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Front Cover : Life Member Sheila Fielder after presenting Janette Cussons and Julie Doig with their Tracking Championship Trophies, along with Geoff and Vicki Toomby on whose property where the trials are held, and Club President Mal Holland

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Photo (left) Find out more about this exciting trainer, handler and her dog on Pages 1 and 29!

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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



Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc



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President's Report

It has been an interesting and busy year for members of the COCT. The coming year 2019 will be much the same, possibly busier as we do have a few challenges coming up. Pet Dog Training, Obedience Training and Tracking Training are all in the mix for review, some changes, tweaking and some general upgrading where required. PDT training may undergo some refining and tweaking along with some upgrading. A possible Debra Millikan Workshop and make over is to be discussed at the Instructors Meeting in January. The group will be discussing exactly what that refining will consist of, and hopefully once decided, we can have it in place before the second PDT course commences training in April 2019.

Obedience training on the other hand is being well catered for with a six-day workshop in Rockhampton commencing on Sunday the 27th January 2019 and concluding on the following Friday the 1st February 2019. Classes will commence at 6.30am each day and will consist of theory and a discussion group each morning and afternoon. The evening's classes will commence at approximately, 4.30pm and conclude with a break down, discussion and some theory work. The Workshop Provider is Glynis and Sam Hendricks. Glynis is highly skilled and experienced in both ANKC and IPOH training and competition. She recently returned from Europe where she attended the World Championships for IPOH, viewing some of the best competing working dogs' teams in the world. Hopefully I will be able to attend as manager come water boy for our team of four girls who were nominated to attend, namely Carolyn Lynn, Julie Doig, Debbie Schmitt and Janette Cussons along with their dogs. The Workshop will be held at Glynis's property on the road to Emu Park in Rockhampton. You can read a profile of Glynis and her daughter Sam on Page 8.

Each year we seem to lose some of the people that are part and parcel of the backbone of the dog world, those skilled persons who help make the Dog World go around. Earlier in the year we lost Tiki Frazer, a much-loved tracking judge from NSW, and very recently we lost Jodie Brown, a Queensland judge for Obedience, Agility and Tracking. Jodie was one of those characters that everyone loves, a story on Jodie will follow a little later in the Magazine. Another loss to our club is Cathy O'Shea who has moved with husband Pat along with her horses and dogs to the Brisbane area, they will be with their daughter in her last couple of years at university. Cathy and Pat's place is for sale and comes as a suitable working property set up with stables and shed.

Noel McPherson has stepped down as the Training Coordinator however he is not lost to the Club as he will remain as an Instructor for PDT, an area where we are always in need of instructors. Thanks Noel for the time and energy you gave to the Training Coordinator role, it is much appreciated. Noel's understudy, Deb Fazel, has stepped into the position and is in the process of organising the first class of 2019.

A couple of points of interest: Fellow COCT club member Heidi Christoffel was elected to the role of President at the Annual General Meeting of the Mackay Magpies Dog Obedience Club, and Kirsten Nilson ex-member of COCT was elected as Secretary and Training Coordinator, well done girls.

On the 15th December 2018 the club held our Christmas Annual Dinner and Presentation Night at the Kirwan Sports Club on Bamford Lane. It was toss and go as to whether it would actually proceed as Tropical Cyclone Owen was threatening the area from the Cape to South of Rockhampton. A special report on that special night will follow later in the Magazine.

Finally, I wish to thank all the Office Bearers, Committee and Members for their efforts during 2018. It has been a big job for a lot of us, and we would be lost without our tireless workers. I also wish all Members a prosperous New Year and may you all get from it whatever it is that you want.

Mal Holland
President COCT Inc



CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Your Club Membership allows you to not only attend weekly classes, but to also participate in activities, competitions, and meetings throughout the year.

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

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

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

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

Just Briefly



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
Catch up on articles
you may have missed on trials,
behaviour, training and
feature stories.

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

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 the 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'?

DEFENCE 'WELCOME TO TOWNSVILLE EXPO' SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2019

The second Department of Defence 'Welcome to Townsville Expo' will be held at the Townsville Stadium 10.00am to 2.00pm on Saturday 23 February 2019.

With a large Defence population in our community, and the mobile nature of the military lifestyle, each year Townsville farewells and welcomes a large number of Defence members and their families. The beginning of each year sees the largest number of new arrivals. To assist Defence members and their families on their arrival, the Defence Community Organisation conducts the Expo with an aim to provide an opportunity to showcase a range of organisations and services relevant to their engagement with the Townsville community. Defence members and their families already residing in Townsville will also be attending.

The Department of Defence has again invited our Club to be one of the exhibitors on the day, and we will have a stall promoting Pet Dog Training, Advanced Obedience Training, and Tracking, Obedience, Rally and Agility/Jumpers trials. If you are available to help on the stall for the duration or even a couple of hours please let me know. Unsure at this stage if dogs will be allowed, will advise closer to the date. **Diane MacIntyre** dandr11@aapt.net.au

2019 CLASSES COMMENCING TUESDAY 29 JANUARY 2019

Welcome to all new Pet Dog Training Beginners starting class on Tuesday 29 January 2018 at 7.00pm sharp. This is the Introduction Class where you will find out more about the club and where your training can take you from Beginners to Intermediate, Advanced and then Upskill to Trialling. Training continues all through your dog's life, it's not just a 10 week course! We look forward to seeing you progress over coming weeks as your skills and bond with your dog grows, and would love to see 100% completion rate for all handlers at the end of the term!

Please arrive prior to 7.00pm and if for any reason you can't attend advise our Training Co-ordinator by 1.00pm on the 29th January.

THURSDAY NIGHT OBEDIENCE TRAINING

General Obedience and Rally-O practice will recommence from Thursday 7th February 2019 (weather permitting) from 6.30pm for Advanced and Class 4 Members at no charges. To make the night all the more enjoyable everyone is expected to help assist in the set up or packing up of equipment.

