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*Congratulations to our new
Agility and Tracking Champions !*

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Cover Photo : President Noel McPherson (far left) presenting Katrina Stonestreet with her Agility 300 Championship Trophy, and Mal Holland (far right) presenting Debbie Schmidt with her Tracking Championship Trophy. Congratulations to both on outstanding efforts.

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or committee members of the COCT Inc.**

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

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

Annual General Meeting held first Monday in August

Executive Committee meetings held as called by Secretary

Club Web Site: www.coct.com.au



Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc



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President's Report

Noel McPherson

Farewell 2015 and bring on 2016, another year ahead of the unknown. So much changes as we go along it is sometimes hard to keep a handle on it all. I start every day with a pat and hug over coffee with my beautiful hounds, and then it is on with shoes & socks, and off on a daily adventure at sun up. Animals keep you grounded and I enjoy the routine every bit as much as my excited gang.

The upside of being in the COCT is you get to meet and enjoy likeminded dog loving people. Many of these rare humans could be found gathered with some extra attention to their appearances, at the club dinner presentations held in Kirwan at the sports club. It was a great venue and all reviews that I have heard since have been very positive.

Many, many thanks to Diane for the excellent organization in the lead up to, and the proceedings of, the evening. Many hours of work and consideration went into the night and everybody relaxed and made the most of a great venue and good company. Well done to all those who walked the carpet to receive awards for working hard in competition throughout the year and all the best for 2016 in the trialing arena.

Many thanks to Geoff Toomby for his short speech, and if anybody on this large brown land deserves rain this Christmas, it's the Toomby's and all the thousands of other farmers Australia wide who deserve a simple break for their animals and produce.

As an outdoor training club it should be noted that we have not lost one single training evening through rain on the night or inaccessible grounds due to swampy conditions for two years.

The hard working committee deserve a round of applause for organizing and holding the trialing and tracking events throughout the year which all went ahead mostly to plan, and next year's planned events which now are about to proceed thanks to the foresight and experience they hold. Thanks Judy, Renate, Diane, Mal, Janette - I hope the year goes well for you all and I look forward to working with you again.

On a personal note I have enjoyed meeting all the new and returning teams that have trained with our club during the year, there have been ups & downs to keep me on my toes but I enjoy helping, and that in return keeps me grounded. In a few days' time my delightful young girl Addy will entrust me with a new batch of Dalmatian pups to help her raise and then find quality homes for, so no rest for the wicked.

Good luck to all members for the end of 2015 and hope you are all looking forward to undertaking the challengers of 2016, if you can help the club in any way please make this the year of putting up your hand.

Happy New Year to each and every one of you.

Noel McPherson, President

REGISTERED HANDLER OR CLUB MEMBERSHIP ??

When you sign up for obedience lessons you have the choice of joining the club as a Registered Handler or Club Member.

Most handlers will choose to join as a Registered Handler which allows you to attend classes each week and participate in any external Club activities ie RSPCA's Million Paws Walk or Townsville City Council's Pet Expo.

However, if you wish to become more involved in the Club by taking on an Office Bearer or Instructor position, or participate in competitions, you will need to be a Club Member.

You can change from Registered Handler to Club Member at any time with no additional fee, so if you would like to do so please see the ladies at the clubhouse on Tuesday night.

Registered Handler

- 🐾 Receive emails on upcoming club activities
- 🐾 Participate in Club demonstrations eg RSPCA Million Paws Walk
- 🐾 Attend our Monthly General Meetings held the first Monday of each month (but are not entitled to vote, submit or approve motions).

Membership

- 🐾 Receive emails on upcoming club activities
- 🐾 Participate in Club demonstrations eg RSPCA Million Paws Walk
***** PLUS *****
- 🐾 Attend our Monthly General Meetings held the first Monday of each month, and are entitled to vote
- 🐾 Receive notification via letter of Annual General Meeting
- 🐾 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 for a minimum of three months before nominating for a position.
- 🐾 Eligible for Title and Perpetual Trophies if competing in trials.

If you do not renew your Registration or Membership you can no longer attend training or club events and your name will be removed from the Club's email list.

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

Just Briefly



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>

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, treat bags and bags of treats.

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



The Club Library is open the first and fourth Tuesdays of each month. We have small but interesting range of books suitable for the beginner to the advanced handler, so come into the clubhouse and have a chat to our Librarian Sheila about what you can borrow. There are no fees, and books can be borrowed for a fortnight.

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 Noel, our Training Co-ordinator.



Calling all Class 4 handlers !!

Handlers who have graduated from Class 3 are welcome to continue their training in Class 4 from 8.00-9.00pm on Tuesday night.

This Class is less structured than Classes 1-3, 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.

Flyball training is on the

first and third Thursday from 7.30pm – 8.30pm.

Perfect for ball mad furkids and heaps of fun for all.

For more info ask Renate or Judy at the Clubhouse on Tuesday nights.

