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Front Cover Photo : Debbie Schmidt's German Shepherd Dog Furi – Mine - but I will share!

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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

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Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc



## Canine Obedience Club Townsville Inc

### President's Report

Hello fellow Club Members,

I hope that this Newsletter finds you all well, possibly bored and champing at the bit to get back into life.

For those of you who are wanting to trial and progress their dogs through to their titles, this is a horrible year. Equally, for the social side of the club, it is bad. I really do miss seeing you folk and your dogs. As I walk my dogs around my neighbourhood, I see quite a few new dogs dragging their guardians along and reacting to each passer-by. I feel sad as most of these people have "rescued" these dogs, having no idea of what is required to make them into good citizens. It is quite likely that some of them will end up permanently in a backyard or back at a shelter when this lock down ends. It really shines a light on the need for Pet Dog Training.

There is now a lot of light for us in the tunnel, and I am quietly hoping that the Government may relax the restrictions on events earlier than originally anticipated. There are also other silver linings in the cloud. Judy with the help of Noel and possibly others that I have missed, has applied for a grant to replace our current shade structure, with one that extends from the club house to the end of the cement. If that is successful, we will have a nice area to congregate at the end of a trial, rather than drip with sweat in the club house.

So, what does the rest of the year look like for us? No one can say exactly, but roughly we hope to see us back in operation by the 1st of September. That includes Pet Dog Training and what Trialling that we can fit in. I also imagine that Julie will continue the Rally-O workshop, though I haven't confirmed that with her yet.

So, until then, please stay safe by following the Government's guidelines and I will see you when we are allowed.

Yours in dogs,

Snow Standen  
**President**



# Roadmap to easing Queensland's restrictions

## A step-down approach to COVID-19

Unite against **COVID-19** 

CONTINUING CONDITIONS • Social distancing, 1.5 metres and hygiene • Stay at home if you're sick • Tracking, tracing, rapid response • COVID SAFE Plans				
EASING TO DATE		STAGE 1: 15 MAY 2020 (4 weeks)	STAGE 2: 12 JUNE 2020 (4 weeks)	STAGE 3: 10 JULY 2020
SCHOOLS PLAN	11 May Kindy, Prep Years 1, 11, 12	25 May Years 2–10	School holidays (27 Jun–12 Jul)	

### Family, friends and community

- › Gatherings in homes (household + 2 visitors from the same or different households, or up to 5 visitors from the same household)
- › Household or one friend and within 50 kms of home for recreational purposes:
  - › go for a drive
  - › have a picnic
  - › visit a national park
  - › go fishing, boating or jet-skiing

### Retail shopping

- › Allowing retail shopping for non-essential items within 50 kms of home

### Schools

- › Gradual return to class
- › 11 May: Kindy, Prep and Years 1, 11 and 12
- › 25 May: Years 2–10.

### COVID SAFE checks

- › Minimum four weeks between stages
- › Surveillance and epidemiological indicators suggest a move would NOT present an undue risk
- › Testing is widespread and adequately identifies community transmission
- › Point source outbreaks are effectively contained by public health actions.

### Family, friends and community

- › Gatherings in homes (max 5 visitors, allowed from separate households)
- › Gatherings of up to 10 people:
  - › outdoor, non-contact activity
  - › personal training
  - › pools (indoor and outdoor)
  - › public spaces and lagoons\* (e.g. South Bank Parklands, Cairns, Airlie Beach etc)
  - › parks, playground equipment, skate parks and outdoor gyms
  - › libraries
  - › weddings
  - › hiking and other recreational activities in national and state parks
  - › places of worship and religious ceremonies
  - › Funerals (max 20 indoors or 30 outdoors)
  - › Recreational travel (max 150 kms within your region for day trips)

### Businesses and economy

- › Retail shopping
- › 10 people permitted at any one time for:
  - › dining in: restaurants, cafés, pubs, registered and licensed clubs, RSL clubs and hotels – no bars or gaming
  - › open homes and auctions
  - › beauty therapy and nail salons (with register of clients and COVID SAFE Plan)

### Outback

- › Dining in: restaurants, cafés, pubs, registered and licensed clubs, RSL clubs and hotels (max 20) for locals only (must show proof of residence) – no bars or gaming
- › Recreational travel (500 kms within the outback if you live in the outback).



**COVID SAFE check point**  
› assess impact › review border  
› review biosecurity and designated areas



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### Family, friends and community

- › Gatherings of up to 20 people:
  - › homes
  - › public spaces and lagoons (e.g. South Bank Parklands, Cairns, Airlie Beach etc)
  - › non-contact indoor and outdoor community sport
  - › personal training
  - › gyms\*, health clubs\* and yoga studios\*
  - › pools (indoor and outdoor) and community sports clubs
  - › museums, art galleries and historic sites
  - › weddings
  - › parks, playground equipment, skate parks and outdoor gyms
  - › libraries
  - › hiking, camping and other recreational activities in national and state parks
  - › places of worship and religious ceremonies
  - › Funerals (max 50)
  - › Recreational travel, camping and accommodation, including caravan parks (max 250 kms within your region)

