



NEWSLETTER OF THE
NAROOMA DOG TRAINING CLUB
ESTABLISHED 2016

October - November - December 2023

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to this fourth and final edition of the Woofers Newsletter for 2023, and a warm welcome to all new handlers who have joined our program since August.

As we prepare for the Festive Season ahead, I take this opportunity to thank you all for bringing your dog to train with us at Narooma Dog Training Club. We hope you have learned some useful canine handling skills which have helped you bond well with your companion dog. Some of you decided that the skills learned in the two-month Basic Obedience Program are sufficient to carry you forward. If this is you, then we are really pleased to have been able to help. Others of you have been “bitten by the dog training bug”, and are continuing your learning and working your way upwards through the different class colours. Welcome to our happy band of dog owners! We hope all of you will return for more in 2024.

Our program of obedience, rally obedience and agility offered throughout the year, is only possible thanks to the dedication of our volunteer Instructors. 2023 was Kathryn McKellar’s first full year as Chief Instructor – and I have to say she has done a fantastic job keeping our team of Instructors happy and well informed. Thanks Kath! And thanks to Instructors Jean, Kay, Alexis and Peter for your commitment and dedication across ten months of Saturdays. I also take this moment to thank two guest Instructors who helped us out this year – Amanda Doust and Jeff Chivell. It is important to have different teaching styles in the program, especially for the advanced classes.

Since I last wrote, Val McCauley (Vice President) and I visited Sydney for the AWL (Animal Welfare League) Conference. This was a new experience for both of us, and we thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to get to know volunteers from other AWL NSW Branches and some of the Sydney AWL team. There were also attendees from Pet Rescue, RSPCA, shire councils, government and AWL’s key sponsor Purina. And I met with some of the cast of the TV Show “The Dog House”. They were finalising the last episode of Season 4, filmed at AWL Kemps Creek.

Working behind the scenes is the voluntary NDTC Committee. Earmarked for mention in dispatches are Peter Nelipa (Treasurer) and Carol Hellmers (Secretary/Publicity Officer) who together keep finances, admin and paperwork ticking over smoothly. Have you noticed how clean the Nata Oval is when you arrive for training? Alexis Swadling does a great job as Work, Health and Safety Officer, making sure that everything is ship shape. Lastly, but certainly not least a big thankyou to Rosy Williams for the wonderful photos she takes for our Facebook page and these newsletters.

All things considered, it has been a very successful and happy year for Narooma Dog Training Club. Thank you everyone for making it so! I wish you all a safe and happy Festive Season and look forward to seeing you on 3rd February 2024, ready for another year of canine capers.

Wayne Perry, President

**Narooma Dog Training Club,
a Branch of the NSW Animal Welfare League,
is on Facebook!
Please LIKE us and SHARE us with your friends**



ABOUT NAROOMA DOG TRAINING CLUB

Training starts at 2pm. Instructors have other jobs before that time, such as registration, safety check on the grounds, selling dog 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 Wayne Perry	Vice President Valerie McCauley	Secretary/Publicity Officer Carol Hellmers	Treasurer Peter Nelipa
Chief Instructor Kathryn McKellar		WHS Officer Alexis Swadling	
Instructors Jean Page Peter Nelipa		Deputy Chief Instructor Kay Davidson	
		Trainee Instructor Alexis Swadling	
		Trainee Instructor Wayne Perry	

Guest Instructors Amanda Doust, Jeff Chivell

Equipment Jean Page	Agility Trailer Jock McKellar	Woofers Editors Carol Hellmers
Registration Assistant Valerie McCauley	Photographer Rosy Williams	

Dog Training Enquiries: 0458 953 281

Training times: Every Saturday, weather permitting.
Obedience and Rally Obedience: 2-3pm
Agility: 3.30 - 4.30pm, as per the Calendar on back page.

Rain Cancellation: Please ring NDTC phone – 0458 953 281 after midday, on the day

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 handlers are asked to wear their name badges to all NDTC classes.
- Handlers 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 handler - 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 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 2024

Annual registration fee for renewing handlers is payable from February 2024.
\$40 Adult; \$25 Concession/Junior (over 9 and under 18 years); \$60 Family (any family combination).
Half Year registration fees are reduced for renewing handlers, commencing from 1 August.
Basic Obedience Program - \$50 for a 2month program.

Ground Fee - a fee of \$5.00 per handler is payable each week on attendance.

FROM THE CHIEF INSTRUCTOR

So here we are with our end of year break almost upon us.

Many of us will be enjoying festive feasts over this time so I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that many of these treats are not beneficial for your dog and some are in fact dangerous. So here are a few foods to be careful of:

As most of us know **chocolate** is very toxic to dogs especially dark chocolate, even in small quantities. It is the chemical, theobromine which is found in chocolate that can lead to seizures and irregular heartbeats and sadly, even death.

Not as well known are **grapes, raisins, currants and sultanas** - these are also toxic to dogs, so definitely no Christmas cake for your pets.

Macadamia nuts are another Christmas favourite that can be toxic in significant quantities to dogs, so keep your pet away from the nut bowl. **Avocados, onions and garlic** should also be avoided.

