

# DOG TRACKS



## **The Festival of Agility** 8th & 9th September 2018



## **Congratulations Manly Club**

In the lead up to the Festival of Agility, lots has to happen. Firstly, there is a small band of volunteers called the Dogs NSW Agility Committee, about 8 of them and all very new to the role, who plan, request, borrow and beg for sponsors, equipment, judges, billets, food, volunteers and most importantly the weather gods, to make this two-day event as successful as it was.

As part of this process Manly was asked to assist with running a ring, providing equipment, setting up courses and to help generally over the two days. In providing such assistance, I then had to "beg for assistance" in the form of volunteers and muscle, before the day, across the entire weekend and then again on the Monday back at the club. If we did not have these volunteers I would be even more tired and sore than I am already.

So, before I start with a wrap of the two days, I would officially like to thank every person who gave up time to come and help out for the Festival. There are a few who I need to personally acknowledge, those being Emma Sheppard, Jane & Jim Scott, Katja Petäjärvi (one of our very new members), Anne Percent, Angela Hamilton, Gunilla Doyle and Family, Jean Turner Chapman, Catriona Duncan and Liz De Montfort. You guys put everything else off and put your hands up to help when needed. The Dogs NSW Agility Committee also asked to pass on their thanks for everyone's help over the two days.



### **Mia & "Polly"**

Now for the real business, who won what!!! Well under grey skies and a little bit of precipitation the event started. Agility Dog of the year was first up and we had a few members make the top 40. Those included Ashley Roach & Jake, Belinda Clark and Louis (who also was the top 400 Agility Dog), Catriona Duncan and Puddles and lastly Nick Heygate and Oscar. Ashley and Jake finished the best, with a very well deserved 3rd place. Congrats Jake and Ashley and everyone who made the final. Jumping and agility continued on Saturday, with the following people gaining qualies and even some places. Jumping results gave Mia & Polly - 3rd place JD 300, Jenni and Ash - 9th place JDX 300, Paul and Revan - 1st place JD 500 - woo hoo, closely followed by Jim and Choc in 3rd place in the same event, Nick and Jimmy - 6th place JDM 500, Nicole and Stevie - 6th place JDX 500, Paul and Revan with a 6th place in JDO and Patricia and Skye - 6th place also in JDO. Agility results included Mia and Polly - 2nd place AD 300, Belinda and Louis - 4th place ADM 400, Gunilla and Noddy - 4th place AD 500, Patricia and Skye- 2nd place ADX 500, Nick and Jimmy - 6th place ADM 500, Ashley and Blaze - 3rd place AD 600 (NQ).





### **Gunilla & "Noddy"**

Saturday also saw the agility component of both the Festival Club Challenge and the new Junior Handler events. Manly entered a team consisting of Paul and Toby (600), Gunilla and Noddy (500), Belinda and Louis (400), Mia and Polly (300) and former member Belinda Baxter and Luc (200). At the end of Saturday's event Manly were in first place, but competition was very tight at the top. Then the first of the Junior Handler events were run, with Mia and Polly, along with Jamie Buchman and Gus (yes my noisy kelpie) were entered. Mia and Polly, being well seasoned now, came in first, with Jamie and Gus taking 3rd place. Got to love when a 7 year old tells your masters dog that he really knows how to weave and should go back and do it properly. Bahahaha

As day 1 ended, people were preparing for a second day of agility with games on the menu for Sunday. Day 2 also saw the running of the Jumping Dog of the year and the jumping components of the FCC and the Junior Handler event. So bring on day 2, I hear you say.



### **"Jake"**

Only two dogs made the top 40 of the Jumping DOY. Those were Nick and Jimmy along with Catriona and Puddles. Nick finished with a clear round and 9th place. Well done Nick and Jimmy.

At lunch the FCC was also run and with tough competition in Jumping, Manly team came away overall in 2nd place. Well done guys, our club is proud of you. The Junior Handler Jumping event was a bit like déjà vu with Mia and Polly taking out a well deserved 1st place and Jamie and Gus in 3rd place. Well done girls, you are a great future for our sport. Lastly there are the games results. One must remember that there are no separate heights for games, so these results are overall placings and everyone should be very proud of what they achieved. So without further from me the results were as follows:

Nick and Jimmy - 15th place SDX, Gunilla and Noddy - 8th SD, Nicole and Stevie - 21st place in SD, Nicole and Bowie - 24th in SD, Nick and Oscar (well I am sure that Mel actually ran Oscar) - 21st place in GD, Nicole and Bowie - 24th place in GD, Jo (well actually Ange) and Moose - 15th place in GDX and Nicole and Stevie - 16th place in SPD.

