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or Committee Members of the COCT Inc.**

All Office bearers, committee members and instructors of the Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc. are unpaid volunteers who give freely of their time in an effort to help you to train and trial your dogs.

General monthly meetings held first Monday of the month February to December at 7.30pm

Annual General Meeting held first Monday in August

Executive Committee meetings held as called by Secretary

Club Web Site: www.coct.com.au



Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc



Canine Obedience Club Townsville Inc Incoming President's Report

Happy New Year fellow COCT members. Welcome to 2020.

2019 was a year that we naturally each remember in a different way. We saw great achievements, while also mourning the loss of great people and wonderful dogs.

As a Steward, I observed all the various trials that were run, and what I saw was very special. Please accept my appreciation and congratulation for the amazing work that I saw from the co-ordinators, managers and all who participated in the setup, conduction of the trial and packing up afterward.

Nothing is perfect, but you the Judges, officials, participants and helpers, did all you could to make it as perfect as you can. What I saw was always a great bunch of people doing what they could to run successful trials. To quote a famous advertising campaign "you oughta be congratulated". I am honoured to be in your company.

2020 does not start with any easy concepts. One look at the club history will tell you that our Secretary and Treasurer have given the club very many years of their lives, and that this time was always given willingly. They now need to move on from this and on to the rest of their lives. This means that our club really desperately needs our members to consider stepping up and performing those duties. THESE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT POSITIONS ON ANY COMMITTEE.

The word President sounds important. BUT, nothing is actually more important than what the Secretary and Treasurer do for the club. Please consider how we are going to perform these duties. Without them, there is no club!!! As a worst case scenario, we can pay someone to do some or all of their duties, at best our membership fees will triple to cover this.

Please consider our club carefully, we may need to consider changing our processes, including some type of job sharing, but if we don't, we will all sit at home watching TV, while our dogs get fat.

I have travelled Australia, as well as a large part of the world. I have been in quite a few clubs, but none make me smile as you folk do. I hope that we all have an amazing year, and that your dogs make your hearts smile.

I am so very happy to be here, and always available for you to talk to.

Regards,

Rod (Snow) Standen
President

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Your Club Membership allows you to not only attend weekly classes, but to also participate in activities and competitions. Non-members are always welcomed at our Monthly Meetings but you need to be a financial member in order to vote on decisions affecting the Club.

- 🐾 Receive emails on upcoming club activities eg Obedience, Rally Obedience and Tracking Workshops
- 🐾 Participate in Club demonstrations eg Townsville City Council Pet Expo
- 🐾 Attend our Monthly General Meetings held the first Monday of each month (except January), and are entitled to vote.
- 🐾 Receive notification via email of Annual General Meeting held in August
- 🐾 Nominate for a Position as either Office Bearer or as part of the Executive Committee (see inside page of magazine for Positions). You need to be a financial member of the Club for a minimum of three months before nominating for a position.
- 🐾 Eligible for annual Title and Perpetual Trophies if competing in trials.

Membership are due for renewal by 30 June each year to continue training and attend club events. Lapsed members will have their names removed from the Club's email list and until renewed can no longer attend classes.

All members are welcome to come along to Obedience, Agility and Tracking Trials to observe or offer assistance with setting up, Stewarding and help in the kitchen. It's a great introduction to the world of trialling and getting to know us better!

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*Don't make the mistake of treating your dogs like humans,
or they'll treat you like dogs*

Just Briefly

Club T-Shirts are available from the Club Shoppe on Tuesday night. They are made from a durable cotton material, great for wearing to training, at trials to fly the Club's colours, and will last forever!

Cost - \$46.

Also available at very reasonable prices are cloth webbing leads, martingale collars, long leads, and treat bags



Keep up to date with the rules for
Obedience, Rally-O,
Agility, Endurance and
Tracking

as issued by the ANKC.

They are free to download from their website
<http://www.ankc.org.au/Rules.aspx>

Have you enjoyed your classes, love dogs, and would like to help others train theirs?
The club has openings for several Trainee Instructors.

The minimum requirement is that you have completed basic training and have had some trialling experience, or have been an Instructor in another club.

You will be paired with an experienced instructor who will take you through week by week theory and practical on how to teach handlers to train their dogs.

All instructors are volunteers who started off just like you – taking a dog through classes, graduating into Class 4, and then becoming interested in the training program.

To find out more ask to talk to Deb Fazel, our Training Co-ordinator.

Back issues of the magazine
can be downloaded from
our website www.coct.com.au
Catch up on articles
you may have missed on trials,
behaviour, training and
feature stories.



Calling all Graduates !!

Handlers who have graduated from the Advanced Class are welcome to continue their training in the Pre-Trialling Class from 8.00-9.00pm on Tuesday night.

This Class is less structured than the ones you have previously completed, but can be used to start learning new obedience exercises like heel off lead, change of position, broad jump, and retrieving the dumb bell or just keep skills up to date.

It is a great way to keep your dog active, socialised, and mentally stimulated.

Feel free to let your Instructor know what you would like to learn on the night as classes are quite flexible.

Thursday night training is free and open for all Advanced and Class 4 handlers who are interested in learning more about competing in both obedience trials and Rally O trials. All handlers wishing to come along and take advantage of this extra free practice time must be available to assist with the set up or pack up of the various courses and also must be willing to assist as stewards in the Obedience rings or assist with the set up, stewarding or pack up of the Rally O courses. We also request handlers bring crates or some other method of restraining their dogs while they assist.

Thursday night set up normally commences between 5:30 pm and 6 pm and the training is normally completed by about 8 pm depending on the numbers wishing to train. We would also like to advise handlers that this free session is also utilised by instructors to train their dogs.

Frisbee Training !!

Second Monday of the month at 6:30pm with sign in at 6:15pm.

Financial COCT Members or Registered Handlers can have a trial night for just a \$5 training fee. To continue you will need to become a TOADS member. Dog sport approved discs for sale on any training night at club house.



HOW DO I GET INVOLVED WITH COMPETITIONS ??

All dogs regardless of breed can compete in obedience, agility, tracking and endurance, but first you need to join Dogs Queensland (CCCQ). There is a joining fee plus annual fee to pay for either single or joint membership.

PEDIGREE DOGS WITH PAPERS

Download the Application Form for New Membership 2017 from the Dogs Queensland website <http://www.cccq.org.au/New-Member-Information.aspx>.

CROSS BREED AND NON-PEDIGREE DOGS

Download and complete the above form for New Membership PLUS the Associate Register Form <http://www.cccq.org.au/Member-Forms.aspx> – scroll down to Registrations and select Associate Register (AR). Up to two (2) dogs may be registered to a membership with the initial registration, with any subsequent registrations to the membership, to be dogs eligible for registration on the General or Limited Registers. Members who subsequently wish to register extra dogs that have been acquired under special circumstances or from a registered welfare organisation may apply for dispensation to do so. All applications for registration are to be accompanied by a certificate of de-sexing from a veterinarian.

WHAT'S HAPPENIN'?

TOWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL 'GET ACTIVE' SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 2020

The Townsville City Council will be hosting their 5th annual 'Get Active – getting Townsville active and healthy' held at the Townsville Stadium on **Sunday 12th January 2020**, running from **9.00am – 2.00pm**.

Our Club will be there with a display stand and speaking to dog owners on all the activities the Club offers. If you'd like to come along and help on the stand, even for just an hour, we would love to see you there, however there is a limit of three people on the stand at any one time so may need to work out a roster.

A prize is up for grabs for the best display so let us know if you have some suggestions!