### Businesses and economy

- › Retail shopping
- › 20 people permitted at any one time for:
  - › dining in: restaurants\*, cafés\*, pubs\*, registered and licensed clubs\*, RSL clubs\*, hotels\* and casinos\* – no bars or gaming
  - › indoor cinemas
  - › open homes and auctions
  - › outdoor amusement parks\*, tourism experiences\*, zoos\* and arcades\*
  - › concert venues\*, theatres\*, arenas\*, auditoriums\* and stadiums\*
  - › beauty therapy, nail salons and spas (with register of clients and COVID SAFE Plan)
- › **School holidays – drive holiday in your region – Queenslanders backing Queensland**
- › Tourism accommodation

### Outback

- › Dining in: restaurants\*, cafés\*, pubs\*, registered and licensed clubs\*, RSL clubs\* and hotels\* (max 50) for locals only (must show proof of residence) – no bars or gaming
- › Recreational travel (within the outback if you live in the outback).



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Subject to further planning and review, intrastate and interstate travel will be permitted and a maximum of 100 people will be permitted for:

- › gatherings in public spaces and homes
- › dining in: restaurants, cafés, pubs, registered and licensed clubs, RSL clubs, food courts and hotels
- › indoor cinemas
- › places of worship and religious ceremonies
- › museums, art galleries and historic sites
- › pools and community sports clubs
- › community sport
- › gyms, health clubs and yoga studios
- › outdoor amusement parks, zoos and arcades
- › concert venues, theatres, arenas, auditoriums and stadiums
- › weddings
- › funerals
- › saunas and bathhouses
- › open homes and auctions
- › casinos, gaming and gambling venues
- › pubs, registered and licensed clubs, RSL clubs and hotels
- › nightclubs
- › beauty therapy, tanning, waxing, nail salons and spas, tattoo parlours and non-therapeutic massage parlours
- › libraries
- › hiking, camping and other recreational activities in national and state parks.

### The public health rules to maintain:

- › Physical distancing
- › 4 square metres per person when indoors
- › Hand hygiene
- › Respiratory hygiene
- › Frequent environmental cleaning and disinfection

\* More with COVID SAFE Plan approved by health authorities



# 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](http://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'?

## **CLUB MONTHLY MEETINGS - CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**

**NEXT MEETING DATE TO BE ADVISED.** 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. 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 – CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**

**MEMBERS WILL BE ADVISED WHEN WORKSHOP CAN BE HELD.** 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](mailto:judyforf@bigpond.net.au) . Walk-ins accepted on the night.**

## **TRICK DOG WORKSHOP**

### **ADVICE WILL BE FORTHCOMING ON THIS WORKSHOP**

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 is in the process of organising an on-line workshop. Further details to follow so watch this space and our FB page.

## **THURSDAY NIGHT OBEDIENCE TRAINING – CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**

General Obedience and Rally-O practice will recommence on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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**

### **WE ARE AWAITING ADVICE FROM TOWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL IF THIS WILL PROCEED**

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 hopes to be there again this year if restrictions ease, and will be looking for helpers to set up / take down our gazebos and display, and take part in a basic obedience demonstration. Advice will be emailed and posted to our Facebook Page once we hear from Council if this will proceed or not.

## **2020 OBEDIENCE, AGILITY and TRACKING TRIALS**

The COCT Inc 2020 trialling season didn't even get of the starting peg with all trials cancelled until 31 August 2020 due to COVID-19. If we are able to recommence on 1 September we may be able to hold the last trial of the year, a double obedience and single agility trial.

Obedience and Agility entries are via K9 Entries [www.k9entries.com/using.php](http://www.k9entries.com/using.php) and all entries close a fortnight before each trial.

## Training Report April 2020

Hi everyone, and a big thank you for your patience! This includes our Instructors, those working hard in the background, our students and their clever canines. Diggle (r) is upset he can't come to class!

Please keep training while we are all in isolation.

A lot was taught in your first three lessons, so please keep up the great work with short training sessions a couple of times a day and watch your fur buddy blossom. You will also gain a lot of confidence when you see the results of improved communication and bond with your dog.



Remember to train with,

- 🐾 practice,
- 🐾 persistence,
- 🐾 patience, and LOTS of
- 🐾 praise.

Our governing body, Dogs Queensland, has advised we will not be able to continue our training until the end of August. We respect the position of the governing body as the safety of the community is a priority.

We understand how much everyone was looking forward to their lessons.

We also appreciate the frustration you must feel after waiting so patiently to get into the classes and then to be told not once, but twice now that you will have to wait even longer to begin where we left off.

Our April intake students have also been impacted by circumstances completely beyond our control. We thank all those who have already advised they are happy to put their enrolment on hold until we are up and running again.

However, we also completely understand if you are unable to wait. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would prefer to have a full refund with no questions asked. If anyone has not yet advised one way or the other, could you please do so as soon as possible?

