

# Wollongong Dog Sports Club

WDSC Inc. Contact



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## Details

### WEBSITE:

[www.wollongongdogsports.org](http://www.wollongongdogsports.org)

### EMAIL:

[wollongongdogsportsclub@gmail.com](mailto:wollongongdogsportsclub@gmail.com)

### CHIEF INSTRUCTOR:

Siegfried Clever (Ziggy)  
Ph: 42619729 or 0403 092272

### PRESIDENT:

Ros Grant  
Ph: 42712187

### TRAINING NIGHT:

Monday nights 6.15 for 6.30pm  
START

*If it looks like rain, or you're not sure if training is on, phone Ros or Ziggy between 5.20 and 5.40pm.*

**You can also check the website for a notice.**

## 2010 COMMITTEE

*President: Ros Grant*

*Vice-President: Tony Mitchell*

*Secretary: Renae Adams*

*Treasurer: Wendy Marczan*

*Chief Instructor: Siegfried Clever*

*Social Director: Marian Palmer*

## CLUB UNIFORMS

We have our club t-shirts, caps & car stickers for sale at training each Monday night.

**Shirts are \$25.00**

**Caps are \$15.00**

**Car Stickers \$2.00**

## **CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY**

*Saturday 11th December*

**Murphy's Bar & Grill**

Princes Hwy, Unanderra

Book with Marian Palmer on 42716016 or at training on Monday nights

*Menu details are on the website under 'Notices'*

**\$45 per person**

**(Members will be subsidized \$10 off this price)**



# The day Kuma ran away to join the Circus

By Karyn Ruskin

One day five years ago.....

I had heard about this flyball thing, and after lots of prompting by some obedience friends, thought I would give my boy, Kuma a go at it. How hard could it be ? Running over those little hurdles and grabbing a ball ? Piece of cake, for an athletic Siberian like him? Sure thing ! I mean if Christina Chalkiotis can do it with Saffire, so can I !

My friend Ruth, who has Viszlas, talked me into going along to a training morning at Dapto Showground, where the area is fully fenced, and assured me that Kuma could not do the Harry Holt. Now, if Ruth who knows my dogs and has been involved in many search and rescues for them over the years, says it is "husky proof" it is.

So along I go with Kuma, Wendy took Montana and Maverick as well, I think for moral support if memory serves me right.

It was a lovely, sunny morning, with lots of people eager to have a go at this flyball caper.

We pulled up in car, and hang on a minute.....we are not in the fenced area, but off to the side near the greyhound track. I look over to the fenced grounds and there in all its glory is the Ashton's Circus, complete with the big top. Just take a minute to think of all those lovely sounds and smells that are around animals especially lions, monkeys, ponies and elephants.

Hang on a minute, no one said anything about a circus being on the grounds, and what about those lovely fences ?? I am thinking that this may not be so great an idea anymore, and started to back out of what could turn into a disaster.

Just then a very nice man came over, and asked me to go over to the beginners, and not to worry about the circus as it is "way over there and fenced in". Yeah, right buddy !

So, against my better judgement, we start on the hurdles and Kuma is having a blast. To him, all he has to do is walk over a teeny weeny hurdle and be rewarded with a piece of cabanossi. For the first hour we do these hurdles on lead, with no dramas. Then we moved on to dropping the lead, and doing two hurdles together. OK, this is going well, I think, no need to panic at all. So, I relaxed and enjoyed the sunshine and working with my new flyball star.....

The very nice man now says that since all our dogs are stable and know the routine, we should do it off lead and call our dogs to us over the hurdles towards the box. Now, alarm bells should have started going off in my head, but, the sun was shining and my boy was learning flyball.....what could go wrong ??

We did the off lead routine twice, and Kuma was doing really well. Too damn well actually. Just before our third attempt, Ruth rushed over and asked "do you think it is wise to have that dog off lead?" Oh he's fine, I say, stop panicking Ruth. He has not even attempted to run off. Here let me show you what he can do.

