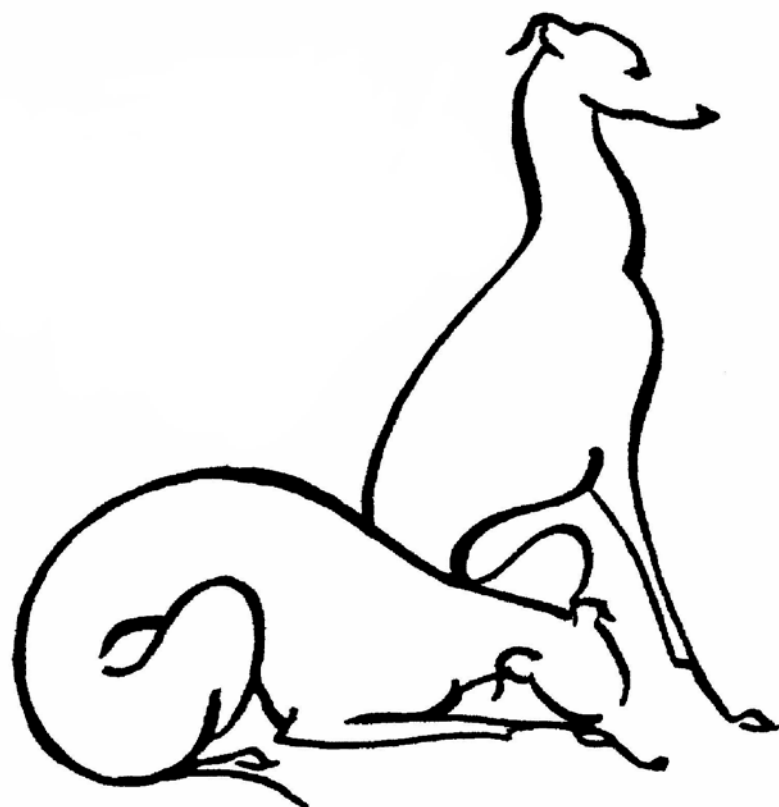


Whippet Whispers



Brought to you on behalf of The Whippet Club of NSW Inc

Edition 1 of 2015

From the desk of the President.....

Friends,

I would like to welcome you to the re-invigorated newsletter of the Whippet Club of NSW – the *Whippet Whispers*. It has been quite some time since we have had this type of communication within the Club and I know that you will support it with articles, show and trial results, and generally just stories about our beautiful and beloved companions. As we are spread far and wide not only around New South Wales but now around the world, a newsletter such as this is a great way to keep in touch without having to wade through all the unnecessary and unwanted proclamations and promulgations of various social media sites.

I would also like to extend a huge vote of thanks to our outgoing committee members, and in particular Lisa Barrenger our past president. She has left very big shoes to fill particularly after our 2015 National, and if I can write a story with as much eloquence, passion and vitality as she, then I will be a very happy little President indeed. I would also like to welcome our new Committee members this year. We have a Committee with enthusiasm, experience and expertise and this reflects well to fulfil our goals of enjoying and promoting our beloved Whippets.

Finally, I would like to welcome our new members to the Club. We hope that you enjoy your time with us and that the Club can meet your expectations. And remember, for all members, that constructive criticism is always welcome. My email address is toni.mcneill@gmail.com and I am always happy to hear from you. But please remember that the Club is not about us – it is always about and for the dogs and it is both our duty and our privilege to be the best humans we can be for them.

Until next time.

Yours in Whippets,

Toni McNeill

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General Meetings 2015 -2016

- Dalwood Children's Charity Show 22 November 2015
- Australia Day show 26 January 2016
- Hound Club 03 April 2016
- Blaxland & Glenbrook 26 June 2016
- Dogs NSW Spring Fair 28 August 2016 (AGM in conjunction)

Please note dates may be subject to change – the appropriate notification will be sent to all members in the event that this may happen

Upcoming Events

- Whippet and Greyhound Club of SA Championship Show - 18th October 2015
For more information please go to www.whippetgreyhoundclubsa.com
- The Whippet Club of NSW Inc – General Meeting 22nd November 2015
To be held during the luncheon break at Dalwood Children's Charity Show
- The Whippet Club of NSW - Christmas Show gathering 19th December 2015
To be held in conjunction with the Dogs NSW Christmas Show
An email to all club members to follow closer to the date
- The Whippet Club of NSW Inc – General Meeting 26 January 2016
To be held during the luncheon break at The Library and Archives Australia Day Show
- Purina Royal Sydney Show 2016 – Whippet Judging 24th March 2016
Judge for Whippets is: Mrs B Svarstad (Sweden)
For more information please visit www.sydneymayroyal.com.au/342.htm
- The Whippet Club of NSW Inc – Championship Show 25th March 2016
Judge: Mrs D Spavin (UK) All Whippets and General Specials
Trainee Sweepstakes (to be held during the luncheon break)
Judge: Mr Brad Santas (NSW) Males
Judge: Mrs Amanda Huggins (NSW) Bitches and Best Overall Whippet
More information can be found on the club website, our facebook page and in the Dogs NSW journal January 2016 edition
- The Sighthound Association – Championship Show 26th March 2016
Whippet Judge: Mr T Skaar (Sweden)
More information regarding this show will be posted on the Whippet Club's facebook page when it comes to hand
- The Whippet Club of NSW Inc – Championship Show 27th March 2016
Judge: Mr R Yurick (Canada) All Whippets and General Specials

