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## Editorial

Well - here I am now the Editor of the Howler after 11 years association with the club - thankfully with the help of Kathy Zaia with her amazing skills in design and production, and a big thank you to Tony Vink for 6 years of amazing newsletter delivery!

The Howler is your newsletter - to make sure that it is interesting and a newsletter that you will want to read each month, full of articles, helpful suggestions, and some fun things to do; please take two minutes to complete the survey online - see the link in this newsletter - it will help us plan for future editions.

One member said she takes the Howler to bed to read - I hope not to cure insomnia! - No - she reads every night, and this is the first cab off the rank!

We have lots of different dog breeds at the club and we are often asked -"what breed is that" so we plan to feature a dog breed each month - this will help all members recognise a dog - understand its history and general information. So, this month it is on working dogs.

Each month we will feature two of our amazing instructors and will be tapping others on the shoulder to share their expertise.

Education and on-going learnings are the key to all adventures in life - I hope you enjoy this and future editions and bear with us while we manage this huge undertaking.

Feel free to suggest items - email on <u>thehowlerHDC@gmail.com</u> Regards, Narelle Brown



## Reports

## President Report

President: Carole Hately

I would like to formally introduce myself as your new President. I have been with the club since 2017 and have grown from new member, through to Trophy Steward, Scentwork trial secretary, instructor and now club President. I own 5 Border Collies, 4 of which compete in Obedience, Rally, Tricks and Scentwork.

One of the reasons I put my hand up for this job was to continue to support the club with my enthusiasm for dog sports and to encourage new members who are keen to compete, the help to do so. Also, to continue to provide the information and support to pet dog owners to help build their relationship with their pets.



### Chief Instructors Report

President: Lea-Ann Laughton

I would like to say how pleased I am with the progress of all our members at the Hills Dog Club - from Puppies to Advanced.

For the last 7 months I have been walking around the grounds both on a Monday night and just recently on a Tuesday morning watching all our wonderful Instructors taking classes.

I want to commend their work - it was also a delight to see how members have improved with their dog handling skills.

It hasn't been an easy year and I appreciate all that our volunteers do - from the Office volunteers to the many that set up equipment before members arrive and to all those that help with pack up at the end. We couldn't run the club without their care - they are always smiling and having a laugh!

Please if you have any suggestions or just want to say "hello" please keep a lookout for me.

Good luck everyone and well done. (I created a word search for you - see later in this newsletter)

## Meet Kathy Zaia

HDC Committee member, Instructor (Beginners 1-4) and our publications design guru!

- Your Dog(s)
  - I currently have two dogs; one Shih tzu/Bichon who is 12 years of age and a Groenendael Belgian shepherd who is 3.5 years of age.
- What makes your dog(s) special!
  - Bella loves to snuggle, and Willow has an attitude that I could learn from.
- Length of time at the Hills Dog Club and the best advice given to you
  - I initially began as a handler at the HDC in 1996 and completed their first instructor's training course shortly after. After a few years break (ie. having children) I returned to the club to continue training which I am thoroughly enjoying.
- Activities You Do with Your Dog
  - I enjoy taking both Bella and Willow out for walks and drives in the car. I did start learning about scent work several months ago so that I could begin to train Willow. I am looking forward to continuing with scent work in 2024 now that Willow has matured, become more relaxed and when my life will be less busy!
- Share a little bit of what keeps you busy!
  - I currently work in the disability sector and am finalising an internship. Working in the disability sector is very rewarding, especially when you have been able to bring joy to others' lives by improving their quality of life.
- Your favourite quote
  - It's not about the destination, it's about the journey!
- What would you tell new dog handlers?
  - You are doing an amazing job with training your dog and never let anyone else make you feel judged.

#### Meet Vanessa van Vugt

Instructor (Beginners 1-4)

- Your Dog(s)

   Banjo's happy chatty nature!
- Length of time at the Hills Dog Club and the best advice given to you
  - $\circ$  5 years +
  - "It's all about Timing, Marking & Rewarding"





#### • Activities You Do With Your Dog

Banjo comes with me at least 3 days a week to work with my dog walking business in the Inner City where he interacts with all my clients and local dogs in Sydney Park off leash. There is a doggy pool and bush tracks for us to play and roam around. Cuddles, Banjo loves to cuddle and snuggle.

