

# Corner Post June 2022



Newcastle All Breeds  
Dog Training Club  
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## CHIEF INSTRUCTORS MESSAGE THE SPORT OF OBEDIENCE TRIALLING.

The aim of training your dog is to have an obedient dog who will obey you, particularly in times of emergency when this can save your dog's life.

Another aim of an obedient dog and of our obedience club is trialling. This is an enjoyable and rewarding sport for both handler and dog and a great day out for you both.

From about Upper Red Class level our handlers could enter their dog into a **Community Companion Dog** (CCD) Trial and obtain a qualification towards a CCD Title. You need 3 qualifications under 2 different judges to obtain this Title.

To get a qualification you must pass in all exercises with a minimum 85 points out of 100 for the trial. The exercises for CCD are:

- Heel on Lead 30 points
- Stand for Examination 20 points
- Recall Off Lead 20 points

### Group Exercises:

- 1-minute SIT STAY 15 points
- 2-minute DOWN STAY 15 points

The next level or title, once you have gained a CCD title, is **NOVICE or Companion Dog** (CD). The exercises are:

- Heel Free 40 points
- Stand Free for Examination 30 points
- Recall 40 points
- Optional - Retrieve Dumbbell 30 points
- OR
- Optional Change of Position 30 points

### Group Exercises:

- 1-minute SIT STAY 30 points
- 3-minute DOWN STAY 30 points

To get a qualification in Novice you must pass in all exercises with a minimum score of 170 points out of 200. You need 3 qualifications under 2 different judges to obtain this Title.

Next is the **OPEN or Companion Dog Excellent** (CDX) Title. The exercises are-

- Heel Free 40 Points
- Stand Free for Examination 20 Points
- Drop on Recall 30 Points
- Retrieve Dumbbell on Flat 30 Points

### Optional

- Retrieve Dumbbell over Solid Jump 30 points
- OR
- Directed Retrieve. 30 points

### Optional

- Broad Jump 20 points
- OR
- Distance Control 20 points

### Group Exercises:

- 3-minute Down Stay 30 points (handler out of sight)

To get a qualification in Open you must pass in all exercise with a minimum of 170 points out of 200. You need 3 qualifications under 2 different judges to obtain this Title.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to all handlers and their dogs on their promotion. Well done!

### MARCH 2022

#### UPPER GREEN TO LOWER RED CLASS

Ashley Peck & Billy  
Skye Wilson & Sparrow  
Sara Ahlen & Scottie  
Andrea Winley & Bronte

#### LOWER RED TO UPPER RED CLASS

Tony Blanch & Zen

#### UPPER RED TO BLUE CLASS

Craig Rolls & Jaeger

### APRIL 2022

#### UPPER GREEN TO LOWER RED CLASS

Janine Bendor & Midge  
Steve Czyzenski & Olive May  
Emma Keith & Pepper  
Melinda Curten & Sunny  
Ashley Pecj & Peach  
C. Johnson & Ryder  
Susan Cowrie & Jessie  
Sarah McDonnell & Cosmo  
Susan Piper & Lilly

#### LOWER RED TO UPPER RED CLASS

Sarah Lufe & Lura

#### UPPER RED TO BLUE CLASS

No one was promoted

After Open we have Utility Dog (UD) Title and Utility Dog Excellent (UDX). This is probably what every trialler aims for and some of the exercises are scent work (seek back lost article), directed jumping and directed retrieve. These two rings are the PhD for dogs.

The ultimate for an obedience dog is Obedience Champion – O Ch

Other titles for your dog can be earned in:

- Agility
- Jumping
- Tracking
- Retrieving
- Endurance
- Rally O

More information can be obtained by downloading the appropriate Trial Rules Book from the Dogs NSW website.

I have available to anyone intending to trial an information sheet called 'Information for Trialers'. Please see me if you require this sheet.

More information:

<https://www.dogsnew.org.au/events/obedience/>

Obedience Rule Book (as at 1 Jan 2021)

<http://ankc.org.au/media/9448/9-obedience-01-01-2021-v2.pdf>

**RUSSELL WHITTON - CHIEF INSTRUCTOR**



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## CALENDAR

### June - August 2022

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 <sup>th</sup>	Handlers Day LR, UR & B
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	Handlers Day Y, MT, LG & UG Chief Instructor & assistants meeting 11.15am
<b>Sun 17th</b>	<b>Our 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration!</b> <b>Our Diamond Jubilee</b> <b>We are having cake</b> 
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	Promotion Presentations between Session 1 & 2
31 <sup>st</sup>	Promotions
AUGUST 2022	
Tues 2nd	AGM – date TBC
Sun 7th	Beginners
Sat/ Sun	<b>AGILITY TRIALS</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> August
Sun 21st	Instructor meeting 11.15am
Sun 28th	Promotions
BOARD DUTIES	
May	Lynda
June	Catherine
July	Sandra
August	Russell

