

Happy 19th
Birthday
Thunderdogs

BIRTHDAY BASH

Flyball Race Meet

Sunday 15th October 2023

Castle Hill Showground

hosted by



Acknowledgement of Country

In the spirit of reconciliation, the Norwest Thunderdogs Flyball Club acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we train and compete are the Dharug people.

We pay our respect to their elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.



A History...

The Norwest Thunderdogs were founded on 8th October 2004 as the flyball arm within the Norwest Canine Association Inc. The Club became a stand-alone Incorporated entity in 2019, Norwest Flyball Club Inc. The Clubs grounds are at Castle Hills Showground and the complex is one of the best dog facilities in Australia, with outdoor arenas, an indoor arena, club rooms and meeting rooms.

The founding membership of the Thunderdogs was made up of 23 flyballers who left the Parramatta Flyball Club (PICS) to form a new club at Castle Hill. Nine of the founding members are still part of Norwest Thunderdogs.

The Clubs first competition was at the ACT Flyball Frolic in December 2004. The Club sent three teams to that competition, displaying for the first time the gold and black Thunderdogs uniform.

In the 19 years since its formation the Club has won 27 National Championship Titles, including 15 First Division Championships. The Club are the current National Champions in Divisions 1, and Division 9.





In addition to the Nationals Titles, the Club has broken the Australian Flyball Record numerous times and is the current holder of the Australian record at 15.987 seconds. The first club in Australia to go under 16 seconds. The dogs that set the record are Ivy, Link, Inferno and Swift.

In 2008 Norwest was the first flyball club in Australia to have two teams seeded in First Division at the National Championships. The teams came first and third – a great result.

The Norwest Thunderdogs have won the Australian Flyball Club of the Year Award on quite a number of occasions, including in 2023, in recognition of the Clubs contribution to the sport of flyball in Australia.

words by Brian Lindsay



The 23 Founding Members of Norwest Flyball – Brian, Sheryl and Kim Lindsay, Pat Byrne, Gail Starr, Joanne Parkes, Lydia and Christian Markham, Helen Borchert, Fiona and Kevin Bulman, Garry Hehir, Leoney and Glenn Pritchard, Amanda Pennicuik, Anne Younger and Kylie Younger, Elizabeth Coombes, Joy Williams, Vanessa Brooks, Kerry, Philip and Ruth Andrew.

Racing Information

Norwest's 19th Birthday Bash

Sunday 15 October 2023
Castle Hill Showground - Dog Grounds
Off Showground Rd, Castle Hill NSW 2154

Check in: 7:30am
Measuring: 7:45am
Judges' Briefing: 8:00am
Racing Commences 8:30am

Thank you to those who have made this race meet possible:

Judges: Christine Bates, Philip Lea
Timekeepers: Richard Mellon, Gavin Bland,
Roberta Dean, Christa Mellon
AFA Rep: Robyn Addie
Competition Organisers: Brian Lindsay, Lydia Markham
Competition Secretary: Richard Mellon
Team Sheet Helpers: Karen Inverarity, Julie Curtis
Sponsors: Hypro Pet Foods, SeaFlex,
Bark and Beyond Pet Treats, Rainbow Dog Tugs

*and to all helpers from the
Norwest Thunderdogs!*



Rules and Regulations

All racing will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the Australian Flyball Association.

Count back rule will apply at the end of the day in the event of tied placings as per the AFA rules and regulations.

The Norwest Thunderdogs kindly ask for all teams to help with stewarding throughout the day when they can, to help ensure smooth running of the competition.

Changeover times: 90 seconds
(please let the judge know if you have a clash!)

Please don't forget to pick up after your dogs!
Bins are available around the grounds.

