



THE BARKER



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Cover photo: Richard Watkins and Zoe

BRUSH FARM DOG TRAINING CLUB

Training Grounds Location:

Brush Farm Park, Corner of Marsden Road & Lawson Street Eastwood

Mailing Address: 18 Railway Street, Baulkham Hills, 2153

Clubhouse Phone: 9858 5281 (From 1pm Sundays)

Website: www.brushfarm.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/brushfarmdogtraining



BRUSH FARM DOG TRAINING CLUB INC.

Established 1967. Affiliated RNSWCC (Dogs NSW) 1969.



WHAT WE DO

- ❖ Brush Farm Dog Training Club is a non-profit organisation run by a dedicated team of volunteers, committed to serving the local community and promoting responsible dog ownership. We teach people to train their dog to be socialised and obedient, and promote participation in canine obedience sports.
- ❖ Each year our club delivers over 300 hours of training classes, trains over 500 dogs, & runs three trials, attracting over 250 competitors from across Sydney
- ❖ Training provides a benefit to both dog owners and the wider community - dogs that have participated in obedience training are less likely to be surrendered to pounds and animal shelters due to behavioural problems or aggression than dogs with no training.
- ❖ Attending training for just one hour each Sunday afternoon at Brush Farm Park will give you the skills to train your dog to be a happy, well behaved member of your family.

MEMBER INFORMATION

- ❖ Sunday training times:
 - 12:00pm – 1:00pm – Puppies
 - 2:00pm – 3:00pm - Brown & Green classes
 - 3:30pm – 4:30pm - White, Yellow & Red classes
- ❖ New member registration – available every Sunday from 11:30AM with orientation starting at 2PM (without your dog)
- ❖ For sale at the Clubhouse - collars, leads, halters, dumbbells, bum-bags, polo shirts, caps, snacks and drinks
- ❖ Training is rarely cancelled due to rain or extreme heat (35° C and above) – more often than not we are lucky with the weather! If in doubt, please call the Clubhouse after 11am (for puppies) or after 1pm (for all others) to check if classes are on— phone 9858 5281. We try to keep our Facebook page updated as well.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

- ❖ Payable in February each year, and covering all training and ground fees for the full calendar year:

Adult members \$90	Pensioner members \$75	Junior (under 18) members \$75
Dual/family members \$100 (one dog)	\$120 (two dogs)	(EFTPOS available)
- ❖ There is a \$10 joining fee for new members upon signing up.

GET INVOLVED

- ❖ General Meetings are held bi-monthly at Brush Farm Club House, Eastwood at 8.00 pm. All members are welcome to come and have a say in our Club's affairs. Supper is served after the meeting.
- ❖ Our Club is run by volunteers - please see Noel, Heidi or your instructor if you would like to assist by helping set up the training equipment, serving in the canteen, working on our website, training to become an instructor, or assisting with a myriad of other jobs that makes the club run !!!
- ❖ Steward at club trials – Approximately 20 people are needed on each trial day to set up equipment, marshal competitors, record results, staff the kitchen, and pack up. See Noel to join the Steward Squad.

CLUB OFFICE BEARERS

President: *Noel Reilly* 9639 4291

Chief Instructor: *Heidi Richardson* 9801 8797

Treasurer: *Kylie Williams*

Secretary: *Richard Watkins*

Vice Presidents: *Anne Affleck, Anna Steinberg*

Dep. Chief Instructors: *Janelle Woodward, Danielle Leong*

Trial Secretary: *Alan Luc*

Registrar: *Karen Forsyth, Ivy Sherry*

Equipment Officer: TBA

Editor 'The Barker': *Natalie Leong*

Committee Members: *Angela Munge, Colin Richardson, Karen Lamb, Anne Martin, June Johansson, Caitlin La Rose*

Instructors: *Anne Affleck, Tania Cochrane, Geoff Craine, Vivien Dunkerley, Simon Gray, Peter Hewitt, June Johansson, Carmen Kong, Karen Lamb, Danielle Leong, Natalie Leong, Alan Luc, David Marcellino, Anne Martin, Noel Reilly, Heidi Richardson, Anna Steinberg, Colin Richardson, Richard Watkins, Kylie Williams, Janelle Woodward*

Patrons: *Steve & Vicki Austin; The Mayor of Ryde; Dr Sarah Short*



CLUB NEWS



CONNECT WITH US ON FACEBOOK!

Facebook is a great way to stay in touch with us and keep up date with all the latest club news! We also have a FB Group where you can post updates, ask questions and stay connected. We like to post training challenges and videos whenever we get a chance – there’s a lot of great info to be found there!

