



Newsletter

June 2009



A WORD FROM THE 'CHIEF'

Today I want to talk about 'Heeling'. Whether you are intending to trial your dogs, are already trialling your dog or you are never going to trial you dogs, heeling is the basis of all obedience work. If you simply want a well behaved pet, then there is nothing nicer than for you to be able to take your dog for a walk without him/her pulling your arm out of its socket. How nice it looks when you see a person walking their dog down the street, and the dog is walking happily beside them. It's a real treat to watch.

But dogs are simply that - dogs. Their noses are a thousand times more sensitive than ours, and the smells they pick up when out for their walk must be incredible. It is one of their joys in life, so be fair to them, when they are

walking nicely, take a little detour to the next bush, or post and let them have their smell, for them, it the same as us reading the newspaper.

If you are meaning to enter obedience trials, then heeling is even more important. Heeling is the absolute basis for **ALL** exercises, and I always say 'a good heeling dog is a dog who wants to be with you', that being the case make it interesting - talk to your dog, using different tones in your voice to keep him/her interested. When you are having a training session, keep the heeling in short bursts, so as not to bore them silly. If you are out walking you can also try singing to your dog to get a swing to your walk, also, remember that most dogs work better at a 'brisk' pace, so do not dawdle. When you take your dog for a walk, you can use the time to train him/her, when you stop at a corner, or street, don't always 'sit' the dog; sometimes do a 'stand' or a 'down'. A word of advice, when you are out for a walk with your dog, if you are passing an unknown dog and owner, make sure that you pass person to person, **NOT** dog to dog.

Try to use other words rather than just 'Good dog' and 'Fido', try using words and phrases, for example. 'What a clever girl/boy/puppy' 'Aren't you the smart dog' 'I'm so proud of you' The dog doesn't know what the words mean, but the tone in which you say them and the different sounds will be interesting for them, also speak quietly as that also gets their attention.

All this boils down to you being a companion to your dog. We want our dogs to be our companions, so do our dogs want us to be their companion. Companionship is a 2-way street.

Happy Heeling

Roddy



Welcome New Members



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Lynette Garrettt-Preston
David Smith
Megan Ball
Matthew Southard
Lauren Mowlam
Ben Thomsen
Kellie Hunt
Lynda Ryan
Linda Thomas
Lorraine Dalton
Steven Thomas

With 'Duck'
With 'Turi'
With 'Cooper'
With 'Mav'
With 'Zara'
With 'Jess'
With 'Dog'
With 'Manny'
With 'Rex'
With 'Suki'
With 'Oscar' and 'Shelley'

Favorite Photo's

A new photo page has been put on the website for any members that would like to display their photo's of the furry members of the family.

These are fun photo's – of holiday's, at home, down the beach etc. If you would like to be part of this page, please email your photo's to: webmaster@portstephensdogclub.org.au



Please included the name of the dog, the family it belongs to and where the photo was taken.

We like this one of Ralph!



Tracking



TRIALS:

CLUB	DATE OF TRIAL	JUDGE
NEWCASTLE ALL BREEDS	14 TH JUNE 2009	MRS T KNOX
MAITLAND & KURRI DISTRICT KC	5 TH JULY 2009	MRS H SCHAECKEN
NEWCASTLE ALL BREEDS	19 TH JULY 2009	MRS P HARTWELL
PORT STEPHENS ALL BREEDS	23 RD AUGUST 2009	MS TIKI FRIEZER
PORT STEPHENS ALL BREEDS	13 TH SEPTEMBER 2009	MRS INEKE DE WITT

All trials are held at the Wallaroo State Forest
 Start time: 8am
 Entry Fees \$22.00



Tracking Training

Training Starts: 9am

Dates: 20th June, 1st August

Beginners Welcome



For more information on Trials & Tracking please contact:

Name	Phone	Mobile	Email
Paul Hill	02 4976 2497	0427 762 497	zoeypjhill@dodo.com.au
Mary Greenwood	02 4978 4042		maryg@huntercouncils.com.au
Moria McGregor	02 4973 3047		
Narelle Vale	02 4382 6045		

Or check out the website:

www.trackingclubnsw.org.au

Dogs Enjoy Tracking so GO TRACKING!

Dogs enjoy tracking, it's team exercise for everyone.

