

DOG TRACKS



Still Flying High



**Covid 19, Torrential Rains,
Flooded Training Grounds
It's Been Hard for Everyone
But
We're Still Flying High !!!!**

Message from the President

As our training draws to a close and we take our December – January break I reflect on our last year as we gradually transition out of Covid restrictions. Not that the virus has gone away but we are learning to live with it; I think that is the trending phrase!

Our club has weathered the financial storm and your club committee has managed the situation with calm and well organized policies, limiting unnecessary expenditure yet continuing to operate our key activities of Obedience, Agility and Flyball. In summer we will reintroduce Frisbee.

We have already started taking steps to make a permanent timeslot for Rally Obedience on a Sunday. As with agility and flyball the Rally requires you to be assessed for suitability. Dogs under effective control and with obedience skills is the name of the game. Rally is at 9am Sunday and interested members are encouraged to come and have a look and speak with the instructor as to your potential involvement.

The recent Agility Trial was a great success at St Ives and I congratulate Ashley Roach and Natalie Morgan for organizing this event which was brought back to our region for the first time since Covid. In this issue of Dog Tracks the trial report is well worth a read. Maybe you too will want to give agility a go in 2023!

It is obvious that we are still in the periodically very wet weather pattern which is predicted to continue in 2023. Just a reminder to members that to protect you and your dogs we have a duty of care to cancel training if the grounds are considered too slippery or with water on the ground. The front page of the club website www.manlydogclub.com.au will be updated on the morning of training should training be cancelled, unless of course that determination cannot be made until it is inspected prior to class.

Enjoy the remainder of the training year.

This will be my last term as president and so I wish the incoming committee all the best for the year ahead.

Peter Coulthart

With editorial help from his newest member of family,
his English Setter, *Venice*.



MANLY AGILITY TRIAL – V2 – THAT’S A WRAP FOR 2022!!!!



Just like a room reveal on , the excitement is frantic, the competition is fierce and sheep stations are up for grabs, no only joking, this thing call Agility trialling is all about having fun with your best friends.

Sydney rains could not dampen our spirits. After not having the use of our usual grounds at Frenchs Forest Showgrounds for some years, then there was COVID and now its relentless Sydney rain. But the committee was stronger than ever and after the extended closure of the grounds at Dogs NSW, a new date and blocation was sought. So, the trial was going ahead, rain hail or shine. No if's or but's about it, cancelling again was not an option.



So, our fearless leader, aka Ashley Roach, found us a new date, the wonderfully talented and superb Sponsor seeker, aka Natalie Morgan, found a ground that could be suitable and we forged on. Saturday 30th July became Sunday 28th August, Dogs NSW Complex became the RC Flight Grounds at St Ives Showground and a rejigging of judging timetable was the V2 of the 2022 Manly Agility Trial, a day that put our trial back on the Calendar.



Logistics were a huge effort, especially with the Spring Fair being held on the Saturday before our trial, this meant that trailers and cars needed to be pack on Friday and stored until Sunday and our core group of helpers did this without batting an eyelid. Extra special thanks goes out to Ashley, Natalie, Nicole, Sarah, Siobhan & Liz, Gunilla & Craig, Paul & Glen who went over and above to get us and all our gear moved from Deep Creek to St Ives. This mammoth effort included tables, gazebos, prizes and more prizes, along with fencing, posts, the BBQ and the all important Agility Equipment. I have probably missed a few, but please let it be known that you are all wonderful people and without you our trial would not have happened.





Then there were the sponsors and we had a few. Prizes and raffle prizes were supplied by a wonderful group of companies including Antinol, Kong, DOOG, Prime100, Sassy Treats, HEP – Healthy Everyday Pets, Canine Ceuticals, Beaches Pet Therapies and Ziwi Peak. First Place Prizes included Sassy Treats, Prime100 rolls, toys and funny mugs. 2nds and 3rds also received great prizes and treats. I do believe everyone was overwhelmed by the great prizes

that had been donated. The Raffle this year raised funds for the newly created Orange Dog Sports Club with the President Niki Drage in attendance and kindly agreeing to draw the raffle. The total raised is being finalised and will be about \$1300. Thank you everyone for your support.



