

Instructor Coordinator Report 2022

What an amazing team of instructors we have at K9. I think sometimes we take for granted that each week there are 7 club members who give up their own time to stand out there and help guide us all as best they can. When you really think about it- It's pretty incredible.

We welcomed 2 new instructors this year Judy & Zillah so thank you for jumping onboard.

This year we added Tricks and Contacts which increased some of our instructor's workload, but they were there to put their hand up and help whenever we came up with these new wild ideas. Without these people and their dedication to our club it just couldn't work the way it does, allowing so many to train each night. Some months we have bookings of up to 65+ dogs per night, given they don't all turn up, but yes, some nights they do.

Tricks- Sarah took on the bulk load of planning with the help of Amanda instructing & some nights Melissa. We had Nikki taking us through ring practice which helped our confidence so much at the trial.

Contacts we had Laura, Sally, Sharon, Nikki, Cassie, Rachael, Kirst, Zillah, Trish & Myself- Teaching indoors was a new, but not easy experience, so a huge thanks to our winter instructors and our members for being so willing to keep learning and trying new things.

Just wanted to mention a few standouts this year with Nikki taking on 5mths instructing. Sally 4mths & Sharon for always stepping up to fill in for people or tow & Trish a great one for last minute help. Yes we all did work as a team but these 4 really stood out to me.

Each month I create and design the novice/ Beginners set ups, I'm no longer in those classes so I don't get to see how the courses run. I can only hope they are enjoyed and if anyone has any suggestions. Please don't be afraid to put them to committee as mentioned throughout my reports we take on board members suggestions all the time.

At the start of the year, we gifted all our instructors with a tug from Tilz Tugs as a thank you for their ongoing support and while we didn't allow any of you to step down as instructors this year. I honestly can't thank you enough for staying on board our incredible team, helping cover for one another, looking after each other and just being awesome! So, let's do it all over again next year.

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