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*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !!*

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**The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Editor  
or Committee Members of the COCT Inc.**

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

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

Annual General Meeting held first Monday in August

Executive Committee meetings held as called by Secretary

**Club Web Site:** [www.coct.com.au](http://www.coct.com.au)



Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc



## Canine Obedience Club Townsville Inc President's Report

Happy end of 2020, I am quite sure that many of us won't miss it when it's over. Let's hope that 2021 is a more productive and social year for the club and members.

Since my last report, there has finally been quite a lot to report on, and if I miss anyone, sorry, it's not intentional.

Firstly, we had two weekends of Obedience trials, one Rally Obedience trial and one of Track and Search. Travellers also got to attend a Trick Dog trial in Cairns. From these trials we had several Trick qualifications including our first title. From the Track and Search trial we had two titles including a Track and Search Grand Champion Tracking Champion. So I'm actually looking forward to seeing what next year has to offer!

While trialling is now over for the year, we are still moving forward. We will have Trick Dog training, once Sunday afternoons are approved. Those who started the Rally-O workshop will get to finish it after it had to be shelved, for COVID-19 restrictions. We have completed Week 3 of this year's second and final Pet Dog Training course of the year, and let's not forget that our trophy night dinner is still to come.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year. It's an honour for me to be able to write this report, late that it is and holding poor Diane's magazine up. I love the work that you do with your dogs and the great attitude that you bring to the process. If you are on the roads over Christmas, please take care and come back safely in the New Year.

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
- 🐾 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>



**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.



**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.





## 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'?

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

**NEXT MEETING MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2020 and MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2021.** 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.

## THURSDAY NIGHT OBEDIENCE TRAINING – LIMITED TO 20 PEOPLE

General Obedience and Rally-O practice is held each Thursday evening (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.

## TRICK DOG TRAINING

Wanting something different to do with your four legged mate? The ANKC has officially mandated Trick Dog Trials into it's suite of events and brings an additional level of fun to compliment Rally and Agility. There are all sorts of props used for many of the tricks – jumps, cones, platform (*pictured right*), mats, poles etc. Our Club has commenced Trick Dog classes on Sunday afternoons from 5.00pm (or later as the weather heats up). Cost is \$5.00 per class, and you need to be a financial member of the Club to attend. Newcomers must contact Secretary Janette Cussons on [secretary@coct.com.au](mailto:secretary@coct.com.au) for further information and before attending for the first time.



## 2020 OBEDIENCE, AGILITY and TRACKING TRIALS

Due to COVID-19 almost the entire 2020 trialling season was cancelled. With restrictions easing late July we were fortunate to hold an Obedience Rally only trial in August, and can do so again in September. We were fortunate to gain approval for a Track and Search trial in October with a wonderful outcome for one of our members and her canine – read all about it further in the mag. Let's hope we can hold more trials in 2021!

## 2020 CHRISTMAS BREAKUP / TROPHY PRESENTATIONS

Yes, like it or not we are getting closer to Christmas! Our Breakup and Trophy Presentation night will be on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020** at the Kirwan Sports Club on Bamford Lane. It will be a great night with heaps of good food, good company, trivia quiz, Christmas Hamper Raffle (donations to the hamper gratefully received! Please leave in laundry basket in clubhouse), and lucky door prizes.

With Covid reducing our trials to just three, the number of Title and Perpetual Tophies being awarded this year are much reduced, but we do have a handful, one in particular a very special Grand Champion. Menu and pricing info on the next page. Mark the 5<sup>th</sup> December in your Calendar so you don't miss out!





## CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC

### 2020 CHRISTMAS PARTY AND BREAKUP

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> 2020  
From 6.30pm – Dinner 7.00pm



KIRWAN SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB  
BAMFORD LANE, KIRWAN

Come along to our end of year presentation night  
Guest Speaker : TBA  
Trivia Quiz  
Trophy and Title presentations  
Great Food and Company!

Cost - \$35.00

Instructors and Committee Members free



### Menu

#### Main

Roasted pork with traditional gravy & apple sauce  
Asian style honey sesame seed chicken / Bombay mild beef curry /  
Lemongrass scented coconut rice /  
Steamed garden veg / Roasted rosemary potatoes  
Potato bacon salad / Creamy sundried tomato & pesto pasta salad /  
Market green leaf salad / Baked dinner rolls & butter

#### Dessert

Pavlova topped with tropical fruits / Assorted cheesecake

RSVP to Renate by Friday 20 November 2020

\$5.00 deposit for Committee Members / Instructors (refundable on the night)

\$35.00 Members and Visitors



### CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Our popular Christmas Hampers will again be raffled this year,  
and we need you to help fill them up!  
Donations gratefully received of quality homemade  
or purchased human or dog items.  
Please leave in laundry basket in clubhouse or with ladies at canteen.



Tickets on sale 1 October 2020 until drawn at Christmas Party Break Up  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020 - Winners will be notified if not present.

Tickets : \$1.00 each – Will be available from Clubhouse on training nights or at Christmas Party



## *YOUR DOG'S HOLIDAY SNAPS*

*The January-February 2021 edition will feature  
photos of what your dog got up to over the break –  
waiting for Santa, chilling out, playing, swimming, on holidays,  
or anything else they got up to!*

*Please email your photos to me at [dandr11@aapt.net.au](mailto:dandr11@aapt.net.au)*

*by 31 December 2020.*

*AND a Big Thank You to everyone who has contributed  
articles, photos, funnies, reports, and results of the three trials we  
squeezed in at the end of the year.*

*It has been a different year to say the least with Covid-19,  
let's hope 2021 is a little better.*

*Diane MacIntyre, Editor*



## TRAINING CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

Hi Everyone 😊

We have recently finished up our first intake for the year.

- Thirteen hard working teams in Beginners were successfully upgraded into the Intermediate level.
- Ten out of twelve teams in Intermediate graduated into the Advanced level.
- Most of the Advanced class had already received their certificates, but enjoy coming back to refresh their skills and keep up socialising their fur buddies with other dogs in the class situation.

We have now begun the second and final intake for the year and what an intake it is!

**Five** Beginners classes with a total of 39 teams!!!!

This is only possible thanks to our dedicated volunteer Instructors, **Snow, Noel, Joy, Luci** and yours truly. **Luci** began this intake with her very own class for the first time. We hope to see lots more of Luci on the field sharing her knowledge and providing Teams with invaluable skills.

**Lisa** has eight Teams in her Intermediate class and has already introduced them to a very important life skill.....the etiquette required for getting in and out of the car in a safe way.