And lastly, don't be tempted to give your dog the **ham bone**. These are particularly brittle and can cause serious digestive problems for your dog.

Now, just because we are having a break from dog training doesn't mean we are having a break from training our dogs. Don't forget to incorporate your training skills in day-to-day life. You may even want to show off your dog's obedience abilities with family and friends.

Wishing you all happy holidays,

Kathryn McKellar, Chief Instructor

Never leave home
Without a kiss and hug
and an "I Love You"

Then remove the dog hair from
your mouth as you walk to the
car!



2023 COMPETITION RESULTS

1st HANDERS DAY - 27 MAY

BLUE CLASS

1st place - Louise Webb & Lacey

2nd place tied - Jill Chisholm & Clover, Kerrie Kozman & Max

YELLOW CLASS

1st place - Christine Berry & Amber (Promoted to Red Class)

2nd place - Ruth Watson & Whiskey

3rd place - Nicky Brodie & Frankie

RED CLASS

1st place - Suzanne Joseph & Josie (Promoted to Black Class)

2nd place - Ruth Watson & Bailey (Promoted to Black Class)

3rd place - Graham Pinney & Bowie (Promoted to Black Class)

Also promoted to Black Class - Elizabeth Newfield & Kai



Rob & Esmay, Roslyn & Archie

2nd HANDLERS DAY - 26 AUGUST

BLUE CLASS

1st place - Rosy Williams & Elvis (Promoted to Yellow)

2nd place tied - Alex Newfield a& Emma (Promoted to Yellow)

3rd place - Alicia Monk & Salli (Promoted to Yellow)

YELLOW CLASS

1st place - Louise Webb & Lacey (Promoted to Red Class)

2nd place - Kara Munn & Gus

3rd place - Ruth Watson & Whiskey

RED CLASS

1st place - Suzanne Joseph & Ricki

2nd place - Ian Murphy & Bessie

3rd place - Martin Oswin & Ella

BLACK CLASS

1st place - Suzanne Joseph & Josie

2nd place - Ruth Watson & Bailey

3rd place - Elizabeth Newfield & Kai



Kara & Gus, Ruth holding Whiskey

3rd HANDLERS DAY - 11 NOVEMBER

BLUE CLASS

1st place - Deb Burgess & Sherlock (Promoted to Yellow)

2nd place - Kim Harris & Dutch (Promoted to Yellow)

Tied 3rd place - Rob Ritchie & Esmay (Promoted to Yellow)

Tied 3rd place - Roslyn Johnson & Archie

YELLOW CLASS

1st place - Ruth Watson & Whiskey (Promoted to Red)

2nd place - Kara Munn & Gus (Promoted to Red)

3rd place - Ree Liddell & Laney

RED CLASS

1st place - Jessica Boulton & Bindi

2nd place - Suzanne Joseph & Ricki

3rd place - Christine Berry & Amber

BLACK CLASS

1st place - Suzanne Joseph & Josie

2nd place - Ruth Watson & Bailey

3rd place - Graham Pinney & Bowie



A very proud Deb with Sherlock

1st AGILITY COMPETITION - 9th SEPTEMBER

On Lead

- 1st - Rosie Williams & Elvis
- 2nd - Alex Newfield & Emma
- 3rd - Graham Pinney & Bowie

Off Lead

- 1st - Elizabeth Newfield & Kai
- 2nd - Peter Nelipa & Bobby
- 3rd - Jessica Boulton & Bindi

2nd AGILITY COMPETITION - 28th OCTOBER

On Lead

- 1st - Graham Pinney & Bowie
- 2nd - Marilyn Fisher & Bonnie
- 3rd - Rosie Williams & Elvis

Off Lead

- 1st - Elizabeth Newfield & Kai
- 2nd - Jessica Boulton & Nova



Graham & Bowie – 1st Place on lead

1st RALLY OBEDIENCE ASSESSMENT – 3rd JUNE

Blue Class

- 1st place - Louise Webb & Lacey
- 2nd place - Jill Chisholm & Clover
- 3rd place - Rob Ritchie & Esmay

Yellow Class

- 1st place - Alex Newfield & Hugo
- 2nd place - Tina Harris & Morgan
- 3rd place - Nicki Brodie & Frankie

Red Class

- 1st place - Libby Shortridge & Pic
- 2nd place - Suzanne Joseph & Ricki
- 3rd place - Jessica Boulton & Bindi

Black Class

- 1st place - Suzanne Joseph & Josie
- 2nd place - Elizabeth Newfield & Kai
- 3rd place - Ruth Watson & Bailey



Louise & Lacey - 1st Place

2nd RALLY OBEDIENCE ASSESSMENT - 16th SEPTEMBER

Blue Class

- 1st - Deb Burgess & Sherlock
- 2nd - Alicia Monk & Salli
- 3rd - Rosie Williams & Elvis

Yellow Class

- 1st - Louise Webb & Lacey
- 2nd - Jill Chisholm & Clover

Red Class

- 1st - Martin Oswin & Ella
- 2nd - Jessica Boulton & Bindi
- 3rd - Suzanne Joseph & Ricki

Black Class

- 1st - Suzanne Joseph & Josie
- 2nd - Graham Pinney & Bowie



Suzanne with Ricki and Josie – two winners!

