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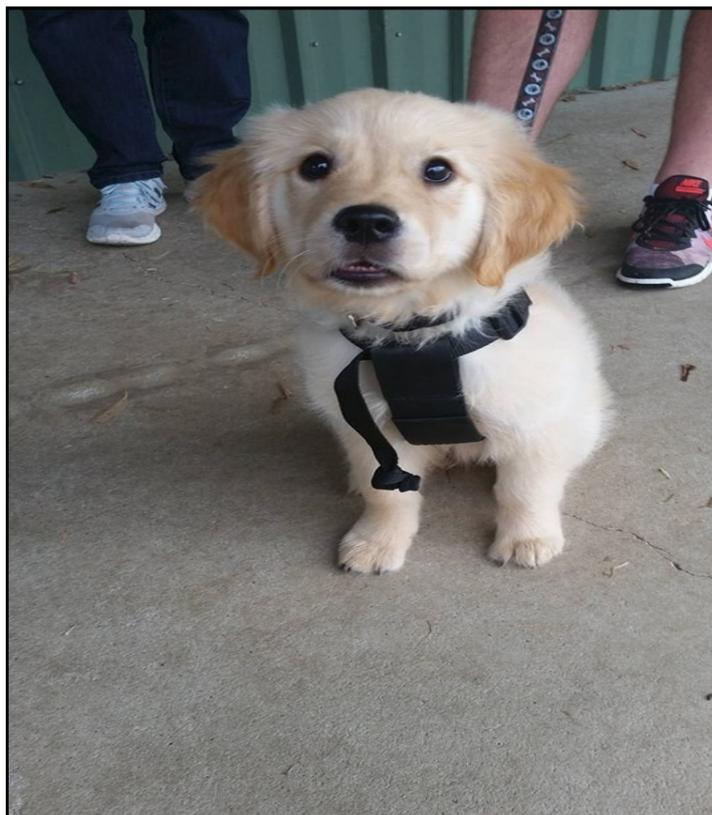
14th Sept
12th October

9th November
14th December

K9 Companion Award

Monday 14th November
&

Tuesday 22nd November



**Congratulations to Lucas and his puppy "Norman"
for stealing the hearts of many to be picked as this
months Supermodel Dog**

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Anne Small, Betty Cansdale, Robyn Jones, Janice Lyons, Vicki Gresser, Lynne Sheather



Notice is given of the **General Meeting** of the Hills Dog Club Inc.
to be held on
Wednesday 14th September 2016,
in the Meeting Rooms, at Castle Hill Showground.
Commencing at 7:30 p.m.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Agenda:

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| 1 Open Meeting | 7 Presidents Report |
| 2 Apologies | 8 Secretary's Report |
| 3 New Members | 9 Treasurer's Report |
| 4 Confirmation of minutes of the previous General Meeting | 10 Other Reports |
| 5 Business arising from the minutes | 11 Sub-Committee Report |
| 6 Correspondence | 12 Committee Recommendations |
| | 13 General Business |

Election of Obedience Judges:

At the October meeting held 12/10/2016, elections for Obedience Judges to Judge at the May and November 2017 trials will be held.

Nominations for these Judges to be sent to the secretary Vicki Gresser: vicki.gresser@optusnet.com.au

These nominations will be advertised in the October Howler.

SAVE THE DATE

Canine First Aid

Wednesday 7th September @ 7.30 pm
Club House

MEMBERS ONLY—NO CHARGE

Please email Dianne Atkins to secure your spot

Email: diatkins@bigpond.net.au

Fred Helfer

Its all about the Nose

Wednesday 28th September @ 7.30pm
Club House

MEMBERS ONLY—NO CHARGE

Please email Dianne Atkins to secure your spot

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- FREE MEMBERS BOARD -

The Club has decided to include a FREE notice board column in the Howler each month for club members. This will be a maximum of 3 lines for one (1) month and will be non commercial.

- MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE -

The Hills Howler newsletter is written by members, for members. The views expressed here are not necessarily the views of the Hills Dog Club Inc. and the club does not accept responsibility for any information, articles or advice published.

- NOTICE BOARD -

Leave your dog "on lead" at all times unless your instructor requests otherwise.

Please bring correct money to training for ground fees.

No thongs or bare feet in classes. Closed shoes are preferable and safer.

Please wear your membership card at all times. It makes everyone`s life easier!

All dogs on the training grounds must be vaccinated under Club rules.

Bitches in season are not permitted to attend class. You may still come and watch, but she may not.

Yes, training is on when it rains. Bring a raincoat and wear boots. If it is very wet we will train under the covered ring.

FORGOT TO BRING TREATS TO TRAINING?

Don't worry! We have lamb treats for sale at the office for just \$5 a bag.

All correspondence to:

The Secretary,
Hills Dog Club Inc.
56/159 Ridgescrop Drive,
Castle Hill NSW 2154

FOR NOTICE OF CLASS CANCELLATION

In the event of extreme weather conditions (heat or rain)

Go to:

www.hillsdogclub.com
OR find us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/hillsdogclub

Pages updated
Monday 4pm & Tuesday 8:45am

Election of Judges

To take place at the following Meetings:

October
(May and November Trials)

Hills Dog Club Inc

TRAINING TIMES

Monday 7pm Puppies, Beginners, Graduate & Advanced
8pm Triallers

Puppy classes are for dogs 12-20 weeks. NO CLASSES HELD ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 10.30am All Classes NO TUESDAY CLASSES HELD IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

NEWSLETTER

Hills Howler is available at the clubhouse on training days/nights and online. All members are encouraged to contribute.

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 graduation classes.
4. A member shall not ill-treat a dog at any time. Any such action may give rise to the suspension or expulsion from the Club by resolution of the Committee.
5. Bitches in season and/or dog/s with an un-well or infectious condition are not permitted on the obedience training grounds.
6. Members are to pick up after their dog/s and help keep the training 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.

Promotions

Beginners to Graduate

**Congratulations to John & Susan Hawkins
with Gem & Buck the Newfoundlands
(Monday Night Class)**



"Training is a mechanical skill."

The problem arises when we mistake the skill of training for the relationship itself.

Suzanne Clothier



Its Spring Time...
You can smell it in the air...
Floriade, Tulip Festivals, Gardening Galore!
Capture that moment of you and your
pooch enjoying everything that Spring
has to offer in your own backyard...
PHOTO SNAP SPRING WITH YOUR PUP
AND POST ON THE HILLS DOG CLUB
COMMUNITY PAGE:
<https://www.facebook.com/hillsdogclub/>
IN THE COMMENTS SECTION
MOST FACEBOOK LIKES
WINS SOME SPRING...



They say dogs look like their owners:
What do you think?



Send in your photo look-a-likes into hillshowler@gmail.com if you think you can beat these beauties

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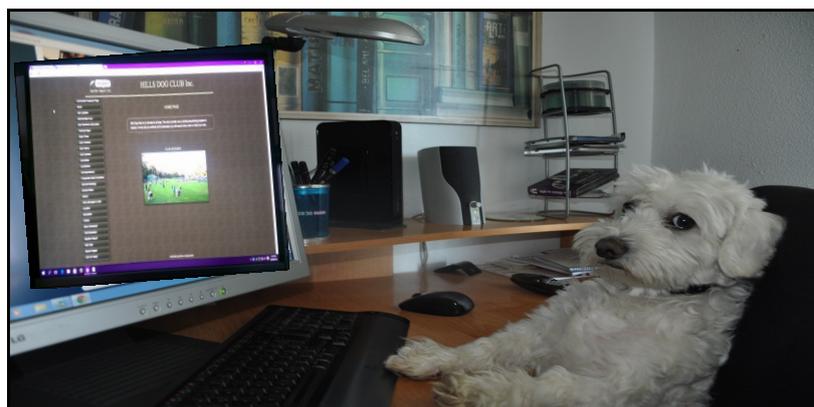
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Hills Dog Club Webpage

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New teacher is top dog

**ASSISTANCE POOCH KEEPS CHILDREN HAPPY AND ACTIVE
IN THE CLASSROOM**

Cathy Morris

Normally you have to leave your pets at home when you go to school.

