

The HILLS HOWLER

dogs
Companions
& Competitors

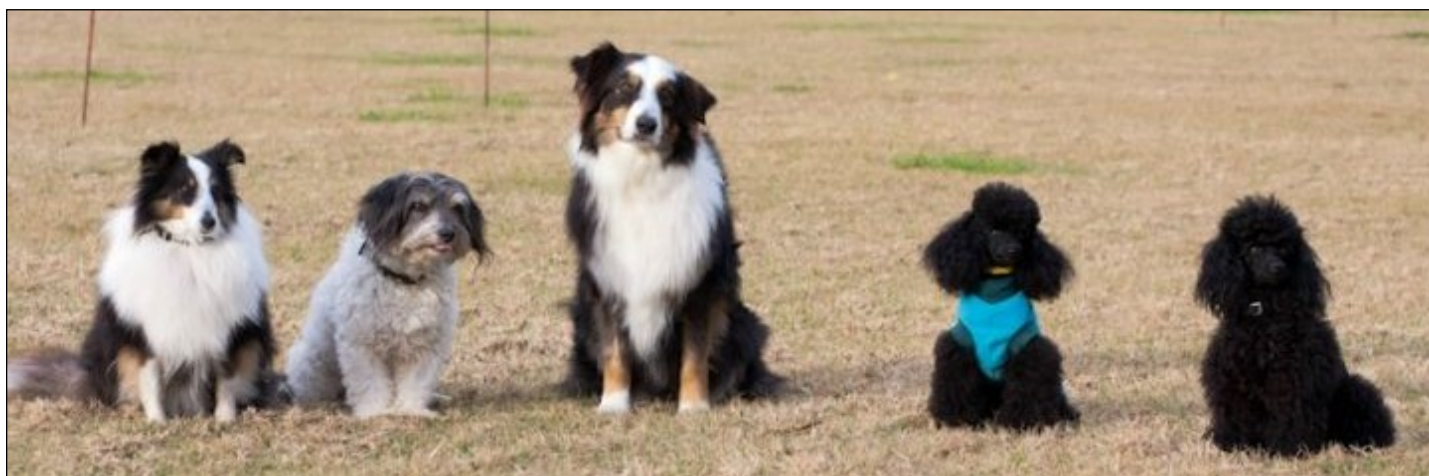
August 2011

www.hillskennelandtrainingclub.com

2011 MEETING DATES	
August 10	October 12
September 14	November 9
	December 14

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Notice is given of the **General Meeting** of the Hills District Kennel & Training Club Inc. to be held on **Wednesday 10 August 2011** in the New Meeting Rooms, Castle Hill Showground commencing at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Agenda:

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| 1. Open Meeting | 8. New Members |
| 2. Apologies | 9. Chief Instructor's Report |
| 3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting | 10. Show Secretary's Report |
| 4. Business Arising from the minutes | 11. Trial Secretary's Report |
| 5. Correspondence | 12. Publicity Report |
| 6. Business Arising from the Correspondence | 13. Notice of Motion: That the Club adopt the ground rules as presented and discussed at the July meeting |
| 7. Treasurer's Report | 14. Election of Show Judges for Nov. 2012 |
| | 15. General Business |

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Mrs. Betty Cansdale, Mrs. Belvane Parsons, Mrs. Anne Small, Mrs. Robyn Jones,
Mrs. Janice Lyons

Promotions

BEGINNERS TO GRADUATE 1

Michelle Conn

Denzel

Labrador

Our next Club Instructors Course will start late 2011

Many dog owners want to improve their relationship with their dogs and teach them basic good manners. Local councils are also now promoting the importance of training classes in achieving responsible pet ownership in the community. As a training club we have both a duty and a wish to provide this service to the community. The reward-based, positive training methods we use help owners to teach their dogs all the basic exercises as well as helping them to manage their dogs' behaviour.

To provide this service to as many dog owners as possible, the Club needs a large number of enthusiastic, capable and committed instructors. By participating in this course you will learn the skills you need to be an instructor and, on completion, you will be able to help many other dog owners in the community. Instructing is an enjoyable, rewarding way to give something back to your Club and to your local community.

This course in positive reinforcement dog training involves attending monthly lectures and also practical work assisting in training classes. Students who successfully complete the course will be accredited as Hills District Kennel & Training Club Instructors, having demonstrated knowledge of current methods of reward-based dog training and management, practical skills in training dogs and competence in instructing a class of dog owners and their dogs. The course will run for approximately 12 months and lectures will be monthly on the 3rd Wed of the month unless otherwise advised. There will also be a couple of 2 day weekend lectures that must be attended.

