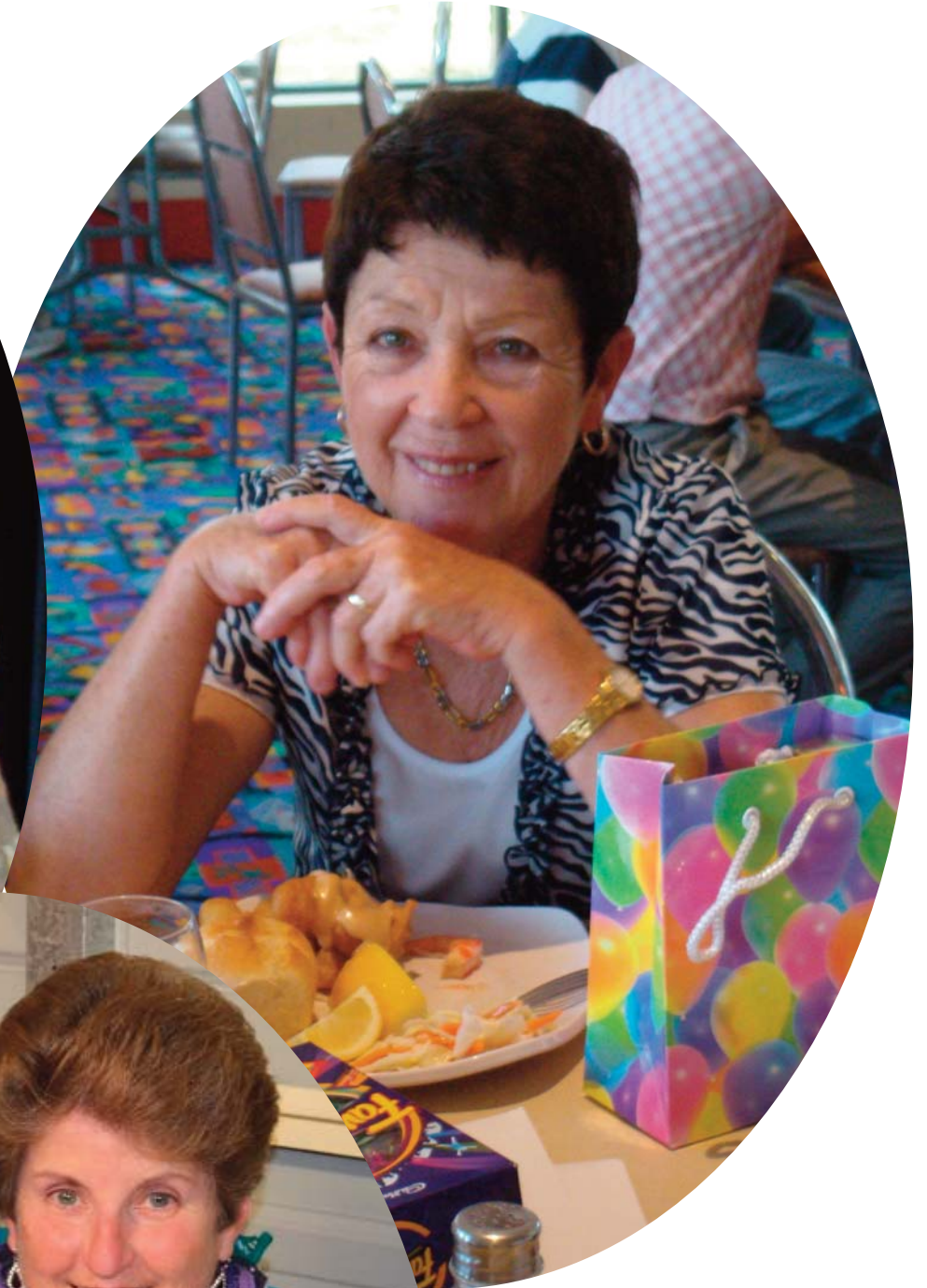




# Blacktown BARK

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**Happy 60th's  
to three classy  
ladies who help  
to form the  
backbone of  
our club**

Top left: Linda Olsen  
on 12th September  
Above: Lyn Mansfield  
on the 5th September  
Left: Jan Probert  
on 11th July.



