



Hills Howler



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We train we're fine come rain or shine

FOR NOTICE OF CLASS CANCELLATIONS

In the event of extreme weather conditions (heat or rain).
Go to: www.hillsdogclub.com OR Facebook www.facebook.com/hillsdogclub

Monday class closure will be posted at **4.00pm Monday.**
Tuesday class closure will be posted at **5.00pm Monday.**

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

G'day from the HDC Committee

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Our cover photo for June is taken by Instructor Gabi Loft. She was in the Intermediate class with her dog Harry on a wet, damp Tuesday morning. As the HDC saying goes, "**We train, we're fine come rain or shine!**"

Both the April Scentwork Trial and the May Obedience and Rally Trial went ahead as planned and were a great success (despite the wet weather). Hills Dog Club will be sending teams to the Illawarra for the 2024 Interclub competition in July.

The K9 Companion award is on again in June for Club members and their dogs in Beginner 8 or higher. Please see the K9 award brochure in this newsletter. Extra training will be available (if time allows) for entrants.

NSW Agility has asked for assistance in seeking volunteers for the 2024 Agility National Championships, which will be held over a week in July. Volunteering is great; contact details are in the brochure, and your help will be appreciated.

Finally, there is training equipment (martingale collars, leads, dumbbells, treat pouches, and treats) available for purchase at the Club. See the Office.

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.

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Important Dates - June to August 2024

01/06/2024	Scent Work Trial Excellent and Masters Only
12/06/2024	General Meeting
10/07/2024	General Meeting
14/08/2024	General Meeting

May Promotions



Beginners to Graduate Promotions

Left to Right:

- Vaibhav with Nico (Labrador Retriever),
- Sharon with Summer (Golden Retriever),
- Angela with Belle (Golden Retriever),
- Penny with Scout (Border Terrier),
- Jeanette with Dexter (Cobberdog),
- Mikaela with Bailey (Golden Retriever)

Beginners to Graduate Promotions

- Rosslyn with Becky (Labradoodle),
- Pepita with Joey (Cavoodle),
- Sarah with Lily (German Shepherd)



Daniela with Buddy
(Weimaraner)
Graduate to Intermediate

Graduate to Intermediate Promotions

No Photos Available:

- Milan with Benji (Poodle x Border Collie),
- Dee with Destiny (Border Collie),
- Carolyn with Willa (German Shepherd),
- Evelyn with Echo (Border Collie)



Michael with Gigi
(Border Collie X)
Graduate to Intermediate



Deidre with Boris
(Standard Schnauzer)
Intermediate to Advanced

K9 Companion Award June 2024



K9 Companion Award An Assessment for Club Members only

This Award is open to members with dogs in Class 8 or above

Assessments will be held: **Monday 24th June 2024** starting from 7.15pm

Tuesday 25th June 2024 starting from 10.45am

The following elements are essential to undertake the test:

- For full details of the Award and information on exercises talk with your Class Instructor.
- Dogs must be at least 12 months of age. They must have completed our Beginners Course or be in Class 8 (or higher) of the Club's Course.
- Proof of Council registration, microchipping and a current vaccination or equivalent certificate.
- The dog should be presented in a clean and tidy manner.
- The dog should be fitted with an appropriate collar or restraint for that dog (i.e., collar, gentle collar, head collar and harness), and be on a leash. No check chains are to be used.
- The Handler must carry a plastic bag at all times to clean up after his/her dog.
- Training treats are not to be given during exercises. Verbal praise is, however, permitted.
- The Handler may offer food rewards at the finish of each individual exercise.
- A number of both verbal and hand cues are permitted during exercises.
- The Handler must have an 80% pass rate on the theory assessment and 100% on the practical assessment.
- If you do not achieve 100% in your practical assessment, you will be able to re-sit the practical test without charge when the next K9 Assessments are held.
- The cost of the assessment is \$20.00.
- Please obtain an application form at the office, and submit it with your \$20 fee at least 2 weeks prior to the test date.
- Once you have paid you will be given your test booklet with all the practical exercises listed and explained, plus your homework questionnaire.
- To allow time for marking, your written homework must be submitted at the Office at least 1 week prior to the practical test.