FUN AT TAILWAGGERS
10 SEPTEMBER 2023

A marvelous day was had by all at the AWL Eurobodalla Branch annual Tailwaggers Walk. Congratulations to the Committee of the Eurobodalla Branch for a sunny and successful day. Here are a few of the photos taken by Rosy Williams – see who you can recognise!



“A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.”
Josh Billings

*“We are the centre of their universe.
We are the focus of their love, faith and trust.
They serve us for scraps.
It is without a doubt, the best deal man has ever made.”*
Roger A. Caras

WELCOME TO NEW HANDLERS

Basic Handling Skills Program: October/November

Jessica Betts & Titan

Frank Caruann and Linda Ridley & Ragnar

Geoffrey Drake & Paul

Summer Fisher & Ruby

Katrin Lee & Sasha

Isabella McGee & Clancy

Cale Phelps & Elwood

Fiona de Preu & Dusty

Krystal Rayer & Mini

Tracey Stewart & Paddy

Michelle Thornton & Luffy



Just a few of the new handlers who started the Basic Obedience Program on 7th October with Instructor Jean Page

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We are delighted to announce that the Quota Narooma Trivia Night, held on 16 November was a success and a fun night. Over 80 people were in attendance in the Montague Room at Club Naroroma, which was a fantastic show of support from the community. Several of our dog handlers attended, bringing friends with them and all up there were eleven tables of “trivia know it alls” – thanks to Malcolm Badderley, Ros Johnson, Deb Burgess, Graham Pinney and Marilyn Fisher. Hopefully I didn’t miss anyone? All NDTC Instructors were there, except Wayne Perry who was in Sydney representing our Branch at the AWL Conference., as was our photographer Rosy Williams. A lovely intro was given at the start of the evening, and our Treasurer Peter Nelipa ended the evening with a brief statement on how the funds raised would be used by NDTC. Once we have this figure, we will let you know. Meantime, a big thanks to Quota and everyone who attended for their enthusiasm for this fundraiser, the first for us for many years.

A BIG THANKYOU also to everyone who has brought their cans, bottles and plastics to training on Saturdays, for us to recycle in the machines at Narooma Plaza. In the last four months over \$240 dollars has been raised from that source. That’s 2,400 items that have been properly recycled thanks to you!

**SPECIAL THANKS TO ROSY WILLIAMS FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL PHOTOS
IN THE WOOFER, AND ON THE NDTC FACEBOOK PAGE**



NAROOMA DOG TRAINING CLUB 2024 CALENDAR

(Subject to change and/or cancellation due to weather conditions)

- January 19 NDTC Branch Meeting – 11am Narooma Men’s Shed
- February** **RETURNING HANDLERS REGISTRATION RENEWAL FEES DUE THIS MONTH**
- February 3 Obedience - **New BASIC HANDLING SKILLS Registrations**
Instructors Meeting
- February 10 Obedience, Agility
- February 16 NDTC Branch Meeting – 11am Narooma Men’s Shed
- February 17 Obedience, Agility
- February 24 Obedience, Agility
- March 2 Obedience, Agility
- March 9 Obedience, Agility
- March 15 NDTC Branch Meeting – 11am, Narooma Men’s Shed
- March 16 Obedience, Agility 1ST AGILITY COMPETITION and COUNTRY LINK
- March 23 Obedience, Agility (1st Agility Comp RAIN DATE)
- March 30 **EASTER LONG WEEKEND – NO CLASSES**
- April 6 Obedience - **New BASIC HANDLING SKILLS Registrations**
Instructors Meeting
- April 13 Obedience, Agility
- April 19 NDTC Branch Meeting – 11am, Narooma Men’s Shed
- April 20 Obedience - 1ST HANDLERS DAY
- April 27 Obedience, Agility (1st Handlers Day RAIN DATE)
- May 4 Obedience, Agility
- May 11 Obedience, 1ST RALLY ASSESSMENT
- May 17 NDTC Branch Meeting – 11am, Narooma Men’s Shed
- May 18 Obedience, Agility (1st Rally Assessment RAIN DATE)
- May 25 Obedience, Agility
- June 1 Obedience - **New BASIC HANDLING SKILLS Registrations**
Instructors Meeting
- June 8 **KING’S BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND - NO CLASSES**
- June 14 NDTC Branch Meeting – 11am, Narooma Men’s Shed
- June 15 Obedience, Agility
- June 22 Obedience, 2ND AGILITY COMPETITION and COUNTRY LINK
- June 29 Obedience, Agility (2nd Agility Comp RAIN DATE)
- July 6 Obedience, Agility
- July 13 Obedience - 2ND HANDLERS DAY
- July 19 NDTC Branch Meeting – 11am, Narooma Men’s Shed
- July 20 Obedience, Agility (2nd Handlers Day RAIN DATE)
- July 26 **TBC AGM, NDTC – Venue TBA**
- July 27 Obedience, Agility