Link to our FB page:

<https://www.facebook.com/BrushFarmDogTraining>

And our FB group called “**BFDTC Members Chat**” can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/377721072947770>



2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our 2023 Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday August 16th at 8pm in our Clubhouse.**

At the AGM all Committee positions will be declared vacant, nominations will be accepted and elections will take place. Please fill in the form below should you wish to nominate for a position.

All club members are invited and very welcome to attend.

This club is run entirely by volunteers. The Committee meets every month to discuss operational issues and ensure classes can continue to run smoothly for everyone. The club also holds four Dogs NSW (Obedience, Rally, Trick Dog) trials each year, which require a great deal of organization.

BRUSH FARM DOG TRAINING CLUB

Nomination for Club Office Bearers / Committee for 2022/23

I, _____
(YOUR NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS)

wish to nominate _____
(NAME OF PERSON YOU ARE NOMINATING IN BLOCK LETTERS)

for the position of _____
(SPECIFIC OFFICE BEARER OR COMMITTEE MEMBER)

I accept the nomination _____
(SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE)

Date: _____ Signature of nominator _____

Please hand in this nomination form at the clubhouse prior to the AGM on Wednesday 16th August 2023.



SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS When Adopting a New Dog



Adopting a new dog is all about changes for both of you. Use this guide to make the first few weeks fun and stress-free. You will build a foundation for a lasting relationship if you follow these steps to ...



Decompress for SUCCESS

By DOG LATIN DOG TRAINING & BEHAVIOR CONSULTING™



ROUTINE

Dogs crave predictability. Stick to the same times when feeding, walking, training, and departing from your home.



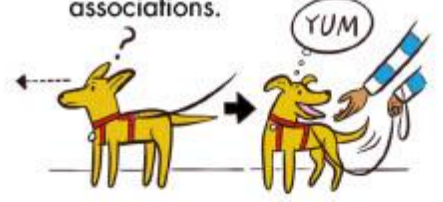
PRIVACY

Dogs, like people, need time to themselves. Create a spot with a crate or mat. Call your dog to leave their space, rather than invading their space.



POSITIVE SOCIALIZATION

Limit interactions with new people, places, and things. Let your dog explore gradually in short sessions. Build positive associations.



TRAIN AT HOME FIRST

Start positive reinforcement training at home for a distraction-free setting. This is the fastest, clearest way to establish communication.



TRAIN WITH FOOD

Shift calories out of the food bowl and use in short (5 minute) training sessions. Spread training sessions throughout the day, including reinforcing loose leash walking.



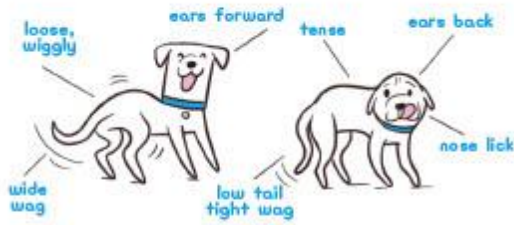
AVOID LEASH GREETINGS

Meeting other dogs can be stressful. Dogs don't always like each other. Limit or avoid greetings until you learn more about how your dog shows unease.



OBSERVE YOUR DOG

When your dog is relaxed, what do their ears, mouth, tail position, and entire body look like? Learn your dog's body language to know when your dog is concerned and to identify triggers.



LET YOUR DOG INITIATE CONTACT

Let your dog initiate contact with people. Never force an interaction. If your dog solicits attention, pet on the chest, not on top of the head.



HAVE FUN WITH YOUR DOG!

Playing, feeding, walking, and interacting with your new dog builds a lasting bond. Take it easy the first month and get to know each other before widening the circle. After all, you have a lifetime together!





CLUB NEWS



HANDLERS DAY RESULTS

Brush Farm hold three Handlers Days each year for members in White, Yellow and Red Classes. There is also a category for Experienced/Trialling Teams. Handlers Days are an opportunity for a bit of friendly competition – there are ribbons on offer and a fancy trophy for the highest performing team across all three Handlers Days. But more importantly, handlers get to test their own training progress – what are you doing well in and what do you need to work on? Here are the results of our May Handlers Day:

WHITE

- 1st – Kirsty Lovett & Indy (Labrador)
- 2nd – Lyn Newton & Freya (Golden Retriever)
- 3rd – Katerina Snow & Rocket (Kelpie X)
- 4th – Camilla Watson & Sergeant (GSD)
- Encouragement Award – Dani Vasconellos & Charlie (Staffy X)

YELLOW

- 1st – Naomi Shaw & Mallee (Staffy)

RED

No qualifiers

EXPERIENCED

- 1st – Karen Lamb & Sherry (Ridgeback X)
- 2nd – Richard Watkins & Zoe (Aussie Shepherd)



Two of our winners Sherry (above) & Mallee (below)



MARCH OBEDIENCE TRIAL REPORT

We held a very successful Obedience and Rally Trial on Sunday 26th March. Thank you to our hardworking Trial Secretary Alan Luc, the Committee and all those who volunteered on the day. Also thank you to our judges – Mrs Maria Wheeler, Ms Jill Kaldor, Mrs Judith Walder, Mr Rob Probert, Mrs Veeni Craig, Ms Dianne Hollett and Ms Susan Turner. Lots of great results, titles gained, lessons learned and, most importantly, happy dogs!