Show Results

Dogs NSW Spring Fair – Friday 28th August 2015 Judge: Mr Rowbotham (Canada)

DCC/BOB – Gunarryn Packed With Love – Dyer

Res DCC – Ch Beuroi Blame It Onth Reign – McNeill

BCC/RUBOB – Ch Goodwill Soul Sister – Albert

Res CC – Ch Merrirose Say My Name – Marmont/Walshaw/Carroll

Dogs NSW Spring Fair – Saturday 29th August 2015 Judge: Mrs A Mills (Canada)

DCC/RUBOB – Gr Ch Benbridge Angel of Faith At Buffalo (Imp NZ) - Patterson

Res DCC – Gunarryn Packed With Love – Dyer

BCC/BOB – Taejaan Lust In London (AI) – Rule-Steele

Res CC – Gunarryn Love And Affection - Dyer

Dogs NSW Spring Fair – Sunday 30th August 2015 Judge: Dr R Indeglia (USA)

DCC – Ch Beuroi Blame It Onth Reign – McNeill

Res DCC – Taejaan Rendevous In Paris (AI) – Rule-Steele

BCC/BOB – Ch Ridgesetter Dontrainonmyparade - Comerford

Res CC – Ch Calahorra Beluga Black Caviar (AI) – Slatyer

The Whippet Association of Victoria – 19th September 2015

Judge: Mr Kevan Ellis 'Railfield' (UK)

Dog CC & BIS: Ch Peperone Love Ur Style – Peperone Kennels

Bitch CC & RUBIS: Ch Ridgesetter Summer Rain - Harris

BEST BABY IN SHOW: Nabihah Creamed Genes - Lewis

BEST OPPOSITE BABY IN SHOW: Ozrhode Celtic Simply Wicked – Ozrhode Knls

BEST MINOR PUPPY IN SHOW: Lysnagah Tullamore Dew - Austin

BEST OPPOSITE MINOR PUPPY IN SHOW: Lysnagah Jameson - Austin

BEST PUPPY IN SHOW: Whirlaway In Like Flynn - McKay

BEST OPPOSITE PUPPY IN SHOW: Chakrata Molly Malone - Baxter/Delaney

BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW: Alltalk Irish Charm From Bangor - Delaney

BEST OPPOSITE JUNIOR IN SHOW: Alltalk Irish Luck From Bangor - Delaney

Res Bitch CC & BEST INTERMEDIATE IN SHOW: Ch Karnabay Fly Me To The Moon - Skene

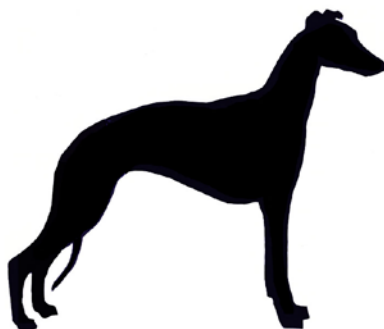
BEST OPPOSITE INTERMEDIATE IN SHOW: Ch Elmaro Hard Act To Follow - Burns

BEST AUSTRALIAN BRED IN SHOW: Ch Peperone Love Ur Style – Peperone Kennels

BEST OPPOSITE AUSTRALIAN BRED IN SHOW: Ch Ridgesetter Dontrainonmyparade - Comerford

BEST OPEN IN SHOW: Ch Ridgesetter Summer Rain - Harris

Res Dog CC & BEST OPPOSITE OPEN IN SHOW: Ch, Ire & Uk Ch Collooney Move On Over – Delaney



Rescue Report

Sadly rescue continues to be busy and looking back thru my records it averages out to one Whippet per month that requires our help.....dogs, bitches, pairs, siblings, young and old, there doesn't seem to be a pattern.

About half are fostered; by myself when possible but mostly by Kristine Ruhle and her wonderful family who are just the nicest people and just recently two more non-show Whippet enthusiasts have come on board and fostered - Gen Power from the Newcastle area and K T Barr from Sydney. Having "pet" people involved with fostering is great as most of us already have a full lounge LOL. Then there is Jack Oates (country NSW) who always puts her hand up and Denny and Tony who helped out in the ACT recently. Thank you for opening your homes to strange dogs and making the effort to re-train and assess them.

The club is often contacted by owners who for one reason or another can no longer keep or want the dog(s). In those instances wherever possible I will work with the owner to find a suitable new home direct or sometimes all they have needed is a bit of support and advice. All our rescues are advertised on the Club website or DOL Rescue Section.

