



Newcastle All Breeds  
Dog Training Club  
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## CHIEF INSTRUCTORS MESSAGE

### TRAINING YOUR DOG AT HOME.

Looking at the classes, it is quite obvious that many of the dogs here each Sunday only receive training once a week .... which is Sunday.

Your dog has only a very short memory and what you teach him on Sunday will be forgotten by next Sunday if it is not reinforced by a little training at home.

Dogs learn best by repetition until it becomes a conditioned reflex. Consistent repetition of an exercise is vitally important during training.

Dogs learn best by positive reinforcement; this means teaching the dog to perform a response to get a reward.

The handler should take about ten minutes each day to train their dog, teaching it the simple exercises that you learn in class each Sunday.

Ignore the dog if he gets the exercise wrong and repeat the exercise showing him what you want until he gets it right.

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PRAISE or REWARD immediately that you get the correct response.

Always look for a better performance in the exercise than the last time and once again reward accordingly.

Select a place to train your dog each day and in the early stages it can be the same place, but as his training advances you can alter the place of training so that it doesn't become predictable and boring and the dog doesn't think he only has to train in one place. Eventually he must be able to perform his exercises anywhere you want him to do so.

During this ten-minute training period you must keep the dog's attention focused on you. Avoid distractions particularly in the early stages of training or if you are teaching a new exercise.

If you own more than one dog it is best to either tie the other dog up or lock him away from the training area as it will be a distraction. Keep children away as they are also a distraction.

Keep the training simple. Reward each good performance. End the session on a happy note by doing an exercise that the dog does well and use your release word to let the dog know that training is finished.

Haven't got a release word ! You need to invent one such as 'OK', 'Free', 'Good Dog', 'Off You Go'. You should also have a word to commence training so that the dog realises that he is going to train, eg. 'Working'.

### CONSISTENCY

If anyone else trains the dog make sure they are consistent with hand signals, voice commands and corrections, and they are the same as the ones that you give.

If you have any Home Behavioural Problems or training problems with your dog, please ask your instructor for help.

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If things go wrong during home training or you feel yourself getting frustrated or angry, knock off training for the day but first finish the training session on a happy note by making the last exercise one that you know the dog can do well and have another go tomorrow, or get help from your instructor/chief instructor.

*RUSSELL WHITTON*

## EQUIPMENT STORE

The Equipment Store has a range of items (subject to availability) which are reasonably priced. Items include:

- Leads, tracking leads and double ended leads
- Collars and martingales
- Dumbbells – range of sizes
- Articles (for scent discrimination)
- Gentle leaders (halter style)
- Treat bags – Several colours (pink, purple, red and grey), three compartments (one with a zip – good for keys) The bags are comfy, sit flat against your body and are a bargain at \$20.



Please see our Equipment Officer Giselle at the club house before training.

## WHAT DOES THAT RED TAPE MEAN?

Here at NABDTC we use red striped tape to indicate that a dog and handler need a bit of space. Therefore caution is required.

The dog may be aggressive, vision impaired, hearing impaired, shy or have some other disability.

The red and white tape is a sign to other folk on the ground that they need more space so please do not approach them or let your children approach them too closely.

When you see this tape on a dog or a lead, stay a reasonable distance away from the dog and handler and check in with them before you come close ie within 2 metres at an absolute minimum.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TRIALS – AGILITY AND OBEDIENCE

Unfortunately, due to a looming, lurking and lashing down rain East Coast Low (ECL), our Agility Trial for the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> March was cancelled. The grounds were just too unsafe for athletic dogs running, weaving and jumping at speed, let alone the potential risks for handlers on wet ground.



**Handler 'wrapping' the dog around a jump and looking towards the next obstacle**

But we have another agility trial coming up in August 2022!

The NABDTC Obedience and Rally is scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022. For more details, please see the back page – entries close 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

**We love to have club members as volunteers at our trials. It's a great way to see dogs and handlers in action, understand dog sports and ask questions. Plus, there is a free lunch! Ask at the clubhouse.**

In other news (thank you Mary!) several club members had success at the Cessnock Obedience Trial held on 26/2/22

- Joy Deith - Fury - CCD 1st Place Novice Rally 2Q's including a 1st Place
- Sharon Carroll - Vincent - Novice Rally Q (100pts) 2nd place Title

- Lyn Mahaffey - Chester - Masters Rally Q 3rd Place
- Reba Cawthorne - Teesha - Excellent Rally 2Q's including a 2nd placing
- Rebecca Jones - Zac - CD Q 3rd place
- Kerry Rogers - Honey - Masters Rally Q (towards Championship)
- Lucy Karbowski - Fletcher - Novice Rally Q Title

*Well done to all competitors and congratulations!*

## CANTEEN NOW OPEN

With our canteen now operating, tea, coffee and soft drinks are available and much more including pies, sausage rolls.