2019 OBEDIENCE, AGILITY and TRACKING TRIALS

The COCT Inc 2019 trialling season starts in April which may seem a while away but look how quickly the end of the year came upon us! Last year we relinquished our status as a Judge's Training Club (which is now done from Cairns), and our trials were rationalised to five double trials for the year. For those competing in Obedience and Rally Obedience you will be pleased to know that we have secured an additional double trial in September for these two disciplines. Check out the Trial Calendar at the back of the mag and pencil dates into your calendar or preferred digital device of trials you want to enter. Remember Obedience and Agility entries are via K9 Entries

www.k9entries.com/using.php and all entries close a fortnight before each trial.

COME AND BE INVOLVED !! CLUB MONTHLY MEETINGS

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm at the Clubhouse at Heatley Park. Everyone is welcome to attend if you would like to contribute, offer help or just find out more of what goes on in the running of your Club. Next meeting is **Monday 4 February 2019** followed by **Monday 4 March 2019**. We would love to see you there! If you would like to help in any way, no matter how small, it is all appreciated.

Training Report December 2018

Intake 4 for 2018 is near to completion, this being our last intake for 2018. It has been especially challenging for many reasons and not just because it is the first cancellation due to intense heat in sunny Townsville.

Unfortunately, I have resigned as Training Coordinator, and have passed those duties onto my Assistant Deb Fazel who is thankfully willing and up to the task at hand. Many thanks Deb and I am grateful you are available and that you hold a good understanding of the roll along with loads of common sense to carry the task off well and develop your processes to make it as easy and workable as possible.

When it comes time to fill the position by vote you will certainly have my support and I strongly suspect those instructors that have had the pleasure of your help and assistance will be the same.

Many thanks to all instructors and assistance that have offered their time and knowledge to the PDT courses, and also those members who have worked constantly in the background and spread the good word of the club.

Thanks for your help and support, hope you all have a Merry Christmas and the very best for 2019.

Noel McPherson.
Training Co-ordinator



LAST TRAINING NIGHT WAS A FUN NIGHT !

The Club's last training night on Tuesday 11th December 2018 finished with some fun and games followed by nibbles to end the year. All had a great time with Deb and Renate judging the Christmas dress up competition, and Noel refereeing the obstacle course. We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year, and look forward to seeing you and your dog in 2019 to continue on with your training.





CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE Inc 2018 CHRISTMAS BREAKUP AND PRESENTATIONS

Nearly 40 people attended our Christmas function and trophy presentation at the Kirwan Sports Centre on 15th December to enjoy good food, company, and congratulate those who won Title and Perpetual Trophies throughout the year. Ex-TC Owen almost put paid to the celebrations, and even though torrential but most welcome rain started to fall late that afternoon we were able to proceed. Unfortunately, it meant that Debi Kampkalis and her hubby from Cairns couldn't attend, but your trophies are waiting here for you Deb when we see you later in the year.

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



President Mal Holland compered and presented the Obedience and Agility Title Trophies as well as the Perpetual Trophies. It was a pleasure to have Geoff Toomby, on whose property the Club uses for Tracking Trials, present the Tracking Title Trophies. The year was topped with two dogs and their owners being awarded Tracking Championship Titles, and we were honoured to have Life Member Sheila Fielder perform the presentations. Well done to these teams for all the hard work in training, practice and competing to gain Titles and Championships. The dogs, of course, just had fun!

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



We also welcomed Councillor Kurt Rehbein as both the Club's Patron and guest speaker for the evening. It proved a challenge for Kurt to be heard above the rain that pelted down at the same time as he delivered an interesting speech on his early working years, and how he came to be a handler in the RAAF Dog Squad. It was a great learning curve for him and his four-footed partner, and they did everything together at work and at play. Although the work was immensely satisfying the unpredictability and long hours of the work roster did not go well with a new marriage and desire to start a family. It was around this time that an opportunity arose to join Jenny Hill's Team to run as a Councillor at the Local Government Elections, and upon successful election has applied himself to serving the residents of his Division. Kurt spoke of the challenges of Council and how he understood more of the public's perception of Council's workings once he actually became part of the team. One of the challenges was the changes to the pound which is now run by Council as the Townsville Animal Shelter. Kurt commended our Club for the service we provide to Townsville dog owners, and how training does make a difference in having dogs live in their forever home. It was an interesting speech and gave Club Members an insight to our Patron.



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







CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE WINNERS



Thank you everyone who so generously donated items for our Christmas Hamper Raffles, we ended up with enough items to fill three hampers of all sorts of Christmas goodies for both the humans and dogs – wine, chips & chocs & assorted nibbles, general household items / Christmas decorations, dog treats & toys (thanks Deb for making some of your tug toys!) - which was absolutely wonderful, thank you all again.

The Hamper winners were Blossom D'Mello, who is a friend of Renate's and has attended our function with her husband for many years (middle); Vicki and Geoff Toomby (far right), and one of our new members Snow who managed to scoot off before I could get his photo!

Two additional draws were made with Janette Cussons winning the bag of dog food kindly donated by Palms Veterinary Clinic at Hermit Park, and Catherine Pentland who won a watch kindly donated by Julie Doig.

I'm sure you and your dogs will enjoy your prizes!



CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC

Title Trophies 2018

OBEDIENCE

Community Dog - CD



Julie Doig & Zoe



Linda King & Red



Mandy Jones & Jay

Community Companion Dog - CCD



Carolyn Lynn & Kelly



Joy Tomes & Chewie



Judy Forbes-Faulkner & Pearl



Linda King & D'Arcy



Pat Cecil & Scorcha

RALLY OBEDIENCE

Rally Novice - RN



Debbie Schmidt & Furi



Joy Tones & Chewie & Jaz



Julie Combridge & Tara

Also Lucille Robinson & Chilli, who was unable to be with us on the night.

