



WARATAH SPORTDOG CLUB INC. SYDNEY

2008 REPORT

Introducing Ourselves: We are the members of Waratah Sportdog Club Incorporated (formerly Western Sydney Dogsport Club), which was officially born on 20th December, 2007. Our club grounds are located in Western Sydney, NSW. The history of the Club goes back to 1997; when five dedicated Schutzhund enthusiasts grew out of an earlier established club, to form an active working club of like-minded Schutzhund enthusiasts, going at that time under the name of Western Sydney Dogsport Club Inc.

We are proud to say that our former WSDC President, John Barksby, one of the original WSDC members, is still with us and continues to assist in helping to guide our newly baptised club through its ongoing development as New South Wales premier "hands-on" Schutzhund club – where the dog's owners are the trainers and the trainers are the trial competitors!

Our 2008 Waratah Board members are:

Illana Hepner - **President**

Nathan McCredie - **Vice President**

John Barksby – **Training Coordinator**

Cathy Barksby - **Secretary** - (Email: barks@tpg.com.au)

Mario Ferkula - **Treasurer** (Email: rott.ferkula@three.com.au)

Our members are currently working towards the club's first 2008 trial, which will be held on the 19-20 April. Contact the Secretary for details. The majority of our members will be competing and we hope this provides us with some good lead-up preparation for our member's attendance at the Australian National Championship Schutzhund Trial, to be hosted by the Gold Coast Sportdog Club, in Queensland, later this year in June.

Further down the track, all going to plan, we aim to have three new SchH dogs titled in our club in 2008. All just a part of a very busy and exciting year ahead!

The "Waratahs" are proud to be a member of Schutzhund Australia Inc. (SA). A well structured national organisation from which Waratah can effectively build its own local dogsport activities.

"Waratah for the Working Breed"