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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

President's Report

Hello everyone. Here we are already 1/6th of the way through 2020. And has the club been idle? Certainly not!

We've had a working bee on the tracking trailer, thanks to the tracking team, who put in a long day in horrific heat. The team have checked, repaired and renewed the flags, quivers and pegs. Then, they have sorted them into lots, depending on the type of track that they will be used for (see Janette's Tracking Report).

Another working bee was held to sort out the agility and obedience equipment on Saturday the 29th February. We had a good turn-out with myself, Renate, Judy, Julie, Janette, Debbie, Peter and Rob getting stuck in and should be well prepared for the trialling season ahead (see pics on page 16).

As we move into the new trialling season, I ask each of you to treat each other with respect and kindness. We are a club because we have the same interests, none of us are perfect but each of us has put a lot of ourselves into making the club work.

Each club member is going through something. Whether it is a loss of a partner, a best fur friend, a sick partner, sick fur friends, a transition to a different phase of life, financial problems or personal illness. None of us know everything about another.

Please, if you utter a harsh word, excuse yourself, take yourself away, take a deep breath and go back and apologise for your tone, shake hands and make up. If we think of each other, and take care of each other, we will have a safe place to enjoy together.

I hope the year is good to you, your family and your dogs.

Yours in dogs,

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'?

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 6 April 2020, May meeting date TBA**. 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.

RALLY OBEDIENCE WORKSHOP COMMENCING THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2020

A Rally O workshop will commence at 7.00pm Thursday 12 March 2020 with an Introductory Talk (no dogs) followed by classes for the following 4 weeks from 7.00-9.00 pm each Thursday. The workshop will explain all the Rally stations from Novice to Advanced. Dogs are to be crated when not being worked (the Club can provide some crates if you don't have your own.) **Cost : \$50.00. Register by email to Secretary Judy on judyforf@bigpond.net.au . Walk-ins accepted on the night.**

TRICK DOG WORKSHOP 6th & 7th JUNE 2020

Trick Dog Competition is a new ANKC discipline which became an official event in the trialling calendar from January 2020. Developed by members of Dances With Dogs discipline, the intention of Trick Dogs is to encourage handlers to teach their dogs skills and to display behaviours in a positive environment, and have a heap of fun while doing so! The Club will be holding a Trick Dog Trialling Workshop on the weekend of 6th and 7th June 2020. Further details to follow so watch this space and our FB page.

MIND YOUR P's and CUES

On Tuesday 18th February 2020 Instructor Julie Doig held the first of a series of classes on the basic understanding of cues, developing cues that work for you, and how to build on them. The class is open to trialling members and instructors as well as Advanced and Class 4 members. Attendees must crate their dogs during class unless they are working, so please ensure you have crates and water bowls for you dogs. Spare crates are available in the clubhouse if required. If you missed the first class keep an eye out for notification of the next via email and our FB page.

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.

TOWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL PET EXPO SUNDAY 14 JUNE 2020

The Pet Expo has a new location this year at Anderson Gardens. The event runs from 9.00am to 3.00pm Sunday 14 June 2020. Our Club will be there again this year, and will be looking for helpers to set up / take down our gazebos and display, and take part in a basic obedience demonstration. More info to follow in the next mag!

2020 OBEDIENCE, AGILITY and TRACKING TRIALS

The COCT Inc 2020 trialling season starts on 21 & 22 March with a double Track and Search trial, a double obedience and agility trial on 3 & 4 April followed by a Track and Search and Tracking Trial on 11 & 12 April.

The new September double Obedience and Rally Obedience trial held last year didn't receive the entries as hoped, so this year a single Agility/Jumper trial has been added to make it more attractive to competitors.

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

INTAKE ONE JANUARY-MARCH 2020

Hi everyone and a big thankyou to all of our Instructors who are sharing their skills, knowledge and experience with possibly the largest number of Teams seen on the field in a very long time. It is wonderful to see so many in our local community wanting to learn how to better communicate, engage and enjoy their relationships with their fur buddies.

The weather has been predictably unpredictable and affected two classes this wet season. But that won't affect the overall number of classes we provide. We would like to reassure our Teams we will make up the lost nights by extending the course to the 31st March.

We have an amazing five Beginners classes for the first intake of 2020. Thank you so much to our Instructors who continue to put their hands up to help the Townsville community (even without the incentive of a big pay packet)...remarkable 😊.

And a big thank you to Snow for providing his very first presentation for the January class of 2020. Well done.

Our Beginners' classes for Intake One in 2020 have dogs of all shapes and sizes. From mini poodles to French/Italian cross mastiffs and everything in between. There are an epic six Border Collies in Joy's class! We expect great things from six of the arguably number one smartest breeds of dog.

It is an absolute joy to see them all behaving so well (most of the time still early days!) and enjoying the lessons (and the waterfilled shell tubs on a hot day). We have one Intermediate class with Instructors Lisa and Lilly providing next level learning for our dedicated Teams. And our very own Judge Judy is looking after our Advanced class. Thanks also to Janette for offering to backfill Judy, (if required), so our Teams can continue to train with their fur buddies.

