



Newcastle All Breeds Dog Training Club

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CHIEF INSTRUCTORS MESSAGE

HANDLERS DAYS for this month are 8th May for Lower Red, Upper Red and Blue Classes, 15th May for Yellow, Motivational Yellow, Lower and Upper Green Classes. Presentations will be on 22nd May 2022 which is also **Promotions Day**. Presentations will be at 11-00am between 1st & 2nd sessions.

Handlers Days are just a competition amongst your class members for a lovely trophy and sash for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, judged by your instructor on the day. We will be looking at how you and your dog are working as a team, perform the exercises that you have been taught in class. This is one way of returning some of the money to our members that is paid in ground fees etc. & may give some of our handler's & dogs the initiative to trial in the future.

The rules for Handlers Day are –

1. Handlers must compete in the class that they have been promoted to with their dog.

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2. Any dog that has a qualification towards any obedience title may not compete for a prize in Handlers Day except for Advanced Training Class members.
3. Current membership tags with class colours must be worn.
4. No food to be used as a motivator in Lower Red, Upper Red and Blue Classes.
5. Instructors and trailers are only allowed to compete in the Handlers Days at Upper Red and Blue Class levels. This includes previous instructors that no longer instruct.
6. Blue Class & Advanced training class dogs must qualify (pass with 50% or more of points allocated for each exercise) in all exercises to be eligible for a place as in a C.C.D. or Novice Trial.

PLEASE NOTE – Handlers Days may be cancelled if we do not have enough instructors on the day.

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR RUSSELL WHITTON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRIALS – OBEDIENCE and RALLY-O

The NABDTC Obedience and Rally-O is scheduled for 28th and 29th May 2022. For more details, please see the back page – entries close 11th 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. We are also looking for volunteer stewards for the upcoming Hills District Interclub Challenge

TRAFFIC RULES

A reminder to members to obey traffic signs and rules. There is **no right turn** out onto Hillsborough Rd. Please don't be the cause of an accident or be in one yourself. Left turn only thanks.

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CALENDAR

May - June 2022

MAY 2022	
Sun 1st	Beginners start
Tues 3 rd	Committee meeting
Sun 8th	Handlers Day LR, URed, Blue
Sun 15th	Handlers Day MT, Y, LG & UG
Sun 22th	Promotions, Presentations between sessions 1 & 2 Chief Instructors & Assistants meeting 11.15am Clubhouse
Sun 29th	OBEDIENCE TRIALS No training
JUNE 2022	
Sun 5th	Beginners
Tues 7th	General meeting
Sun 19th	Instructors meeting 11.15am
Sun 26th	Promotions
JULY 2022	
Sun 3rd	Beginners start
Tues 5th	Committee meeting
Sun 10 th	Handlers Day LR, UR & B
Sun 17 th	Handlers Day Y, MT, LG & UG Chief Instructor & assistants meeting 11.15am
Sun 24 th	Promotion Presentations between Session 1 & 2
31 st	Promotions
AUGUST 2022	
Tues 2nd	AGM – date TBC
Sun 7th	Beginners
Sat/ Sun	AGILITY TRIALS 13 th & 14 th August
Sun 21st	Instructor meeting 11.15am
Sun 28th	Promotions
BOARD DUTIES	
May	Lynda
June	Catherine
July	Sandra
August	Russell

CANTEEN NOW OPEN

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

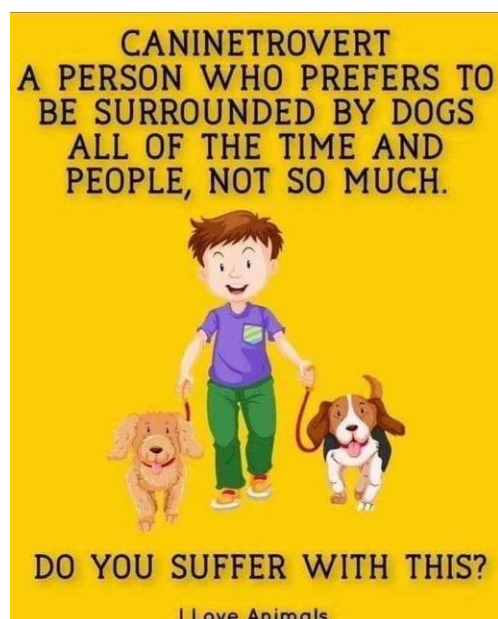
GROUND FEES

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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

If you do not have a GREEN name badge, your membership is due for renewal.

- Complete your renewal form (copies available at the club house)
- (Don't forget to include your membership number – on the back of your badge)
- Include a COPY of your dogs CURRENT vaccination certificate
- Include payment (CASH ONLY)
- Leave it with the registrar
- Collect your new name badges the following Sunday.
- Registration Renewals accepted until 26th June 2022
- **You will need to be wearing a GREEN name badge to attend classes from 3rd July 2022**



Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/TheWellBehavedDog/photos>

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One of our NABDTC members, Kerry Rogers and her Brittany (a type of gun dog) "Honey" have recently enjoyed success in this emerging sport.