But pupils at Beresford Road Public School in Greystanes are used to having a furry friend in the classroom.

Black Labrador, Paws, has become a well-loved member of the school community over the past two years.

Teacher and handler, Jade Leverett, applied for the special assistance dog after researching how these animals could improve the social and emotional well-being of children and adults.

Since Paws was introduced to her year five/six class, he's become a popular class member.

Paws joins the reading circle, helps collect homework and is always ready for a pat.

"In the classroom, his general job is to get pats from all the kids and make them happy," Mrs Leverett said.



Assistance dog Paws chats with students Rahi Chhugani, Emogen Lane and Anthony Francis. Picture: JUSTIN SANSON

"If they are sad or have had some trouble in the playground, we give him time with that student.

"With a dog in the room, you really have to monitor the level of noise – the kids are all quite protective of him."

Mrs Leverett said that in the past, there had been students in her class with autism, and they had formed a good bond with Paws. She said he was the only assistance dog in a general classroom in a public primary school in NSW.

With apartment living becoming more common, making it harder to keep pets at home, having Paws in the classroom also helps

kids learn how to look after a dog.

"The kids have to groom him and get his water; it adds another element of responsibility," Mrs Leverett said.

Year five student, Anthony Francis described Paws as "awesome". "If you come in and feel sad, he'll come up to you and sniff your legs and cheer you up," he said. "He never talks back."

Holroyd City Lions (Club) recently donated \$1,000 to help pay for Paws' food for 18 months.

**This article appeared in
The Parramatta Advertiser
on 23.12.15,
It is reprinted with
permission.**

It's time to get writing: a letter to your dog

In August's *Howler* we asked you to send us the letter you would like to write to your dog. We put in a few examples to help get you started.

But we have only had ONE response.

Send us the message you would write to your dog/s, past or present. Tell your dog exactly how you feel. Don't hold back! We want to hear words from your heart.

A prize will be awarded to the letter that touches us most. It can be whimsical, profound or funny, just so long as it is from your heart. If the response is strong enough, we may consider compiling the letters in a yet-to-be determined format.



So come on, share how you really feel towards your canine companion.

Send your letter to hillshowler@gmail.com, marked for Genevieve & Kellie. Include your name and contact details. If you would like to include a photo of your dog/s, all the better!

We can't wait to hear from you!

Kibble Me This:

The History of Dog Food



*What would Porter the Wonder Dog have eaten 200 years ago, before there was Alpo or Dog Chow?
Here's the history of the multi-billion-dollar dog food industry.*

CHOW DOWN

- * More than 2,000 years ago, Roman poet and philosopher Marcus Terentius Varro wrote the first farming manual. In it he advised giving farm dogs barley bread soaked in milk, and bones from dead sheep.
- * During the Middle Ages, it was common for European royalty to have kennels for their hounds. Kennel cooks would make huge stews, mostly grains and vegetables with some meat or meat by-products -the hearts, livers, and lungs of various livestock.
- * Dogs in common households had meager diets. They were fed only what their owners could spare. A normal domesticated dog's diet consisted of crusts of bread, bare bones, potatoes, cabbage, or whatever else they could scrounge on their own.
- * In the 18th century, farm dogs, which had to be fairly healthy to do their jobs, were regularly fed mixes of grains and lard. In cities, you could make a living by searching the streets for dead horses, cutting them up, and selling the meat to wealthy dog owners.
- * There were exceptions: The very wealthy, throughout history, have fed their pet dogs fare that was much better than what most humans ate. In the 1800s Empress Tzu Hsi of China was known to feed her Pekingese shark fins, quail breasts, and antelope milk. European nobility fed their dogs roast duck, cakes, candies, and even liquor.



