

DOG TRACKS

2017 has certainly seen some ups and downs weather wise with fiercely hot days and torrential rain which has unfortunately seen the cancellation of some classes and has led to some very wet and soggy training sessions. Let's hope the autumn weather is kinder to us and our dogs. Summer School, which we ran for four weeks in Mosman, saw mild balmy evenings and everyone said they had a great time. Some of our Agility members put on a demonstration on the last night and a number of our new members are keen to join the Agility ranks once their dogs are twelve months old and have their Obedience skills.



Sydney Royal 2017



Congratulations to our wonderful Club member Penny Dalzell and her beautiful Border Collie Zyperty. 1st place at the Sydney Royal Easter Show in Novice Obedience and Best In Trial against all competitors.

What a winner !!

Manly & District Kennel & Dog Training Club

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Rainy Day Games



You know those days, and we've had a lot of them recently, when your dog gazes out the window at the pouring rain and you feel guilty because you can't face a walk and a wet dog; well relax, ten minutes of playing mind games with your dog is as good as a thirty minute walk.

Hide and Seek – hide treats or a favourite toy around the house and tell you dog to "Go find". You may have to indicate at first but it won't take long before your dog is happily sniffing them out.

Ring a Bell – Hang a bell from a door handle at nose height. When your dog touches the bell "Yes" and treat then once your dog gets the idea add a voice cue such as "Ring Bell". Can also be taught using a desk bell.



Name That Toy - arrange your dog's favourite toys in a semicircle around you. Give the toy's name cue e.g. "Get Rabbit". When your dog brings the right toy back to you "Yes" and treat.

Three Cup Game – place three plastic cups in a row and hide a treat under one. Start by showing your dog where the treat is then once they get the hang of it start mixing the cups around.



Tug for Tricks - hold a tug toy behind your back then cue your dog to sit in front of you, hold eye contact for ten seconds then "Yes" and play tug. Repeat with other cues, drop, shake paw, spin: always reward with yes and a play tug.



After some fun mind games your dog will snooze the day away and you can look out the window knowing that you are both happy and dry.

Training Treats

Using the right training treat can really make a difference to your dog's behaviour in class.

Firstly, never give your dog breakfast before coming to class, you want them to be hungry as their desire to work for a food reward is far greater on an empty stomach.

We see a variety of weird and wonderful things brought along as treats, from Fruit Loops to flavoured rice crackers and dried banana. Not only are these not good motivators they are also not a healthy option.

So what is the ideal training treat?

This very much depends on the dog and how much it is motivated by food. Most dogs respond to food, the higher value the treat is the more the dog will want to work for it. Some dogs, however, are far more motivated by play so a tug toy may well be their best motivator.

Dogs have far fewer taste buds than humans but their sense of smell is forty times greater so it's not only taste that is important but the smell of the treat that will keep the dog focused on the handler.

Treats are also of different value; kibble, whilst being a dog food, is still a low value treat, kangaroo sausage would be a high value treat. Look for a treat that combines taste and smell and is moist. Dried liver is a great training treat at home but in class moist treats are preferable. It is also important to take into consideration, especially with breeds that are prone to weight gain, that treats are counted as part of the daily food intake. Treats should be cut into small pieces and mixed; for example, cubes of cheese, chicken sausage, trimmings of yesterdays roast, that way your dog gets a variety during the course of the class.

Everyone is time poor these days so organise your treats in advance, cut up a whole block of cheese or a pack of sausages pop into snack bags and freeze, that way you can quickly grab your treats and get to class with out a frantic rush round looking for what to bring.

If you are buying store bought treats please turn over the packet and look to see the country of origin. If it's anywhere other than Australia do your dog a favour and leave it on the shelf.

The Best Ever Training Treat

(9 out of 10 dogs agree)

- 1 x Large Can of Salmon (450g) undrained
- 5-6 x Eggs
- 2 x Cups of Rolled Oats
- Flour



Mix all ingredients together; if necessary add enough flour so mixture is dough like and not too runny.

Press into a lined baking tray so mixture is about 1.5cms deep.

Bake in 180° oven for 15 – 20 minutes.

When cool cut into tiny squares, divide into individual portions and freeze.

(As oven temperatures and moisture content may vary add flour and adjust baking time to suit. Cutting with a pizza wheel is easier than a knife)

This and other recipes can be found on the Club web site.

Teaching “Middle”

This is a great position which is easily trained and has a numerous benefits.



- It brings your dog into a protective and reassuring space at times when you need them close.
- Manages the start of an agility run as the handler can position themselves in a perfect line for the first obstacle then leave the dog in a stay to start the run.
- Works well for free style heeling routines.
- Is a fun trick to show your friends.

Stand with your legs apart and your dog standing in front of you.

Hold a treat in each hand; with your right hand lure your dog to the right then around behind your back keeping your hand fairly close to your body.

As your dog curves around behind you put your left hand between your legs and lure your dog forward through your legs.

Treat when in position, head in front of you and front legs in line with yours.

Practise this exercise and when your dog becomes familiar and comfortable with the position introduce a sit and a drop.