We are a small group, and one trial track can need up to four helpers, so tracking people must be prepared to help each other.

To set tracks we use 500mm to 1 meter of brightly coloured ribbons. We put these ribbons on the trees so that we know where we are going.

Tracking Dogs use 10 meter leads and Tracking Harnesses.

To get started you will need a reward for the dog – something the dog really wants (small pieces of food), a soft collar, a 2-3 meter lead and four old socks with your scent on them.

Dogs must be on lead at all times in a State Forest.



- All Triallers -



Don't forget to email your trial results to the webmaster:

webmaster@portstephensdogclub.org.au

to have your results put up on the website.

Please include your name, dogs name, class entered, score and place if applicable.



AGILITY

Dogs Love Agility! Agility is Fast & Fun & Exciting

Agility training is held on a Tuesday night.

To join the Agility section of the club your dog must be **assessed by the club** to have a certain level of obedience **BEFORE** you attend training.

For more information please see Ray or grab anyone of the committee members.

AGILITY NEWS

The **Agility Sub-Committee** has been formed, the members on this committee are as follows:-

Chairperson; Mr. Ray Dean.

Members:
Steve Kay
Brian Blenkinsop
Lee Smithers
Betty Dean
Bronwyn Lubinski
Jean Blenkinsop

The **Agility Trial Committee** is as follows:-

Trial Secretary	Ray Dean
Trial Manager	Steve Kay
Accommodation & Finance Officer	Lee Smithers
Minute Secretary	Bronwyn Lubinski
Catering Manager	Jane Scorer
Chief Steward	TBA

Any questions regarding Agility training or our agility trial should be addressed to Ray Dean for training issues or Steve Kay for trial issues.





Port Stephens All Breeds & Obedience Canine Club Inc

Social Club

Xmas

HUNTER RIVER DISCOVERY CRUISE

Departing from Lee Wharf Honeysuckle Drive at 4PM Saturday 28th November 2009. Cost \$79pp. We travel along the dramatically changing landscape of a 6 HOUR vogue from the city foreshore through to the serenity of the Koorangang Wetlands, as we indulge in some Hors Dervs while meandering past farmlands adjoining the Hunter River. We take a break at the Junction Inn Hotel, a country-style pub in Raymond Terrace that will be serving a delicious hot roast before making our return journey where we will be then be served our dessert's. One of the highlights will include having the Pacific Highway come to a complete stand-still as the Hexhan Bridge is raised to allow for our passage.

Jess, If people are interested I would need a \$20 deposit pp. then if they like I can collect money from them every Sunday If they chose where I will issue them with a receipt so all money can be paid before Xmas is they want, just to make life a little bit easier. Boat holds 30 - 50 people but we need 30 people to go.

Thanks for putting this in the Newsletter, it should then get us the numbers we need.
Cheers Lee





Agility Trial Dinner

A get-together prior to the Agility Trial,
Where: at the pub!

For: anyone involved or entering or just wanting
to come along for a laugh.

It'll be Friday the 17th July, 7pm

At: The Junction Inn Hotel in Raymond Terrace.

Bookings essential and must ring me:

Sam 0414 899 965 or 02 498 86724

before the 10th July.





President's Dog of the Month



GRIFFON BRUXELLOIS

The Griffon Bruxellois or Brussels Griffon is a breed of toy dog, named for the city of their origin, Brussels, Belgium. The Griffon Bruxellois may refer to three different breeds, the Griffon Bruxellois, the Griffon Belge and the Petit Brabançon. Identical in standard except for coat and colour differences, in some standards they are considered varieties of the same breed, much like Belgian Sheepdogs.

Appearance.

All three breeds are generally small, with a flat face, prominent, chin, and large wide set eyes that give the Griffon an almost human expression. They are sometimes compared to an Ewok from the movie Star Wars and have been rumored to be a partial inspiration for that race to creator George Lucas. All three breeds are sturdy toy dogs with thick-set, well-balanced bodies, giving a square appearance in proportion when viewed from the side. A proper Griffon should be muscular, compact, and well-boned, and should not seem delicate, racy or over cobby. The griffon often feels heavier than it is for such a small size. Because they are judged by weight rather than by shoulder height, proper proportioning is essential to determine whether a dog is too fat, too slim, or too tall for its size.