The trial itself was a fantastic event. The sun was shining and it was “not too hot and not too cold”, it was just perfect. Even the early start was bearable and everyone who helped out made it a great day. Our judges Leanne Davis, Adriana Parris and Wayne Bogart set out some beautiful flowing courses and there were many quallies achieved. There was lots of yummy food, which was provided by the wonderful Dogs NSW Agility Committee.

Kudos goes to the following club members who **MAY** have brought home the bacon.....

Gunilla & Noddy – 1st place Masters Jumping 500
 Ashley & Blaze – 1st place Excellent Jumping 600
 Lisa & Dash – 1st place Excellent Agility 300
 Carmen & Pippi – 2nd place Novice Jumping 300 & 2nd place Novice Agility 300
 Molly & Hazel – 2nd place Excellent Jumping 500
 Sarah & Bobby – 3rd place Novice Jumping 300 & 3rd place Novice Agility 300
 Belinda & Chloe – 4th place Novice Agility 300
 Molly & Pickles – 5th place Masters Jumping 500 & 5th place Open Agility
 Nicole & Stevie – 8th place Open Agility



A full copy of the results can be found on the Agility NSW Facebook page.



Ben Holmes, from Ben Holmes Photography, our local & regular Saturday photographer was there to support us and capture the days events. His photography is awesome and these are just a collection of them. The full gallery has been archived, however if you contact him I am sure he can help you out. His website is:

<https://www.benholmesphotography.com.au>



Ben will be spending 3 days at the upcoming National Flyball Championships to be held at the Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon from 1 – 3 October and will be available for photo sessions, including portrait sessions, taking use of the great sunsets and will even be doing “powder shots”.



All in all, it was a great day and we even finished in daylight hours, which gave our helpers some daylight to get the trailers unpacked back at Deep Creek.

Now here is looking to 2023. Frenchs Forest Showground is no longer available for our use, so if anyone knows of any grounds that might be suitable to hold our future trials, please let us know.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who gave up their time and energy to make this day such a great day.



Cheers

Jo, Gus, Moose & Caddy (aka The Wild Ginger, who is now the proud owner of his first Agility Competition photograph).

JUST A QUICK "THANK YOU"

NSW Agility State Titles – September 2022

Although this is "just a quick thank you", it is by no means something that should be brushed aside or merely dismissed. Each and every year, and this year just it was just one week after our own Agility Trial, the Dogs NSW Agility Committee hold the NSW State Titles. The Agility committee is a small group of people, totalling about 5, and they organise and run our Annual State Agility Trial every year and need lots of help to do it.

This year, given all the weather events, the State Titles were moved from the Dogs NSW complex to the Hawkesbury Showgrounds at Clarendon and was run over 3 days. Each and every year, the Manly Dog Club are asked to not only supply a ring of equipment (both Jumping and Agility), but they are also asked to manage a ring for the entire event. This year was no exception and as you can see the weather was still not something to be happy about. Yes the ring was also a sand ring, so you can imagine the mess that needed to be cleaned up upon return to Deep Creek.



So, I would like to personally thank everyone who put their hands up to help pack and unpack the trailer, both at Deep Creek and at the Hawkesbury Showgrounds and to everyone who made time in their busy schedule to help set up courses and manage the "Manly Ring", including scribing and picking up of those pesky bars over the weekend. YOU GUY'S DEFINITELY ROCK and without you the event would not have been the success it was!!!!

So,

from the bottom of our hearts.....



Lastly, Congrats to everyone who had success at the State Titles and to those who just had fun with their fur kids.



Water can be a great source of fun for you and your dog. Before you take your pooch out for a paddle, though, make sure you know how to keep things safe.

