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

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

Annual General Meeting held first Monday in August

Executive Committee meetings held as called by Secretary

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Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc



## Canine Obedience Club Townsville Inc

### President's Report July 2017

#### Noel McPherson

We are in the depth of winter now and life is good in the Tropics. Trials at the grounds in Townsville and other regional centres, along with Tracking in the bush and Track and Search events, are consuming the trialing club members weekends one after the other. There are some great results being recorded from all the effort and time spent training and refining canine and human interactions during the weeks leading up to trial time, and in general throughout the year.

Our intake of new handlers for the July 2017 class has closed, and numbers are solid at 28 thanks to extra help. The Townsville City Council Pet Expo held in June was a huge success not only the club, but also the Council and all the exhibitors and businesses that made the effort and took the time to make it one of the very best pet promotions ever seen in Townsville. The pet loving public turned out in their hundreds, and it consumed the focus of Judy, Renate, Kirsten and myself to man the stand and talk with all those who had an interest in what the club does and what is on offer by becoming a member. Thank you to our course attendees who gave of their time and braved doing demonstration work on the day in front of the hundreds lining the perimeter (see photos following pages), and great work from Kirsten, Renate and Judy to show what can be achieved through training and holding the club flag high, well done!

The RSPCA Million Paws Walk held in May was also a great event and gathering of dog loving people, giving us the opportunity to promote the club once again. Thanks to Kirsten for her help to set up and man the stand, and also those members who took the time to come down and support the day and pack up at the conclusion. The Pet Expo and Paws Walk are totally different events - the Walk is great and special because it enables the RSPCA to raise vital funds through motivating people to get up and go socialize with your dogs on a great day in your home town all over QLD. While we did not put on a demo for the crowds, it is important that we are present and supportive of a great organization in their efforts to help canines at every opportunity state wide.

My planned absence was very short lived, resulting in my ability to continue my roles for the club. The AGM has been announced and all Committee roles are up for election in August once again. I have been fulfilling the roll of Club President, but feel that as a trialing club a new President with involvement in the competition arena is needed to ensure the focus and improvements occur with that as the main agenda item. I will cover the roll if required to, but would be very happy to see an involved member take up the position and give direction and implement improvements in direction and focus. Please consider what you can offer to all the committee positions.



Many thanks to all members for your help and support, and a very big thanks to Judy and Renate for tidying up and completing the Stock-take.

See you in the paddock, Noel McPherson.









## 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 want 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](http://www.coct.com.au)  
Catch up on articles  
you may have missed on trials,  
behaviour, training and  
feature stories.

**Have you enjoyed your classes, love dogs, and would like to help others train theirs?**  
The club has openings for several Trainee Instructors.

The minimum requirement is that you have completed basic training and have had some trialling experience, or have been an Instructor in another club.

You will be paired with an experienced instructor who will take you through week by week theory and practical on how to teach handlers to train their dogs.

All instructors are volunteers who started off just like you – taking a dog through classes, graduating into Class 4, and then becoming interested in the training program.

To find out more ask to talk to 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.

**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 want advice on, 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!

## 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'?

### OBEDIENCE RING TRAINING – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 6.00pm

Mal Holland and Cathy O'Shea have offered to assist with obedience ring training on alternate Thursday nights. Mal Holland will train handlers the first Thursday of the month from 6:00 pm. Mal will start with the CCD and CD dogs and work up through the levels as required. Cathy O'Shea will train handlers on the 3rd Thursday of the month using the same format. This training is offered free to Membes and Registered Handlers wishing to do trial practice with the proviso that all handlers attending either help set up or pack up and offer their assistance as ring stewards. So take advantage of this great opportunity to learn the tricks of becoming ring savvy. The normal Thursday training for all handlers wishing to trial in obedience and Rally O will also be on offer every Thursday at no charge providing handlers assist in set up or pack up.