Weight standards, especially where the upper limit is that might disqualify the dog from the show ring, varies among the breed standards, but the ideal weight is 3.63 kg to 4.54 kg for both sexes.

The neck is medium length and arched slightly. The chest is deep, and the back is level. The tail is left at its natural length in breed standards that allow for that, it should be set high, and when showing, should express the alert, keen demeanor of the breed. Kinked tails are not uncommon in the breed, but are undesirable for conformation showing.

Head

The head is the most important characteristic of this breed, and the most well defined aspect of the breed standard.

The rounded head should be large in proportion to the body, but should not appear to unbalance the dog. Depending the standard, the fore head is referred to as “rounded” or “domed”. In either case, the appearance or skull should be of a circle Rather than an oval, the forehead should not bulge or protrude. The ears should be set high but well apart, small, and carried semi-erect. The dark, wide-set, black-rimmed eyes are very large and expressive, giving the face its essential human-like qualities. They should be prominent but not bulging.

Coat

In the Griffon Bruxellois and the Griffon Belge, the coat is wiry, harsh, and dense. This breed has little to no shedding. By breed standards, at no time should or feel woolly. It should be short enough not to disrupt the form of the dog over the body, and long enough to distinguish the texture and

Petit
Furnishings
face form a
the eyes, nose,
chin, but should
to grow into a
beard. Rather,
accentuate the
the chin and
eyebrow,
beard look is
human-like
sought after in
There may be
furnishings
as well, though
the head.



Photo: David Paton

type from the
Brabançon.
around the
fringe around
cheeks and
not be allowed
long, flowing
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natural form of
cheeks. The
moustache and
essential to the
expression
the breed.
some
around the legs
shorter than

To accomplish
the hair must be
a technique

this harsh coat
groomed with
known as

stripping. This involves pulling out the dead hair by hand. If the coat is left to grow naturally it will become soft and woolly looking.

In the Petit Brabançon, the coat is short, straight, smooth, glossy, and flat, with no trace of wiry hair. Its coat should look rather like a Pug or Boston Terrier.

Colour Types

There are three distinct colour types recognized for the breed. The actual colour of each dog can vary depending on how they are groomed. If the hair is cut or clippers are used the colour of the dog will be considerable lighter than expected by breed standards. The three colours are as follows: **Griffon Bruxellois:** Red or Reddish-brown

Griffon Belge: Black, Black and Tan, Black and Red,

Petit Brabançon: All colours allowed for other standards

Temperament

The Griffon Bruxellois is known to have a huge heart, and a strong desire to snuggle and be with his or her master. They display a visible air of self-importance. A Griffon should not be shy or aggressive; however, they are very emotionally sensitive, and because of

this, should be socialized carefully at a young age. Griffons should also be alert, inquisitive and interested in their surroundings. 10

Griffons tend to bond with one human more than others. This, along with their small size, may make them unsuitable as a family pet, especially for a family with very small children. Griffons tend to get along well with other animals in the house, including cats, ferrets, and other dogs. However, they can get into trouble because they have no concept of their own relative size and may attempt to dominate dogs much larger than themselves.

Some say: Having a Griffon means having a true constant companion. They need their favorite person all the time, and will be very unhappy if left outdoors or alone most of the day. A Griffon Bruxellois will want to follow you about the house, on your shopping trips, and to bed.

Health

Griffons have a handful of various health issues, including both physiological and genetic. It is thought that many of the issues have long existed in the breed, and only in recent years these issues have been identified and categorized. Despite many of these health concerns the typical life span of a Griffon is somewhere in the range of 12 to 15 years.

Birthing

Breeding can be a difficult issue for Griffons. Because of the breed's it is not uncommon for some complications to cause a caesarean section to be needed.



Cleft Palate

One issue that is typically fatal for the puppies is having a cleft palate. It results in the puppy not receiving nourishment from the mother and eventually starvation. It is uncommon but, depending on the size of the cleft it is possible for the puppy to survive where as it becomes older surgery can be done to close the hole.

Eyes

Lacerations- Lacerations are a common issue amongst the breed. Because Griffons have such large and a short snout, there is very little there to protect their vision from foreign bodies. If a laceration is left

untreated it can result in blindness.

