



Blacktown BARK

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Despite the rain for days before and the muddy grounds, our Championship Breed Show exhibitors managed to scrub up well to enjoy a sunny day

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Got any thoughts about how we can make our Club better?

Drop a note in the box at the Canteen or tell the guys there what you think! All suggestions are welcome! (well ... almost all)



Canteen service for you & your dog

A Canteen service is available on Tuesday nights at training. We offer everything from a hot cuppa to chips, lollies and drinks.

There are even treats for your dogs. We also sell leads and Collars. Check chains & soft collars. Come and meet the Team, there is Jan, Ian and Fiona. They are friendly and helpful and will help you with anything you would like to buy. Also any Information you want to know. So before or after training come and say hello.

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The due date for material for the next edition of the Bark is
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Send your contributions to the Editor or hand it in to Jan, Ian or Fiona at the canteen on training nights.

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President's Report

Well our Championship Show held on the 10th & 11th March 2012 was a huge success and my thanks must go to Lyn Mansfield, our Show Secretary for organising such a great Championship Show. I would also like to thank our hard working committee for their help during the weekend.

Our next big event will be our Obedience Trial to be held on Sunday 24 June, 2012. **I am asking if members could come along and steward or help out on the day.**

Our Chief Instructor, Jan Baker is looking for instructors to join her team on Tuesday nights. So if you would like to be an instructor, please see Jan or me on the grounds.

Regards,
Ron Probert

Important Dates for 2012

4th April General Meeting

1st May NO new members accepted on this night
2nd May Committee Meeting

5th June New members night
6th June General Meeting
24th June Obedience Trial

If you can help steward on the day, please let your instructor know or the team at the Canteen. Don't worry if you have no experience - its not hard and there will be experienced people to guide you through + a FREE BAKED DINNER FOR LUNCH!

3rd July New members night
4th July Committee Meeting

1st August General Meeting
7th August New members night

4th September New members night
5th September Annual General Meeting
22nd September Obedience Trial

2nd October New members night
3rd October General Meeting

6th November New members night
7th November Committee meeting

4th December NO new members accepted on this night

March is Show Time ... dogs and mud don't mix!!!

Words Lyn Mansfield Show Secretary,
Pictures Sandra Gluck



Blacktown holds two All Breeds Championship Shows each year. These two breed conformation shows were held on the 10th and 11th March and it was unfortunate that several weeks leading up to these events, Sydney experienced some of it's heaviest rain in a decade.

Some shows out West were even cancelled due to

flooding and we were very anxious due to the bad state of our grounds. Two days before we saw extreme weather conditions and some 120 mm of rain in less than 24 hours, causing flash flooding and many sporting fields well underwater.

Like any good Club, Blacktown pulled out a miracle of sorts by getting the grounds mowed and "praying" for some sunshine.

Saturday had a wonderful entry of 601, Best in Show went to a Labrador Retriever, "Grand Champion Driftway Special Envoy" owned and bred by Mr Guy Spagnolo.



On **Sunday** the entry was even better with 719 entries, Best in Show went to a Pekingese "Champion Frawai Reflections" owned by Marie Patten and Fran Wickens.

While the weekend was a huge success, some people in the dog world proved to be selfish and inconsiderate!

Saturday was total bedlam due to people just parking wherever they wished and blocking others in.

This was due to the parking area being very muddy and people too lazy to walk a little further. It did disappoint us to realise just how rude some of the exhibitors were by not even attempting to move their cars when asked.

Sunday, we gave Sandra and Peter the job of "parking police" and things went so much smoother. Well done you two!!

As Show Secretary, my job is always made that much easier with the wonderful assistance of the committee and other helpers.



My thanks to you all and a huge thank you to Ron, our fearless President who was constantly on the microphone over the entire weekend, orchestrating some sort of order to what could otherwise have been quite a circus!!

