

THE WOOFER

NEWSLETTER OF THE
NAROOMA DOG TRAINING CLUB
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello dog lovers, 2019 is almost at a close. It has been busy year full of happy and sometimes unexpected events, all of which add up to a rich program of activity. Just on 130 people registered to bring their pet dog to obedience training this year, with many of you looking forward to our upcoming **Dogs Christmas Party** on Saturday 7 December. It's a fun and relaxed day for all - see details inside this newsletter.

Highlights this year - definitely our **Dogs Day Out** special event. Even though the weather was really unkind (it blew a howling gale across Nata Oval) those who did brave the cold wind to participate achieved a Certificate to add to their pet scrap book. Fancy dress, games and prizes were also enjoyed. Then there was our **AGM** - a formal meeting with informal supper where we met the CEO of Animal Welfare League NSW and three other AWL staffers.

Also enjoyed, by myself and Secretary Carol Hellmers, was the **AWL Branch Conference** in Sydney. We dined with the Board President, David Hope, and on **Day One** attended presentations and workshops given by AWL staff and guest speakers - Angela Hann from Assure Programs; Kemps Creek Vet, Dr Deshaylia Moodley BVSc MANZCVS; the full complement of AWL Inspectorate led by Sarah Stimson Chief Inspector; and Kim Filmer Chief Animal Welfare Officer BVSc from the Animal Welfare Unit of Department of Primary Industries. Significant work is being done by the DPI in collaboration with animal welfare groups to support drought-affected farmers and ensure welfare of livestock in regional areas. **Day Two** included presentations by all NSW branches. I spoke on behalf of NDTC giving a comprehensive overview of our activities from training, to fundraising to mentoring programs. It was encouraging to know that some challenges, such as attracting volunteers, are common to all branches. The afternoon involved a trip to Kemps Creek to view the new cattery and the brand new mobile vet clinic - this is an incredible service that will soon be rolled out to regional centres. A **valuable connection** was made with our closest AWL branches, Far South Coast members Wendy and Jim, as well as positive reconnection with representatives Shelagh and Claire from Eurobodalla Branch.

To conclude 2019 I would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteer Instructors - Jean Page (Chief Instructor), Yve Robinson (Deputy Chief Instructor), Peter Nelipa, Kathryn McKellar and Carol Low. NDTC would not exist without your hard work and dedication. Carol has resigned from her role as an Instructor to follow other passions. We wish her well with future trials and competitions. Our best wishes go to Peter Nelipa, who recently underwent surgery, for a full recovery. Thanks also to Jeff Chivell (Guest Instructor), Amanda Doust (Guest Instructor), Val McCauley (Registration and Obedience Assistant), Ruth Watson (Equipment Officer), Carol Hellmers (Secretary) and John Low (WH&S Officer) for their valuable support work. Last, but by no means least, thank you to donors and to you, the handlers, who joined with us to make this year another success.

Merry Christmas to you all and a Safe New Year - see you in 2020!
Steve Genner - President

ABOUT NAROOMA DOG TRAINING CLUB

Training starts at 2pm. Instructors have other jobs before that time, such as registration, health check of dogs, safety check on the grounds, selling equipment etc. **Where possible, your arrival by 1.45pm will enable us to start all classes on time.**

AWL NSW Narooma Dog Training Club – Branch Executive Committee & Key Personnel

President	Secretary	Treasurer	WHS Officer
Steve Genner	Carol Hellmers	Peter Nelipa	John Low
Chief Instructor	Instructors		Canine Examiner
Jean Page	Jean Page, Yve Robinson (Rally O)		Peter Nelipa
Deputy Chief Instructor	Peter Nelipa (Obedience/Agility)		
Yve Robinson	Kathryn McKellar (Obedience/Agility)		
Equipment Officer	Agility Trailer	Woofers Editors	
Ruth Watson	Peter Nelipa	Yve Robinson, Carol Hellmers	
Equipment Assistant	Registration Assistant	Photographer	
Yve Robinson	Valerie McCauley	Rosy Williams	

Dog Training Enquiries: 0458 953 281

New registrations: 1.30pm, 1st Saturday of every month.