Cataracts- As with most breeds; cataracts are a common problem as the dog ages. For many breeders it is a disappointment that the cataracts typically develop long after the dog has already been bred.

Lens Luxations- Lens luxations can be fairly common in the breed and result in secondary glaucoma

Glaucoma- Glaucoma can also be a common issue amongst Griffons due to the breeds facial features and eye size.

Heat Stroke

Due to the shortened snout that Griffons have, heat stroke is a major concern for the breed. To be left outside for any lengthy period of time is extremely devastating for a Griffon. The breed's smashed face may cause serious respiratory issues in extreme heat. Because of this danger Griffons are not favoured for walking or living outside in warmer climates.

History

The three variations of this dog, the Griffon Bruxellois (Brussels Griffon), Griffon Belge (Griffon Belgian), and the Petit Brabançon, all descend from an old type of dog called a “Smousje”, a rough coated, small terrier-like dog kept in stables to eliminate rodents, similar to the Dutch Smoushond. In Belgium coachmen were fond of their alert little “Griffons d’ Ecurie (wiry coated stable dogs) and in the 1800’s, they bred their Griffons with imported toy dogs. Breeding with the Pug and the King Charles Spaniel brought about the current breed type, but also brought the short black coat that lead to the Petits Brabançon, which was originally a fault of the breed. The spaniels also brought the rich red and black and tan colour of the modern Griffon Bruxellois and Griffon Belge. The Griffon Bruxellois grew in popularity in the late 1800s with both workers and noblemen in Belgium. The first Griffon Bruxellois was registered in 1883 in the first volume Belgium’s kennel club studbook. The popularity of the breed was increased by the interest of Queen Marie Henriette, a dog enthusiast who visited the annual dog shows in Belgium religiously, often with her daughter, and became a breeder and booster of Griffon Bruxellois, giving them international fame and popularity. Many dogs were exported to other countries.

The First World War and Second World War proved to be a disastrous time for the breed. War time is difficult on any dog breed, and the recovering numbers after the First World War were set back by increased vigilance in breeding away from faults such as webbed toes. By the end of the Second World War, Belgium had almost no native Griffon Bruxellois left, and it was only through the vigilance of dedicated breeders (in England particularly) that the breed survived at all.

The breed has never been numerous or popular, but had a brief vogue in the late 1950’s, and now is generally an uncommon breed. There has been a recent increase in interest in the United States due to appearance of a Griffon in the Movie, “As Good as It Gets”, and also because of a general increase in interest in toy dogs.





VACCINATIONS OVERDUE

MARCH 09

The following people have vaccinations due. Please show your vaccination papers to the registrar before taking the field.

JESSICA BALLARD	BELLA	MARCH 09
MICHAEL ABELA	LOGAN	SEPTEMBER 08
JEANETTE COLE	GRACE NELLY	FEBRUARY 09 MAY 09
KATHERINE COLACI	ELLIE	APRIL 09
CAMERON CRAMP	AMBER	FEBRUARY 09
TREV GLASBY	POPPY	APRIL 09
ANNE HILLS	JASPER	JANUARY 09
WENDY JOHNSTON	QUIX	MARCH 09
MARION OUTERIDGE	MORGAN RAIDER	JULY 08 JULY 08
KEITH SNEDDON	MAX	MARCH 09
BRAD THURLOW	EVA	FEBRUARY 09
ROB UPSALL	ROY	APRIL 09





A Man & His Dog



A man and his dog were walking along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead. He remembered dying, and that the dog walking beside him had been dead for years. He wondered where the road was leading them. After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road. It looked like fine marble. At the top of a long hill, it was broken by a tall arch that glowed in the sunlight. When he was standing before it he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother-of-pearl, and the street that led to the gate looked like pure gold. He and the dog walked toward the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side.. When he was close enough, he called out, 'Excuse me, where are we?' 'This is Heaven, sir,' the man answered. 'Wow! Would you happen to have some water?' the man asked. 'Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some ice water brought right up.' The man gestured, and the gate began to open. 'Can my friend,' gesturing toward his dog, 'come in, too?' the traveler asked. 'I'm sorry, sir, but we don't accept pets.' The man thought a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going with his dog. After another long walk, and at the top of another long hill, he came to a dirt road leading through a farm gate that looked as if it had never been closed. There was no fence. As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book. 'Excuse me!' he called to the man. 'Do you have any water?' 'Yeah, sure, there's a pump over there, come on in..' 'How about my friend here?' the traveler gestured to the dog. 'There should be a bowl by the pump.' They went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old-fashioned hand pump with a bowl beside it. The traveler filled the water bowl and took a long drink himself, then he gave some to the dog. When they were full, he and the dog walked back toward the man who was standing by the tree. 'What do you call this place?' the traveler asked. 'This is Heaven,' he answered. 'Well, that's confusing,' the traveler said. 'The man down the road said that was Heaven, too.' 'Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? Nope. That's hell.' 'Doesn't it make you mad for them to use your name like that?' 'No, we're just happy that they screen out the folks who would leave their best friends behind.'