2020 CLASSES COMMENCING TUESDAY 28 JANUARY 2020

Welcome to all new Pet Dog Training Beginners starting class on Tuesday 28 January 2020 at 7.00pm sharp. This is the Introduction Class where you will find out more about the club and where your training can take you from Beginners to Intermediate, Advanced and then Upskill to Trialling. Training continues all through your dog's life, it's not just a 7 week course! We look forward to seeing you progress over coming weeks as your skills and bond with your dog grows, and would love to see 100% completion rate for all handlers at the end of the term!

Please arrive prior to 7.00pm and if for any reason you can't attend advise our Training Co-ordinator by 1.00pm on the 28th January.

COME AND BE INVOLVED !! CLUB MONTHLY MEETINGS

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm at the Clubhouse at Heatley Park. Everyone is welcome to attend if you would like to contribute, offer help or just find out more of what goes on in the running of your Club. Next meeting is **Monday 3 February 2020** followed by **Monday 2 March 2020**. We would love to see you there! If you would like to help in any way, no matter how small, it is all appreciated, and is a great way to learn more about your Club and meet new friends.

THURSDAY NIGHT OBEDIENCE TRAINING

General Obedience and Rally-O practice will recommence on Thursday 9th January 2020 (weather permitting) from 6.30pm for Advanced and Class 4 Members at no additional charge. To make the night all the more enjoyable everyone is expected to help assist in the set up or packing up of equipment.

2020 OBEDIENCE, AGILITY and TRACKING TRIALS

The COCT Inc 2020 trialling season starts in April which may seem a while away but look how quickly the end of the year came upon us! In 2018 we relinquished our status as a Judge's Training Club (which is now done from Cairns), and our trials were rationalised to five double trials for the year. For those competing in Obedience and Rally Obedience an additional double trial for just those two disciplines was held in September 2019. Unfortunately we didn't receive the entries as hoped, so this year a single Agility/Jumper trial has been added.

Check out the Trial Calendar at the back of the mag and pencil dates into your calendar or preferred digital device of trials you want to enter. Obedience and Agility entries are via K9 Entries www.k9entries.com/using.php and all entries close a fortnight before each trial.

TRAINING REPORT TERM FOUR 2019

Hi everyone,

Thanks so much to all of our dog and handler teams and volunteer Instructors for making our last intake for 2019 so enjoyable.

We were very lucky to have four Beginners classes this intake with 20 dog and handler teams being successfully upgraded and ready for Intermediate class fun should they choose to accept the mission. A very large Intermediate class saw four successful dog and handler teams upgraded into the Advanced Class.

The Advanced class had two very dedicated dog and handler teams who came VERY close to being upgraded and we certainly hope to see them again in the New Year. Well done to everyone who obviously put in the time and effort, love and fun that your beloved dogs deserve.

If you did not receive a certificate this time around, please come back and have another go. We welcome the opportunity to see you and your clever canines again and work on whatever it is that will help you all achieve the results you want.

If for some reason you cannot join us again, we hope you will continue on with the lessons and information you have received from our wonderful Instructors.

Thanks again to Ms Danni Johnson for some great happy snaps featuring some of our canine Graduates and their mums and dads.

All of our classes are available because we have remarkable, enthusiastic and dedicated Instructors.

- ❖ **Joy** – thank you for your enthusiasm and fun style of skill delivery. We hope you enjoyed your well earned break from week four to the end of November. First break in many, many and did I say many years! Please, don't get used to it... 😊. Hope to see lots of you again in 2020.
- ❖ **Rod (Snow) Standon** – welcome to your new role as lead instructor (and President!). You have done your time and your P plates are gone! Now all you need is a gold coloured shirt. Thank you so much for taking over Joy's class. I am sure 2020 will see many more students and dogs benefit from your instruction.
- ❖ **Linden** – thank you so much for assisting Snow with his class. I guess we won't see you as much on the field in 2020 as I know you are expecting the pitter patter of little feet this year....and I don't mean a puppy! Fantastic news for you and your hubby. Congratulations!
- ❖ **Lisa** – thank you so much for offering to take a Beginners class in the final intake. Are you sure you have to go back to Melbourne????
- ❖ **Carolyn** – you are so awesome! We really appreciate you fitting another Beginners class into your busy life. The handler and dog teams learn so much from your kind and gentle style of instructing.

- ❖ **Julie and Renate** – thank you both so much for helping us all. Whenever the need arose you were able to pull rabbits out of your hats (humanely of course!) and keep the show going. You are a true professionals and great team players.
- ❖ **Noel** – Welcome back! It is soooo awesome to have you back. I heard wonderful things about you from students in your Intermediate class. So clearly you haven't lost your touch. We hope to see you lots more on the paddock this year.
- ❖ **Lily** – wonderful Lily! What more can I say? You are our quiet achiever. You did so much to help Noel and the teams in the Intermediate class and also in the Club generally. Thank you so much for your time and willingness to share your valuable skills with everyone. We hope you will continue to share more in 2020.
- ❖ **Janette** – thank you for taking our Advanced class. Because of your willingness to take on the class, we were able to offer another eight Townsville dog and handler teams the opportunity to start up in our Beginners classes. That is really what team work is about - thanks Janette.
- ❖ **Judy** – after a break from classes in the final intake we will be very happy to see you back on the paddock sharing your talent, skills and practical approach to training with many more Teams in 2020.

And on our last night of training we had fun, food, friends and of course our fur-buddies - an appropriate description of the Canine Chrissy Party Breakup for 2019.

Thank you, Noel, for organizing all the games. There were lots of laughs as well as wet paws and feet as the two 'potato in spoon' racing teams vied for the winning title. Both teams put up a pretty good fight, but in the end, with the help of outstanding efforts from Amber the Rottweiler, Socks the Border Collie and Diggle the Ridgeback, well, what can I say.... "better luck next year Noel"My winning team rocks!!!

We also saw some outstanding entrants in our best dressed Chrissy canine competition. Congratulations to our winners and everyone who participated. Your efforts, enthusiasm and creative costumes were awesome. Special mention to Ella the American Staffy and Luna the Dalmatian for modelling some of the colourful canine couture.

Diane, our fantastic photographer, had a feast of wonderful photo opportunities to take advantage of over the course of the event. Maybe your picture-perfect pooch is in some of the photos on Page 11so please keep reading.

And speaking of feasts, after all the fun and frivolities, we had food.....and lots of it. Thanks so much to everyone who helped to make the Chrissy party breakup such a success.

On behalf of myself and all of our amazing Instructors we would like to thank very much all of our Teams from 2019 and hope that we will see them again as well as lots of wonderful new faces (human and dog) in 2020.

Until the next time....

Deb Fazel, your Training Coordinator.

😊 Teach, praise, respect, learn and have fun doing it 😊



PET DOG TRAINING UPGRADES TERM 4 OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2019

BEGINNERS

Handler Name	Dog's name	Breed
Stephen Broomham	Poppy	German Shepherd Dog
Lorena Falconi & Steve Williams	Archie	German Shepherd Dog
Maria Gomez-Cabrere	Bagel	Rottie X
Mark & Kath Lewis	Gus	Labrador
Makenzie McGeachie	Ranger	Doberman
Abi Martyn	Ulrich	Swiss Shepherd
Margaret	Socks	Border Collie
Dennis & Monica	Milo	Border Collie X
Emma	Barney	Kelpie X
Jodie & Darren	Luna	Dalmatian
Laura	Ruby	Border Collie
Erin Daley	Titan	Bull Mastiff X Am. Staff
Jayde Egan	Tulip	Boxer
Juanita & Mel Long	Diggle	Ridgeback
Rachel Riethmuller	Lacey	GSD
Anne Aitken-Turner	Lilly	Boxer
Bree Jago	Ella	American Staffy
Ryan Lindsay	Atlas	German Shep X Golden Retr
Daniel O'Connor	Chuck	Mastiff / Boxer / Staffy X
Robert Wickam	Max	English Pointer

**PET DOG TRAINING UPGRADES
TERM 4 OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2019**

INTERMEDIATE

Handler Name	Dog's name	Breed
Karon & Kevin Pearce	Nala	Cattle dog X
Lee & Peter McGinnity	Marley	Border Collie X Kelpie
Rohana Rogan-Darville	Jackson	Labrador X Border Collie
Lisbeth & Erik Kraft	Oscar	Mastiff X Labrador

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU ALL IN FEBRUARY 2020!**





INTRODUCTION TO TRACKING

An Introduction to Tracking night was held on Monday 25th November 2019 for people interested in learning more about the sports of Tracking and Track and Search. This year rather than go straight into a workshop for beginners it was decided to hold an Introduction to Tracking evening which covered a lot of the theory surrounding tracking / track and search.