Cost : \$5.00 per week



Thursday night training is a great opportunity to have one-on-one training with an experienced instructor. If you have a particular problem that you are having difficulties with, want to prepare for entry into a competition or simply want to take advantage of an extra night's training you are welcome to attend.

Training commences around 6.30pm for about an hour, and after your session with the instructor can practice more on your own. It's free!

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 2013 from 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'?

RAFFLE – SIGNED & FRAMED 2015 COWBOYS JERSEY

It's been won! The big draw occurred at our Christmas Breakup on Saturday 5th December at the Kirwan Sports Club. Huge congratulations to Rhondda Leggett whose ticket was drawn for the framed and signed Cowboys jersey, plus a hat and water bottle. Her hubby Ray is a massive, crazy Cowboy's fan and both are over the moon at the win. Rhondda wasn't present at the draw, so arrangements were made for President Noel to present it to her the next day at our Clubhouse (see pic next page). Rhondda commented at the time that in all the years she has bought raffle tickets she has never won a brass razoo, so this is a pretty good way of making up for it!

Second prize of a \$50 fuel voucher went to Melanie McPhillips, and third prize of a \$20 Bunnings voucher was won by Catherine Pentland. Congratulations Melanie and Catherine, they will be put to good use pretty quickly no doubt.

Thank you to all who purchased tickets. This was a very popular raffle and so many were hoping for their name to be drawn but unfortunately there can only be one winner. Your support is very much appreciated, and funds raised will help our Club with ongoing maintenance and equipment purchases.

2016 PET DOG TRAINING CLASSES

Classes for 2016 start with the Introduction Night for new Beginners on Tuesday 19th January 2016 at 7.00pm sharp. Intermediate, Class 3, Class 4 and Repeat Classes all start at 7.00pm on Tuesday 26th January 2016. Look forward to seeing you there!

RALLY-O TRAINING

Rally-O training is held the SECOND and FOURTH Tuesday From February to December from 8.00pm, and every Thursday from 6.00pm to about 7.00pm. Come and see how much fun this new dog sport is. All are welcome to have a go, and the cost is FREE for Thursday nights.

TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS ...

Our 2016 trialling season begins in April, so that should give us plenty of time to get some gentle training in while the weather is still a bit hot. Check out the Trial Calendar at the back of the mag for dates, events, and judges. If you think you are ready for trialling have a chat to your instructor or members of the Committee who will give you some advice on how to get started.

COME AND BE INVOLVED !! CLUB MONTHLY MEETINGS

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm at the Clubhouse at Heatley Park. Everyone is welcome to attend if you would like to contribute, offer help or just find out more of what goes on in the running of your Club. Next two meetings are **Monday 1 February 2016 and Monday 7th March 2016**. We would love to see you there!



Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc

RAFFLE WINNERS

***1st Prize : Framed & signed
2015 Cowboys jersey, cap & water bottle
Celebrating their 20th Anniversary in Rugby League***

CONGRATULATIONS TO RHONDDA LEGGETT!!



***2nd Prize : \$50 fuel voucher – Melanie McPhillips
3rd Prize : \$20 Bunnings Voucher – Catherine Pentland***

DID YOU KNOW ...



Superdogs are made, not born... those who have just purchased a pup or are considering one, have a read of this article. It provides in-depth advice on what to do and especially, what *not* to do in the vital first weeks of a pups life that can influence its behaviour into adulthood. Dogs with little human or other dog contact in their first three months typically don't make good pets, so this guide is invaluable for potential owners.

Click on this link <http://www.caradobe.com> then drill down through Articles Index / All about Puppies / Super Dogs are Made, Not Born.

At 28 pages long the article is too large to include in the mag, so please download your own copy to read. There are also other interesting articles on Housebreaking your Puppy; Kids, Puppies and Dominance; and Creating a Strong Bond with your Puppy.



Did you know ... Dogs have New Year Resolutions too. Here are some that yours may have made :-

1. I must shake the rainwater out of my fur BEFORE entering the house.
2. I will not roll my toys behind the fridge.
3. The lounge is not a face towel. Neither are Mum & Dad's laps.
4. I will stop trying to find the few remaining clean pieces of carpet in the house when I am about to throw up.
5. I will not chew my human's toothbrush and not tell them
6. When in the car, I will not insist on having the window rolled down when it's raining outside.
7. My head does not belong in the refrigerator.
8. I do not need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm lying under the coffee table.
9. I will not eat other animals' poop.
10. I will not lick my human's face after eating animal poop.

Happy New Year everyone! Look forward to seeing you all soon with classes commencing with the Introduction Talk for new Beginners only at 7.00pm Tuesday 19th January. All classes then start on Tuesday 26 January 2016 at 7.00pm, and Class 4 at 8.00pm.



A call out to those who have already graduated from Class 3 – where are you??! Come down at 8.00pm and take part in Class 4. It is a stepping stone to competing in Rally-Obedience or CCD, or simply just to come down and have fun with your dog with some socialising and practise what you have learned. Hope to see you there!