Before attending a class or for more information on DWD at our club
please email Bev: mufflers3@dodo.com.au
If you need help see Bev!

or visit the Dogs NSW website for more info on the sport:
<http://www.dogsnsw.org.au/dancing-with-dogs>

Workshop for all interested dogs & handlers

**Presenters: Vicki Etherington
&
Karen Richardson**

**Cost Members \$20.00
 Non members \$30:00**

Friday 19th June, 2009 6pm – 10pm

**Amenities Building, Canine Complex Erskine Park
(air conditioned comfort)**

**Bring water bowl, crate, plenty of
soft food rewards that don't crumble.**

Download the application form from the Website

www.portstephensdogclub.org.au

On the News Page





OBEDIENCE

TRIALING DATES TO NOTE

Please consult your Dogs NSW magazine for more information, or check out the gazette online at www.dogs.nsw.com.au for more trial dates as not all trials may not be listed here.

CLUB	DATE OF TRIAL	TOWN/SUBURB	ENTRIES CLOSE
QUEANBEYAN	SAT 11 JULY	QUEANBEYAN	11 JUNE 2009
SPRINGWOOD	SAT 11 JULY	ERSKINE PARK	12 JUNE 2009
PENRITH	SUN 12 JULY	ERSKINE PARK	12 JUNE 2009
MAITLAND	SAT 18 & SUN 19 JULY	LARGS	24 JUNE 2009
WESTERN SUBURBS	SUN 26 JULY	GLEN DENNING	5 JULY 2009
WERRIWA	SUN 2 AUGUST	WARWICK FARM	6 JULY 2009



AGILITY/JUMPING

TRIALING DATES TO NOTE

Please consult your Dogs NSW magazine for more information, or check out the gazette online at www.dogs.nsw.com.au for more trial dates as not all trials may be listed here.

CLUB	DATE OF TRIAL	TOWN/SUBURB	ENTRIES CLOSE
MANLY	SAT 4 JULY	FRENCHS FOREST	12 JUNE 2009
AGILITY DOG CLUB	SAT 11 JULY	CASTLE HILL	20 JUNE 2009
COFFS HARBOUR	SAT 18 & SUN 19 JULY	COFFS HARBOUR	26 JUNE 2009



NEWS



INSTRUCTORS COURSE 2010

Members must be in 4th Class or above, or have previously trained a dog to that level of expertise.

They will need to purchase a Dogs NSW Instructors manual and a copy of the current ANKC trialling rules.

The course will be approximately 16 weeks duration, All trainee instructors will be required to steward at our trials in May, 2010.

Lectures will take place every Sunday after training and will be of a 1-2 hr duration. A 75% attendance is required and there will be a written assignment each week.

There will be a written 2 hour exam, an oral exam and a practical exam.

A syllabus will be available in the near future

Canine Massage



MRS. MEG YERBURY is visiting us to discuss

the benefits of CANINE MASSAGE for your dog.

SUNDAY, 12TH JULY, 2009

11.00 am (after training)

Mrs. Yerbury is a senior judge in the disciplines of Obedience, Agility & Tracking and is a qualified Canine Massage practitioner. There will be a question & answer session for members during the visit. Do your dogs a favour and learn how to please, relax or excite them. For further information please ask your an instructor or myself.

The canteen will stay open for refreshments.



Port Stephens All Breeds & Obedience Canine Club Inc.