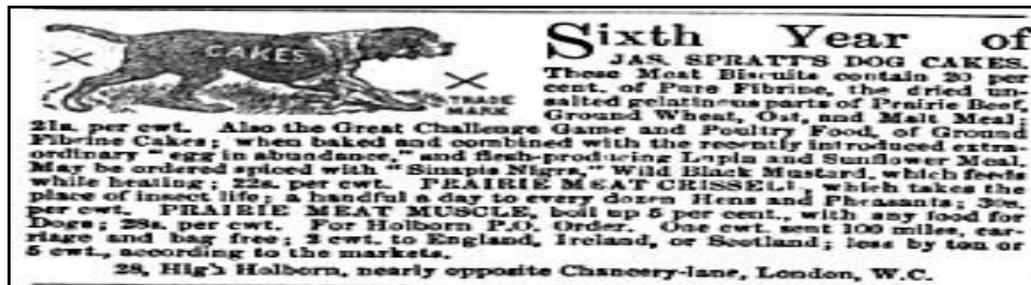
LUXURY FOOD

In the mid-1800s, the Industrial Revolution created a growing middle class with more luxury and more leisure time, pets began to be regarded as "luxury items" by everyday folk. Result: pet food became more closely scrutinized.

More pets and more money meant a new profession: veterinary medicine. It was officially founded in the United States in 1895, but many self-styled experts were already giving advice on dog diets. Many said that dogs needed to be "civilized," and since wild dogs ate raw meat, domesticated dogs shouldn't. (That advice influenced the pet food industry for decades after.)

In the late 1850s, a young electrician from Cincinnati named James Spratt went to London to sell lightning rods. When his ship arrived, crew members threw the leftover "ship's biscuits" onto the dock, where they were devoured by hordes of waiting dogs. That gave Spratt an idea. "Ship's biscuits," or hard tack, were the standard fare for sailors for centuries. Flour, water, and salt were mixed into a stiff dough, baked, and left to harden and dry. The biscuits were easily stored and had an extremely long shelf life, which was important in the days before refrigeration. And they looked a lot like today's dog biscuits.

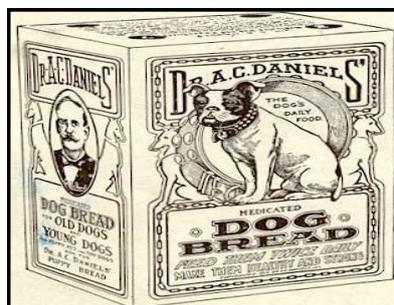
Spratt had the idea that he could make cheap, easy-to-serve biscuits and then sell them to the growing number of urban dog owners. His recipe: a baked mixture of wheat, beet root, and vegetables bound together with beef blood. When Spratt's Patent Meal Fibrine Dog Cakes came on the market in 1860, the pet food industry was born. Spratt's Dog Cakes were a hit in England, so in 1870 he took the business to New York ...and began the American pet food industry.



A GROWING TREND

Others followed in Spratt's footsteps:

- * In the 1880s, a Boston veterinarian introduced A.C. Daniel's Medicated Dog Bread.
- * The F.H. Benner Biscuit Company opened in 1908, making biscuits shaped like bones. Bennet also made the first puppy food, and was the first to package different-sized kibble for different breeds.



* In 1931 the National Biscuit Company (Nabisco) bought Bennet's company and renamed the biscuits Milkbones. Then they hired 3,000 salesmen with the specific goal of getting Milkbones into food stores - and the national consciousness. For the first time, dog biscuits became a part of regular grocery shopping.

* In 1922 Chappel Brothers of Rockford, Illinois, introduced Ken-L-Ration, the first canned dog food in the United States. It was horse meat. In 1930 they started sponsoring a popular radio show, *The Adventures of Rin Tin Tin*. Ken-L-Ration became such a success that by the mid-30s they were breeding horses just for dog food and slaughtering 50,000 of them a year.