We must say goodbye and a very big "thankyou" to Carolyn who contributed so much to our Pet Dog classes (and everything else). Carolyn is moving away from Townsville, so we wish her, Kelli, Moxie and all of her family all the very best for a wonderful future. We will all miss you.

That means we have a vacant position for a Pet Dog trainer. So, if you think you would like to assist with Pet Dog training please let me know. We would love to hear from you. I would be happy to talk to you about some minimum requirements that need to be met, and how we can help you meet them.

Happy training
Deb Fazel
Training Coordinator

****** Teach, share, respect, learn and have fun doing it! ******

Congratulations

To Our New Rally Obedience Judge

Julie Doig

Start

Just over 2 years ago club member and instructor Julie Doig requested permission from Dogs Qld to train as a Rally Obedience judge. Following this request, I was contacted by Barbara Murfet from Dogs Qld to be Julies' mentor in her training.

Having thought about this for a while I decided the best way to become a judge and learn the intricacies involved in the sport would be to train other club members. So, between us we organised a series of workshops to show the other club members what was involved in the various levels.

Initially we provided all members with a hand book containing all the signs and information on what was required for each level then on session one Julie did a presentation describing all the signs and how these should be attempted.



Following this Julie and I set out basic courses and asked the competitors to take a partner and walk the course (one acting as the dog and one the handler). This was very entertaining for everyone and gave then all a good idea of what was required. The workshops continued for a few weeks and Julie was able to explain what was required at each sign and how handlers should approach it with their dogs.



Then came the next level of training which was course designing. Julie was able to get the Rally O course designer program which is also very useful as it lets you know if you have made a mistake in your course design. To most handlers and their

dogs Rally O is just a progression of signs to follow and attempt but to the judge courses are limited in the number and type of signs that can be used at any particular level. Julie rapidly picked up the course design and spent many training nights setting up and judging courses for our members. She also quickly learned how to nest courses so there were minimum changes between each level.

Julie also spent many hours shadow judging (*pictured right*) with judges in Townsville and Brisbane especially Roel Wittkamp from the Tablelands and Barbara Murfet and the Brisbane judges.



I would like to close by once again congratulating Julie Doig on attaining her Rally O judges licence and adding to the judging expertise in Townsville.

Judy Forbes-Faulkner
COCT Secretary and Rally O Judge

Finish

N, A, X, M - #2



Tracking Report

February 2020



Townsville trackers welcomed the New Year in with a working bee on Saturday January 18 which unfortunately coincided with the hottest day of the year to date. The day saw us meeting at the clubhouse early to sort the equipment and carry out the stripping back and refurbishment of the bulk of the tracking flags, quivers and ribbons before repacking the trailer ready for our first trial of the season. We still have some more work to carry out but the back is broken! Many thanks to Debbie Schmidt, Snow Standen, Julie Doig, Julie Combridge and Renate Linder (pics below).



We also took the opportunity of that get together to hold a tracker meeting to discuss the proposed Dogs Queensland Trial Procedure Guidelines which were up for finalisation at the 31 January 2020 Tracking Working Committee meeting, and our own need for trial organizational changes going into 2021. While this item will require much more discussion prior to meeting submission we are aware decisions need to be made for submission to Dogs Queensland by June/July this year.

On the weekend of February 1st to 2nd 2020 saw us run a Beginner/Introduction to Tracking Workshop. This workshop is for those who have not tracked in the past or for some time. With practical sessions run between bouts of rain Saturday morning and afternoon and early on Sunday morning, it was once again much hotter than we would have liked so runs were limited and timed in the interest of the dogs.

With 6 working teams and 2 auditors, everyone took part in the busy practical sessions. Hopefully with some homework and helper participation at this year's trials we will see some of these handlers further their training to the trialling stage.

It was good to see some of the attendees of last year's information night attend with their dogs and see former club member Josie Hibble returning with her young Golden Bella, I believe Josie will be applying to attend the 2nd intake with her new pup Indi.

Ideally, we would prefer to run this workshop later in the year at the end of the trialling season when it's cooler, however this is not always possible given instructor availability and other commitments.

Many thanks to all who took part, with a special mention to our Track and Search Coordinator Debbie Schmidt for all of your input and assistance.

Janette Cussons, COCT Tracking Coordinator 2020

Debbie Schmidt, COCT Track and Search Coordinator 2020



Left : Josie Hibble and Golden Retriever Bella on the practice track. Flags are used as a guide so the handler knows their dog hasn't wandered off-track.

Right : Lucille with Chilli





Left : Rachel with Lacey, who is Indicating an article found on the track by lying down in front of it.

Below : Rob and Labrador Bailey on the practice track. Looks like Bailey is well on that scent!





*Left: Emma (kneeling),
and Aiva*

Below : Snow and Bobby



Below : Workshop participants



VALE KENZIE

T.CH Bossface Mackenzie TSDX

Dreams change when your dog tells you your dream isn't my dream.
To be true to our dog sometimes we need to put our dreams behind
and follow the dream of the dog in front of you.

Tracking Champion and Track and Search Dog Excellent was not where I saw Kenzie as a 9-week-old pup. Tracking - what is tracking?? The plan was to give obedience trialling a go. Well, lots of things in life don't go to plan. Injury and outside people influence during her second fear period changed a happy-go-lucky puppy in her happy world to a pup that saw the world as a fairly scary place, and nothing was changing her opinion of that world at the time.

