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Sydney Dogs and Cats Home Event

May turned out to be a busy month starting with a terrific trip to the Sydney Dogs and Cats Home. Special thanks to Dr Christine Cole, Kerry Shine and Christine Baramilis for making the event such a success as well as all of the staff and volunteers who attended. I was able to meet some fantastic dogs and be witness to the great work going on at the home. I am looking forward to returning in the future and seeing how the home progresses after the implementation of some new programs and techniques!

Below is a few words from the home about the event:

Just a quick email to say how appreciative we are to you. The seminars and workshops that you provided for us were very beneficial, both to the humans (staff & volunteers) and the dogs. We found the seminars and workshops:

- *Specifically focused on dogs being housed at the Home. (relevant)*
- *Covered a wide variety of issues and behaviours applicable with dogs at the Home*
- *Suggested a variety of methods that could be used to address these issues and behaviours*
- *Encouraged questions and feedback from the volunteers and staff with Tamara, the instructor*
- *Provided hands-on experience of some of the techniques suggested with the dogs from the Home*
- *Were aimed at improving the life of the dogs while at the Home*
- *Were aimed at helping us to make the dogs more attractive to prospective adopters.*
- *Made suggestions for "long termers" (make them more appealing)*
- *Suggested various methods to obtain equipment supplies.*

The benefits can already be seen. Molly is calming down and even the "the boys" Zac and Sarge are leaning to sit. Fitting them with harnesses prior to going for a walk no longer requires 2 people. Wonders never cease! And Olly is now walking quietly next to Rob (his favourite volunteer) instead of dragging him down the street. Once again, we at the home would like to thank you for sharing your talent and passion with us.

*Sincerely, Kerry Shine; Veterinarian Assistant
Sydney Dogs and Cats Home*

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