Training times: Every Saturday, weather permitting.
Obedience - Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced: 2pm - 3pm
Agility - Beginners and Advanced: 3.30pm - 4.30pm as per Calendar
Rally O Training: 3.30pm – 4.30pm as per Calendar

Bad Weather? If in doubt, ring Jean – 4473 7776 or Carol – 0458 953 281

NDTC RULES

- All dogs to be kept on lead in class, unless requested by the Instructor.
- All handlers agree to be responsible for the behavior of their own dog, both ON or OFF lead.
- Children are welcome, but must be under direct parental supervision at all times. Please note children are not covered by AWL insurance.
- Handlers are advised to consult their medical professional regarding tetanus injections.
- NDTC recommends that dog owners hold Public liability, in case of accidents or incidents.
- All members are asked to wear their name badges to all NDTC classes.
- Members are asked to wear appropriate footwear - high heels, sandals and thongs are not suitable when training a dog.
- Lessons will start at the advertised times – if late, you will miss part of the lesson.
- Be a good NDTC member - read the notice board, listen to announcements and practice exercises between weekly lessons.
- Please remember that all Instructors and other NDTC workers are volunteers. Please be respectful of their generosity. It will help the NDTC run more smoothly if you offer assistance when required.
- A first aid kit is available at the ground. See your Instructor if you require assistance.
- Nata Oval is open to the public, so please clean up all dog droppings.
- NDTC conducts a risk assessment of the training area and removes any offending material before classes commence. Nata Oval is a drug, alcohol and smoke free area.

FEES for 2020

Annual registration fees are:

\$40 Adult, \$25 Concession/Junior (over 9 and under 18 years), \$60 Family (any combination).

Lesson Fees - Obedience: \$3.00 per dog. Agility: \$3.00 per dog. Rally O: \$3.00 per dog.

Agility/Obedience combined: \$5.00 per dog. Rally O/Obedience combined: \$5.00 per dog

FROM THE CHIEF INSTRUCTOR

Recently we have had to run combined classes due to unforeseen circumstances. Peter Nelipa had a stint in hospital and is now recovering from a major operation, and Carol Low resigned as an Instructor for personal reasons. We all wish Peter a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him and Bobby join us again in 2020. That left us with only three Instructors, but as long as we stayed well or didn't have family commitment we were able to join Blue and Yellow classes together. I thank all the handlers for their co-operation during this difficult situation.

During the Christmas/New Year holiday break I will be holding an Instructor Training Course for four consecutive weeks, 9am -12pm commencing January 4. Any handler from yellow, red or black class they would like to be involved, either as a Trainee Instructor or to make up a class that will be taught, will be very welcome to attend. If you would like to help, could you give me your name and contact number in writing to PO Box 322 Narooma 2546 or email secretary.ndtc@gmail.com. I will be in touch with you after we have all enjoyed a Christmas break.

In 2020, we will continue with Rally Obedience Training. Once a month at 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm and taking the place of the Agility class, we will hold Rally Obedience training to enable all handlers to take part. As with Agility there will be a small cost of \$3, or a combined fee of \$5 if you also attend Obedience class.

Holiday times are very welcome for us all, but not always so pleasant for our dogs. Everyone gets so busy arranging for relatives to visit, parties to go to, and children needing more attention away from school that pets often get forgotten. If you are going away for a while it is probably a bit late now to try and get kennel accommodation, so house sitters or neighbours should be organized or you can take them with you. If you do, your pets are the lucky ones as many are just left with food and water for 2 or 3 days to fend for themselves, and some owners just leave them to roam the streets. New Year's Eve is a special holiday, celebrated by many, and fireworks, though illegal in NSW unless at a supervised sanctioned gathering, are still able to be bought in the ACT. Visitors sometimes bring fireworks with them to let off at beach parties. If this occurs near you, watch out for hot embers from fires that have been covered over with sand. Burnt feet and paws are extremely painful. Many animals are petrified by fireworks so if you celebrate New Year, then please ensure your pets are safe indoors out of harms way. Ensure your pets are safe and secure while you enjoy yourselves, and we will look forward to you joining us again in 2020.

During the holiday period, you may find a stray dog which looks distressed. If this occurs and you are able, secure it, take it home, give it water and ring the Rangers at Eurobodalla Council. Telephone 02 4474 1000 (after hours 1800 755 760). Email rangers@esc.nsw.gov.au. All animals impounded, by law, are kept for 2 weeks (provided they are microchipped) while the Rangers try to find the owners. After that, animals are put up for adoption. Eurobodalla AWL and RSPCA Branches take dogs and cats from the pound and re-home them. Dog owners, in particular, are very aware of these rules and mostly make sure their animals are not only microchipped and registered, but have ID in the form of a collar and disc giving the dogs name and contact phone number.

Finally, I would like to wish all the handlers, Committee and Instructors of NDTC a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Peaceful New Year. See you again in 2020.

