



# THE BARKER

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Cover dogs: Buddy and Mopsy

## BRUSH FARM DOG TRAINING CLUB

Training Grounds Location:

Brush Farm Park, Corner of Marsden Road & Lawson Street Eastwood

Mailing Address: 18 Railway Street, Baulkham Hills, 2153

Clubhouse Phone: 9858 5281 (From 1pm Sundays)

Website: [www.brushfarm.com.au](http://www.brushfarm.com.au)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/brushfarmdogtraining](https://www.facebook.com/brushfarmdogtraining)





# BRUSH FARM DOG TRAINING CLUB INC.

Established 1967. Affiliated RNSWCC (Dogs NSW) 1969



## WHAT WE DO

- ❖ Brush Farm Dog Training Club is a non-profit organisation run by a dedicated team of volunteers, committed to serving the local community and promoting responsible dog ownership. We teach people to train their dog to be socialised and obedient, and promote participation in canine obedience sports.
- ❖ Each year our club delivers over 300 hours of training classes, trains over 500 dogs, & runs three trials, attracting over 250 competitors from across Sydney
- ❖ Training provides a benefit to both dog owners and the wider community - dogs that have participated in obedience training are less likely to be surrendered to pounds and animal shelters due to behavioural problems or aggression than dogs with no training.
- ❖ Attending training for just one hour each Sunday afternoon at Brush Farm Park will give you the skills to train your dog to be a happy, well behaved member of your family.

## MEMBER INFORMATION

- ❖ Sunday training times:
  - 12:00pm – 1:00pm – Puppies
  - 2:00pm – 3:00pm - Brown & Green classes
  - 3:30pm – 4:30pm - White, Yellow & Red classes
- ❖ New member registration – every Sunday from 1PM (without your dog)
- ❖ For sale at the Clubhouse - collars, leads, halters, dumbbells, bum-bags, polo shirts, caps, snacks and drinks
- ❖ Training is rarely cancelled due to rain or extreme heat (35° C and above) – more often than not we are lucky with the weather! If in doubt, please call the Clubhouse after 11am (for puppies) or after 1pm (for all others) to check if classes are on— phone 9858 5281. We try to keep our Facebook page updated as well.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

- ❖ Payable in February each year, and covering all training and ground fees for the full calendar year:

Adult members \$90	Pensioner members \$75	Junior (under 18) members \$75
Dual/family members \$100 (one dog)	\$120 (two dogs)	(EFTPOS available)
- ❖ There is a \$10 joining fee for new members upon signing up.

## GET INVOLVED

- ❖ General Meetings are held bi-monthly at Brush Farm Club House, Eastwood at 8.00 pm. All members are welcome to come and have a say in our Club's affairs. Supper is served after the meeting.
- ❖ Our Club is run by volunteers - please see Noel, Heidi or your instructor if you would like to assist by helping set up the training equipment, serving in the canteen, working on our website, training to become an instructor, or assisting with a myriad of other jobs that makes the club run !!!
- ❖ Steward at club trials – Approximately 20 people are needed on each trial day to set up equipment, marshal competitors, record results, staff the kitchen, and pack up. See Noel to join the Steward Squad.

## CLUB OFFICE BEARERS

President: Noel Reilly 9639 4291

Chief Instructor: Heidi Richardson 9801 8797

Treasurer: John Clifton

Secretary: Linda Allen

Vice Presidents: Anne Affleck, Anna Steinberg

Dep. Chief Instructors: Janelle Woodward, Danielle Leong

Trial Secretary: Anna Steinberg

Assistant Trial Secretary: Alan Luc

Registrar: Karen Forsyth, Ivy Sherry

Equipment Officer: John Clifton

Editor 'The Barker': Natalie Leong

**Committee Members:** Angela Munge, Colin Richardson, Karen Lamb, Anne Martin, June Johansson, Richard Watkins

**Instructors:** Anne Affleck, Tania Cochrane, Geoff Craine, Vivien Dunkerley,, June Johansson, Karen Lamb, Danielle Leong, Natalie Leong, Alan Luc, David Marcellino, Anne Martin, Noel Reilly, Heidi Richardson, Anna Steinberg, Colin Richardson, Richard Watkins, Kylie Williams, Janelle Woodward, Peter Hewitt

**Patrons:** Steve & Vicki Austin; The Mayor of Ryde; Dr Sarah Short



# WELCOME from the President



## Welcome to Brush Farm Dog Training Club in 2021!

First of all, on behalf of myself and our committee and Instructors, I would like to wish all our members a Happy New Year! Whether you are a current member of the club or you are just joining us for the first time this year, we would like to welcome both handlers and their dogs to our club and we hope you have a very successful year whether you are competing in trials or shows or just training and socialising your dog along with other club members .