Lisa used her own car in the carpark and engaged her own dog Coffee Cream to demonstrate each element involved in the correct approach to entering and exiting the car. Impulse control, the 'sit' exercise, focus, the 'wait' exercise, duration, as well as loose lead walking between all the other classes (distraction) to and from the carpark. Well done to all of you.

This is what Pet Dog Training is all about. Applying the skills, you learn in class, to real life situations. The more you are able to include your dog in your life the easier it will be to provide your fur buddy with training opportunities which will lead to faster learning, better two-way communication, and a happy household.....It won't happen over-night.....but it will happen.

**Judy** has taken on the Advanced class which varies in size each week. Some are regulars to the Advanced class like the gorgeous **Noodle** and the talented **Tara**. Some are new to the class like our dashing **Diggle**, who I hear is being a very good boy and continuing to improve on controlling his emotions (but apparently, not his bowel motions 😊). Good work Team Diggle.

So, it is wonderful to see the field full of dogs again 😊.

However, we can't let our guard down in the current Covid climate. Sadly, this means we will not be able to have our annual Christmas party fun and festivities normally offered on the last night of training 😞. Our first priority is always a safe training environment for you, your dog and of course our amazing volunteers.

Until next time....happy training 😊 and remember just a couple of minutes a couple of times a day is great and please remember to include lots of play.

**Deb Fazel**  
**Training Coordinator**

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

## PET DOG TRAINING UPGRADES

### TERM 1 2020

#### BEGINNERS

| Handler Name                                    | Dog's Name | Breed                        |
|---|------------|------------------------------|
| Richard Hatherell & Katherine Truntic-Hatherell | Nimbus     | Dacshund X French Bulldog    |
| Tessa Mackie & Mikhail Fanti                    | Lenny      | Jack Russel Terrier X Kelpie |
| Jeff & Sue Sampson                              | Faith      | Weimaraner                   |
| Phil Mercurio                                   | Chilli     | Dacshund X Kelpie            |
| Tanisha Bakker-Honeyman                         | Beau       | Border Collie                |
| Shereen Gilmore & Haydon Scott                  | Lewis      | Border Collie                |
| Bernadette Granata                              | Remi       | Border Collie                |
| Sue O'Farrell                                   | Teddy      | Border Collie                |
| Demia   | Lacie      | Toy Poodle                   |
| Holly Davies & Josh Tebbutt                     | Alkira     | Ridgeback X                  |
| Nathan Aleander & Emma Molloy                   | Pixie      | Bull Arab X                  |
| Renee Melchert                                  | Odin       | Mastiff X                    |
| Marlinda Squires                                | K          | German Shepherd              |

#### INTERMEDIATE

| Handler Name               | Dog's name | Breed                       |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| Stephen Broomham           | Poppy      | German Shepherd Dog X       |
| Sally Ede                  | Tino       | Labradoodle                 |
| Mary Ede                   | Giorgi     | Spaniel X Poodle X Labrador |
| Margaret Evans             | Socks      | Border Collie               |
| Emma Hanson                | Oscar      | Dalmatian                   |
| Mark & Kath Lewis          | Gus        | Labrador                    |
| Juanita Long & Mel Durheim | Diggle     | Ridgeback                   |
| Jodie & Darran Morris      | Luna       | Dalmation                   |
| Rachel Reithmuller         | Lacey      | German Shepherd Dog         |
| Erik Kraft                 | Oscar      | Mastiff X Labrador          |

## TRIAL SECRETARY REPORT

### DOUBLE OBEDIENCE / RALLY TRIAL 25-26 SEPTEMBER 2020

I have to start by saying how amazed I am on the year we have had at the Club and how thankful I am to all those members who made our last Obedience and Rally O trial a success despite all the Covid restrictions.

Most of all I would like to thank Janette Cussons who is now our new Secretary, and at the trial our Covid Co-ordinator and monitor.

*Below : Janette Cussons checking in Lisa Sinclair and Coffee Crème as per the Club's COVID-19 plan.*



After the August double trial, our first trial for 2020, this one was slightly more relaxed as we all had an idea of the individual jobs that were imposed on club members. I would also like to add special thanks to Joy Tomes for her amazing skills at keeping us all sanitised and potentially Covid free and all the other club members who assisted as stewards and general helpers.

My thanks also go to our two Judges Tricia Williams and Andrea Wohlhuter for agreeing to judge under these unusual conditions and to Roel Wittkamp who made a special trip to assist in stewarding, and Sharon Daniels who took over all the K9 computer entries in Leisa Cassidy's absence.

Now to the results and what a trial it was. Considering the low numbers of entries received we had several successes.

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Annette Wooley achieved a qual with her German Shepherd Ace in CDX. In CD Andrea Wohlhuter gained a 190Q with her Malinois Ninja and Luci Robinson a 179Q with Chilli her Labrador X.



Further success was achieved in CCD with Julie Doig gaining a 94 Q and title with Gus her Smooth Collie well done Julie and Gus, also congratulations go to Peter Alexander and his German Shepherd Odin with a 92Q.

In Rally O Masters Annette Wooley and Ace gained a 92Q, and Luci Robinson and Chilli an 88Q There were also successes in Rally Novice with Peter Alexander getting a 94Q with Odin and Rob Brooker a 92 Q with Bailey his Labrador.

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> the weather was not kind to us all as it was hot and steamy making any scents from the grounds far more interesting to the dogs than what their owners were saying but despite this there were several more successes.

Once again Annette Wooley and Ace gained a 181 Q in CDX (*pic below left*), and in CD there were 4 quals!!!! Andrea Wohlhuter with Ninja a 195Q and title, Joy Tomes a 177Q and title with Chewie her Border collie; Luci Robinson (*Pic below middle*) a 176Q and Title with Chilli; and myself a 176Q with Pearl my Border collie. There was also success in CCD with Rob Brooker gaining an 85Q with Bailey (*Pic below right*).



In the Rally ring there were also successes with Kirsten Nilson and Duke her Belgian Shepherd getting a 95Q and Annette Wooley and Ace an 89Q. Kirsten also had success in Rally Excellent A with a 92Q with Zari her Mailinois and Christine Stubbe an 82 Q with Tilly and finally Rob Brooker and Bailey gained a 92Q in Rally Novice.

I would like to close by thanking all the competitors especially those that travelled from Cairns and Mackay to join us. Take care over our Northern wet season and hopefully we will see you all again when we start again at Easter 2021.

Judy Forbes-Faulkner  
Trial Secretary COCT Inc.

**CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC**  
**SEPTEMBER 2020 DOUBLE OBEDIENCE AND RALLY O TRIAL**

NQ = No Qual   Q = Qualification 🐶   T = Title 🐶🐶

**TRIAL ONE : Friday 25 September 2020**

**OBEDIENCE**

**Judge : Judy Forbes-Faulkner**

| UDX | Competitor       | Dogs Name | Score |
|-----|------------------|-----------|-------|
| 1st | Andrea Wohlhuter | Shelby    | W/D   |

**Judge: Patricia Williams**

| UD  | Competitor    | Dogs Name    | Score |
|-----|---------------|--------------|-------|
| 1st | Lisa Sinclair | Coffee Crème | 120   |
| 2nd | Cathy O'Shea  | Dante        | 112   |

**CDX**

|       |                |       |     |
|-------|----------------|-------|-----|
| 1st Q | Annette Wooley | Ace   | 178 |
| 2nd   | Julie Doig     | Zoe   | 166 |
| 3rd   | Jana Fogerty   | Scout | 122 |

**CD**

|       |                      |        |     |
|-------|----------------------|--------|-----|
| 1st Q | Andrea Wohlhuter     | Ninja  | 190 |
| 2nd Q | Luci Robinson        | Chilli | 179 |
| 3rd   | Judy Forbes-Faulkner | Pearl  | 143 |

**CCD**

|         |                 |        |    |
|---------|-----------------|--------|----|
| 1st + T | Julie Doig      | Gus    | 94 |
| 2nd Q   | Peter Alexander | Odin   | 92 |
| 3rd NQ  | Rob Brooker     | Bailey | 83 |

**RALLY O**

**Judge: Andrea Wohlhuter**

| Masters | Competitor     | Dogs Name | Score |
|---------|----------------|-----------|-------|
| 1st Q   | Annette Wooley | Ace       | 92    |
| 2nd Q   | Lucy Robinson  | Chilli    | 88    |
| 3rd     | Jana Fogerty   | Scout     | 64    |

**Ex A**

|     |                  |       |    |
|-----|------------------|-------|----|
| 1st | Christine Stubbe | Tilly | 77 |
|-----|------------------|-------|----|

**Ex B**

|     |            |
|-----|------------|
| 1st | No entries |
|-----|------------|

**Ad A**

|     |            |
|-----|------------|
| 1st | No entries |
|-----|------------|

**Ad B**

|     |            |
|-----|------------|
| 1st | No entries |
|-----|------------|

**Novice**

|       |                 |        |    |
|-------|-----------------|--------|----|
| 1st Q | Peter Alexander | Odin   | 94 |
| 2nd Q | Rob Brooker     | Bailey | 92 |

**TRIAL TWO : Saturday 26 September 2020****OBEDIENCE****Judge : Judy Forbes-Faulkner**

| <b>UDX</b> | <b>Competitor</b> | <b>Dogs Name</b> | <b>Score</b> |
|------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1st        | Andrea Wohlhuter  | Shelby           | W/D          |

**Judge: Patricia Williams****UD**

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| 1st | Lisa Sinclair  | Coffee Crème | 114 |
| 2nd | Cathy O'Shea   | Dante        | 112 |
| 3rd | Kirsten Nilson | Duke         | 111 |

**CDX**

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|-------|----------------|-----|-----|
| 1st Q | Annette Wooley | Ace | 181 |
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**CD**

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|---------|----------------------|--------|-----|
| 1st + T | Andrea Wohlhuter     | Ninja  | 195 |
| 2nd + T | Joy Tomes            | Chewie | 177 |
| 3rd + T | Luci Robinson        | Chilli | 176 |
| 4th Q   | Judy Forbes-Faulkner | Pearl  | 176 |

**CCD**

|        |                |        |    |
|--------|----------------|--------|----|
| 1st Q  | Rob Brooker    | Bailey | 85 |
| 2nd NQ | Sharon Daniels | Briny  | 81 |

**Rally O****Judge: Andrea Wohlhuter**

| <b>Masters</b> | <b>Competitor</b> | <b>Dogs Name</b> | <b>Score</b> |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1st Q          | Kirsten Nilson    | Duke             | 95           |
| 2nd Q          | Annette Wooley    | Ace              | 89           |
| 3rd            | Luci Robinson     | Chilli           | 68           |

**Ex A**

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|-------|------------------|-------|----|
| 1st Q | Kirsten Nilson   | Zari  | 92 |
| 2nd Q | Christine Stubbe | Tilly | 82 |

**Ex B**

No entries

**Ad A**

Entry withdrawn

**Ad B**

No entries

**Novice**

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|-------|-------------|--------|----|
| 1st Q | Rob Brooker | Bailey | 92 |
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## Track and Search Trial Report October 2020 Double Trial

Judges Mr Roel Wittkamp from the Tablelands. Ms Debbie Schmidt from Townsville.

This is a report I never expected to be writing in 2020!

When Covid-19 was declared a global pandemic earlier in the year and all Queensland dog sports were shut down by Dogs Queensland (as did the other states and Territories) any dog sports for the year seemed unlikely. The shutdown occurred 5 days before our March double Track and Search Trial was to be run. When initially there was to be a review in a month re possibly starting sports again the club approached Dogs Queensland regarding the possibility of running our March Trial in October 2020. The long wait then began as Covid-19 shut downs extended to life as we all knew it and a “new normal” began. The new normal we are still learning.

With the relaxation of shut down and dog sports allowed to be run again under strict Covid-19 safety plans the members of the COCT Inc undertook the huge amount of work preparing multiple plans – to recommence obedience training, to run the August and September Obedience and Rally O trials (agility at the time was not as easy to have a plan for), recommence Pet Dog Training and lastly prepare a Covid safe plan to enable a Track and Search trial to be run.

As the saying goes, at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour the Covid plan was approved by Dogs Queensland to run the trial. So, with little time to prepare, preparation occurred. The North Queensland clubs had been given a heads up regarding a possible trial which was fortunate as the schedule did not make it into Paw Prints as was expected following approval. In the end the trial was a small but successful one with 3 Titles awarded. A Track and Search Grand Champion and 2 Track and Search Dogs.

Unlike our usual program, this trial we needed to run dogs consecutively rather than have both judges working at the same time due to the very limited number of available helpers and the need to add Covid safety stewards and managers to the trial program.

