

# Howler



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SEPTEMBER 2022



*Junior handler Graduate Isabella*



*June's Beagle . Eva in action at Scentwork*



**Lots of Promotions in August!**  
**Introducing the Chief Instructors**  
**Bloat, a problem to be aware of.**

Well done to Jess and team for organising the RSPCA Cupcake day at the club and raising \$720 for them



Important Dates.

**General meetings 2022:**

14 Sep, 12 Oct, 9 Nov,  
14 Dec

Sunday 11 September 2022

HILLS DOG CLUB INC

Scentwork trial

castle hill showground,

showground rd, castle hill

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**EDITOR'S NOTE**

Hello everyone,

Wow, what a lot of Promotions in August, our members have been working hard and many have been promoted to Graduates and beyond.

We have two introductory articles of our new Training Instructor leadership team; Kathy p.8 and Lea-Ann p.13 who share their personal dog training stories. They have supplied so many photos, which is great to see.

As for photos, this is also a little reminder for Instructors to send in your photos for the 'who's this' feature we would like to post soon.

Thanks also to Narelle Brown who has submitted her article about bloat in large dogs, check it out p. 17 - It is good to be aware of these things.

Congrats again to all the achievers this month,

A reminder to send your contributions to [hillshowler@gmail.com](mailto:hillshowler@gmail.com) for inclusion in the Howler.

Happy training everyone

Editor, Graphic Designer  
Tony Vink



## PROMOTIONS - August 2022

### Beginners to Graduate

- Tiffany with Astro the Golden Ret.
- Praveen with Rosie Bella the GSD.
- Edward with Atlas the Border Collie
- Meg with Hunter the Brittany
- Mel and Kenny with Paige the Schipperke
- David with Toby the Cavoodle
- Leoni with Rip the Ridgeback x Cattle Dog
- Michael with Digger the Coolie
- Dagmar with Ace the Poodle

### Graduate to Intermediate

- Cathryn with Boots the Smithfield
- Raymond with Luca the Lagotto
- Isabella with Pippi the Papillion
- Victoria with Rafa the Kelpie x BC.
- Chris and Christina with Rookie the A. Shepherd
- Mary with Freddie the Cavoodle

### Intermediate to Advanced

- Hayley and Bonnie the Mini Dachund
- Margaret with Holly thr JR cross.
- Pauline with Bronte the Labrador
- Carolina with Ripley the Labrador



*Michael and Digger*



*Margaret and Holly*



*Cathryn and Boots*



*Pauline and Bronte*

*Junior  
Handler*



*Isabella and Pippi*



*Victoria and Rafa*



*Praveen and Rosie*



*Chris (and Christina) and Rookie*



*Raymond and Luca*



*Edward and Atlas*



*Mel (and Kenny) and Paige*



*Lyndel and Simmi*



*Tiffany and Astro*



*Meg and Hunter*



*Leoni and Rip*



*Caroline and Ripley*



*Hayley and Bonnie*



*David and Toby*

## MY DOG TRAINING JOURNEY

*Kathy Cocks – August 2022*

I first joined Hills Dog Club in 1988 when we brought home a Lab/Kelpie X from the Animal Welfare League at Kemps Creek. She came to us 6 months after our young Kelpie had been run over by a car out the front of our house and at the time I didn't know if I could look at another dog. The family convinced me that I needed a dog, and it wasn't long before we joined up at Hills. Her name was Tina. She was around 1 or 2 years old when she came to us, and she died in my arms at 16. We didn't last long at Hills because of what I considered harsh training methods. I was really uncomfortable with the check chain, but we persevered in the classes, moving from 1st Class to 2nd and finishing with 3rd Class. That's all there was in those days. After that you went on to trial. I was never interested in any dog sports as all I wanted was just a good family dog. We had that with Tina in spades. She was wonderful and was well and truly my "heart" dog who passed in my arms at 16.