#### • Share a little bit of what keeps you busy!

- Banjo and I just completed a Certificate III in Dog Training & Behaviour (12 month course), where I had to train him to perform a complex skill within a set criteria. He also passed the Scent Detection part of the course.
- Apart from walking a minimum of 15 dogs per day and 10km walking, I do private dog training sessions, play soccer, cook and listen to music to relax.

#### • Your favourite quote

 "Dog training is not about training dogs; it's about people. If you want to change your dog, you have got to be prepared to make changes yourself" (Laura Vissaritis, 'The Rescue Dog' 2019).



- What would you tell new dog handlers?
  - Breathe... and be patient. As a new member you may not realise that this early training can lead you on to competition and other dog activities for fun with your dog!

## What can dogs teach us?

- If dogs could teach us, we would learn:
  - When loved ones come home always run to greet them?
  - Take naps and stretch before rising.
  - Run romp and play daily
  - Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
  - When you are happy, dance and wag your entire body.
  - Never pretend to be something you are not.
  - What lies buried dig until you find it?
  - When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.
  - Be loyal.
  - Delight in the joy of a long walk
  - No matter how often you are scolded don't buy into the guilt or pout run right back and make friends.



## 10 Most Popular Dog Names in 2023

- 1. Luna
- 2. Daisy
- 3. Milo
- 4. Bella
- 5. Coco
- 6. Teddy
   7. Charlie
- 8. Frankie
- 9. Archie
- 9. Arcill
- 10. Ruby



## Thank you Tony!

We wish to thank Tony Vink for the amazing work on the Howler over the last 6 years.

Tony takes great pride in all he does - he has lots of great ideas and a passion for graphics and design. He has created some amazing looking Howlers!!

He also enjoys training at the club.

Unless you walk in someone's shoes or do their job you don't understand what goes into bringing a production such as the Howler together every month! I had my eyes opened today when Kathy and I met for a catch up with Tony!





Thank you, Tony, for going above and beyond for the members of the club!

Tony has agreed to continue to help in the background and to provide articles from time to time.

From the bottom of our dog bowls, we thank you Tony!

#### End of Year Celebrations Fun and Games



Monday 11 December BBQ and Tuesday 12 December 2023 Morning Tea

On the last training for the year we are planning end of year and Christmas Celebrations with ice creams, fun games and prizes.

#### Do you have photos for the Newsletter?

If you have any photos or stories you

would like to share for one of our

upcoming newsletters, please email

them to Narelle at <u>thehowlerHDC@gmail.com</u>

## **Trainee Instructors Course 2024**

Hills Dog Club is planning to run a Trainee Volunteer Instructors' Course in 2024!

If you are interested in becoming an instructor and available, one night a month training with a few Saturdays thrown in for fun please leave your name with either

Lea-Ann Laughton or Genevieve Young at the clubhouse or email Hills Dog Club HDC at infohillsdogclub@gmail.com.

We have wonderful presenters who are passionate about training, health issues and more and you will take a deep dive into how dogs learn and how we provide training at the club!

Registering your interest doesn't mean you are committed to participating; we will run an introduction to the Course early in 2024, so that you can decide if it were something you would like to do.



## **Congratulations on Promotions**

## **Beginners Eight to Graduate**

Owners Name	Dog Name
Majorie Au	Bayley
Gemma Wyburn	Thor
Carolyn Becker	Willa
Megan Buchanan	Ruby

## **Graduate to Intermediate**

Owners Name	Dog Name
Kristen Antoinette	Izzy
Rebecca Ashton	Darcy
Inge Sildnik	Boots
Jana Blanco	Daisy
Helen Paris	Ellie
Nathan M	Hammer



Rebecca Ashton with Darcy





Inge Sildnik and Boots

## Intermediate to Advanced

Owners Name	Dog Name
Julianne James	Steffi
Christa Mellon	R2D2
Kevin Harris	Milly
Nathan Mann	Hammer



Christa Mellon & R2D2 and Kevin Harris & Milly

## The K9 Companion Award

## The Ks Companion Award Register now!

	HILLS Competitors
	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 20th November 2023 starting from 7.15pm
	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2023 starting from 10.45am
Th	e following elements are essential to undertake the test:
•	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.
•	For full details of the Award and information on exercises talk with your Class Instructor.
•	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 <u>must</u> be submitted at the Office at least 1 week prior to the practical test.