### OBEDIENCE, AGILITY and TRACKING TRIALS

The 2017 trialling season is wel and truly underway! Check out all the details on dates, times and Judges at the back of the mag. If you are interested in Trialling or would like to offer assistance in any way, shape or form we would love to hear from you. Have a chat to your instructor or anyone at the Clubhouse to find out more.

### 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 10 July 2017** followed by **Monday 7 August 2017**. We would love to see you there! If you would like to help in any way, no matter how small, it would be very much appreciated.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MONDAY 7 AUGUST 7.00pm

Another 12 months has flown by and it's time for the the Club's AGM. All Club and Registered Members would have by now received an email from Secretary Judy reminding you to renew your annual membership. Club Members are also eligible to nominate for Committee Positions as listed on the inside cover of the magazine. If you are interested complete the nomination form and submit by **14<sup>th</sup> July 2017**. Registered Members cannot nominate for Committee Positions but if are interested it is free to change to Club Membership.

If you haven't received your Annual Membership Renewal Notice or notice of the AGM and the nomination form for the Committee Positions contact Secretary Judy on [secretary@coct.com.au](mailto:secretary@coct.com.au)



## 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 pup's 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.



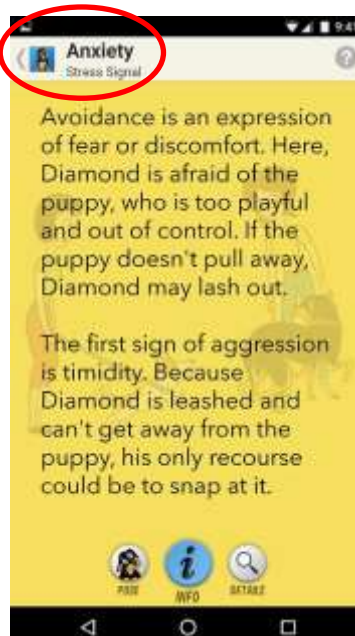
There is a neat app called Dog Decoder that contains interpretations of 55 different body language postures, divided into Emotional States, Greetings and Friendly, Calming Signals, Stress Signals, Prey Drive/Play and Space Invaders, which deals with defensive stance, aggression etc.

The different categories are colour coded to make it quicker to identify the one(s) you want when scrolling through them. Tap on the required posture, and it will show a cartoon displaying the body language in question.

Tapping on "INFO" button will give you a written explanation of what is going on in the picture, and tapping on "DETAILS" will show the original picture with pointers showing what to look for.



It costs \$5.99 and available for both iPhones/iPads and Android type devices - just look for it in the relevant app store.





## **Training Report May-June 2017**

Good weather and cooler evenings have resulted in great training conditions for Intake 2 which finished on 20<sup>th</sup> June with no training night cancellations due to wet weather.

Beginners for Intake 2 ran with 23 enrolments, 14 of which received upgrades, and 9 need a little more work. Judy had an Intermediate class of just 4 and achieved a great result of 3 upgrades to Advanced, with all 3 hopefully continuing on at the next level. Kirsten managed upgrading 2 from her Advanced level of 6 starters.

Thank you to all Instructors and Assistants, especially for covering classes during Instructor absence, and to all of you for completing the Intake and pushing your charges beyond their comfort zones, and with practice learning how to work with their companions. I still hear from those in the classes how much better their dogs are since attending classes. Changes are small in some cases but noticeable, and in others the transformation is substantial. We all must remember from our own dogs and working at training that 9 weeks of work is only the blink of an eye in a dog's life with us, but any amount of quality focused work and effort produces results. Those who continue on and rise through the levels get the maximum benefit even if it does take 12 months or more. Once a week for an hour the handler can focus 100% on their mate and learn skills that help in the many years of companionship ahead, and in today's busy world it is not easy to dedicate exclusive time to you canine companions.