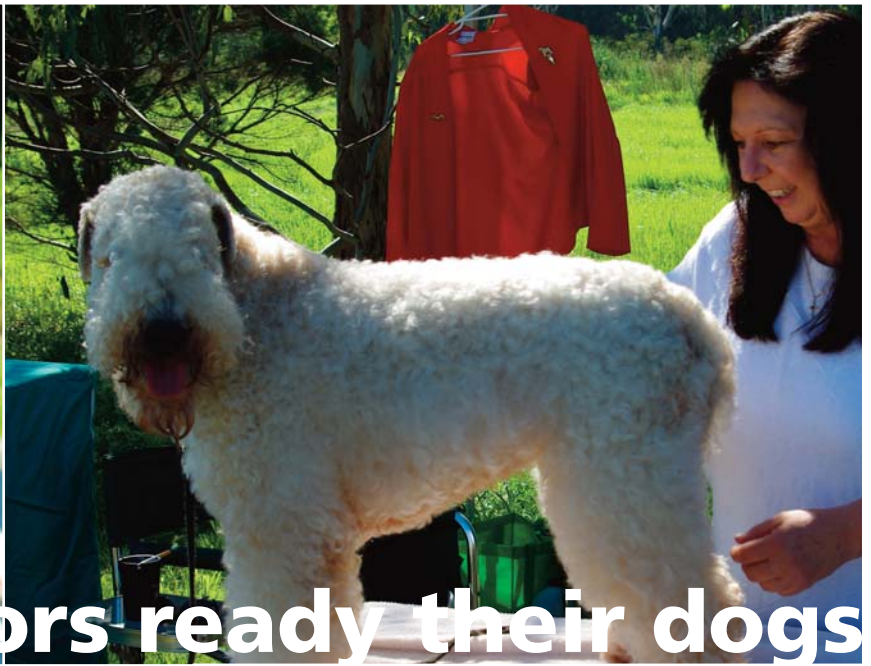
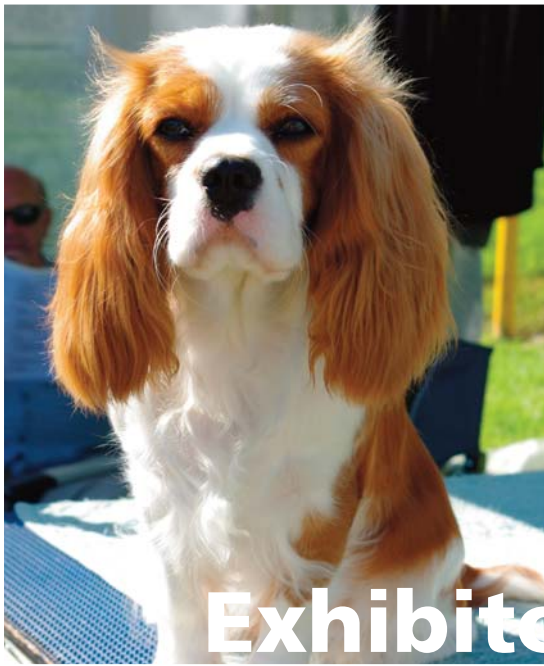
Shows are so very different to the Obedience trials, but one thing is certain, we hold both, and I am proud to say, we do it well.

I would like to thank our sponsors, "Pods for Pets", "Great Rugs" and "Nahgfa hotography",... and dare

I say it, Thank you to all those who entered their lovely dogs. Thanks also to Sandra Gluck for taking these pictures for the Bark.

It proved to be another successful weekend of shows be it in the face of adversity!!