AW, DRY UP

By 1941, canned dog food had a 90% share of the market ...until the United States entered World War II and the government started rationing tin and meat. Then dry dog food became popular again.

In 1950 the Ralston Purina Company started using a cooking extruder to make their Chex cereal. Here's how it worked: ingredients were pushed through a tube, cooked under high pressure, and puffed up with air. This allowed Chex to stay crisp when milk was added.

At about the same time, manufacturers were getting complaints about the appearance, texture, and digestibility of dry dog food. Purina's pet food division borrowed an extruder from the cereal division and experimented with it in secret for three years. The result: Purina Dog Chow. Dogs loved it, it digested well, and it quickly became the number one dog food in the nation -and still is today.



NO PEOPLE FOOD FOR YOU

In the early 1950s, Ken-L-Ration made the jump from radio to TV advertising, running commercials on wholesome show like *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet*. ("This dog food uses only USDA, government-inspected horse meat!")

In 1964 the Pet Food Institute, a lobbying group for the now-gigantic pet food industry, began a campaign to get people to stop feeding their dogs anything *but* packaged dog food. They funded "reports" that appeared in magazines, detailing the benefits of processed dog food, and even produced a radio spot about "the dangers of table scraps."

The dog food industry was spending an incredible \$50 million a year on advertising. Commercials centered around the "beef wars," with competing companies all claiming to have the most pure beef. (*Bonanza* star Lorne Greene did a TV commercial for Alpo ...holding a sirloin steak.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o70tS4AfG50>

In the 1960s and 1970s, factors such as the increased number of breeds and rising crime rates made dog ownership skyrocket. By 1975 there were more than 1,500 dog foods on the market.

Today, more than 1,600 square miles of soybeans, 2,1000 square miles of corn, and 1.7 million tons of meat and poultry products are made into pet food every year. There are more than 65 million dogs in the U.S., and pet food as an \$11 billion industry ...and growing.

STOP & THINK ANYTHING APPLIED TO YOUR LAWN WILL END UP IN YOUR PET



CANCER BLADDER

Science of the Total Environment states: dogs exposed to garden and lawn chemicals have an increased incidence of bladder cancer.

ISSUE WIDESPREAD

In a recent study, after lawn chemicals were applied to grass, at least 1 of the 3 chemicals used was present in the urine of dogs that were exposed.

CANCER LYMPHOMA

When lawn pesticides are used, dogs have a **70%** increased chance of developing lymphoma, according to the Journal Environmental Research



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EXTERNAL USE
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INTERNAL USE
Depending on your dog's size, a dose of 1/2 to 1 teaspoon 3 or 4 times a day.



HILLS DOG CLUB INC.



K9 Companion Award

Have you reached Class 8 or higher in your training and your dog is at least 12mths old.

You could be eligible to be assessed for the K9 Companion Award!!

There are 12 Elements to be achieved including a questionnaire on responsible dog ownership followed by the Assessment. Together with your dog you will do a number of exercises relating to Road Safety, lead walking, politeness around people and dogs, handling & grooming, achieving sit-drop-stand positions and coming when called, stay, taking food gently and finally a simple Rally course.

Talk with your Instructor for more Information and if interested a full detailed Assessment application can be acquired at the office.

Assessment dates will be advertised in the Howler at approximately 3 monthly intervals.

NEXT ASSESSMENT:

Monday 14th November, 2016 @ 7pm

&

Tuesday 22nd November, 2016 @ 10am

Closing Date: Tuesday 1st November, 2016



Doggedly Writing – Part I

By Genevieve Young with special thanks to Tomoko Komara.



Dr Seuss's famous picture of "Raining Cats and Dogs" is one of the nicer English language idioms about dogs. You can probably think of a hundred more.