18 months after Tina's passing, I found Charley at Monica's Doggie Rescue at Terry Hills. Charley was the most fearful little dog I think I had ever seen, and I simply couldn't leave him there. He was 12 months old and was the dog in the back corner, cowering from all the other little dogs. He was a Chihuahua X (we later had reason to believe that he was crossed with a Schipperke). So once again I joined up at Hills. This was 2003 and thankfully times had changed. I didn't know who was running the Club at the time. All I wanted was to figure out my new little boy.

Within 12 months the Club was conducting an Instructors' Course and in February 2004 I commenced my training. It really did open up a wonderful world to me and I will never forget the time I spent learning and meeting new friends. Thanks to the course I was finally able to figure out what was going on with Charley and we started to make real progress. In November 2006 the Club conducted the Delta Canine Good Citizen test and Charley and I passed!



*Charley - Canine Good Citizen Award*



*Bella heeling Hills Tuesday morning class '07*



*Bella - Endurance Test Title*

Eventually, I heard about the Delta volunteers and felt that Charley would be really good at cheering folk up. It was Tom Wilson who assessed us as a Delta team, and we passed the assessment with flying colours. Our first job was at the Westmead Children's Hospital in 2007. Charley was approximately 5 years old. He loved his visits and would prance along the corridors to the next bed, and the next. He soon became a favourite of the nurses as he worked his magic on the children. Later in 2007 we commenced visits to IDS in Castle Hill. This was a facility for the mild to medium intellectually impaired folk. Charley really loved his visits there and would happily sit on knees and be taken for walks up and down the corridor. We kept visiting them for 4 years until I felt it was time to retire him. Charley turned out to be the most wonderful family dog and was a lifetime companion who passed away in my arms at the age of 17, which was not bad for a dog who was rescued by Monica's Doggie Rescue one day before he was due to be euthanised at 9 months of age. I have Hills Dog Club and all the education and opportunities to thank for helping Charley to achieve his best outcome.



*Interclub Challenge at Hills - Bella*

On 18 March 2006 our family expanded when Bella came to join us. She was 11 months old and had been at the Club a couple of times. The person who had brought her along told Dianne that he was taking her to the pound. That very night we also had the President of the Border Collie Rescue Club visiting and she and Dianne thought this young (11-month-old) Border Collie could be rehomed very quickly without going to the pound. Dianne called me out of my class I was taking and watched the dog with me. I exchanged details and by Saturday Bella came to our home. It turned out that the lady who had bought Bella off the (back yard) breeder got cancer when Bella was 7 months old, and the poor dog was passed along to different people in a known circle. By the time I got her she had been in 4 homes at 11 months! She was confused, anxious, and had a lot of issues. Thanks to Hills she became a wonderful family dog, and I was able to learn about competition obedience with her. In her first ever Novice trial she came first, and I still have the lovely dish that we won. Unfortunately, it turned out that she was an extremely inquisitive dog and needed to check everything out around her which resulted in a lot of running out of rings! It wasn't until I learnt to redirect her back to me through teaching tugging that we started to have success. She really was a steep learning curve.



*Ring practice at Hills '10*



Bella and I also went to tracking training and had a lot of fun. She was a truly great companion and lived a long and happy life, passing away in my arms in October 2021 at the grand age of 16-1/2. She will never be forgotten.

In November 2012 we welcomed yet another dog to the family, this time an 8-week-old Flat Coated Retriever puppy called Marco. So now we were a family of 3 dogs! Marco took me to a world of retrieving and that remains my favourite dog sport today, as well as the Flat Coated Retriever remaining my favourite breed. We competed in RATG (Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs) and at our first Novice RATG we came first. 10 It was very exciting! I also learned about the Show World with Marco as I entered him in Shows and by 13 months of age, he had his Champion Title. 9 It was thanks to Pauline Hartwell and her show training that we had some success. Marco and I also competed in Rally O 11 and trained for Obedience. While he was a lovely working dog, my preference remained retrieving and we spent most of our time working out in the field. He was my second dog to achieve the Endurance Test title. 12 He also successfully gained the Club's K9 Certificate 13 He sadly passed away just 4 weeks after Bella with an aggressive tumour in the lung at 9 years 1 month. It was a shock, and I didn't believe I could take on another dog after losing 2 so closely together.