Nearest Vet

Sydney Animal Hospitals Norwest
Unit 8, Pinnacle Estate,
1-3 Celebration Drive, Bella Vista
Phone: 8883 0411
Open 7am—11pm



Prize Sponsors



Hypro Premium

As the old saying goes, 'you are what you eat' is as true for our pets as it is for us. Hypro Premium understands that an animal's diet is integral to its health, well-being and longevity. Hypro Premium offers a finely crafted, wonderfully balanced gourmet range of premium dog food. With zero compromise on quality, they provide Australian made, natural products, using carefully selected ingredients. The Hypro Premium range exceeds industry standards and is completely sourced here in Australia.

SeaFlex®

ZooPets SeaFlex

SeaFlex is a revolutionary bio-marine nutritional supplement that is rich in important antioxidants, marine carotenoids, amino acids, marine trace minerals, branched-chain fatty acids, high levels of vitamins and minerals, seaweeds/sea vegetables, as well as a unique and patented deep, cold water source of marine nutrients. SeaFlex helps to support the structural framework of joints and cartilage for ease of movement, as well as promotes healthy skin and a shiny coat.



Bark and Beyond

Bark and Beyond is an innovative manufacturer of premium pet treats located in the Hawkesbury Valley using locally sourced ingredients and supporting local farmers.

Dog of the Division Sponsor

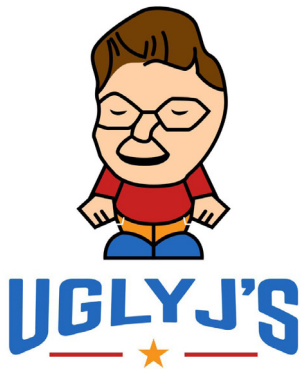


Rainbow Dog Tugs

Based locally in the Hawkesbury, Rainbow Dog Tugs offers a wide range of amazing tug toys that caters for puppies, tough tuggers, sporting togs, and even those who need a little motivation to tug.

Visit the Rainbow Dog Tugs stall at our Flyball race meet!

Food Vendors



Ugly J's Food Truck

Nugget Meals, Mac N Cheese, Curly Corn Ribs, Ugly Wagyu Cheese Steaks, Spicy Chicken Burgers, Cheesy Fries, Spicy Nuggets, Angus Sesame Salad, Spicy Chicken Salad, Kim Chi Wagyu Cheese Steak, Vege Yum AF & Chicken Poppers

Escape the Ordinary



Escape the Ordinary Coffee Van

Boutique coffee trailer, offering award-winning coffee made by trained and passionate Baristas. Hot drinks, iced drinks and shakes, smoothies and frappes, delicious snacks.

**A big thank you to Ben Holmes Photography
who will be joining us on the day!**

Ben Holmes
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Rainbow Bridge



Amber

532B
Flyball Dog Grand Champion
2145 points
Handled and loved by Helen Borchert



Riley

2519B
Flyball Master
518 points
Handled and loved by Chloe Crass



Mississippi

1242A
Flyball Master
445 points
Handled and loved by Julie Curtis

Retiring Thunderdogs



Chase

660G Flyball Dog Grand Champion



Maggie

660E Flyball Dog Grand Champion



Bandit

531D Flyball Dog Grand Champion



Cookie

535D Flyball Dog Grand Champion



Paris

544F Flyball Master Champion - ONYX



Kassy

2696A Flyball Master

Major Raffle

The Dean family have kindly donated

a set of **4 Flyball Jumps**

as this year's Major Raffle prize.

Tickets are \$5 each
and can be purchased
via cash or square reader
on the day.



A big thank you to the Dean family for this generous donation

General Raffle

In addition to our Major Raffle, in true 'Birthday Party' style, the Norwest Thunderdogs will also be hosting a general raffle with lots of great raffle prizes on offer. Competitors are encouraged to visit the raffle prize table to see all of the raffle prizes up for grabs. Good luck!