In other instances I am alerted to Whippets in pounds and shelters and it's these Whippets which are generally fostered if they are not adopted directly by the public. I always alert anyone on the rescue waiting list to Whippets in pounds and shelters.

Sometimes we have absolutely no idea why anyone would want to surrender a "perfectly good Whippet", other times after a few weeks in foster care less desirable traits emerge, generally separation anxiety issues and it's then that extra careful selection of the dog's forever home is imperative. I keep in contact with our rescue families and am happy to say that to date we have been very successful with matching our rescues with their forever homes.

Only 2% of rescues have come from Registered Breeders and as always they have been rehomed with the full knowledge and support of their breeder. The remainder have no breeder support and it's sad to see that Whippets are becoming somewhat popular amongst back yard breeders. Most are neither microchipped or desexed.

Most days I receive emails and phone calls inquiring after rescue Whippets. Whenever there is not a rescue or a suitable rescue then I will direct them to our club members and the mature section of DOL. I have found that the average pet person has a poor understanding of what a retired or ex-show dog is and what a fabulous family pet they could make.

Finally a very big thank you to those members who have contributed in some way or another with rescue, either transport, Whippet collars, coat, crates etc, food and most importantly support when I've needed to bounce ideas around. It's lovely to see that competition can be put aside when it comes to helping our chosen breed.

Here's hoping that the remainder of the year remains rescue free.

Cheers,

Kaz

Rescue / Rehome Officer for The Whippet Club of NSW Inc

Daisy the Whippet

Hello my name is Daisy and I would like to give you an update on my newly found forever home.



However, before I do, I just wanted to thank Genevieve, Will, Devo and Pepper for providing me with the best foster home a girl could ask for: the love and companionship I received in their home no doubt set me up for being the well adjusted little rescue dog I am. I also want to thank Kaz and the NSW Whippet Club for rescuing me and giving me a chance: I know it's not easy and that it is time consuming and costly but everyone in my new household believes it's worth it.

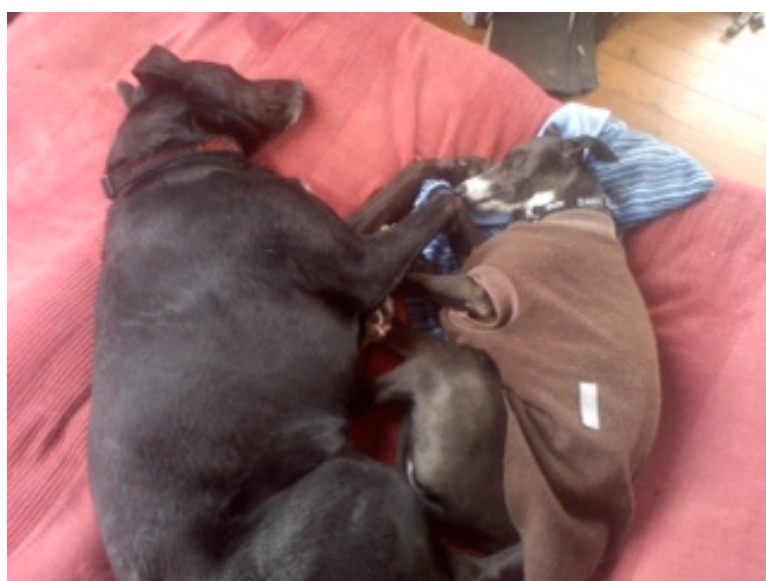
I arrived almost three weeks ago and the human I have adopted as my own was surprised that it really took less than two days for me to fit in. There are two other dogs in the household and while they are not whippets, they are very friendly and accommodating. They have also trained the human occupant rather well so I had very little work in that regard.

In the first few days I was confronted with a wide range of new experiences: ferry travel; water and tides (who knew a beach could disappear and reappear?); eating out at cafes; and meeting a variety of new dogs and human neighbours. All of these things I calmly took in my stride so really to any outsider I looked like I'd been part of the pack forever. In fact, nothing, so far, has phased me. By day three I was a seafaring whippet boarding and disembarking ferries with no care at all.



Each day I go for zoomies on the beach and at the park and much my favourite activity is having someone chase me – though I have yet to find anyone who comes close even when I’m only in second gear...Rosey and Lily have taught me about the water but it is still a little cold and while I accidentally got into water that came above my belly, I’m not sure about this swimming activity that Rosey takes pleasure in..

I was identified as a bit of a wanderer and Houdini but this hasn’t been an issue at my new home as there are no fences to scale and I bonded almost immediately with the other canines in the household. My recall is very impressive and I regularly check in with my canine companions and human when I’m having a run. I’m just a young, active, intelligent whippet who needed some stimulation and reciprocated trust.





Save the date!!!!



End of year Christmas get together at the Dogs NSW Christmas Show
(Orchard Hills)

Saturday 19th December 2015 – Schedule available on
www.ozentries.com.au

Just bring a plate to share, your chair and come and enjoy the festivities!!