But are all dog idioms complimentary to dogs? In researching this, I discovered that dog idioms tend to refer to the "lowly" status of dogs, their apparent lack of worth and similar negative sentiments. It is also fascinating that many foreign language dog idioms are remarkably similar to our own.

We thought it would be fun to share some of these from around the globe, and to invite *Howler* readers to send in their own favourites from other countries.

Here are a few to inspire you!

Russian

The dog barks, the caravan goes on.
(Whatever happens, life will continue.)

Every dog knows him there.
(He is well known in some place.)

I have eaten dog on this! (I'm a professional in this, I've cut my teeth on it.)

So that is where the dog is buried. (That is where the problem lies.)

They hung all dogs on him. (He is the one to blame.)



JAPANESE

Japanese has an expression that is interpreted very differently over generations and by different people.

犬も歩けば、棒にあたる。 **INU MO ARUKEBA BO NI APARU.**

The direct translation is: *"When the dog trots about, he will encounter a stick."*

Two different interpretations are: *"It is better to stay quiet, rather than going out to encounter difficulties"* or *"Unless you go out and search, even dogs cannot find bones."*

The common English translation is:

THE DOG THAT TROTS ABOUT FINDS A BONE.



SWEDISH

DET LIGGER EN HUND BEGRAVEN HÄR" (THERE IS A DOG BURIED HERE)
A BIT LIKE THE ENGLISH "I SMELL A RAT."

German



Den letzten beißen die Hunde

(The last one is bitten by the dog)

This is similar to the English expression "Devil take the hindmost" which warns that those prone to always being late won't be able to get away with it forever.

ITALIAN

It's not surprising that in Italian, as in English, people refer to...

Una vita da cani (A dog's life)

Dirlo ai cani e porci (Tell it to dogs and pigs) meaning to broadcast something, probably someone's personal news, to every possible listener, even if they're not interested!

Fa un freddo cane! (It's dog cold!) It's really cold outside!

Un cane in chiesa (A dog in church) meaning an unwelcome guest



Photo: Grupo Caridad/Facebook

Essere trattato come un cane in chiesa.

(To be treated like a dog in church ---
To be made to feel unwelcome)

In bocca al lupo! (Into the mouth of the wolf!) Good luck!

Crepi il lupo! (May the wolf croak!) This is the reply to "in bocca al lupo"(above).

So have you been inspired to dig out long forgotten dog idioms buried in memories of your mother tongue or that of your parents?

Send them to *Howler* and we will print them in a forthcoming issue.

hillshowler@gmail.com



power plants

MULLEIN

diy mix for mild ear infections

KEEP YOUR DOG HEALTHY



Good for: expectorant, anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antiviral, antiparasitic



-  **You'll need:**
 - mullein (leaves and flowers)
 - glass jar you can seal
 - olive oil
 - garlic (optional)
-  **Pack mullein leaves and flowers in a glass jar and cover with olive oil.**

For increased antibiotic effectiveness, you can add a clove or two of garlic per pint of oil.
-  **Let the mixture sit for 2 to 3 weeks. Strain and apply several drops of the warmed oil into the ear canal.**

Cranberries can be used to both treat and support bladder health. They acidify the urine, making it an unfavorable environment for most types of bacteria to survive in. Cranberries also have the ability to attach to bacteria such as E. coli and prevent it from attaching to the bladder wall. Another added benefit of cranberries is that they contain salicylic acid, a natural anti-inflammatory.



 Dogs Naturally

MYTHICAL AND LEGENDARY ORIGINS OF DOG BREED TRAITS

Dog breeds are prized for their unique looks and personalities. But did you ever wonder where these traits come from? Most dog breed lineages are hard to trace exactly, as pups have been our personal companions for **thousands of years**. But there are plenty of **myths** and stories out there that explain why dogs are the way they are, and legends make these breeds more mysterious and fun to think about. Here are some of the dog breed traits that are steeped in folklore.