So, where to from here:

- For everyone who enrolled in the January intake, training will resume on 1<sup>st</sup> of September and continue until the 29<sup>th</sup> of September. This will ensure all Teams can complete the Beginners course they started, and have the opportunity to be upgraded into the Intermediate class.
- Similarly, the Intermediate and Advanced classes from the January intake will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> September and conclude on 29<sup>th</sup> September.
- Students enrolled in all levels of our April course will now begin on 6<sup>th</sup> October, and conclude on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Happy training 😊 and see you all soon....ish!

Deb Fazel, Training Coordinator

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

## From your Sports Dog Coordinator in Isolation

2020 and the pandemic Covid-19 has not been kind to anyone. Each club member has been affected in some way shape or form. We have seen the implementation of social isolation, social distancing, working from home, loss of job and income, essential workers, children at school / not at school. No traditional Easter holiday – I did see some awesome home camping – tents camper trailers and the like in front and back yards from people I know and many more that I didn't. It was awesome to see people try and get on with their lives. No longer meeting for coffee, going to a restaurant, the movies. We have learnt a new way of being 1.5m social distancing, hand hygiene, missing our family and friends, grandparents not able to see grandchildren, not able to visit family interstate. We have learnt such things as 14-day quarantine. We have also learnt great sadness with those who have lost their lives to Covid-19.

Anzac Day and ***“Stand at Dawn at the end of your driveway”*** for the Dawn Service was very moving. We had many of our neighbours stand for the Dawn Service as we listened on radios brought out from the home behind. We saw not only the adults but their children and their dogs and other pets as well stand at the end of the driveway. While not the traditional Anzac Day with the diggers both old and young able to celebrate and remember together their service the day was remembered.



With the loss of all we have known as “normal” came the decision not only of Dogs Queensland but all other state governing bodies that all activities involved in the dog world would also need to stop – meetings, training, conformation shows, sports dog trials. This came a great disappointment to many most definitely to me and Furi who was to attempt her TSD10 track just 4 days or rather nights as the TSD10 is a night track after the ban commenced. As a result, from the night of March 16 2020 the COCT has not been able to conduct training of any kind – Sports Dog or Pet Dog. Planned workshops for Rally O and Trick Dog Training have all been put on hold until a time when training can recommence. Likewise, all trials Obedience, Rally O, Agility, Tracking and Track and Search are all cancelled up until the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. At this time, it is unknown if further bans will come into effect.

While we are isolated and our dog training world is not as we know it I thought I would put a few of my thoughts and ideas out there for people. So please forgive me the majority of my photos will be of my dogs.

Our world has changed but so too has that of our dogs. There will be many dogs out there that had a “normal” day of the family heading off to work in the morning and returning in the afternoon. Now people are home all day / or for longer periods than previously. What follows are some ideas of things that you can still be doing with your dogs. Just because club dog training is not possible, we owe it to our dogs to keep their minds and bodies fulfilled with training and exercise because once we come out of the other side of this pandemic, we want to get back to doing what we all love.

DISCLAIMER: What follows are thoughts from myself regarding some training ideas and things to do with your dog such as the photo below. Please at all times be aware of the health and fitness,

training level, general obedience or life skill level of your dog and what is suitable for you and your dog. What Furi is capable of Kenzie was not due to her health and age.

At the end will be a few training resource ideas.



***The Bin Isolation Challenge.***

#### **Place Training.**

Teaching your dog to be able to be calm and settled on place – be it a place bed, a mat, a specific spot in your house. This not only allows your dog somewhere to have some quiet and calm time it prevents the dog being “under your feet” at inopportune times – making dinner, visitors coming over (when isolation is over). During current work at home your dog is not under your feet or making a cameo appearance in your work zoom conference.

Going to the mat is taught in Pet Dog Training.



#### **Crate Training.**

Another awesome skill for your dog to have is to be able to settle in a crate. A crate provides a safe place for your dog – it is not a place of punishment. It is their space. For people wishing to compete in any form of dog sport it is important that their dog is able to go into their crate and chill when not competing as this is not the time or place for dogs to be running freely and potentially interrupting other dogs or disturbing people.



### **Ball (or empty water plastic bottles) Pits.**

A great thing to do with new and not so new puppies while the puppy classes are not available.

All you need the sand pit / swimming pool and plastic balls or clean plastic bottles – as always supervise pups and children around any objects they can place in their mouths.



### **Directed Jump for Obedience.**

Very much a new skill we are working on. Furi knows the send to box and return from the box. Now she needs to learn that there are jumps as well as part of the exercise. Long way to go before the skill is perfected. Second time learning the picture with the jump frames in place.



### **Trick Dogs.**

1 January 2020 saw the introduction of a new ANKC Sport called Trick Dogs. Despite having not yet seen a Trick Dog competition this is going to be an awesome sport for anyone interested in having a lot of fun with your dog. Many people will have already taught their dog tricks as part of their day to day life now there is a sport for those who would love to do more and enter competitions but don't want to do some of the more traditional dog sports such as obedience, rally obedience or agility to name a few.