## GROUND FEES

You can now pay your ground fees (\$4) at the window of the club house building (follow the signs) and collect your tickets for class

## LAKE MACQUARIE COUNCIL CONSULTATION

### ***Dogs in Open Space Strategy (draft)***

Lake Macquarie LGA has currently has 29 off-leash areas at beaches, parks and reserves throughout the city and is home to more than 93,000 registered dogs, the second-highest number of any local government area in NSW.

They would like to hear from everyone, whether you're a dog owner or not, to ensure our public open spaces can be enjoyed by everyone.

Head to [shape.lakemac.com.au/dogs](https://shape.lakemac.com.au/dogs) to share your thoughts



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## CALENDAR

### March - June 2022

MARCH 2022	
Sun 6th	<b>AGILITY TRIALS</b>
Sun 13th	Beginners start Committee meeting
Sun 20th	Chief Instructors & Assistants meeting 11.15am Clubhouse
Sun 27th	Promotions
APRIL 2022	
Sun 3rd	Beginners start
Sun 10th	Committee meeting
Sun 17th	<b>EASTER – NO TRAINING</b>
Sun 24th	Promotions Instructors meeting 11.15am Clubhouse
MAY 2022	
Sun 1st	Beginners start
Sun 8th	Handlers Day LR, URed, Blue Committee meeting
Sun 15th	Handlers Day MT, Y, LG & UG
Sun 22nd	Promotions Presentations between sessions 1 & 2 Chief Instructors & Assistants meeting 11.15am Clubhouse
Sun 29th	<b>OBEDIENCE TRIALS</b> No training
JUNE 2022	
Sun 5th	Beginners
Sun 19th	Instructors meeting 11.15am
Sun 26th	Promotions
BOARD DUTIES	
March	Tracy
April	Libby
May	Lynda
June	Catherine

## WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR ANIMALS IN AN EMERGENCY?

La Nina summers - floods, mosquitos and fast growing grass. It was a La Nina year for the Maitland floods in 1955 and the Northern Rivers and SE QLD are seeing similar flood catastrophes unfold right now.



<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-03-04/dj-the-miracle-flood-dog-found-after-three-nights/100883526>

### In an emergency evacuation, what do you do with your animals?

In a chaotic situation, animals will sense your stress and the environmental changes that are occurring. It's essential to secure your animals first, while you prepare to evacuate. It may be that you put them in their crate, or in a room, or tie them up, so they are close at hand when you are ready to take them with you.

There is a good resource on the SES site – see <https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/get-ready-animals/get-ready-animals-splash-page/get-ready-animals/>

### SOME KEY MESSAGES:

- Animals need to go with you if you have to evacuate your home.
- It is safer for them and for you.
- There is a handy animal emergency plan on the SES page. The key steps are outlined below.

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## STEP 1 – PACK A BAG

Decide the essential things your animal(s) needs for 3-7 days. You may not be able to get home for a while. Pack them into a Grab and Go Bag, so you are ready to leave quickly. Remember to take it with you wherever you go. The bag will contain:

- 3-7 day supply of food (including instructions on feeding)
- A secure crate or pet carrier
- An extra collar, leash and ID tag
- A picture of you with your pet
- Any medicines, tablets or creams (with instructions)
- Bowls for eating and drinking (plus can opener and spoon)
- Treats
- A first-aid kit with bandage, tape, antibiotic ointment, flea and tick prevention etc
- Favourite toys
- Litter bags or toileting requirements
- Towels and/or a blanket and bedding
- Paper towels and disinfectant (puppy pads are a good idea too)
- Photos or copies of vaccination papers and any other important documents in a zip lock bag

Microchipping your animal and registering them with the NSW Pet Registry at [www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au](http://www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au) will help reunite them with you if separated during an emergency.

## STEP 2 – HOW WILL YOU CONTAIN AND TRANSPORT YOUR ANIMALS?

Check you have enough crates, carriers, cages and leads. Also work out with your transport how many trips you will need to take.

- Equipment - crate/carrier cage/other container, lead/harness, car/float, friends car, public transport

Remember to secure/contain your animals asap, so they are safe while you get ready and close at hand so you can leave quickly!



## STEP 3 WHEN AND WHERE WILL I GO TO BE SAFE WITH MY ANIMALS

Leaving early and going to stay with family/friends is often most comfortable and convenient.

Evacuation centres may be opened, and you can always take your animals along with you.

**Stay informed by listening to ABC local radio and keep an eye on the relevant websites (SES, BOM, RFS, etc) for detailed information.**



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## MUSTER DOGS

Who watched Muster Dogs on the ABC in February? Really interesting from a dog training perspective to watch working dogs being trained – there is a lot of boundless energy to channel in a constructive way!

A well-trained working dog can attract top money and Hoover (age 2), the kelpie pictured below sold for \$35,200 in 2021, a national record.