### **Friday Night of Trial One.**

The trial commenced with the running of the TSD 10 on the Friday night. Judge for the night was Mr Roel Wittkamp from the Tablelands. After a very nervous 4 hour wait for the handler, I got to harness Furi (German Shepherd Dog TS Ch T Ch Monsimbee They Call Me Furi (AZ) RN) for an attempt for her Grand Champion - it had been 15 months since her last competition track). Harness on and off Furi headed. Checked out the first corner near the soccer field -nope the track layer isn't in the car sitting on the corner and not with the people there - so corner taken and off she went. A nervous time for handler (me) as the next corner had a dog sitting with the owner on the front steps of the house. Furi kept tracking, corner taken and as they say, the rest is history. No hesitation for the 300meter car section with the 2 turns. Tracked on with no deviation from the track to find the track layer and safety steward at the end of the track, earning herself an Excellent Pass for her work.

***Right: A beaming and proud Debbie Schmidt with Furi after their successful TSD10 Grand Champion Track and Search track.***







***Above : Judge Roel Wittkamp presenting Debbie Schmidt her TSD10 Grand Champion Track and Search Ribbon and Certificate.***

**Saturday Morning and the continuation of Trial One.**

First dog out judged by Ms Debbie Schmidt of Townsville was Tara (German Shepherd Dog Chakoonya Cobalion (AZ) RA TD) with Julie Combridge. Attempting a TSD 3 for their Track and Search Dog Title Tara spent some time checking out the start gate, did a perfect drop on the start bag and the end gate ribbon before heading off on the track. Ignored the diversion track, spent some time checking out the children's play area adjacent to the track before heading off. At the first article Tara was more interested at what was behind the fence rather than acknowledging the article she basically walked over. From that point nose down and off she went. Coming to the second article tracking a little high the wind brought her down onto the article and a perfect drop she had her article indication for the track. Then it was on to the track layer several hundred metres further on and a Good Pass for her Track and Search Dog Title. Congratulations.



***Above: Julie Combridge being awarded her TSD3 Title Ribbon and Certificate by Judge Debbie Schmidt while keeping within the rules under the new world of Covid-19 of gloves and social distancing.***

Mr Roel Wittkamp then judged the next two tracks. First was Marilyn McKee's Miniature Poodle Ollie attempting a TSD3. Ollie (Ollie RE TD CD ADX JDX JDO SPD SDX GDX) started well, took a little interest in the diversion track layer before coming back onto the track and nose down was heading along the right way very nicely. The first article was maybe 100 meters ahead when a different scent took Ollie off to the left and he wasn't coming back so sadly not Marilyn and Ollie's day.

Our final dog for the day with Mr Roel Wittkamp judging was Isa (Doberman Dual Ch (T) Kriegmann Vanity Fair (AI) ) and Tanya Hill. Having drawn the final track, the morning was heating up – a reason we normally don't track at this time of the year. Isa headed off a little to the left of the track totally ignoring the diversion track and continued to the left of the track, reaching the first corner and turning in the correct direction. A fair amount of circling the track checking out where she wanted to go saw her miss her first article. Isa continued along the track enjoying the few shady sections of the track before turning into the sun once again to indicate the second article and take the final corner before slowly making her way to the track layer and safety steward resting beneath a lovely shady tree. So, with a grading of a Pass Isa earned her Track and Search Dog Title. Congratulations.



***Above : Tanya Martin being awarded her TSD3 Title Ribbon and Certificate by Judge Roel Wittkamp while keeping within the rules under the new world of Covid-19 of gloves and social distancing.***

**Sunday morning** saw the Second Trial run in cooler conditions. Sadly, after the success of trial one trial two was all hard luck stories.

First out was Tanya and Isa on their first attempt at a TSD4 track under judge Debbie Schmidt. Isa started initially interested in heading to the right of the track but brought herself back on track slowly making her way to the first corner at which point she just couldn't pick up the track so ended their day.

The hard luck stories continued with Marilyn and Ollie attempting a TSD3 under judge Roel Wittkamp never truly picked up the track so sadly a very early finish to the track.

Last dog out was Tara and Julie again with Roel judging their first attempt at a TSD4. After a beautiful gate start and checking out both directions the first corner the right side turned out to be more interesting than the correct turn to the left so once again a very early finish to the track.

I am going to include below the thank you email sent by Tracking Coordinator and Trial Manager Janette Cussons for this October trial as it sums things up very well.



*Hi Everyone*

*With Covid-19 seeing the cancellation of our usual Track & Search/Tracking season, easing of restrictions saw us given the opportunity of a single double Track & Search Trial. Today saw the successful completion of that trial under very hot, trying October conditions.*

*I'd like to thank our Judges Roel Wittkamp & Debbie Schmidt firstly for agreeing to judge a trial this late in the year & our competitors for generally mucking in wherever needed, but I'd particularly like to thank those members of our club who are not trackers/competitors who still cheerfully volunteered their time (& morning sleep ins), several on each day & the Friday night track to come out & help when asked.*

*Snow, Julie Doig, Jens, Judy, Renate, Lucy & Deb Fazel & a special thanks to Tanya's friend Kath Baxter who travelled down from Charters Towers to help - many thanks on behalf of myself & the competitors, without your assistance there would be no opportunity to trial in the sport we love.*

*Track & Search/Tracking are both sports which require considerable additional helper involvement, especially in the current Covid environment, so finding sufficient helpers will always impact both the number & level of tracks the club can offer at any trial & I/we appreciate any/All assistance.*

*Hopefully, things will continue to improve & 2021 will see us back to our usual trial schedule, although under the new 'normal'.*

*Happy tracking - see you*

*Cheers*

*Janette*

*COCT Tracking Coordinator*

From me a sincere thanks to all who helped in whatever capacity – stewards – tracklayer / handler safety / covid / track, the track layers, the diversion track layers, those that got people from one place to the next and anyone I have forgotten I apologise.

I do have one very specific thank you and that is to Roel for judging Furi for her TSD 10. Thank you and I am so proud she worked so well for you on the track.

2021 will again see us competing again under whatever becomes the “new normal” for 2021. We may still have to be working under Covid plans in some way shape or form. Regardless I am sure we will find some way to make things work.

Until then stay safe and happy tracking. And as always, we each take the best dog home at the end of the day. To finish the word has just come from Dogs Queensland that our March double Track and Search Trial has been approved. Happy training everyone and see you all on the tracks in March if not out and about training

So, this now truly is a rap for 2020 - what a year.