There are 4 levels of competition for Trick Dogs – Starter, Novice, Intermediate and Advanced. At each level there is a list of possible tricks your dog may attempt. You as the handler get to choose and nominate these on entering the trial. For example, there are 15 possible tricks in start level and you need to successfully complete the six you nominate for a qualification at the trial. Three successful qualifications at three trials and you and your dog will have your Trick Dog Starter title. For further details please read the Rules for conduct of Trick Dog Tests from the ANKC. Available on their web site.



The COCT had planned to conduct a Tricks Workshop with Gay Westmore author of the Trick Dog Training Manual as well as instructional videos for the novice and starter tricks and the intermediate tricks on usb sticks. The current Covid-19 pandemic and resulting restrictions to everyday life has put this on hold. Updates to this as well as general training and club operations will be provided when all current restrictions lift. So, as they say “watch this space”.

Each of these items listed above are available for purchase from Dances with Dogs Queensland. Contact details: Email [dwdcq@live.com.au](mailto:dwdcq@live.com.au) The rules from the ANKC website.

There are a number of Facebook groups dedicated to trick training as well as many You Tube videos so head out there and have lots of fun with your dog because the really exciting thing about tricks you can train at home in isolation. Stay safe stay well and have fun with your dogs.



#### **Send to the Box.**

This is both part of the obedience exercise directed jump and a trick dog test skill – send away 2 metres.

#### **Retrieving objects.**

This is an exercise for both obedience and trick dog competitions.

In Obedience there is the dumbbell or glove retrieve. While in Trick Dog Tests there are a number of different tricks which all involve retrieving objects.



### **Agility.**

Afraid I don't know a lot about agility but still there are some training options out there for people with their own equipment or access to some. Or like this not so clear photo a tunnel from when she was a puppy.



### **Rally O.**

This is a great activity to do at home with your dog. Print a copy of the signs of the ANKC website and lay them on the ground or against a box or pin them to a cone and away you go

I'm sure Judy and Julie will love to see your improvements both you and your dog when training returns.



### **Tracking / Track and Search.**

Where would we be if the Track and Search Coordinator didn't have tracking down to train at home or the parks and streets around your home.

ARTICLES – easy scent them up and lay a row out in your back yard / front yard / the pathway in front of your house – training happening.

As restrictions ease take a family member out to the local parkland set yourself a short track.

Exercise for both you and your dog. Win, win all round.



### Scent Work Trials.

Scent Work Trails are another new sport approved by the ANKC. July 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 was the date for competition to begin. Current restrictions associated with Covid-19 have also affected the implementation and commencement of this sport. So once again watch this space for further details.

Details regarding Scent Work Trails are available on the ANKC website: Rules for conduct of Scent Work Trials.



### The Positions Box.

Used to teach correct positions for exercises in obedience and rally O. Please note these photos do not show good position (taken in a hurry for the magazine).



### Rewards.

The important thing about rewards for your dog is the reward is what your dog finds rewarding not what you think the dog should be rewarded with. For some dogs their favourite reward is food for others a toy or maybe its affection. Whatever it is, it is what the dog wants, not what you want. To find what your dog finds most rewarding have someone hold your dog or tie the dog up place a variety of foods on the ground in front of the dog and when released which does the dog go to first?? You need to repeat a number of times to ensure you have the correct one. The same with toys.

The following series of photos give an example of doing this with toys. The reason for the second photo with all toys closer together was to make her truly chose her reward. For Furi, while the ball is a very high reward, the ultimate reward is water – just not an easy reward to carry with you to training...





*Let's not forget just plain have fun with your dog's play ball, take them walking, swimming for a drive in the car. Our trusty and brilliant magazine editor may hate me for this but I challenge you all to send photos of what you and your dogs have been up to during social isolation for inclusion in the next magazine.*

***(Editor Note – Love that idea! Send those photos in!)***



Lastly there is reading of books, competition rules from the ANKC website, DVD's You Tube, webinars. The topics are endless so while group training can't occur, we can all still learn.

**So - what am I reading / about to read / or have read at the moment:**

- 🐾 The ANKC rules of Trick Dog Tests.
- 🐾 The ANKC rules of Scent Work.
- 🐾 Trick Dog Training Manual.
- 🐾 Obedience Training Manual.
- 🐾 Following Ghosts Developing the tracking Relationship by John W Rice and Suzanne Clothier – a book on tracking
- 🐾 Scent and the Scenting Dog by William G. Syrotuck.
- 🐾 The Nosework Handler Foundation to Finesse by Fred Helfers.
- 🐾 Motivating Miracles by Steve Austin.
- 🐾 Successful Together by Peter Sckerk and Dr Florian Knabl.
- 🐾 Troubleshooting your dog. The Ultimate Canine Fitness Evaluation Guide. By Jean-Pierre Hourdebaigt and Mary Pat Corrigan.



Stay safe stay well and may your toilet paper always be plentiful.

