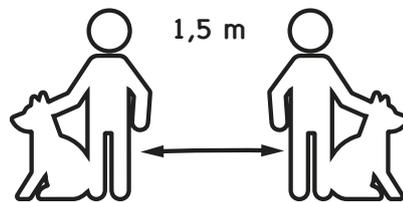
## LIVING WITH COVID AT HILLS DOG CLUB 2022

Training at Hills Dog Club has resumed for Monday night and Tuesday morning classes.

- Please be ready for class 10 minutes before start time.
- After arriving, please pay your ground fees (cash or EFTpos), have your card stamped and go to class collection area

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

- **Please stay at home if you are feeling unwell.**
- You will be asked to leave by staff if you show any cold or flu like symptoms.
- Please maintain a distance of 1.5m between yourself and other people and their dogs.
- You are not required to be fully vaccinated or carry proof of vaccination, but all HDC volunteer Instructors, Office and Grounds people are vaccinated



- Hills Dog Club supports use of masks for the safety of yourself and the HDC staff.
- If you have tested positive for Covid-19, please view this link before coming back to Club.

[https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/management/advice-for-confirmed#toc-when-can-i-leave-self-isolation.](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/management/advice-for-confirmed#toc-when-can-i-leave-self-isolation)

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### WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

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 advice 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 Facebook 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.

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## HILLS DOG CLUB INC. - 2022/23 COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT: - - - - - Vanessa Van Vugt  
 VICE PRESIDENT: - - - - - Anne Small  
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 TREASURER: - - - - - Lynne Sheather  
 ASSISTANT TREASURER: - - - - - Janet Power  
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: - - - - - Position vacant  
 TRIAL SECRETARY: - - - - - Judy McCartney  
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 - - - - - Peter Guenther  
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 - - - - - Carolyn Jensen  
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LIFE MEMBERS: Peter Guenther, Hazel Baldwin (deceased), Dianne Atkins (deceased), Janet Power, Belvane Parsons, Anne Small, Betty Cansdale (deceased), Robyn Jones, Janice Lyons, Vicki Gresser, Lynne Sheather.

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