Rally Advance



Judy Forbes-Faulkner & Pearl

Rally Advanced Excellent



Renate Linder & Dixi

Rally Master



Julie Doig & Zoe



Renate Linder & Dixi

AGILITY

Open

Debi Kampaklis & Morphy – Debi was unable to attend due to weather conditions

GAMBLERS

Gambler Dog

Judy Forbes-Faulkner & Pearl (*right*)

Debi Kampaklis & Diesel - unable to attend due to weather conditions

SNOOKER

Snooker Dog

Leisa Cassidy & Sully (*right*)

Debi Kampaklis & Diesel - unable to attend due to weather conditions

Snooker Dog Excellent

Debi Kampaklis & Morphy - unable to attend due to weather conditions

STRATEGIC PAIRS

Strategic Pairs Dog

Judy Forbes-Faulkner & Pearl (*right*)

JUMPERS

Jumpers Novice

Debi Kampaklis & Diesel

Jumpers Masters

Debi Kampaklis & Morphy



TRACKING

Tracking Dog

Julie Combridge & Tara (*right*)

Lisa Sinclair & Coffee Crème – unable to attend

Jens Didriksen & Zelic – unable to attend

Tracking Dog Excellent

Tanya Hill & Isa – unable to attend



TRACK AND SEARCH

Track and Search Dog

Debbie Schmidt & Furi (*right*)

Heather Northover & Zeus – unable to attend



CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC

Perpetual Trophies 2018

OBEDIENCE

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 Jay Loyalpride Mapoza
Owner Mandy Jones
Scores 132 +160 = 292



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 Jay Loyalpride Mapoza
Owner Mandy Jones
Scores 161 + 148 = 309



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 Bojak Walkwithme
Owner Pat Cecil
Scores 182 + 192 = 374



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 Bojak Walkwithme

Owner Pat Cecil

Score 96 + 97 + 97 = 290



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 Chilli

Owner Lucille Robinson

Score 92 + 95 + 95 = 288

(unable to attend)

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 Swifhund Behind the Mask Kalkite the Mechanic

Owner Shari Gallagher Deb Kampaklis

Score 85 85 trophy shared

(both unable to attend)

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 Callicoma Leaps and Bounds

Owner Carolyn Lynn

Score 92



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 Beljekali One Sweet Girl

Owner Renate Linder

Score $93 + 86 + 98 + 99 + 93 + 93 + 92 + 96 + 80 + 85 = 915$



RALLY-O MASTERS TROPHY

Donated by Renate Linder

To be awarded to the Townsville dog with the total highest score to attain their title in Masters. 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 Diamondrio Suzie

Owner Julie Doig

Score $86 + 89 + 94 + 95 + 90 + 86 + 94 = 634$



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 Bojak Walkwithme

Owner Pat Cecil

Scores $182 + 192 = 374$ (CD quals)



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 Jelani Loyalpride Maposa

Owner Mandy Jones

Scores 172



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 Jelani Loyalpride Maposa

Owner Mandy Jones

Scores 161 + 148 = 209 (in CD)



AGILITY

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 Luack Dusty Rose

Owner Lucy Joynson (absent)

No. Quals 1

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 Luack High Jinks

Owner Lucy Joynson (absent)

No. Quals 1

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 Luack under the Southern Cross

Owner Lucy Joynson (absent)

Quals 1

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 Jackirra Regal Rambo

Owner Leisa Cassidy

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 Jackirra Regal Rambo

Owner Leisa Cassidy

No. Quals 3



TRACKING

ELIOCARN: Donated by Sister Jeannie Johnston

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

This is assessed on the following point score :-

Track	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 Diamondrio Suzie

Owner Julie Doig

Score 47 (Very Good)



TRACK AND SEARCH

MARGARET IVE MEMORIAL TRACK AND SEARCH

Donated by Sister Jeannie Johnston

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

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

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

Won by Ngidha Shaba Bayet

Owner Heather Northover (unable to attend)

**Points 3 (Good) + 7 (Pass) + 17 (Good) + 23 (Pass)
+ 39 (Good) = 89**

TRACKING CHAMPION

T.CH Raennik Natan

Janette Cussons being awarded her Tracking Champion Title Trophy
By Life Member Sheila Fielder



CONGRATULATIONS !

Townsville's Sixteenth Tracking Champion

TRACKING CHAMPION

T.CH Diamondrio Suzie CCD RE

Julie Doig being awarded her Tracking Champion Title Trophy
By Life Member Sheila Fielder



CONGRATULATIONS !

Townsville's Seventeenth Tracking Champion

YOUR 2018 HOLIDAY SNAPS

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



Above & Right : Amy & Justin Connaghan-Harris says their Dogue de Boedeaux Thunder is a real water babe and loves his summer swims down at Pallaranda.



Above & Right: Cleo the Dobermann getting into the Christmas Spirit and eyeing off a cooling dip in the river. Photos sent in by Kayla Farrell



Above : Joy Tomes sent in this pic of her Border Collies Jaz and Chewy getting into the Christmas Spirit.



Above: Bull Arab Tango relaxing in aircon comfort as only dogs can do, says owner Alexandra Aquilina.



Above : Linda King's Red and D'Arcy with their Title Trophies won in 2018, and then having a well earned break on Magnetic Island.





Above : Annika Frosling had Angus dressed and ready for Christmas



Deb Fazel's Evie in bed and waiting patiently for her pressies to arrive. Evie is an Angel Paws rescue dog and she is a Bull Arab X



Above : Mandy Jones sent in this photo of Jay, her Weimaraner and his haul of trophies won during the 2018 trialling year. He looks rather satisfied with himself doesn't he?!



Above : Deb Kampkalis's three little cuties getting ready for Christmas - Morphy, Diesel and Maggie (L-R)

Right: Coffee Crème eyeing off a dip in the pool at her second home in Melbourne. Lisa Sinclair says Coffee would live in the pool if allowed!



Profile Glynis and Sam Hendricks

Below is a short story on Glynis Hendricks and her daughter Sam. Four members of the COCT Inc – Debbie Schmidt, Janette Cussons, Julie Doig and Carolyn Lynn – will be travelling to their property in Rockhampton January-February 2019 to attend a 7 day workshop on Sports Dog Training.

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Coming from a background in show jumping and schooling horses, Glynis started dog training in Cape Town 1981 with her first GSD puppy, and 2 older dogs: a Border Collie and a GSD x Labrador.