Corgi's Saddle Marks



You may have noticed that **Pembroke Welsh Corgis** have a stripe of white fur that circles around their backs and shoulders. Well according to Welsh legends, the Corgi wasn't bred into existence. It came from the lairs of fairies and elves. The white strip on its back was proof of this, as that marked the spot where fairies tied their saddles to ride Corgis into battle. Historians say Corgis are descended from dogs brought to Wales by the Vikings, which isn't quite as magical, but it's still pretty cool.

Golden Retriever's Trainable Nature



Golden Retrievers are very **helpful** and loyal. They have a love of humans and a love of learning new tricks, and that need to perform for people had to come from somewhere. As the story goes, Golden Retrievers are descended from Sheepdogs that performed in a Russian circus. These dogs were bought by a man named Lord Tweedmouth – which is hilarious – and used for hunting. This was the accepted Golden Retriever origin story until 1950, when Lord Tweedmouth's notes were made public. Turns out, the original Golden Retriever ancestor was bought from a cobbler. Not quite as interesting.

Chow Chow's Blue Tongue



Scientists have found that the **Chow Chow** is one of the oldest dog breeds in the world, but legend has it that they are even older—as old as creation itself. One of the most unusual characteristics of the Chow Chow is its blueish-black tongue. There is a Chinese legend that says that the Chow Chow's tongue turned its odd color when the dog licked up a few drops of the color of the sky as it was being painted. Some dogs will eat just about anything.

Bedlington Terrier's Hunting Ability



Some myths have a grain of truth to them. The **Bedlington Terrier's** exact origins are hard to find, but one theory is that they are descended from dogs who followed gypsies from town to town. These dogs were great at hunting and hard to spot due to their small size. So they would sneak on to estates as gypsies passed by and hunt on the grounds. Rather than being angry, local squires were impressed by the dogs' ability to rid the land of rats, badgers, and vermin. So they got some pups of their own and bred the Bedlington Terrier to excel at what it already did best.

West Highland White Terrier's White Coat



West Highland White Terriers come in any colour you like, so long as it's white. But breed lore says there's a good reason for it. As the story goes, Colonel Malcolm of Poltalloch was hunting foxes in the eighteen-hundreds with one of his wheaten-coloured Cairn Terriers. In an unfortunate accident, he confused his dog's coat with a fox's coat and accidentally shot his pup. He was devastated by this and vowed to only breed white pups that could never be confused with a fox. Now they're all white, and pretty hard to get mixed up with a fox.

Shih Tzu's White Spot



You may have noticed that some **Shih Tzus** have a white spot on their coat on top of their head. The legend of this spot goes all the way back to Buddha. The story goes that Buddha was walking along the road with his dog when several robbers came upon him. They intended to rob and murder him, but Buddha's dog transformed into a lion and chased the robbers off. When the robbers were long gone, the lion changed back into his normal pup self, and Buddha picked him up and kissed him on the head. The place where Buddha kissed the pup turned white, and that's where the Shih Tzu gets his spot.

Pug's Wrinkles



Pugs are known for their squished faces and wrinkly foreheads. But if you look closely at a pug's wrinkles, you might notice shapes and patterns. Chinese legend says that master breeders loved the wrinkles of a pug's forehead because they looked like Chinese characters and symbols for "good luck." Wrinkles that were especially prized seemed to form the Chinese characters for the word "prince." So next time you meet a pug, see if you can read his forehead. He might just be a good luck charm.

Pekingese's Unique Looks



If you've seen a **Pekingese**, you might have thought that it looks a bit like a little lion with a monkey's face. Well you're not the only one who's thought that. According to legend, a lion once fell in love with a marmoset—a kind of monkey. But lions are pretty terrifying to monkeys. So the lion asked Buddha to shrink his body, but let him keep his lion heart. Buddha did this, and the lion and the marmoset fell in love and had children, which is why the Pekingese looks like a lion-monkey. Love transcends some of the weirdest barriers.

Mastiff



These pups make excellent watchdogs, so it's no surprise that a three-headed, **Mastiff**-like canine, known as Cerberus, guarded the entrance to the underworld in Greek mythology.