Congrats to everyone who got qualies, and to everyone who went out and had a great time with your partners. I hope everyone achieved what they wanted to achieve and mostly that you both had a great time.

**Belinda & "Louis"**



Finally, with the agility year coming to a close, and only a few trials left between now and the Xmas break, it's probably time to consider how well you and your partners have done this year. Give your best mates a good pat on the back and a special treat and for you as a Handler it's time to consider what you want to achieve in the coming year. Give your best friends a break from training, but don't forget to keep them fit, because 2019 is another year. See you at training till the end of November and at the Xmas party and working bee at the beginning of December, then it's time to relax till Australia Day, first day back for agility in 2019.

**Photos by Michael Turner - Hawkesbury ADC**

**Jo Comber**



The Manly & District Kennel and Dog Training Club AGM was held on Monday 8th October 2018 and our committee for 2018/19 is as follows:-

President:	Julian Williams
Vice President:	Wendy Jones
Treasurer:	Peter Coulthart
Secretary:	Dawn Rollings

Committee:	Alex Surplice Sherry Martin Jo Comber Gunilla Doyle Jane Brooks
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Chief Instructors:	Julian Williams (Thursday Obedience) Peter Coulthart (Sunday Obedience) Peter Martin (Agility) Paul Jumikis (Flyball)
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Public Officer:	Belinda Clark
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Editor Dog Tracks:	Wendy Jones
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## **A Message from the President**

This will be my 3rd term as President and Wendy's as Vice President and in these positions we will continue to run the club to our very highest standards supported by a very strong committee and hard working instructors.

Why do we train our dogs?.....there are many different reasons and we aim to cater to every handlers goals for their dogs training.

We would love to have more handlers interested in trialling and will always encourage people to "have a go". The majority of handlers come to the club to learn how to handle their dogs and teach them to become well behaved in their home and when they are out and about.

Dog training is a great way to socialise our dogs and meet other dog lovers and many great friends are made. It should be both rewarding and fun and we hope that this is experienced by our club members.

Instructing is also a a very rewarding and interesting job and it is amazing how much more you learn about dogs and training when learning to become an instructor. As an Instructor, you will be sent to amazing seminars and world class trainers by the club. This year our instructors attended the Suzanne Clothier workshop over 2 days. She inspired all of us to a higher level of understanding the relationship between handler and dog. This in turn has been incorporated in our classes, so everyone benefits.

We run Instructors courses twice a year and welcome those of you who would like to enrol in our next course in February 2019.

Dogs large or small, young or old, timid or boisterous, pure bred or rescued, they will always be welcome.

All the best

Julian

President/Chief Instructor

# My Journey into the World of Canine Competition

In 2009 I got my beautiful silver Standard Poodle, Jette. I knew from the start that I wanted to do obedience with her. I knew nothing about agility, only what I had seen at the Royal Easter Show many years before and that it looked really exciting.

After completing Puppy School I joined Manly & Districts Kennel & Dog Training Club and started obedience. Jette was promoted to 3rd class quite quickly, but the *Stand for Examination* requirement for promotion to 4th class eluded her. Jette also believed it was helpful to bark while the instructor was teaching, perhaps obedience wasn't Jette's thing!

Jette was 16 months old when we decided to try agility classes. Jette took to jumping very easily and after learning all the obstacles, and participating in a few course days, I knew agility was the activity for us, I'm afraid obedience went by the wayside.

In 2012 I summoned up enough courage to enter Jette in an agility trial. Alas it was not to be, a week before the trial Jette hurt her leg chasing a ball and could not jump for six months, then I got a frozen shoulder which took me a year to recover from. Agility became something that "we used to do".



When my shoulder finally healed, I began grooming dogs, I had always kept Jette in long coat, so I was accustomed to the care needed for a show poodle. I became obsessed with the idea of showing a Standard Poodle. To do this, I would have to get another poodle that came with full ANKC registration. This proved to be another challenge, but in the meantime I was offered opportunities to show other people's Poodle puppies for them. I learned how dog shows worked, and what I had to do in the ring.