The entire club is run by volunteers, so from the time you arrive at the club whether you are re-joining or a new member you will be greeted by and be looked after by our dedicated team of volunteers. So in the coming months if you feel you would like to be part of our team please do not hesitate to talk to us and we will be only too happy to help.

We currently hold two Obedience Trials a year in March and in August and a Rally O Trial in October. On both those days we will require up to 20 volunteers to help out. It will give you a chance to see the top dogs in the state competing and may encourage you to compete at a later stage.

All our members are the eyes and ears of any club, so if you see anything that you think we can improve on or that you are not happy with, please let us know. In many cases we have implemented those suggestions. We are also here to assist you in renewing your membership and purchasing all your training needs, and we do listen your advice and things do take time to implement so like I said if you would like to be part of the team please talk to us .

The Barker is our club magazine and if you wish to contribute to you are most welcome and you will find all those details in the magazine this includes photographs and stories that are of interest to our members.

The past year has been a very difficult one for the club as it has been for everyone. We were forced to cancel training for almost 6 months meaning that a lot of our trials and social days had to be cancelled . Our hope for the coming year is that, with your help, we can continue with all those events in 2021. To do, this it is important that we all follow the Covid rules that apply throughout the year. It may mean that we may have to limit our intake of new members, and we are all required to sign on every Sunday and keep our distance by proceeding directly to where our class will commence, all training aids & equipment will be sold directly over window No 2 & the instructor will only advise how it should be used.

So let's hope that 2021 will be a happy and successful one for the club. I look forward to meeting you all again in February to commence another year at Brush Farm!

Regards Noel Reilly (President, Brush Farm Dog Training Club.)





# WELCOME from the Chief Instructor



**A big welcome to our new members and welcome back to our existing members!**

I think we can all agree that 2020 was not the best year. Our classes were disrupted when we were forced to cancel in March. It was due to all the work that our President, Noel, put in that we were ready to return in July, when we were given the go ahead by Dogs NSW. Hopefully, we will not have similar disruptions this year, but as the virus will be around for some time, it is important that all the Covid procedures we have in place are followed.



*Cooper & Georgia*

## **To our new members:**

Well done for bringing your dogs to school. It is important that your dog learns what you expect of him/her to fit into your lifestyle. It is your responsibility to teach him/her what is and isn't acceptable. Dogs have no concept of right or wrong, they aren't naughty; they just haven't worked out what it is that you want from them. The difficult part is that they don't speak English nor any other language, and you don't speak Dog; and shouting doesn't make it any clearer for the dog.

It is important to establish a good relationship with your dog, so we use Positive Reinforcement (R+) to help them learn. We reward those behaviours we want and ignore those that we don't want. Remember, you will need lots of small, soft, tasty treats to use as reinforcers. As you move through the classes, your instructors will show you how to make training a happy experience for both you and your dog.

## **To our existing members:**

Welcome back to another year of training, and fingers crossed that we will have no disruptions this year. I am very pleased that you have decided to continue your dog's education. Hopefully, you have been able to include some training and fun activities during the break and I look forward to seeing some of you entering trials this year.

## **For all members:**

As February is usually the hottest month, sometimes, the instructor will finish class before the full hour is up if she/he feels that the dogs are no longer able to learn. However, if you are in a class and feel that it is too hot for you or your dog, then don't hesitate to cut your class short. Do let your instructor know that you are leaving and why.

We cancel classes if the temperature is forecast to be 35C or higher.

**Remember, it is all about the dog.**

Looking forward to a positive training year.

Heidi (Chief Instructor)





# CLUB NEWS



Thank you to everyone for your patience and cooperation with our COVID safety measures. ***Remember that your current memberships are valid through to the end of 2021!***

## STEWARDS NEEDED FOR MARCH 21<sup>st</sup> TRIAL

If you would like to be a part of our Obedience and Rally O Trial, please see Heidi or Noel at the Clubhouse to register your interest. Stewards are needed to help with the smooth running of the day. You will be assigned to a team and given one or two simple tasks (organizing competitors, ring set-up, assisting judges). It is a fantastic way to find out more about competitive dog sports, as well as getting to know more of our members – it's usually a fun day out!

**Note that no prior experience is necessary.** We will teach you everything you need to know on the day.

## NEW SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Our club is now equipped with a new defibrillator for any unexpected health emergencies. The club will be hosting a half hour training session on how to use this piece of equipment as well as covering the basics of CPR. Club members are more than welcome to join. The date and time of this training will be confirmed soon!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO PAWFESIONALS!

One of our very own instructors, **David Marcellino**, was awarded the Northern District Local Business Award for Outstanding Pet Care for his business Pawfessionals. Congratulations!