WHAT IS SCENT WORK?

Scent Work was introduced to Australia approximately 10 years ago. Scent Work has been a recognised Dogs Australia sport since 1st July 2020 and competitions have been running since early 2021 with a growing group of enthusiastic competitors.

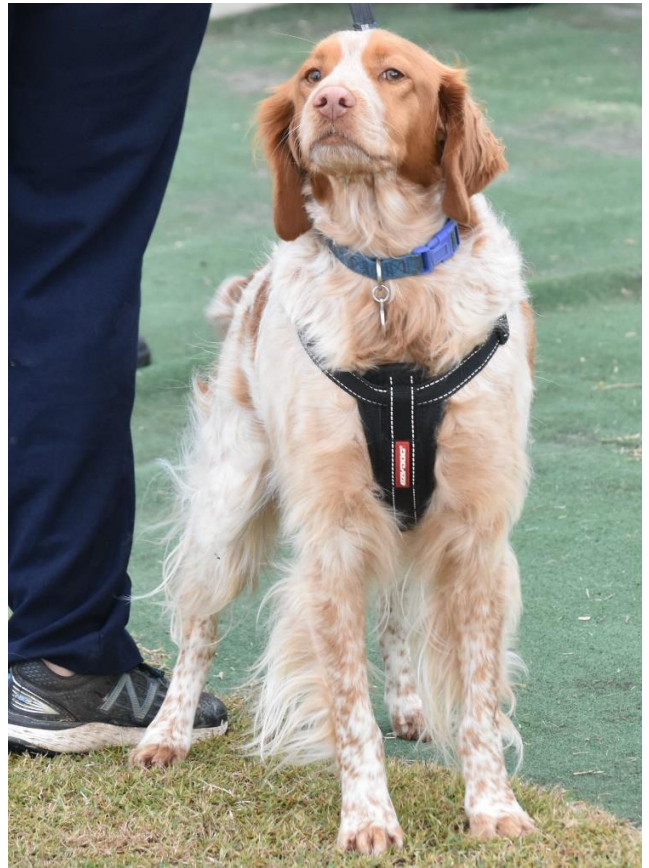
The ANKC (Australian National Kennel Council) Scent Work Rules introduce the sport as follows:

Scent Work is a sport that is based on the task of working detection dogs to locate an odour and communicate to the handler that the odour has been found. Detection is done in a variety of environments and often during changing weather or environmental conditions.

Scent Work is a positive, challenging activity that allows dogs the opportunity to use their strongest natural sense in a way that is fun, engaging, and builds and strengthens a foundation of trust between the handler and dog.

Dogs are trained to recognise specific odours, and to alert their handlers when the odours are detected. Dogs may paw, bark, point with their nose or body, sit, lie down, or use any other non-destructive behaviour to communicate the location of the odour. Handlers take their dogs through a search area which may be set up in a variety of environments.

The dog and handler must work together as a team. The handler is part of the team, using body language and verbal encouragement to ensure all sections of the search area are covered, directing the dog's search only when necessary and indicating to the Judge when the dog has found the odour. Communication with and praise of the dog during the search are encouraged



Honey in harness preparing for a search (above) and doing an exterior search (below)



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A Scent Work workshop (try saying that fast ...) was recently held 12 March 2022 with presenters Sue Turner and Tracie Donnelly, who have both been or are currently members of Dogs NSW Scent Work Working Party.



Fury (Belgian Malinois) being taught how to indicate a find at the scent workshop

The workshop was held indoors at the German Shepherd Club (part of the Hillsborough grounds) with 13 working spots available with dogs – 6 Beginners and 7 Advanced and 10 auditing spots. Participants enjoyed a great day watching the beginners morning session and the advanced afternoon session.



Linda and Kalie Found it!

The NABDTC Trials Secretary Alison Menil and Deputy Chief Instructor Tracy Geary are working towards holding a Scent Work Trial in June 2022, pending Dogs NSW approval.

Scent Work can offer a great deal of enjoyment to all dogs - young, old, anxious or recovering from injury.

Check out the trial rules at

<https://ankc.org.au/media/9409/21-canine-scent-work-rules-01-07-20.pdf>

Other interesting Australian websites include

<https://www.dogsaustralia.org.au/training-dog-sports/scent-work/>

<https://www.scentdogsaustralia.com/index.html>

TEACHING CHIN REST TO DOGS

Teaching voluntary behaviours such as a chin rest can be useful when you want your dog to hold still and show you they are comfortable. A chin rest shows that your dog is willing to be an active participant in their care. Teaching a chin rest can be part of a dog's behaviour modification plan when they are resistant to needed care, such as applying eye drops and ear medication. This is sometimes called cooperative veterinary care.



Your dog can learn to target a chin rest to your palm as a stationary position, on a walk, target on a towel, or the arm of a wheelchair for petting in therapy work.