General Raffle tickets can be purchased on the day

\$2 each, 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10, 15 for \$20

Training in the Ring

Training in the Ring Roster

Session Number	Club / Team	No # Dogs	Session Timing		Comments
			Start	Length (minutes)	
1	St George	4	0	4	One dog under 12 months
2	South Coast Tsunami	4	5	4	
3	Wollongong Wonder Woofs	4	10	4	
4	Manly & District	4	15	4	One dog under 12 months
5	Sydney Scallywags	6	20	6	
6	Sydneysiders	6	27	6	One dog under 12 months
7	Southern Cross	7	34	8	
8	Norwest Flyball	16	43	16	Six dogs under 12 months
	TOTALS	51	51		1 minute allowed for changeovers

Racing Format

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Division	No# of Teams	Divisional Gap	Divisional Spread	Handicap / Non - Handicap	Race Format	Number of RR	Races per Team	Races per Division
1	3		1.779	HANDICAP	Best of 5	3	6	9
2	4	1.2	0.076	NON-HANDICAP	Best of 5	2	6	12
3	3	0.7	0.7	NON-HANDICAP	Best of 5	3	6	9
4	3	1.547	1.953	HANDICAP	Best of 5	3	6	9
5	3	0.67	4.46	HANDICAP	Best of 5	3	6	9
Open	4		7.2	HANDICAP	Best of 5	2	6	12

Division Splits

Division Split				
Division	Team	Seed Time	Web/Dec	Break Out
1	Norwest Thunderdogs 1	16.345	WEB	15.8
1	Unleashed Power	17.666	WEB	17.1
1	Norwest Thunderdogs 4	18.124	WEB	17.6
2	Star Burst	19.324	WEB	18.8
2	Tidal Wave	19.332	WEB	18.8
2	Woofimus Prime	19.395	WEB	18.8
2	Unleashed Force	19.4	DEC	18.9
3	Pawpedoes	20.1	DEC	19.6
3	Norwest Thunderdogs 5	20.757	WEB	19.6
3	Sallywag Mates	20.8	DEC	20.3
4	Rocky Hill Racers	22.347	WEB	21.8
4	Vipers	23.95	DEC	23.4
4	Norwest Thunderdogs 8	24.3	DEC	23.8
5	MAD Dash	24.97	WEB	24.4
5	Munchkins	25.558	WEB	25
5	Primal Woofers	29.43	WEB	28.9
Open	Thunderdog Tsunami	17.5	DEC	17
Open	Thunderdog Tornado	18.6	DEC	18.1
Open	Thunderdog Stormchasers	21.6	DEC	21.1
Open	Sallywag Crossbones	24.7	DEC	24.2

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Running Order

Race no	Div	Handicap		Format	Left	Right
1	1	Handicap	RR1	Best of 5	Norwest Thunderdogs 4	Norwest Thunderdogs 1
2	2	Non-handicap	RR1	Best of 5	Unleashed Force	Star Burst
3	2	Non-handicap	RR1	Best of 5	Tidal Wave	Woofimus Prime
4	3	Non-handicap	RR1	Best of 5	Sallywag Mates	Pawpedoes
5	4	Handicap	RR1	Best of 5	Norwest Thunderdogs 8	Rocky Hill Racers
6	5	Handicap	RR1	Best of 5	Primal Woofers	MAD Dash
7	Open	Handicap	RR1	Best of 5	Sallywag Crossbones	Thunderdog Tsunami
8	Open	Handicap	RR1	Best of 5	Thunderdog Tornado	Thunderdog Stormchasers
9	1	Handicap	RR1	Best of 5	Unleashed Power	Norwest Thunderdogs 4
10	2	Non-handicap	RR1	Best of 5	Star Burst	Woofimus Prime
11	3	Non-handicap	RR1	Best of 5	Sallywag Mates	Norwest Thunderdogs 5
12	4	Handicap	RR1	Best of 5	Vipers	Norwest Thunderdogs 8
13	5	Handicap	RR1	Best of 5	Munchkins	Primal Woofers
14	Open	Handicap	RR1	Best of 5	Thunderdog Tsunami	Thunderdog Stormchasers
15	1	Handicap	RR1	Best of 5	Norwest Thunderdogs 1	Unleashed Power
16	Open	Handicap	RR1	Best of 5	Thunderdog Tornado	Sallywag Crossbones
17	3	Non-handicap	RR1	Best of 5	Norwest Thunderdogs 5	Pawpedoes
18	2	Non-handicap	RR1	Best of 5	Unleashed Force	Tidal Wave
19	4	Handicap	RR1	Best of 5	Rocky Hill Racers	Vipers
20	5	Handicap	RR1	Best of 5	MAD Dash	Munchkins
21	Open	Handicap	RR1	Best of 5	Thunderdog Stormchasers	Sallywag Crossbones
22	1	Handicap		Best of 5	Norwest Thunderdogs 1	Norwest Thunderdogs 4
23	2	Non-handicap	RR1	Best of 5	Star Burst	Tidal Wave
24	2	Non-handicap	RR1	Best of 5	Woofimus Prime	Unleashed Force
25	3	Non-handicap		Best of 5	Pawpedoes	Sallywag Mates
26	4	Handicap		Best of 5	Rocky Hill Racers	Norwest Thunderdogs 8
27	5	Handicap		Best of 5	MAD Dash	Primal Woofers
28	Open	Handicap	RR1	Best of 5	Thunderdog Tsunami	Thunderdog Tornado

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29	1	Handicap		Best of 5	Norwest Thunderdogs 4	Unleashed Power
30	2	Non-handicap		Best of 5	Woofimus Prime	Tidal Wave
31	3	Non-handicap		Best of 5	Norwest Thunderdogs 5	Sallywag Mates
32	2	Non-handicap		Best of 5	Star Burst	Unleashed Force
33	4	Handicap		Best of 5	Norwest Thunderdogs 8	Vipers
34	5	Handicap		Best of 5	Primal Woofers	Munchkins
35	Open	Handicap		Best of 5	Thunderdog Tsunami	Sallywag Crossbones
36	Open	Handicap		Best of 5	Thunderdog Stormchasers	Thunderdog Tornado
37	1	Handicap		Best of 5	Unleashed Power	Norwest Thunderdogs 1
38	2	Non-handicap		Best of 5	Woofimus Prime	Star Burst
39	3	Non-handicap		Best of 5	Pawpedoes	Norwest Thunderdogs 5
40	4	Handicap		Best of 5	Vipers	Rocky Hill Racers
41	Open	Handicap		Best of 5	Thunderdog Stormchasers	Thunderdog Tsunami
42	5	Handicap		Best of 5	Munchkins	MAD Dash
43	Open	Handicap		Best of 5	Sallywag Crossbones	Thunderdog Tornado
44	1	Handicap		Best of 5	Norwest Thunderdogs 4	Norwest Thunderdogs 1
45	2	Non-handicap		Best of 5	Tidal Wave	Unleashed Force
46	3	Non-handicap		Best of 5	Sallywag Mates	Pawpedoes
47	4	Handicap		Best of 5	Norwest Thunderdogs 8	Rocky Hill Racers
48	5	Handicap		Best of 5	Primal Woofers	MAD Dash
49	1	Handicap		Best of 5	Unleashed Power	Norwest Thunderdogs 4
50	Open	Handicap		Best of 5	Sallywag Crossbones	Thunderdog Stormchasers
51	3	Non-handicap		Best of 5	Norwest Thunderdogs 5	Sallywag Mates
52	2	Non-handicap		Best of 5	Unleashed Force	Woofimus Prime
53	4	Handicap		Best of 5	Vipers	Norwest Thunderdogs 8
54	Open	Handicap		Best of 5	Thunderdog Tornado	Thunderdog Tsunami
55	5	Handicap		Best of 5	Munchkins	Primal Woofers
56	1	Handicap		Best of 5	Norwest Thunderdogs 1	Unleashed Power
57	2	Non-handicap		Best of 5	Tidal Wave	Star Burst
58	3	Non-handicap		Best of 5	Pawpedoes	Norwest Thunderdogs 5
59	4	Handicap		Best of 5	Rocky Hill Racers	Vipers
60	5	Handicap		Best of 5	MAD Dash	Munchkins