So, I line Kuma up, leave him on a sit stay and walk to the end of the hurdles all ready to show Ruth what my boy is capable of, if he is given the chance to prove himself.

"Kuma, come" I say in a loud voice.....and he did come, but then he left! Off he went at a great rate, and stopped at the fence between us and the circus. He watched the animals for the longest time and I thought I had him, but my tackling skills are not the best!



# Wollongong Dog Sports Club

**Fun Day 27th November 2010 from 10:00am**

Events will include:

Clockwatchers

Pairs Relay (one experienced dog +one beginner dog)

Steeple Chase

Tunnels

Break – Puppy Parade and Tricksters

Beginners and Veterans Event

Twenty One

(Note: Order may change on the day)

\$5 per head

Entry fee includes  
sausage sanga!

Christmas  
Raffle

Drinks and  
more sausages  
available for  
sale



## Wollongong Dog Sports Club Fun Day 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2010 – Entry Form

Please return to: WDSC Secretary, 22 Wallaby St, Blackbutt, 2529 by 13/11/2010

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## TITLE PLAQUES

For those who have been working hard training with their dog and competing at trials and have been successful in achieving a TITLE during the past 12 months, please don't forget to let Robyn McPhee know so she can organise a TITLE PLAQUE for your dog. You will need to advise her the name of your dog, supply a photo of the dog and let her know what title has been achieved.

The club puts \$10 towards the cost of the plaque for titles gained through ANKC.

## TRAINING REMINDERS

- Beginners (Green Class) be there at 6.15pm to start setting up equipment. Class begins at 6.30pm, starts to finish 7.15pm to pack up. \*\*
- Bring treats, poo bags, water. Take any used poo bags home with you. We can't leave them at the grounds.
- Bring your lid for 'touch training' on contacts. Bring enthusiasm to reward your dog.
- Have fun, have fun, have fun!

\*\* Black Class starts to warm up at 7.15pm to begin at 7.30pm. Be there early to begin putting equipment up and help out with beginners if need be.

*Any questions you have regarding your training, please feel welcome to phone the Chief Instructor for help.*

## FUN DAY FUNDRAISER

**We are asking members to bring along to training a Donation for our fun day fundraiser—which will be a **Christmas Hamper****

**Also Robyn McPhee is asking for donations of unwanted dog toys and clean blankets/ towels for a donation to Animal Rescue leading up to Christmas.**

**As most responsible dog owners know—this is the worst time for “dumped pets” and the rescue associations all need as much assistance as they can get**

**Raffle will be drawn at the Fun Day  
Tickets will be for sale at training the week before and  
On the day....**

# TRIAL RESULTS

<u>DOG</u>	<u>HANDLER</u>	<u>TRIAL</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
Cody	Merrill Leffley	Sthn Dist. Border Collie Club Inc.	Open Agility	Q – 1st
Cody	Merrill Leffley	Sthn Dist. Border Collie Club Inc.	Masters Agility	Q – 1st
Cody	Merrill Leffley	Sthn Dist. Border Collie Club Inc.	Open Jumping	Q – 7th
Cody	Merrill Leffley	Springwood	Masters Agility	Q – 5th
Kona	Darren Johanson	Brush Farm	RQH Agility	Q
Kona	Darren Johanson	Brush Farm	Open Agility	Q
Kona	Darren Johanson	Brush Farm	Agility Dog Excellent	Q - 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Kona	Darren Johanson	Springwood	Jumping Dog Excellent	Q – 2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>TITLE</b>
Kona	Darren Johanson	ACT Companion Club	Novice Snooker	Q – 1st

## TITLE.....

Congratulations to Darren Johanson & Kona ‘the brown dog’ on achieving their **Jumping Dog Excellent** title at Springwood this month.

Marian Palmer has also sent in a photo of Oliver from last month with his Title Ribbon gained at the Wollondilly Kennel Club. And also wearing his winning ribbon from the Cavvie Show.