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# Training Ground Rules Tuesday night

- ✓ Please ensure you have a suitable collar and lead for your dog when attending training. There have been some incidents of dogs slipping their collars or simply snapping their leads. If you have any questions talk to your Instructor. They are there to help you.
- ✓ Dogs MUST be kept on a lead at ALL TIMES unless your Instructor instructs otherwise. This is for your safety, as well as others.
- ✓ Please clean up after your dog. Keep one or two doggy bags in your pocket just in case. Doggy bags can be obtained at the canteen.
- ✓ Keep the equipment clean - make sure your dog does not urinate on the witches hats used for class assembly at training.
- ✓ Bitches in Season are NOT allowed on the grounds. Please leave the girls at home for the duration of the season as it upsets the male dogs.



## 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 Jan and Ian who run the canteen. They are friendly 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.



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)

# President's report



Well there has been a lot happening since my last President's report, with an Obedience Trial and Rally O Trial held on the 21st & 22nd September, 2013.

Many thanks to our club members for there help and assistance on both days. It was great to see new members competing in these events.

On a sad note, we had a break in at the centre, sometime over the weekend of the 15th September. We had our brand new ride on lawn mower stolen as well as other equipment to the value of \$4,000. We have now reviewed our security and have had back to base alarm system installed in all three containers, plus our office, which I hope will deter the thieves.

On Friday night, the 28th September, 2013, we had Attila, a dog trainer from England come along to give our Instructors some motivational techniques, to help with our training methods. I hope everyone enjoyed the night.

On the long weekend in October, the State Titles are being held at the Dogs NSW Canine Complex at Orchard Hills, and I wish everyone of our members competing in that competition, success over that weekend.

Regards  
Ron Probert

# Important dates 2013

## December

- 3 Last training night for the year
- 10 Christmas Party/ Presentation Night



## GENERAL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All members are welcome at the Club's general meeting and supper on the second Wednesday of alternate months. We start at 8pm.

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| November | 6 | Committee Meeting |
| December | 4 | General Meeting   |

## NEW BEGINNERS

are generally welcomed on the first Tuesday of the month

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| November | 5 | New beginners orientation night |
| December |   | No new beginners in December    |



# Obedience & Rally O Trials



The prizes - thx Jan



A competitor - what a day!

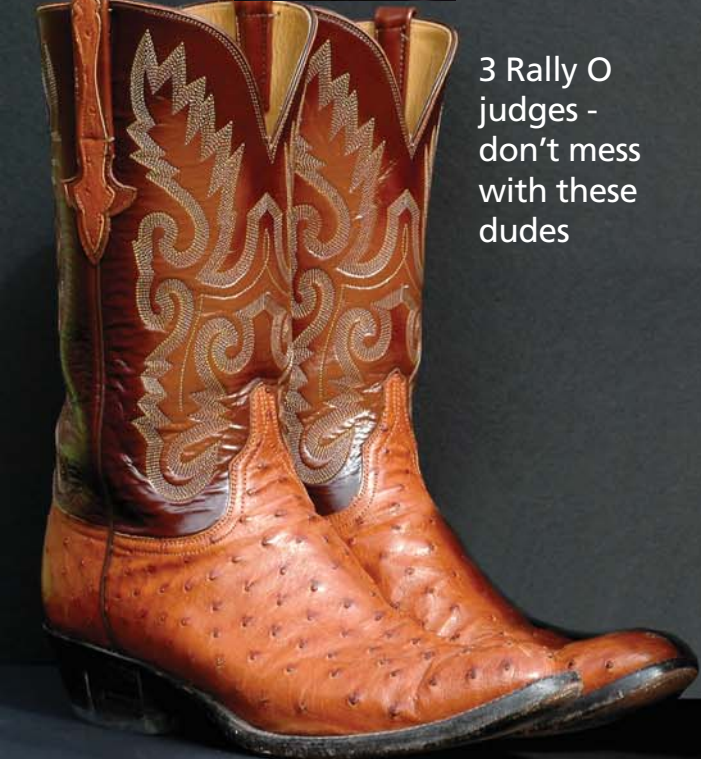
## Obedience Trial Saturday 21 September