Information sessions will be on Monday 6th November 2023 between 6.30 pm - 7:00 pm and Tuesday 7th November 2023 between 10:00 am - 10.30 am

## Dog Health

## Weight - Which picture is closest to your dog?

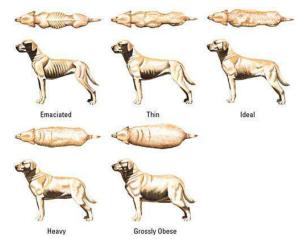
Please note, some breeds are naturally more lean than others, so be sure to research your species!

Obese and overweight dogs are more likely to suffer in the following ways:

- Diseases are more likely to affect the overweight or obese dog.
- Joint pain, arthritis, as weight causes stress on joints.
- Skin infections and sores from in an active state.

Prevention is better than cure and losing weight is better than taking a number of medications.

Did you know that less than 10% of dog owners measure their dog's food?



Talk to your veterinarian about diet, about adding vegetables and the correct amount of food to help your dog get their nutrition and lose weight. Feed your dog at the weight you want it to be.

Increase exercise slowly at first.

Always read the food labels - for salt, fat and protein content and compare kibble, tin and other foods, including treats. Talk to all the family about unnecessary treats given at the table and don't leave food unattended.

Encouraging your dog to work for their food - e.g. a hunt for treats - keeps them moving and busy.

## Pet Tech for Dogs

If you are into "Pet Tech" - You can track your pet's food intake with a smart bowl with a digital scale, which can link to your phone to provide details of food consumed throughout the day!

There is a smart dog collar which is able to track your dog's location, activity, and sleep from your phone!

And a collar that unlocks and opens the doggie door to let your pet in and out, and no other animals! Which can stop the neighbour's cat or a lizard in my case that slid in through the doggie door!

There are all sorts of helpful items designed for dogs now - including pet cameras with an ability to talk to your dog while you are away, automatic feeders, and much more.

Pet cameras are very useful to see if your dog is settling after you leave - especially if you think the dog is suffering from separation anxiety. The pet camera can show you - how long the dog is howling, or pacing or if he is comfortable and sleeping or playing as per the picture!



## Dog Sports/Dog Breeds

### Working Dogs

Contributor: Narelle

Did you see Muster Dogs on Channel 2? What a great series - it certainly gave us a real look into the working dog breeds, their inherent need to herd and help the stockmen bring in cattle and sheep in all sorts of conditions and terrains. The series featured the raising of six puppies over 12 months - the training, the experiences of the puppies over that time and the connection that developed with their owners.

Working dogs don't stress the herds out as much as rounding up cattle and sheep by helicopter or motorbikes – less stress on the environment too.

What hardy energetic dogs that just go and go and go. That live to work!

At the time of watching the series I was given a book on the Australian Working Dogs and have read much more about these dogs and the rescue centre that takes on unwanted pups and dogs across Australia. The Australian Working Dog Rescue is a non-profit charitable institution whose primary function is to save working dog breeds from being euthanized in council pounds and shelters and find new homes for them. See website at https://www.workingdogrescue.com.au/

Here are some working dog breeds:

#### Koolie

The Koolie played a role in the development of the Australian cattle dog also known as the German Koolie because these dogs were brought to Australia by early German settlers in the 1800s. One of them accidentally mated with a Dingo, and this resulted in a short-coated working breed ideally suited to the hot climate in the Australian outback.

The breed rapidly gained popularity after that point and was used to develop other Australian working breeds like the Australian Kelpie and the Australian Cattle Dog



Tall – medium boned and agile and adaptable, bred for mustering cattle over great distances. Able to flush cattle out of low lying bushes and gullies.



#### Cattle Dog

The Australian cattle dog is a strong, compact and well balanced working dog able and willing to carry out his allotted task however arduous. With great agility, strength and endurance. He certainly is protector and guardian of the stockman, the herd and property.

#### Kelpie

The Kelpie is an agile, active breed of great value to the stockman. It is muscular and capable of untiring work.