*Gunnedah Show '13 Marco - Puppy in Group*



*Marco at Gunnedah Show September '03 - 11 1/2 months old.*



*'15 - First Place Novice RATG (first retrieving trial)*



*'15 - First Novice RATG with Lyn Elliott Judge*



16 - Marco 3-1/2 - Rally O



17 - Marco - Endurance Test



17 - Marco - Endurance Test



21 Marco - K9 Certificate Hills Dog Club

However, in April this year I was contacted by a prestigious Flat Coated Retriever breeder who asked if I would like a little boy. It didn't take us long to consider it and Dillon came to join us at the end of May. He is a wonderful, confident, and happy little boy who is already making friends at Hills. I look forward to his journey. 14 15

Over the years I have attended countless seminars, conferences and workshops put on by Hills or held elsewhere in Australia. My reading has been extensive and I remain passionate about continuing to learn as much as I can. I believe your journey never ends. I am also passionate about bringing as much knowledge to others as I can.



'22 - Dillon watching puppy class at Hills

Positions held at Hills:

Club Instructor from 2004

Committee member 13 years until 2019.

## MOVERS AND SHAKERS

Just a reminder to all our members who have had a win, qualification, place or what ever little brag, to please email a photo and a short comment about your achievements so we can all share in your joy.

This month we had the news that Paul Gersbach's Border Collie , Shelley, gained her third pass and first title (rally novice) at the Brush Farm trial on Sunday 21/8/22.

Well done Paul and Shelley.



And look who's got a title their Title in Scent work. Congratulations to Jo Barnes and her dog Molly!

We love seeing our dogs competing and performing well. Thanks for sending in your photos.

**We train we're fine come rain or shine**

**FOR NOTICE OF CLASS CANCELLATION**  
In the event of extreme weather conditions (heat or rain)  
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Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/hillsdogclub](https://www.facebook.com/hillsdogclub)  
Pages updated Monday 4pm & Tuesday 8:45am



*Lea-Ann and 'Mandy'*



*Lea-Ann and 'Rani' (Raleju Love Story)*

**MY NAME IS LEA-ANN LAUGHTON...**

and I have been a member of Hills Dog Club for 22 years. I have been Instructing at the Club since 2004, and I have been a member of Dogs NSW since 2001. I have always had a love for all animals. My first puppy was a Labrador Retriever called 'Mandy' from Santa when I was 4 years old.

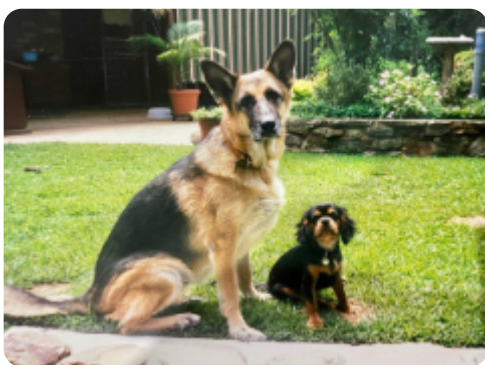
While growing up my parents bred Cocker Spaniels and at the age of 10 years I joined Brush Farm Dog Training Club (with Dad in tow) with my Cocker Spaniel 'Tasha' and from then I showed one of her puppies 'Rani' as a Junior Handler. At 14 I started working at Royoni Kennels on weekends where in exchange for cleaning kennels and bathing dogs they gave me lessons on showing dogs.

When Jeff & I married in 1989 we purchased a German Shepherd 'Kara' who I bred with and joined the German Shepherd Dog League, that's when my training journey really got serious.