Annual General Meeting

Will be held at the clubhouse on Wednesday, 2nd September, 2009

Nominations for Management Committee positions must be sent or given to the Returning Officer Fran Lillie no later than Wednesday 5th August, 2009

Positions Vacant:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
3 Committee Members

Nomination forms are available from the Canteen. Or can be downloaded from the website – See the 'Forms' page.



Port Stephens All Breeds & Obedience Canine Club Inc.

Obedience Branch Annual General Meeting

Will be held at the clubhouse on Sunday, 2nd August, 2009

Nominations for positions on the Obedience Branch Committee must be given to the Returning Officer Fran Lillie no later than 5th July, 2009.

Position Vacant

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Chief Instructor
4 committee members

Nominations forms are available from the Canteen or can be down loaded from the website – See the 'Forms' Page



Do You Own a Gundog?

*A brief summary of Gundog Working Tests
Kylie Bray*

Do you own a gundog? Have you been wondering what are the Gundog Working Tests held at Obedience Trials? Read on to find out more about the world of gundog sports available in NSW. Gundog sports give the wonderful gundog breeds an opportunity to channel some of that marvellous drive and energy into doing what they have been purposely bred and shaped by humans to do for hundreds of years.



Photo by Lara Sedgmen

Some of the more common Gundog breeds include the Labrador, Golden Retriever, Brittany, Lagotto Romagnolo, Cocker Spaniel, German Shorthaired Pointer, Hungarian Vizsla, and Weimaraner.

Gundog sports include Gundog Working Tests (GWTs), Retrieving Trials and Field Trials. Retrieving and Field Trials simulate more or less hunting scenarios which test your dogs hunting and retrieving instincts, while GWTs are more simplified versions of these. GWTs are also the most easily accessible sport to those of us starting out in the gundog world as they are carried out at Obedience Trials.

There are two levels of GWT competition which test general obedience and retrieving capabilities; Novice and Open. The Novice GWT consists of the following exercises:

1. Dog walks at heel for 30 metres
2. Dog does a recall to handler from 30m away
3. Dog does a 1 minute stay (sit, drop or stand position) with the handler 30m away and then does another recall
4. Dog does a single mark retrieve: - This is when an article will be launched into the air for the dog to see approx 50m away from the dog and handler. Once the article drops to the ground, the handler then sends the dog out to retrieve the article. The dog must then return to the handler with the article.

To be eligible to enter a Novice GWT you must have a registered gundog with Dogs NSW, however there is a proposed rule change to be hopefully introduced in 2010 that will see a Gundog Associate Register for non-pedigree gundogs.

I cannot over emphasise how much gundogs love this sport! Gundogs have natural instincts and abilities to perform this work, and it is sometimes a challenge to contain an excited gundog eagerly waiting their turn to participate in training or a competition! For the handler, harnessing their dog's natural instincts to locate and retrieve an item is a satisfying reward. Also, there is nothing more rewarding for a handler to see the pleased look on your gundog's face when he or she is returning back toward you to share with you what they have just retrieved!

If you would like some more info about training or entering a GWT, please feel free to contact Kerry (Club Registrar) or Kylie on kylieb@maitland.nsw.gov.au



DOG BISCUIT RECIPES

Dog Biscuits

Ingredients:

1 lb of Liver – Beef or Chicken
2 Eggs
1 Cup whole wheat flour
1 cup cornmeal

- Whirl liver in blender with 2 eggs.
- Pour in bowl and mix well with remaining ingredients.
- Spread on a cookie sheet sprayed with no stick over spray.
- Bake at 350F (175C) for about 25-30 minutes.
- Cool and cut into squares.
- Freezes well. Amount of time needed to bake will depend on how thick you spread it.



More Dog Biscuits

Ingredients:

2 meat stock cubes
1 1/2 litres milk
2kg wholemeal flour
160g oatmeal (buy generic brands)
50ml olive oil (or canola is cheaper)
Grated vegies (can use leftovers), if desired
Chicken extract or liver juice for extra flavour, if desired.

- Preheat oven to 200 degrees.
- Place all ingredients into a bowl and mix to a stiff consistency.
- Roll into sausages, place on a baking tray and bake until golden brown.
- Store in an airtight container.

Doggie Treats

Ingredients:

2 tsp sugar
3/4 cup hot chicken or beef broth
1/2 cup powdered milk
1/2 tsp salt (optional)
1 egg beaten
1/3 cup margarine
3 cups whole wheat flour

- In a large bowl, pour hot broth over margarine.