We had glorious weather, the trial ran smoothly and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and to top it all off, so many of our members achieved great results.

Thanks to all those members who came along on Saturday & Sunday to help to set up the rings, or stewarded or helped in some way and contributed to the smooth running of the trials. Thanks so much.

<b>CCD</b> Faye Jones Gloria Danswan-Bradley	<b>Miss. K. Arkins (NSW)</b> Brakandale Rhapsody in Blue Summerset Blue Cascade	89 pts. 91 pts & 3rd place.
<b>OPEN</b> Sheryl Lindsay Trudy Dive	<b>Mr. R. Probert (NSW)</b> Howzat CDX RA Dive Roxie CDX PT	190 pts & 2nd place. 182 pts & 3rd place.
<b>OPEN</b> Marion Garnham Kathie Minton	<b>Mr. K. Speed (NSW)</b> Ch Branbern Quincey CDX OCh. Koonski Just a Dash	191 pts & 1st place. 191 pts & 2nd place.
<b>UD</b> Kathie Minton	<b>Mr. S. Schuck (NSW)</b> OCh. Koonski Just a Dash	185 pts & 2nd place.
<b>UD</b> Diana Corben	<b>Mr. C. Giles (ACT)</b> OCh. Kellyvix Jolly Swagman "Highest Scoring Club Member"	193 pts & 1st place.
<b>UDX</b> Sandy O'Neill	<b>Mrs. P. Hartwell (NSW)</b> Inneslake Thunderstruck UDX RN	181 pts & 3rd place.

## Rally O Trial Sunday 22 September



3 Rally O judges - don't mess with these dudes

<b>NOVICE RALLY O</b> Sheryl Lindsay Kathleen Fitzgerald Maryanne Fazekas Maryanne Fazekas Sharon Patterson John Spiteri	<b>Mr. R. Probert (NSW)</b> Ch Shezzlin Sugar N Spice Tanje Bold Sunny Boy. Etherial Lucky Charm CD Etherial Dealer Takes All Mycav Retrieving Th Gold CD Jack	93 pts. 97 pts & 2nd place. 94 pts & 3rd place. 97 pts & 1st place. 74 pts. 72 pts.
<b>ADVANCED A</b> Trudy Dive	<b>Mr. C. Giles (ACT)</b> Dive Roxie CDX PT	89 pts & 2nd place.
<b>ADVANCED B</b> Kim Lindsay Barb McKittrick Sheryl Lindsay Vicki Gresser Trudy Dive Steve Thompson Sheryl Lindsay	<b>Mr. C. Giles (ACT)</b> Imarebel DWDFS THM.S CDX RA Alncrys Velvet Omega CD. Howzat CDX RA Kaasha Star Bright CDX RE Dives Ruthie CDX Etherial It Will be Me CDX RA Ch Kellyvix Winnie Poohbear DWDFS UD RA FDX AF CH	97 pts & 3rd place. 74 pts. 98 pts & 2nd place. 99pts & 1st place. 92 pts. 90 pts.
Vicki Gresser	<b>83 pts.</b> Rozate An Affair to Remember. CD RE.	92 pts.
<b>EXCELLENT A</b> Barb McKittrick	<b>Mr. S.Schuck (NSW)</b> Alncrys Velvet Omega CD	85 pts & 3rd place.
<b>EXCELLENT B</b> Steve Thompson Vicki Gresser Vicki Gresser	<b>Mr. S. Schuck (NSW)</b> Etherial It Will Be Me CDX RA. Kaasha Star Bright CDX RE Rozate An Affair to Remember CD RE.	88 pts. 98 pts & 1st place. 96 pts & 3rd place.