She had the good fortune of being introduced to one of the top Kennel Union of South Africa (KUSA) Obedience competitors, who agreed to train her. She joined a small, dedicated group of goal-oriented competitors who met once a week for training.

After 18 months her young GSD had already passed her first two levels of Obedience competition classes. South Africa follows the British system of Obedience trials, with the first two levels being Beginners class and Novice class. Soon after, she moved to the small town of Bloemfontein, where there was little dog sport and less guidance, and she was largely left to her own devices.

In order to improve her skills, she began attending seminars around the country with international trainers. Around the same time, she added tracking to her repertoire, and bred her first litter of German shepherds.



By this stage her first GSD was competing at the highest level of Obedience, being C class, and had worked her way through the first two levels of working Trial competition, which are a combination of obedience, area searches, jumping, and tracking.

Unfortunately, this dog's promising career was cut short by bone cancer.

During the late 80's, Glynis became involved with running classes at the Bloemfontein Dog Training Club. Soon after joining, she was placed in charge of training and organisation of Obedience trials for the club. She reorganised the structure of the classes, and soon the club was so successful, the number of classes had to be doubled. In 1985, her daughter Samantha arrived on the scene, and was immediately sucked into dog training, attending many shows and seminars with Glynis.

In the early 90's Glynis was chosen as the representative for the Bloemfontein Dog Training Club on the State Obedience and Working Trials Committee, and started training towards her Obedience and Working Trials Judges

licences. This in addition to competing with 4 GSDs in Obedience and Working Trials. Around the same time, IPO (Internationale Prüfungs-Ordnung or Schutzhund training) came to South Africa, and with it came new training challenges. During one of the first South African IPO nationals, Glynis placed 2nd out of 36 dogs with her bitch, Lexi.

In 2009, after 20+ years as a successful breeder, trainer, competitor, and judge in South Africa, Glynis immigrated to Australia with her husband Mark, their daughter Samantha, 9 German Shepherds, and 1 cat. Once settled in, she picked up where she left off. In 2010, she joined the Rockhampton Dog Obedience Club, and was asked to rewrite

the class programs and train the trainers. She still continues with the training and breeding of her own dogs at Haveloc Kennels.

In 30+ years of being involved with dog sport, Glynis has:

- Trialled with 20+ dogs across a variety of sports
- Served for 15 years as an Obedience and Working Trial Judge
- Trained and coached countless competitors and their dogs including:
 - 1 National KUSA Tracking champion
 - 2 competitors to represent their state at KUSA Agility Nationals
 - 1 KUSA agility competitor to place 4th in the world.
 - 1 National KUSA Carting champion
- Completed the Cert III in Dog Behaviour and Training through the National Dog Trainers Federation (NDTF, Australia).
- Completed the Introduction to Canine Behaviour and Training course through the Centre of Applied Pet Ethology (COAPE, UK)
- Been an IPO National competitor 10 times.
- Breed and trained 4 GSDs for Queensland Correctional Services, and 1 GSD for the Australian Army.

Glynis's daughter, Samantha, is a second-generation breeder, trainer, and competitor, who began competing in Obedience trials in the early 2000's with her Shetland Sheep Dog and first GSD.

She started her KUSA Obedience judges training just prior to immigrating, and continues successfully with training and competition in Australia across IPO, Herding, Rally-O, Agility, and Tracking.



Vale Jody Brown

16-02-53 ~ 01-12-18

Courtesy Debbie Lamprecht

Jody was involved in the Dog World for some 30+ years as a well-respected trainer, competitor and judge (Obedience, Agility & Tracking).

Most of all he was loved for his positive attitude and friendly nature. He always had an encouraging word for each and every person he met. He had a very generous soul and was always very supportive of beginners and those struggling on their training journey.

He loved having the best seat in the house when judging dog sports and would happily interact with each competitor with his beaming smile.

Jody's sudden passing has left a big hole in our dog loving community and we send our sincere condolences to his close friends and family.

Rest In Peace Jody



SUMMER SAFETY & KEEPING COOL

Summer has well and truly arrived in Townsville. A heat wave in November with temps around 38C, Level 2 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 daily maximums of 32-34°C with high humidity for weeks on end. Top temperatures have reached 40°C. It can be uncomfortable enough for us humans, but for our dogs it can be deadly if they overheat.

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

- ✚ **Clean water.** Use a sturdy, deep container as a water bowl for larger dogs that can't be knocked over. A stainless-steel cooking pot is ideal. Plastic buckets can be ok but clean them out regularly as algae and scum can take hold and grow on the sides. Make sure it is in the shade all day and not exposed to the sun where it can heat up, and it needs to be changed at least daily. Have at least two water bowls available, especially if there is more than one dog.
- ✚ **Shade is a must,** and needs to be available all day. Patios, verandas, garages, shade trees, doggy doors to allow access inside a house can all provide refuge from the sun.
- ✚ **Doggy iceblocks.** For a cool treat, make a thin broth from beef stock cubes, pour into a Kong, and put in the freezer. A wonderful cool treat to give your dog on a hot day, and will keep him occupied for as long as it takes to melt. Or put some ice cubes in an ice cream container for him to lick as they melt.
- ✚ **Kids plastic shell sandpits** make great swimming pools. Fill with water and leave under a shady tree for your dog to jump in and cool off during the day. A second-hand bath tub mounted on a couple pieces of timber to keep it stable makes a great plunge pool.
- ✚ **Cool off** by letting him jump underneath a sprinkler before starting your walk, or douse under the hose or wipe down with a wet, clean rag. Encounters with neighbourhood sprinklers is always a great way to cool down – for the dog, of course! **NOTE : Sprinklers can only be used 6.00pm-8.00pm twice a week on allocated days, hoses at any time with restrictions in Townsville until further notice. Check Townsville City Council's website for more info www.townsville.qld.gov.au/water-waste-and-environment/water-supply-and-dams/restrictions**
- ✚ **Cool coats** have pockets of cooling liquid or water built into the sides of the coat and can be frozen or cooled down before putting on to the dog like an ordinary coat. They can be purchased online (Google Cool Coats), or check your local pet shop.
- ✚ **Swimming** is a wonderful means of cooling off and an activity that has low impact on the joints. Be cautious where you let your dog swim as coastal creeks and rivers from the central parts of the Queensland coast and right across to Western Australia is saltwater crocodile country all year round. Crocs are particularly active in summer as they get flushed out of rivers and creeks by floods or larger crocs, and start looking for mates to breed. Dogs are the perfect snack size for crocs, so always respect crocodile warning signs and avoid those areas at all times. There have been several reports in the media of dogs being taken or, in some lucky cases, escape with injuries from crocs. Always check with a local if you are new to the area on where you can let your dog swim safely.