Debbie Schmidt  
**Sports Dog Training Coordinator**  
**Track and Search Coordinator**



## WINTER TIPS FOR YOUR PETS

<https://www.rspcaqlld.org.au/blog/pet-care/tips-for-pets-owners-this-winter>

*Our winters in Townsville and North Queensland are the best time of year with mild temperatures during the day and lovely cool nights. But we do still need to be ready for that occasional cold snap and ensure our pets are warm.*

While planning for winter, responsible pet owners should also start thinking about the comfort levels of their furry companions. If you are starting to feel cold and uncomfortable, then your pet is likely feeling the same way. Luckily, there are a number of simple ways you can keep your pet safe and warm this winter.

### Winter Coats

Although some dog breeds have thick hair to keep them warm, when they are outside or on walks in the cold, they will still likely benefit from an additional winter coat. This is especially important if you have a thin, older or short haired breed.

A good pet-coat or jumper will give coverage from the neck to the base of the tail while also giving protection to their belly. Make sure your pet's coat is the right fit and isn't restricting movement.

### Better bedding

As the weather gets cooler, you might notice your pet is spending more time snuggled up in their bed. You can make a few simple adjustments to their bedding to ensure they are properly protected from the cold.

Make sure your pet's bed is away from drafts and elevated off cold, hard surfaces. You should raise the bed off the ground and add an extra blanket for warmth and comfort. Try not to place the bed too high though, as cold temperatures are especially tough on older dogs with stiff joints who may have difficulty in movement after long periods of rest.

You can place a heating pad or disc in their bed (avoid hot water bottles as there may be the temptation to chew!) to gently warm up the bedding and create a cosy, warm and safe sleeping environment.

### The great indoors

If your pet spends a lot of time outside, then appropriate shelter is essential. Pet shops have a great range of kennels that give protection from the weather. Choose a spot for your pet's housing that is protected from the elements in a warm elevated position. Fill your pet's shelter with dry blankets that are washed regularly.

If your dog is usually kept outside, you could bring them indoors to sleep at night, somewhere warm and dry, away from cold drafts and damp.

### Keep on moving

The temptation in winter is to stay indoors, safely snuggled under a warm blanket. But your dog still needs exercise and boredom busting stimulation. Keep playing indoors with soft toys or a ball to get the blood moving.

Or, grab the lead and head out for a brisk walk together! Your dog will still love the joy of their walk even if it's a bit colder, and you will feel better for the exercise too.

### Senior care

Cold weather can be harder on our older dogs as, just like with people, the drop in temperature can aggravate joints stiff with arthritis. You should be mindful of keeping a healthy exercise regime during winter without over-doing it. Dog walks should take no more than 20 minutes a day over even ground. Exercise encourages good circulation and develops muscle tone. Extra weight on your pet will only worsen joint pain.

Make sure your pet has a warm, comfortable rest area away from drafts and elevated off cold, hard surfaces. If you notice your pet is showing signs of discomfort associated with arthritis, you should take them to their vet for a

check-up. Signs of pain or discomfort include stiffness, chewing or licking certain joints, difficulty walking up or down stairs, eating slowly and noticeable behavioural changes.

- We recommend pets go for 6 monthly check-ups to stay on top of any potential health issues. There are a number of good products which can make your pet feel much happier

Your vet may recommend a number of approaches to help treat arthritis:

- **Supplements:** There are natural supplements of Omega 3 fatty acids, like 4Cyte™, you can get from your vet to give your older dog at meal times. This will encourage healthy joints and help to reduce stiffness.
- **Medication:** Your vet may recommend a regimen of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication.
- **Injection:** Many owners of older dogs have seen great improvements in their pet's arthritis with a 4 week injection course of a product with pentosan eg; Cartrophen Vet. The frequency of treatment varies from once a year for mild cases and up to three times a year for severe cases of arthritis. Cartrophen Vet is a prescribed veterinary medicine which is provided by your vet.

Be mindful that all medications have side effects, so be sure to discuss the prescribed drugs in detail so you can decide the best course of treatment for your pet.

### Heart warmers

Pets are wonderful companions and loving members of the family. Snuggle up and stay warm together this winter, and remember, there's nothing like lots of cuddles to keep the winter blues at bay!

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



## TAKE YOUR DOG TO WORK DAY

### FRIDAY 26 JUNE 2020

**It's the one day where it is completely acceptable to bring your pooch into the office – but make sure you get your boss or company's approval first!**

Established by Pet Sitters International in 1999, Take Your Dog to Work Day, was created to celebrate the companionship of dogs and promote their adoptions. The day has developed as a great way to experience the joys of pets in the workplace, and to raise money for local animal shelters.

Employers are asked to open their businesses to pet dogs to promote the benefits of pet ownership and encourage animal adoption. It is well documented that pets provide a number of physical and mental health benefits for people. Pet dogs in an office environment can be a very positive experience for both workers and the dogs however there are a few rules to follow.

These tips from the RSPCA should help make this experience run smoothly in your workplace...

#### **1. Preparation before Taking your Dog to Work**

Check with your office to see if bringing your dog to work is appropriate and will not affect the health and welfare of your fellow co-workers. Some work environments may be unsuitable as they're not safe for dogs.

Ensure your dog is microchipped, wears an ID Tag and is up to date with vaccinations.