What fantastic results from our members and their dogs. Well done!! You put Blacktown Kennel & Training Club Inc. on the map as the place to be.



# Other Trial Results



Jan & Yogi

## Obed Ch Euraidd One Night Stand CCD UDX NRA – “Yogi” Owned by Jan Dixon & Louise Patterson

- 31 August

Redcliffe Dog Obedience Club (Qld)  
1st place UDX – 180 pts – Judge Mrs D Stutz (Qld)
- Then not a moment later

21 September

Southside Dog Obedience Club (Qld)  
1st place UDX – 189 pts – Judge Mrs Tabitha Young (Qld)  
This gave Yogi his **OBEDIENCE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP**

## Lovalab Royal Duke CD RN – “Duke” Owned by Ron & Jan Probert

- 8 June

Oxley Dog Training Club Judge Mr G Field  
4th in Advanced A Rally O - 82 pts.
- 9 June

Oxley Dog Training Club Judge Mr J Green  
3rd in Advanced A Rally O - 88 pts.
- 1 September

Dogs NSW Spring Fair Judge Mrs V Craig  
- 86 pts



# PROMOTIONS

## WHITE TO ORANGE WHITE TO ORANGE

- 13/8 Dianne & “Trinity”
- 10/9 Jenny & “Barruce”
- 13/8 Chantel & “Mutley”
- 10/9 Dinoshinee & “Zues”
- 13/8 Steven & “Nucky”
- 10/9 Stephen & Moanna-Marie & “Gavin”
- 13/8 Belinda & “Boof”
- 10/9 Tamar & “Alex”
- 13/8 Ronnie & “Tiger”
- 10/9 Shayal & “Alpha”
- 13/8 Cathy & “Freddy”
- 10/9 Vicki & “Jessie”
- 13/8 Daniel & “Charlie”
- 10/9 Priscilla & “Ruby”
- 13/8 Madalin & “Ammo”

- 10/9 Danielle & “Pepper”
- 13/8 KB & “Dodgy”
- 10/9 Luke & “Luna”
- 20/8 Natalie & “Harry”
- 10/9 Kathryn & “Lexi”
- 20/8 Stevi & “Gibbs”
- 17/9 Kerrie & “Kaiser”
- 20/8 Simone & “Minion”
- 17/9 Alison & “Phoebe”
- 27/8 Col & “Travis”
- 17/9 Christine & “Soxie”
- 3/9 Isabelle & “Lulu”
- 17/9 Hayley & “Storm”
- 10/9 Saman & “Frankie”
- 24/9 Adam & “Pepper”
- 10/9 Jacquie & “Lexi”
- 1/10 Renee & “Rox”
- 10/9 Jesse & “Bella”
- 1/10 Naomi & “Luca”
- 10/9 Francesca & “Frankie”
- 10/9 Terrie & “Zoey”
- 10/9 Andrew & “Harry”
- 10/9 George & “Sunny”
- 10/9 Lachlan & “Max”
- 10/9 Lachlan & “Asha”

- ORANGE TO GREEN**
- 6/8 Cathy & “Lucy”
- 13/8 Allan & “Penny”
- 13/8 Louise & “Diamond”
- 13/8 Craig & “Bohdi”
- 1/10 Terrie & “Zoey”
- 1/10 Michael & “Axle”
- 1/10 Hayley & “Storm”
- 1/10 Rodney & “Lexie”
- 1/10 Therese & “Rocco”
- 1/10 Gloria & “Phoebe”
- 1/10 George & “Sunny”
- 1/10 Natalie & “Harry”

- 1/10 Shane & “Barruce”
- 1/10 Stacey & “Sherlock”

- GREEN TO BLUE**
- 13/8 Bec & “Jay”
- 13/8 Martin & Melinda & “Blinkey”
- 13/8 Kate & “Annie”
- 3/9 Linda & “Mungo”
- 1/10 Greg & “Raffaello”
- 1/10 Ray & “Duke”
- 1/10 Marilyn & “Bodri”

- BLUE TO YELLOW**
- 27/8 Bec & “Jay”
- 3/9 Darren & “Bubby”
- 3/9 Cassandra & “Beau”



This would never have happened to a well trained dog!