Jean Page - Chief Instructor



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PROMOTIONS - AUGUST 2019

From Green to Blue Class

DOMINIC LOCKHART and SPLEEFY
GRAHAM PINNEY and BOWIE

From Blue to Yellow

TAMMY PAVELIC and JEZY

RALLY O WINNER

1ST STEVE MUNRO and MONTY

3RD HANDLERS DAY - 19TH OCTOBER 2019

GREEN CLASS

NO PROMOTIONS

BLUE CLASS

1ST DOMINIC LOCKHART and SPLEEFY

2ND CHELSEA CURRY and JAX

NO PROMOTIONS

YELLOW CLASS

1ST OLIVIA SCOTT and VYLA

2ND ALEXIS SWADLING and ROCKY

NO PROMOTIONS

RED CLASS

1ST NORMA RICHARDSON and TUNDE

2ND RUTH WATSON and BAILEY

3RD KATE LE BARS and HEPBURN

NO PROMOTIONS

EXPERIENCED CLASS

NO AWARDS

3RD AGILITY COMPETITION RESULTS

9TH NOVEMBER 2019

COUNTRY LINK

1ST KATHRYN MCKELLAR and SUZIE Q

2ND NINA BALAS and IMOGEN

NO OTHER PLACINGS

NDTC COMPETITION

1ST KATHRYN MCKELLAR and SUZIE Q

2ND PAM ROWLEY and ROLLO

3RD MICHELLE ARNESON and SCOOPY



Dominic with Spleefy



Steve and Sue Munro with Monty



L to R: Ruth with Bailey, Jessica with Nova



AWL NSW NAROOMA DOG TRAINING CLUB

2019 CHRISTMAS PARTY
2-4pm SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER
NATA OVAL

Games with Prizes to start the Afternoon
Trophy and Awards Presentation
Lucky Door Prize

CHRISTMAS FANCY DRESS COMPETITION
for the Best Handler and Dog Combination
PLEASE BRING

A Plate of your Favourite Party Food to Share
A Chair, Hat and Cool Drink
Your family and your dog!

ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEAD

WET WEATHER VENUE (NO dogs allowed)
Uniting Church Hall, Wagonga St Narooma



WORDS OF WISDOM

The best therapist has fur and four legs.

If you are uncomfortable around my dog,
I'm happy to lock you in the other room when you visit.

Without my dog, my wallet would be full, my house would be clean
but my heart would be empty.

I named my dog 5 miles so I can tell people I walk 5 miles every day!

Authors Unknown

WORTH THINKING ABOUT

Whether you believe in climate change or not, there is no denying that the weather is becoming more extreme. Hot days are hotter, drought conditions are so bad that towns are running out of water, winds more extreme, and the bush fire season seems to start earlier and last longer. Some areas not normally affected by fire appear to more vulnerable, as we have seen in the recent fires. Wherever you live now no-one can be complacent and just sit back and say “it can’t happen here”. It is up to us all to have some disaster plan in mind. There are certain areas around Narooma, Kianga and Dalmeny which are either flood or bush fire prone. If you contact Eurobodalla Council you will be able to find out where they are. Also the local Rural Fire Service personnel will give you advice on your district.



What’s your animal EMERGENCY PLAN?

Are you prepared if disaster strikes?

Emergency planning for pets is an important part of emergency household preparations. Planning ahead is critical and greatly increases the likelihood of evacuating your pets to safety.

Create an animal emergency kit

Preparing an animal emergency kit ensures you have the essentials for your animal if you need to seek temporary accommodation,

The kit should include:

- Dry food and water containers (enough for at least three days)
- Food and water bowls
- Leads, collars, harnesses, etc.
- Poo bags for dogs, cat litter and tray for cats, etc.
- Cage or carrier appropriate for smaller pets (cat, bird, guinea pig, reptile, etc.). Label the carrier.
- Vaccination certificates, registration certificates
- First aid items and medications
- Blankets, towel, and bedding
- Information sheet including your name and contact details, photo of pet, pet’s name, description and care requirements

Including your livestock and pets in your emergency plan

- Prepare an animal emergency kit
- Train your animals to be settled in a cage/carrier/crate/horse float
- Ensure cats and dogs are microchipped and contact details are up to date
- Dogs and cats should wear collars and have an ID tag including their name, owner’s name and number.
- Plan for how and where you will relocate your animal
- Consider transportation for larger animals, e.g. horse floats and trucks
- Discuss your emergency plan with the family and practice it.

EUROBODALLA DISTRICT SHOW – 26th and 27th January 2020

Yve Robinson is organising and running a stall in the Pavilion at the 2020 Eurobodalla Agricultural Show run by the Eurobodalla District Show Society in Moruya, which will be promoting AWL Narooma Dog Training Club. This is a fundraising opportunity for our branch. If there is anyone who would like to donate goods i.e. produce such as jams, pickles, chutneys, this would be very much appreciated. Plants and any home-made items are always popular and good sellers as well. If you think you can help in anyway, please contact Yve at training or ring 4476 3900 - she would love to hear from you.