Once proficient at the stationary positions you can teach walking forward and walking backwards with the dog between your legs.

Anyone for Coffee?

When friends call round for coffee with their four legged friends this is sure impress.

The dogs will love it and it will lead to funny photo opportunities with cream covered noses.

Not something for every day, but with Easter coming up it makes the ideal treat and a coffee morning really special.

Pumpkin Puppuccino

- 1 x Cup of plain none fat yogurt
- 1/4 x Cup pumpkin puree
- 2 x Tablespoons rolled oats
- 1 x Cup of Ice
- 1/4 x Cup fat free whipped cream
- 1/4 x Teaspoon ground cinnamon



Combine yogurt, pumpkin puree, rolled oats and ice in a blender and blend until smooth.

Serve immediately garnished with whipped cream and cinnamon

Prefer to go out for coffee but want a change from the local coffee shop?

Then try Café Bones which is set in a dog park in Leichhardt or Chew Chew Pet Restaurant next to Wollstonecraft station.

Both are fun destination, Chew Chew is only small so probably not so good for large boisterous dogs but the menu is amazing, a la carte for canines. In fact they don't serve anything for humans you have to order in from the coffee shop next door.



Remember – never give your dog coffee or tea as caffeine can have a very detrimental effect on their system.

Training Session Cards

10 Sessions for \$45.00.



No more scrabbling around in the glove box for loose change on training day!!

Available soon on line and at the grounds.



Circle this date on your calendar

Saturday July 8th

**Manly & District Kennel & Dog Training Club
Agility Trial**



Venue: Frenchs Forest Showground

Support your Club and have a great day out. If you have never been to a trial this is the ideal opportunity to see what Agility is all about.

We need volunteers to assist on the day, so please, if you can put your hand up to help, we'll ensure that you have a fun day and you'll be fed and watered by our terrific catering team. No experience necessary.



Welcome to Our New Members

Dean HANBURY & Laura THOMAS and **Evie**
David PERRY and **Indy**
Pippa HANLEY and Tilly
Sofia & Jonathan SAN JUAN and **Patrick**
Sally LUMSDEN and **Lottie**
Samantha ROMANDY and **Cate**
Rachel FOOT & Joel DAWE and **Sunny**
Simon SHUM & Laura LEE and **Oaki**
Jo & Sue RUMCIMAN and **Lily & Pixel**
Mark WILLIAMS and **Akira**
Georgina SHEARGOLD and **Dodge**
Jackie, Kieron & Francesca SMITH and **Wilson**
Zoe MAKER & Rosie LIM and **Taco**
Joelle MARKIEWICZ and **Django**
Murray & Brianne LOWE and **Josie**
Gladys & Geoffry SMITH and **Molly**
Louise MURRAY and **Flicka**
Matthew JAY and **Alfie**
Emma STUBBS & Jake FISHER and **Alfie**
Chet OLINGER and **Buster**
Diane VALLINS and **Chance**
Rosemary JANDURA and **Charlie**
Sandra, Matthew, Laura & Megan GASS and **Olive**
Leah BOONTHANOM and **Gypsy**
Scott STRETTON and **Ed**
Jeff PETERS and **Floyd**
atrina & Peter SACKLEY and **Harvey**
Steven EAST and **Tango**
Sean COULEY and **Sven**
Hayley OSBORNE and **Zeus**
Michael & Nanette CRAWFORD and **Jazzy**
Grace THOMPSON and **Nala**
Mark & Helen HAMESTER and **Harley**
Lesley & Chris WEIR and **Marcie**
Diane WINSOR and **Lola**
Jane & Elizabeth CUMMINGS and **Coco**
Michael HARDING and **Sooki**
Yarek KOWALIK & Ming ZHANG and **Bensi**



Promotions

Agility

Trish and **Gus** B2 to SI 1

Siobhan and **Peggy** SI 1 to SI 2

Glen and **Riley** SI 1 to SI 2

Wayne and **Lily** SI 2 - Unsupervised

Obedience

Janette and **Mr Pickles** Class 1 to Class 2

Carla and **Asti** Class 1 to Class 2

Julie and **Charlie** Class 1 to Class 2

Jemma and **Neil** Class 3 to Class 4

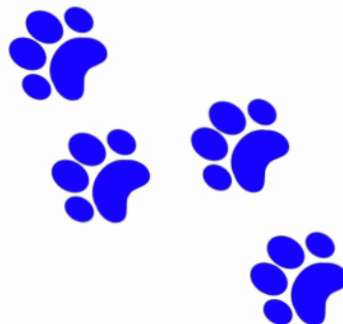
Braggs

Jane and **Alfie** **Q** Rally O Ex NSDTC Trial (1st Place).

Wayne and **Lily** **Q** JD Fundraiser

Wayne and **Layla** **Q** JDX Fundraiser

Wayne and **Layla** **Q** AD Fundraiser



There are a lot more Qualies and Titles to brag about but if you don't let Dog Tracks know we can't brag about your successes.

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or write up the in the brag book at the club.

Happy Easter



Happy Easter to all our members and their wonderful four legged friends.