In 2000 we purchased a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel for my daughter Emily and son Jay and my love of Cavaliers began with 'Millie', 'Rosie' and 'Roxy'. Breeding and competing in Agility. In 2002 I became a member of the Delta Society Pet Partner Team, visiting Westmead Children's Hospital and Nursing Homes with my Therapy dog 'Rosie' every week for years, also helping out at the Assessment Days, raising money on the weekend at shopping centres and Events. I loved this job immensely.



*Jay and Emily with 'Rosie' (Cherabyne Ebony Rose) & 'Millie' (Ranessa Christmas Millie)*



*Kara and Millie*



In 2006 Steve Austin employed me at Pet Resorts of Australia where I could also expand my love of Birds. Steve bred "Harley" my Galah x Corella whom I trained and was used in many commercials, TV Shows and appeared on stage for years at the Pet & Animal Expo. I also got to puppy raise and train the up and coming detection dogs including The Macquarie Island Pest Eradication Project, puppy raise and train a Dingo and many other exciting things.



*Harley riding his scooter*

With Steve & Vicki's invaluable knowledge, hands on experience and support I attained:

- 2009 The Puppy Class instructors Course - by Stephen & Vicki Austin Animal Training and Consultancy
- 2009 NDTF Certificate III in Dog Behaviour and Training - National Dog Trainers Federation
- 2010 Certificate III in Companion Animal Services
- 2010 High Achievement Award in the Vocation of Animal Care and Management Certificate III - 2009 NSW Training Awards
- 2010 Safe Dog Handling Certificate - Steve Austin Australian K-9 Services



*Dingo 'Blue' went onto live at Symbio Wildlife Park where I have permission to visit him and his girlfriend whenever I can.*



In 2002 at the Hills Dog Club I met Marilyn McKenzie Local Veterinarian, our strong friendship and passion for great working dogs led us to break out on our own and in 2011 we started breeding working English Springer Spaniels and later American Working Labrador Retrievers. Our aim was to breed, select, train and supply a well rounded sound, trainable, working dog to clients all over Australia.





*English Springer Spaniel -  
Trooper' Tulahunt Aussie Trooper (PADD)*



*English Springer Spaniel- 'Wags' Cadaver Dog  
working on the William Tyrnell Case*

#### Clients we have supplied are:

- NSW Police Force – Explosive Detection Dog, Cadaver Dog
- Queensland Corrective Services – (PADD) Passive Alert Drug Detection Dogs
- South Australia Corrective Services – (PADD) Passive Alert Drug Detection Dogs
- Steve Austin Canine Behaviour and Training – Conservation Dogs
- Companion Dogs & Assistance Dogs – NSW, Victoria, South Australia and Queensland
- Dog Force Australia – Detection Dogs
- K9 Bellator – Detection Dogs
- Truffle Dogs – NSW, Victoria
- Termite Dogs – North Coast NSW, Victoria
- Northern Territory Corrections – (PADD) Passive Alert Drug Detection Dogs
- Government of Western Australia - Department of Corrective Services – Front of House, (PADD) Passive Alert Drug Detection Dogs & Mobile phone dogs
- Competing Field Dogs – NSW, Victoria and ACT
- Fiji Corrections Service – (PADD) Passive Alert Drug Detection Dog
- New South Wales Army – Explosive Detection Dogs
- Wonderful Devoted Families – where our dogs are part of their family

Currently my dogs are being used for TV work where I can also be employed as their Animal Wrangler/Dog Handler. Competing in Field Trial, Rally Obedience and Nose work.

Marilyn and myself have our own Team of Truffle Dogs that we work every year in Truffle season (June – Aug) this is our 5th season truffle hunting.

As well as my dogs, Zalee (English Springer Spaniel), Remy (Labrador Retriever), Archie (Labrador Retriever) and Ivy (Beagle x French Bulldog) I also have 2 yellow sided conures and my gorgeous mini goats. Showing my BSA Motorbike, riding on the back of my husband's Harley Davidson and spending time with my family and friends are the things I most enjoy.

My passion for dogs has only intensified over the years and I hope to further my knowledge while helping out at the Hills Dog Club which I love.