Intake 3 enrolment is now complete with classes set and 28 in total. Our winter volunteer Lisa is back in the Ville and will take her own Beginners class this round, and the much-anticipated return of Carolyn to our ranks is very much appreciated and I thank you both. Julie and Jens as always are heading the line up along with our workhorse Judy running Intermediate again. Kirsten's efforts in Advanced are always appreciated, and it is going to be a sad day when she takes up teaching and heads to greener pastures. I have a suspicion though that dogs/animals and training are always going to form a large part of her life.

Thanks and see you in the paddock.

Noel McPherson  
**Training Co-ordinator**

## **Vale Judges Training at COCT Inc.**

In 1981/2 a very good friend of mine, Mike Cowie, while residing in Cairns, promoted and commenced Judges Training activities in Townsville with the blessing of the CCC and COCT club members.

As I had been transferred in my employment to Mackay in 1982 he asked me to assist him, knowing he was shortly due to be transferred in his employment back to Brisbane and he needed someone to follow on his efforts.

After Mike left in 1983 I had the assistance of Jim Hook (Cairns) and Max Wilmot (Sarina), two very wise and down to earth Trainers and Judges. In Townsville, the main support notably came from Ray Taylor, and Val and Phil Litster.

Of course, in the early years everything centred on dog Obedience and Tracking - times have certainly changed with the introduction of other dog sports such as Agility, Rally, Herding and Dancing with Dogs.

Looking at your Club's Honour Board as I often do when I come to Townsville, it is a reflection not only of the history of the COCT Inc but also a history of Judges training in North Queensland, a continual parade of faces involving 35 years of continual support.

We must also acknowledge the contribution of other north Queenslanders spread from Cairns, the Tablelands and as far south as Sarina, also part of the continual passing parade.

For 35 years for better or worse I have been an integral and constant part of that passing parade and there are many treasured memories and many friends made along the way. My activities in dog obedience commenced 50 years ago in 1966 with my first Labrador (Jaywick Lifesaver UD), the first of many 4-footed friends that followed; it's hardly possible to imagine life without a dog.

I have always enjoyed teaching others although sometimes the experience has had its up's and down's, but now it's simply time for me seriously downscale my doggy activities. However, I am just a part of this story for mainly it's a commendable record of the support and leadership the members of the Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc have given towards the north Queensland judges training scheme for 35 years.

If it's the COCT's members decision to also move along I very much respect that decision. It will, besides leadership, leave some large holes to be filled.

**Bob Bruce**  
**Senior Judge, Mackay**

## **35 Years of Judges' Training in Townsville – a trainee's perspective**

As mentioned in the article on the previous page by Bob Bruce, the Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc has hosted Judges' Training for a total of 35 years, which is, to say the least, a lot longer than I or the majority of today's judges have been involved. I must say upon receiving Bob's story I for one was amazed at the length of time the Club had been involved, and it is a credit to Bob Bruce that he maintained such an interest for such a long period of time.

Prior to my involvement with Judges training Bob had already been involved with the training of Cathy O'Shea, Karen Brereton and Mal Holland and I am sure many more whose names I do not know. One of these trainees, Mal Holland, mentioned to me that one of Bob's favourite comments was with regards to what constituted fast pace. This was often discussed and trainees would argue what fast pace really was and how it should be interpreted depending on the handler and size of the dog, to which Bob would say "a good point but if you want to pass do it my way."! Bob was well known by all trainees for being a stickler for the rules.

Over the past few years I have had the opportunity to train in all levels of obedience and agility under the supervision of Mr Bruce (or Bob as most of us knew him). During this time I was joined by several other trainees, many of which were further advanced in the scheme than me. I remember training with such notable judges as Kesley Court, David Horsley, Sue Sigmund and Roel Wittkamp to name but a few. I must say training with Bob was always a challenge as he could find the most obscure questions to ask with regards to what various handlers could do in the ring, and I think because of his interesting approach to training the judges who qualified under his tuition were able to interpret and handle challenging systems with ease. I am sure our current trainees Tricia Williams and Andrea Wohlhuter would agree.