Other highlights at the show will include different exhibits & competitions including:

- HISTORY OF THE EUROBODALLA (MORUYA) DISTRICT SHOWS – ten books full of photo's, newspaper articles, prize cards, etc and other information about the Moruya Showground dating back to the 1890's.
- PAVILION – large range of all the handmade crafts, art, cookery, plants, flowers, cake decorating, needlework, quilting
- POULTRY – entries of chickens, bantams, waterfowl
- FARM PRODUCE – all the produce grown in the local area
- CATTLE – a range of both pet calves and farm cattle
- HORSES – Show jumping, Hacks, Pony Club, Australian Stock Horses, Heavy Horses, Show Hunter, Miniature Horses & Ponies, plus many other horse events throughout the 2 days.

TICK SEASON WARNING!

One of our handlers has reminded us that ticks are around. even though it is so dry. Once we do finally get some good rain, they will raise their nasty ugly heads again in large numbers. Ticks appear to like sunshine and showers. As we all know there are several different kinds of tick, none of them particularly pleasant either for animals or humans. Bush, cattle, dog and paralysis ticks can all latch themselves on to our pets. The Paralysis Tick is particularly virulent and many cats and dogs do not recover from their bites unless they have quick veterinary treatment. There are several different medications available which need to be administered on a regular basis. Some owners who have bought a puppy tend to forget that it is constantly growing, and don't increase medication dosage with weight increase. If in doubt consult your vet who will advise you on weight and dosages. If your dog shows any signs of distress after being bitten by any kind of tick, a trip to the vets should be taken.

HOT WEATHER WARNING!

Last month we learned of two dogs who had died due partly to the hot weather. Both of them were black short muzzled dogs, one a Staffordshire Terrier and the other a Boston Terrier. They died of heart attacks - one of them had been running after the car (this is a form of exercising dogs which is quite dangerous and illegal) and the other had been on a very long walk in the middle of the day. This type of dog can have breathing problems, so extra care should be taken if you own a terrier style dog. Always keep in mind the age of your dog, its weight, colour and the temperature when exercising them, especially on hot days.

Our pets can suffer extreme distress at the height of the summer. Cats are generally very clever in finding themselves the coolest spot in the garden or indoors, but many dogs who are outside dwellers are not so lucky. If your dog is an outside dog, it is necessary to make sure it has always got a shady spot or kennel on a veranda. Plenty of fresh water is an absolute must - some lovely owners invest in a child's paddling pool so that their dogs can cool off in heat wave conditions. Many owners get their dogs coat clipped during the summer months. If you do this, remember that dogs can get sunburnt as well as humans. Walking in the midday sun is not a good idea. The best times for walking dogs are early in the morning (before breakfast) or when the sun has gone down in the evening.

NAROOMA DOG TRAINING CLUB 2020 CALENDAR
CORRECT AS AT DECEMBER 2020

PLEASE NOTE: THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

PLEASE READ THE NOTICEBOARD AND CHECK FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES

February	RETURNING HANDLERS REGISTRATION RENEWAL FEES DUE THIS MONTH
February 1	New Registrations , Obedience – NO AGILITY OR RALLY O TRAINING
February 8	Obedience, Agility
February 15	Obedience, Agility
February 21	Friday 7pm. Ordinary Meeting
February 22	Obedience, Agility
February 29	Obedience, Rally O Training
March 7	New Registrations , Obedience, Agility
March 14	Obedience, Rally O Training
March 20	Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting
March 21	Obedience, Agility
March 28	Obedience, <u>1ST RALLY O COMPETITION</u> (Yellow/Red/Black classes)
April 4	New Registrations , Obedience, Agility
April 11	EASTER PUBLIC HOLIDAY WEEKEND – NO TRAINING OR AGILITY
April 17	Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting
April 18	Obedience, Agility
April 25	ANZAC DAY – NO OBEDIENCE OR AGILITY OR RALLY O
May 2	New Registrations , Obedience, Agility
May 9	SPECIAL EVENT - TBA
May 15	Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting
May 16	Obedience, Agility
May 23	Obedience, <u>1ST AGILITY COMPETITION</u> and <u>COUNTRY LINK</u>
May 30	Obedience, Rally O Training
June 6	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY WEEKEND - NO TRAINING OR AGILITY
June 13	New Registrations , Obedience, Rally O
June 19	Friday 7pm, Ordinary Meeting
June 20	<u>1ST HANDLERS DAY – NO AGILITY</u>
June 27	Obedience, <u>2ND RALLY O COMPETITION</u> (Yellow/Red/Black classes)



The Boulton Family, loving NDTC