As a 13-month-old pup Kenzie backed into a metal stake, lacerating 1 of 2 arteries and 4 of the 5 flexor tendons leading to her right hind foot. Luckily, she was found before a fatal haemorrhage occurred. Emergency surgery in the middle of the night (of course, she had just eaten), 6 weeks of immobilization, leg in plaster and crated to stop movement of the leg – and only allowed out for toileting and on a lead! All up nearly 3 months to full recovery. Not bad I guess considering the vet prognosis was basically all bad the night of the injury.



So scary world meant no obedience trialling, despite a lot of work to try and give it a go! Next plan? All Kenzie wanted to do after this was go for a walk with her nose to the ground. Can we put this to use? March 2013, and with some great assistance from a few of the tracking handlers Kenzie started tracking training where she learnt to put her nose to good use and track. In May 2013 she entered her first tracking trial for an Excellent Pass at a T1.

So tracking was Kenzie's thing. She still saw a lot of the world and its people as scary, so with the help of an amazing dog behaviourist at the end of 2014 we went to work making the world a happy place for Kenzie. This did wonders for her confidence, and suddenly Tracking Champion looked possible because the track layers no longer scared her while hiding in the bush.

The only real disruption to Kenzie's Tracking Championship were the Brahman bulls on the Mackay tracking ground, the only place she never had success. Bulls milling around the start flag and coming up to her as she was to start; bulls stampeding across the start as we were 5 minutes from starting; and finally, the bulls that slept along the first leg of the track and covered the track with bull pee and poo.... total sensory overload for her. Through this, then about 600m along this track in a gully with swirling winds and the cross tracks. Kenzie came back from the end of the tracking lead to a perfect obedience sit at my side and looked up at me, eyes pleading as if to say "It's all too hard - can you help me???"

Kenzie gained her Tracking Champion title in Cairns with an Excellent Pass in a paddock with dry pasture so high all I and the judge could see for maybe half of the track was the tips of her ears as she fought her way through the grass. The only time she stopped was to indicate the articles and then the tracklayer also hiding in that long grass. Trust your dog when tracking - there was nothing but grass and more grass on that track.

Kenzie ended the 2015 tracking season with a Pass at her first attempt on a Track and Search Track 1.

2016 saw Kenzie achieve good passes for Track and Search tests 2, 3 and 4. Her Track 4 is still talked about today – Kenzie tracked in what is known as “Wallaby Alley” the name says it all. Wallabies on every leg and around every corner there were more... For the entire track if Kenzie could talk she could have told you where every wallaby was she was totally focused on them but she was just as focused on the track. At the end the judge said “she has had ½ her brain focused on the wallabies and the other ½ on the track – she didn’t deviate more than a foot (30cm) from the track at any point along the way”.

Health issues saw Kenzie miss the first half of the 2017 season. Improved health and back tracking for the final 2 tracks for her Track and Search Dog Excellent Title. Kenzie would have tracked on but to me the next distance was too long for her so retirement and little short fun tracks from then on.

Kenzie tracked her final track in November 2019. Tracking was your thing Kenzie and you gave it your all.



Awards:

- Eljocarn Tracking Trophy 2014 and 2015.
- Margaret Ives Memorial Track and Search Trophy 2016.
- German Shepherd Dog Club Excellent Medallions X 2.
- Tracking Champion Trophy: COCT, Dogs Queensland and German Shepherd Dog Club Queensland.

Love you my girl till we meet again in the happy tracking paddock in the sky.

5th May 2010 to 13th December 2019.

Debbie Schmidt



TOWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL'S GET ACTIVE EXPO 2020

This year is all about getting active. So, the fifth 'Get Active Expo' held at the Townsville Stadium on 12 January 2020 was the perfect place to showcase all the ways the Canine Obedience Club Townsville can provide the public with 'Get Active' opportunities with their dogs.

Our principal ambassadors for the occasion were Lilly the Belgian Shepherd, Coffee Crème the Border Collie and the kids favourite, Chilli the three-legged Staffy cross. They really stole the show as they demonstrated everything the Club offers the community...well behaved, confident, friendly and most importantly HAPPY dogs.

There were almost one hundred displays representing all sorts of activity options for all levels of fitness, age and interest. But ours was the best (we had real dogs!).

A big thank you to all the Club members who made the event such a success. Helping to build and take down the display, talk to hundreds of people, promote the wonderful opportunities the Club offers and bring their dogs so the community can see first-hand, that ingredients like practice, persistence, praise and play make the perfect pooch (and family member) 😊.

Dogs can be our very own personal trainers (and they don't cost a cent!). So, let's all get active, take our dogs for a daily walk (if it's not too hot), think about making the most of what our Club can offer and see how your fur buddy can change your life!

Deb Fazel, Training Co-ordinator



THURINGOWA LIBRARY HOSTS CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE DISPLAY

For the month of February City Libraries Townsville offered our Club the wonderful opportunity to create a display showcasing all the amazing training options provided by the Club.