Did you know Reckitt's Bluio gives all cut glass and crystal an amazing shine. A bit of a random item to have in the mag, but for those who have won Title Trophies you'll find this laundry product works wonders on all those glasses you've won over the years. Just wash in warm soapy water, then rinse in warm water with 3-4 drops of Bluio added.

It can be used on all cut glass or crystal to give them an extra shine, but maybe not on drinking glasses. For those who haven't heard of Bluio it can be found in the laundry aisle of the supermarket. Give it a go and see what you reckon!



Training Report

Intake 4, our last for 2015, finished a few weeks back now, and no doubt the festive season and family have taken your attention and thoughts away from training on Tuesday nights.

If it is the season for rejoicing in the year gone by then Instructors, Assistants and active club members and helpers can take a deep breath and relax in the knowledge that you made a huge difference to many pet friendly households in Townsville over the year, and it is actions not just words that make the difference. When you all get geared up for Tuesday nights and head in to the grounds week in week out you choose to stick with helping to make a difference to those who are asking for help, so thanks for caring and thanks for all your help.

We held 4 Beginner classes, 2 Intermediate, 1 Class 3 and the usual Class 4 for those who are sharpening skills and doing extension work for their companions.

32 Beginner teams undertook the 9 week course with 34 successfully completing, and this round I managed to upgrade 9 teams from the 16 that enrolled in Intermediate course. And a special note to those who have unflinchingly returned again and again to finally gain the upgrade I knew they were capable of, well done great work. Dog ownership and training is about learning all the time and understanding and respecting each other. Both the dogs and the handlers are learning and growing all the time, it all comes together once you both understand how to get the best from each other.

Class 3 numbers are very low and after 100% upgrade success with the only attendee Class 3 was put into sleep mode. Intake 1 for 2016 Class 3 is looking promising with many from the Intermediate course looking for more challenges. As for Beginners and Intermediate in the past, we are now planning an over-haul and rethink of class 3 in the first part of the year to make it challenging and generally focused on moving in to competition training, so Stay Tuned.

Enrolments are rising steadily for our first course in 2016 and currently stand at 19 with 32, or 4 classes of 8, the limit. Renate will be joining the class this round with her already familiar new pup Dixie who seems to enjoy hanging out at the club on Tuesday evenings and watching the doggy world pass by. My assistant Jane has taken charge of the big job of producing the TAHG and booklets for the upcoming round and these are now complete and ready well ahead of time and I thank her for that and doing it with a smile.

I hope you all enjoy some down time with your canines, and have a great festive break.

Noel McPherson,
Training Co-ordinator.

2015 COCT Inc Christmas Breakup

A change of venue for our breakup this year saw nearly 40 of us gathered at the newly refurbished Kirwan Sports & Recreation Club on Bamford Lane. I think everyone highly enjoyed the meal – Lamb leg with roasted veges, butter chicken in honey sauce, macadamia-crusted barra in mango cream sauce and a variety of salads, finished off with good old Pavlova and individual serve trifles. Not sure which one I liked the most – lamb, chicken or the fish – but it was all extremely yummy. A big well done to the Kirwan Sports Club chefs!

The night was MC'd by new President Noel McPherson who did the honours in presenting Title and Perpetual Trophies plus the Agility 300 Championship award, and Mal Holland who presented the Tracking Championship award. Mal also congratulated Debbie Schmidt and Carolyn Lynn for their commitment to all the hours and hard work they have undertaken in training to become Tracking Judges.

In between trophy presentations were lucky door prize draws, the draw for the Christmas Hamper raffle (congratulations to Sherwyn Barton and Carolyn Lynn for winning one each), and the major draw of the night for the signed and framed Cowboys jersey, won by Rhondra Leggett. And a couple of rounds of Trivia had each table putting their brain power together to come up with the answers to some tricky questions. *Diane MacIntyre*



CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC

2015 Perpetual Trophy Winners

OBEDIENCE

Open

Jasper

Coffee & Creme

Alison Annesley

Lisa Sinclair (absent)



RALLY OBEDIENCE

Novice

Tori

Pearl

Sherwyn Barton

Marina Vannucci



Advanced

Zoe

Julie Doig

Advanced Excellent

Coffee & Crème

Lily

Lisa Sinclair

Renate Linder



Advanced Excellent 2

Roxy

Renate Linder



AGILITY

Agility Dog Excellent

Poppy Louise Ashworth (absent)

JUMPERS

Jumping Dog Excellent

Toohey Katrina Stonestreet

Jumping Dog Open

Poppy Louise Ashworth

SNOOKER

Snooker Dog Masters

Soda Katrina Stonestreet

Snooker Dog

Poppy Louise Ashworth

GAMBLERS

Gambler Dog Masters

Soda Katrina Stonestreet

Gambler Dog Excellent

Poppy Louise Ashworth

ENDURANCE TEST

Poppy Louise Ashworth



AGILITY CHAMPION 300

Katrina Stonestreet & her Manchester Toy Terrier 'Soda'
AG CH 300 Sasndash Sammydavis RN JDM JDO ADM ADO SPDM GDM SDM

Presented by Club President Noel McPherson

*** *Congratulations !!* ***



TRACKING

Tracking Dog

Kelly

Carolyn Lynn (*bottom left*)

Jax

Janette Cussons (*bottom right*)



Tracking Dog Excellent

Kenzie

Debbie Schmidt



TRACK AND SEARCH

Track and Search Dog

Zena

Carolyn Lynn

Poppy

Louise Ashworth



TRACKING CHAMPION

Debbie Schmidt & her German Shepherd 'Kenzie'
T.Ch Bossface MacKenzie

Presented by Tracking Trainer & Mentor Mal Holland

*** *Congratulations !!* ***



CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC

2015 Perpetual Trophy Winners

OBEDIENCE

UTILITY

TOWNSVILLE STEEL FRAMES PERPETUAL TROPHY : Donated by Townsville Steel Frames

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

Won by No winner

Owner

Scores

OPEN

BEING POLIDO MEMORIAL: Donated by Mrs. Pat Cecil

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

Won by Bawntawn Jasper Star

Owner Alison Annesley

Scores 151 + 164 = 315



MISS MUFFET: Donated by Barry Hall

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

Won by Bawntawn Jasper Star

Owner Alison Annesley

Scores 197 + 197 + 194 = 588



NOVICE

JESS MCNALLY PERPETUAL TROPHY : Donated by Jess McNally

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

Won by Belganprix Duke Des Cours

Owner Kirsten Nilson

Scores 189 + 0 = 189



TOP NOVICE DOG : Donated by Townsville Veterinary Clinic

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

Won by Belganprix Duke Des Cours

Owner Kirsten Nilson

Scores 189 + 173 = 362



COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG

SUNNY MEMORIAL PERPETUAL TROPHY : Donated by Louise Ashworth

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

Won by No winner

Owner

Score

RALLY OBEDIENCE

RALLY-O NOVICE

TAMMY MEMORIAL PERPETUAL TROPHY –

Donated by Judy Forbes-Faulkner

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

Won by Mediaevalage Pearl Necklace

Owner Marina Vannucci

Score 99



RALLY-O ADVANCE

PAT CECIL PELORUS BORDER COLLIES TROPHY –

Donated by Pat Cecil

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

If there is still a tie the trophy to be shared.

Won by Belganprix Duke Des Cours

Owner Kirsten Nilson

Score 95



RALLY-O EXCELLENT

LUMPI MEMORIAL PERPETUAL TROPHY –

Donated by Renate Linder

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

Won by Emmoge Metamorphosis

Owner Deb Kampaklis

Score 67

RALLY-O ADVANCED EXCELLENT TROPHY -

Donated by Renate Linder

To be awarded to the Townsville dog with the total highest score to attain their title in Advanced Excellent. This can be done regardless of time frame. If the score is tied the trophy is to be awarded to the dog that achieved it first.

Won by Belgnte Black Magic

Owner Renate Linder

Score 1796



OTHER OBEDIENCE TROPHIES

CRAIGALEN : Donated by Ted Morris

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

Won by Bawntawn Jasper Star
Owner Alison Annesley (*photo, bottom left*)
Scores 197 + 194 + 197 = 588

GYPSY INSPIRATIONAL : Donated by Judy Campbell

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

Won by No winner
Owner
Scores

NEVILLE & LINDA GREEN: Donated by Neville (deceased) & Linda Green

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

Won by No winner
Owner
Scores

RAY TAYLOR MEMORIAL TROPHY : Donated by Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc

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

Won by Bawntawn Jasper Star
Owner Alison Annesley (*photo, bottom right*)
Scores 181 + 187 = 368



TRACKING

ELIOCARN: Donated by Sister Jeannie Johnston

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

	Pass	Good	Very Good	Excellent
TD1	2	3	4	5
TD2	6	7	8	9
TD3	10	11	12	13
TD4	14	15	16	17
TD5	18	19	20	21
TD6	25	27	29	31
TD7	30	33	36	40
TD8	41	44	47	50

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

Won by Bossface MacKenzie

Owner Debbie Schmidt (*photo, bottom left*)

Score 19 (TD5 good) + 27 (TD6 good) + 30 (TD7 pass) + 50 (TD8) = 126

TRACK AND SEARCH

MARGARET IVE MEMORIAL TRACK AND SEARCH : Donated by Sister Jeannie Johnston

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

	Pass	Good	Very Good	Excellent
TSD1	2	3	4	5
TSD2	7	9	11	13
TSD3	15	17	19	21
TSD4	23	25	27	29
TSD5	35	39	44	48
TSD6	50	55	60	65

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

Won by TCh Beychief Miracle Gift

Owner Carolyn Lynn (*photo, bottom right*)

Points 15 (TSD3 pass) = 23 (TSD 4 pass) = 38



AGILITY

MARTY & LADDIE AGILITY: Donated by Marty Kooy

The trophy will be awarded to the Townsville dog with the most qualifying scores in **Masters Agility** Class in the current year. In the event of a tie a count back on placing is required.

Won by Ag Ch 300 Sasndash Sammydavis
Owner Katrina Stonestreet (*photo, below*)
No. Quals 8

TOP EXCELLENT AGILITY DOG : Donated by Bayside Veterinary Clinic

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

Won by Moya Sunrise Poppy
Owner Louise Ashworth
No. Quals 3

TOP NOVICE AGILITY DOG : Donated by Doedi Fittler

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

Won by Allonot Making Time
Owner Kate Watchorn (*absent*)
No. Quals 3



JUMPERS

TOP NOVICE JUMPERS BELGIAN SHEPHERD DOG (GROENENDAEL) TROPHY

Donated by Renate Linder

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

Won by Zebiya
Owner Kate Watchorn
Quals 3

TOP EXCELLENT JUMPERS TROPHY

Donated by Louise Ashworth

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

Won by Chilolo MBI Tooheys On Sunday
Owner Katrina Stonestreet (*photo, bottom left*)
Quals 3

DAWN AND MAL HOLLAND-MOST PROMISING JUMPER TROPHY

Donated by Dawn & Mal Holland

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

Won by Ag. Ch 300 Sasndash Sammydavis
Owner Katrina Stonestreet (*photo, bottom right*)
No. Quals 12



STATE & NATIONAL AGILITY TRIAL TALES

Katrina Stonestreet

If you love agility and enjoy traveling with your dogs, attending a state or national agility trial is definitely an event to have on your agility calendar.

I have attended the 2010 ADAA Grand Prix in Tamworth, 2012 Nationals held in Sydney, 2014 Nationals held in Brisbane and the 2015 State Titles held in Brisbane. Soda performed well at all events:

ADAA Grand Prix - 2nd 24 weave pole challenge Sydney - 3rd place in Snooker, Gamblers and agility, qualified for final Brisbane - qualified for Qld team with 4 qualifying runs. Was the only dog on the Qld team to run clear in both ADM and JDM during the team event. Qualified for the ADM final.

State titles - 1st place in ADM, earning the last points needed for 300 AgCh title, 1st in SDM and GDM, 3rd in JDM, qualified for the ADM final.

I'm on holidays at the moment and have struggled to remember Soda's results. What I won't forget though is the fun road trips I've had with Louise Ashworth, not just to these events, but we (Louise really I rarely got to drive) have been crazy enough to drive to Maryborough and Rockhampton for a weekend of agility. It wasn't until a Rockhampton trip this year that Louise finally discovered why I don't drink. And I won't forget the Mackay trip where Louise estimated that we would finish at 7pm so could drive back to Townsville afterwards. I had to call home at 10pm to let the family know we weren't finish yet and I'd be home around 4am so best not to wake me in the morning!

Our Sydney trip in 2012 was memorable. Not only was it a huge drive, but we also contended with Poppy's deposit in the trailer which managed to leave no trailer content, including dogs, untouched. Poppy's nightly howl had Louise yawning, but Poppy's fight with Meg left Meg unable to compete so Louise and I got a rest day. It was lucky we had that rest day because we needed to be fit for the chase Meg took us on around the equestrian centre. Yes, it may sound memorable for all the wrong reasons, but we found the humour in all these situations.

Louise and I also attended the 2014 Nationals in Brisbane. Kelly Brown from Cairns also competed and her dad, John, joined her for the trip. His Irish accent and humour had us laughing all day long. It was very difficult to understand what he was saying initially and after struggling for some time I gave up being polite and confessed that I had no idea what he was saying. "Funny you should say that" he replied. "I was just at the ring watching Kelly and got talking to a man and he asked about our dogs. I told him we had tree dogs and he said he'd never heard of them, what are tree dogs?"

If you know Kelly, you know she has three dogs!

All three of us northerners made the final - Soda and I ADM, Kelly and Biskit ADX and Louise and Poppy AD. Louise and Poppy managed to take the AD 600 Winner title.



Pictured: Katrina and Soda (second from left) with members of the Qld team at the 2014 ANKC Agility Nationals held in Brisbane.

Last year was the first time I had attended the State Agility Titles. It was held in conjunction with the state obedience, rally-o and dancing with dogs trials. Quite a few Cairns people also made the trip to Brisbane for the event. It was a busy weekend and I was glad I had learnt from national events not to enter all events. Louise and I didn't arrive in Brisbane until Friday night and then were at the grounds from 7am until 8pm both days, then spent the next 2 days driving back to Townsville. We decided that next time we made the trip we would plan a day of rest in between the driving and competing.

The Nationals are being held in May in Adelaide next year and the State Titles are held in Brisbane in June. I still haven't decided which event I'm going toor whether it's possible to attend both!

Katrina Stonestreet

YOUR HOLIDAY SNAPS !



Sarge is our 15 month old Rhodesian Ridgeback and has been attending COCT since he was 4 months old. Over the holidays he is spending his time with his best friend Nelson, our rescue dog at the beach, down the river and at our favourite dog parks swimming and running around.

Sarge is also helping to nurture our newest family member, Harvey a mini Daschund puppy. On our daily walks and activities around the house we practice our obedience commands and the other dogs join in too.

Safe and happy holidays to all our friends at COCT. See you all in the New Year.

Cathryn and Sarge Haycock





Left - Megan Donnelly's two Corgis, Brandy and Whiskey, waiting for Santa and being very, very good after graduating from Beginners and Intermediate Classes respectively.



Right – Zoe the Staffy in her Christmas finery and hoping mum Julie Doig has a juicy bone lined up for her on Christmas Day.



Left - Chester just loves chillin' in his shades at a party...he can think whatever he likes and get away with it in his camo fly eyes....

From his human, John Belcastro



Maggie the Cairn Terrier and
Papillon Morphy at
O'Hallorans Lookout in
Atherton – Deb Kampaklis



Joy Tomes' two border collies (*above*) Jazz and Chewie both love cooling off in the pool



Border Collie Coffee Crème (*above*) cools off by the pool after doing a stint of Santa's Little Helper, with a bit of help from mum Lisa Sinclair.



Indiana Stonestreet relaxing during a ride with Sierra the toy poodle on a mild day in NSW



Left - Debbie Schmidt sent in this pic of her very own water monster – her young German Shepherd, Furi, hogging the sprinkler.



Right – Max II. David Horsley's black Labrador pup cooling off.



Above - Judy Forbes-Faulkner's four Border Collies frolicking at the beach to beat the heat

PITTER PATTER OF MANY LITTLE PAWS !



Our President Noel McPherson and his wife Therese spent a long night and day on 29.12.2015 helping their Dalmatian Addy bring 5 boy and 4 girl pups into the world. Ten were born but unfortunately one boy was lost. All have been vet checked and feeding and in very good nick. All are around 400 grams, some well over, and one last little boy came in at 310 grams. Mum Addy was pretty exhausted by the end but did a great job and lay back and let Noel help her with all the births.

12 Signs Your Pet Is Too Hot: Can You Recognize Them All?

Our dogs have a higher body temp than we do, and less ability to cool down. Humans are covered with sweat glands, but a dog's are confined to her nose and the pads of her feet.

An overheating dog can only regulate her body temperature through panting, which isn't terribly efficient in hot weather. In a very short period of time, an overheated dog can suffer critical damage to her brain, heart, liver and nervous system.

Recognizing the Signs of Overheating in Your Pet

Heatstroke -- the ultimate and often deadly result of overheating -- is caused by a dangerous elevation in an animal's body temperature. This occurs if dogs are left in cars during the summer months, or made to run or walk during the heat of the day.

Symptoms of overheating include:

Heavy panting or rapid breathing	Elevated body temperature
Excessive thirst	Weakness, collapse
Glazed eyes	Increased pulse and heartbeat
Vomiting, bloody diarrhea	Seizures
Bright or dark red tongue, gums	Excessive drooling
Staggering, stumbling	Unconsciousness

In addition to hot vehicles, other contributors to pet overheating include humid conditions, lack of drinking water, obesity, and overexertion.

Some pets are at higher risk for heat-related illness than others, including brachycephalic breeds (dogs and cats with flat faces and short noses), older pets, puppies and kittens, animals that are ill or have a chronic health condition, pets not used to warm weather, and any pet left outside in hot weather.

Tips for Keeping Your Pet Safe in the Heat

1. **Never, ever leave your pet alone in a parked car on a warm day.** Not even for a minute. On a warm day, the temperature inside your vehicle can rise quickly into the danger zone. For example, on a 29°C day it takes only 10 minutes for the temperature inside your parked car to climb to 38°C. In a half hour, it can hit 48°C. Leaving windows cracked doesn't drop the temperature inside the vehicle. Leaving your car running with the air conditioner on is dangerous for a whole host of reasons.

On summer days, it's best to leave your pet home where they can stay cool, hydrated, and safe.

2. **Don't walk or exercise your pet on hot pavement.** This can be a tricky one to remember (unless you're in the habit of walking your dog barefoot), but it's extremely important. Not only can the footpath on a hot day burn your dog's paws, but the heat rising from concrete or bitumen can quickly overheat an animal that lives close to the ground. Also don't allow your pet to stand, walk or rest on hot outdoor surfaces like footpaths or parking lots.



3. **Exercise your dog during the coolest parts of the day.** This means early in the morning or after sunset. Try to stay in the shade during daylight hours, and no matter the time of day, don't overdo outdoor exercise or play sessions. Even on an overcast day or in the evening, a long period of physical exertion in hot weather can cause heatstroke in your dog.

A good rule of thumb is if outdoor temps hit 32°C your pet should be indoors where it's cool.

4. **Provide plenty of fresh clean drinking water at all times.** In addition to overheating, your pet can become dehydrated very rapidly in warm weather. A good general guideline is that a healthy dog should drink between 30- 60ml of water per kilo of body weight each day. And if she'll be outside for any length of time, she should have access to complete shade. Periodically encourage her to play in the sprinkler or gently hose her down with cool water to prevent overheating.



Dogs in Summer: To Shave or Not to Shave

It is summer time and you've booked an appointment with the groomer. Upon arrival the groomer wants to know if you are shaving your golden retriever down for the summer. So the question is to shave or not to shave?

Shaving a dog down for summer is a very popular option for pet owners and indeed for some dog breeds it is an ideal practice. But not for all breeds!

With the exception of the hard-coated terriers, dog coats basically come in two types: single, or short-coated and double-coated. **Single-coated breeds** have coats that will continue to grow longer and longer, much like human hair. Examples of these include the Poodles, Shih-Tzu, Bichons etc. Double-coated or fur-bearing breeds have coats that grow to a predetermined length. This second group can further be separated into two categories: open and closed coats.

Double-coated open breeds have a hard, protective outer coat, called guard hairs, and a soft dense undercoat. These coats are designed to shed snow and ice and provide protection against freezing temperatures. Examples of these dog breeds are Siberian huskies, Pomeranians and Chows. **Double-coated closed breeds** have noticeably longer guard hairs, which lay down over the undercoat, like a blanket. While the outer, or guard hairs get wet, the undercoat works to keep the dogs skin dry. Examples of dogs with this type of coats are Golden Retrievers, Australian Shepherds and Newfoundlands.

Single-coated dog breeds can be clipped down to the skin and their coats will grow back much the same as they were before the shaving.

It's different for the double-coated breeds. **Shaving them down for the summer is not a solution for the summer heat.** Shaving a double coat removes the dog's natural insulation and causes their systems to kick into overdrive. They will now work to produce a coat to protect themselves from extreme temperatures, sunburn and sharp objects. When the coat does grow back it produces a thicker undercoat with a mix of short guard hairs. This new coat is thicker and softer than the old coat. Why is this bad? A dog's shaved down false coat acts as a sweatshirt. Its softness soaks up the water and attracts burrs and hitchhikers. The thickness of the coat is extremely hot in summer. During the winter as the coat is growing back the new coat is matting, retaining water and mud and possible causing mildewing. Your pet will stay cold and wet for hours. You are trying to "keep your pet cool", but you may be keeping it hot in the summer and cold in the winter.

The ideal solution for double-coated breeds is to ask your groomer for a bath and to have the undercoat blown out. This process blasts the dead undercoat out of the pets coat after the bath with minimal brushing and combing, and will provide your pet with a balanced coat.

Don't forget that after shaving the single-coated dog breeds should be protected from large amounts of direct sun, which can cause sun burns!

So the answer to the question "to shave or not to shave" really does depend on the breed!

PET DOG TRAINING UPGRADES
TERM 4 OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2015
BEGINNERS

Erin Ryan	Staffordshire terrier	George
John Belcastro	Beagle	Chester
Patrick Fittler	Jack Russel X	Scooby
Diane Klem	West Highland Terrier	Mac
Lily Taylor	Border Collie	Mali
Lynne Charmley	Border Collie	Skip
Megan Donnelly	Corgi	Brandy
Ryan Kelly	Red Cattle Dog	Rul
Kylie Lynch	Border Collie	Lila
Nicole Dyer	Bull Arab X	Toby
Louise Hickson	German Shorthaired Pointer	Mayhem
Debbie Schmidt	German Shepherd	Furi
Kathryn Baxter	Australian Cattle Dog	Kate
Julie Combridge	German Shepherd	Tara
Wendy Theeuf	German Shepherd X	Alice
Kimberley Carney	Staffordshire/Wolfhound X	Pixal
Robyn Hay	Cattle dog/Kelpie X	Ruby
Morgan Mackney	Border Collie	Rosie
Carrie Kiernan	German Shepherd	Molly
Deborah Hume	Kelpie/Staffordshire X	Marlon
Morgan Mackney	Kelpie	Mindy
Mike Carney	Labradoodle	Rodjer
Rita Castorina	Staffordshire X	Star
Paul Slatter	Australian terrier	Chille Rose

PET DOG TRAINING UPGRADES
TERM 4 OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2015

INTERMEDIATE

Judy Forbes Faulkner	Border Collie	Pearl
David King	Rottweiler	Chopper
Alexandra Napoli	German Shepherd	Skyler
Debb Beggs	Border Collie	Baxter
Judy Forbes Faulkner	Border Collie	Frodo
Jeanette Nye	Rottweiler	Gracie
Cathryn Haycock	Ridgeback X	Sarge
Carolyn Deacon	Irish Wolfhound	Laurcan
Megan Donnelly	Corgi	Whisky

TERM 4 OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2015
CLASS 3 – GRADUATES!