In January 2017 I brought home Wren, my baby white Standard Poodle puppy and like Jette, Wren went to Puppy School. Then we did something different: Dog Show Handling classes. Wren learned how to "free stack" (standing for presentation with four feet set squarely,



without the handler manually positioning) using balance discs and conditioning equipment, how to be examined by a judge, and the different movement patterns that are asked for by the judge while in the ring.

We entered the Poodle Club of NSW show when Wren was 5 months old. Meanwhile, I had also started private classes in agility training with Jette, but "just for fun". At this point, Wren's show career was the priority.

In September 2017 we competed at the Poodle National of Australia, and then the Melbourne Royal. In October 2017, Wren earned her final points to become an Australian Champion. Along the way, Wren was awarded a Best Puppy in Show, Runner Up in Group, as well as a few age group awards.

I decided to stop showing Wren in January 2018, I felt I had done all I had set out to do in conformation, which was earning Wren's Championship title.

It was time to do other things.



Rewind to July 2016, yes Jette and I, still bitten by the agility bug, went back to training and that year we entered Northern Suburbs agility trial at St Ives. What could go wrong? Each night during the week leading up to the trial I was tossing and turning, thinking of possible embarrassments that could occur: me falling over during my run, Jette running off, but on trial day I was surprisingly calm. The judge had set a nice flowing course for Novice Jumping. We could do this! And we did. Everyone cheered. It was a clear run on our first time out. I was ecstatic!



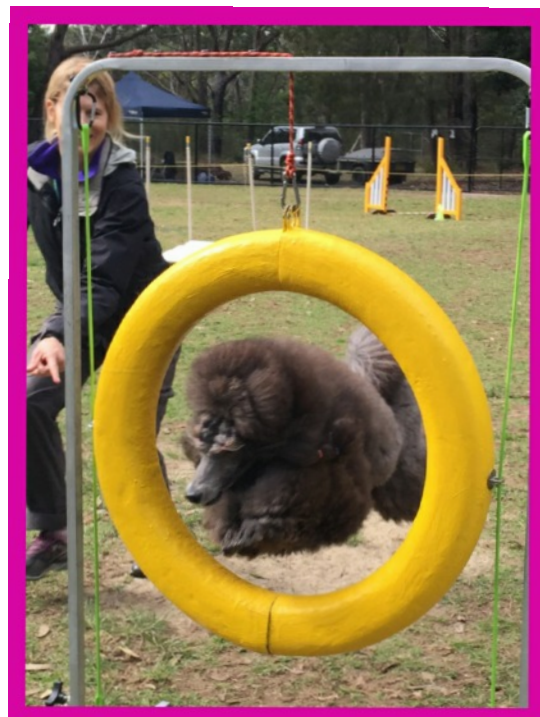


After that first trial Jette's agility career took a backseat while I was showing Wren through 2017. Jette and I managed to slot in three trials in the winter of 2017 between Wren's shows. Jette got two more passes towards her Novice Jumping title. Perfection in Novice Agility on the other hand seemed a lot more difficult for Jette. Missing one contact, or popping one weave, were common faults. It didn't matter to me though. Each run is a learning experience.

At the start of 2018, I set a goal to get Jette's Novice Jumping title (JD). At the Central Coast Trial in June, Jette got her fourth pass. Only one to go, so I entered the Triple Jumping Trial at Hawkesbury. We got our fifth and final pass for the JD title on the first run.

Jette and I have done a few more trials this winter, and Jette now has two out of six passes for her Excellent Jumping (JDX) title. We are still in Novice Agility. What level we are at isn't important. I went into this whole thing just wanting to have an activity to have fun in and bond

with my dog. I keep reminding myself that the biggest challenge for me was just entering a trial! Now Wren is on her journey to become an Obedience poodle. Wren has many "crossover skills" from the conformation world, like being in the ring with other dogs, as well as the dreaded *Stand for Examination*. Wren's show training helped her in Obedience, and she was promoted up through to 4th Class in a relatively short time. My goal for Wren is to enter a Rally-O trial in 2019, and possibly CCD. Wren might even become an Agility poodle too, as she appears not only very keen and eager to jump but also quite fast!



My journey through the world of canine competitive endeavours has been sprinkled with twists, turns, starts and stops, but absolutely full of surprises. I set out with no particular goal in mind, but ended up achieving goals I decided I needed to set along the way. I am constantly reminding myself that the more pressure I put on myself, the less fun we have. My advice to anyone who is thinking of competing is **JUST DO IT**. Find the activity that both you and your dog like, and go for it. Just enter that trial or show, but remember to keep it fun. Don't worry about the results. Importantly, I must say thank you to all my friends and instructors who helped me along the way.