Your dogs should be well socialised with other dogs and people and should not display aggressive behaviours.

#### **2. In the Workplace on the Day**

- Bring **your dog's favourite blanket, bed, food and water bowl and some toys** so that he feels comfortable in this new environment. Having their favourite toys with them will also help keep them stay occupied whilst you're busy working.
- Dogs should remain at the desk of their owner, or the desk of another designated responsible person. For some dogs, this may mean tethering. This is to ensure your dog doesn't wander or get hurt. If appropriate, the dog may also accompany their owner to other areas in the office such as meeting rooms etc.
- When you arrive in the morning, let your dog have some free time to meet any other dogs and say hello to your co-workers.
- Set aside time for toilet breaks and to take your dog for a good walk or walks throughout the day. Walking your dog during your lunch break is not only great exercise for them, but a great opportunity to leave the office and get some fresh air.
- Be ready to clean up after your dog. New environments can be exciting and confusing so accidents may occur. Frequent toilet breaks should minimise any risk of this occurring but if it happens, never punish your dog.
- To help keep your co-workers happy, dogs should not have access to the kitchen area. If they accidentally do enter the kitchen area, call them towards you (using a food treat is helpful) and reward them when they come to you. Prevent access to the area by closing doors.
- Ensure your dog and their belongings do not become trip hazards in the office and be sure to clean up any debris associated with your dog.
- Remember to reward your dog's calm behaviour in the office. Rewarding calm behaviour reinforces calmness and makes the dog more likely to behave in this way again in the future.



#### **What if you could Bring your Dog to Work every Day?**

A US survey found that **78% of employed pet parents would bring their dog to work** if their employer allowed it—and nearly two-thirds (63%) would bring them along frequently.

For some lucky employees and their pooches, this is already a reality as more and more companies worldwide are adopting dog-friendly office policies, though Australia seems to be lagging behind yet again!

**Vale Jax (T Ch Raennik Natan RN)**  
**16/04/14 - 26/02/20**  
**Laid to Rest after a sudden and severe illness**



After several wonderful laidback therapy dogs, Jax was my first serious competition dog & my first seriously high drive dog. Our journey didn't go as smoothly as originally planned, it may not have been an easy ride, but what a journey it was. Working with him taught me so much as a handler/trainer & person, he taught me to look & think outside of the square for what you need & want, work hard & reap the rewards.

My wonderful mate, a great dog who gave me so much more than I ever knew I needed, he always gave everything he did in life 100% effort, then went back for more & we shared a fantastic journey. Thank you, Leigh Robertson, for the gift of trusting me with this magic boy. He is greatly missed by us all who knew & loved him ❤️

**Janette Cussons**





## Welcome Quinn (Haveloc Quinn)

Whelped at the beginning of COVID-19 lockdown in early March 2020. With very limited transportation options and after checking with authorities, Quinn's breeder Glynis Hendricks and I travelled via road to meet in Mackay so he could be transferred directly to me. Julie Doig accompanied me to share the driving (thanks again Julie) so I could attend to Quinn who travelled like a dream, sleeping most of the way (saved his demons up to let out during the night, lol).

Quinn comes from true working lines, with his breeder Glynis Hendricks (Haveloc German Shepherds) an ANKC breeder, breeding to the GSDCA breed standard and specific health schemes, who also competes at top level in both ANKC and IGP (formerly IPO/Shutzhund), her breeding follows that - temperament, health, workability and drive.

Quinn has great food and toy drive, but a very easy-going laidback temperament. He's pretty chilled about most things and I'll be working hard to keep it that way.

With the current restrictions on all club training etc., it's critical we get out and start our training now. The current COVID-19 social distancing rules mean there are currently no puppy classes etc, however that's not necessarily a bad thing and there are benefits. We have been doing calm social visits with family/friends and their dogs. No wild free play as I want him to be neutral around other dogs, rather than highly aroused by them.

I am very lucky to have him and to ensure he has the best life, we are commencing a program of life skills etc utilizing the Michael Ellis Online Puppy Raising course for working/competition puppies and will also shortly start a one-on-one puppy program with Michael Burling (The Dogfather Dogtraining) developed to work with and develop our skills using and enriching his wonderful genetics.

We are also commencing our tracking / scent work training with scent pads and short indication games with the plan of entering the paddocks next year,

I am very much looking forward to our journey together, re-commencement of club training, catching up with you all and introducing Quinn in person. See you all out on the field,

**Janette Cussons and Quinn**





## The Misunderstanding of Time

Nancy Tanner

[www.nancytanner.com/2016/04/11/the-misunderstanding-of-time/?fbclid=IwAR1C9riq3f6JTl3tCdoifMFHe208BkadShBuC\\_2CtkXuPIUlbUwpZSifcQ4](http://www.nancytanner.com/2016/04/11/the-misunderstanding-of-time/?fbclid=IwAR1C9riq3f6JTl3tCdoifMFHe208BkadShBuC_2CtkXuPIUlbUwpZSifcQ4)

When I am asked what is the biggest problem in dog training today, it is the same problem I saw fourteen years ago, thirty years ago, it is the misunderstanding of time.