Snow and I did our best to present a display that captured the energy and excellence of past and present canines performing at their peak in Obedience, Rally O, Tracking and Agility.

Also highlighted was our wonderful three level Pet Dog training and education program. This very affordable program contributes to the community in many ways. The Library acts as a community hub of diverse interests, so it was the perfect location to engage the interest of the community's large number of dog lovers.

We would like to thank Claire Armistead and the wonderful staff of City Libraries Townsville, very much for the opportunity provided to the Canine Obedience Club Townsville, and hope we will be able to do it again in the future.

Debbie Fazel, Training Co-ordinator



Our President Snow appears happy with his handiwork!

Our Library display received immediate interest as soon as we put it up 😊



CLUBHOUSE & AGILITY SHED WORKING BEE

A big thankyou to club members turning up at 7.30am Saturday 29th February to give the clubhouse and agility shed, trailer and equipment a cleanout before the first obedience and agility trial commences 3 & 4 April 2020.

It was a hot humid morning but that didn't deter our dedicated helpers. Well done everyone!



Left – Julie giving the agility shelving a wipe down

Below – Rob hauling the agility uprights storage bins out for a wash down.



Left – Renate checking the mower is in working order.



Left – Snow and Rob scrubbing out the agility pole storage bins



Right – Renate about to tackle the agility trailer



Left- Deb and Judy sorting out the paperwork in the clubhouse.

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE EASTER EVERYONE !

<http://hawthorneastvet.com.au/2018/03/29/potential-dangers-at-easter/>

Easter is a great time to catch up with friends and family and enjoy the festivities and of course chocolate! But it can be a potentially dangerous time for our pets with many toxins present in our favourite Easter treats.



Chocolate

Chocolate contains theobromine which is a derivative of caffeine and cannot be metabolised by dogs. Even the smallest amount of chocolate can be toxic to a dog. As a rule of thumb, the darker the chocolate the worse it is but even white chocolate can cause problems. Symptoms of chocolate ingestion are vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, abnormal heart rhythms and seizures. If left untreated it can be fatal.

If your dog has ingested chocolate contact the Vet straight away, and if possible, note how much was eaten and when it was eaten. Remember that dogs have an amazing sense of smell and will be able to sniff out chocolate so keep them locked away if you are planning to do an Easter Egg hunt or leaving eggs in the kid's room as a surprise. Chocolate should be left up high in the pantry in case they decide to help themselves if the door is left open. Foil and plastic is no obstacle, dogs have been known to eat it all. Chocolate ingestion can also occur when dogs have access to cookies and cake.

Easter Lilies

These pretty flowers can be deadly to our feline friends. If cats ingest any part of a lily, including the petals, leaves, stems, pollen or the water from the vase it can cause kidney failure. Please contact the vet immediately if you think your cat has ingested a lily.

Easter Grass/Easter Chicks

Easter grass is the plastic stringy decoration placed in baskets and Easter chicks are the little fluffy toys placed on many Easter Eggs. Both of these pose dangers if ingested by your pet. They can cause damage to the intestinal tract and may become stuck in the abdomen which may lead to surgery to remove them.

Hot Cross Buns

Hot cross buns contain sultanas. Sultanas and grapes are toxic to dogs and can cause kidney damage. Ensure hot cross buns are kept away from your dog (including the chocolate chips ones) and if you have small children make sure if they drop any that you get to it before your dog does.

Human food/leftovers

Easter lunches and dinners can often include roasts and other delicious food. Unfortunately sharing this delicious food with your pet if it has a high fat content can cause pancreatitis. The pancreas becomes inflamed and creates pain and discomfort for the pet which requires intensive veterinary treatment. Foods to avoid include pork and ham, fat off cuts and anything else which has a high fat content. If in doubt stick to your pet's regular diet and give them a treat of a baby carrot – they are sweet and crunchy. Don't forget if you do have a roast to keep onions and garlic away from your dog as these are toxic to our canine buddies.

Have Your Own Doggy Easter Egg Hunt

Hollow, plastic eggs can be purchased from Spotlight or party supply shops. Place treats inside, secure firmly, and hide throughout the yard. Roast chicken, cheese or kabana have strong smells and more likely to be found. Tell your dog 'find', and help him the first couple of times until he gets the idea.

Use large eggs if concerned they may be swallowed, or don't use them at all, simply hide the treats around the yard. Your dog will love it either way, using that wonderful nose in a fun game!

The above is for general information only. Always consult your vet if you are concerned for your dog's health.

New memorial honours military working dogs

<https://www.awm.gov.au/media/press-releases/working-dogs-memorial>

The Australian War Memorial has unveiled a new memorial dedicated to, and created by, military working dogs and their handlers. Military working dogs have served alongside Australia's defence forces since the First World War, and continue to play a vital role in domestic and international operations today. The memorial titled '*Circling into Sleep*', unveiled this morning in the Memorial's Sculpture Garden, honours generations of dogs who have served, given their unconditional loyalty and, in many cases, their lives, to a common cause.