## BONE AWARD

### JULY

Melissa & "Franklin"  
 Steve Ward & "Kaiser"  
 Cole Louis & "Trinity"  
 Sean Singh & "Bear" X 3  
 Peter & "Millie"  
 Paul Attard & "Taz"  
 Jean & "Snoopy"  
 Gillian & "Lily"  
 Danny Akkari & "Sherlock"  
 Daniel & "Charlie" X 2  
 Cathy & "Freddy"  
 Terrie & "Buddy"  
 Simone Maciejewski & "Minion" X 2  
 Kathleen Fitzgerald & "Sunny" X 2  
 Anne Nesbitt & "Jade" X 2  
 Todd Bridge & "Quinn"  
 Carena Archer & "Abbie"  
 Les Bowman & "Wolf"  
 John & "Loki"  
 Steven O'Neill & "Nucky"  
 Martin & "Blinky"  
 Allan & "Penny"  
 Lachlan & "Asha"  
 Rachel Robertson & "Bonnie" X 2  
 Andra Hemmings & "Dash"  
 Kirsten & "Charlie"  
 Stevi & "Gibbs"  
 Louise & "Diamond" X 2  
 Donna & "Flynn"  
 Natalie Kimber & "Harry" X 2  
 Veronica & "Bentley"  
 Linda Chee & "Mungo"  
 Leanne & "Sammy"  
 Christine Ward & "Kaiser"  
 Lindy Pettit & "Ruby"  
 Paul Fradd & "Wilber"  
 Sue-Anne & "Candy"  
 Danny & "Sherlock"  
 Ronnie Sondhi & "Tiger"  
 Chantel Teakle-Jones & "Mutley"  
 Tomas Elsner & "Rex"  
 Alan Currie & "Mindy"  
 Elizabeth Fox & "Scooby"  
 Todd & "Quinn"  
 Dianne Louis & "Travisity"  
 Kirsty Mooy & "Sidney"

**AND THE WINNER IS:- PAUL FRADD & "WILBER"**

### AUGUST

John Gilhooly & "Loki"  
 Kate & "Annie"  
 Kirsty Mooy & "Sidney"  
 Janelle Sharp & "Roque"  
 Melissa Hunt & "Franklin" X 2  
 Jenny Worth & "Toby"  
 Laurie & "Kingsley"  
 Jodie Hill & "Picasso"  
 Shane Bloch & "Barrace"  
 Madalin & "Ammo"  
 Priscilla & "Ruby" X 3  
 Kimberley O'Neill & "Nucky"  
 Pamela Ellis & "Kenna"  
 Vicki Proctor & "Jessie"  
 Terrie & "Zoey"  
 Angeline & "Chopper"  
 Natalie Kimber & "Harry"  
 Rodney & "Lexie"  
 Rhiannan Coulton & "Obi"  
 Christine Ward & "Kaiser" X 2  
 Jill & "Sonya"  
 Stephen & "Nucky"  
 Paul & "Taz"  
 Melissa Hunt & "Franklin"  
 Sue-Anne & "Chaise"