## CONNECT WITH US ON FACEBOOK!

Facebook is a great way to stay in touch with us. Weather and training updates are posted there when possible. We also try to post regular content to help keep you engaged with dog training. Additionally we have a private FB Group where you can post updates, ask questions and stay connected. We like to post training challenges and videos whenever we get a chance – there's a lot of great info to be found there!

Link to our FB page:

<https://www.facebook.com/BrushFarmDogTraining>

And our FB group called **"BFDTC Members Chat"** can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/377721072947770>



**DO  
YOU  
WANT  
TO  
HELP  
OTHERS  
TRAIN  
THEIR  
DOGS?**

**VOLUNTEER  
AS AN  
INSTRUCTOR!**

Speak to our  
Chief  
Instructor  
Heidi if you  
are  
interested!



# COVID SAFETY MEASURES



To ensure that we minimise the risk presented by the Covid-19 virus, the following procedures must be followed:

- Do not come to training if you are feeling unwell !
- Maintain social distancing by keeping 1.5 m apart, before, during and after class.
- Sanitisers are available on the field at all the clean-up stations and at the windows at the clubhouse. Please use them.
- You will be required to record your attendance each week, either by scanning the QR code, or by filling in the attendance sheet.
- When you arrive, you will be directed to your class location. Do not linger near paths or buildings.
- One handler per dog, please don't bring spectators if possible.
- Classes will be appropriately spaced on the field
- Do not touch other people's dogs, unless they give you permission.

## Equipment

- You are only responsible for your own equipment
- Do not touch, jumps or other club equipment unless you are wearing gloves. Your instructor will do this and disinfect before and after use

## Equipment & Canteen Sales

- All payments will be via EFTPOS, i.e. no cash transactions.
- Collars, leads, dumbbells and treat bags will be available for sale from window #2 at the clubhouse. However we will not be able to fit these for you.
- Social distancing must be maintained at all times when purchasing equipment from the club house
- Soft drinks, chips and dog treats are available, EFTPOS or correct money only, no change will be given





# PROMOTIONS



## PUPPIES

- ✓ Fiona Fong & MILLIE (Moodle)
- ✓ Vanessa Cruz & PABLO (Bichon Frise)
- ✓ Sam Wu & YUJI (Am Staffy X)
- ✓ Adam Dao & PEPSI (Cavoodle)
- ✓ Rob Vidakovic & SABRE (Dobermann)
- ✓ Louise Morris & CASI (Labradoodle)
- ✓ Linda Vernal & MIA (Boxer)
- ✓ Brookton Family & JAZZ (Labrador X)
- ✓ Scarlett Kraft & BANKSY (Border Collie X)
- ✓ Karen Walker & BUNDY (Groodle)
- ✓ Anne Maree Nicoloiou & TEDDY (Cavoodle)
- ✓ Huang Family & SOPHIE (German Shepherd)
- ✓ Benjamin Chang & Gaga (Staffy)
- ✓ Corinne Freeman & ZULA (Rhodesian Ridgeback)
- ✓ Masayo MCFadden & SHELBY (Border Collie)
- ✓ Frances Channing & FLARE (Koolie)
- ✓ Erika Warren & KODI (Siberian Husky)
- ✓ Yoyo DuPlessis & PENNY (Jack Russell X)
- ✓ Johan DuPlessis & DAPHNE (Jack Russell X)
- ✓ Venkata Krishna & SKIPPER (Labrador)
- ✓ Jenny Mulhall & TILLY (Kelpie)