Exhibitors ready their dogs





for the ring



Promotions



Bone Award

DECEMBER

Kristine Smith & "Riley"
 Pamela Ellis & "Merlin" X 2
 Cassandra & "Beau" X 2
 Monica Ellington & "Ringo" X 3
 Sykvie & "Lollie"
 Mark & "Kane"
 Pat Paul & "Kianah"
 Michelle & "Meg" X 2
 Sam & "Zack" X 2
 Amanda & "Linkin"
 Kirsten & "Charlie" X 2
 Joyce Garrick & "Yuki"
 Jordan & "Charlie"
 Jess & "Diesel"
 David & "Lady"
 Bruce Murray & "Sasha"
 Tracey & Tyla"
 Pamela Ellis & "Merlin"
 Tracey Rushton & "Tyla"
 Keith & "Xeana"
 Alicia Zonca & "Rosie"
 Nada & "Medo"
 David & "Lady"
 Trevor Burton & "Myketti"
 Anette & "Cody"

**AND THE WINNER IS
 MICHELLE & "MEG"**

JANUARY

Amanda White & "Linkin"
 Jayra & "Yuki" X 2
 Lyn M & "Digger"
 Brett & "Leon"
 Bruce Murray & "Sasha"
 Josh & "Lucky"
 Lyn & "Terry"
 Jessica & "Toby"
 Nicole & "Basil"
 Pamela & "Merlin"
 Cassandra & "Beau"
 Sasha Mikirtoumov & "Cookie"
 Scott McCorkell & "Pilot"
 Kayla & "Bindi"
 Heval & "Choco"
 Bastiaan & "Sammy"
 Janelle Sharp & "Rogue"

**AND THE WINNER IS
 BASTIAAN & "SAMMY"**

WHITE TO ORANGE

14/2 Susan & "Scooby"
 14/2 Nicole & Reynold & "Basil"
 14/2 Bastiaan & "Sammy"
 14/2 Monika & "Molly"
 14/2 Faye & "Noah"
 14/2 Amit & "Buddy"
 14/2 Patrick & "Raffy"
 14/2 Charmaine & "Cuddles"
 14/2 Janelle & "Rogue"
 14/2 Scott & "Pilot"
 14/2 Jessica & "Toby"
 21/2 Michelle & "Millie"
 21/2 Shanthi & "Oscar"
 21/2 Olivia & "Layla"
 21/2 Maria & "Skipper"
 21/2 Peter & "Lila"
 21/2 Kayla & "Bindi"
 21/2 Chris & "Missy"
 20/3 Jing & "Rocky"
 20/3 Mat & "Bear"
 20/3 Francis & "Maddie"
 20/3 Dorothy & "Rocco"
 20/3 Mary & "Banjo"
 20/3 Sarah & "Milly"
 20/3 Lester & "Bella"

ORANGE TO GREEN

21/2 Faye & "Noah"
 21/2 Jayra & "Yuki"

GREEN TO BLUE

3/4 Pamela & "Merlin"
 3/4 Sylvie & Joyce & "Lollie"
 3/4 Toni-Maree & "Shadow"
 3/4 David & "Lady"

BLUE TO YELLOW

14/2 Rebecca & "Ziva"
 3/4 Cathy & "Bentley"
 3/4 Toni & "Bella"
 3/4 Amanda & "Diesel"

YELLOW TO MAUVE

20/3 Maggie & "Stella"
 20/3 Susan & "Sharnie"
 20/3 Lara & "Sunshine"
 20/3 Bec & "Ziva"
 20/3 Sue-Anne & "Candy"
 20/3 Irene & "Zara"

Sydney Pet Expo

by Jennifer Gambell



The Aussie Shepherd Club at Pet Expo taking out 3rd Prize on the Saturday and 2nd on Sunday for the breed pageant. Club Members were Myself and Floyd and Denise Fraser and Misty, her Granddaughter Taylor is in the picture.



Editor's Note:

Australians spend more than \$1.2 billion on pet food, \$169 million on pet products and more than \$700 million on taking pets to the vet! 64% of today's 7.5 million Australian households own one or more pets.

With large attendances, the Sydney Pet & Animal Expo is Australia's biggest public pet expo. So well done to the Aussies for making such a great showing.



Who's afraid of the vet??

Vale

Aust Champion Alncrys Tracker AZ BSCL1 ET
12 February 05 - 21 January 12

On the 12th February 2005 I was privileged to witness the birth of my beautiful Tracker (affectionately called Trackie Dack). He has been my constant companion and dear friend for almost 7 years.