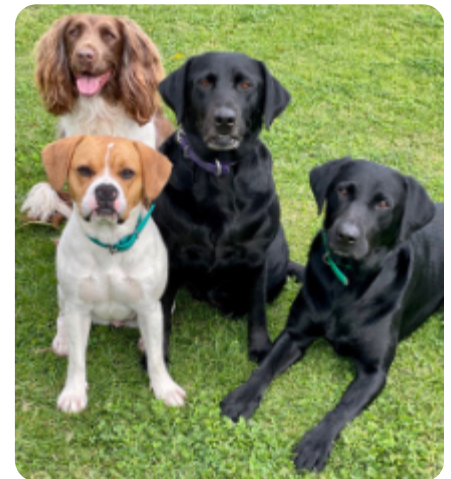
*Archie's KFC Commercial*



*Archie and Lea-Ann at the Truffle farm*



*Tequila and Sunrise*



*Zalee, Ivy, Remy and Archie*



*Lea-Ann and her Goat*



*Lea's 1957 BSA Bantam*

## BLOAT OR GASTRIC DILATATION & VOLVULUS

By Narelle Brown - HDC Puppies 1 Instructor

Gastric dilatation-volvulus (GDV) or gastric dilatation is a serious condition and is fatal if left untreated. Commonly referred to as "bloat," GDV occurs when a dog's stomach fills with gas, food, or fluid and subsequently twists.

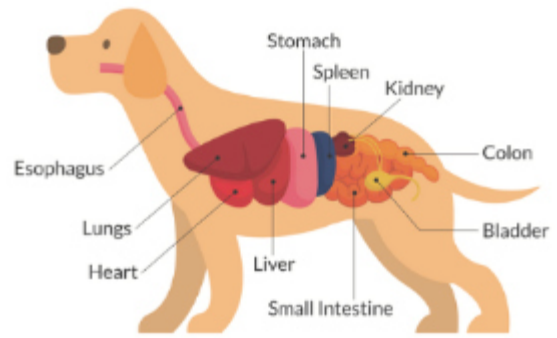
GD and GDV develops without warning and can progress quickly. It is always an emergency. Both can cause shock because the distended, gas-filled stomach obstructs blood flow. Gastric dilatation can be relieved by pumping the stomach, but GDV requires emergency surgery to untwist the stomach and save the dog's life.

### What are the symptoms of bloat in dogs?

- A swollen, hard belly.
- Retching but not able to vomit.
- Drooling.
- Pain in the abdomen when touched.
- Other signs of distress such as panting and restlessness.

### Causes of bloat

- Eating very quickly, too much food.
- Overeating
- Drinking a large quantity of water in a short period of time
- Raised food bowls
- Stress (anxious dogs are thought to be more prone, as are dogs in stressful situations or environments such as boarding kennels)
- Exercising after eating, too much exercise
- Genetic factors
- Increased age
- Hot food, cold food
- Big kibble, little kibble



Dog Anatomy

### Breeds Anatomically Predisposed to GDV include:

Akita  
Bernese Mountain Dog  
Bloodhound  
Borzo  
Boxer  
Bullmastiff  
Chow Chow  
Collie  
Curly Coated Retriever  
Doberman Pinscher  
German Longhaired Pointer  
German Shepherd Dog  
Gordon Setter  
Great Dane  
Great Pyrenees  
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog  
Greyhound  
Irish Setter  
Irish Wolfhound  
Labrador Retriever  
Leonberger  
Mastiff  
Neapolitan Mastiff  
Newfoundland  
Old English Sheepdog  
Rhodesian Ridgeback  
Saint Bernard  
Scottish Deerhound  
Standard Poodle  
Weimaraner

Among small and medium sized dogs, the Chinese Shar-Pei, Basset Hound, and Dachshunds have the highest risk for GDV



In addition, too many carbohydrates, and stress have all been said to cause bloat however remain unsubstantiated. Scientific studies have shown that breed is a risk factor - Large and giant breed dogs with deep chests and narrow waists.