By Anne Percent

# Never been to a breed show?

Then why not attend our upcoming show. See all the different dog breeds strut their stuff, it's a great day out.

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

**Championship Show** Sunday October 28th 2018

Bill Spilstead Complex for Canine Affairs  
44 Luddenham Road, Orchard Hills  
Judging commences at 9:00am



Our Club Treasurer Dawn Rollings handsome German Shepherd "Bear" in his first ever breed show this month. Well done "Bear"



How's this for cute?  
Committee member Jo Combers latest edition to the Comber clan. You don't get much cuter than "Caddy"

An agility star in the making.

# Trick ~~Or~~ Treat



Teaching your dog tricks can not only be great fun but it is so very good for their minds to learn new things. Dogs enjoy doing tricks, they know they get rewarded, not just with treats, but with praise and excitement.

There are dozens of different tricks that you can teach your dog, many are very easy to teach and learn, some are more difficult and will take time however you will be surprised at just how quickly your dog will learn to do a trick and how enjoyable it is for them.

These are just some of the tricks your dog can be taught.



Shake Paw

Hi 5

Spin

Ring a Bell

Kiss

Roll Over

Say a Prayer

Weave Through Legs

Carry a Basket

Sit Pretty

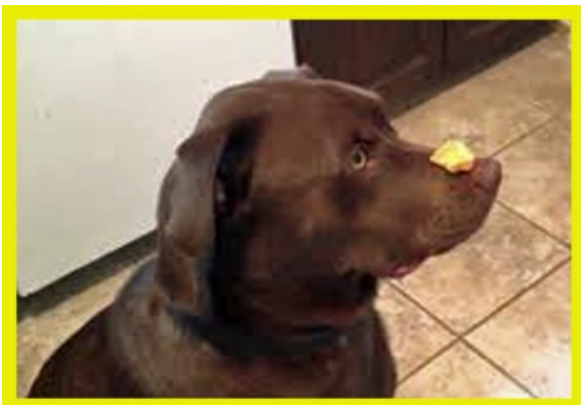
Balance Biscuit on Nose

Get in a Box

Put Toys Away

Circle Around a Cone

Jump Through a Hoop



Ask your Instructor About Learning New Tricks





- Do you have a dog with a good temperament?
- Do you have an hour or two to spare every week or fortnight?
- Are you interested in giving your time to volunteer within your local community?
- Do you love talking to people about your dog?
- Do you both work well as a team?

If you answered yes to all of these questions then volunteering with Delta Therapy Dogs could be an incredibly rewarding experience for you.

The Delta Society is a national not-for-profit organisation with one core belief: that the human animal bond remarkably improves our quality of life and leaves a lasting pawprint on our hearts.

Scientifically proven benefits of pet therapy:

- *Physical* – interaction with a furry friend reduces blood pressure, provides tactile stimulation, motivation to move, walk and stimulates the senses
- *Social* – a visit with a dog provides a positive mutual topic for discussion and promotes focussed interaction with others.
- *Cognitive* – Canine companionship stimulates memory, problem solving and game planning
- *Emotional* – an adorable four-legged visitor improves self-esteem, acceptance from others, calming effect, lifts mood often, provoking laughter
- *Environmental* – a dog in a facility decreases the feeling of a sterile environment and lifts the entire mood.

### Requirements:

Dogs between 18 months and 10 years can become a therapy team, and all dogs must have a health screen done by your vet before you will be invited to attend the assessment day.

- A. First stage is the temperament testing of the dogs, (Delta run about 4 assessment days per year in Sydney). The handler and dog are tested on the following: -
1. Basic Manners – the dog must be able to complete a controlled walking pattern, accept patting by strangers, release and recall (i.e. they must come back to you every time)
  2. Reactions to distractions - the dog must be comfortable in the presence of other dogs, staggering or yelling individuals, walking through crowds
  3. Reaction to physical stress – the dog must be comfortable being patted by a group, being bumped from behind, and tolerate clumsy patting,
  4. Overall owner awareness and teamwork - i.e. how well the handler and dog work together

A. Once the handler and dog pass the test:

1. The handler attends a day lecture session, which covers information about the Delta Society, understanding human illness and aging, taking care of your self and your dog while visiting a facility and tips and advice on what to expect.
2. A police check is required before visiting can be commenced.
3. A facility list is provided where you can select your preferred facility location.
4. A Delta Therapy Dogs T shirt and bandana is provided by Delta to be worn when visiting.