Congratulations to Richard Watkins and Zoe for being Brush Farm's highest scoring team in Obedience.

Check out Belinda Young's beautiful photos from the day on the following pages! And if you are interested in learning more, our next Obedience and Rally trial will be in August. We will need plenty of volunteer stewards on the day.



MARCH TRIAL PHOTOS

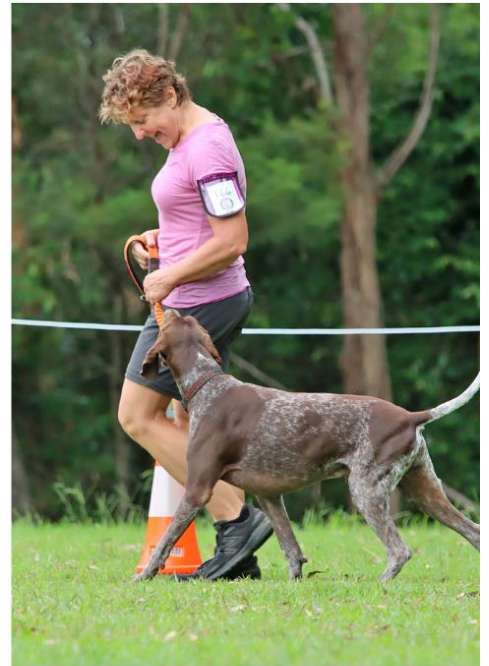
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TRIALLING TEAMS



BRUSH FARM DOGS DOING AWESOME THINGS!

We have a bunch of teams competing across several different dog sports this year, which is FANTASTIC to see! It's lovely when all the skill-building, practice and teamwork start to pay off. Here is a selection of results from our trialling teams:

At the Royal Easter Show in April, competitors from Brush Farm performed excellently in this challenging environment with two teams gaining their Rally Novice title (Gemma & Hadley and Byron & Fenrir), two teams scoring qualifications in Rally Advanced (Karen & Banjo and Rocky & Taka), and Caitlin La Rose & Jessie qualifying in Rally Excellent.

Barbara Horsfield & Henri achieved their Open Obedience (CDX) title at the Central Coast Club trial in May. A fantastic achievement for this wonderful duo!

Janelle Woodward had great success in the Earthdog competition at Dogs NSW in May – Mudgee is on her way to Earthdog Champion with two Master level passes and a Senior level pass, while Poppy scored a Junior level pass.

Gemma-Louise Sherlock and Hadley have had lots of success recently in both Rally and Obedience – scoring a 2nd place in CCD Obedience at Hills in May.

Kerry McDonald and Poppy have achieved their Rally Advanced title. Great job!

Belinda Young and Wilbur achieved their Trick Dog Starter title in January (scoring a 4th place in the ring on the day), and also scored a 2nd place finish in Rally Novice at Northern Suburbs.

Anna Franklin and Allie have achieved their Rally Novice title (with a 3rd placing in the ring).

June Johansson and Eva continue to excel in Scent Work, gaining Eva's Advanced title in May and going on to achieve qualifications at the challenging Excellent level. Eva has also been collecting ribbons in ACSW trials as well (L1 Containers and L1+ Exteriors).

Heidi Richardson and Cooper have had several Advanced qualifications as they continue to work towards their Scent Work Advanced title.

Elizabeth Donohoo has been achieving plenty of success with Cello and Strider scoring qualifications at multiple trials in Rally and Scent Work.

Colin Richardson and Georgia achieved their Trick Dog Starter title in January and have since had success gaining a number of qualifications at the Trick Dog Novice level.

Carmen Kong and Ben have recently added two qualifications toward their Trick Dog Novice title.

Danielle Leong and Rory have been trialling in ACSW Nosework with L1 Containers and L1+ Exteriors success, and just missing out on their NW2 title (achieving a Partnership Award in one element and qualifying in all other elements).

If you have questions about training for, and entering, dog sports competitions please reach out to any of our instructor team!