Acting Director of the Australian War Memorial Major General (Ret'd) Brian Dawson said the new memorial serves as a reminder of the invaluable contribution of military working dogs, as well as the special bond between dogs and their handlers. "The Australian Defence Force has a long tradition of working with dogs, from the First World War through to operations in places such as Afghanistan, East Timor and Somalia," Major General (Ret'd) Dawson said. "In 2017, the ADF commissioned the Canine Operations Service Medal, becoming the first military in the world to specifically recognise and honour the contributions of military working dogs."

The ashes of Aussie (*right*), Military Working Dog 426, were interred within the memorial on 4 December 2019. As a military working dog, Aussie served in Australian domestic and international operations including the Solomon Islands in 2004 and four deployments to Afghanistan with the Explosive Detection Dog Team. Described as a tireless worker, Aussie began to slow down after retirement and died in 2017, aged 16. "Dogs including Aussie, whose ashes are interred here, have detected explosives, searched for and attacked the enemy, provided base security, and laid their lives on the line to save others. Unveiled on the National Day for War Animals in Australia, this memorial is a fitting tribute to their loyalty, bravery and sacrifice," Major General (Ret'd) Dawson said.



Circling into sleep was created by renowned artist Steven Holland, with help from an Explosive Detection Dog called Billie and her handler. Billie was trained to walk in a tight circle on a bed of soft clay to create the paw-print track which spirals into the memorial, representing the steps of a dog as it circles into sleep.



“This is the dogs’ memorial. It is low to the ground and humble,” Mr Holland said. “The tear stone and the paw prints symbolise the remembrance of military dogs. Through their playfulness and curiosity, their intelligence and insight, their bravery and their faithfulness, they made a profound impact.”

Additional background:

Working dogs were first used by the Royal Australian Engineers in 1918 when British dogs worked as messengers for Australian sappers in the trenches on the Western Front. The 1st Australian Dog Platoon, RAE, began to use search dogs during the Second World War, and Army Explosive Detection Dogs and their handlers have provided critical support to the Australian Defence Force and civilian government agencies in modern conflicts. Today, these dogs help save lives as they help their handlers find improvised explosive devices, ammunition, and weapons.

According to the Department of Defence, the Australian Defence Force uses military working dogs to provide specialist sensory detection, tracking, early warning and protection in support of Australian operations at home and overseas. They are primarily used by the Australian Army and the Royal Australian Air Force as sentries and for drug and explosives detection.

The war in Afghanistan has highlighted the role of Explosive Detection Dogs (EDD) in the Australian Defence Force. Trained at Holsworthy Barracks in Sydney, EDDs are specially trained to use their heightened sense of smell to detect the many different chemical compounds that make up Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) by Taliban insurgents throughout Uruzgan province. They are also used to search compounds for contraband such as drugs and weapons caches. As such, EDDs work in conjunction with their highly trained handlers, usually from the Royal Australian Engineers, who command the dogs to locate IEDs ahead of infantry and vehicle patrols.

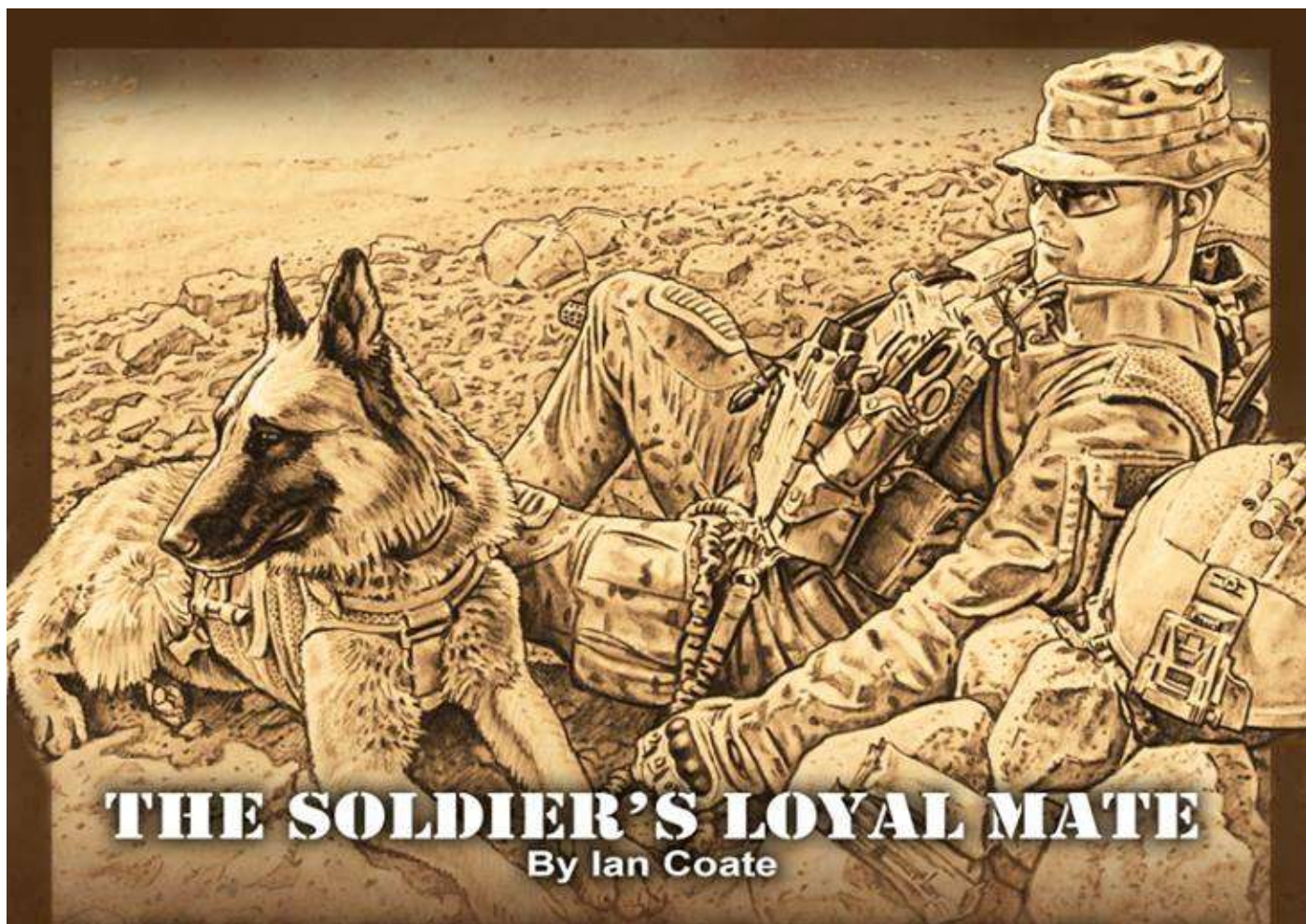
It is unknown just how many EDDs have deployed to Afghanistan since Australian troops were committed to Afghanistan in 2001, but one defence source suggests that there were as many as thirteen in Afghanistan as of 21 August 2012. The names of five dogs killed in action in Afghanistan are listed on the EDD and Handler Memorial dedicated in June 2013 at Yungaburra in Queensland. They are:

- Merlin, 437 EDD. Killed in action 31 August 2007
- Razz, 409 EDD. Killed in action 21 September 2007
- Andy, 452 EDD. Killed in action 23 November 2007
- Nova, 472 EDD. Killed in action 23 October 2009
- Herbie, 476 EDD. Killed in action 7 June 2010

In addition to these, two military working dogs died on operations while serving with the Special Operations Task Group. Quake and Devil were Belgian Shepherds posted to the Special Air Services Regiment and had distinguished records of service detecting Taliban positions and equipment on operations in Afghanistan. Quake was killed by small arms fire during an SOTG operation on 25 June 2012; Devil was killed by an insurgent a week later on 2 July 2012 having providing his handler with early warning of a Taliban fighting positions.

Anzac Day, Saturday 26 April 2020 *Lest We Forget*





THE SOLDIER'S LOYAL MATE

By Ian Coate

A soldier's bond between his dog is somewhat hard to state.

My working dog is not a pet – he is my loyal mate.

I train, I play and work with him – he gives me all he's got.

Without complaint he stands by me and shares the soldiers' lot.

When on deployment overseas and things get really hard,

I soundly sleep because I know, he always stays on guard.

He has a sense if danger's near – I am his main concern.

In battle he would die for me – for nothing in return.

No matter how I fail in life, he never judges me.

And when I need a friendly paw, it's there upon my knee.

So if, by chance, I lose my mate – please grieve with me – feel blue.

For when he gives his life for me – he gives his life for you.



This is even more important this time of year when your dog is drinking extra water during summer.

There should be at least one water bowl per dog, and the bowl needs to be much larger than the one illustrated!

Always consult your Vet if you have any concerns regarding your dog's health.

SHORTENING OF THE EYE OR SQUINTING

Dog Body Language

BY MARTHA KNOWLES

<https://www.silentconversations.com/eyes-dog-body-language/>

'Shortening of the eye' is a dog body language term used to describe when a dog squints his eyes slightly to deliberately soften them when interacting with another individual. It is used as a non-confrontational signal to indicate peaceful intentions in situations where there may be direct eye contact. In dog body language, direct eye contact or staring could be seen as confrontational; a [hard stare](#) in combination with a [freeze of body](#) is used as a warning. When a dog is relaxed, the eyes appear [almond shaped](#) and soft. To clearly indicate peaceful intentions, the dog may accentuate the eyes even further by squinting.

Depending on the context, body language signals, and what the rest of the dog's body position is conveying at the time, squinting may also be used when a dog is displaying appeasement. In the case of appeasement, the eye may be squinted almost totally shut, which is different to the subtle slight squint involved in

'shortening of the eye'. A dog that is showing appeasement signals may also be feeling some fear and may either freeze or crouch. It is best not to approach a fearful dog. There is a big difference in body language between a dog showing appeasement and a dog squinting his eyes to be polite. A dog that is comfortable and squinting his eyes to be polite might approach, whereas a fearful dog will keep his distance.

There will be further differences with regard to body movement, as the comfortable dog will have a looser body and move with ease, whereas the fearful dog may seem frozen or stiff, showing little movement.