To close, I would once again like to thank Bob for his many years service training judges initially in obedience, then tracking and agility, and more recently Rally Obedience, and wish him all the best for the future.

**Judy Forbes-Faulkner**

**COCT Inc Secretary / previous Obedience and Agility Trainee**





# TRACKING REPORT

## May 13 -14 2017 Trial



**Judges: Ms Rosemary Sehl, Rockhampton, Mr Mal Holland, Townsville (TSD, Tracking)  
Ms Rosemary Sehl, Rockhampton and Mrs Carolyn Lynn, Townsville (Tracking)**

Our second tracking trial of the 2017 season was yet another great week end of competition in both the city and the paddocks and as usual there were some great successes and opposing those, some disappointments of things not going right on the day.

The trial started on Saturday morning with 3 dogs and handlers in town for Track and Search, 2 of which gained quals! The first team out was Carolyn Lynn and Kelly (TCh Callicoma Leaps and Bounds, Australian Kelpie) on a TSD3 under Judge Rosemary Sehl. Unfortunately, they were unsuccessful this time out when Kelly took the cross-track, better luck next time Carolyn. They were followed by Debbie Schmidt and Kenzie (T Ch Bossface MacKenzie TSD, German Shepherd) on a TSD5 also under Rosemary. This track is run over varied surfaces with no articles, and Kenzie worked steadily to achieve a Very Good pass, congratulations, well done. Meanwhile Tanya Hill and Renoir (Dual CH T Ch Darchaltan Designa Genes (AI) TSD, Doberman) (*pictured right*) were doing their TSD4 test, achieving a Good pass under local judge Mal Holland. Congratulations Tanya and Renoir.



Sunday saw another 9 dogs and intrepid handlers (not to mention track layers) do battle with the 4-6' grass, lantana and chinny apple, hidden logs and ant hills in all that grass and scrub at Alice River – I swear it's grown 2' since the April trial! However, despite all these obstacles, 8 teams saw success!! Under local Judge Carolyn Lynn, Julie Combridge and Tara (Chackoonya Cobalion, German Shepherd) worked steadily through heavy grass to achieve a Very Good pass on their T1 test. Then came Tanya Hill and Tucker (Ch Darchaltan Don't Dream It's Over, Doberman) who unfortunately came a cropper on their T2 test after an earlier encounter with horses in the paddock, a first for poor Tucker. They were followed by another of our new competitors, Greg Chapman and Zara (Woodwych Hot Gossip, German Shorthaired Pointer) who earned an Excellent pass on their T1 test, after which Tanya saw success with her second dog Isa (Ch Kriegmann Vanity Fair AI, Doberman) who received a Good pass on their T3 (Tracking Dog Title) test.

Meanwhile, over in the wilds of the other paddock under Judge Rosemary, another one of our out of town members Heather Northover and Juba (Ch Usakose Slice of Heaven AD JDX SPD GD RN, Rhodesian Ridgeback) worked a lovely T1 test to earn a Very Good pass. They were quickly followed by myself and Jax (Raennik Natan TD, German Shepherd) ran a beautiful T6 track, but unfortunately failed to indicate. I can't

stress enough how important it is to consolidate article indication folks, as no indication = no pass, so we have some serious homework to undertake before our next trial. Then Heather was back in harness with her big boy Zeus (Ch Nglidha Shaba Bayete JD TD RB, Rhodesian Ridgeback) working a solid T5 test and gaining a Very Good pass.

After a quick break to catch her breath after stewarding the 3 previous tracks, Debbie Schmidt and Furi worked beautifully to attain a Good pass on their T6 (Tracking Dog Excellent Title) test. We then crossed over to Carolyn's paddock to see Julie Doig and Zoe (Diamondrio Suzie, Staffordshire Bull Terrier) run an absolutely lovely track and attain a Very Good pass at their T4 test.