## 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.

## 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 dog's 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**

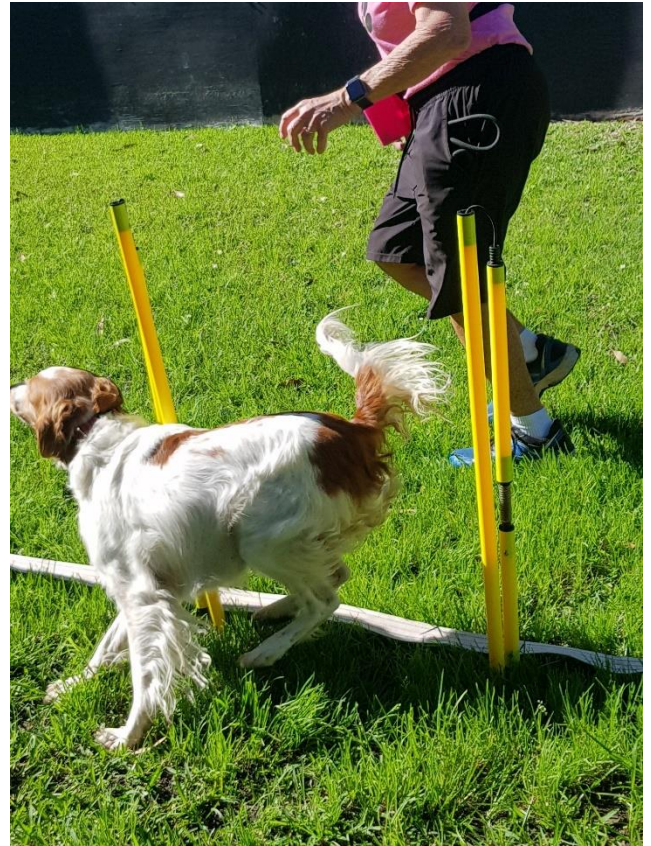


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some basic dog handling skills and demonstrated agility and obedience skills.

## SCHOOL VISITS

Several of our senior handlers, well trialling experienced in trialling, visited the Newcastle Middle School in May 2022 to introduce the students to dogs.



Reba Cawthorne & Tish (poodle X), Janice Davis & Riley (Weimaraner), Kelly Manning & Twitch (Kelpie) and Mary Webster with Scout and Jem (Brittany's) took their dogs to show the students



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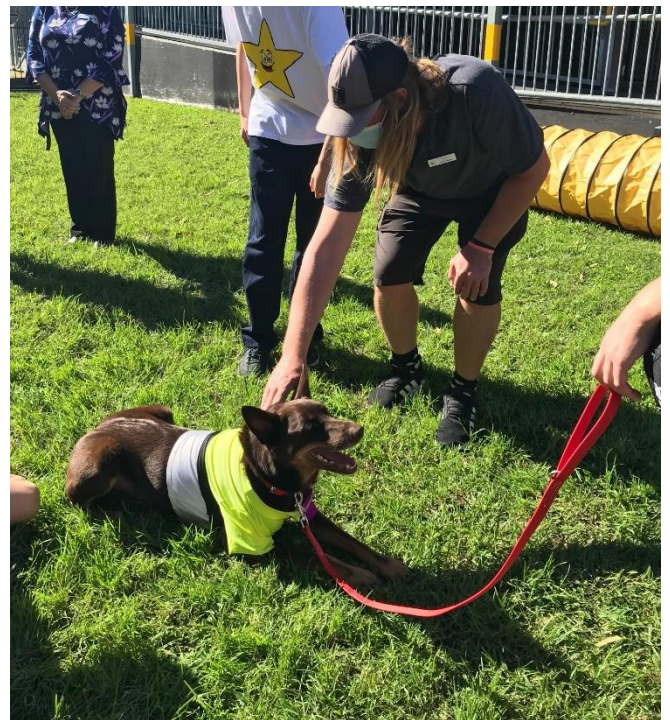


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## Applying Eye Drops with Low Stress Handling by M. Leanne Lilly DVM

<https://veterinarypartner.vin.com/default.aspx?pid=19239&id=9845937>

At some point in many dogs' lives, they will require eye drops. This might be a one-time event to examine the eye or it may be multiple times per day to treat chronic disease. Regardless of the cause, applying eyedrops need not be a struggle for you or the pet, whether at home or in a clinic setting. The same approach works in both places.

