



Newsletter

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Club News

Festival of Agility



Melissa and Cynder in action at the Festival of Agility

Several members of WDSC recently competed in one of the biggest agility events of the yearly calendar. The Dogs NSW Festival of Agility was held over the weekend of 3-4 September at Erskine Park. It was a very successful weekend for those who attended. Check the Results on page 4 to see how they went.

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President's Report

Dear WDSC members,

Welcome to our new format newsletter. Thanks to Mark for volunteering for the job. Please send him any little bits that you might have about your doggies or your training/trialing experiences.

Several of our members competed in the Festival of Agility, sounds like it was a fun, if not tiring weekend. Results posed below (see page 4). We are starting the first of our Relationship Classes this month which is something that Merrill has initiated. I am sure that those involved will have some feedback for the next newsletter.

At our committee meeting last night it was decided to update our club uniform. We have decided on a choice of two different styles. We will vote on this at our next general meeting on Monday 10th October (one week later than our normal meeting night because of the long weekend). So come along and be part of the decision making process.

Enjoy your training with WDS and please give us your feedback at all times if things are not going according to your expectations.

Ros Grant
President



Meetings:

First Monday of alternate months: Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec in the clubhouse at Figtree Pony Club grounds.

Next meeting: 10th October (Public Holiday on the 3rd). Please come along.

Training

Chief Instructor's Report

August/September has been a busy time for us Agiliteers (crazy agility people) with trialing and doing that extra bit of training at home, so we can get up at 5 o'clock in the morning and make our way to our next trial. Pouring rain and gale force wind doesn't stop us (Darren & Ziggy anyway). I've been known to turn off the alarm clock and roll over and then regret it later of course. Tony & June, Marian, Darren, Ziggy and myself have all got Qualies and just one fault (mainly me and Cody) as we near the end of the trialing year.

Congratulations to Mark & Rufus and Melissa & Cynder who have recently started trialing and are both doing really well.

We have just completed WDSC's first Relationship Games Course with great success. When Janina offered to teach the course I knew we were in good hands as Janina has had experience with this type of course before. Myself and Janina went to Marian's house and worked it all out over a cuppa and a boston bun. So many thanks Ladies for all you have done to make this course a success. Most of the games in this course centre on teaching the dogs to learn and have fun with their owners, therefore building a strong bond between dog and owner. Dogs who play these games learn new things easier (such as agility training) and

show more enthusiasm to work with their owner than those who don't. I have played most of these games with Cody and Skye and you won't find more enthusiastic dogs than those two.

Congratulations to:

Emmily & Hazel
Rob & Buddy
Tina & Maya
Wendy & Jordie
Ros & Georgia
Julie & Bear
Tammy & Molly

on completing the course. I'll see you all on the 10th October to begin your Agility Training.

Merrill Leffley
Chief Instructor

Training Tip

When your dog gets it right, say YES and then give him/her a treat.



Training:

Mondays at Figtree Pony Club grounds O'Briens Rd Figtree. Check web site in case of poor weather or phone a committee member.
Beginners (Green class) - 6.15 set up for 6.30 start
Advanced (Black class) - 7.00 set up for 7.30 start
New members welcome first Monday of November

Trialing Results

Dog	Handler	Trial	Event	Result
Amuaray Spencer	Marian Palmer	Festival of Agility	JD 300	Qual-3rd
Cynder	Melissa De Matos	Festival of Agility	Agility 600	3rd place.
			GD	Qual-1st one :-)
			JD 600	Qual-3rd
Kona	Darren Johanson	Port Macquarie	JDO	Qual-7th
			GDX	Qual-4th
			RQH/J	Qual-20th
			JDO	Qual-8th & TITLE
			JDM	Qual-8th
		Newcastle	ADM	Qual-11th & TITLE
			JDM	Qual-15th
		Festival of Agility	JDM	Qual-14th
			SDX	Qual-4th
		Sutherland	JDM	Qual-7th
Cody	Merrill Leffley	SCDTC	Ad. Midi Agility	Quali-2nd
		BCC of NSW	Open Agility	Qual-1st TITLE
		Dogs NSW	ADM	Qual-4th
		WDSC	JDM	Qual-5th
		WDSC	Open Jumping	Qual-6th
Skye	Merrill Leffley	SCDTC	Elementary Maxi Jump	Qual-2nd
		SCDTC	Elementary Maxi Agility	1st
		BCC of NSW	JD	Qual-1st
		Festival of Agility	JD	Qual-6th

Upcoming Events

October 16	Springwood AT/JT/RQH
October 22	Agility Dog Club of NSW- Castle Hill AT/JT/RQH
October 23	Brush Farm-Eastwood AT/ JT/RQH
November 5-6	Greater Western- Kelso AT/JD/RQH



Marian's Spencer

Members' Page

Demonstration Day

WDSC will be performing an Agility demonstration at the Wollongong Scottish Highland Games on October 16th at Vikings Oval, Wollongong. All welcome to come along and join in or sit back with some haggis and watch on the day.



Uniforms

The club is considering several designs for a new uniform. This will be voted on at the next general meeting so come along if you would like to see what is being considered and vote for your preferred design.

Editor's Note

Hi all

I would like to say thank you to WDSC for giving me the opportunity to edit the club's newsletter and especially a BIG thank you to Wendy Marczan for producing the regular newsletters and handing over to me. It's one year since Charlie, Rufus, Georgie and I discovered the sport of agility and WDSC. In this time, we have come to love the sport as much as the dogs do, and I look forward to being able to contribute to the club more in the future through the newsletter. Also, I would like to encourage all club members to participate in the newsletter by sending through trialing results, pictures and any other information you would like to share with club members. I hope you like the new-look newsletter and please get in touch with your feedback and contributions.

Cheers Mark & Rufus
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Renae's Zoe

A Dog's Life



Warning!!!
Fleas and ticks are in season now. Please remember to treat your dogs for these.



Doggy MasterChef

Check out these web sites for gourmet dog treats from the kitchen. If you have a favourite recipe send it in to share with others in the newsletter.

www.i-love-dogs.com/dog-food-recipes.html

www.allrecipes.com/howto/homemade-pet-food/

www.grrrr.com.au/dogfood/

www.youtube.com/watch?v=DBMI5bsUHb4



Dogs on Holidays

Big 4 Holiday Parks have recently reviewed their 'no dogs' policy at caravan parks across Australia. While this does not mean that all parks will now accept dogs, it allows individual parks operating under the Big 4 banner to choose whether to allow dogs or not. So far over 20 parks have welcomed the change by lifting the ban on dogs. See the Big 4 web site for more details of which parks are now dog-friendly-www.big4.com.au.

REMEMBER....dogs are better than kids because they:

- (1) eat less,
- (2) don't ask for money all the time,
- (3) are easier to train,
- (4) normally come when called,
- (5) never ask to drive the car,
- (6) don't smoke or drink,
- (7) don't want to wear your clothes,
- (8) don't have to buy the latest fashions,
- (9) don't need a gazillion dollars for college and
- (10) if they get pregnant, you can sell their children