- ✚ **Marine stingers** can be a problem for shorthaired dogs with little covering on their undersides. They can be stung just as easily as humans. Apply vinegar and take to nearest vet.
- ✚ **Footpaths, bitumen roads and sand on the beach** get mighty hot under the summer sun. Dog's paws are about the same toughness as the soles of our feet, so it can be quite uncomfortable to walk them on these surfaces. If you can't stand bare foot on the road or footpath don't expect your dog to. If possible, walk them on grass or if on a footpath one that is in the shade and may have lost some of its heat.

NEVER EVER'S

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

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

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

Symptoms of heat stroke and exhaustion are :-

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

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

- ✚ **Dog's in uncovered ute's and trucks** have no way of avoiding the sun, so unless the trip is short and the destination has shade and water leave them at home.
- ✚ **Never leave a dog inside a car** – it is inexcusable and a dog will die just as quickly and painfully as a child. 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.

THE GUILTY LOOKING COMPANION

Julie Hecht

www.blogs.scientificamerican.com/dog-spies/the-guilty-looking-companion/



Live with a dog, and you've probably met the "guilty look." It all happens so fast — you come home, the plants are knocked over, soil is tracked all over the floor, and there's the dog, frozen, averting gaze, and tail thumping. Whip out your phone to record the behavioral evidence for YouTube, and bam, you'll not only get millions of views, but you can even be invited on ABC's Good Morning America. All hail the dog's "guilty look."

But there's a problem. Research to date, including a new, [open-access](#) study published earlier this year, has not found that a dog's "guilty look" necessarily

corresponds with dog's *knowledge* of a misdeed. Additionally, scolding or punishing a dog in an attempt to tell them that what they did is wrong will not necessarily lead to a decrease of that "bad" behavior in the future. This is because a dog's supposed "guilty look" does not have the same meaning that it has for humans.

Which shouldn't really surprise anyone. Any dog lover who has watched a dog hold her nose centimeters from a lamp post or another dog's bum knows that the dog worldview differs from ours. When researchers create experiments to better understand dogs' conceptual frameworks, we often find that although their behaviors might seemingly be on par with our own, their cognitive framework or understanding of a situation might differ. This in no way minimizes our special relationship or their standing as our "best friend." It just means that the modern dog, even after thousands of years of domestication, is still better understood as a dog, a member of *Canis familiaris*, than as a human in dog fur.

Enter today's star, the beloved "guilty look."

In humans, a guilty look tips you off that someone knows not only that they have done something wrong, but also how they feel about it (badly). Guilt can be exceedingly useful for social beings like us because admitting you did something wrong is a step toward repairing a relationship, effectively minimizing the impact of your misdeed. Appeasement and reconciliation are also part of the package, and someone who ate the last of the chocolate ice cream and then left the empty container in the freezer may avert their gaze and even slightly constrict their posture. Hopefully, the person who kicked the ice cream will also engage in reparative behavior and buy more. Then, there's your dog.

"I behave in a particular way when I feel guilty; my dog behaves in a similar way in equivalent circumstances; I know intuitively that my behaviour is motivated by guilt; therefore the behaviour I see in my dog is also accompanied by feelings of guilt" (Bradshaw and Casey, 2007, p. 151)

For some, this is an open and shut case. You ate the ice cream. The dog peed on the floor. You look and act guilty. So does the dog. Both are equally guilty. Case closed. Owners asked to describe a dog's "guilty look" comment that dogs tend to become smaller and essentially assume a non-threatening pose. Some dogs avert their gaze or freeze. Sometimes there is a quick or slow thump-thumping of the tail. Others lift a paw. Some approach the owner with low posture. Others retreat to hide under the bed or simply to increase distance.

Animal behavior researchers classically refer to behaviors like these as elements of submission or fear. These cohesive displays are employed by social species, like dogs and their wild-type progenitor the wolf, to reduce conflict, diffuse tension, and reinforce social bonds. Many dog owners, by contrast, observe these behaviors as clear-cut evidence of guilt, a dog's knowledge that he did something wrong. Researchers have tried to assess this claim. In 2009, Alexandra Horowitz of Barnard College (and author of ["Inside of a Dog: What Dogs See, Smell, and Know"](#)) [published a study](#) in *Behavioural Processes* exploring what precedes the "guilty look." By varying both the dog's behavior (either eating or not eating a disallowed treat) and the owner's behavior (either scolding or not scolding), Horowitz was able to isolate what the dog's "guilty look" was associated with. She found that the guilty look did not appear more when the dogs had done something wrong. Instead, the "guilty look" popped out in full form when the owner scolded the dog. In fact, Horowitz also found that when scolded, the most exaggerated guilt look was performed by dogs who *had not* eaten the treat but were scolded anyway because the owner thought the dog *had* eaten it. In a multi-dog household, a dog could easily look guilty without ever having transgressed.

"But wait!" cries the peanut gallery. "It can't only be about scolding." The claim is as follows: you come home only to be greeted by your beloved dog, this time, with low posture, ears back, squinty eyes, lip licking and a tail wagging low and quick. Or maybe the dog is under the bed and won't budge. You enter the kitchen and find that the dog has done a lovely job rearranging the trash all over the floor. Not your design of choice, but you can see what he was getting at. In this context, owners claim dogs show the "guilty look" prior to an owner discovering the misdeed. This, they claim, indicates that dogs *know* they have done something wrong because the owner is not scolding yet.