A higher incidence occurs where siblings or littermates have had bloat. The risk also increases of bloat as a dog ages. One study showed the presence of a foreign object in the stomach predisposed dogs to bloat.

Nervous dogs, food gulpers and dogs fed once daily also may have an increased likelihood of bloat.

### How to prevent bloat?

If you have a large or giant breed dog :

- Discuss prophylactic Gastropexy with your veterinarian. It may be recommended that these dogs have their stomachs tacked in place at time of spaying. This surgery can be done using minimally invasive techniques. However this surgery does not prevent gastric dilatation, but has been determined to be cost-effective in preventing GDV.

- Dog owners must always monitor their dog for abdominal distension and non productive retching, which are two of the common signs of bloat.
- Divide food and feed twice a day.
- Buy a feeding toy or a bowl that prevents gulping food.
- Be sure your dog gets daily exercise and maintains a healthy body weight. Daily moderate exercise decreases the likelihood of suffering with bloat.

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## NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE GENERAL MEETING

### *of Hills Dog Club Inc.*

**When:** . . . . . Wednesday **10 August 2022** - 7:30pm  
**Where:** . . . . . Meeting Rooms at Castle Hill Showground.  
**Who:** . . . . . All club members are welcome to attend.

#### AGENDA

1. Open Meeting
2. Attendance and Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes.
4. Business arising from the Minutes
5. Correspondence
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 Steward & Scentwork Trial Secretary Report



#### GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Approval of Judges for 2023 HDC Trials (Obedience, Rally, Tricks, Interclub)
2. Recognition of, and celebration for, trainees having completed their Instructors' Course
3. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

I move that as from 5th December 2022 the Hills Dog Club Inc. increases the following fees by \$5 each:

- o Joining Fee Full Membership to become \$40.00
- o Joining Fee Associate Membership to become \$35.00
- o Joining Fee Junior Membership to become \$25.00

**Rationale:** The Club has not increased these fees since November 2015. In that time expenses have risen.

The Club needs to keep abreast of rising costs.

Moved: Janet Power Seconded: Lynne Sheather 11th August 2022

Entries Close: *Mail* 19 Sept,  
*Online* 21 Sept at 6pm 2022

# HILLS DOG CLUB INC

## ALL BREEDS CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

CASTLE HILL SHOWGROUND,  
SHOWGROUND RD, CASTLE HILL

**SATURDAY 24 (AM/PM)**  
**SEPTEMBER 2022**

Classes to be judged: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 & 18 (dogs & bitches)

**Entries to:** Mrs J Power, 33 Justine Ave, Baulkham Hills 2153

**Ph:** 02 9639 9987 **Email:** [powerjanet@optusnet.com.au](mailto:powerjanet@optusnet.com.au)

**Extreme Weather Ph:** 0419 313 848

**Cheques made payable to:** Hills Dog Club Inc

Exhibit numbers will be emailed

### JUDGES

#### *AM Show*

Mrs M Thomas (NSW)	6-12 mths S/stakes, Toys
Mrs E Knox (NSW)	Terriers, <b>General Specials</b>
Mrs M Parker-Brien (NSW)	Gundogs
Mr G Vernon (NSW)	Hounds
Mrs R Barden (NSW)	3-6 mths S/stakes, Working Dogs
Mrs P Weber (NSW)	Utility
Mrs K Paul (NSW)	Non Sporting

#### *PM Show*

Mrs R Barden (NSW)	Toys
Mrs P Weber (NSW)	Terriers
Mr G Vernon (NSW)	Gundogs, <b>General Specials</b>
Mrs K Paul (NSW)	Hounds
Ms T Buckley (NSW)	Working Dogs
Mrs M Thomas (NSW)	Utility
Mrs P Hartwell (NSW)	Non Sporting