Xolo



Archaeological evidence has been found in the tombs of the Colima, Mayan, Toltec, Zapotec, and Aztec Indians dating the breed to over 3500 years ago. Long regarded as guardians and protectors, the peoples believed that the Xolo would safeguard the home from evil spirits. In ancient times the Xolos were often sacrificed and then buried with their owners to act as guide to the soul on its journey to the underworld. These dogs were considered a great delicacy, and were consumed for sacrificial ceremonies. According to Aztec mythology, the god Xolotl made the **Xoloitzcuintli** from a sliver of the Bone of Life from which all mankind was made. Some people in Mexico continue to believe this breed has healing qualities.

Chinese Shar-Pei



Believe in ghosts and other creatures who go bump in the night? You may want to have a **Shar-Pei** by your side — both his purplish tongue and wrinkly skin were thought to ward off evil spirits.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Mythological_dogs

<http://dogtime.com/dog-health/general/30019-mythical-legendary-origins-dog-breed-traits>

Compiled by Natalie Conway



Hills Dog Club Inc.

COMPLETE THIS FORM for CATEGORY 2

MEMBERS TROPHY FOR NEW TITLES GAINED IN 2016

Any dog that has gained a title during 2016 is entitled to receive a trophy recognising this achievement.

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

Members need to attend the 2017 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).

This form must be returned by 31 December 2016.

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.

56/159 Ridgescrop Drive, CASTLE HILL, NSW, 2154

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

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

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Abbey Memorial Trophy (CCD) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazel Baldwin Trophy (Novice) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hilda Smythe Trophy (Open) | <input type="checkbox"/> Barry Langdon Trophy (UD) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Valeschini Memorial Trophy (Open & UD) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hills Dog Club Perpetual Trophy (UDX) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dianne Atkins Perpetual Trophy (Highest Achievement in Canine Competition) | <input type="checkbox"/> Iris Bollinger Perpetual 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 31 October 2016.

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or given to Genevieve Young, or posted to:
The Secretary, Hills Dog Club Inc., 56/159 Ridgeway Drive, CASTLE HILL, NSW, 2154



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.

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. You do not need to apply for these, as they will be automatically granted. The Perpetual Trophies are:

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 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 31st October 2016. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Awards will be presented at the December general meeting.

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 2015 (Tues 6.10.15) until the Monday of the State Titles 2016 (Mon 3.10.16) inclusive.
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 31 October 2016.
8. Late entries will not be accepted.

Qualifying titles include:

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| 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 or Canine Good Citizen. |
| 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 2014 State Titles (Tue 7.10.14) until the Monday of the 2016 State Titles (Mon 3.10.16) inclusive.

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.*

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| 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.*

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| 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 2015 State Titles (Tues 6.10.15) until the Monday of the 2015 State Titles (Mon 3.10.16) inclusive.

OPEN

Your best SEVEN results only will be accepted.

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| 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.

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| 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.

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| 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 2014 (Tue 6.10.15) until the Monday of the State Titles 2015 (Mon 3.10.16) inclusive.

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

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| 456 to 479 points | Receive a bronze medal |
| 480 to 503 points | Receive a silver 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 31st December 2016.

LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

The Trophies will be presented at the 2017 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 CCD & Novice: from the Tuesday after the 2014 State Titles (Tues 7.10.14) until the Monday of the 2016 State Titles (Mon 3.10.16) 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. | 31 Oct 2016 | 14 Dec 2016 |
| | Open, UD & UDX: from the Tuesday after the 2015 State Titles (Tues 6.10.15) until the Monday of the 2015 State Titles (Mon 3.10.16) inclusive. | | |
| C A T 2 | Title Trophies Any member's dog that has gained a Title in 2016 is entitled to receive a Trophy. Multiple Titles will be engraved on a single trophy. | 31 Dec 2016 | At the Hills Dog Club Inc. 2017 AGM |