Course Outline

- Understanding dog behaviour
- How dogs learn
- Basic class exercises
- Operant conditioning
- The correct use of rewards
- Class Instruction
- Canine Health and fitness
- Behavioural problems

Practical

- Assist various instructors with their classes
- Written assignments on monthly lectures.
- A Major assignment on Behaviour

Please fill out the form below if you are interested in becoming an Instructor and return it to me at the Club or email it to Diatkins@bigpond.net.au . If you would like to know more about the course I am happy to chat to you about the Course also any of our Club Instructors can give you more details.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Hills District Kennel & Training Club

GROUND RULES

Training Times

MONDAYS Puppies, Beginners, Graduate 1 & 2, Advanced 7.00pm
Triallers 8.00pm

Puppies classes are for dogs 12 – 20weeks ***(NO Monday classes held on public holidays)***

TUESDAYS All Classes 10.30am

(NO Tuesday classes held during school holidays)

The Club is in operation if the dog building roller doors are open from ie; 5.45pm Monday & 10.00am Tuesday

Club Meetings – All welcome to attend

The Club meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday (except January). Meetings are held in the clubhouse and start at 7.30pm. Tea & coffee are provided.

Newsletter

The Club publishes a monthly newsletter, "The Howler", which is available at the Club House on training days/nights. All members are encouraged to contribute stories to the Howler.

Correspondence

All Club correspondence or enquiries should be addressed in writing to

Club Secretary

56/159 Ridgescrop Drive

Castle Hill NSW 2154

www.hillskennelandtrainingclub.com

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Please check web-site www.hillskennelandtrainingclub.com for extreme weather decisions after 4.00pm Mondays & 9.30am Tuesdays.

Members are responsible at all times for the behavior of their dog/s whilst present on the training grounds or representing the Club in any way.

All dogs must have properly fitted equipment & remain on lead at all times (unless instructed otherwise by a Club Instructor). No check/choker chains are to be used on any dogs in puppy, beginners or graduation classes.

No physical corrections are to be used in any club classes, training rings or on the grounds whilst the Club is in session. A member shall not strike, ill-treat or physically punish a dog at any time. Any such action may give rise to the suspension or expulsion from the Club by resolution of the Executive.

Bitches in season and/or dogs with an un-well or infectious condition are not permitted on the obedience training grounds. As a condition of membership all dogs are required to be properly vaccinated according to current veterinary guidelines.

Members are to pick-up any litter after themselves and carry "poo" bags to remove any droppings from their dog/s. Bins are located around the grounds for disposal.

Members are required to wear closed in footwear & sensible clothing whilst on the training grounds & in classes. The safety of dog & handler is paramount.

Children are welcome to attend classes provided they are supervised by an adult/parent/guardian at all times.

Child members (Aged 7-11 are to be accompanied by an adult/parent/guardian in classes) and Junior members (aged 12-15 under adult/parent/guarding supervision on grounds) are welcome to train providing they have sufficient control of their dog during classes. This will be at the discretion of the class/chief instructor.

Dogs are not to be left unattended whilst training or in prolonged stays unless under supervision. When not training, all dogs are to be tethered, crated or put in vehicles in a safe area. (no dogs are to be tied to verandah posts, left in doorways or unattended around Clubhouse area) All dogs are to be kept on a short lead while at the counter or in the clubhouse, with the handler's attention on their dog/s and surroundings. Do NOT approach other dogs which are tethered, crated or in vehicles. This causes undue stress on dogs & handlers.

Dogs should not exhibit aggressiveness either to other dogs or people. The Club reserves the right to ask any member to muzzle or in extreme cases remove their dog. (This will be at the discretion of the Chief Instructor/ Executive) If a muzzle is required this must remain in place whilst on the Club grounds & this dog must remain on a lead at all times.

All club equipment is to be used in conjunction with a Club Instructor, it must be returned to the storeroom after classes are concluded and stored correctly.

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FOR SALE

3m x 3m pop up gazebo for sale for \$70, only used twice.

Vicki Gresser ph 98715734



Hills Howler Advertising Rates

\$25.00 for half page per month

\$50.00 for full page per month

Black & White only

All advertising must be addressed to the Secretary for approval at a General Meeting.

The Club reserves the right to refuse any advertisement submitted for consideration.