It was wonderful to welcome Heather and Craig Northover who travelled up from Rockhampton and were more than happy to chuck in and help wherever needed, back to Townsville (especially since they had such a successful trial, makes the trip from Rocky worthwhile!!), see our beginners have success and to see the great camaraderie of everyone taking part under some pretty rough conditions.

I'd also like to thank both Rosemary and the competitors who offered me the opportunity to shadow judge their dogs as part of my judges' training studies/duties. It is lovely to see you and your dog's work from another perspective and I greatly appreciate the opportunity. Every time we follow a dog, be it our own or another team, we learn more about scent and how our dogs work, and are able to get great advice from our Judges.

It was a fabulous and eventful weekend of tracking!! Congratulations Debbie and Tanya on gaining your titles, everyone who qualified and commiserations to those of us who were unsuccessful this time out – better luck next time. We all have areas to work on (article indication for me).

I know I say it every time, but the organization of any successful trial, especially tracking takes the input of many people and I'd like to extend a huge thank-you to all our judges, stewards, track setters who worked tirelessly to bring off the weekend and particularly our tracklayers (baits) who agree to leave their comfortable beds in the early morning dark to come out and hide in the bush in the hope a dog will find them, as without their generous help there would be no competition - please, please don't forget to thank those involved on the day. Also a special thanks to everyone participating in the Judges Training Scheme and Beginners Tracking Course - our new Judges Debbie Schmidt and Carolyn Lynn, assistant Julie Doig and our mentor Mal Holland for his ongoing assistance with all things tracking, Renate Linder, and Laurie, Sheila and Eddie Fielder for the fabulous breakfasts they provided on Saturday and Sunday mornings respectively. If I've failed to mention anyone personally, please know that I appreciate every, and any assistance given.

**Note: Due to the increase in TSD numbers and the logistics of running trials on business days when our helpers are working, it was decided that all TSD trials would be run on Saturdays and Tracking trials would be limited to single trials on Sundays, therefore balloting rules will apply. All handlers who attend are required to be prepared to assist where needed.**

Janette Cussons  
Tracking Coordinator 2017

**TRACK and SEARCH TRIAL – ANNANDALE****May 13, 2017****Judge: Rosemary Sehl**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Name of Dog</b>	<b>Breed</b>	<b>Result</b>
<b>Track : TSD5</b>			
Debbie Schmidt	TCh Bossface MacKenzie TSD	German Shepherd	Very Good

**Judge: Mal Holland**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Name of Dog</b>	<b>Breed</b>	<b>Result</b>
<b>Track: TSD4</b>			
Tanya Hill	Dual Ch TCh Darchaltan Designa Genes (AI) TSD	Doberman	Good

**TRACKING TRIAL – ALICE RIVER****May 14th, 2017****Judge : Carolyn Lynn**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Name of Dog</b>	<b>Breed</b>	<b>Result</b>
<b>Track: T1</b>			
Julie Combridge	Chackoonya Cobalion	German Shepherd	Very Good
Greg Chapman	Woodwych Hot Gossip	German Shorthaired Pointer	Excellent

**Track : T3**

Tanya Hill	Kriegmann Vanity Fair (AI)	Doberman	Good
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**\*\*\*\*CONGRATULATIONS TRACKING DOG TITLE\*\*\*\*****Judge : Rosemary Sehl**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Name of Dog</b>	<b>Breed</b>	<b>Result</b>
<b>Track: T1</b>			
Heather Northover	Ch Usakose Slice Of Heaven AD JDX SPD GD RN	Rhodesian Ridgeback	Very Good

**Track: T5**

Heather Northover	Ch Ngidlha Shaba Bayet JD TD RN	Rhodesian Ridgeback	Very Good
Julie Doig	Diamondrio Suzie CCD RE TD	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	Very Good