**DOGS NSW Junior Handler** will be conducted at 9am.

Accredited Judges to be advised on the day

**Order of Judging:** As per Schedule

**Judging Commences:** *AM Show* 9.00am with S/stakes.

*PM Show* not before 1.00pm

**DOGS NSW Representative:** Mrs G Marsh

**Entry Fees:** \$11.00 per entry, \$6.00 Baby Puppies & S/stakes

**Catalogues:** \$5.00 per show



**Refreshments:** Available

**Pointscore (PM Show):** The British Terrier Club of NSW

Entries not marked AM or PM will be processed in the AM Show

### PRIZES - Category B

**General Specials:** Trophy & Sash

**Group Specials:** Trophy & Sash

**Special Classes:** Trophy & Sash

**Junior Handlers** Cash & Sash

*Eye Envy*

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**NO TUESDAY CLASSES HELD  
IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

## Hills Dog Club Inc.

### TRAINING TIMES

**Mon.** 7pm -> Puppies\*,  
Beginners, Graduate &  
Intermediate classes

8pm -> Advanced class

\*Puppy classes are for dogs  
12-20 weeks.

**Tue.** 10:30am -> All Classes

### CLUB MEETINGS

**NO CLASSES HELD ON  
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

**NOTE: NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!**

Forgotten to bring treats to training?

Lamb Treats are on sale at the office for \$5 a packet

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 and NEWSLETTER

All Club correspondence or enquiries should be addressed in writing to The Secretary, PO BOX 392

Round Corner NSW 2158 or [infohillsdogclub@gmail.com](mailto:infohillsdogclub@gmail.com)

Hills Howler is available at the clubhouse on training days/nights and online. All members are encouraged to contribute. For admin purposes, please keep us informed of **change of email** address.

**NOTICE:**  
Election of Judges:  
Next date TBA

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### 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 Graduate classes.

4. 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 and/or dog/s which are unwell or have an infectious condition are not permitted on the obedience training grounds.

6. Members are to pick up after their dog/s and help keep the 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.

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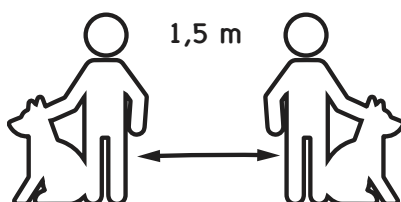
## LIVING WITH COVID AT HILLS DOG CLUB 2022

### Training at Hills Dog Club has resumed for Monday night and Tuesday morning classes.

- Please be ready for class 10 minutes before start time.
- After arriving, please pay your ground fees (cash or EFTpos), have your card stamped and go to class collection area

### Ensure everyone's safety by assisting us with the following guidelines

- **Please stay at home if you are feeling unwell.**
- You will be asked to leave by staff if you show any cold or flu like symptoms.
- Please maintain a distance of 1.5m between yourself and other people and their dogs.
- You are not required to be fully vaccinated or carry proof of vaccination, but all HDC volunteer Instructors, Office and Grounds people are vaccinated



- Hills Dog Club supports use of masks for the safety of yourself and the HDC staff.
- If you have tested positive for Covid-19, please view this link before coming back to Club.

[https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/management/advice-for-confirmed#toc-when-can-i-leave-self-isolation.](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/management/advice-for-confirmed#toc-when-can-i-leave-self-isolation)

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### WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

The above guidelines are based on current advice from NSW Health, Dogs NSW and Hills Shire Council, however the COVID-19 situation can change rapidly.

We encourage you to keep up with government health advice and we will do our best to keep you notified of any changes to our events, or if it's not safe to train, via the community Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/hillsdogclub/>

The guidelines are to ensure that the Club meets its legal responsibilities. These laws from State Government, NSW Health and the Hills Shire Council relate to both your health & safety and how HDC ensure that we all stay safe whilst we train. The financial penalties for failure to comply with these laws are extremely high, along with the financial penalties, Council has told the club we would be given only 1 warning for a breach and then we would be banned from hiring any Hills Council property in the future.

\* The club has the right to temperature check any member they feel they need to for safety reasons.

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## HILLS DOG CLUB INC. - 2022/23 COMMITTEE

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**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.**

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