

EASTERN SUBURBS DOG TRAINING CLUB INC

www.easternsuburbsdogtraining.org.au
PO Box 6, Randwick NSW 2031

ABOUT THE CLUB

Welcome to the Eastern Suburbs Dog Training Club. The Club provides a dual role to dog owners in the community. Instruction is given in basic dog obedience training, and for those who wish to continue further, help in preparing for competition in obedience trials is also provided. We train on Sunday mornings on the Musgrave Avenue grounds in Centennial Park.

Dog training commenced in Centennial Park in 1961 and the Club was founded in 1962. We are a fully volunteer-run organisation, and are affiliated with Dogs NSW.



JOINING THE CLUB

When you join the Club, you (not your dog) become a member. The joining fee entitles you to membership of the Club until the end of the financial year, allowing you to train throughout that period. A membership renewal form will be mailed to all members in May.

See the Club website (<http://www.easternsuburbsdogtraining.org.au>) for the class schedule. Registration opens at 7.30am on the indicated dates for the Adult Beginners (dogs aged from 6 months), or 8.15am for Puppy Class (dogs aged 12 weeks to 6 months). Please note that registration is available on the day only. You must also show a current vaccination certificate for your dog when joining.

JOINING FEES – valid to the end of the current financial year

Adult (18 years and over)	\$30
Dual Membership (2 members with one dog)	\$40
Juniors (12 – 17 years)	\$20

COURSE FEES

Puppy Class	\$30, payable upon registration
Adult Dog Beginners (RDO Course)	\$30, payable upon registration
All other classes	\$3 per week, paid at the inspection line



INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the Club! After you have completed your Puppy and /or Adult Dog Beginner Course (Responsible Dog Ownership) you will progress automatically to Class 1. Thereafter, progress to higher classes is by testing. Your instructor will advise you on the requirements for each test and the testing procedure. This information, as well as the testing schedule, is also available on the Club website.

When attending class, we require that you keep your dog on a fixed (non-extendable) lead, and wear closed-toe shoes.

At all times, **YOUR dog is YOUR responsibility**. In the unlikely event of your dog showing aggression towards people or other dogs, no instructor or club member can be put at risk. However, instructors will give all possible assistance.

REMEMBER: all the instructors, committee and members who help each Sunday and during special events give their time voluntarily. They work hard to ensure this club provides the best possible training for you and your dog. Please reward them with your full attention in class and courtesy in all your dealings with them.



CENTENNIAL PARK

Permission must be sought each year from the Centennial Park Trust for the use of the grounds, and members are reminded that this privilege is dependent upon our members' continued compliance with the Park regulations. You have been provided with a pamphlet from the Centennial Park Trust. Be sure to read these regulations and always comply with them.



CLUB GROUND RULES

1. All dogs shall be on lead when entering the training ground, during class and when leaving, except when under special direction from an instructor.
2. Bitches in season are not permitted on the training ground.
3. All dogs must be inspected at the inspection line before entry to class is permitted.
4. Members must wear name badges at all times.
5. Members are responsible for picking up after their dogs.
6. As with any park area, leave nothing behind: any litter is to be placed in the bins provided.
7. Jumps and other equipment may be used only under supervision of an instructor.
8. Classes using the jumps and other equipment will be responsible for the returning of said equipment to the trailer.
9. Children are welcome, provided they are supervised and kept under control. Note that children must be at least 12 years of age before being allowed to handle dogs in class.
10. The roped off area is a restricted zone and is to be entered only by club officials and volunteers.
11. All ponds and waterways in the park are out of bounds for dogs and people.
12. All dogs must be vaccinated and wormed regularly. Do not bring an infectious or unwell dog to training. Vaccination certificates must be presented for inspection when joining or renewing.

Training times:

8am – 8.45am	Adult Dog Beginners, Class 1 & Activity when operating.
9am – 9.45am	Classes 2, 3, 4 and Puppies
10.00 – 10.45am	Instructors' Class

You have been supplied with a colour-coded badge that is your identification as a club member. Only members wearing these badges are eligible to train. Should your badge be lost, a replacement badge must be purchased from the administration desk at a small cost.

The Club trains every Sunday except

- in inclement weather - rain or excessive heat (predicted high temperatures)
- at long weekends
- over the mid-year break in June
- during the long break at Christmas

Two special events are held during the year, an Obedience Trial (currently held at Erskine Park over the October long weekend) and a Christmas Fun Day. Please see the Club newsletter for further information.



WET WEATHER CANCELLATION

If you are unsure whether Sunday training will be cancelled due to the weather, please call the Club on 0412 645 154 after 7.30am on the day for a status update.



TRAINING EQUIPMENT

Training equipment is available to club members, at reasonable cost, from the equipment desk. The equipment officers will be happy to advise you on what is best for your dog.



NEWSLETTER

The club newsletter, Paw Prints, is published a number of times a year and contains information about upcoming events, lists of new members, promotion results, trial results, general articles, notices of meetings and information.

We welcome submissions from club members for the newsletter. If you have something you would like published, it can be left for the editor at the administration desk, or emailed to pawprints@easternsuburbsdogtraining.org.au.



NOTICEBOARD

Please read the noticeboard weekly for updates not included in the current newsletter. Please note that we do not allow advertising material to be displayed.



VOLUNTEERS

We can never have too much help in setting up before classes or packing up after classes. There are also other areas where we can use your assistance. Please volunteer at the desk if YOU can help.



FINAL NOTES

Some final points to keep in mind:

THE MAJORITY OF TRAINING IS DONE AWAY FROM CLASS.

Five to ten minutes of training EVERY day brings fast and permanent results.

All of the exercises taught in class have a practical purpose, so that your dog will become a well-trained companion of whom you can be proud.

TRAINING SHOULD BE FUN FOR YOUR DOG, YOURSELF and YOUR INSTRUCTOR.

SOME DOs and DON'Ts OF TRAINING:

- DO exercise your dog before class.
- DO learn to communicate with your dog.
- DO be very patient with your dog and yourself. You are both learning.
- DO give your instructor your courtesy and attention.
- DO allow your dog time to relieve itself before class.
- DO bring correct change.
- DO dress appropriately for training your dog.

- DON'T train a sick or tired dog.
- DON'T train if YOU are overtired, angry or impatient.
- DON'T bring valuables on to the grounds, as it is a public park.



FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any queries, please speak to a volunteer at the desk, contact the Club via the website at <http://www.easternsuburbsdogtraining.org.au> or on 0412 645 154. However please note that we cannot provide dog training advice over the phone or via email.