Extremely intelligent, alert, and eager. It has a natural instinct and talent for working sheep in both the yard and open country.





#### Border Collie

Like all the working dogs Border Collies are intelligent and very independent. BCs are also very loyal to their owners, always near their side and watching out for them. These dogs are playful which enables them to make a game out of most things. Weighing in at 12kgs to 25kgs as an adult Border Collies are very alert and require regular daily exercise to maintain their mental and physical health. They can adapt to city or country living. They need to be with their family and included in activities. The Border Collie has a double coat with the guard coat longer than the undercoat and needs to be groomed every 4-8 weeks,

with more frequent grooming during the shedding seasons of spring and winter, when they change coats.

#### **To Our Members**

I would love to do an article on your working dog – Please contact me if you would like to share a story or just how incredible your working dog is. Email me on thehowlerHDC@gmail.com - Narelle.

#### Communication Survey

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S8TH87Z

**NOTE:** Please take 2 minutes to complete this survey to help us make the howler interesting for you !!

Training 2024

Start dates for 2024 are:

Monday 5th February 2024

Tuesday 6th February 2024.

#### Do you have any skills that might be useful at the Dog Club?

We would love for you to become more involved in the dog club. If you feel you would like to help out or have a skills that might be useful, please email Narelle at <u>thehowlerHDC@gmail.com</u> Photography, Computer input, Equipment set up / repair, etc

#### Hills Dog Club Constitution

Did you know that the HDC has a constitution? This is a standard form of rules for incorporated associations affiliated to the R.N.S.W.C.C. Ltd .

If you are interested these can be found on the HDC Website <u>https://www.hillsdogclub.com/constitution/</u>

#### Extreme Weather Cancellations

To protect you and your dog in the event of extreme weather conditions (heat or rain) classes will be cancelled.

Check our website and Facebook page for updates after the following times: Monday 4:00 pm Tuesday 7:45 am

www.hillsdogclub.com www.facebook.com/hillsdogclub

#### Hills Dog Club Inc. Training Times

<u>Monday 6.45pm</u> Puppies (first night) under 20 weeks allow time to register! <u>Monday 7pm</u> Puppies 2 (from 12 to 20 weeks), Beginners, Graduate & Intermediate classes Monday 8pm Advanced class. Tuesday 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

Equipment such as collars, leads, haltis and dumbbells and more is available for sale at the clubhouse.

Our wonderful instructors will help with advice and fitting!

## **General Meeting Details**



#### Agenda Hills Dog Club Inc General Meeting

#### 8th November 2023, HDC Clubhouse, 7:30pm

- Open Meeting
- 2. Attendance and Apologies
- Confirmation of Minutes.
- Business arising from the Minutes
- Correspondence
- Treasurer Report
- New Members
- Chief Instructors Report
- Education Officer Report
- 10. Show Secretary Report
- 11. Trial Secretary Report
- Publicity Officer report
- 13. Club Trophy Secretary Report

#### General Business

- 1. Committee Honour Awards
- 2. 2024 Annual General Meeting date
- Monday Night Class rings
- 4. Advanced / Trialler class
- 5. Extreme weather notification
- 6. Hills Howler

All members are welcome to come to the meeting!

### just for Laughs

A veterinarian had a dog referred to him from another vet due to back leg lameness. After spending \$100's on x-rays and medication. The very practical vet nurse found a lump of chewing gum under the dog's paw!!! A simple clean solved the dog's lameness! (true story).





### 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.
- 6. **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. This will beat the discretion of the class/chief instructor.
  - Child members (aged 7 to11 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.

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#### HDC Membership

2024 Memberships can be renewed between 4th December 2023 to 19th March 2024

Forms will be available shortly on the website.

	Marl	x your Diaries	
	Date and Time	Event	Location
November	6th November at 6:30pm 7th November at 10:00am 8th November at 7:30pm	<ul><li>K9 Information Night</li><li>K9 Information Session</li><li>General Meeting</li></ul>	<ul><li>Dog Grounds</li><li>Dog Grounds</li><li>Clubhouse</li></ul>
December	4th December - 19th March 2024 11th December 12 December 13 December at 7:30pm	<ul> <li>Membership can be renewed</li> <li>Last Training Night</li> <li>Last Training Day</li> <li>General Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Clubhouse</li> <li>BBQ and fun games</li> <li>Morning tea and fun games</li> <li>Clubhouse</li> </ul>
January 2024		• No Training / No Meetings	
March 2024		<ul><li>AGM</li><li>Membership due by 19th</li></ul>	<ul><li>Date to be advised</li><li>Clubhouse</li></ul>

## A Dog's Emotional Cup

Every dog has a cup that needs to be filled—with social connection, security, access to reinforcers, and enrichment.