Just look for us under the club banner with the pretty Christmas
decorations!



A further email regarding this will be sent to all club members closer to the date

5 minutes with.....



Name: Lisa Barrenger

State you live in? NSW

Involvement in the dog world: Breeder and Exhibitor of Rhodesian Ridgebacks and Whippets

1. **What year did you begin in dogs and what was the breed?** 1986 – Rhodesian Ridgebacks
2. **If you could change one thing at dog shows what would it be?** Packing up at the end of a weekend!
3. **When and where are you the happiest?** At Rhodesian Ridgeback or Whippet Specialty Shows, doing endless laps around the ring.
4. **Complete this sentence: Life just wouldn't be the same without????** Harley Beckett
5. **Since you have been in dogs, what is your most memorable moment?** Handling my beautiful Electra (Sup Ch/Am Ch Ridgesetter Fly The Flag ET SC) at Westminster Dog Show at Madison Square Gardens
6. **Who has been your biggest influence in the dog show world?** From a breeding perspective – Vicki Moritz (Ujamaa) & Clayton Heathcock (Camelot USA) From a showing perspective – Bill Sahloff
7. **If you were stranded on a deserted island, what are the 3 things you would want with you?** A Ridgeback, A Whippet and my entire collection of Diesel music on a solar powered music player
8. **What are your 3 favourite dog shows?** Any RRCUS National Show week, Royal Easter Show/Whippet Club of NSW/Sighthound Show on the Easter weekend and Australian Ridgeback Nationals
9. **Do you think there are too many dog shows?** Too many shows on the same weekend, I don't mind being able to go to a show every week but having 5 or 6 in the same state on the same day is ridiculous.
10. **What's your favourite saying?** How about what's my **LEAST** favourite saying?

*"Electra/Zest/Nugget/Charlie/Delilah GET YOUR ARSES BACK OVER THAT FENCE.....**NOW!***

ANKC LURE COURSING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

2015 saw the commencement of ANKC Lure Coursing in New South Wales. After two mock trials to allow coursers and officials to learn the ropes, the first official trial was held in July.

Whippets attended each event and trial held in NSW this year.

What is Lure Coursing?

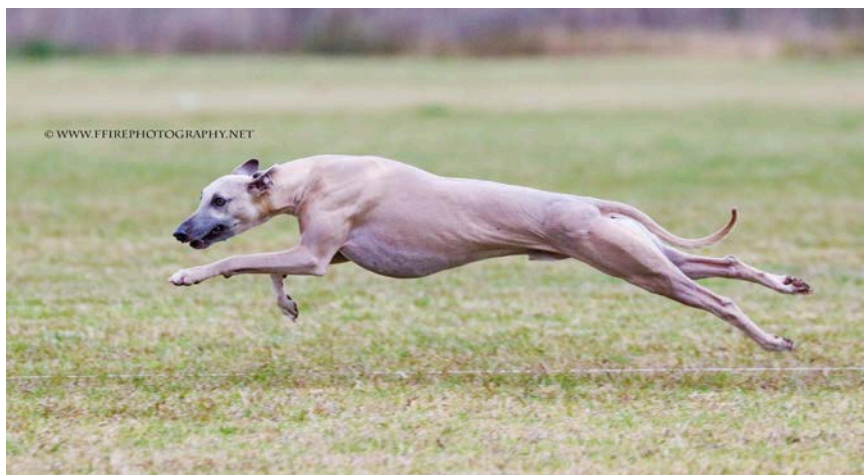
The purpose of lure coursing events is to preserve and develop the coursing skills inherent in sighthounds and to demonstrate their ability to perform the function for which they were originally bred. Lure coursing is an artificial simulation of the way a hare might run in an open field, with the course pattern being irregular and varied with every meet.

In lure coursing, dogs chase an artificial lure across a field, following a pattern that is meant to simulate the movement of a hare. The lure is strips of plastic bags tied to a nylon cord which is pulled around on pulleys by a motor. A typical lure course is between 650 metres to 800 or 900 metres long; however course lengths can vary dependent on field conditions on the day.

The course must have a minimum number of turns in order to simulate prey e.g. hunting down a hare that changes direction in a chase. If a dog is lure focused they will typically follow the lure from start to finish and not run off course. Sighthounds generally have no need to be trained or enticed to chase the lure since the desire to chase is instinctual. However some dogs may require lure play at a very early age to encourage them to follow an artificial lure with enthusiasm or to build confidence for the chase.

Anyone wishing to participate in lure coursing should ensure their dog is extremely fit before attending an event. Lure coursing is a physically demanding sport and it's important that each dog is in peak health to be able to cope with the physical stress on their bodies.

For the purposes for ANKC lure coursing, the recognised Sighthounds are: Afghan Hound, Azawakh, Borzoi, Greyhound, Ibizan Hound, Irish Wolfhound, Pharaoh Hound, Saluki, Scottish Deerhound, Sloughi, Whippet and Italian Greyhound. Basenjis and Rhodesian Ridgebacks are also designated as Sighthounds for the purposes of lure coursing participation and titles. All other breeds and Associate register dogs fall into the Coursing Ability Test (CAT) stream.