Jens Didriksen	Rottweiler	Zelic
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CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC

2016 OBEDIENCE AND AGILITY TRIAL CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	TRIAL	JUDGE
Friday 1 April 2016	7.00pm	Obedience Rally O	Cathy O'Shea Roel Wittkamp
Saturday 2 April 2016	3.00pm	Agility & Jumpers all levels	Roel Wittkamp
	7.00pm	Obedience	Cathy O'Shea
	7.00pm	Agility, Jumpers, Strategic Pairs - all levels Agility, Jumpers	Heather Northover Roel Wittkamp
Friday 15 April 2016	7.00pm	Agility, Jumpers, Snooker - All levels	Judy Forbes-Faulkner
Saturday 16 April 2016	7.00pm	Obedience (Judges Training) Obedience (Judges Training) Rally O	Bob Bruce UDX UD CDX Tricia Williams CD CCD Judy Forbes Faulkner
Friday 29 April 2016	7.00pm	Agility, Jumpers, Gamblers - All levels	Barbara Murfet
Saturday 30th April 2016	7.00pm	Obedience (Judges Training) Obedience (Judges Training) Rally O	Barbara Murfet UDX UD CDX Tricia Williams CD CCD Brabara Murfet
Friday 13 May 2016	7.00pm	Obedience Rally O	Judy Forbes-Faulkner Heidi Christoffel
Saturday 14 May 2016	1.30pm	Agility, Jumpers, Snooker - all levels	Judy Forbes-Faulkner
	5:00 PM	Rally O	Heidi Christoffel
	7.00pm	Obedience Agility, Jumpers, Strategic Pairs - all levels	Mal Holland Roel Wittkamp
Monday 4th July 2016	2.00pm	Agility, Jumpers, Gamblers - all levels	Judy Forbes-Faulkner
Show Day	7.00pm	Obedience Rally O	Judy Forbes-Faulkner Judy Forbes-Faulkner
Friday 15 July 2016	7.00pm	Agility, Jumpers, Snooker - all levels	Roel Wittkamp
Saturday 16 July 2016	7.00pm	Obedience (Judges Training) Rally O	Roel Wittkamp Roel Wittkamp
Friday 29 July 2015	7.00pm	Obedience	Coral Pethers
Saturday 30th July 2015	1.30pm	Agility, Jumpers, Gamblers - all levels	Brian Platts both games
	5:00pm	Rally O	Coral Pethers
	7.00pm	Obedience	Coral Pethers
	7.00pm	Agility, Jumpers, Strategic Pairs - all levels	Michael Cowman no game
Friday 26 August 2015	7.00pm	Obedience Rally O	Keith Millington Kathleen Millington
Saturday 27 August 2015	2.00pm	Agility, Jumpers, Snooker - all levels	Keith Millington
	7.00pm	Obedience Agility, Jumpers, Strategic Pairs - all levels	Kathleen Millington Sarah Crane

DATE	TIME	TRIAL	JUDGE
Friday 23 September 2016	7.00pm	Obedience	TBA
		Rally O	TBA
Saturday 24 September 2015	3.00pm	Agility, Jumpers - all levels	Jody Brown
	7.00pm	Obedience	TBA
	7.00pm	Agility, Jumpers, Strategic Pairs - all levels	Eddie Szmelter

NOTE : Open Agility offered on all trials

CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC
2016 TRACK & SEARCH AND TRACKING TRIAL CALENDAR

COST : \$15 per entry + \$5 Brekky each day

Entries close 14 days prior to trial

NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

Contact Trial Secretary Judy Forbes-Faulkner for further information

Ph 07 4772 5982 or Mobile 0427 725 982

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 6.00am, start 6.30am

Date	Trial	Judge	Location
Saturday 9 April 2016	Track and Search	Roel Wittkamp	Verbeena Court, Annandale
Sunday 10 April 2016	Tracking	Rosemary Lahz	Black River Rd, Alice River
Sunday 10 April 2016	Tracking	Roel Wittkamp	Black River Rd, Alice River
Saturday 7 May 2016	Track and Search	Deb Lamprecht	Verbeena Court, Annandale
Sunday 8 May 2016	Tracking	Deb Lamprecht	Black River Rd, Alice River
Saturday 11 June 2016	Track and Search	Mal Holland	Verbeena Court, Annandale
Sunday 12 June 2016	Tracking	Grant Glover	Black River Rd, Alice River
Sunday 12 June 2016	Tracking	Mal Holland	Black River Rd, Alice River
Saturday 9 July 2016	Track and Search	Annette Dobson	Verbeena Court, Annandale
Sunday 10 July 2016	Tracking	Annette Dobson	Black River Rd, Alice River

IT'S SUMMER TIME -
KEEP COOL !



THE END