**Debbie Schmidt**

**COCT Track and Search Coordinator 2020.**



**TRACK & SEARCH TRIAL – ANNANDALE****October 10, 2020****Judge : Mr Roel Wittkamp**

| <b>Name</b>                | <b>Name of Dog</b>                           | <b>Breed</b>        | <b>Result</b> |
|----------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------|
| <b>Track : TS GR CH 10</b> |  |                     |               |
| Debbie Schmidt             | TS Ch T Ch Monsimbee They<br>Call Me Furi RN | German Shepherd Dog | Excellent     |

**\*\*\*\*CONGRATULATIONS TRACK & SEARCH GRAND CHAMPION TITLE\*\*\*\*****Track : TSD3**

|  |  |          |      |
|--|--|----------|------|
| SN Pfuhl & Ms TN Hill(Tanya Hill<br>Handler) | Dual Ch (T) Kriegmann Varnity<br>Fair (AI) | Doberman | Pass |
|--|--|----------|------|

**\*\*\*\*CONGRATULATIONS TRACK & SEARCH DOG TITLE\*\*\*\***

|               |       |                  |    |
|---------------|-------|------------------|----|
| Marilyn McKee | Ollie | Miniature Poodle | NQ |
|---------------|-------|------------------|----|

**Judge : Ms Debbie Schmidt****Track : TSD3**

|                 |                          |                     |      |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------|
| Julie Combridge | Chakoonya Cobalion TD RA | German Shepherd Dog | Good |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------|

**\*\*\*\*CONGRATULATIONS TRACK & SEARCH DOG TITLE\*\*\*\*****TRACKING TRIAL – ALICE RIVER****October 11, 2020****Judge : Mr Roel Wittkamp**

| <b>Name</b>         | <b>Name of Dog</b>       | <b>Breed</b>        | <b>Result</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| <b>Track : TSD4</b> |                          |                     |               |
| Julie Combridge     | Chakoonya Cobalion TD RA | German Shepherd Dog | NQ            |

**Track : TSD3**

|               |       |                  |    |
|---------------|-------|------------------|----|
| Marilyn McKee | Ollie | Miniature Poodle | NQ |
|---------------|-------|------------------|----|

**Judge: Ms Debbie Schmidt****Track:TD4**

|   |  |          |    |
|---|--|----------|----|
| SN Pfuhl & Ms TN Hill<br>(Tanya Hill Handler) | Dual Ch (T) Kriegmann Varnity<br>Fair (AI) | Doberman | NQ |
|---|--|----------|----|







## **Introducing .... as told by himself : Haveloc Storm Chaser**

### **My name is Storm ... What's yours ...**

I think they first called me Purple Boy... that's a funny name... now I'm called Storm I think when I'm naughty or maybe when I do something really great I will get called Haveloc Storm Chaser.

My dad's name is Fynn, that's what I call him, his Big Name is Haveloc Fynn AZ BS AD IGP3. Those fancy letters mean he has had his hips and elbows checked and has been breed surveyed under the German Shepherd Dog Scheme as having all "the right stuff" as far as what he should look like and how he acts and this thing called temperament – dunno what that is.... There might be other stuff as well but I'm too little to know all about that. And he did this thing where he had to run 20km in a test – WOW - and this other test where he had to track and do obedience and this character work at the highest level. I dunno about that either, sounds like he is clever and works really hard.

My mum's name is Hyka her Special Name is Haveloc Hyka AZ BS and she's studying to do this test called a BH. Dunno what that is either. I have 2 sisters - one is going to New Zealand to do this thing called Environmental Detection Work?? And some of my brothers are going to be a Policeman wow! and another one is doing this special thing called being an Assistance Dog to help his owner do things – that's cool. And Mr Yellow came to Townsville with me and is living with a boy and his brothers and sisters. He is going to go to the super pup's class with me run by Michael Burling soon. Be good to see him again.



They tell me I'm going to be a sports dog dunno what that is either – maybe it's something to do with putting my nose to the ground and following the food in this pattern on the ground -done that a few times or maybe like yesterday when I was smelling this great smell on the jetty – my nose was real close to the ground going from side to side – I didn't find any fish though, someone must have taken it away. That made me sad. But I did get special treats for walking real nice on the jetty.

I got to start learning some fun stuff before I left Rockhampton and I really liked having Leo with me for the drive to Townsville think he really liked it too. We slept together in this thing called a crate that night in Mackay. I sleep in a crate at night now and spend time in one or my kennel when the humans go out or go to work. They are my special places I get food and toys in there and I know I don't go to the toilet in there I wait till I get out. I'm pretty good with this.

What else I have done... lots of things to learn the world isn't a scary place – they say I should get to do lots of things while I'm still little. So, I been to the vet nice treats, in Bunnings the humans all wanted to cuddle me and take me home – my human mum just let them look and talk to me. I wasn't going home with them I like my home! The pet shop had all these great food smells - yummy.

I stayed on a butterfly farm – I didn't see any butterflies. At home there's all these birds that fly around and come into my yard and sometimes they follow me around – I know I leave these alone because that's the right thing to do. We got chooks and noisy roosters and some baby chickens and I have seen horses. I haven't seen a cat. I want to see a cat. I have seen a noisy airplane and an ambulance and the council digging truck and all these things I don't know the name of – more to learn. Skateboards and bikes are cool. I met a man with a big beard, he was nice he gave me treats.



What else can I tell you. I got a big sister - her name is Furi, she plays with me. Sometimes I get mean and bite her legs - I shouldn't do that. She does this thing called tracking and is real good at it and the beautiful lady in the pictures was real good at tracking as well. Wish I had met her she's real pretty.

Maybe I'll write another story for another magazine in the future cause the lovely Magazine Lady might think I'm being too greedy with my story if I tell you more right now. (Never! Editor)

So that's all for now and remember, my name's Storm and I still want to meet a cat. What's a cat?

**Storm**

## SUMMER SAFETY & KEEPING COOL

Summer has well and truly arrived in Townsville. Coupled with Level 4 water restrictions and a drought that is reluctant to break, all forms of life, domesticated and wild, are feeling the heat. Our summer starts around October and doesn't start cooling off until about May. It is hot and humid, sticky and sultry. From December to Easter rain falls in varying intensities from light showers to monsoonal downpours. It is common to have overnight minimums of 25-26°C and maximums of 32-34°C with high humidity for weeks on end. Top temperatures have reached 40°C. It can be uncomfortable enough for us humans, but for our dogs it can be deadly if they overheat.

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

- ✚ **Clean water.** Use a sturdy, deep container as a water bowl for larger dogs that can't be knocked over. A stainless steel cooking pot is ideal. Plastic buckets can be ok but clean them out regularly as algae and scum can take hold and grow on the sides. Make sure it is in the shade all day and not exposed to the sun where it can heat up, and needs to be changed at least daily. Have at least two water bowls available, especially if there is more than one dog.
- ✚ **Shade is a must,** and needs to be available all day. Patios, verandas, garages, shade trees, doggy doors to allow access inside a house can all provide refuge from the sun.
- ✚ **Doggy iceblocks.** For a cool treat, make a thin broth from beef stock cubes, pour into a Kong, and put in the freezer. A wonderful cool treat to give your dog on a hot day, and will keep him occupied for as long as it takes to melt. Or put some ice cubes in an ice cream container for him to lick as they melt.
- ✚ **Kids plastic shell sandpits** make great swimming pools. Fill with water and leave under a shady tree for your dog to jump in and cool off during the day. A second-hand bath tub mounted on a couple pieces of timber to keep it stable makes a great plunge pool.
- ✚ **Cool off** by letting him jump underneath a sprinkler before starting your walk, or douse under the hose or wipe down with a wet, clean rag. Encounters with neighbourhood sprinklers is always a great way to cool down – for the dog, of course! **NOTE : Level 2 water restrictions apply in Townsville, please use sprinklers on correct days!**
- ✚ **Cool coats** have pockets of cooling liquid or water built into the sides of the coat and can be frozen or cooled down before putting on to the dog like an ordinary coat. They can be purchased online (Google Cool Coats), or check your local pet shop.
- ✚ **Swimming** is a wonderful means of cooling off and an activity that has low impact on the joints. Be cautious where you let your dog swim as coastal creeks and rivers from the central parts of the Queensland coast and right across to Western Australia is saltwater crocodile country all year round. Crocs are particularly active in summer as they get flushed out of rivers and creeks by floods or larger crocs, and start looking for mates to breed. Dogs are the perfect snack size for crocs, so always respect crocodile warning signs and avoid those areas at all times. There have been several reports in the media of dogs being taken or, in some lucky cases, escape with injuries from crocs. Always check with a local if you are new to the area on where you can let your dog swim safely.



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

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



#### NEVER EVER'S ....

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

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

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

Symptoms of heat stroke and exhaustion are :-

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

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

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

✚ **Never leave a dog inside a car** – it is inexcusable and a dog will die just as quickly and painfully as a child. So many people believe it is ok to leave the windows down a couple of inches while they duck into the shop 'for a couple of minutes' that turns out to be much longer. To understand how hot it does get in a vehicle test it out yourself – park it in the sun with the window down a couple of inches and sit inside it. You will soon realise how unbearable it is, let alone if you have a fur coat. If you can't take the dog inside with you at your destination or stay with him with the air-conditioner running, leave him at home. Have a non-spill water bowl (stainless steel is easiest to clean and available from pet shops) in the vehicle and take a bottle of cold water for him to have a drink, or fill up if a tap is nearby.

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

## Expanding Your Training Space



When you select a new training space, remember that the change should be gradual. If your regular training has always taken place in your kitchen, try moving to the living room. Work through the entire lesson plan in that room, then change locations again. How about the bedroom? The bathroom?

Once you've exhausted the options in your house, take a look at the next most gradual change that you can make. How about your porch? Backyard? Front yard? In front of your neighbor's house?

In each new training space, first test that your dog can perform with a treat in your hand. This is important because the total number of additional distractions (beyond what you are deliberately introducing) is going to increase simply by changing locations. You will continue to create controlled distractions for your dog, and you want them to hold his attention more than the stuff in the environment. This might sound counter intuitive, but the truth is, if the dog is paying more attention to the smells in the neighborhood than to the training exercises, you have a problem! You need to start with a distraction (and a reward) that is **MORE** interesting than the rest of the world.

If you introduce new places thoughtfully, they should be dull enough that your dog can work off leash or with a loose leash with his total attention on either you or on the distraction that you have provided. Realistically, though, sometimes you'll overestimate the draw of a new place. Therefore, your location needs to be safe as well. Your dog needs to be contained in some way, which means that for some locations, you may need to use a leash during all ten steps. You don't want to put your dog in danger in the name of training! It is much better to work on leash with a focused dog than to work off leash with a dog who is not the least bit interested in doing anything for you.

You should also think about the type of places you eventually want to take your dog. If your goal is to bring your dog to the pet store, to pick your children up from school, to attend local soccer games with your kids, and to walk through your neighborhood on a loose leash, then those are the places you should be using for the training! Consider each of these possible

locations and rank them from least distracting to most. Start with the easiest ones and work your way up.

There's a huge advantage to using places for training that you already go to: it's efficient! You're already going there, so you won't need to spend a lot of time making special trips for the dog's training. When you head to the local school to pick up your kids, arrive ten minutes early so you can practice your skills while it's still relatively quiet. Work your way up to practicing when the kids are being released from their classrooms! Or, if you need to purchase groceries, bring your dog along for a few minutes of training outside the doors. It is much easier to stick to a training plan if it doesn't take a lot of extra time.

At first it will feel strange to be carrying a baggie with distraction treats while you work with your dog in public, but you'll soon find that people will enjoy watching you, and might even want to know more about what you are doing!

Make a point of using friends and strangers for your distraction babysitters - we want your dog to believe that all people are willing to help you! Handle failure quietly and cheerfully; simply show your dog the delicious morsels that he won't be getting, put them back, and try again.

Most dogs will make tremendous progress working this way. After ten minutes a day for a few weeks, you will likely find that your dog is ignoring a variety of distractions that you provide in all sorts of locations. If you add this to the three or so hours you've already spent, you'll have invested around six hours, and with excellent results!

Don't despair if your dog needs a slower route. Remember that training is a process where you are developing a deeper bond with your dog. Stay focused on the journey!



# **“DON'T WORRY\_\_\_\_\_” MY DOG'S FRIENDLY”**

As friendly as *your* dog is, many dogs are NOT comfortable meeting other dogs while on leash, no matter how well behaved they look, please be respectful.

**Always ask before you let  
your dog approach another dog.**

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## 8 THINGS NOT TO FEED YOUR DOG THIS CHRISTMAS

Whether it's food, drink or spending, most of us overindulge at Christmas time. So can our pets if we aren't careful!

While we may suffer no more than a stomach ache, sore head or scary credit card balance as a result of our transgressions, the same can't be said for our pets. It's perfectly normal to give your pets plenty of treats during the festive season, but there are several indulgent foods which can seriously injure – or even kill – your fur baby.

So which Christmas foods should you keep away from your dogs (or cats!) at all costs? The Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) warns us about these eight common foods which dogs can't eat, among others:

**1. Chocolate.** Most pet owners are well-aware of this already, but it's an easy one to forget at Christmas. That tasty advent calendar, or those bars of Toblerone wrapped nicely under the tree, can be highly toxic to your pet even in small quantities.



On a related note... Can dogs eat ice cream? The answer is maybe not; some dogs are lactose intolerant, so feeding them part of your ice cream cone – even if it's not chocolate flavoured! – can lead to diarrhoea, stomach pains, noxious gas, and skin irritations. Unfortunately, these two favourite human desserts are some of the worst things you can feed your dog.



**2. Nutmeg.** Adding a dash of nutmeg to your eggnog this Christmas? Don't fling it around – it's actually one of the lesser known poisonous foods for dogs. The Australian Veterinary Association warns that nutmeg can cause dogs to suffer from tremors, seizures, issues with the nervous system and even death.

**3. Grapes and raisins.** Are grapes bad for dogs? Sadly, yes. Thanks to the traditional plum pudding, Aussies probably consume more raisins at Christmas time than through the entire remainder of the year! Both raisins and grapes, though, can cause acute kidney failure in your dog, so be careful not to give them a handful of leftovers.



**4. Avocados.** It's avocado season and they are a popular Christmas food. But they also contain a toxin which can damage the heart, lungs and tissue of many different animals, including Fido. Fortunately, the effect in dogs is usually mild – definitely keep avocados away from any pet birds though!

**5. Macadamia nuts.** Australia is the world's largest producer of macadamias; the Australian Macadamia Society estimates that currently there are around six million macadamia trees in Australia! These popular Christmas nuts can also be toxic to dogs, though. Symptoms generally present within 12 hours and can include vomiting, hypothermia and elevated heart rate. Keep any nutty treats wrapped under the tree!





**6. Onions and garlic.** It's amazing what some dogs will crunch into; both onions and garlic can cause gastric irritation and anaemia if eaten in large quantities, so be mindful of this when preparing turkey stuffing or Christmas vegetables.

**7. Turkey skin, pork crackling, sausages and fatty meats.** Unfortunately, these staples of a good Christmas lunch are foods which can all lead to inflammation of the pancreas in dogs due to high fat content. They're not the best for owners, either! (although we can't deny they're delicious).



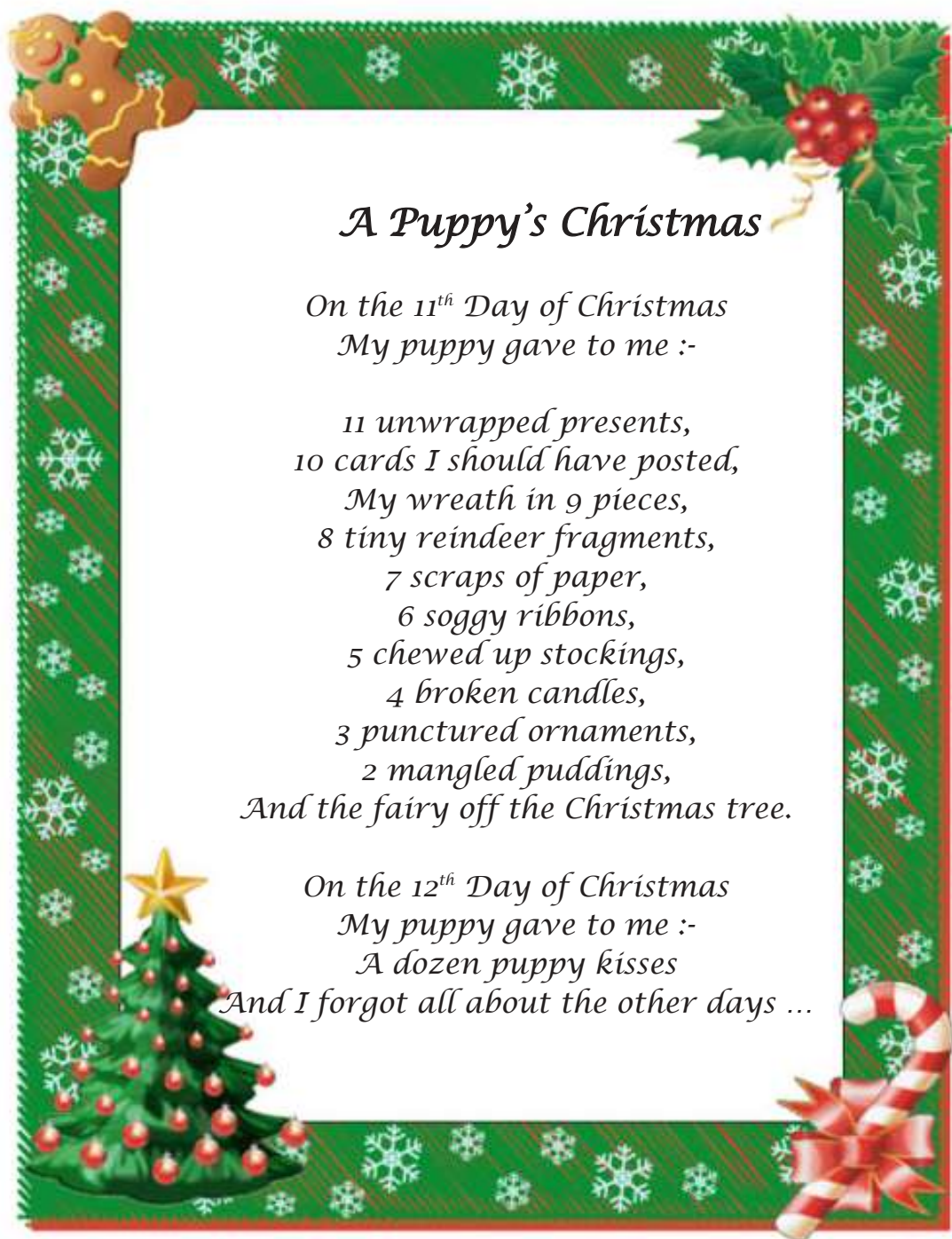
**8. Alcohol.** 'tis the season to be jolly, and we tend to celebrate the festive season with beer, wine and bubbles. According to the AVA though, even small amounts of alcohol can kill a pet. Half-empty glasses, spilled drink, even fermented fruit and other foods – make sure you keep them out of reach.

### What to do if your pet gets food poisoning

There are so many foods that are bad for dogs. So, what can you do if your dog is acting funny and you think they may have eaten a toxic food? If you suspect your pet has eaten something bad for them, you should call your local veterinarian immediately. Do some first aid in the meantime if you know it, or check the RSPCA's website <http://www.rspcavic.org/services/emergency-assistance/first-aid-for-pets>







## *A Puppy's Christmas*

*On the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas  
My puppy gave to me :-*

*11 unwrapped presents,  
10 cards I should have posted,  
My wreath in 9 pieces,  
8 tiny reindeer fragments,  
7 scraps of paper,  
6 soggy ribbons,  
5 chewed up stockings,  
4 broken candles,  
3 punctured ornaments,  
2 mangled puddings,  
And the fairy off the Christmas tree.*

*On the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas  
My puppy gave to me :-  
A dozen puppy kisses  
And I forgot all about the other days ...*

## BOOK REVIEW

### OLDER DOG? NO WORRIES!

Maintaining physical, mental and emotional wellbeing in your golden oldie

by *Sian Ryan*

If you're lucky, your dog is an older dog and you have shared many happy years with them by your side.

As they grow older, dogs' needs change, and they may not be as mentally, physically, or emotionally robust as they once were. [Older dogs](#) are a joy and a privilege to care for, with opportunities to further strengthen your relationship as you adapt to their changing needs.



**Older dog? No worries!** encourages you to consider your dog's individuality, and adapt or introduce activities that help maintain their [mental agility](#), emotional resilience, and [physical health](#). Drawing upon the latest research to provide ideas for maximising your dog's well-being as they age, the individual chapters allow you to develop your own care plan for your dog, to incorporate new or amended ideas into your daily routine, and to make simple changes to your home, [garden and walks](#), car, to ensure your older dog is happy, safe, and invigorated.

Price: \$25.25 from [www.booktopia.com.au](http://www.booktopia.com.au)

### WAG

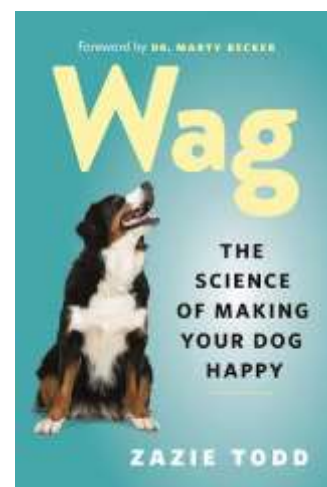
The Science of Making Your Dog Happy

by *Zazie Todd*, foreword by *Marty Becker*

A psychologist and respected dog trainer shares the secrets to a happy pooch.

Did you know that seemingly noiseless electronics may be upsetting your dog? Or that letting her sniff the breeze is one of the best gifts you can give her?

**Wag** bridges the gap between human and canine by demystifying the inner lives of dogs to share evidence-based advice for making them happy.



Acclaimed blogger **Zazie Todd** from [Companion Animal Psychology](#) distils the latest canine science and shares recommendations from leading veterinarians, researchers, and trainers to cultivate a rewarding and respectful relationship with your dog - which offers many benefits for you, your family, and your four-legged friend.

"If you care about your dog, you need this book. It's packed with insights from the latest canine science, and loads of advice about how you can give your dog the happiest life possible." - **Dr. John Bradshaw**, author of [Dog Sense](#) (In Defence of Dogs in the UK).

RRP: \$36.40 at [www.booktopia.com.au](http://www.booktopia.com.au)

## 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<br>UDX | Lisa Sinclair<br>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                         |

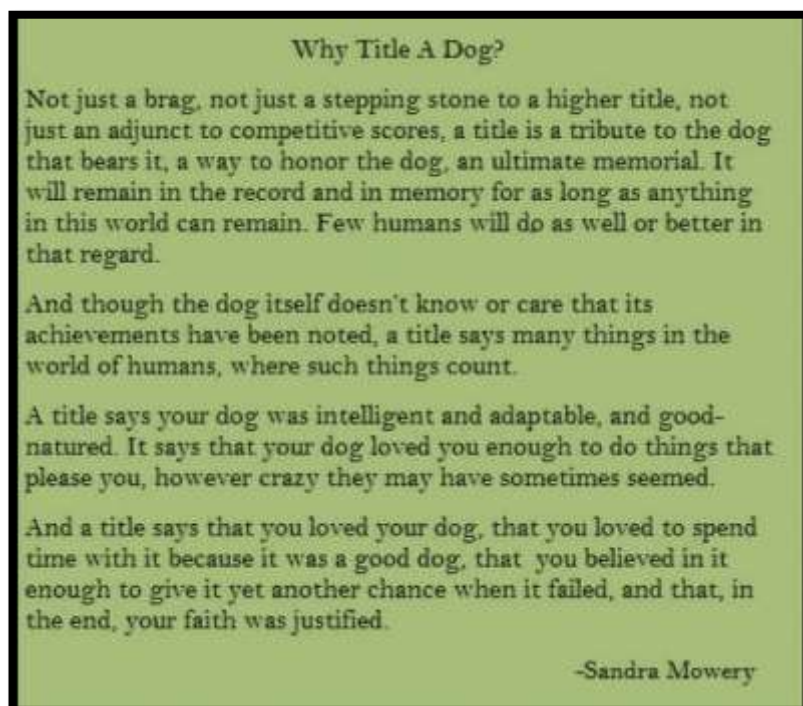
**August Double Trial – WAS HELD, OBEDIENCE & RALLY ONLY!**

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|-------------------------|------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| August 28 <sup>th</sup> | 7pm  | Obedience UD CDX CD CCD<br>UDX | Roel Wittkamp<br>Judy Forbes-Faulkner |
| August 28 <sup>th</sup> | 7pm  | Rally O all levels             | Julie Doig                            |
| August 29 <sup>th</sup> | 4pm  | Rally O all levels             | Julie Doig                            |
| August 29 <sup>th</sup> | 7 pm | Obedience UD CDX CD CCD<br>UDX | Roel Wittkamp<br>Judy Forbes-Faulkner |

**September Double Trial – WILL BE HELD, OBEDIENCE & RALLY ONLY!**

**ENTRIES CLOSE 14.09.2020**

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|-----------------------|-----|----------------------|---|
| Sept 25 <sup>th</sup> | 7pm | UD CDX CD CCD<br>UDX | Tricia Williams<br>Judy Forbes-Faulkner |
| Sept 25 <sup>th</sup> | 7pm | Rally O all levels   | Andrea Wohlhuter                        |
| Sept 26 <sup>th</sup> | 7pm | UD CDX CD CCD<br>UDX | Tricia Williams<br>Judy Forbes-Faulkner |
| Sept 26 <sup>th</sup> | 7pm | Rally O all levels   | Andrea Wohlhuter                        |



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

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

**Entries close 14 days prior to the trial**

**NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED**

Contact Tracking Co-Ordinator Janette Cussons for further information

Mobile 0417614261 | Email [jcussons2@bigpond.com](mailto:jcussons2@bigpond.com)

### NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

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

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

**ALL CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**

| 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              |



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# MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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