For a greater understanding of how competitions work, please consider volunteering at one of our own Brush Farm trials. We have Double Tricks in June, Obedience & Rally in August and Double Rally in October. We always need helpers and we'll show you everything you need to know!



TRIALLING TEAMS





TRICK TRIAL REPORT



2ND DOUBLE TRICK DOG TEST

On the June long weekend we held our second annual double Tricks Trial. Again, we were lucky to have beautiful weather!

Our judges on the day were Miss Vicki Etherington OAM, Mrs Judy Turley, Mrs Christiane Diebler, Miss Shanelle Corben and Miss Joan Stewart.

Huge thanks to our tireless Trial Secretary Alan Luc and the whole Brush Farm Committee for putting together this event, with a large number of competitors from across the state. And thank you to all our members who put up their hand to be stewards – we couldn't run these trials without you.

There were a number of Brush Farm teams participating and some excellent results were achieved! These included:

- Rocky Chau and Taka achieved a perfect score (80/80) in Novice
- Janelle Woodward and Mudgee got their first Trick Dog Starters qualification
- Colin Richardson and Georgia attained their Novice title and came 2nd in the ring
- Carmen Kong and Ben qualified and came 3rd in Novice
- Caitlin La Rose and Jessie achieved their Starters title
- Elizabeth Donohoo attained Starters titles for BOTH her dogs Cello and Strider

To give you an idea of what is required for the Trick Dog Starters level, you have to select 6 tricks to perform from the following list

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| • <i>Go round (once)</i> | • <i>Back Up (1 body length)</i> |
| • <i>Circle handler (once)</i> | • <i>Send over Jump (from 1m)</i> |
| • <i>Circle spin (once)</i> | • <i>Take a Bow (2sec)</i> |
| • <i>Leg Weave</i> | • <i>Sendaway (from 2m)</i> |
| • <i>Nose to Hand Touch (2 x 2sec)</i> | • <i>Find straddle (2sec)</i> |
| • <i>Follow a Target Stick</i> | • <i>Stationary Hold (2sec)</i> |
| • <i>Step Up (paws on object 5sec)</i> | • <i>Sit Pretty/Paws on Arm (2sec)</i> |
| • <i>Paw on Hand (2sec)</i> | |





TRICK TRIAL PHOTOS

from Belinda Young





2023 CALENDAR



JUNE

Sunday 4th Training
 Sunday 11th **NO TRAINING – King’s Birthday / Double Tricks Trial**
 Wednesday 21st General Meeting
 Sunday 18th Training / **Puppy Class Starts**
 Sunday 25th Training

JULY

Sunday 2nd Training
 Sunday 9th Training
 Sunday 16th Training / **Handlers’ Day**
 Wednesday 19th **Committee Meeting**
 Sunday 23rd Training / **Puppy Class Starts**
 Sunday 30th Training

AUGUST

Sunday 6th Training
 Sunday 13th Training
 Wednesday 16th **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
 Sunday 20th Training
 Sunday 27th **NO TRAINING Obedience Trial**

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 3rd Training / **Puppy Class Starts**
 Sunday 10th Training
 Sunday 17th Training / **Handlers’ Day**

Wednesday 20th **Committee Meeting**
 Sunday 24th Training

OCTOBER

Sunday 1st **NO TRAINING – Labour Day**
 Sunday 8th Training
 Sunday 15th Training / **Puppy Class Starts**
 Wednesday 18th **General Meeting**
 Sunday 22nd Training
 Sunday 29th **NO TRAINING Double Rally Trial**

NOVEMBER

Sunday 5th Training
 Sunday 12th Training
 Wednesday 15th **Committee Meeting**
 Sunday 19th Training
 Sunday 26th **Last Training for the Year**

DECEMBER

Sunday 3rd **Dogs’ Christmas Party!**



REMINDERS:

- ❖ Please do not leave your children unsupervised. Children running around may frighten or over-excite some dogs. Please remind your children NEVER to approach any dog without the handler’s explicit permission
- ❖ Dogs wearing **BRIGHT YELLOW KNITTED COLLARS** may be uncomfortable around other people and dogs. Please give these dogs the space they need. If in doubt, MOVE YOUR DOG AWAY from stressful situations.
- ❖ All handlers must wear enclosed shoes for safety.
- ❖ All dogs must be kept ON LEASH unless an instructor tells you otherwise.
- ❖ Dogs that have a history of running off during off-leash exercises must use a long lead in class.
- ❖ Please pick up after your dog. Bags and bins are provided.



FIRST AID & OUR HEARTSTART HS1 DEFIBRILLATOR

A reminder that we have a defibrillator on our premises. It is situated next to the first aid box inside the main entrance to the clubhouse. We encourage all members to be aware of its location. There are fact sheets available upon request.