

Avenglenn Sheepdog Training.

Dogs (like us), all learn differently, at Avenglenn we do not believe in the 'steps' method to train a sheepdog – we like to think outside the square.

We work with the dog and its personality, rather than make the dog fit the box.

All our methods are positive – we let the dog learn and develop to find its comfort zone around stock (*the instructors will get between a dog and the sheep if they feel the dog is out of control or trying to bring stock down to kill*).

All our instructors are experienced with dogs and stock (*and also in other forms of dogs sports such as Agility, Fly Ball, Obedience etc.*)

We work towards the dog being comfortable moving stock in a 'thinking' manner – so we have the dog working on 'MIND' and not running on 'BODY'.

Our Instructors:

- **Denise Agnew**

Dee has been training sheepdogs for over 20 years both for general stock work and the trial ground. She is a current ANKC Herding judge and retired ANKC and NADAC Agility judge.

Competing successfully in Arena Trials (three sheep) and ANKC Herding trials. Dee has titled her dogs to their Grand Herding Championships and Versatility Herding Championships.

Dee's specialty is what people call 'eye' dogs such as Border Collies and Australian Working Kelpie, she has a passion for ISDS (International Sheep Dog Society) bred border collies owning imported lines from Ireland, Wales and the UK (*she also loves Toy Poodles though we won't mention that!!*)

- **Stephen Bullas**

Stephen has been training obedience dogs for 40 years at a professional level, competing successfully in obedience, Flyball and Rally for much of those years. Stephen started training his first Australian Working Kelpie, under Dee's careful eye to an advanced trialling level.

He has passion for working stock and learning as much as he can from his peers.

Stephen has competed successfully in ANKC Herding trials for the past 3 years and is aiming to have his Kelpie achieve grand champion this coming season.

Stephen is challenging himself this year by training a new dog for the coming season.

He shares Dee's passion for ISDS (International Sheep Dog Society) and is looking forward to trialling this coming year.

Stephen owns a premier canine rehabilitation centre in Lara and fosters and trains police and livestock guardian dogs. (Unlike Denise, Stephen does not have *Toy Poodles*)

- **Nat Jevric**

Nat has been training sheepdogs for approximately 6-years and started her training with Denise. Nat does not trial (*not her thing*), lives in the leafy suburb of Melbourne and comes down to train and move stock as often as possible. Nat is great with new students and new dog.

Venue:

[1515 Blackgate Road, Freshwater Creek](#) (use the gate that has the cattle grid as it will be open)

Follow the Drive to the right, past the white farm house and veer left past the Machinery Shed, through the second set of gates and park in the area near the shearing shed.

Toilet is located in the house paddock, behind the water tank. The toilet is septic so please do not flush any ladies items etc. (only the paper provided)

- Please remember this is a working farm and there is stock about

- Everyone must sign and bring the waiver form (bottom of page). Please give the waiver form to Melissa in the shearing shed on arrival.
- Cash on the day is acceptable or you phone the farm to pay via credit card.
- Dogs must be on lead at all times, they can be exercised in one of the vacant paddocks – please pick up after your dog. There is also a dam at the end of the laneway, it is an enclosed paddock so they can be let off lead, as long as you can trust them not to jump the fence or try to get through the wire.

Please bring with you:

- Crate for your dog or a suitable lead to tie them in the shade to relax when they are not working
- Water for you and your dog
- Coffee cup / plate and cutlery (for sausage sizzle) and soft drink if required
- Chair
- All dogs to wear a flat collar (no choke collars etc.)
- Tea/Coffee/Cake will be in the shearing shed and is available all day. **Please bring your own coffee cup.**
- A complimentary Sausage Sizzle is available from 11am. It is nothing special, simply sausages, sauce, bread and salad. **Please bring your own plate and cutlery.** If you have special dietary requirements please bring your own lunch.

If you believe your dog may bite stock, please let the instructor know.

You may wish to consider a muzzle. Dogs have to be use to wearing a muzzle, so if you are worried, buy a breathable light weight working dog or greyhound muzzle and get your dog use to wearing it prior to the clinic. ***Plastic greyhound muzzle works well as they are light and the dog can pant.***