In 2010, I investigated this scenario while conducting research with the [Family Dog Project](#) in Budapest. In the experiment, [published in Applied Animal Behaviour Science](#) in 2012, dogs had the opportunity to break a rule (that food on a table is for humans and not dogs) while the owner was out of the room. When the owner returned, but before they saw whether the dog ate the food, the dogs who ate were not more likely to look guilty than those who did not eat. We also wondered whether owners would be better able to recognize their dog's transgression in their behavior than a researcher simply coding for the presence of the commonly assigned "look." Owners who had previously witnessed their dog attending to the rule were not able to identify whether or not their dog had transgressed in their absence. The study did not find that owners could identify a "guilty dog" without scolding.

To date, researchers have not found direct support for the claim that dogs look "guilty" in the absence of concurrent scolding, but this doesn't necessarily mean nothing's going on. In her book ["For the Love of a Dog: Understanding Emotion in You and Your Best Friend,"](#) Patricia McConnell, Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison comments on what numerous clients have said: *"So often people think their dog 'knows' she shouldn't potty in the house because she greets them at the door looking 'guilty,' with her head and tail down, her eyes all squinty and submissive"* (p. 17).

In the late 1970s, a veterinarian received a call from a client. The client's dog, Nicki, apparently took to shredding paper in the owner's absence. Spite, the owner assumed, was behind the behavior. Together, the veterinarian and the owner explored the claim by having the owner shred the paper, leave the house, and then return home. Since Nicki had not performed the misdeed this time, she should not look guilty if the "guilty look" is associated with a knowledge of one's own transgression. If she did look "guilty" it could instead suggest that — as many other studies find — dogs are incredibly sensitive to environmental and social cues, and paper on the floor could be an indication of potential scolding to come. As you might imagine, it was the latter. When the owner returned, Nicki looked



“guilty” even though she did nothing wrong. McConnell continues, *“All that crouching and groveling is a white flag to avoid her owner’s wrath, not a sign she’s aware she’s broken some moral code of dog/human relationships.”*

“Evidence + Owner = Trouble” explains primatologist Frans de Waal, in [“Good Natured: The Origins of Right and Wrong in Humans and Other Animals.”](#) As a social species aiming to maintain relationships, dogs could show submissive displays *prior* to an owner scolding without the behavior indicating an apology or admittance of guilt as you might find with humans. Instead, these displays can aim to appease or pacify. In a questionnaire with study participants, I found that nearly 60% of owners surveyed reported that the dog’s “guilty look” led them to scold their dog less. What owners call “guilty” behavior could, in theory, serve an appeasement function in this context. Ljerka Ostojić and Nicola Clayton of the University of Cambridge, and Mladenka Tkalić of the University of Rijeka investigated whether a dog’s guilty look could be triggered by environmental cues. Earlier this year, they published an [open-access](#) study in *Behavioural Processes* investigating “whether the dogs’ own actions or the evidence of a misdeed might serve as triggering cues” for the guilty look in the absence of a scolding owner. By using a manipulation somewhat similar to that of Horowitz, Ostojić and colleagues found that the “guilty look” was not affected by dog’s own behavior (either eating or not eating the food), or whether the food was present or absent.

As researchers tend to do, Ostojić and I recently pondered the future of the “guilty look” in a Skype conversation. She highlights that it would be useful to investigate the behavior “in the exact situation in which owners claim that it appears. It also might be useful to look into what happens individually with each dog, and in this case, the stimulus would be specific to each dog.” Researchers could investigate how dog personality traits and life experiences affect the presentation of the “guilty look,” and Ostojić also wondered whether future studies should remove the experimenter or bystander from the scenario to better mimic real-world claims.









You may wonder why many people such as myself harp on this topic and even bother to empirically investigate this common attribution. As I’ve said before in [a online piece](#) for “The Dodo,” this is an issue of dog welfare: *“When you get angry or forgive your ‘guilty’ dog for demolishing your house, you ignore deeper concerns that, if addressed, could reduce or eliminate those behavior problems. Was the dog bored? Scared? Anxious? Did something change in your routine that confused them? Sadly, scolding dogs after the fact most often doesn’t decrease future bad behavior. If anything, the ‘guilty look’ could just become more exaggerated over time as your confused companion develops an anxious cycle of destruction and appeasement.”*





There have been too many distressing news stories on dogs biting kids lately. Perhaps if this poster was given to every person who purchased a dog or pup it could be the first step in educating and raising awareness of dog behaviour, so that the signs of stress, fearfulness or anxiousness as well as being happy can be recognised.

Dogs Don't Bite "Out of the Blue."

Many bites can be prevented if people learn to read a dog's body language.

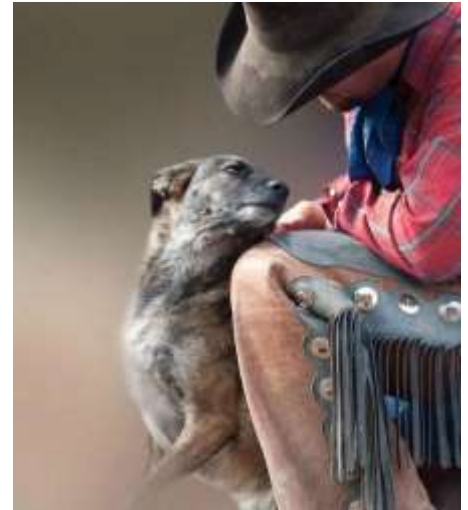
	This dog's whole body is wagging calmly and he is panting. He is happy to see you.		He is not yawning because he is tired. He is anxious and he hopes you will leave him alone.
	Her tail is high, her body is stiff and her mouth is closed. "I'm warning you. Back off!"		A tail tucked in, even if wagging a bit, means a very worried dog. "Please stay away from me."
	The tongue flick and the slow, stiff tail wag tell you this dog is very unsure. "Go away."		This dog is turning her head away in order to avoid conflict. She doesn't want to be bothered.
	The half-moon eye and the closed mouth tell you this dog is uncomfortable. "Leave me alone!"		The "freeze and stare" is a very dangerous sign! This dog will bite if you persist.