<https://www.abc.net.au/news/rural/2021-06-14/hoover-the-kelpie-working-dog-sael-record/100213124>

It's easy to gravitate towards the 'Working Dog' group if you are looking for an active breed.

Kelpies, Border Collies and Cattle dogs are some of the most popular dog breeds in Australia and are all known for their athleticism and 'man's best friend' demeanour.

However, an under stimulated 'working dog' can develop stereotypic, unhealthy and undesirable behavioural problems. Remember that rounding up sheep or cattle on a 1000 acre property is a real job and a lot of hard work!!



So, have you just acquired a working dog breed? These breeds can be independent thinkers in work situations.

A few tips from Tate Animal training

- **Start as early as possible** with a good/reputable puppy school to gain the fundamentals of breed specific training, management and exercise outlets!
- **Socialise and expose.** Make sure you properly understand how to socialise and expose your puppy to the world around them. This doesn't mean hour long runs with other dogs at the park or heading to the local busy cafe to meet friends. This means slowly ensuring your puppy is feeling comfortable and becoming familiar with life outside their home. This means sometimes you might say hello to another dog and something you might not. But that's okay.
- **Training!** Properly train your pooch to Sit, stay, come, roll over, lie down, shake, hi five, touch, ride a skate board, weave and more. Training will strengthen the bond between you and your dog and fulfill that very intelligent brain of theirs.



- **Outlets!** All working dogs have a strong need to round something up and they will instinctively react to fast moving objects. Allow them the opportunity to act on these instincts through positive outlets



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such as flirt pole training, tug and fetch or join a local agility club or even herding classes.



- Along with all the physical and mental exercise, **teach your dog an 'off switch'**. A very valuable skill in helping your active dog to settle.



- Hone in on impulse control** - An ability to 'wait' for a cue that means 'chase' or 'bite'.



- Avoid uncontrollable exercise.** A working dogs' instincts to 'round up' and chase are so strong and letting your dog free to race around a park will only allow these instincts to kick into gear in the wrong way. They need (and thrive) off direction and instructions.
- Combine all physical exercise with some form of mental learning.**

CLUB CONTACT DETAILS	
	President - Geoff Williams
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**Entries Close: 11 May 2022**

**NEWCASTLE ALL BREEDS  
DOG TRAINING CLUB INC**

**WINTER 2022 DOUBLE OBEDIENCE,  
RALLY & RATG TRIAL**

CNCC SHOWGROUND, 80 HILLSBOROUGH RD, HILLSBOROUGH

**SATURDAY 28 &  
SUNDAY 29 MAY 2022**

Classes to be judged: Obed: CCD, Novice, Open, UD, UDX,  
RATG Novice & Open. Rally: Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Masters

Entries to: [www.easydogs.com.au](http://www.easydogs.com.au) or  
Post to: Ms A Menil, 15 Kirkloch Close, Wallsend 2287  
Extreme Weather Ph: 0425 302 989 or Facebook page  
[www.facebook.com/pages/Newcastle-All-Breeds-Dog-Training-Club](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Newcastle-All-Breeds-Dog-Training-Club)  
Cheques made payable to: Ncle All Breeds Dog Training Club Inc

**JUDGES**

Ms T Geary (NSW)	Sat AM CCD, Sat PM Rally Novice
Ms D Hollett (NSW)	Sat AM CD, Sat PM Rally Masters
Ms M Choice (NSW)	Sat PM Rally Excellent, Sun UDX
Mr P Connoley (NSW)	Sat AM UD, Sat PM Rally Advanced, Sun CD
Mr K Charnock (NSW)	Sat AM UDX, Sun UD
Mrs V Harris (NSW)	Sat AM Open, Sun RATG Novice & Open
Mrs S Hutchins (NSW)	Sun Open
Mr D Turley (NSW)	Sun CCD

Order of Judging: As per catalogue

Judging Commences: Sat AM & Sun 9.00am Sat PM not before 12.30pm

DOGS NSW Representative: Mrs K Tucker

Vetting Time: Sat AM & Sun 8.00am - 8.45am, Sat PM 11.45 - 12.15pm

Vetting Officer: Club Committee Member

Entry Fees: \$15.00 per entry.  
Entry fees can be deposited direct to Newcastle All Breeds Dog Training Club. BSB: 062804 Account No: 10026085. Reference OE "surname" include copy of receipt with entry

Catalogues: \$4.00 for whole trial or from Club website [www.newdog.org](http://www.newdog.org)

Refreshments: Great Canteen

Camping: \$7.50 per night per person. Paid to Secretary on day of trial

The Club reserves the right to appoint or substitute judges if necessary

Please include dog's height for Open, UD & Rally Adv/Exc classes

Please include dog's titles on your entry


Bitches in oestrus may not be trialled

Competitor numbers will be available to be picked up at trial

Trial updates posted on website [www.newcastledogtraining.com.au](http://www.newcastledogtraining.com.au) & Facebook

COVID compliance as per NSW Health

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