

Anne Brophy

Dogs and dog training have been a life defining hobby for me since 1984. I joined Sydney ABDTC to train my rescue German Shepherd/Kelpie cross 'Raeme' and joined Dogs NSW (then RAS Kennel Control) later that year. Raeme was one of the early Supplementary Register dogs and gained his UD and TD titles in 1990. His trialling companion was my Golden Retriever 'Ceilidh' (Goldfleece Amber Leaf UD), who was a very consistent dog, being awarded three Beaurepair UD Excellent awards.

We joined Western Suburbs DTC around 1986 training at their Tuesday night trailers class and instructing on Saturday afternoons. I obtained the Level 1 Instructors certificate under Luci Ellem in the late 1980s.

I am a member of the Golden Retriever Club of NSW and have served on their Trials Committee. Goldens have been my main breed. I joined Eastern Suburbs DTC in the late 1990s following my marriage to Joe and I trained Wedge (Kerridee Wedgewood CD) with the club. From 2000 we showed in conformation with Wedge, Holly (Ch. Kerridee Hollandea) who was Challenge Bitch at the 2004 Sydney Royal, and Thyme (Barragundy Barely Thyme). Caring for children and more recently parents, limited my obedience activities.

In 2021, after lasting two weeks without a dog, I bought 'Maple' the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. She has reignited my love of training and a fascination with the R+ training methods as well as the "new" trialling formats. She gained her Rally Novice title in 2022 and CCD and RA this year. We are hoping to complete our CD title some time this decade!

We have been training with Metropolitan Mid-Week DTC for Obedience and Rally, Northern Suburbs DTC for Rally and at Eastern Suburbs DTC where I have been happy to help on the registration desk. I am currently doing MMWDTC's Instructors course to refresh my skills and am their Catering Officer.