So - what was covered on the evening:

- 🐾 a little theory about the sport of tracking / track and search.
- 🐾 What is involved in training – the equipment required for both dog and handler. A variety of different types of harnesses and tracking leads was displayed and the good and bad points of each discussed.
- 🐾 Articles – what the dog must find on their way to finding the track layer along with the required article indications needed to pass in competition along with what an article indication involves – the make or break point for many dogs in passing or not passing their track.
- 🐾 A short discussion on the huge subject of scent and how the dog scents was had.



Above : Kenzie at the start of a track

All present got to observe a dog undertaking a park track and search track along with a practical demonstration of training article indication and working the dog on the long tracking line.

The interest shown was high with many wishing to progress to an actual workshop and one or two deciding tracking / track and search was not something that was going to suit either themselves or in some cases their dog.

To follow on from this night a Beginners Tracking / Track and Search Workshop will be held the first weekend in February 2020 (1st and 2nd). The numbers of working spots with dogs will be limited. Auditing spots (watching without dogs) will be available.

Please watch for the email with the flyer containing details on times, location, cost and all other important information required in early January 2020. Notification will also be posted on the Club's Facebook page.

It was awesome seeing the interest that was expressed to learn more about tracking / track and search.

Debbie Schmidt.

Tracking / Track and Search Judge.

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CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE Inc

2019 CHRISTMAS BREAKUP AND PRESENTATIONS

Nearly 40 people attended our Christmas function and trophy presentation at the Kirwan Sports Centre on Saturday 14th December to enjoy good food, company, and congratulate those who won Title and Perpetual Trophies throughout the year.

The Kirwan Sports Tavern put on a lovely meal of roast pork with crackling, gravy & apple, baked spuds, steamed veg, a mild curry, sesame seed chicken and various pasta & fresh salads followed by some scrumptious deserts of pavlova and assorted cheese cakes. No one was left hungry after that feast!



President Snow Standen compered and presented the Obedience and Agility Title Trophies, Perpetual Trophies and the Championship Titles. The year was topped with three dogs and their owners being awarded Rally Obedience Championship, one Tracking Championship and one Track and Search Championship Title, the most we've ever had in one year. Well done to these teams for all the hard work in training, practice and competing to gain Titles and Championships. The dogs, of course, just had fun!

It was a pleasure to welcome guests Geoff and Vicki Toomby, on whose property the Club uses for Tracking Trials, and Shaun Richardson from the Military Working Dog Section based in Townsville, who gave a very interesting talk on the breeding program, training, and deployment of these special dogs.



A tip for keeping those Title Trophy glasses sparkling clean – wash as per normal in warm soapy water but add a couple of drops of Reckitt's Bluio to the rinse water (yes, this golden-oldie product is still around!). Can be used on anything made of glass or crystal for an amazing sparkle, but wouldn't recommend using if you are going to drink from them. Bluio can be found in the supermarket laundry aisle and one bottle will last many years.

Four teams pitted their wits against each other in our Annual Trivia Quiz competition. It was a great bit of fun and banter and to use our brains to find an answer rather than Google!







CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE WINNERS



Thank you everyone who so generously donated items for our Christmas Hamper Raffles, we ended up with enough items to fill three hampers of all sorts of Christmas goodies for both the humans and dogs – wine, bikkies, chocs and assorted nibblies; Christmas Cakes and Plum Pudding; general household items, dog treats & toys which was absolutely wonderful, thank you all again.

The winners were (*L-R below*) Helen (handmade collectable bear made and donated by the wife of Judge Roger Padfield who judged one of our trials last year); Lucille Robinson (Hamper); Dawn Holland (Hamper); Pat Cecil (Coffee Mugs and assorted dog treats); Craig Northover (Hamper).

Congratulations everyone, I'm sure you and your dogs will enjoy the prizes!



CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC

Title Trophies 2019

OBEDIENCE

Community Companion Dog (CCD)



Lucille Robinson & Chilli



Mandy Jones & Elsa

Novice (Community Dog – CD)



Linda King and D'Arcy



Joy Tomes and Jazz

Open (CDX)



Renate Linder and Dixi

Utility Dog (UD)



Lisa Sinclair & Coffee Crème

RALLY OBEDIENCE

Rally Novice (RN)



Julie Doig and Gus



Janette Cussons and Jax

Rally Advanced (RA)



Joy Tomes and Jazz

Rally Excellent (RE)



Lucille Robinson and Chilli



Judy Forbes-Faulkner and Pearl

AGILITY

Novice (AD)



Judy Forbes-Faulkner and Pearl

SNOOKER

Novice (SD)



Judy Forbes-Faulkner and Pearl

JUMPERS

Excellent (JDX)

Leisa Cassidy and Sully (unfortunately couldn't be with us on the night)

TRACKING

Tracking Dog (TD)



Craig Northover and Chess

TRACK AND SEARCH

Excellent (TSDX)



Debbie Schmidt and Furi



Heather Northover and Zeus

2019 Perpetual Trophies

OBEDIENCE

UD

TOWNSVILLE STEEL FRAMES PERPETUAL TROPHY

Donated by Townsville Steel Frames

The trophy will be awarded to the Townsville dog with the highest aggregate points in UD.

Won by Coffee Crème

Owner Lisa Sinclair

Score 199 (one trial)



OPEN

BEING POLIDO MEMORIAL: Donated by Mrs. Pat Cecil

The trophy will be awarded to a Townsville dog with the highest aggregate points in Open over both days in the August double trial.

Won by D'Arcy

Owner Linda King

Scores 94 +160 = 254



MISS MUFFET: Donated by Barry Hall

The trophy will be awarded to a Townsville dog that scores the highest title qualifying scores in Open at any trial.

Won by Dixi

Owner Renate Linder

Score 181



NOVICE

JESS MCNALLY PERPETUAL TROPHY :

Donated by Jess McNally

The trophy will be awarded to the Townsville dog With the highest aggregate points in Novice over both days of the April double trial.

Won by Scorcha

Owner Pat Cecil

Scores 159 + 186 = 345



TOP NOVICE DOG :

Donated by Townsville Veterinary Clinic

The trophy will be awarded to the Townville dog scoring the three highest aggregate qualifying scores in Novice. In the event of there not being three qualifying scores, the two highest scores will count.

Won by D'Arcy

Owner Linda King

Scores 186 + 184 = 370



COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG

SUNNY MEMORIAL PERPETUAL TROPHY :

Donated by Louise Ashworth

To be awarded to the Townsville dog scoring the three highest aggregate qualifying scores in CCD.

Won by Elsa

Owner Mandy Jones

Score 100 + 90 + 88 = 257



RALLY OBEDIENCE

RALLY-O NOVICE

TAMMY MEMORIAL PERPETUAL TROPHY

Donated by Judy Forbes-Faulkner

To be awarded to new handlers only (ie have not competed in any trials other than CCD or Novice Rally O) with the highest scoring Townsville dog in Novice Rally O at any trial. In the case of a tied score the trophy will be shared.