Swimming

You might think canines are natural-born swimmers, but that isn't always the case. There's no sure way to gauge your dog's swimming skills until you introduce them to water and teach them the basics:

- Choose a quiet, shallow spot in the water.
- Keep your dog on a leash while they learn.
- Get into the water with them.
- Start at the edge of the water, and stay as long as they enjoy it.
- If they don't want to go, don't force them in -- especially if it's a deep spot.
- When your dog begins to paddle with their front legs, lift their hind legs to show them how to float.

The younger your dog is when you teach them to swim, the better. Keep the lesson positive and stress-free for them.

At the Beach

While you enjoy the surf with your dog, keep these tips in mind:

- Watch out for strong currents and riptides, which can take you both out to sea. Even the best swimmer can be in danger when seas are rough.
- Don't let your dog drink ocean water. It can make them sick. Bring fresh water with you to keep them hydrated.
- Keep your dog away from fish that have washed onto the shore. They may smell great to them, but they can make them ill.



In the Pool

- Teach your dog how to get in and out. Make sure there are steps or a ramp they can use to climb out.
- Always go in the pool with your dog the first time to ensure they don't panic, especially when they are young.
- Never leave your dog alone in the pool.



In a River, Lake, or Pond

Keep these tips in mind when you're at Mother Nature's water park:

- Get your dog a life jacket, especially if you take them out on a boat or a dock.
- Steer clear of bodies of water with blue-green algae. It can make your dog sick.
- Check the current of a river or a creek. Make sure it isn't too strong to let your dog swim.
- Keep your dog away from fishing gear. Sharp hooks and barbs can hurt them.



General Safety Rules

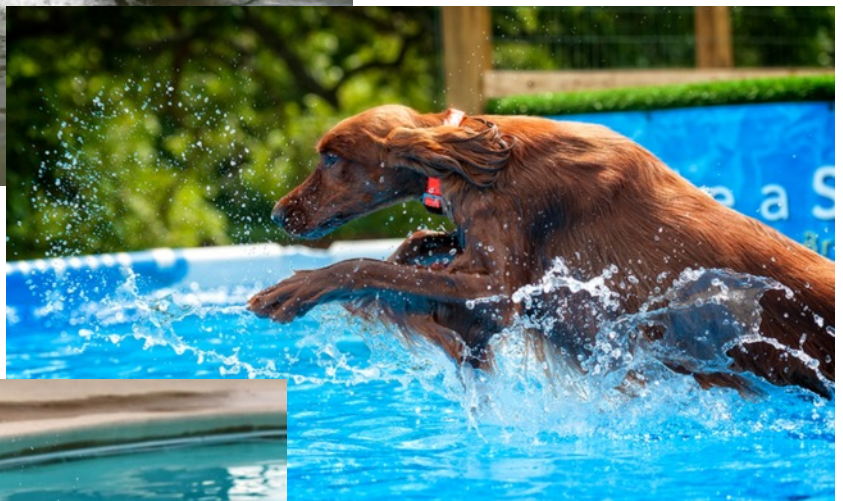
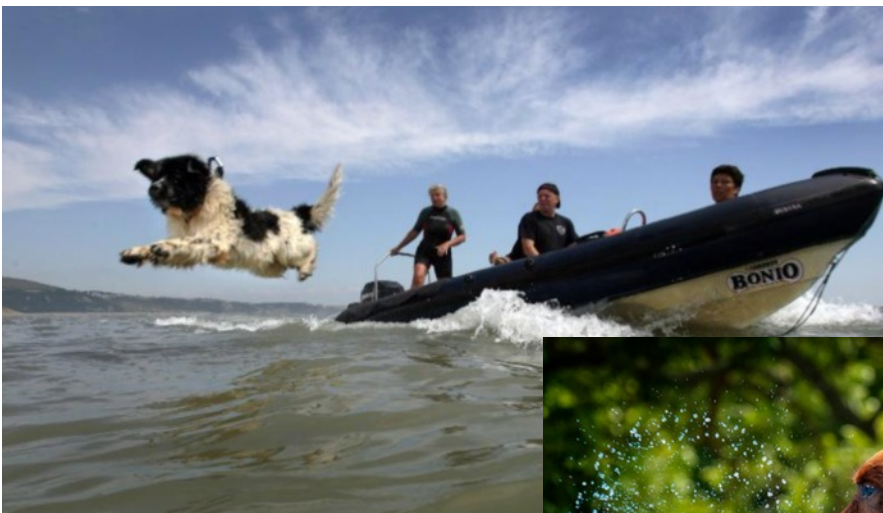
No matter where your pooch makes a splash, follow these pointers:

- Rinse them off after they have been in any type of water. Seawater minerals, salt, chlorine, algae, and pollution can irritate or damage their skin and fur.
- Dry your dog's ears completely to prevent an infection. Try an ear cleaner that has a drying agent in it.
- Learn canine CPR. Mouth-to-nose resuscitation and chest compressions could save a dog's life in an emergency.
- Never leave your dog alone in the water.

Water Dogs

Not all dogs love water in fact some dogs can't swim so if you own a Basset Hound, Pug, Corgi, Bulldog or Dachshund for example you may want to rethink waters sports.

On the other hand these breeds are true water dogs, Portuguese Water Dogs, Standard Poodles, Newfoundlands, Lagotto Romagnolos, Labrador Retrievers, English and Irish Setters and love nothing more than getting wet.





The Heat and Wet Weather Could Make This a Lethal Summer for Ticks

What do Dog Ticks Look Like?

Ticks on dogs tend to be about the size of an apple seed when they have not fed, and can vary in colour, depending on the species. After they take a blood meal from their host, ticks become 'engorged'. When this happens, they can be as big as your little fingernail. Not all ticks look the same, and ticks tend to look different throughout their lifecycle, so if you're not sure if it's a tick, it's best to consult with your vet.

The Types of Ticks on Dogs

There are three main tick species that infest dogs in Australia: paralysis ticks, brown dog ticks, and bush ticks.

Paralysis Ticks: Paralysis ticks are typically found along the east coast of Australia, from Cape York in the north, all the way down to Lakes Entrance in Victoria. They are occasionally seen outside this area (e.g. the greater Melbourne area). They are one of the most dangerous parasites that can affect your pet as they produce a toxin which causes tick paralysis in dogs and cats.

Brown dog ticks: The brown dog tick is widely distributed throughout Australia. Although these brown ticks cannot cause paralysis, they can cause skin irritation and heavy infestations may result in anaemia from excessive blood loss. Brown dog ticks can also transmit potentially fatal infections from one dog to another. Ehrlichia canis is one such bacteria that is transmitted by brown dog ticks. This potentially fatal brown dog tick disease was identified for the first time in Australia in 2020.

Bush tick: Australia is home to bush ticks which are found along parts of the east and west coast. If you find a bush tick on your dog, it is important to remove it. Bush ticks can cause skin irritation and can also transmit potentially fatal diseases when they bite (e.g. babesiosis).

How to Find Ticks on Dogs

If you are trying to find a tick on your dog, first check for signs of itching and look at the site where your dog is scratching. Another sign your dog has a tick is if it yelps or winces when patted. The tick may be causing it to feel sensitive where it has latched on.

A thorough check of your dog can also help you find ticks. Run your fingers over them, parting their fur around their neck, ears and tail. If you feel a very small bump, it could be a tick.



How do Dogs Get Ticks?

Dogs get ticks from the great outdoors. Ticks 'quest' to find a host, which includes crawling up low grass or shrubs and lying in wait. Ticks are sensitive to heat and the carbon dioxide that your dog exhales, which alerts them that there's a suitable host nearby. When your pet pooch brushes past on a walk or while playing outside, the tick uses its front legs to grab on, then crawls over the coat and through the fur to find a suitable place to attach and feed.

Ticks can be a problem all year round in Australia, but the highest risk is in spring and summer.

The Problems Ticks Cause in Dogs

As mentioned above, there are different types of ticks on dogs. Depending on the tick species, they can cause deadly tick paralysis or transmit other harmful and potentially fatal diseases to dogs. At the very least, a tick bite may cause irritation where it attaches to your dog.