 For more information about dog bite prevention, visit www.doggonesafe.com. 

People who don't have pets can't understand the love a person can have for a dog, a cat, or any other type of animal. It seems that the human condition is always up, and that loving an animal as a child is an irrational exaggeration.

It's not necessary to have a pet at home to care for. However, having a pet in the family is a big responsibility, which implies a number of commitments that we must fulfill. No doubt they reward you every day, and we take care of them effortlessly.

For all those people who have difficulty understanding these relations, the writer Richard A. Biby wrote a very interesting poem around this subject. The poem is dedicated to all dogs in general, but also to all those who don't understand it. We hope that after reading the poem, there is no doubt that your friend "is not just a dog":



Just a Dog.....

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or "that's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog."

Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog." Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise."

"Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure and unbridled joy.

"Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that makes me a better person.

Because of "just a dog," I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future. So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog," but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man/woman." So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog," just smile --because they "just don't understand."

Richard A. Biby

PET DOG TRAINING UPGRADES

TERM 4 OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2018

BEGINNERS

Handler Name	Breed	Dog's name
Amy & Justin Connaghan-Harris	Douge de Bordeaux	Thunder
Julie Doig	Smooth Collie	Gus
Kayla Farrel	Doberman	Cleo
John Hilliard	Labrador	Charlie
Sandra Lamari		Rishi
Rob Brooker	Labrador	Bailey
Rhiannon Haskins	Cattle dog	Cash
Jenny Hetherington	Jack Russell	Ikie
Lorena Liddy	Beagle	Millie
Caryn Samways	Border Collie	Archie

INTERMEDIATE

Handler Name	Breed	Dog's name
Sandra Cox	Labrador	Cleo

ADVANCED

GRADUATES - CONGRATULATIONS!!

Handler Name	Breed	Dog's name
Pat Cecil	Border Collie	Scorcher
Maree Endres	Golden Retriever	Nugget

CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC 2019 OBEDIENCE AND AGILITY TRIAL CALENDAR

ENTERING TRIALS

Preferred method of entry for trials is through K9 Entries.

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

COMPETITORS PLEASE NOTE

It is an expectation that competitors will assist with ring setups, changes and stewarding when requested

Open Agility offered on all trials

DATE	TIME	TRIAL	JUDGES
APRIL DOUBLE TRIAL			
5/4/2019	7:00 pm	Obedience	Cathy O'Shea
5/4/2019	7:00 pm	Rally O	Roel Wittkamp
6/4/2019	3:00 pm	Agility all levels	Tim Fairchild
6/4/2019	3:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Roel Wittkamp
6/4/2019	7:00 pm	Obedience all levels	Cathy O'Shea
6/4/2019	7:00 pm	Gamblers All levels	Roel Wittkamp
6/4/2019	after Gamblers	Agility all levels	Roel Wittkamp
6/4/2019	7:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Tim Fairchild
MAY DOUBLE TRIAL			
17/5/2019	7:00 pm	Rally O all levels	Maryanne Fazekas
17/5/2019	7:00 pm	Obedience all levels	Judy Forbes-Faulkner
18/5/2019	2:00 pm	Gamblers all levels	Annette Gniel
18/5/2019	2:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Tim Fairchild
18/5/2019	after gamblers	Agility all levels	Annette Gniel
18/5/2019	4:00 pm	Rally O all levels	Maryanne Fazekas
18/5/2019	7:00 pm	UD CDX, CD, CCD	Maryanne Fazekas
18/5/2019	7:00 pm	UDX	TBA
18/5/2019	7:00 pm	Strategic Pairs	Tim Fairchild
18/5/2019	after pairs	Agility all levels	Tim Fairchild
18/5/2019	7:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Annette Gniel
JULY DOUBLE TRIAL			
19/7/2019	7:00 pm	UDX	Barbara Murfet
19/7/2019	after UDX	UD, CDX, CD and CCD	Roel Wittkamp
19/7/2019	After UDX	Rally O all levels	Barbara Murfet
20/7/2019	2:00 pm	Gamblers all levels	Heather Northover
20/7/2019	2:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Roel Wittkamp
20/7/2019	after gamblers	Agility all levels	Heather Northover
20/7/2019	4:00 pm	Rally O all levels	Barbara Murfet
20/7/2019	7:00 pm	Obedience all levels	Barbara Murfet
20/7/2019	7:00 pm	Agility all levels	Roel Wittkamp
20/7/2019	7:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Heather Northover
20/7/2019	after agility	Snooker all levels	Roel Wittkamp

AUGUST DOUBLE TRIAL 1

2/8/2019	7:00 pm	UDX	Coral Pethers
2/8/2019	after UDX	Rally O all levels	Coral Pethers
2/8/2019	after UDX	UD, CDX, CD, CCD	Tricia Williams
3/8/2019	2:00 pm	Gamblers	TBA
3/8/2019	2:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	TBA
3/8/2019	after gamblers	Agility all levels	TBA
3/8/2019	4:00 pm	Rally O all levels	Coral Pethers
3/8/2019	7:00 pm	UDX	Coral Pethers
3/8/2019	after UDX	UD, CDX, CD, CCD	Tricia Williams
3/8/2019	7:00 pm	Strategic Pairs	TBA
3/8/2019	after pairs	Agility all levels	TBA
3/8/2019	7:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	TBA

AUGUST DOUBLE TRIAL 2

30/8/2019	7:00 pm	UDX	Charles Giles
30/8/2019	after UDX	UD, CDX, CD, CCD	Lisa Sinclair
30/8/2019	after UDX	Rally O all levels	Charles Giles
31/8/2019	2:00 pm	Agility all levels	Terrence Griffin
31/8/2019	2:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Ray Ashman
31/8/2019	after jumpers	Snooker all levels	Ray Ashman
31/8/2019	7:00 pm	Strategic pairs	Ray Ashman
31/8/2019	after pairs	Agility all levels	Ray Ashman
31/8/2019	7:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Terrence Griffin

SEPTEMBER DOUBLE OBEDIENCE & RALLY O TRIAL

27/9/2019	7:00 pm	CDX CD and CCD	Lisa Sinclair
		UDX and UD	TBA
27/9/2019	7:00 pm	Rally O all levels	Andrea Wohlhuter
28/9/2019	7:00 pm	Obedience all levels	TBA
28/9/2019	7:00 pm	Rally O all levels	Andrea Wohlhuter

Why Title A Dog?