Won by Jax
Owner Janette Cussons
Score 81 + 93 + 83 = 257



RALLY-O ADVANCE

PAT CECIL PELORUS BORDER COLLIES TROPHY

Donated by Pat Cecil

To be awarded to the person with the highest score in Rally O Advance at COCT Trials only. In the event of a tie the winner to be determined on a count back. If there is still a tie the trophy to be shared.

Won by Chilli
Owner Lucille Robinson
Score 95



RALLY-O EXCELLENT

LUMPI MEMORIAL PERPETUAL TROPHY

Donated by Renate Linder

To be awarded to the Townsville dog with Highest Score in Excellent. If the score is tied the trophy is to be awarded to the dog that achieved it first.

Won by Chilli
Owner Lucille Robinson
Score 98



OTHER OBEDIENCE TROPHIES

CRAIGALEN : Donated by Ted Morris

The trophy will be awarded to the best three title qualifying scores in Townsville trials. If no dog gets three titles qualifying scores then the best two qualifying scores will count. In the event of a tied score the trophy will be shared. Any dog winning the trophy three consecutive times will retain the trophy. Scores in any class or any combination of classes to count e.g., one Novice and two Open qualifying Scores. Open to non-club members.

Won by D'Arcy
Owner Linda King
Scores 186 + 184 (CD) + 173 (CDX) = 543



NEVILLE & LINDA GREEN:

Donated by Neville (deceased) & Linda Green

The trophy will be awarded to the highest scoring Townsville gundog at any Trial. In the case of a tied score the trophy will be shared. Open scores no longer count once a dog has entered in a UD trial or has had its' Open Title more than 12 months.

Won by Jay
Owner Mandy Jones
Scores 174



RAY TAYLOR MEMORIAL TROPHY :

Donated by Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc

The trophy will be awarded to the highest scoring Townsville dog in Obedience at the April double trial

Won by Scorcha
Owner Pat Cecil
Scores 156 + 189 = 345 (CD)



TRACKING

ELIOCARN: Donated by Sister Jeannie Johnston

To be awarded to the best Tracking dog for the year.

This is assessed on the following point score :-

Track No.	Pass	Good	Very Good	Excellent
TD1	2	3	4	5
TD2	6	7	8	9
TD3	10	11	12	13
TD4	14	15	16	17
TD5	18	19	20	21
TD6	25	27	29	31
TD7	30	33	36	40
TD8	41	44	47	50

Won by Dual Ch Isa

Owner Tanya Hill

Score 33 Good + 44 Good = 77

Photo provided by Tanya as she was unable to attend on the night – Thanks Tanya!



TRACK AND SEARCH

MARGARET IVE MEMORIAL TRACK AND SEARCH :

Donated by Sister Jeannie Johnston

To be awarded to the best Track and Search dog for the year. This is assessed on the following point score :-

Track	Pass	Good	Very Good	Excellent
TSD1	2	3	4	5
TSD2	7	9	11	13
TSD3	15	17	19	21
TSD4	23	25	27	29
TSD5	35	39	44	48
TSD6	50	55	60	65
TSD7	55	60	65	70
TSD8	60	65	70	75
TSD9	70	75	80	85
TSD10	75	80	85	90

In the case of a tied score the dog with the least attempts at the relevant track or tracks shall win.

Won by TS CH T CH Furi

Owner Debbie Schmidt

Points 27 (Very Good) + 44 (Very Good) + 60 (Very Good) + 70 (Excellent) + 75 (Excellent) + 80 (Very Good) = 356



AGILITY

TOP NOVICE AGILITY DOG : Donated by Doedi Fittler

The trophy will be awarded to the Townsville dog with the most number of qualifying scores in **Novice Agility** in the current year. In the event of a tie the winner will be determined on a count back of major placings, not necessarily qualifying scores.

Won by Nikko

Owner Tony Walter

No. Quals 3



JUMPERS

TOP NOVICE JUMPERS BELGIAN SHEPHERD DOG (GROENENDAEL) TROPHY

Donated by Renate Linder

To be awarded to a Townsville dog that acquires the most qualifying scores in the current year. If there is a tie, score to be determined on placings. If there is still a tie then the trophy to be shared.

Won by Nikko

Owner Tony Walter

No. Quals 3



TOP EXCELLENT JUMPERS TROPHY

Donated by Louise Ashworth

To be awarded to a Townsville dog that acquires the most qualifying scores in the current year. If there is a tie, score to be determined on placings. If there is still a tie then the trophy to be shared.

Won by Sully

Owner Leisa Cassidy (unable to attend)

No. Quals 2

Leisa unable to attend on the night

DAWN AND MAL HOLLAND-MOST PROMISING JUMPER TROPHY : Donated by Dawn & Mal Holland

To be awarded to a Townsville dog that acquires the most qualifying scores in the current year (excluding qualifying scores from Open). Once a new level has been reached qualifying scores from the lower level will only be counted up until that day, the lower level may then be added to the higher level.

Won by Nikko

Owner Tony Walter

No. Quals 3



RALLY OBEDIENCE CHAMPION

RO CH Milangimbi Coffee N Crème CDX RAE TD

Lisa Sinclair being awarded her Rally Obedience Championship Title
by President Snow Standen



CONGRATULATIONS !

Townsville's Second Rally Obedience Champion

RALLY OBEDIENCE CHAMPION

RO CH Beljekali One Sweet Girl CDX RAE

Renate Linder being awarded her Rally Obedience Championship Title
by President Snow Standen



CONGRATULATIONS !

Townsville's Third Rally Obedience Champion

RALLY OBEDIENCE CHAMPION

RO CH T CH Diamondrio Suzie CD

Julie Doig being awarded her Rally Obedience Championship Title
by President Snow Standen



CONGRATULATIONS !

Townsville's Fourth Rally Obedience Champion

TRACK AND SEARCH CHAMPION

TS CH T CH Monsimbee They Call Me Furi RN

Debbie Schmidt being awarded her Rally Obedience Championship Title
by President Snow Standen



CONGRATULATIONS !

Townsville's Second Track and Search Champion

TRACKING CHAMPION

Dual CH. (T) Kriegmann Vanity Fair (AI)

Photo provided by Tanya as unfortunately she was unable to attend on the night



CONGRATULATIONS !

Townsville's Eighteenth Tracking Champion

YOUR 2019 HOLIDAY SNAPS

So - what did your pup get up to over the Christmas break? Holiday snaps below from some of our members' fur babes in their Christmas finery, on the beach, with their trophies, and escaping the heat of summer



Left & Below: Judy Forbes-Falkner has her Border Collies Pearl and Rose all set for Christmas.



Above: Julie Doig's Zoe and Gus getting into the Christmas Spirit



Right: Emma Erikson has Aiva all set for Christmas.



Above: Erin Daley sent this snap of her pooch Titan, aka little sea otter, frolicking around in Ross River with her nephew Finn.



Left: Nugget having a whale of a time cooling off in the pool on one of our hot days. I'm not getting out Mum! Sent in by Maree Endres

Below L & R: Joy Tomes and her Borders Jaz and Chewi take out the award for Most Travelled – 9,087km round trip taking in Inskip Point Dimond Beach Qld, Lake Jindabine NSW, and Shell Harbour in the illawarra region of NSW.





Above: Linda King's D'Arcy showing off his impressive haul of Perpetual Trophies won in 2019 – way to go D'Arcy!

Right: D'Arcy & Red enjoying time on the beach at Magnetic Island.

Below: Red relaxing after beach time.



Below: Jasper (owned by Alison Annesley) homing in on the ball with Rosie and Pearl (owned by Judy Forbes-Faulkner) in hot pursuit. A great way to spend Boxing Day on Bushland Beach.