The Symptoms of Ticks on Dogs

Tick bite symptoms in dogs vary depending on the type of tick involved.

Brown dog tick symptoms may include irritation of the skin or anaemia, while for paralysis tick symptoms, you may notice one or more of the following signs (It usually takes three days or more after a paralysis tick attaches before signs develop):

- A loss of coordination in the hind legs (wobbly or not being able to get up) which may progress to paralysis.
- A change in voice or bark.
- You may notice your dog vomiting after a tick bite.
- Retching, coughing or loss of appetite.
- Laboured breathing or rapid breathing.
- You may notice that your dog is lethargic after a tick bite.

How to Remove a Tick From a Dog

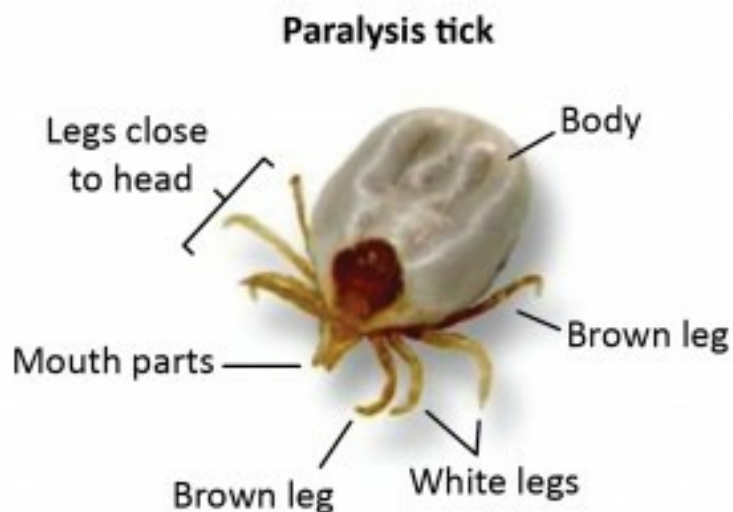
You may be wondering how to get rid of ticks on dogs. If you find a tick on your dog it should be removed as soon as possible. Please see the instructions below for how to remove a tick from a dog.

Tweezers can be used to remove a tick from a dog that's embedded into its skin. Grab the tick adjacent to your dog's skin (at the tick mouthparts), twist the tick, then pluck the tick away from the skin. Take care not to squeeze the tick's body. If you want to remove a tick from a dog without tweezers, you can also purchase a tick removal tool, like a tick hook, from your local vet and follow the instructions on the packaging.

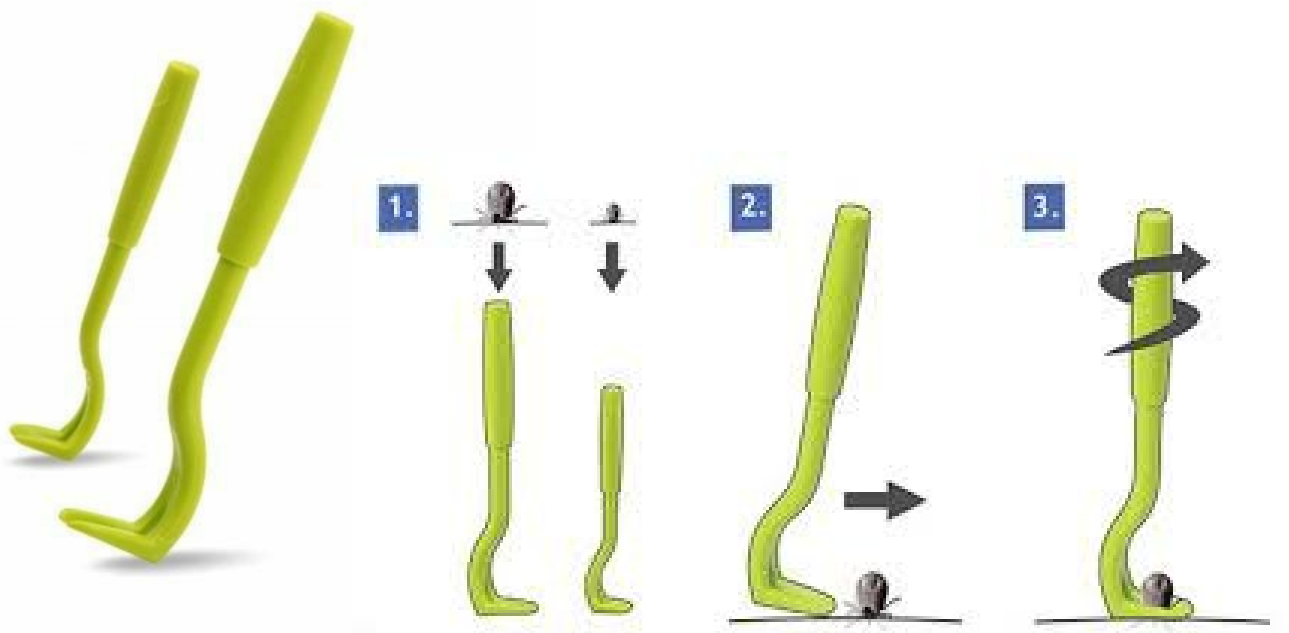
After removal, store the tick in a sealed container for identification by your veterinarian.

