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## Hills dogs in the spotlight



Photographer Sally Harding with two hearing dogs. Photo by Phil Martin

by Natika Palka

Rural dogs, their metropolitan counterparts and their owners are celebrated in Sally Harding's new coffee table book, *City Dog Country Dog*.

The book features over 50 colour and black and white images by photojournalist Sally Harding, accompanied by dog profiles written by their owners from around Australia.

The inspiration behind the book is the Aesop fable: *The City Mouse and the Country Mouse*.

The story follows a city mouse and his country cousin who swap lives before they

learn to cherish their own way of living.

In the spirit of the fable, Sally Harding's concept for her book centres around the contrasts and similarities of country dogs and city dogs, depicting the breadth of the Australian lifestyle.

Sally has been a working photographer for 18 years, and has been taking photos of dogs throughout her career.

"When I've taken people's pictures, I've always taken pictures of their dogs as well," she said.

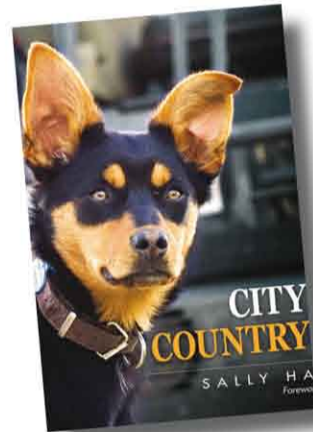
"It's fun and challenging, and I get a real thrill watching the dogs thrive in their respective environments."

The majority of pictures for *City Dog Country Dog* were taken in the Adelaide Hills, but the book also includes shots taken by contributors from around the country.

The book features city dogs in high-rise apartments to country dogs mustering cattle in the Outback.

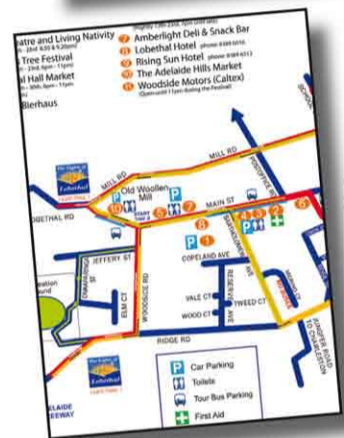
"A particularly memorable shoot was the South Australia Police dog, Riggs that I photographed at the Thebarton barracks," Sally said.

Sally said she had no trouble involving dog owners with the book. (continued on page 15)



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