



Hills Howler



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Upcoming Dates

General Meetings:

- Aug 14th, Sept 11th and Oct 9th

Events:

- Scentwork Trial Sept 15th
- HDC Dog Shows: Sept 28th & 29th



The mission of the Hills Dog Club is to enhance human-dog relationships through training, education and the promotion of good breeding practices within our community.

G'day from the HDC Committee

Our cover photo this month is Flame, a miniature Pinscher owned by Dannielle, who recently graduated from Graduate to Intermediate.

More promotion photos are inside, including Reo, who, after recently being attacked from behind while being walked, has recovered from surgery, returned to class and graduated.

Congratulations to all!



Last month, Hills farewelled Judith Walder as an Instructor at Hills, and this month, Judith has asked for her Thank-you to be published in the Howler and has also penned the story of why she joined Hills.

Tricks trial test run-throughs are currently on the 1st Monday of the month; keep an eye on the Member's Facebook page for further information from Club Instructor Carolyn Jensen.

The Howler welcomes contributions from members, especially stories about you and your dog. If you would like to contribute to the Howler, please send your 'tail' and photos to hillshowler@gmail.com.

And remember,

- Give all dogs some space, pack a bag of great rewards and a pooh bag!
- Please line up behind your class sign 5 minutes before class starts.
- No thongs or slide-type footwear in class.
- If your dog feels the cold - it is OK to bring a mat to training.

Training equipment (martingale collars, flat-leads, dumbbells, treat pouches, and treats) is available for purchase at the Club, please see the Office ladies.

- Check/choker chains, prong collars, E-collars etc, are not permitted.
- No retractable leads or Bungy leads in class.



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Thank you from Judith

I would like to thank everyone who was associated with putting on the morning tea to celebrate my last day of Instructing. I was totally overwhelmed and completely humbled by all you did. I didn't expect anything and to think that you put on a morning tea for me and gave me beautiful flowers, a gift, a card signed by so many of you, a photo collage (thank you, Belvane) and all had such nice things to say about me was so touching. I appreciated what you did for me and I will treasure the card and my memories of the morning. Thank you, Carole, for your kind words and thank you all for coming and making it such a memorable occasion.

At the morning tea, Judith recalled how she came to be an Instructor at Hills.

I can vividly remember the first time I ever 'met' Dianne.

It was Easter time 1995, and I was standing on the veranda at the old Obedience grounds at Moore Park, where the Obedience Competition had just taken place. I was feeling absolutely chuffed as I'd just won the Winner of Winners trophy and suddenly I was confronted by this little lady who came up to me and, without any introduction, commented that I had just done well. I thought to myself that I'd done a little better than 'well', but I wasn't going to argue with a stranger. She followed this by saying that I should come to Hills to train my dog.

That was the extent of our conversation, and she left me feeling somewhat dumbfounded as she walked away without saying another word. Once she had gone, I asked someone who she was, and they said she was Dianne Atkins, who came from Hills Dog Club at Castle Hill. The upshot was that I did go to Hills and instantly became an Instructor.

Little did I know that this chance meeting would turn into an enduring friendship that lasted for over 25 years, and I am very thankful that Dianne came up to me and gave me the opportunity to become associated with such an outstanding Obedience Club and such a dynamic and inspiring person.

Thank you.
Judith Walder



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Promotions

Beginners to Graduate



*Sushovan with Reo
(Schnoodle)*



*Paul with Lina
(Cocker Spaniel x King Charles Cavalier)*



*Ellen with Briar
(White Swiss Shepherd)*

Promotions

Graduate to Intermediate



*Mickey with Gosling
(Australian Shepherd)*



*Doug with Willow
(Koolie)*

Intermediate to Advanced

*Monika with Missy
(Australian Shepherd)*



Ground Rules

1. **Vaccinations:** As a condition of membership, all dogs are required to be properly vaccinated according to current veterinary guidelines.
2. **Dog Behaviour:** Members are responsible at all times for the behaviour of their dog/s whilst present on the training grounds or representing the club.
3. **Appropriate Equipment:** All dogs must have properly fitted equipment and remain on lead at all times (unless instructed otherwise by a club instructor). No check/choker chains are to be used on any dogs in Puppy, Beginners or Graduate classes.
4. **No Ill-treatment:** A member shall not ill-treat a dog at any time. Any such action may give rise to suspension or expulsion from the Club by resolution of the Committee.
5. **Bitches in Season:** Bitches in season and/or dog/s which are unwell or have an infectious condition are not permitted on the obedience training grounds.
7. **Clean up after Dogs:** Members are to pick up after their dog/s and help keep the grounds clean and tidy.
7. **Sensible Footwear/Clothing:** Adequate sensible dress with appropriate footwear (no thongs, scuffs on bare feet) is required to be worn by handlers during training.
8. **Supervision Required:** 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. **Muzzles:** 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. **Club Equipment Use:** Members who use Club equipment must ensure it is returned to the storeroom and stored correctly after classes are conducted.

11. **Child/Junior Handlers:** Children are welcome to attend classes provided they are supervised by an adult/parent/ guardian at all times.

12. **Child Members:** Child members (aged 7 to 11 are to be accompanied by an adult/parent/guardian in classes). Junior members (aged 12 to 15 under adult/parent/guardian supervision on grounds) are welcome to train provided they have sufficient control of their dog during classes. This will be at the discretion of the class/chief instructor.

FOR NOTICE OF CLASS CANCELLATIONS

In the event of extreme weather conditions (heat or rain) HDC Website and Facebook pages will be updated if classes are closed. Go to: www.hillsdogclub.com OR Facebook www.facebook.com/hillsdogclub

Monday class closure will be posted at **4pm Monday.**

Tuesday class closure will be posted at **5.00pm Monday.**

HDC Committee Members 2023/2024

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 Trial Secretary
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Committee Members

Natalie Conway
 Kathy Cocks
 Carolyn Jensen
 Karen Richardson
 Margaret Thomson
 Pam Wood

Trophy Stewards

Trial: Jessica Leckie
 Show: Janice Lyons
 Club: Carole Hatley

Patrons

Mayor, Dr Peter
 Gangemi
 Mrs Luci Ellem
 Mrs Vicki Austin

Life Members

Peter Guenther, Hazel Baldwin (deceased), Dianne Atkins (deceased), Janet Power, Belvane Parsons, Anne Small, Betty Cansdale (deceased), Robyn Jones, Janice Lyons, Vicki Gresser, Lynne Sheather



Hills Dog Club Inc. Training Times

Monday at 6.45pm

Puppies (first night) under 20 weeks - allow time to register!

Monday at 7pm

Puppies 2 (from 12 to 20 weeks), Beginners 1 to 8, Graduate & Intermediate classes.

Monday at 8pm

Advanced class.

Tuesday at 10:30 am

All Classes.

NOTE: Classes are not held on Public Holidays. Tuesday classes are not held in School Holidays
 Equipment for Sale at the Club House



Email:
Members FB:
Post Address:
In Person:

Infohillsdogclub@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/162308877129471>
 The Secretary Hills Dog Club, P O Box 392, Round Corner 2158
 Speak with a Committee Member at the clubhouse

Further information is available at our website <https://www.hillsdogclub.com/>

Hills Dog Club Inc General Meeting Notice

Notice is given of Hills Dog Club Inc General Meeting

Wednesday 14 Aug 2024



Where: Large Meeting Room, Clubhouse, 7:30pm

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

General Business

A copy of the ratified Minutes (of all meetings) are available to all members on request at the Office on training days

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