Basic Rules:

A full detailed set of the rules and regulations can be found on the ANKC web site and covers the purpose of lure coursing, tests and trials, eligibility criteria, disqualifications, titles and awards, roles of the officials at a trial, how to run a meet, how the trial is judged and a glossary of terms.

Judges score dogs against five criteria:

Enthusiasm – 15 points

Follow – 15 points

Speed – 25 points

Agility – 25 points

Endurance – 20 points

Total – 100 points



There may be 1, 2 or 3 judges. Where there is more than one judge on the field they stand apart and do not converse during the running of the course except to decide on matters such as re-runs . There is a Huntmaster who is in control of the proceedings on the field, the safety of the dogs, and gives the verbal release command of “Tally-Ho” to release the dogs for each course. The Lure Operator is responsible for operation of the machine that drives the lure around the course. And of course with any sporting event, you have the Gate Steward and Race Secretary on hand to round everyone up and give advice.

To begin, all dogs must gain a Junior Courser Qualification, which is a total of 300 points (150 at two meets gained in a four month period). This then allows a dog to compete for various titles depending on whether they are a Sighthound or non-Sighthound breed. Dogs run twice at each meet to gain their scores.

Dogs must be at least 18 months old to compete. The hard, fast turns are demanding on a dog's joints and lure coursing before this age can increase the risk of injury or cause joint problems later in life.

Whippets Lure Coursing in NSW:

Five Whippets gained their Junior Courser qualifications this year:

Ch Bundoon Jamaica Girl

Calahorra Spot Check

Calahorra The Detroit Tigers

Debrents Confectioner

Ch Daneson Darcez Artful Dodger

Future Trialing:

Next year, the NSW Lure Coursing Association will run some training days before the start of the trialing season to allow people with young dogs or potential trailers to get some experience chasing the lure. The lure will be straight course only, a shorter length course than a trialing course and there will be time to work with each dog to encourage it to chase.

Next year's NSW trialing season will offer 5 trials, with some in Sydney and others in regional NSW. The Association is also keen to assist interested breed clubs to hold lure coursing trials in conjunction with their shows.

For further information on ANKC lure coursing in NSW please join the Dogs NSW Lure Coursing Face Book page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/880871155286150/> or contact the Club President (who is also a Whippet club committee member) Email wdowning@iinet.net.au



*Congratulations to those that gained their Junior Courser
qualifications in 2015 from all of us at
The Whippet Club of NSW Inc*

Dog Lovers Sydney 2015

The Whippet Club NSW attended Dog Lovers August 15th and 16th 2015 at The Royal Hall of Industries and the Hordern Pavilion. The Dogs were the stars of the Show, with over 20 000 Doggie fans queuing for entry. The Whippet Club stand was The Destination for many visitors, with some Whippet groupies making a return visit, having been smitten by Whippets at the 2015 show.

Over the weekend, our breed ambassadors were Sirocco, Raspberry, Roks, Indigo, Noki, Dior, Nina, Star, Jack, George and Zoe. We had a mix of young and old, pet, conformation and coursing dogs, all who conducted themselves beautifully in a noisy and challenging environment. The Club stand was manned by Margot Quinn, Jenna McNeill, Christine Kirkman, Michelle Broadley, Stuart Boyd and Lisa Barrenger.

Over the 2 days, we handed out over 200 NSW Whippet Club fliers, and had countless enquiries from people interested in puppies as well as mature dogs. We had the usual Whippet questions from the public- are Whippets nervous, do they get along with kids? How much space do they need, and how much exercise? There was a lot of interest from people with smaller suburban houses, terraces, and units.

We had young newlyweds through to the elderly, people new to dogs and experienced dog owners.



The Hounds dealt with the excitement in different ways: Jack was drawn to families with elderly folk, and people in walkers and wheelchairs; Raspberry nabbed herself a show bag; Jack kept his paws full with teenage rock chic twins; George smooched his way into the hearts of everyone he met; always diving deep into the crowd for another cuddle; Star and Nina made time for a power nap.

The show was a huge success, with many people putting Whippets at the top of their list.

Thank you to all of those who offered to help on the stand, and to everyone who contributed photos and ideas for the stand layout.

Michelle Broadley



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES



The Whippet Club of NSW Inc.