### Gather everything you need

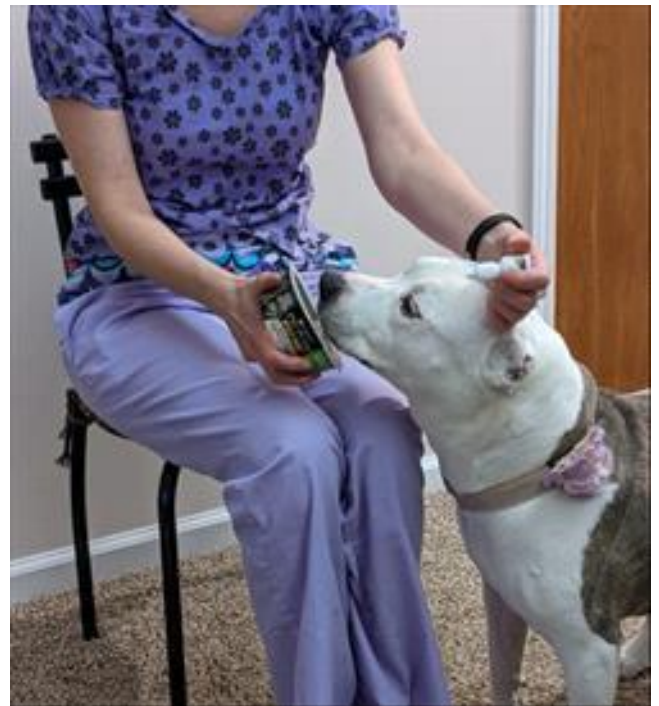
- A comfortable place for you and the pet. For small pets this might be on a table, on a chair, or even on your lap if the pet is comfortable there. For large dogs, leave them on the floor.
- Items for positive reinforcement and distraction: typically food, but a toy will work well for some pets. You may want or need something the pet can lick the food off (for example, a spoon with a dab of peanut butter).
- The eye drops/medication to be given.



### Get set up comfortably

Avoid bending over or toward your pet, it is best to crouch to the side or behind the pet.

- Keep your posture as upright as possible so there is no sense of urgency due to impending back/neck pain. If you are prepared to take your time, your pet won't pick up on your anxiety cues.
- Have the dog seated or standing, looking at you or at a right angle. Large dogs can rest their chin on your leg, or the edge of the couch or a chair to decrease downward motion. These are behaviors that can be taught; in a pinch you can lure a dog to do them with some food.



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### Giving the eye drops or ointment

- Uncap the eye drop bottle or ointment tube.
- Get the bottle in position near your pet's eye. The photo below shows how you want to be positioned.



- Hold the bottle or tube horizontally or tilted up so it is not dribbling on the pet.
- Positioning your hand is typically least stressful when coming from underneath and behind the ear as if you are petting the dog.
- Rest the outside/pinky edge of your hand on the dog's head, behind their eyebrow. This should preferably be just outside of their peripheral vision. (See example above)
- If your dog is concerned about this positioning, do a few rounds of counter conditioning by moving your hand closer and closer to this position and feeding food just after hand placement so that your hand touching their head means food is coming.
- You are most stable with your hand and wrist on the dog's head, which requires placing the target eye away from you.
- Since you are slightly above the dog, make a kissy or smoochy noise, or say their name in a high-pitched happy tone to get them to look up. This opens their eyes wider for you.

- Quickly drop in the drop/ ointment without touching the lid or the eye - gravity does most of the work for you.



- Follow with food from your other hand or use it for the entire duration of the process if needed. There will be more head motion if the dog is eating while you attempt to drop in the drop/ointment, but your hand will move with their head.



- If you need to put drops in both eyes, some dogs will allow you to shift immediately to the other eye. Some dogs need a short break, and you'll need to repeat the process.

# HOW TO WALK A HUMAN

## A Dogs Guide

Humans need exercise. If they don't get it they become "chubby". It's up to you to save them.



1. Allow your human to tether themselves to you. This keeps them from wondering off or running away.
2. Your human probably needs breaks. Be considerate and stop and sniff often.
3. Bark frequently. Humans have a short attention span.
4. When you go to the bathroom, walk away. If you have trained your human correctly, they will pick it up.  
Good aerobics.
5. Periodically drag your human as fast as you can.  
This is called interval training.
6. Do not allow your human to shorten the walk.  
They are being lazy. Sit in protest if you must.
7. Once you are home, allow your human to remove their tether, then lick their face many times. This is positive reinforcement for a job well done.

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