- Stir in powdered milk, salt, sugar and egg.
- Add flour ½ cup at a time, mixing well after each addition.
- Knead for 3 to 4 minutes, adding more flour if necessary to make a very stiff dough.
- Roll to ½ inch thickness and cut out with cookie cutters.
- Place on greaseproof paper and bake at 325F for 25 minutes.
- Turn biscuits over for even browning and bake for a further 25 mins.
- Allow to cool and dry out hard on a cooling rack.

Dog's Breakfast Bars

Ingredients:

1 ½ cups rolled oats
1 cup wholemeal plain flour
1 large egg
1 tsp Vegemite
½ cup boiling water
Fat from 2 – 3 bacon rashers

- Blend oats and flour.
- Mix beaten egg with oats and flour.
- Dissolve vegemite and garlic in boiling water.
- Add vegemite water and finely chopped bacon to mixture.
- Blend until it becomes a soft ball shape.
- Add a spoon of sunflower oil if too dry.
- Press firmly into a greased lamington tray.
- Bake at 180C for 15 minutes.
- Remove from tray and cut bars into a size to suit dogs.
- Cool on a wire rack.
- Store in the fridge to keep the bacon fresh and the bars chewy.





URGENT. ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

THIS BILL WILL SEVERELY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS AS A DOG OWNER

The Animals (Regulation of Sale) Bill 2008, now before NSW Parliament, is a Private Members Bill which is generally perceived to be only about the sale of pets in pet shops. This is incorrect. There are parts of the Bill that will affect all dog owners in this State and in particular you as a Dogs NSW member be it as an owner, breeder, seller, or exhibitor of dogs. The Bill sets up sweeping regulatory powers to create “standards” for “confinement, transport and welfare” of dogs by “recognised breeders”. (s14).

You as a member of Dogs NSW are a “recognised breeder” and must comply with those standards. Non compliance is an offence for which you can potentially face prosecution. The Bill also gives inspectors sweeping powers to enter your property, powers of search and seizure and powers to issue penalty notices. (s16).(s19)

The following are some examples of how these new regulatory powers could affect your rights on “confinement, transport and welfare” grounds:-

- * Breed Specific Laws, eg, ban breeding of Brachycephalic dogs, large dogs, small dogs, short legged dogs, dogs with loose skin, etc.
- * Limit the numbers of dogs that you can own or breed.
- * Restrictive conditions on breeding and ownership of dogs.
- * Restriction of Dog Shows.
- * Ongoing responsibility if you sell a dog that subsequently becomes ill.
- * Product liability for the life of a dog that you sell.
- * Phase out your rights to own, breed and show dogs.

Therefore, the Animals (Regulation of Sale) Bill is not about pets in pet shops alone, it directly affects, regulates and potentially erodes your rights as a dog owner.

Don't let your rights be put at risk.

Dogs NSW will be strongly opposing this Bill as it presently stands.

Contact your Local Member and tell them you are against this Bill.

You can do this by telephone or preferably by writing a letter or sending an e-mail to the member expressing your opposition to the Bill as it now stands.

The Bill can be viewed on NSW Parliament website or you can download it by clicking Here

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<http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/parliament/nswbills.nsf/0/52719770BAB2BDA3CA2574FF0017D529>



CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE



CLUB POLO SHIRTS

Rugged polo shirt that you dog will soon associate with training! Includes club badge that is sewn to the front left breast of the shirt.
\$25.00

CLUB WATERPROOF JACKET

Ripstop outer with PVC coating
Chemically treated water repellent outer
Heat-sealed shoulder and arm seams for waterproofing
Anti-pilling polar fleece lining
Removable hood with elastic drawstring and Velcro flaps
Elastic cuffs with adjustable Velcro tabs
All club embroidery included (not shown here)
\$80.00



CLUB SPRAY JACKET

Light spray jacket, great for spring and cooler summer nights
All club embroidery included (not shown here)
\$37.50

CLUB BADGES

Club badges that can be sewn onto anything!
\$5.00



**DON'T FORGET THAT THE CLUB
CAN ALSO SUPPLY COLLARS, LEADS,
DUMBELLS & ARTICLES**

Please see Irena