All correspondence to:

The Secretary,
Hills District Kennel & Training Club Inc.
56/159 Ridgeway Drive,
Castle Hill NSW 2154

Election of Judges

To take place at the following meetings

Show: May and October

Trial: September and November

NOTICE BOARD:

Leave your dog "on lead" at all times unless your instructor requests otherwise.

Please bring correct money to training for ground fees.

No thongs or bare feet in class. Closed shoes are preferable and safer.

Please wear your membership card at all times. It makes everyone's life easier!

All dogs on the training grounds must be vaccinated under Club rules.

Bitches in season are not permitted to attend class.

You may still come and watch but she may not.

Yes training is on when it rains. Bring a raincoat and wear boots. If it is very wet we will train under the covered ring.

Treats

6 **LAMB, BEEF and LIVER for Sale**
at the office, all at \$5 a bag



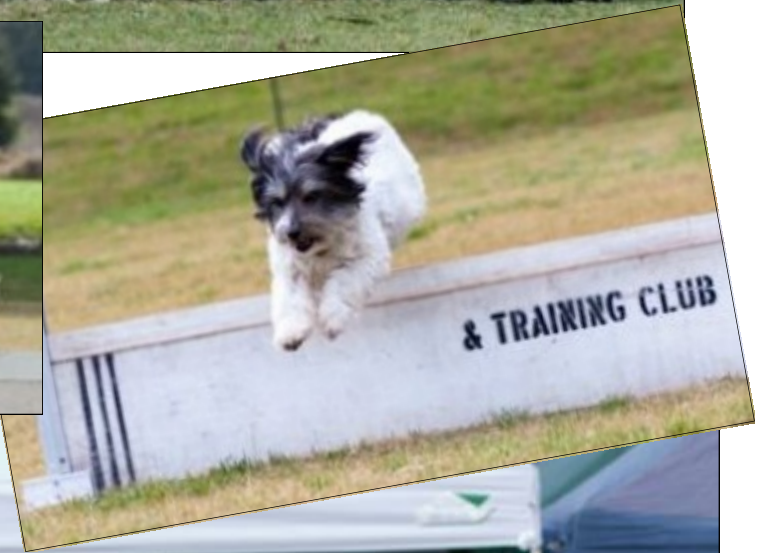
Hi all, I just wanted to thank and congratulate everyone that helped to make this years Interclub Challenge so successful. It was a truly wonderful and inspiring day.

The HILLS TEAM consisted of about 35 - 40 people, whom all contributed to making the day so enjoyable and successful. Whether you were a competitor, steward, cook, gazebo erector, encouraging friend or commiserating fellow competitor, we couldn't have done it without you.

So good on ya Hills, lets do it again next year on our home grounds.

Cheers
Marion







“SPECIAL”



For Hills (HDT&KC) Members

Join Petstock as a member (FREE to join) during the month of August & September 2011 & receive **10%** off initial purchase.

If you sign up a friend at the same time you will both receive **15%** off your initial purchase.

You will need to bring your HDK&TC training card or this ad to receive the above discount.



Bella Vista, Shop 1b Totally Home Centre
4-6 Celebration Drive, Bella Vista
Ph: 02 8824 9395

FREE MEMBERS BOARD

The Club has decided to include in future Newsletters a FREE notice board column each month for club members. This will be a maximum of 3 lines for one (1) month and will be non commercial.

So, if you have anything want to sell or give away please email me your details:
amillner2002@gmail.com

Homemade Treats for Your Dog

Bark-B-Q

2 cups whole wheat flour

- 1/2 cup white flour
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 1/2 cup wheat germ
- 1/2 cup barbeque sauce
- 2 tablespoon honey
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup water.



- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Combine the dry ingredients. In a separate bowl, mix barbeque sauce, honey, oil, egg, water. Add to dry ingredients. Roll dough to 1/4 inch thick and cut into 3 to 4 inch pieces. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 25 minutes at 350 F. Makes 2 1/2 dozen cookies.

Beg-for-more Peanut Butter Treats

- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup water
- 1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 1/2 cups white flour



- Preheat the oven to 350 F. Combine oil, peanut butter and water. Add flour, one cup at a time, forming a dough. Knead dough into firm ball and roll to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut into 3 to 4 inch pieces. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 F for 20 minutes. Makes 2 1/2 dozen cookies.