To prepare for training have high-value soft treats, and identify a comfortable height and position for both animal and trainer, such as a rolled up towel on a chair. When teaching this behaviour, it is important to keep your hands steady, so your dog is not nervous.

Step 1: Stationary Chin Rest



- Hold your open hand, palm up in front of your dog's snout slightly below chin level
- In your other hand, hold a treat in front of your dog's face just below the nose beyond your "palm (target)" hand. As your dog reaches for the treat, lower your hand holding the treat to just below your open palm.
- As your dog rests their chin across your open palm mark the behaviour (a word eg 'Yes' or clicker that signals to your dog they have demonstrated the desired behaviour) and give them the treat
- Repeat 3-5 times. This is the time to start adding the verbal cue "chin" as your dog's rests their chin on your palm.
- Now test this behaviour by offering your open palm just below the chin level and give the cue.
- With their chin on your palm, begin adding duration by counting to 1 second then reward. Then begin rewarding at random times such as 3 seconds, then 2

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seconds, then 4 seconds, so your dog does not learn a pattern.

Some tips to try:

- To encourage the dog to lean forward to put their chin onto the target palm, hold the treat hand farther away from the palm hand on the same level so the dog sees the treat.
- To encourage your dog to lower their chin onto the target palm, bring the treat hand from below the target palm so your dog leans over the target palm and lowers their head to reach down toward the treat.
- Hold your palm hand at a height so your dog is not struggling to rest their chin on your open palm.

Step 2: Transfer the Behaviour to a Towel or Object

- Roll up a small towel or use a pillow placed on the edge of a chair or table. It should be at a height comfortable for your dog to rest their chin.
- Place your hand, palm facing up, on the object upon which you want your dog to place their chin.
- Give the verbal cue “chin,” mark and reward each time your dog places their chin onto your open palm.
- Repeat this 3-5 times.
- To encourage your dog to rest their chin on a towel offer your open palm behind the object. Mark and reward your dog for resting their chin on the towel
- Add duration slowly and variably as outlined above.



Some tips to try:

- To prompt the chin to drop into place, offer the treat below the level of the towel. Mark and reward. You may need to repeat this until your dog no longer requires prompting.
- You may need to raise or lower the height of the towel to make a chin rest more accessible

Source: *Veterinary Partner*, Pat Koven 12/6/21
<https://veterinarypartner.vin.com/default.aspx?pid=19239&id=10617899>

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Behavioural supplements, pheromones, prescription diets, and anti-anxiety medications may also be helpful.

In addition to medications, enrichment using interactive food dispensing or puzzle toys can provide mental stimulation, sharpen problem-solving skills, and exercise the brain. Using a variety of new smells hidden around the house or in the yard often stimulates interest and physical activity.

Positive reinforcement training is another form of enrichment for older dogs, can be used when teaching new tricks or playing memory games. This training helps to sharpen your dog's memory while providing positive human interactions. Many of these techniques can be just as mentally tiring as if you just took your final exam for chemistry. They can also help your dog sleep better at night and slow down the progression of canine cognitive dysfunction syndrome in some dogs.

Source: *Veterinary Partner*, C Calder, 26/7/21
<https://veterinarypartner.vin.com/default.aspx?pid=19239&catId=102897&id=10377440&ind=479&objTypeID=1007>

Canine Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome (CCDS)

Similar to Alzheimer's disease in humans, a disease to consider in older dogs is canine cognitive dysfunction syndrome (CCDS). This disease affects the brain, causing behavioural changes such as disorientation, decreased social interactions, vocalization, increased restlessness at night, house soiling, anxiety, irritability, and, in some cases, agitation. We may think of cognitive decline as an "old dog" disease, but clinical signs can start to emerge as early as 5 years of age in some dogs, especially larger breeds.

Clinical Signs of CCDS

- D: Disorientation
- I: Changes in social interaction
- S: Changes in sleep-wake
- H: House soiling
- A: Changes in activity level and anxiety

Determining the Cause

When determining the cause for behavioural changes in older dogs, vets need to rule out underlying medical diseases with lab tests such as a complete blood count, serum chemistry, thyroid profile, and urinalysis. Diagnostics such as radiographs can show signs of arthritis or certain types of cancers. Specific exams to look at teeth, eyes, and even the nervous system can also help narrow down the cause. Cognitive disease is often diagnosed based on behavioural signs alone once other medical causes have been ruled out.

Treatment

The goal for these dogs is to improve their welfare rather than to cure. Pain is often a common factor resulting in decreased activity, increased anxiety, restlessness, and in some cases even aggression. Anti-inflammatories (NSAIDs) and other pain medications often improve the dog's comfort level and subsequent quality of life.

	CLUB CONTACT DETAILS
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	https://twitter.com/newdogorg

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 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

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

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 trialed

Competitor numbers will be available to be picked up at trial

Trial updates posted on website www.newcastledogtraining.com.au & Facebook

COVID compliance as per NSW Health



PRIZES

1st 2nd & 3rd: Cash & Sash,

Qualifying: Sash, Title Gained: Sash