Above: Eric Kraft sent in this great pic of Oscar enjoying the view from the top of Castle Hill on Christmas Day.

Wonderful to see you all enjoying your holidays!

A DOG'S LIST OF NEW YEAR'S EVE RESOLUTIONS

- 🐾 I will not play tug-of-war with my human's underwear when he's on the toilet.
- 🐾 I do not need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm lying under the coffee table.
- 🐾 I will not roll my toys behind the fridge.
- 🐾 I will not throw up in the car.
- 🐾 I will not roll on dead seagulls, fish, crabs, etc.
- 🐾 I will not lick my human's face after eating "Kitty Litter Box Crunchies" or my nether regions.
- 🐾 I will remember that the nappy bucket is not a cookie jar.
- 🐾 I will not chew my human's toothbrush and not tell them
- 🐾 I will not bark each time I hear a door bell on T.V.
- 🐾 I will not chew crayons or pens, especially not the red ones, or my people will think I am haemorrhaging.
- 🐾 I will remember that my head does not belong in the refrigerator.
- 🐾 I will not bite the officer's hand when he reaches in for my human's driver's license and car registration.
- 🐾 I will stop trying to find the few remaining clean pieces of carpet in the house when I am about to throw up.



HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERY ONE !!

The Recall

Arguably the most important exercise to teach your dog.

Practice it every day in different locations (on leash outside of the yard until it is rock solid)

Make it fun!

Never chastise your dog after calling him to you, no matter how cross you might be at the time – would you go back for more of that?!

Mark the behaviour with YES as soon as they start running towards you.

Mix up the rewards with verbal praise, petting, a special treat (apple / cheese / kabana), a throw of the ball.

Release them from the exercise with “good boy/girl, off you go and play”.

**If you want your dog
to come when
called...**

**Be someone they
want to come back
to.**

**Be someone that's
safe to come back
to.**

**Be someone they
love to come back to
because it's only
ever a fantastic
experience for them.**



Erin Moore
Dog Pro Strategist

Three Simple Nose Work Games to Play With Your Dog

www.puppyleaks.com/teach-your-dog-search/

Looking for an easy way to keep your dog busy? Do you want to find an activity for your dog that's both fun and mentally stimulating? Start with some simple nose work games.



They're easy to play, they can be done indoors, and dogs absolutely love them. And the best part is the only thing you need to get started is some yummy treats. Here's how to teach your dog the basics of scent work, and three easy nose work games to get you started.

The Benefits of Nose Work Games For Dogs

Nose work & scent games offer your dog a fun way to use their natural talents. Even though a dog's sense of smell is more than 10,000 times more powerful than our own they still rely on visuals, especially in familiar environments such as your home. Nose work games can help your dog hone in on their natural talents, and it's a easy way to keep them entertained.

The benefits of teaching your dog nose work include:

- Fun way to give your dog more mental stimulation
- Gives your dog extra physical stimulation
- Nose work builds your dog's confidence
- Gives your dog a job to do
- Easy way to bond with your dog
- Nose work is fun & rewarding for dogs



Teaching your dog a few nose work games is a simple way to help keep them busy & entertained.

Nose Work Is Simple to Train & Can Benefit All Dog Owners

If you're looking for an easy way to keep your dog entertained on a rainy or hot day nose work games are the perfect choice. Dogs love having a job to do, something to keep their minds busy. With nose work you're using your dog's natural talent in a constructive way to keep them mentally stimulated. The "find it" or "seek" command can be one of the most versatile and fun games you can teach your dog.

Dogs have been bred to work alongside us; teaching them to use their natural talent of smell keeps them happy and entertained. It gives them a feeling of purpose. Dogs thrive when they feel like they have a job to do; and it's even better when it's something as simple as teaching them to sniff things out for you. Keeping them mentally and physically fit is your responsibility. Give your dog a purpose by teaching him to sniff things out for you; dogs thrive when they're given a job. Nose work is an easy example that anyone can do in their own home.

One of the best things about teaching a dog some basic nose work is that their never too young or old to learn; it's a great activity for any dog given they have the proper motivation. And of course, there's the

bonus of not having to go out and buy any special equipment – it can be done anywhere with something as simple as kibble.

Choosing the Right Treats or Toys for Nose Work

To entice your dog to search you'll need something enticing. I often use carrots, snap peas, popcorn or some of her favorite toys. I lucked out with Laika – she's both play *and* food motivated. When it comes to nose-work she'll enthusiastically search for her some regular old kibble but not all dogs will be so willing.

If your dog is pickier than mine choose his favorite toy or treat to begin. People often use really high value treats such as sliced up meat or one of your dogs' favorite treats they don't get very often. I've had luck with using treats that smell different in highly distracting environments. That little extra 'whoa what is that smell' can help keep your dog focused.



You know your dog best – choosing one of their favorite rewards will help them focus when learning a new skill.

How to Start With Some Basic Nose Work

When starting out with nose work I recommend staying indoors since it's a lot less distracting. Your dog should have a good stay command and reliable recall in place before you begin. If not ask someone to hold her.

You're also going to teach your dog a command such as "find it" so your dog knows when the nose work game has begun. If you already use "find it" for something different, say having your dog go fetch a specific toy, you may want to come up with a different term specific for nose work.

To start the game have your dog stay at a given location. While he's watching you go place a bit of food or his favorite toy at the other end of the room. When you give the cue to release your dog tell him to "find it." After a few repetitions he'll know what you're expecting him to do.

Once your dog seems to know "find it" you can step it up a notch. While your dog is in the stay position put the treat or toy out of his line of sight.

The idea with this search activity is to gradually build up to new distances and areas. When first starting out keep the game centered in one or two rooms. If you're confident that your dog knows the "find it" command it's time to move onto the next step – hiding things around the house.

Which Hand: The Easiest Nose Work Game

One of the first nose work games you can teach your dog is the which hand game; it's the simplest method to get your dog used to using his nose rather than eyes.

With a small piece of food or treat on hand put it inside one of your hands and close your fists while your dog is watching. Present your dog with both hands and ask him "which hand?" If your dog doesn't have great manners and begins to gnaw or scratch at your hand you'll probably want to work on some impulse control while you're at it.

Praise him when he lightly nudges, puts his nose on your hand, or paws at the correct hand – whichever behavior you prefer.

If your dog chooses the wrong hand open them up to show him where the treat is. Don't give him the treat if he chooses the wrong hand, but don't scold him either. Just close your fists and try again. When he gets it right give him a ton of praise and reward him with the treat. Eventually with simple games like this your dog will begin to start using his natural talent, his nose, rather than relying on visuals.

How to Play the Which Hand Game:

- Put a treat in one of your hands as your dog is watching
- Close your fists and extend both hands out towards your dog
- Ask your dog "which hand?" and wait for them to choose
- If they choose the correct hand praise them like & open your fist to give them the treat
- If they choose the wrong hand open them up to show them & try again

It's important not to scold or discourage your dog if they choose the wrong hand. The purpose of this game is to encourage your dog to start using their nose rather than eyes, so it's important to keep the game fun & rewarding.

Nose Work Game: Hiding Things Around the House

Even though dogs have a sense of smell 2000 times greater than ours they tend to use their eyes a lot. Nose work games will help them focus on smells. To teach your dog to use his nose instead of visuals you'll want to start with an object that's really smelly. Popcorn or smelly treats work well here.

Have your dog sit in his stay position. Place the treat or popcorn around the corner or just slightly out of line of sight and tell your dog to go "find it." Some dogs might get a little frustrated at first if they're not able to find the treat immediately.

You can encourage and praise him when he's close, you can even point it out to him if he's having trouble. You're aiming to make it fun and exciting for him, so make sure you praise your dog like crazy when he finds it.

When I was teaching my dog this step I would make it easier on her by dragging the object on the floor or making 'scent pads' so it was easier for her to track with her nose. As your dog becomes more adept at sniffing things out you can up the challenge. I like to place objects on chairs, under rugs, on the couch or on window sills – anywhere she's not going to see right away

The most important thing to remember when teaching your dog some basic nose work games is to keep it fun. Dogs can get discouraged if they don't know exactly what you're expecting them to do; don't be afraid to help nudge them along in the right direction.

How to Play The 'Find It' Game With Your Dog

The find it game is my favorite nose work game for dogs. It's the most versatile, and it's the one my dog enjoys most. And the best part is it's super easy. All you have to do is pick some treats and hide them around the house.

How to play find it with your dog:

- Pick some smelly treats to have your dog find
- As they're in the stay position start placing treats around the house
- Place some treats in obvious spots, and some in more challenging locations such as under rugs
- Once you have some treats hidden tell your dog to "find it"
- Encourage them as they run around finding treats
- If they're missing some you can point or give them clues

To help dogs out when starting this game you can make scent trails for them to follow. You can drag a piece of kibble or dry treat along the floor, making it easier for your dog to smell their way to it. You might want to skip that step if you're using treats that don't lend well to dragging such as cheese.

Nose Work Is Extremely Versatile

Basic nose work games are versatile which makes it one of the first activities I'd recommend teaching your dog. It can be done in any environment, with any number of toys or treats. You don't need to rush out to the store and buy any fancy equipment – and it can be played pretty much anywhere; indoors or out.

When you've worked on the basics for a while your dog will begin to develop the ability to better differentiate between smells. You can advance their skill by focusing on one specific toy and having them focus on finding it amongst other items.

Scent work activity is a lot of fun for dogs – it makes them feel useful and productive. Dogs have been bred to work alongside us; they thrive when they're given tasks to do.

Meaningful play is important to your dog and it helps build a better bond. It's different than regular game of fetch – it's mentally stimulating. If you're looking for more information on the subject check out [K9 Nosework](#).

Is it Dangerous For Dogs to Drink Salt Water?

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/dogs-drinking-salt-water/>

Anyone who has ever swallowed a mouthful of salt water when swimming in the ocean knows how unpleasant it tastes. When dogs drink salt water, it can be dangerous for them, and it can even be deadly.

Dogs Drinking Salt Water

Dogs love the beach, but playing games of fetch, chasing waves, and swimming can all lead to a thirsty dog who consumes salt water. In most cases, a few mouthfuls of salt water may only cause diarrhea. Consuming large amounts of salt water, however, can be fatal.



When a dog ingests salt water, the excess salt draws water from the blood into the intestines, leading to diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration. Salt water also disrupts the fluid balance in your dog. Dogs with toxic levels of sodium in their systems have a mortality rate higher than 50 percent, regardless of treatment. When too much salt builds up in a dog's body, her cells release their water content to try and balance out the sodium disparity. This, in turn, causes a litany of serious health effects. It can cause seizures, a loss of brain cells, injury to the kidneys, and severe dehydration. If a dog with saltwater poisoning isn't treated medically, the condition can easily lead to death.

Treating Saltwater Poisoning in Dogs

If you suspect that your dog has consumed a toxic amount of salt water, your best bet is to get him to the veterinarian as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, there is no specific treatment for saltwater poisoning in dogs.

Your veterinarian will attempt to restore your dog's water and electrolyte balance to normal levels. Lowering sodium levels too quickly, however, can be dangerous, increasing the likelihood of cerebral edema (fluid on the brain). A veterinarian will administer IV fluids to try and flush the excess salt out of your dog's body. He'll also monitor her electrolytes, provide treatment for brain swelling, control seizures, and offer supportive care.

In ideal cases, the water and electrolyte balance will be restored over a period of 2-3 days. This usually involves hospitalization. Further supportive care and medications may be given, depending on your dog's condition.

Symptoms of Saltwater Poisoning in Dogs

Drinking excessive amounts of salt water typically results in vomiting within a few hours. While mild cases may only involve a few bouts of diarrhea, in severe cases the dog may suffer from weakness, diarrhea, muscle tremors, and seizures. If your dog shows any of these signs, even diarrhea, call your veterinarian or local veterinary emergency hospital for advice.

One of the most noticeable symptoms of dog saltwater poisoning is odd behavior. Too much sodium in the body can cause your dog to become confused, non-responsive, lethargic, or otherwise just off.

Preventing Saltwater Poisoning

The amount of salt water required to reach toxic levels depends on your dog's access to fresh water. The best thing you can do to keep your dog safe at the beach is to make sure he always has access to fresh water. If you notice your dog drinking ocean water, restrict his access, provide him with fresh water and shade, and keep an eye on him for signs of toxicity. Take a break away from the water every 15 minutes to help avoid salt poisoning as well.

Too Much Fresh Water

Dogs can also drive their salt content too low if they drink too much fresh water when swimming in a lake or pool, according to Heather Loenser, DVM, the senior veterinary officer for the American Animal Hospital Association. “The body works very hard to regulate the balance of salt and water,” she says. “If your dog’s behavior changes after swimming in either fresh or salt water, take him to the vet immediately for bloodwork.”

Blue-Green Algae Poisoning

You should also be aware of potential blue-green algae poisoning in lakes and ponds. This so-called “algae” is not actually a type of algae but a bacteria known as cyanobacteria. Cyanobacteria isn’t visible to the naked eye, but it often gives the appearance of algae when it clumps together in bodies of water. This bacteria is often found in non-flowing freshwater during hot seasons with little rainfall. Toxic algae can also grow in backyard pools and decorative ponds if they aren’t routinely cleaned.

Toxic algae often stink, sometimes producing a downright nauseating smell, yet animals may be attracted to the smell and taste of them, according to the EPA. Do not let your dog drink directly from lakes or ponds, especially if you sense the water might have algae. If you suspect your dog has come in contact with the toxins, rinse your dog off with clean water and call your veterinarian immediately.



Disclaimer– the above is for general information only. Always consult your vet if you have any concerns regarding your dog’s health

Summer has well and truly arrived in Townsville. With temperatures in the mid-30's and humidity greater than 80% on some days, everyone and thing is feeling the heat. Our summer starts around October and doesn't start cooling off until about May. It is hot and humid, sticky and sultry. From December to Easter rain falls in varying intensities from light showers to monsoonal downpours. It is common to have overnight minimums of 25-26°C and daily maximums of 32-34°C with high humidity for weeks on end. Top temperatures have reached 40°C. It can be uncomfortable enough for us humans, but for our dogs it can be deadly if they overheat.