- **Chick'N Fingers**

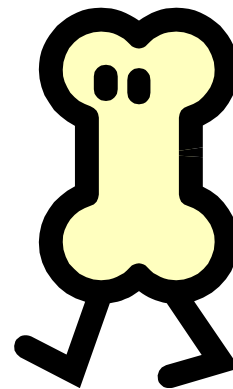
- 2 1/2 cups white flour
- 3/4 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1/4 cup chopped chicken
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 4 tablespoons softened margarine
- 1 egg
- 2 T milk



- Preheat oven to 325 F. Combine flour, cornmeal, chicken, chicken broth and margarine. Form into a soft dough and knead for 3 minutes. Roll dough to 1/4 inch thickness and cut into 3 to 4 inch finger shapes. Beat egg and milk together and apply to top of biscuits with brush. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 325 F for 35 minutes. Makes 24 fingers.

- **Spicy Treat-balls**

- 2/3 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/3 cup white flour
- 1/2 cup bran
- 1/2 cup brewers yeast
- 1/4 cup wheat germ
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons corn oil
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup milk



- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, combine dry ingredients. In a separate bowl, beat honey, corn oil, egg and milk. Gradually add mixture to dry ingredients to form a dough. Form into 1-inch balls and bake at 350 F on an ungreased cookie sheet for 15 minutes. Makes 18 balls.

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Aries pets want to get the job done this January. These industrious souls are on the prowl for anything and everything. Give them a task and watch them in action. Success is guaranteed.

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

Ring...ring...Taurus pets seem to hear the world calling. They want to expand their horizons. Be careful that they do not wander too far off track. Don't leave any doors or windows open. At very least keep a watchful eye on them.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Gemini pets are ablaze with sexual drive. All these planets in Capricorn rev them into overdrive and they cannot be dissuaded from their merging missions. Try to keep them busy with other things and groom them constantly.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Cancer pets are anxious for companionship and may stick close to you through out the month. They demand more attention than usual from you. Give them a treat to show them you care.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

Leo pets seem to have insatiable appetites this month and may be putting on extra weight. It may be hard to curb them now, but at very least feed them with healthy foods that are less fattening.

VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)

Jolly Virgo pets are pranksters this January, getting into mischief and looking silly. They crave an audience so try to give them more attention and accolades. A new toy couldn't hurt either.

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)

Libra pets find that home is a perfect center of activity in January. Create an opportunity for them to have a few friends over. Change is also beneficial; Moving the furniture around has an energizing effect on these guys and gals.

SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)

Scorpio pets are very vocal this January and may take to howling and meowing at all times of day and night. They may be trying to tell you something. How can you quiet them down? By giving them lots and lots of love.

SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)

Sagittarian pets are interested in their possessions. Whether it's a fancy toy or a used sock, they want to have them in a particular place where they can keep their eye on them. Sometimes they may hide a few items. Be careful of where you step.

CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)

January is the time of year for Capricorn pets to shine. They have boundless energy and are ready to meet and greet as many new people and pets as possible. Their charisma is sky high.

AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)

Aquarian pets have a few secrets up their furs and feathers. They may take to hiding a few of them in the back of your closet or under the bed. If you have trouble finding them this January, just wait until February.

PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)

Friendships will seem exceptionally important to Pisces pets now. It is a good idea to invite a few of their pals over for a play session or take some of them to the park where they can get some fresh air and visit with others.

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OVER HALF OF AUSTRALIANS THINK THAT THEIR DOG IS A BETTER LISTENER THAN THEIR PARTNER

Over half of Australians think that their dog is a better listener than their partner

Sydney, Dec 2, 2010 - 1.3 million Australian dog owners would rather confide in their pet than their partner according to the Purina Pet Study* results revealed today. Over half (58 per-cent) of Aussies with a partner think their dog is a better listener than their significant other.

In surveying more than 1,000 pet owners across Australia, the report found 64 per-cent of females nominated their dog as the better listener compared to just under half (48 per-cent) of males.

The study also reveals that after a stressful day four in ten Australians said they would prefer a warm welcome from their dog than a cuddle from their partner.

With almost four million (3.979) households across Australia housing a cat or a dog, the findings from the Purina Pet Study highlight just how passionate Aussies are about their pets with a massive 86 per-cent of dog owners considering their dog more than just a pet. One in five Aussies sees their dog as a companion for life and a further one in ten perceives their pet as a child.

"The findings from Purina's Pet Study aren't surprising, they only further reinforce the positive effect that pets have on their owners," states Purina's resident animal behaviourist, Dr. Jo Righetti.