**Track: T6**

Debbie Schmidt	Monsimbee They Call Me Furi TD	German Shepherd	Good
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**\*\*\*\*CONGRATULATIONS TRACKING DOG EXCELLENT TITLE\*\*\*\***





Above : Debbie Schmidt with her GSD Kenzie at the end of their successful Level 5 Track and Search through the streets of Annandale, and being presented with the Qualifying Ribbon and Card from Judge Rosemary Sehl



Above : Judge Mal Holland presenting a very happy Tanya Hill the Track and Search Level 4 Qualifying Ribbon and Card for her German Shepherd Dog Renoir success through the streets of Annandale.



*Left:* Judge Carolyn Lynn presenting Greg Chapman and his German Shorthaired Pointer Zara their Tracking Level 1 Qualifying ribbon.

*Right:* Judge Carolyn Lynn presenting Julie Combridge the Tracking Level 1 Qualifying Ribbon for her efforts with her German Shepherd Tara.



*Left:* Judge Carolyn Lynn presenting Tanya Hill Tracking Level 3 (and Tracking Dog Title) Qualifying Ribbon and Card for her success with Doberman Isa. **Congratulations!**







*Left:* Judge Rosemary Sehl presenting Heather Northover Tracking Level 1 Qualifying ribbon and Tracking Level 5 Qualifying Ribbon and Card for her two Ridgebacks. A very successful morning for Heather!



*Right :* Judge Rosemary Sehl presenting Julie Doig and her Staffordshire Bull Terrier Zoe their Tracking Level 5 Qualifying Ribbon and Card.



*Left:* Debbie Schmidt and German Shepherd Furi being presented their Tracking Level 6 (and Tracking Dog Excellent Title) Qualifying Ribbon and Certificate from Judge Rosemary Sehl. **Congratulations!**



# TRACKING REPORT

## June 17-18<sup>th</sup> 2017 Trial



**Judges: Mrs Heidi Christoffel, Mackay Mr Mal Holland, Townsville (TSD, Tracking) and Mr Grant Glover, Brisbane and Mrs Carolyn Lynn, Townsville (Tracking)**

What a bumper week end of tracking we had for our 3rd trial of the season in both the city and out in the paddocks.

It kicked off with a big Track and Search field consisting of two day tracks and three night tracks. The morning saw us up not so bright, but definitely early with Silke Weyland and Aska (T Ch Nordenstamm Aska GD UDX RN, Belgian Malinois) obtaining a Pass under judge Mal Holland, while Carolyn Lynn and Kelly (TCh Callicoma Leaps and Bounds, Australian Kelpie) were attempting their TSD3 under judge Mrs Heidi Christoffel. Unfortunately they were unsuccessful this time out with Kelly taking an unknown scent just after the start, better luck next time Carolyn. Friday afternoon saw several tracklayers walking tracks throughout the streets of Annandale, which the handler/dog teams would not get to run for a minimum of 3 hours. These title tracks are over varied hard surfaces with limited vegetation, over which the dog must track without any additional articles other than the original scent article.

First team out was Tanya Hill and Renoir (Dual CH T Ch Darchaltan Designa Genes (AI) TSD, Doberman) who achieved a "Good" pass on their TSD Excellent test under Judge Mal Holland. They were followed by Debbie Schmidt and Kenzie (T Ch Bossface MacKenzie TSD, German Shepherd) who worked hard and also achieved a pass on their TSD Excellent test under judge Mal Holland. Meanwhile our final night competitor was Kim Dawson with the lovely Barrett (TS Ch T Ch Holdingaces Barrett, Dogue de Bordeaux), completing their TSD10 test (Track and Search Grand Champion) over 1000m (which included crossing an intersection and picking up where the tracklayer had been picked up and carried 200m by car) to achieve a grading of Excellent under judge Mrs Heidi Christoffel! This team never missed a beat on their track. As safety steward I had just delivered the tracklayer to the end of track and gotten into position when I saw them moving up the road at a steady pace. This track was the culmination of a body of work which includes 8 rural tracks to championship level, followed by 8 urban TSD tracks to championship level, and a final 2 grand championship tracks. What an achievement from this awesome team! Congratulations on your Quals and Titles ladies and thank-you to all who helped along the way.