Saturday 29th August 2015

Held in conjunction with Spring Fair

Meeting Opened: 12:55 pm

Present: Lisa Barrenger, Toni McNeill Kaz Cleave, Margot Quinn, Jenna McNeill, Gavin Telford Michelle Broadley Ian Doherty Shannon Farish Greg Skene

Apologies: Polly Telford Terry Crowley Bec Kelly Yvonne Michael Beasleigh Christine Kirkman Christine Cunningham Wendy Downing

Minutes from the 2014 AGM were read and moved be accepted by Kaz Cleave

And seconded by Gavin Telford Carried

President's Report

Was read and moved be accepted by Ian Doherty seconded by Kaz Cleave Carried

Secretary's Report

Was read and moved be accepted by Toni McNeill seconded by Jenna McNeill Carried

Auditor / Treasurer Reports

The Treasurer advised the books are not back from Norma Turner the Auditor as yet

The Bank Balance as at 30th June was \$14377.22

Gavin will recall & present the Auditors accounts at the next meeting

Was read and moved be accepted by Greg Skene and seconded by Jenna McNeill

NOMINATIONS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE MEETING

PRESIDENT Toni McNeill NOMINATED BY MRS Molly Rule Steele SECONDED BY Margot Quinn

SECRETARY Margot Quinn NOMINATED BY Jenna McNeill SECONDED BY Molly Rule Steele

SHOW SECRETARY Jenna McNeill NOMINATED BY Molly Rule Steele SECONDED BY Margot Quinn

COMMITTEE Tony Maxwell NOMINATED BY Jenna McNeill SECONDED BY Margot Quinn

COMMITTEE Denni Maxwell NOMINATED BY Jenna McNeill SECONDED BY Margot Quinn

COMMITTEE Molly Rule Steele NOMINATED BY Jenna McNeill SECONDED BY Margot Quinn

Nominations from the Floor

VICE PRESIDENT Greg Skene NOMINATED BY Margot Quinn SECONDED BY Kaz Cleave

EDITOR/WEBMASTER Kristen Carroll NOMINATED BY Margot Quinn SECONDED BY Toni McNeill

COMMITTEE Wendy Downing NOMINATED BY Margot Quinn SECONDED Toni McNeill

COMMITTEE Rebecca Kelly NOMINATED BY Jenna McNeill SECONDED BY Toni McNeill

TREASURE/PUBLIC OFFICER Gavin Telford NOMINATED BY Michelle Broadley SECONDED BY Jenna McNeill

RESCUE OFFICER Kaz Cleave NOMINATED BY Lisa Barrenger SECONDED BY Ian Doherty

COMMITTEE TROPHIES Michelle Broadley NOMINATED BY Margot Quinn SECONDED BY Toni McNeill

2015-2016 Office Bearers and Committee:

Position	Name	Mover	Seconded
President	Toni McNeill	Molly Rule Steele	Margot Quinn
Vice-President	Greg Skene	Margot Quinn	Kaz Cleave
Secretary	Margot Quinn	Jenna McNeill	Molly Rule Steele
Treasurer/Public Officer	Gavin Telford	Michelle Broadley	Jenna McNeill
Show Secretary	Jenna McNeill	Molly Rule Steele	Margot Quinn
Editor/Webmaster	Kristen Carroll	Margot Quinn	Toni McNeill
Committee - Trophies	Michelle Broadley	Margot Quinn	Toni McNeill
Committee	Tony Maxwell	Jenna McNeill	Margot Quinn
Committee	Denni Maxwell	Jenna McNeill	Margot Quinn
Committee	Molly Rule Steele	Jenna McNeill	Margot Quinn
Committee	Wendy Downing	Margot Quinn	Toni McNeill
Committee	Bec Kelly	Jenna McNeill	Toni McNeill
Rescue-Co-ordinator	Kaz Cleave	Lisa Barrenger	Ian Doherty
Publicity Officer	General meeting to discuss		
Auditor	Norma Turner	Gavin Telford	Ian Doherty
NWC Delegates	Lisa Barrenger Greg Skene	Gavin Telford	Margot Quinn
Patrons	Jenny & Yvonne	Margot Quinn	Shannon Fairish

Reconfirming our Life Members are Ian Doherty and Terry Crowley.

Meeting Closed: 1.20pm

2015 AGM Secretary's Report

The Club has had another successful year with many activities that have taken place!

Firstly Dog Lovers Expo November 2014 then rigorous planning for the 4th Whippet National that took place in March this year over 3 days many folks travelled from far and wide to attend, we also had the pleasure of international visitors Phoebe Booth from the USA and Pauline Oliver U.K to join our show this was quite special for us all.

Our committee worked incredibly hard and was stretched down to the wire, so many different strengths of experience are within the group of committed workers and to see this all gel together was very rewarding for all of us.

Throughout the year we have maintained a fast pace with participating in Dogs on Show our chance to mingle and represent our breed to the public!

We have just also participated in our second year at the Dog Lovers Expo in Sydney which has quite a big following so many people came into to meet us at the Whippet Club Stand it was a great atmosphere and almost felt like the club has extended family with the Whippet community.

I would also like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank Michelle Broadley & Stuart Boyd who have gone above and beyond in their help to the club with the National & recent events we have just participated in.