Tracker had the most incredible temperament and was loved by all who met him. He was an Australian Champion and also was awarded 15 Excellent Medallions in the German Shepherd specialty ring under national and international judges.

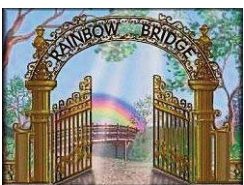
My warmest thanks to Carolyn Booker for helping with his training and showing him in the breed ring. In August 2011 Tracker gained his Endurance Title (ET) - a distance of 20kms - a wonderful achievement.

Tracker sired a number of litters and produced some beautiful progeny with a number of them in the Obedience ring.

Tracker collapsed and died on Saturday 21st January at the Vineyard Veterinary Hospital. It was unexpected and devastating as he had not been ill. My thanks to Dr Rob Zammit for his wonderful care of my beautiful boy.

I miss him so much and will treasure so many wonderful memories of our life together.
Run free my friend.

Barb McKittrick - owner and breeder



Just this side of heaven is a place called **Rainbow Bridge**.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....

Author unknown..

Trial Results

Ambajaye Bull Dust n Tales (Dusty) gained his CCD obedience title on the 4th February 2012. Score for his last pass was 92 at the Penrith Kennel and Obedience Club trial, he came 4th in the ring. Judge was Tikki Friezer.

OCH Kellyblue (Kelly) came 1st in the Utility Ring with a 193, at Penrith Kennel and Obedience Club trial 4th February 2012. Judge was Vicki Etherington.

We had a fantastic night! Not sure if that will happen again to us, so we were very happy!

Reegan Rollings



RallyO

Congratulations to Jan Baker, Barb McKittrick and Ron Probert who all now have RallyO Qualifications.

A big congrats to Paul Li and Rita Thompson and your Editor who now have RallyO Novice Titles.

Paul has also been zooming along with 2 UD passes in recent weeks.

Attention Triallers !!!!

I'm aware of quite few members who have been trialling but hiding their light under a bushell and not letting us know of their success.

Members are keen to learn of your success as it inspires them to also have a go. Please either email the Editor with your details (a pic of some sort is always welcome - even if it is a snap of your very obedient dog being a ratbag at home.

Emial to ngaire@acrobatprint.com.au

or complete the form below and hand it in at the Canteen.

Even if you don't actually want to go in the Point Score competition, we still want to hear about your adventures.

TITLES GAINED AND POINT SCORE COMPETITION.

For titles gained between the 1st November of the preceding year and 31st October of the current year:

TITLE GAINED: i.e. Community Companion Dog, Novice, Open, U.D., Tracking, Agility, Jumping, Novice & Open GWT, Australian Championship, Obedience Champion Title, Endurance Title, etc.....

Title gained throughout the year

Date Title Gained.

Registered Name of dog and current title (i.e. C.D. etc.)

MEMBER'S NAME AND REGISTERED OWNER OF THE DOG: _____

ADDRESS: _____ POSTCODE: _____

PHONE: _____

POINT SCORE COMPETITION

IF THE ABOVE TITLE WAS AN OBEDIENCE TITLE, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING RESULT SHEET FOR THE POINT SCORE.

Remember the best of three results for CCD, Novice & UDX, the best of seven results for Open and the best of five results for Utility.

DOGS NAME	TRIAL	DATE OF TRIAL	PLACE IN TRIAL	POINTS ATTAINED	Please tick the Trial at which title was gained	OFFICE USE ONLY
	1.					
	2.					
	3.					
	4.					
	5.					
	6.					
	7.					

*A Separate entry form must be filled out for every title gained in one year. Results to be posted to: The Trial Secretary, 16 Sylvia Street, Blacktown NSW 2148

OR handed to The President, Chief Instructor or Trial Secretary at Tuesday Night Training.

THE RULES OF THIS COMPETITION ARE ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE