

# Instructor Coordinator Report



We have sailed through 2025 relatively smoothly, thanks to our 23 amazing instructors.

**Timing:** Feedback has been very positive. Many of us in the advanced and intermediate classes were pleasantly surprised by how much extra time we have to train additional skills.

**Weavers Class:** Earlier this year, Sally successfully ran two groups through weaver troubleshooting, which was a great success. It was an additional block of instruction for Sally, so a huge thank you to her for that!

**Schedule:** We experimented with several scheduling options, starting with three blocks to create smaller classes. However, attendance dropped, leading us to switch to two blocks. While attendance improved, it wasn't enough to justify three blocks, so we added an extra 15 minutes to the two blocks, allowing for an extra quick run-through. Each modification requires our instructors to be flexible, and they have been Amazing.

We appreciate our members adapting to these changes, as they can be challenging. We apologise for the constant adjustments, but we are committed to maximising class time for everyone. Currently, we will maintain the extra 15 minutes in the two time slots.

**Instructor Nights:** Throughout the year, we aim to run at least two practical nights and one Zoom meeting to cover various topics relevant to instructors.

**May-** In May I ran an instructor night, it was a night of skills within 4 different stations. Instructors were asked where they needed clarity and these were incorporated into the skills, where we discussed handling, verbals, where, when & why. This was a mix of theory and practical, so everyone got to train their dogs too.

**Enya-** Over a year ago, I reached out to Ling with the idea of getting Max and Enya over to Australia. Then Ling told me Enya was coming, I thought, "Finally, a H360 Presenter!" I got the crazy idea to see if I could get PD to agree to allow all K9 instructors to attend in some way. I had no idea what or how....but the idea took off and in the end, we had a mix of people who audited and people who worked. It was an unreal seminar so full of learning, explaining, breaking things down and above all dog training. Huge thanks to Performance Dog for jumping on board with the idea and allowing us to be part of it all.

**Courses:** Another year has passed, and [Darren](#), [Stephy](#), and [Cassie](#) have been taking turns creating the courses for Excellent, Novice, and Pre-Novice levels each month. They keep introducing a fantastic variety of courses & challenges. We are very fortunate to have such up-to-date courses to work on each week, and we are grateful on behalf of the entire club, as it is time consuming to create courses and various one at that.

**Extra Help:** Because I can admit when things are too much and I was at that point, I have enlisted the help of [Stephy](#) who is coordinating, who designs what Novice courses, as well as making sure our Advanced instructor has uploaded their course by Tues & remind when they haven't, as well as posting on Club page the set up (with no numbers otherwise its too many cooks) so everyone knows where the equipment roughly goes to help with a smoother set up.

[Sally](#)- Who I have enlisted to help coordinate equipment when we have foundation Beginners and Starters classes (so early next year) and that will be a lot of help to me as well.

After 7yrs of instructing, Cassie is stepping down so we thank Cassie for her years of teaching, and a lot of those months were when she wasn't training her own dog.

A huge shoutout to all our amazing instructors for jumping in to cover for one another when someone can't make it! Sometimes, 1-3 of you step up willing to help, it makes my job as instructor coordinator feel like a breeze at times. It really is amazing teamwork.

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