Humans can keep their bodies' core temperature at a safe level by sweating, and as it dries on the skin it creates a cooling effect. We can also seek the relief of air-conditioning and swimming pools to help cool down. Dogs can expel some body heat to a certain degree, but unlike us have no sweat glands. Instead, their only means of reducing their body of heat is through panting. Having all that hair of various lengths and thickness on their bodies doesn't help either! Double coats can have a certain degree of "insulating" against the heat, but it is the humidity that is the danger. Some of the things we can do to help our dogs be as comfortable and safe as possible during summer are :-

- ✚ **Clean water.** Use a sturdy, deep container as a water bowl for larger dogs that can't be knocked over. A stainless-steel cooking pot is ideal. Plastic buckets can be ok but clean them out regularly as algae and scum can take hold and grow on the sides. Make sure it is in the shade all day and not exposed to the sun where it can heat up, and it needs to be changed at least daily. Have at least two water bowls available, especially if there is more than one dog.
- ✚ **Shade is a must,** and needs to be available all day. Patios, verandas, garages, shade trees, doggy doors to allow access inside a house can all provide refuge from the sun.
- ✚ **Doggy iceblocks.** For a cool treat, make a thin broth from beef stock cubes, pour into a Kong, and put in the freezer. A wonderful cool treat to give your dog on a hot day, and will keep him occupied for as long as it takes to melt. Or put some ice cubes in an ice cream container for him to lick as they melt.
- ✚ **Kids plastic shell sandpits** make great swimming pools. Fill with water and leave under a shady tree for your dog to jump in and cool off during the day. A second-hand bath tub mounted on a couple pieces of timber to keep it stable makes a great plunge pool.
- ✚ **Cool off** by letting him jump underneath a sprinkler before starting your walk, or douse under the hose or wipe down with a wet, clean rag. Encounters with neighbourhood sprinklers is always a great way to cool down – for the dog, of course! **NOTE : Sprinklers can only be used from 4.00pm to 8.00am the following day on allocated days, hoses at any time with current water restrictions. Check Townsville City Council's website for more info www.townsville.qld.gov.au/water-waste-and-environment/water-supply-and-dams/restrictions**
- ✚ **Cool coats** have pockets of cooling liquid or water built into the sides of the coat and can be frozen or cooled down before putting on to the dog like an ordinary coat. They can be purchased online (Google Cool Coats), or check your local pet shop.
- ✚ **Swimming** is a wonderful means of cooling off and an activity that has low impact on the joints. Be cautious where you let your dog swim as coastal creeks and rivers from the central parts of the Queensland coast and right across to Western Australia is saltwater crocodile country all year round. Crocs are particularly active in summer as they get flushed out of rivers and creeks by floods or larger crocs, and start looking for mates to breed. Dogs are the perfect snack size for crocs, so always respect crocodile warning signs and avoid those areas at all times. There have been several reports in the media of dogs being taken or, in some lucky cases, escape with injuries from crocs. Always check with a local if you are new to the area on where you can let your dog swim safely.

✚ **Marine stingers** can be a problem for shorthaired dogs with little covering on their undersides. They can be stung just as easily as humans. Apply vinegar and take to nearest vet.

✚ **Footpaths, bitumen roads and sand on the beach** get mighty hot under the summer sun. Dog's paws are about the same toughness as the soles of our feet, so it can be quite uncomfortable to walk them on these surfaces. If you can't stand bare foot on the road or footpath don't expect your dog to. If possible, walk them on grass or if on a footpath one that is in the shade and may have lost some of its heat.

NEVER EVER'S

✚ **Never exercise** any dog in the heat of the day, and never run or jog with him. Walking at this time of year is the safest and more than adequate. Depending on where you take your dog, morning walks should be finished by 7.00am, and afternoon walks should not commence before 5.00pm at the earliest. You know how hot you feel, so your dog is feeling it even more and prone to overheating. Dogs have a great way of masking pain or showing signs of injury or weakness, a built-in instinct for survival that meant life or death in the wild. This has been passed down to the domestic dog from their ancestors' generations ago, so chances are you would not even be aware that something is amiss until it is too late.

There have been several reports in the media of dogs that have died from heat stress after their owners have taken them for a run. The first they became aware something was wrong when the dog became lethargic, weak, and collapsed. At this stage death is almost always the outcome as the organs have already been damaged beyond repair and have started to shut down due to the inability of the body to reduce excess heat.

If this should happen don't put the dog in the car and rush it to the vet. By the time you get there it will be too late. Instead, put him in the shower and let water run over him, or fill up the bath and let him lie in it for at least 15 minutes. By this time you would have phoned the vet and alerted him to your arrival.

Symptoms of heat stroke and exhaustion are :-

1. Excessive panting with tongue fully extended from mouth
2. Frothy saliva as the dog pants
3. Stare-y eyes
4. Seizures, fainting, vomiting
5. Breathing difficulties and increased heart rate
6. Wobbly in the hind legs

These are all signs that overheating is occurring and immediate steps must be made to cool the dog down.

✚ **Dog's in uncovered ute's and trucks** have no way of avoiding the sun, so unless the trip is short and the destination has shade and water leave them at home.

✚ **Never leave a dog inside a car** – it is inexcusable and a dog will die just as quickly and painfully as a child. Try sitting in a car parked in the shade with the window only partially open and you will understand first hand how unbearable it is, let alone if you are a dog with a fur coat. If you can't take the dog inside with you at your destination or stay with him with the air-conditioner running, leave him at home. Have a non-spill water bowl (stainless steel is easiest to clean and available from pet shops) in the vehicle and take a bottle of cold water for him to have a drink, or fill up if a tap is nearby.

Note : the above article is for general advice only. Always consult your vet for professional advice.



INTERNATIONAL DOG BISCUIT DAY 23 FEBRUARY 2020



Dogs bark with joy on this day, because this holiday is for them, and it's celebrated by giving them biscuits. Dog biscuits are hard and dry and usually shaped like bones. Their color often reflects their flavor; common flavors include beef, chicken, turkey, and bacon. They are often fortified with vitamins and minerals and are formulated to be digestible, nutritious, and palatable for dogs. Low-fat varieties are available for overweight dogs, and varying sizes are available. Dog biscuits are used as rewards during training, or as treats in general. It is thought that more than half of dog owners give their dogs treats such as biscuits.



Early dog treats and dog food consisted of old bread, food scraps, rotting leftovers, and hard biscuits of grain, such as hardtack. But it all began to change after Ohio electrician James Spratt took a trip to England to sell lightning rods in 1860. He saw dogs scavenging for food and being given hardtack, and decided he would come up with something that could be a primary food source for them. He created "Meat Fibrine Dog Cakes" made of meat, vegetables, and grains. These turned out to not be cheap, however, and the target consumers were the country gentlemen of England who had dogs. But, by 1895, Spratt's biscuits were being sold in the United States.

In 1907, American inventor Carleton Ellis came up with the idea of making dog biscuits into the shape of a bone. A slaughterhouse had asked him to come up with something to do with "waste milk," and he came up with a milk-based biscuit. His dog didn't care for it much until he shaped it like a bone. The following year, the F.H. Bennett Biscuit Company of New York began selling the biscuits, which along with the cow's milk had minerals and meat products as ingredients. Their name was Malatoid until 1915 when it was changed to Milk-Bone.

Nabisco Biscuit Company eventually acquired the Milk-Bone, and it was the preeminent dog biscuit until the end of the 1960s when other manufacturers started coming out with similar products. After World War II, there was a shift from using dog biscuits for meals to using them for desserts and treats. They were eventually also marketed as being useful for giving dogs cleaner teeth and fresher breath. On International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day, or any day, dogs don't really care what benefits biscuits give them, they just know they love them!

International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day Activities

1. **Doggie play date** Call, text, email, or tweet your friends and have them join you for a doggie play date. Have each of your friends bring their dog's favorite biscuit, then create little goodie bags containing one of each.
2. **Dog biscuits and adoptions** Go to your local animal shelter and coordinate an adoption day. As a special gift, donate a bountiful amount of dog biscuits that can be given to the new pet parents and their newly adopted furry family member.
3. **Host a dog biscuit decorating party** Get festive, get messy, get decorative! Invite some friends, buy plain dog biscuits (we love Milk-Bone's Classic Dog Biscuit), grab dog-safe decorating icing, and let your creativity flow. Reward the best decorated and then let your dog enjoy them!

Why We Love International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day

1. **They are packed with nutrients** There is an array of dog biscuits either homemade or commercially made that are made with various premium ingredients. These dog treats provide a daily dose of protein and multivitamins that help your dog maintain a healthy diet throughout their life.

2. **They are great training tools** Training a new pup can be hard work. Using dog biscuits to reward a well-behaved dog, is a simple and proven method that reinforces positive behavior.
3. **Every dog loves them** Dog biscuits are one of pups' favorite treats. Dogs love them and will love you for giving them one.