Francesca Appuhamy & "Frankie"  
 Jacquie Dixon & "Lexi"  
 Danielle White & "Pepper" X 2  
 Veronica Astudillo & "Bentley"  
 Madalin & "Ammo" X 2  
 Paul Fradd & "Wilber"  
 Cathy & "Freddy"  
 Jade Buechner & "Bella"  
 Jenny Lawten & "Barruce"  
 Cole Louis & "Travisity"  
 Anne Nesbitt & "Jade" X 2  
 Sean & "Bear"  
 Kirsty Mooy & "Sidney"  
 Lawrence & "Samson" X 2  
 Marilou & "Princess" X 2  
 Shayal & "Alpha"  
 Luke Tester & "Luna"  
 Vicki & "Jessie"  
 Andra Hemmings & "Dash"  
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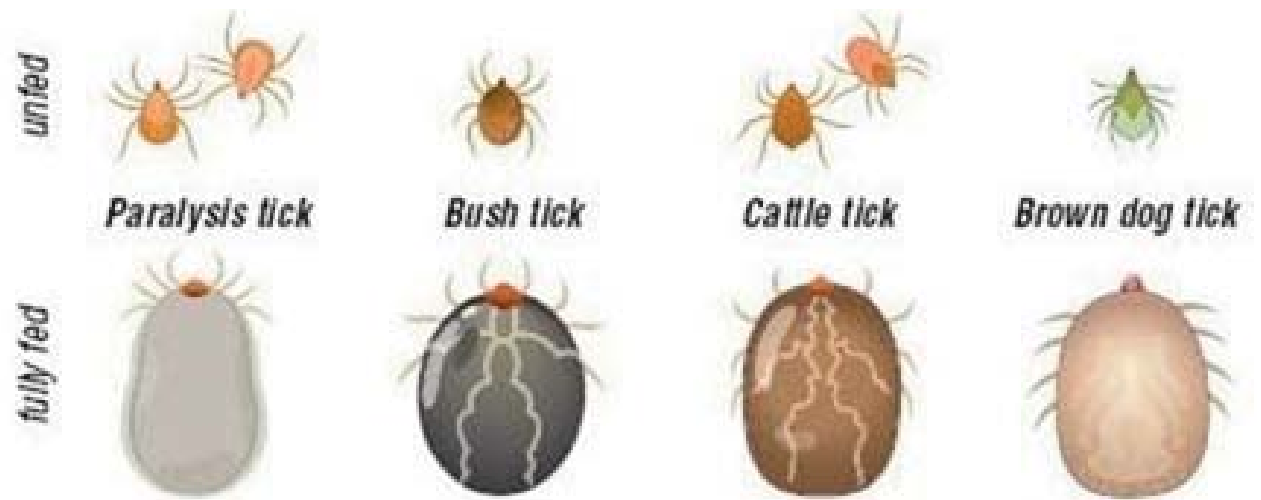
**AND THE WINNER IS:-  
PRISCILLA & "RUBY"**

Memo to Chief Instructor: We need bigger bones.





# Tick Alert



Even 'cool' dogs can get ticks.

Paralysis ticks harm thousands of dogs in Australia each year and can cause death. Ticks can also cause anaemia, skin damage, irritation and allergic reactions. It's tick season, so here is a good way to get them off you, your children, or your pets.

This method works in those places where it's some times difficult to get to with tweezers: between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc.

Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for 15-20 seconds, the tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away.



## Yummy, cooling ice blocks for your best friend

Take some cheese (or meat) pieces, put them into water and freeze in small containers.

Perfect for the dog who who needs to cool down, or just likes to play with his food.



## Poison Warning Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow

Brunfelsia is an evergreen shrub with tubular flowers which change colour over successive days.

Their common name is Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow or Kiss Me Quick.

This plant grows well in Sydney, and suits perfumed gardens tropical gardens hedge/screen seaside gardens.

It has wonderful perfumed masses of beautiful violet, lavender blue and white coloured flowers dense, evergreen foliage.

**BUT** their BROWN BERRIES have been known to poison dogs. Symptoms include fever, vomiting, muscle tremors, staggering and seizures.

If you have a dog that tends to eat anything or is just plain curious, then remove the berries every year.



# Teaching your dog a trick or two



## Bow!

As you may have already noticed, when your dog gets up for a good nap he usually stretches his front legs ending up in a bowing position: what you will learn here is to train your dog to "bow" at your command.