When interacting with a dog, you can squint your eyes ever so slightly to be polite; a slow blink can also be used. It is best to avoid direct eye contact by using peripheral vision and turning your head away slightly. A combination of this body language may be used to show polite intentions, especially towards a dog that is not at ease. It is always best to give any dog space

and not approach. Read more about social interactions with dogs in this article: ['How do you greet a dog politely?'](#)

Since this article pertains to one area of the body, bear in mind the importance of observing the dog's full body language and signals, as well as the context in which they appear, before attempting an interpretation. There may be different interpretations, depending on the combination of full body language observed.

Here are a few examples of situations where a dog may offer shortening of the eye:

- A person is sitting on the ground and taking photos of the dogs in the park. One of the dogs, a retriever, is familiar with the person. The retriever spots the person with the camera and decides to approach them, as all the dogs he has been socializing with have moved on. He approaches with a loose flowing body, trotting up with his tail at about level with his back, giving a slow, sweeping wag. There is a slight curve in his body on approach. He lowers his head ever so slightly; he gently squints his eyes slightly on approach. His ears are relaxed and at the side, and his mouth is open and relaxed with a slight panting tongue. The retriever is at ease and trying to be polite by approaching with the slight curve of his body and shortening of the eye.
- While sitting on the ground, a dog is being scolded by a person. As the person raises her voice, he pushes his ears back tightly against his head and squints his eyes shut. His mouth is closed and he gives a few careful lip licks. He remains still and occasionally opens his eyes slightly, giving a few blinks before squinting his eyes again. As the scolding tone of the person's voice eases off, the



dog wags his tail low to the ground, quickly from side to side. The dog is offering appeasement in response to his guardian's raised voice and is trying to communicate he means no harm.

- A dog is sitting near a group of people on the grass in a park. One person, who is sitting quite close, is looking at the dog and giving direct eye contact. The dog averts the gaze of the person by turning her head ever so slightly away and softening her eyes by squinting. The dog is trying to give a non-confrontational response to the direct eye contact.

These are just a few examples; there may be many more. Start observing to see if you can notice any squinting or shortening of the eye in different contexts. As discussed below, interpretations such as the above examples should not be attempted without careful observation and consideration of all aspects of the situation.

A few notes to consider when observing dog body language:

Observation before interpretation

Interpretations should be offered only once you have observed the complete interaction and taken note of the wider picture. To offer an unbiased interpretation of the body language, observe and take note of the situation, taking into account the dog's whole body, the body language signals and environment first before offering an interpretation. List all the body language you see in the order that it occurs; try to be descriptive as possible without adding any emotional language. For instance, saying a dog looks happy is not descriptive and would be seen as an interpretation rather than an observation.

You could however list what you observe: ears to the side, eyes almond shaped, slight shortening of the eye, mouth open, long lips, tongue out, body moving loosely, body facing side-on, tail wagging at a slow, even pace at body level.

From the observation I could interpret that the dog seems relaxed or comfortable. I still prefer to say relaxed rather than happy, as I feel you will truly never know exactly what the dog may be feeling on the inside emotionally. It is quite likely the dog may be feeling happy, but I prefer to comment on how the dog is behaving in response to the situation rather than presuming internal emotional states.

The importance of viewing body language within context

Interpretations can vary depending on the context. It is possible for certain body language to be used in different contexts and have subtle differences in meaning within those contexts. Individual body language signals should not be observed in isolation; the wider picture should be considered. Take note of what the dog's body as a whole is saying. Keep in mind each dog is an individual with varying skills and experiences. What may be typical for one individual may not be for another. In order to observe body language in context, consider the following: the situation, body language signals, the body language expressed by all parts of the dog's body, the environment, and the individuals involved. It is worth noting how the body language changes with feedback from the environment or the other individuals interacting.

Martha Knowles

Author

My vision is to create a community of dog guardians who share their observations and interpretations of their dogs' silent conversations. Hopefully, these experiences and stories will provide some insight into dog communication, which is often overlooked by the untrained eye because it is unfamiliar to humans. We are accustomed to communicating mainly with sound, so we are not attuned to the silent subtle gestures and body language used by dogs to communicate. If you take the time to observe, you will start to see these 'silent conversations' going on around you. My dream is for dog communication to become common knowledge with all dog guardians and as many people as possible.

Surprisingly, there are still some professionals working in various dog-related careers who are uneducated about dog body language. Greater awareness of how dogs communicate will help to provide better understanding and improve the mutual relationship between dogs and humans. This will promote safer interactions between our two species and hopefully remove some of the expectations placed on dogs within human society. I would like dog guardians to feel empowered with their knowledge of dog communication so that they can be their dogs' advocates and stand up for themselves and their dogs when it really matters.

THE 10 HABITS OF SUCCESSFUL TRAINERS

SPECTACULAR TIMING

SETTING THE DOG UP TO SUCCEED

MANAGING THE ENVIRONMENT

PROVIDING ENVIRONMENTAL ENRICHMENT

DEVELOPING A RELATIONSHIP

RECOGNISING REINFORCERS

UNDERSTANDING DOG BODY LANGUAGE

FOCUSING ON GOOD BEHAVIOUR

PROVIDING ADEQUATE EXERCISE

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DON'T YOU DARE STEAL MY JOY

by Connie Cleveland

https://barksandwoofs.blogspot.com/p/dont-you-dare-steal-my-joy-article-by.html?fbclid=IwAR1WbWsi_Wu7dj3NBB6W6eJ4DF08eBTQ_hJISZeTTzNB3yNGNUeuNnpSZEM

On the occasion of our tenth anniversary, my husband asked me how I wanted to celebrate. I asked that we take a very dear friend, my adopted grandmother and one of the greatest of all the great southern ladies, out to dinner with us.