It takes time to learn how to be a teacher to another species.

It takes time to learn how to learn from another species.

It takes time to build understanding.

It takes time to learn how to observe and how to apply what you observe.

It takes time to build a relationship with trust.

It takes time to get to know one another.

It takes time to teach.

It takes an enormous amount of time to build skill on both ends of the leash.

It takes time to learn.

It takes time to learn about humility.

It takes time to learn how to work together.

It takes time to learn about the things in training you don't even know that you don't know yet.

It takes time to learn about your own short comings.

It takes time to forgive your own short comings and learn how to move on with your dog.

It takes a life time to practice compassion.

It takes time, all of it.

You cannot rush a relationship.

You cannot rush the teaching or learning process, on either end of the leash.

You cannot rush maturity or the lack there of.

You cannot rush your skills, or your dog's understanding of your skills.

My advice to new dog owners, seasoned dog owners, and want to be dog owners – learn how to settle in, learn that nothing will happen overnight.

Learn that if you try to take short cuts and try to make it all happen to fit your schedule, or your desires, or your needs, it will come back to bite you in the ass, figuratively or literally.





## **“It’s okay... he’s friendly!”**

**No. It’s not okay.** If you see a dog on a leash - call your dog away.  
If your off-lead dog doesn’t have good enough recall to be called away from an on-leash dog - don’t let them off and take the time to train them.

**Please think about the other dogs, not just your own.**

Dogs can be on-leash for all sorts of reasons, not just because they are fearful of other dogs. Some reasons to recall your dog away:

- recovering from surgery
- poor recall
- elderly / sick
- new rescue dog
- restricted exercise
- young puppy

**Protect your dog:** dogs who have poor recall can get into all sorts of trouble. If your dog is bitten (even just once) this could lead to your own dog becoming fearful.

If you need help, send us a message @



## When to Worry About Your Dog's Runny Nose

[www.whole-dog-journal.com/health/when-to-worry-about-your-dogs-runny-nose/](http://www.whole-dog-journal.com/health/when-to-worry-about-your-dogs-runny-nose/)

If your dog is having excessive nasal discharge, there are a number of possible causes. Find out what your dog's runny nose could mean here

It's that time of year again. Runny noses and sneezes abound for us humans, as new plants bloom in the fall. But did you know that your dog can suffer a runny nose too? Dog runny noses are more correctly called nasal discharge. It can run the gamut from clear and watery to thick and purulent. The appearance and frequency of nasal discharge in dogs can tell you much about the underlying cause.

A thin, watery discharge without colour or odour is likely a sign of mild irritation in the nasal cavities. This can occur with seasonal allergies or other causes of inflammation within the nose such as an inhaled foreign object (grass and seeds). In some cases, antihistamines will clear up the discharge without further incident. Dogs do sometimes respond to environmental allergens just as humans do—with red, watery eyes, sneezing, and a runny nose.

### More Serious Causes of Dog Runny Noses

In cases where the discharge is thick, has odor, or discoloration with blood or pus, more serious causes are suspected. If this is the case, your veterinarian will do a thorough investigation of your dog's recent history (any history of kennel boarding, grooming, dog park visits, or doggy daycare? Any exposure to dogs otherwise?) and a physical exam. They will also review your dog's vaccination status to make sure that they are current.

Once the initial history and exam are finished, your veterinarian will discuss possible causes of your dog's runny nose. If both nostrils are involved, the causes are frequently different than if only one nostril. Both nostrils points to a more generalized cause while one nostril points to a localized source. If the discharge is clear, thin, and watery, your veterinarian may try antihistamines and monitoring at home for any other signs. If none develop, and your dog seems otherwise healthy, it may be normal for a small amount of discharge to occur. No further treatment may be needed.

If the discharge continues or worsens, then more diagnostics are needed. In the case of unilateral discharge (one nostril involved), the causes could include an inhaled foreign body such as grass or grass awns leading to rhinitis, a fungal infection, or a nasal tumor. Your veterinarian will likely try a course of antibiotics. If no response occurs, then the next step is generally a rhinoscopy. In this procedure, your dog will be anesthetized, a camera will be inserted into the nostril to look at the area, and samples will be taken for culture and biopsy. In some cases, a CT scan of the head is needed to make a definitive diagnosis.

If both nostrils are involved, this points to a more generalized problem such as a viral or bacterial infection. Dogs are prone to both especially if they board at a kennel, visit the dog park, or go to grooming facilities.

Canine influenza is becoming more common in the dog population. In this case, concurrent with the runny nose would be a fever, sneezing and coughing, lethargy, and often lack of appetite. Pneumonia is a possible side effect. Canine kennel cough, a common bacterial complex, can also cause a nasal discharge. This generally occurs when the disease progresses to pneumonia.

### Summary

In the case of a dog with no other symptoms and some clear nasal discharge, a runny nose is not cause for immediate concern. It is when your pet develops other symptoms such as red, watery eyes, sneezing, coughing, fever, lack of appetite, or lethargy that a trip to the veterinarian is warranted.