Try one of the recipes below to celebrate on 23 February 2020!



Sardine & Oat Dog Biscuits

2	x	Tins of Sardines in Oil (undrained)
60g	x	Wholemeal Flour
300g	x	Rollled Oats
1	x	Tablespoon of Water

Mash sardines.

Mix in flour, oats and water and combine well together.

Roll out to 1cm thick then cut out shapes with cookie cutter.

Bake for 20-25 minutes at 190°

Cool, then store in air tight container.



Kangaroo Meat Balls

1	x	Kilo of Kangaroo Mince
1	x	Egg
1	x	Cup of Boiled Rice
½	x	Cup of Grated Carrot
½	x	Cup of Grated Zucchini

Mix all ingredients together in a bowl then shape into individual meatballs.

Lightly brown outside of meatballs in a frying pan.

When cool freeze for future use.

Can be thawed out and fed raw or cooked through in microwave.

N.B. This recipe works equally well with turkey or beef.



Banana & Peanut Butter Dog Biscuits

1	x	Egg
½	x	Cup of Peanut Butter
1	x	Ripe Banana
1	x	Tablespoon of Honey
1	x	Cup of Wholemeal Flour
1	x	Cup of Oat Bran

Mash banana then add a beaten egg, honey and peanut butter and mix well together. Add wholemeal flour and oat bran and combine. Roll out to about 1cm thick and cut out biscuits with a cookie cutter.

Bake at 180° for 15 – 20 minutes. When cool store in an airtight container.

CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC 2020 OBEDIENCE AND AGILITY TRIAL CALENDAR

ENTERING TRIALS

Preferred method of entry for trials is through K9 Entries.

Click here to start <https://www.k9entries.com/using.php>

COMPETITORS PLEASE NOTE

It is an expectation that competitors will assist with ring setups, changes
and stewarding when requested
Open Agility offered on all trials

DATE	TIME	TRIAL	JUDGES
April Double Trial			
April 3 rd	7pm	Obedience all levels	Cathy O'Shea
April 3 rd	7pm	Rally O all levels	Roel Wittkamp
April 4 th	3pm	Jumpers all levels	Tim Fairchild
April 4 th	3pm	Agility all levels	Roel Wittkamp
April 4 th	7pm	Jumpers all levels	Tim Fairchild
April 4 th	after gamblers	Agility all levels	Roel Wittkamp
April 4 th	7pm	Obedience all levels	Cathy O'Shea
May Double Trial			
May 15 th	7pm	UDX	Barbara Murfet
May 15 th	7pm	UD CDX CD CCD	Tricia Williams
May 15 th	after UDX	Rally O all levels	Barbara Murfet
May 16 th	2pm	Jumpers all levels	Tim Fairchild
May 16 th	after Agility	Snooker all levels	Annette Gniel
May 16 th	4pm	Rally O all levels	Barbara Murfet
May 16 th	7pm	Obedience all levels	Barbara Murfet
May 16 th	7pm	Jumpers all levels	Annette Gniel
May 16 th	after pairs	Agility all levels	Tim Fairchild
July Double Trial			
July 17 th	7pm	Obedience UD CDX CD CCD	Lisa Sinclair
		UDX	TBA
July 17 th	7 pm	Rally O all levels	Maryanne Fazekas
July 18 th	2pm	Jumpers	Tim Fairchild
July 18 th	after Gamblers	Agility all levels	Roger Padfield
July 18 th	4 pm	Rally O all levels	Maryanne Fazekas
July 18 th	7pm	Obedience UD CDX CD CCD	Maryanne Fazekas
July 18 th		UDX	TBA
July 18 th	7pm	Jumpers all levels	Roger Padfield
July 18 th	after Pairs	Agility all levels	Tim Fairchild

DATE	TIME	TRIAL	JUDGES
July/August Double Trial			
July 31 st	7pm	Obedience UD CDX CD CCD UDX	Lisa Sinclair TBA
July 31 st	7 pm	Rally O	TBA
August 1 st	2pm	Jumpers all levels	Roel Wittkamp
August 1 st	agility after	Gamblers all levels	Heather Northover
August 1 st	4 pm	Rally O all levels	TBA
August 1 st	7pm	Obedience all levels	Judy Forbes-Faulkner
August 1 st	7pm	Jumpers all levels	Heather Northover
August 1 st	pairs then	Agility all levels	Roel Wittkamp
August Double Trial			
August 28 th	7pm	Obedience all levels	Terry Griffin
August 28 th	7pm	Rally O all levels	Roel Wittkamp
August 29 th	2 pm	Agility all levels	Terry Griffin
August 29 th	snooker after	Jumpers all levels	Roel Wittkamp
August 29 th	4pm	Rally O all levels	TBA
August 29 th	7 pm	Obedience UD CDX CD CCD UDX	Lisa Sinclair TBA
August 29 th	7pm	Jumpers all levels	Terry Griffin
August 29 th	agility after	Gamblers all levels	Roel Wittkamp
September Double Trial			
Sept 25 th	7pm	UD CDX CD CCD UDX	Tricia Williams TBA
Sept 25 th	7pm	Rally O all levels	Andrea Wohlhuter
Sept 26 th	4pm	Gamblers all levels	Roel Wittkamp
Sept 26 th	agility after	no open class	Roel Wittkamp
Sept 26 th	7pm	UD CDX CD CCD UDX	Tricia Williams TBA
Sept 26 th	7pm	Rally O all levels	Andrea Wohlhuter
Sept 26 th	snooker after	Jumpers, no open	Roel Wittkamp

Why Title A Dog?

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in memory for as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard.

And though the dog itself doesn't know or care that its achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent and adaptable, and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

And a title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with it because it was a good dog, that you believed in it enough to give it yet another chance when it failed, and that, in the end, your faith was justified.

-Sandra Mowery

CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC 2020 TRACK and SEARCH AND TRACKING TRIAL CALENDAR

COST : \$20 per entry (NO breakfast for Track & Search)

Entries close 14 days prior to the trial

NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

Contact Tracking Co-Ordinator Janette Cussons for further information

Mobile 0417614261 | Email jcussons2@bigpond.com

NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

- 🐾 Fields restricted to 8 per trial
- 🐾 Handlers restricted to no more than 1 entry in a trial unless less than 8 entries
- 🐾 Ballot to be held if more than 8 entries per day
- 🐾 Entry fees refunded to balloted dogs

All trials – vetting 5.30 am, start 6:00 am

Date	Trial	Judge	Location
Sat March 21	Track & Search	Roel Wittkamp and Debbie Schmidt	Annandale and Aitkenvale
Sun March 22	Track & Search	Roel Wittkamp and Debbie Schmidt	Annandale and Aitkenvale
Sat April 11	Track & Search	Roel Wittkamp and Debbie Schmidt	Annandale and Aitkenvale
Sun April 12	Tracking	Roel Wittkamp and Debbie Schmidt	Alice River
Sat May 9	Track & Search	Heidi Christoffel / 2 nd Judge TBA	Annandale and Aitkenvale
Sun May 10	Tracking	Janette Cussons / 2 nd Judge TBA	Alice River
Sat June 13	Track & Search	Annette Dobson / 2 nd Judge TBA	Annandale and Aitkenvale
Sun June 14	Tracking	Annette Dobson / Janette Cussons	Alice River
Sat July 11	Track & Search	Coral Pethers and Deb Lamprecht	Annandale and Aitkenvale
Sun July 12	Tracking	Coral Pethers and Deb Lamprecht	Alice River





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And I'm the one not allowed on the beach!



"I know it's sad, but we have to say goodbye to Christmas."

SUMMER IS HERE ...