Kaz Cleave our rescue officer who is reliable & consistent in her work with many happy outcomes to new Whippet Families

I'm sure rescue work gets quite trying and frustrating for Kaz at times again thank you Kaz Cleave and her family

Thank you for your support to me with my first turn at Secretary I'm keen to do a good job

So any feedback is welcome

We welcome any new people that would like to be involved with the club and your input

Our membership is strong and encouraging and the club is healthy with finances after the National this year

We look forward to our 2016 Specialty Shows we will see you there.

Thank you,

Margot Quinn

2015 AGM President's Report

I sit writing this President's report for Whippet Club of NSW with a great deal of pleasure!

What a year we have had as a club, we've run a successful National Show that incorporated new ideas such as health testing and a dinner seminar with some great speakers as well as having it at a venue that was as close as purpose built for our needs as we could get. Those in the ring barely noticed the torrential downpour on the Tuesday (well there was that tiny river but the straw bales came in handy there) and whilst lighting was somewhat of an issue the ability to continue judging in a modicum of comfort for all concerned was what we had required when looking at where to hold the event. From our stunning logo on the overflowing exhibitor bags, to the photographing of all the exhibits, the wonderful handmade place medallions and those beautiful Best In Show and Runner Up Best In Show trophies it was all pretty spectacular.

And to think that when we get to the treasurer's report that we basically put the show on for around \$5,000 makes it an outstanding success.

The hard working committee also managed to put on a great display at the two largest Dog "expos" to be held in NSW – Dogs on Show run by the RNSWCC in June and Dog Lovers Show at the Horden Pavilion held over 3 days last November. And as I write we are preparing for this year's event. The efforts of Toni, Margot, Kaz, Michelle, Stuart, Wendy and Jenna Gavin Polly to set up such a great stand saw us with very steady stream of people eager to meet and talk about our very patient hounds who were the stars of the show. And we have learnt from these experiences and hone our skills on getting it even more right each time. Whilst money making at these events isn't the name of the game we have managed to bring in some handy income for both the club and Rescue.

Whilst we have not been inundated with dogs on the rescue front, Kaz has dealt with some interesting cases over the past 12 months but at this point every dog has found a forever home that suits them down to the ground. I must admit the chronic fence jumper getting a home on an island is probably the best piece of rehoming I think I've ever heard of. And I must thank Kristine Ruhle and her family for the willingness to foster our rescues with so much care and attention to detail when it comes to working out what sort of home might work for our sometimes broken hounds. Kaz is also to be commended for the way some dogs do not end up coming into our care because of her

Tireless efforts on the phone or in e-mails finding solutions that allow the dogs to stay with their owners.

I will not be standing for the position of President on the new committee, so I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank my very very hard working committee who managed to pull together in such an extraordinary way especially over the past 12 months. We had some major challenges that we faced but I think being able to present a united front helped us surmount those challenges and keep moving forward. So to Gavin Telford, Christine Kirkman, Margot Quinn, Polly Telford, Kaz & Steve Cleave, Michelle Broadley & Stuart Boyd, Jenna McNeill and Christine Cunningham I am truly indebted to you and THANKS.

Special mention should be made of Toni Comerford, she has been the Secretary of the club for many years now and despite requesting a respite a few years ago kept stepping up to the plate when no other nominations were forthcoming. She has managed to keep two somewhat unruly Presidents under control – well I'm not sure about John but she coped with me. And has dealt with a multitude of issues that are behooving of a Secretary to deal with that no one is aware of until you actually do the job, as Margot is finding out on her steep learning curve. The club is indebted to you Toni and on behalf of all the membership I thank you for your efforts.

I want to wish the Club well for the future – we are in a good financial position with lots of the organization for next year's shows and even the year after in place so the future is looking bright.

Lisa Barrenger



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The Whippet Club of NSW Inc.

29TH August 2015

Spring Fair Erskine Park

Meeting Opened: 1.21PM

Present: Margot Quinn, Jenna McNeill, Gavin Telford Michelle Broadley
Lisa Barrenger Toni McNeill Melissa Fox Shannon Farish Ian Doherty
Greg Skene

Apologies: Yvonne Michael Beasleigh Rebecca Kelly Wendy Downing
Terry Crowley

The Minutes from the previous meetings were distributed for perusal. On the motion of Lisa Barrenger seconded Jenna McNeill they are adopted Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Bank accounts signatures internet banking

Balance as at Date 29/8/15 \$ 14054.37 Cheque Account

Gavin will look into interest rates from various banks if we are able to earn more interest

Term deposits defer this until next meeting

Lisa spoke of finding a bank that will accept a Breed Club with no Bank fees

On the motion Toni of seconded by Greg that the report be accepted.

PAID ACCOUNTS

402.00 To Molly Rule Steele

Annual Fee 125.00 for National Whippet Council

Kristine Rhule 160.00

Still outstanding to pay:

Max Barrenger 225.00

Denni Maxwell 208.00 needing an invoice

Michelle has given receipts to Gavin from Dog lover's expenses

25.00 set up fee for logo for whippet club polo for dog lovers

Each person is paying for their own polo

On the motion of Gavin seconded by Margot the accounts be paid.