B. Facility Visits:

1. A solo orientation visit to the allocated facility for familiarisation.
2. The next visit is generally with a Delta representative, usually an experienced Therapy Dog volunteer. Then regular visiting commences
3. Delta requires quarterly reports on all visits.

Accredited Therapy Dog volunteers are covered by the Society's public risk and accident insurance policies Australia-wide.

More detailed information can be found on the Delta Society Australia website:

**<https://www.deltasociety.com.au/pages/delta-therapy-dogs.html>**



# Yummy Yogurt Recipes For You and Your Dog



## Banana Cubes

- 2 x Ripe Bananas
- 1 x Cup of Greek Yogurt
- 1/2 x Cup of Peanut Butter

Blend all the ingredients together then pour into a silicone mould and freeze. When frozen turn out of the mould and store in a sealed container in your freezer



## A Breakfast You Can Share

Blueberries are great and full of antioxidants.

Greek Yogurt mixed with rolled oats and blueberries is a great combination and a healthy breakfast that both you and your dog will love.





# How to Make a Fleece Ball

Fleece Balls are great toys for puppies and small to medium size dogs, especially for indoor games. Treats can also be hidden between the layers so they can snuffle the ball and the treats will drop out at random.



You will need -

A piece of fleece fabric 20cms x 160cms

A cable tie

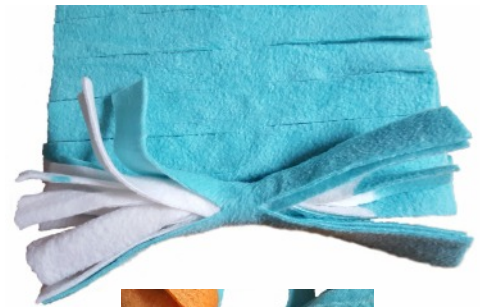
## Step 1

Fold fabric in half width wise then cut fringes on either side of fabric about 2cms wide leaving an uncut line about 1.5cms at centre



## Step 2

Starting at fold edge tightly roll up fleece



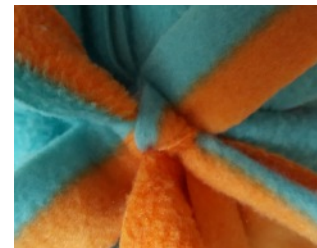
## Step 3

Place cable tie around centre and pull in as tightly as possible and cut off end of tie



## Step 4

Tie and knot several pieces of fringe from either side to cover cable tie



## Step 5

Shake out ball and play with your dog



# Congratulations

Our club is proud to announce the birth of three beautiful and healthy puppies by Meika the Pug, on 5th October. Club members Gillian and Michael are overjoyed with both Meika and her puppies and tell us that she is a wonderful mother.

Congratulations .....  
we can't wait to meet them.



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**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



# Promotions

## Beginners to 1st

Tania Walton & **Bella**  
Jenny Jackson & **Arlo**  
Russel Cragg & **Axle**  
Chris Osinga & **Gypsy**  
Bec Lumley & **Hughy**  
Kirsty Hall & **Harry**  
Jacqui Rafferty & **Piper**  
Kim Oliviar & **Charli**  
Fleur Wolter & **Teddy**  
Joanna Dobeson & **Chloe**  
Sarah Fioemmiy & **Simba**  
Sue Brown & **Missy**  
Mary-Anne Rogan & **Lottie**  
Ann Supierz & **Luna**  
Ingrid Napier & **Remy**  
Allan Watman & **Rex**

## Class 1 to Class 2

Amy Lee & **Bella**  
Liz Lees & **Daisy**  
Christine & Bruce Nettle & **Elsa**  
Tania Walton & **Bella**  
Jenny Jackson & **Arlo**

# Brags

## Agility

Lyn Shaddock & **Bon** AD & JD Titles

## Obedience

### Western Suburbs DTC

Victoria Gore & **Bella** Rally O Advanced A 1st Place

### Golden Retriever Club

Victoria Gore & **Bella** CCD

## Spring Fair

Victoria Gore & **Bella** Rally O Advanced A 1st Place

## Metropolitan Mid Week

Victoria Gore & **Bella** Rally O Advanced A -Title

Victoria Gore & **Bella** CCD 2nd Place