## BROWN to GREEN

- Sheila Thackeray & COOPER (Labradoodle)
- Anthony Booker & CLANCY (Labrador X)
- Bradley Richardson & ROOKIE (Cavoodle)
- Susan Bone & SKY (Border Collie)
- Michelle Cornwell & KODA (West Highland Terrier)
- Aveen McHale & LOLA (Staffy X)
- Erica Ford & ASTRO (French Bulldog)
- Ineke Lee & HAZEL (Pug)
- Erica Stewart & KATIE (Staffy X)
- Alison Gallagher & CHERNY (Cocker Spaniel)
- Simran Kaur & SHADOW (Cattle dog)
- Abhay Marajan & DOUG (Labrador)
- Wendy Noble & MISHA (Mastiff X)
- Mabel Clark & SASH (Jack Russell Terrier)
- Alex Stonehouse & PATCH (Poodle)
- Donald Ricey & KODA (Rottweiler)
- Ahmed Wahedi & ROCKY (Bull Terrier)
- Dora Pouscev & LANGOSH (Beagle)
- Alex Burger & BUGSIE (Kelpie X Whippet)
- Adrian Toy & PEPPER (Mini Schnauzer)
- Susan Procopio & DIESEL (Kelpie)
- Howard Peng & JIN DOU (Golden Retriever)
- Jessica Peng & DOU DOU (Rhodesian Ridgeback)
- Sylvia James & MIA (Toy Poodle)
- Khushnoo Dastun & YOGI (Cavoodle)
- Shane Walsh & Coco (American Staffy)
- Imogen Steketee & ALBY (Schnauzer)
- Cooper Hutchkins & STANLEY (Schnauzer)
- Raghan Mathur & SHADOW (Cattle Dog)
- Peter Hewitt & ALI (Kelpie)
- Sarah Rogerson & GINNIE (Kelpie X Border Collie)
- Ann Heppell & HARRY BLUE (Cattle Dog)
- Neill Newstead & ARCHIE (Labrador)
- Michael Shirley & COOPER (Labradoodle)
- Jacqui How & BRUCE (Labrador x Shar Pei)
- Yong Tay & OLLIE (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel)
- Samuel Rheitberger & TERRA (Labradoodle)
- Triah Phun & MIKA (Pomeranian)
- Andy Kirshaw & PIP (Cattle Dog X Border Collie)
- Peter Procopio & DIESEL (Kelpie)
- Annette Italiano & BARNEY (Golden Retriever)
- Paulo Saqueton & ASTRO (French Bulldog)
- Susan Lister & XENA (Labradoodle)
- Barry Sun & Coco (Pug X)
- Erwin Surjadi & BRUCE (Labrador)
- Michelle Chan & BINGO (Dachshund)
- Fiona Zhou & OLLIE (Groodle)

## GREEN TO WHITE

- ✓ Anna Franklin & ALLIE (Papillon)
- ✓ Catherine Hardman & MOPSY (Labradoodle)
- ✓ Deb Marks & BAILEY (Schnoodle)
- ✓ Lee McRae & PADDY (Border Collie X)
- ✓ Lucas Watkins & ITA (Australian Shepherd)
- ✓ Paul Hardman & BUDDY (Labradoodle)





# REMINDERS & CALENDAR



- ❖ Please do not leave your children unsupervised. Children running around may frighten or over-excite some dogs. Please remind your children NEVER to approach any dog without the handler's explicit permission
- ❖ Dogs wearing **Green Collars** are uncomfortable around other dogs. Dogs wearing **Orange Collars** are not friendly towards people. Please give these dogs the space they need. If in doubt, MOVE YOUR DOG AWAY from stressful situations.
- ❖ All handlers must wear enclosed shoes for safety.
- ❖ All dogs must be kept ON LEASH unless an instructor tells you otherwise.
- ❖ Dogs that have a history of running off during off-leash exercises must use a long lead in class.
- ❖ Please pick up after your dog. Bags and bins are provided.

## 2021 CALENDAR

### JANUARY

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>

First Day of Training for Current Members Plus New Member Registrations

### FEBRUARY

Sunday 7th  
Sunday 14th  
Sunday 21st  
Sunday 28th

Training / Puppy Class Starts  
Training  
Training  
Training

### MARCH

Sunday 7th  
Sunday 14th  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>  
Sunday 28th

Training / Puppy Class Starts  
Training  
NO TRAINING Obedience Trial  
Training

### APRIL

Sunday 4th  
Sunday 11th  
Sunday 18th  
Sunday 25th

NO TRAINING – Easter  
Training  
Training  
NO TRAINING – ANZAC Day

### MAY

Sunday 2nd  
Sunday 9th  
Sunday 16th  
Sunday 23rd  
Sunday 30th

Training  
Training / Puppy Class Starts  
Training  
Training / Handler's Day 1  
Training

### JUNE

Sunday 6th  
Sunday 13th  
Sunday 20th  
Sunday 27th

Training  
NO TRAINING – Queens Birthday  
Training / Puppy Class Starts  
Training

### JULY

Sunday 4th  
Sunday 11th  
Sunday 18th  
Sunday 25th

Training  
Training  
Training / Handler's Day 2  
Training / Puppy Class Starts

### AUGUST

Sunday 1st  
Sunday 8th  
Sunday 15th  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Sunday 29th

Training  
Training  
Training  
NO TRAINING Obedience Trial  
Training

### SEPTEMBER

Sunday 5th  
Sunday 12th  
Sunday 19th  
Sunday 26th

Training / Puppy Class Starts  
Training  
Training / Handler's Day 3  
Training

### OCTOBER

Sunday 3rd  
Sunday 10th  
Sunday 17th  
Sunday 24th  
Sunday 31st

NO TRAINING – Labour Day  
Training  
Training  
NO TRAINING Double Rally Trial  
Training / Puppy Class Starts

### NOVEMBER

Sunday 7th  
Sunday 14th  
Sunday 21st  
Sunday 28th

Training  
Training  
Training  
Last Training for the Year

### DECEMBER

Sunday 5th

Dog's Christmas Party!