At dinner, my husband, Brian, presented me with a diamond ring. It was gorgeous and I was speechless, but even as I thanked him, I worried about the expense and extravagance of such a gift. As if he knew that the next line belonged to my grandmother, my husband excused himself from the table.

He was barely out of sight when she reached across the table and grabbed me by the shoulder, "I know what you're thinking, I know you think he couldn't afford it and it's too extravagant. I don't care if he had to put a second mortgage on the house to buy it, don't you steal his joy! It's beautiful. Accept it as the token of his love that it is and say nothing about how he shouldn't have bought it for you." Then she repeated, "Don't you dare steal his joy!"

That was the end of the conversation. She sat back in her seat, smiled at my returning husband, and we had a lovely dinner. I took her advice and put my reservations out of my mind. The ring has never come off my finger, but most importantly, I learned a wonderfully important lesson, never to steal another man's joy.

Are you a joy stealer?

- "You know if my dog hadn't gone down on the sit, I would have won the class", said, unfeelingly, to the winner.
- "I sure didn't think your dog worked that high a score."
- "I can't believe you placed, I thought Jane Oneup and her dog would beat you."
- "I thought I had that class won! My dog had a great performance, " said to the winner.
- "Isn't that judge an idiot? I can't believe the dogs he put up!" said to the winner.
- "Boy, aren't you glad Mrs Winallthetime wasn't here today or you might not have won."
- "You passed that Master test because the water blind was so easy."
- "That was the stupidest set of water marks I've ever seen. No trial should end that easily," said to the winner.

Do you discourage or encourage fellow competitors? Do you tell them their goals are too lofty and their dreams too big? Are you trying to be helpful or trying to keep them from accomplishing something that you never had the ability or perseverance to do yourself? It is equally as harmful to steal joy by destroying the dream.

- "No Basset Hounds get UD's," said to the owner of the Bassett in Utility class.
- "I've never seen a Rottweiler that could do fronts and finishes", said to the owner of the Rottweiler practicing fronts and finishes.
- "Do you have any idea how hard it is to get a UD and a Master Hunter? Do you know how few people have ever done it?" said to the first-time dog owner setting out to do both.

When FC AFC OTCH Law Abiding Ezra had both his field championships and 65 OTCH points including all the necessary first places, someone had the guts to come up to me, his owner, trainer and handler and say, “No dog will ever be a field champion and an obedience champion.” My jaw drops when I think about it. Isn’t it unfortunate that I remember this attempt at stealing my joy much more than I remember all the cards and letters and congratulations I received when those last 35 points were earned?

If you are willing to destroy someone’s dream, perhaps you don’t realize that it is the JOY of pursuing the dream that keeps the dreamer motivated, not just reaching the accomplishment.

My husband and I travel and compete together. I remember an event, early in our relationship when I watched his Doberman fail articles. “Darn it,” I said, as he came out of the ring,” she didn’t even try to find the right one!” “Oh”, he replied, “but, weren’t her heeling and signals wonderful?”

Unknowingly, I had almost stolen his joy. He was celebrating the improvement on the exercise that had been giving him trouble, and I was focused on the failure. Since that experience, Brian and I have learned that the best response to a questionable performance, “What did you think?” That way, if the handler is excited about some aspect of the performance, you can share that excitement. If the handler is disappointed in another aspect, you can share the disappointment. You are safely removed from being a joy stealer.

I hope you have a lot of dreams and goals for your dogs in the coming year. Undoubtedly there will be moments of disappointment as you venture through the landmines of injury, failures and other setbacks. Remember that the joy of the journey is worth the difficulties along the way and don’t let anyone steal that joy. Guard it well and at the end of the road you can own it and revel in it with all the other memories of the trip.

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 UDX	Lisa Sinclair Cathy O'Shea
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 UDX	Maryanne Fazekas Cathy O'Shea
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 Judy Forbes-Faulkner
July 31 st	7 pm	Rally O	Julie Doig
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	Julie Doig
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	Julie Doig
August 29 th	7 pm	Obedience UD CDX CD CCD UDX	Lisa Sinclair Judy Forbes-Faulkner
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

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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 / Debbie Schmidt	Annandale and Aitkenvale
Sun May 10	Tracking	Janette Cussons / Debbie Schmidt	Alice River
Sat June 13	Track & Search	Annette Dobson / Debbie Schmidt	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



BACK PAGE FUNNIES



Accidentally stepped on my husband's foot:
"Sorry."

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Accidentally stepped on my dog's paw:
"Oh my God, I'm so SORRY!
Are you ok buddy? I'm SO, SO sorry.
I didn't mean to hurt you.
I LOVE you. You want a treat?
You're the best boy, yes you are."

I can't wait for the office potluck! People always ask me how I make the paw print sugar cookies so perfect!



PHEW - IT'S STILL HOT ...



KEEP ON KEEPING COOL!

THE END