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



**Dog training needs consistency (especially in the beginning stages).** It is not like a woodworking project that you can pick up every couple weeks, work on it for an hour or two and then put it away to continue when you have time again.

Instead, it is more like house work - if you don't clean your home for 3 weeks, you can start over from the beginning.



**SPIRITDOG**  
Training



## BAKED LIVER CAKE DOG TREAT

Recipe by Julie Doig



3 x eggs

500g up to 800g lambs' liver (beef or chicken)  
if you use more liver you will need to add an extra egg



1 1/2 x cups coconut or rice flour



1 x teaspoons baking powder



4 to 6 tablespoons coconut oil



1/4 cup parmesan cheese



A good handful,  
finely chopped parsley,  
fresh is best.



2 x cloves crushed garlic





3 x tablespoons Treacle (I use **no sugar** rice malt syrup)

## METHOD

- Preheat oven 180o C, mix all ingredients together well **IN A BLENDER** & place on grease proof paper in 9" x 9" slice tray.
- Bake for 40 to 50 minutes until golden brown.
- Allow to cool before cutting into training size treats.
- I freeze the cubed treats into daily training quantities.
- Picture below is what it looks like before I popped it in the oven.
- Adding Coconut Oil stops the treats crumbling, but can be left out if you like.



# BAKED TUNA FUDGE DOG TREAT

Recipe by Julie Doig



2 x 425g cans – drained  
(or similar brand)



3 x raw eggs



1 x cup coconut flour



1 x teaspoons  
baking powder



4 to 6 tablespoons  
coconut oil



¼ cup parmesan  
cheese



Good handful chopped  
parsley, fresh is best

## Method:

- Preheat oven 180°C, mix all ingredients together well
- & place on grease proof paper in 9" x 9" slice tray.
- Bake for 30 to 40 minutes until golden brown.
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## 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
<b>April Double Trial – CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19</b>			
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7pm	Obedience all levels	Cathy O'Shea
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7pm	Rally O all levels	Roel Wittkamp
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Jumpers all levels	Tim Fairchild
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Agility all levels	Roel Wittkamp
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Jumpers all levels	Tim Fairchild
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	after gamblers	Agility all levels	Roel Wittkamp
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Obedience all levels	Cathy O'Shea
<b>May Double Trial -- CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19</b>			
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	UDX	Barbara Murfet
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	UD CDX CD CCD	Tricia Williams
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	after UDX	Rally O all levels	Barbara Murfet
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Jumpers all levels	Tim Fairchild
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	after Agility	Snooker all levels	Annette Gniel
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	Rally O all levels	Barbara Murfet
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Obedience all levels	Barbara Murfet
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Jumpers all levels	Annette Gniel
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	after pairs	Agility all levels	Tim Fairchild
<b>July Double Trial -- CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19</b>			
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Obedience UD CDX CD CCD	Lisa Sinclair
		UDX	Cathy O'Shea
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	Rally O all levels	Maryanne Fazekas
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Jumpers	Tim Fairchild
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	after Gamblers	Agility all levels	Roger Padfield
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	4 pm	Rally O all levels	Maryanne Fazekas
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Obedience UD CDX CD CCD	Maryanne Fazekas
July 18 <sup>th</sup>		UDX	Cathy O'Shea
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Jumpers all levels	Roger Padfield
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	after Pairs	Agility all levels	Tim Fairchild

DATE	TIME	TRIAL	JUDGES
<b>July/August Double Trial – CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19</b>			
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	7pm	Obedience UD CDX CD CCD UDX	Lisa Sinclair Judy Forbes-Faulkner
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	7 pm	Rally O	Julie Doig
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	2pm	Jumpers all levels	Roel Wittkamp
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	agility after	Gamblers all levels	Heather Northover
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	4 pm	Rally O all levels	Julie Doig
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	7pm	Obedience all levels	Judy Forbes-Faulkner
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	7pm	Jumpers all levels	Heather Northover
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	pairs then	Agility all levels	Roel Wittkamp
<b>August Double Trial – CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19</b>			
August 28 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Obedience all levels	Terry Griffin
August 28 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Rally O all levels	Roel Wittkamp
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	2 pm	Agility all levels	Terry Griffin
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	snooker after	Jumpers all levels	Roel Wittkamp
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	Rally O all levels	Julie Doig
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	Obedience UD CDX CD CCD UDX	Lisa Sinclair Judy Forbes-Faulkner
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Jumpers all levels	Terry Griffin
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	agility after	Gamblers all levels	Roel Wittkamp
<b>September Double Trial</b>			
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	UD CDX CD CCD UDX	Tricia Williams TBA
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Rally O all levels	Andrea Wohlhuter
Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	Gamblers all levels	Roel Wittkamp
Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>	agility after	no open class	Roel Wittkamp
Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	UD CDX CD CCD UDX	Tricia Williams TBA
Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Rally O all levels	Andrea Wohlhuter
Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>	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**

**ALL CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Trial</b>	<b>Judge</b>	<b>Location</b>
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



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DOGS SNACK  
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