It is possible for a dog to develop signs of tick paralysis even after a tick has been removed, so it is recommended to keep a close eye on your dog for a few days. If you have any concerns about your dog's health you should seek immediate veterinary attention.

Article by Nexguard



Tick Twister



Beware the Daffodil.....

There are many plants found in most Australian gardens that are toxic to dogs so it's always a good idea to double check and remove any really dangerous ones such as Brunfelsia from your garden.

Be especially careful with young dogs and puppies, who suddenly discover the joys of digging, that they don't dig up any bulbs. These are extremely toxic if eaten.

These are just a few of the plants that are toxic for dogs.

Tulip & Daffodil Bulbs
Azalea & Rhododendron
Cyclamen
Sago Palm
Autumn Crocus
Wisteria
Jasmine





This is a Bit Fishy



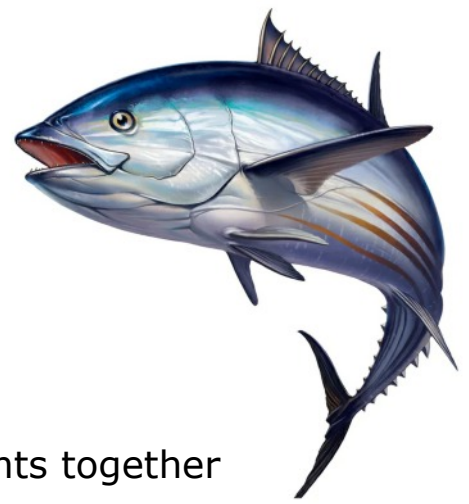
Super Salmon Dinner

- 1 x Small Can of Salmon
(You can use a Salmon Fillet if it's a Really Special Dinner)
- 1 x Cup of Brown Rice
- 1 x Cup of Frozen Peas
- 1 x Cup of Pureed Pumpkin
- 2 x Cups of Spinach

Cook brown rice and vegetables and cool then mix all ingredients together in a bowl and the Super Salmon Dinner is ready.



Tuna Training Treats



1	x	Cup of Flour
1/2	x	Cup of Grated Cheese
150gr	x	Tuna (canned)
1	x	Egg

Preheat oven to 180°. Combine all ingredients together in a bowl and knead together into a dough. Press mixture into a greased baking tray and bake for about 20 minutes then remove from tray, place on cutting board and using a pizza cutter cut into small cubes then return to baking tray. Bake at reduced temperature of 130° for an additional 40-60 minutes. Check dog treats at 40 minutes, and every 5 minutes thereafter, until treats are dried and golden brown. The treats will continue to dry out as they cool.



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