### How to do it

Start with your dog standing on his four legs: say 'Bow' and push gently on the forward part of his back (close to the neck) while holding a hand under his rear legs. The result will be that he will lower his head and front part while leaving standing his rear part - thus "bowing".

### Tips & Tricks

If you have the habit of "fighting" (always with tenderness!!) with your dog, you can teach him to bow before the fight will start: this way you will both look like two karate masters ready to wrestle!

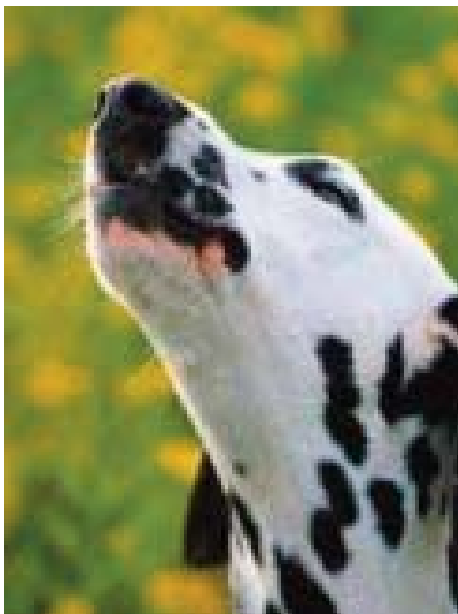
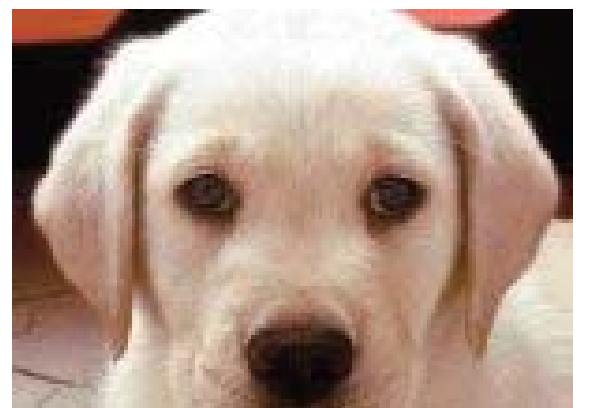
## Focus!

It is really important that you are able to get the attention of your puppy when you need it: you'll be more effective when teaching him tricks and you'll also have a tool to "distract" your dog from doing things you don't want him to do.

### How to do it

Start sitting or kneeling, in front of your puppy. Hide your hands (so he won't be distracted looking at them) and say 'Focus' (or say your dog's name): as soon as he looks at you in your eyes start praising him (always keep eye contact) and after a few seconds give him a treat. If he looks somewhere else, just call him again and start over.

Try to lengthen the time while he's focused on you, but remember that after a few seconds (it depends, but if he stays focused for 10-15 seconds he's a really good dog!) you have to let him go...



## Speak!

Your dog will "speak" (obviously in his own language - barking) when you will ask him to do so.

### How to do it

This is not a difficult trick: the important thing is the timing! As soon as your dog starts barking at something (if you have a toy that he always barks at use that one) say 'Speak' and give him a treat. After a while he will start barking as soon as you say 'Speak'.

### Tips & Tricks

Don't forget to teach your dog to 'Shut Up': we'll teach soon how to do it!

## Stay!

One of the basic commands you and your dog need to know.

### Description

When you say 'Stay' your dog will stay in the spot you placed him, either sitting or laying down.

### How to do it

Hold a treat in front of your dog and make him sit or drop. Then say 'Stay' and, while holding your hand open in front of him, walk away a few steps - always facing him and always saying 'Good Boy' (if he doesn't move). Start with just a few steps and make the stay always longer (try also to go to other rooms or behind corners). Give him the treat when you go back to him.



For more training tricks go to [atrickaday.blogspot.com.au/](http://atrickaday.blogspot.com.au/)