

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 Excellence awards. I 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 in the late 1980s.

I am a member of the Golden Retriever Club of NSW and have served on their Trials Committee as well as the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of NSW. I joined Eastern Suburbs DTC in the late 1990s and trained Wedge (Kerridee Wedgewood CD) with the club. From 2000 I showed in conformation with Goldens 'Wedge', 'Holly' (Ch. Kerridee Hollandea), 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 home. She has reignited my love of training and sparked a fascination with R+ training methods as well as the "new" trialling formats. She gained her Rally Novice title in 2022, CCD and RA in 2023 and RE in 2024. We are hoping to complete our CD title some time this decade! We have been training and instructing at Eastern Suburbs DTC for the past few years and have been on the Club's Committee for twelve months. We are also members of Metropolitan Mid-Week DTC for Obedience and Rally and Northern Suburbs DTC for Rally and Scent Work.