Correspondence In (including phone calls and emails)

Toni Comerford sent letter of resignation from Committee

Dogs NSW has approved the Draft Schedule for 2016 shows

Dogs NSW sent certificate of appreciation for participating in Dogs on Show

NWC has given notice of AGM to be held on Saturday 19th September 2015 at KCC park at Victorian Whippet Champ Show in the lunch break 12.30pm!

ANKC has given approval for Whippet Association Victoria to hold their national 11th 12th March 2017.

Letter from Sharon Sakson is unable to fulfill her judging appointment for 2016

Vets All natural by Dr Bruce Syme have shown interest for sponsorship proposals for 2016 events.

Correspondence Out

Toni McNeill moved a Letter of thanks to be sent to outgoing committee members

Margot to send letter of thanks to the Saluki Club for kind offer of the judge for 2016

Letter of thanks to be sent to Rebecca Rafton for Ring Side Craft that has been donated

Welcome letter to be sent to new members

Letter to Royal Canin to be sent in regards to 2016 sponsorship of the two championship shows

New Members

Joanne & Malcolm Fleming

Melissa Fox

Alexandra Fox

Sandra & Mike Patterson

Felicity Dyer

Anne Lesley Saunders

Lesley Farish

Kristen Carroll

Michelle Gallo

On the motion of Toni McNeill seconded by Michelle Broadley that the new members be accepted.

Rescue

Kaz advised there may be two 20 month old whippets needing to be re homed at this stage we don't know if they can be separated

Club Emails in regards to Re-homing forwarded onto Kaz

Deposit taken for Daisy- they will pay balance at the end of the month

Finn has been paid in cash

On the motion of Lisa seconded by Jenna that the correspondence be accepted and endorsed. Carried

National Show Business

We received complaints of no ringside shots from the national Pauline Oliver mentioned there was no arrangement of her doing our ring shots Pauline was available for private photos whilst they were at the national all these are available on her website

Lisa mentioned there could have been discussion between Yvonne Beasleigh about doing ringside shots, after discussion we feel its best let it go as time has moved on.

Margot to follow up with Brian Pickering on footage that has been cut out of the national DVD placing of classes for example

NWC

Vote on agenda items for AGM

We voted yes to all three motions Margot to Send to Shirley Wilmot on Letter head

NWC are holding their AGM Vic Whippet Specialty our delegates are Lisa Barrenger Greg Skene from Whippet Club NSW

Discussion next meeting on the NWC and its purpose

Show Business

Judges 2016

Sharon Saxon has had to cancel her appointment for 2016

Lisa has moved Raymond Yurick Canada as replacement judge Margot Quinn Seconded carried and accepted

Wayne Martin wants to donate Perpetual Trophy for Australian Bred in Show we kindly accept

Margot to send thank you letter

Trophies

Restoration of Perpetual Trophies we have voted to have them restored and used again at shows

We have Friday & Sundays shows to cover

Suggestions Ribbons for 2016 Gilman's Sashes

Dog CC – 6 x 36 Tri Sash \$6.05 (purple/white)

Bitch CC - 6 x 36 Tri Sash \$6.05 (purple/white)

Res Dog CC - 6 x 36 Tri Sash \$6.05 (Lilac/white)

Res Bitch CC – 6 x 36 Tri Sash \$6.05 (Lilac/white)

Sweepstakes

Best Dog – 4 x 6 Bi Colour sash \$4.40 (Gold/Black)

Best Bitch - 4 x 6 Bi Colour sash \$4.40 (Gold/Black)

Best Overall Whippet - 6 x 36 Tri Sash \$6.05 (Gold/Black)

BIS – Large Rosette size?

RUBIS - medium rosette size?

All Class In Show - medium rosette size?

Opposite Class in Show - 6 x 36 Tri Sash \$6.05 (Gold/Black)

General Business

Jenna has offered to get E-newsletter up and running again this will be 3 monthly
Greg Skene also remembered is was called Whippet Whispers so this will be the continued name

Club Website needs updating Kristen Carroll will be taking care of this

Nominations of dates for general meetings dates below – open for discussion

Proposed General Meeting Dates 2015/16

Committee meeting's can be done via Email

- Dalwood – 22 November 2015
- Australia Day show 26 January 2016
- Hound Club 03 April 2016
- Blaxland & Glenbrook 26 June 2016
- Dogs NSW Spring Fair 28 August 2016 (Possible AGM date too?)

*Note – All Sunday dates except Australia Day

On the motion of Gavin seconded by Lisa be carried and accepted.

NEXT MEETING:

22nd November 2015 Erskine Park

Meeting closed: 2.05 pm

In the next edition of Whippet Whispers

- 2016 Show schedule
- 2016 judges resumes
- Show Results
- Christmas Gathering report
- Lure coursing news
- Minutes of the meeting to be held 22 November 2015

If you have anything to add to the newsletter then we would love to hear from you!!!!

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