Some dogs seem to have a full cup most of the time, either because of a genetic pre-disposition, or

because they have learned good ways to get a refill.

Most things that dogs do are completely normal including the annoying stuff, Signs your dog may be coping with an empty cup

- hoarding resources, over-protective
   over-reacting, or shutting down when
- exposed to new things
- restlessness
- slow to recover from exciting events
   changes in appetite
- \* escalating behaviors to get something
- or to get away from something \* increased grumpiness, or flare-ups
- increased grumpiness, or flare-up
   intense social appeasement

like DIGGING up the garden, CHASING cats, or BARKING at the mailman. But all dogs show signs of stress when their cups get near empty.

#### what refills a dog's cup:

Shared with permission Lili

Chin

What empties a dog's cup:



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## Criteria for all HDC Awards - Changes

#### PLEASE READ!

## CHANGES to CRITERIA for <u>ALL</u> HILLS DOG CLUB INC.AWARDS



There have been some important changes to <u>all</u> Hills Dog Club Inc. awards criteria this year. It is important that you read and understand these forms before submitting your entries.

#### Please note:

Entries will close on Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February. No late entries will be accepted – please do not ask for an extension.
Entries should be posted to The Secretary, Hills Dog Club Inc., PO Box 392, Round Corner,
NSW, 2158 or handed to Carole Hately at the Club at Monday night or Tuesday morning
training.
Recipients of awards and trophies will need to attend the Hills Dog Club Inc. AGM date to
be advised to collect their awards.
Please read the new criteria for all Obedience & Rally levels, and for the Iris Bollinger
Memorial Trophy and the new Iris Bollinger Novice Memorial Trophy
Please note that the Dianne Atkins Perpetual Trophy for Highest Achievement in Canine
Competition will be awarded only to competitors in ANKC approved dog sports.
In the past, we have permitted qualifying certificates to be viewed and verified at the office.
This will no longer be the case. From now on, photocopies of relevant documentation
must be attached to your application. Applications via email or phone will not be accepted.
Please make sure your application for Obedience & Rally Awards and Trophies (point score
awards) has copies of the qualifying cards attached.
When applying for Title Trophies you must attach a copy of the updated Title Certificate
issued by ANKC. Breeder's certificates will not be accepted.
When completing paperwork, please write your dog's name <b>including</b> any titles you wish
to appear before or after your dog's name.
Finally, because of the number of pages required to print all the information about Hills'
awards, this will not appear in <i>Howler</i> . To view the full documentation, and to print
application forms, please go to our website <u>www.hillsdogclub.com</u> OR Members Facebook
(files) https://www.facebook.com/groups/162308877129471/permalink/7538283352865283.
(mes) <u>mups://www.iacebook.com/groups/1623088//1294/1/permannk//538283352865283</u> .

We believe these new rules are more consistent across all awards and trophies and will make the application process easier for handlers.

Thank you for your patience while we introduce the changes.

Hopefully the transition will be smooth!

## Dog Breed Crossword

Poodle	Pug
Beagle	Vizsla
Briard	Kelpie
Boxer	Borzoi
Terrier	Mastiff
Great Dane	Puli
Maltese	Cavalier
Afghan	Samoyed
Doberman	Saluki
Dalmation	Akita
Cocker Spaniel	Lowchen
Greyhound	





Contributor : Lea Ann Laughton

#### DOG BREED WORD SEARCH

Circle the different dog breeds (up, down & diagonal)



The road to my heart is paved with paw prints



Good luck! Seize the day and give it everything you've got.

Sending our best wishes to our members who are dealing with difficult times, in hospital or not feeling the best! Take care and we look forward to catching up with you again very soon!

Regards from the Hills Dog Club

PS: Don't forget to fill out the survey https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S8TH87Z