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

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

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

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

-Sandra Mowery

CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC 2019 TRACK and SEARCH AND TRACKING TRIAL CALENDAR

COST : \$20 per entry (includes breakfast)

Entries close 14 days prior to the trial

NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

Contact Tracking Co-Ordinator Janette Cussons for further information

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NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

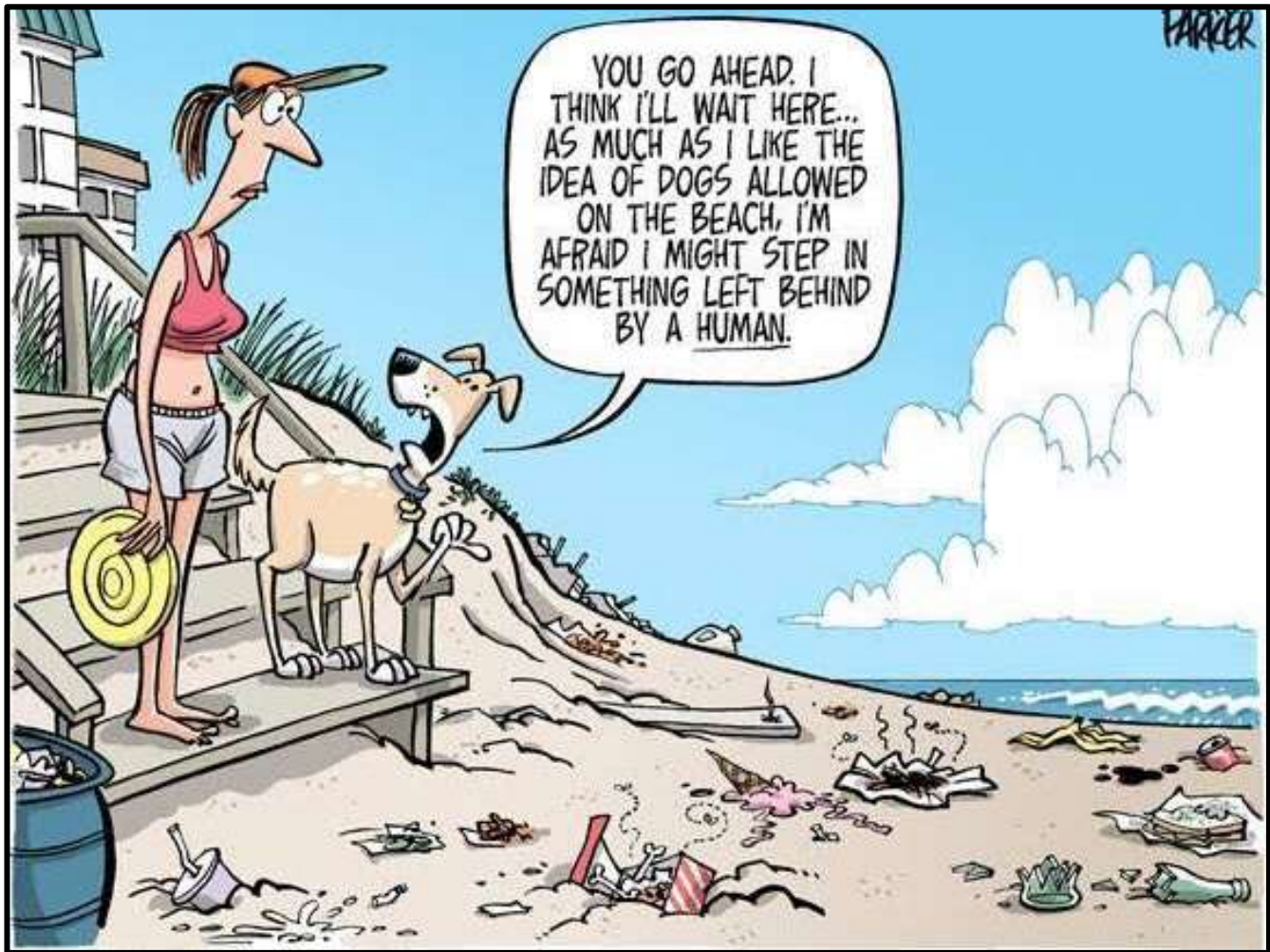
- 🐾 Fields restricted to 8 per trial
- 🐾 Handlers restricted to no more than 1 entry in a trial unless less than 8 entries
- 🐾 Ballot to be held if more than 8 entries per day
- 🐾 Entry fees refunded to balloted dogs

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

Date	Trial	Judge	Location
Sat March 23	Track & Search	Rosemary Sehl & Roel Wittkamp	Annandale & Aitkenvale
Sun March 24	Track & Search	Rosemary Sehl & Roel Wittkamp	Annandale & Aitkenvale
Sat April 13	Track & Search	Roel Wittkamp & Heidi Christoffel	Annandale and Aitkenvale
Sun April 14	Tracking	Debbie Schmidt and Roel Wittkamp	Alice River
Sat May 11	Track & Search	Heidi Christoffel (2 nd judge TBA)	Annandale and Aitkenvale
Sun May 12	Tracking	Janette Cussons (2 nd judge TBA)	Alice River
Sat June 15	Track & Search	Heidi Christoffel (2 nd judge TBA)	Annandale and Aitkenvale
Sun June 16	Tracking	Carolyn Lynn (2 nd judge TBA)	Alice River
Sat July 13	Track & Search	Coral Pethers and Rosemary Sehl	Annandale and Aitkenvale
Sun July 14	Tracking	Coral Pethers and Rosemary Sehl	Alice River



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