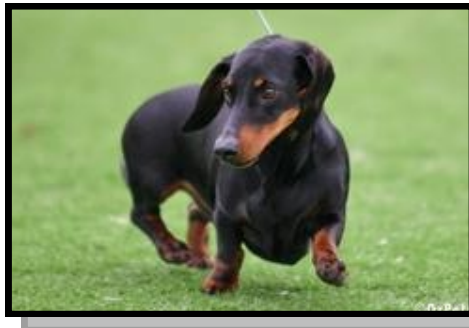
"Previous studies have shown that a furry friend can result in positive benefits to our health and wellbeing*. This research echoes this sentiment and shows that our pets are emotionally available and love giving attention as much as they love receiving it."

Interestingly, pet owners who have these special relationships spend more on their pet each month on average (including all food, accessories, flea and worming and veterinary bills):

- Respondents who nominated their pet as a better listener than their partner spend \$103.90 a month, which is 10 per-cent more than the average

The Purina Pet Study found that the average spend by Aussie dog owners each month is \$92.90 and for cat owners the average spend is \$64.10. This equates to an average spend of \$1,114.80 per dog per annum and \$769.20 per cat per annum, highlighting that dogs are fifty percent more expensive to keep than cats.

Findings from the study highlight that both cats and dogs play a valuable role for Australians and for most are more than just a pet. An investment of both time and money results in a relationship that goes far beyond pet and owner.



An earthdog trial tests the working ability and instinct of the small, short legged terriers. These dogs were bred to hunt vermin and other quarry which lived in underground dens. Earthdog den trials involve man-made underground tunnels that the dogs must negotiate, while scenting a rat, the "quarry." The dog must follow the scent to the quarry and then "work" the quarry. Depending on the sanctioning organization, "working" means barking, scratching, staring, pawing, digging; any active behavior. The quarry is protected at all times by wooden bars across the end of the tunnel. The hunting encounter is controlled, and neither dog nor the quarry, usually two rats, are in any danger.

Earthdogs are tested on their ability to enter the den, find their way to the "quarry" through a series of turns and tunnels, and work the quarry. These challenges become increasingly difficult at each stage.

Dens are constructed as a series of trenches dug in the earth, into which 3-sided liners are fitted. The liners are in sections and have wooden roof and sides, the floor is exposed dirt. This means that tunnels are totally safe and cannot collapse and also that they can be configured in any manner.

What Dogs Can participate in an Earthdog Trial :

All Dachshunds, and the following Terriers: Australian, Australian Silky, Bedlington, Border, Cairn, Dandie Dinmont, Fox (Smooth and Wirehaired), Jack Russell, Lakeland, Manchester, Norfolk, Norwich, Parson Russell, Scottish, Sealyham, Skye, Tenterfield, Welsh and West Highland White. All dogs entered in tests must be registered with their Canine Council, and must be on the Main or Limited Register.

For more information visit - www.dogsnsww.org.au/earthdog

Entries Close 5 August, 2011

Hills District Kennel & Training Club Inc

Obedience Trial

Castle Hill Showground,
Carrington Rd, Castle Hill

Saturday 3 September, 2011

Classes to be judged: CCD, CD, CDX, UD, UDX

Entries to: The Secretary, C/- 6 Illyarie Pl, Castle Hill 2154 Ph (02) 9634 1951

Extreme Weather Ph 0417 414 877

Cheques made payable to: Hills District Kennel & Training Club Inc

JUDGES

Mrs. S Hutchins (NSW)	CCD
Ms J Walder (NSW)	Novice
Mrs. H Martyn (NSW)	Open
Mr. J Sissons (NSW)	Open
Mrs. P Hartwell (NSW)	UD
Mr .P Hosie (NSW)	UD
Mr .K Charnock (NSW)	UDX & balance ring if needed

Order of Judging As per Catalogue when possible

Judging Commences 9.00 am

Dogs NSW Representative Miss M Stein

Vetting Time 8.00 - 8.45 am

Vetting Officer Dr S Abrahams

Entry Fees \$8.00

Catalogues \$2.00

Refreshments Light Refreshments available

Bitches in oestrus may not be shown

SSAE must accompany all entries

A separate entry form for all Classes

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

PRIZES

1st, 2nd, 3rd Prizes & Ribbon, Qualifying Sash,
Sash for Title gained on the day

FOR NOTICE OF CLASS CANCELLATION

IN THE EVENT
OF

EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

(HEAT OR RAIN)

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