Sunday saw us out in the paddocks at Alice River with another big field. The first dog out under Judge Grant Glover was Marilyn McKee from Cairns with her miniature poodle Smokie in the most open paddock we have. Unfortunately, they had no luck with Smokie losing the track on the second leg. Grant then moved in to the other paddock which has the tallest spear grass we've seen for a few years, with myself and Jax (Raennik Natan TD, German Shepherd) next out. Jax worked steadily (for Jax) and after overshooting the acute, worked his way back and finished his track to achieve a Pass on his TDX6 title test. We were quickly followed by Julie Doig and little Zoe (Diamondrio Suzie CCD RE TD, Staffordshire Bull Terrier) who worked like a steam train through some really tall grass (some of it was over Julie's head) to gain a Good pass on the TDX6 title test. Debbie Schmidt and Furi (Monsimbee They Call Me Furi TDX, German Shepherd) headed into the wilds of what we lovingly(?!) call the crap paddock to make the first attempt at a T Champ level test. After negotiating the gate well and starting off down 1st leg, Furi came to a wall of grass and looked over her shoulder as if to say 'you want me to go in there?' With an encouraging nod from Debbie, she straightened up and set to work, indicated well and negotiated her acutes until



coming out of the second last leg on to the clear ground where it all looked too easy for a moment, but she worked it out to continue to the end of the track and find our lovely friend Louise (who kindly came out and helped with the trial (both trials!) on her very short holiday from New Zealand) and score a pass. Last team out under Grant was Tanya Hill and Isa (Ch Kriegmann Vanity Fair [AI] TD, Doberman) at their first attempt at a T4 level track over 1000mtrs but unfortunately it wasn't to be their day this time out.

Meanwhile in the other paddock under Judge Carolyn Lynn the novice handlers Julie Combridge and Tara (Chackoonya Cobalion, German Shepherd), Greg Chapman and Zara (Woodwych Hot Gossip, German Shorthaired Pointer), Jens Didriksen and Zelic (Moya Mr Didriksen, Rottweiler), Tanya Hill and Tucker (Ch Darchaltan Don't Dream It's Over, Doberman) weren't having much luck, between the distraction of the horses and the step up to the higher track level which is twice as long. Unfortunately, neither was Marilyn McKee, with her 2nd dog Ollie missing his T3 test also. This was only the second time most of these dogs and handlers have run a track so it's important not to be disheartened as they are all novice dogs and it's a learning experience for all of us.

It was wonderful to welcome Kim Dawson to Townsville, who travelled up from Rockhampton for Track and Search and stayed on to help with the tracking trial (especially since they had such a successful trial, makes the trip from Rocky worthwhile!!). Kim was more than happy to chuck in and help wherever needed, and also to see Louise Ashworth back albeit for such a short time and willing to help out at such relatively short notice. It's always great to see the great camaraderie of everyone taking part under some pretty rough conditions.

I'd also like to thank both Grant and the competitors who offered me the opportunity to shadow judge their dog's as part of my judge's training studies/duties it lovely to see you dogs work from another perspective and I greatly appreciate the opportunity. Every time we follow a dog, be it our own or another team we learn more about scent and how our dogs work and are able to get great advice from our judges.

It was a fabulous and eventful weekend of tracking!! Congratulations Kim, Debbie, Tanya, Julie and myself on gaining your titles, everyone who qualified and commiserations to those of us who were unsuccessful this time out – better luck next time. We all have areas to work on (more article indication for me).

I know I say it every time, but the organization of any successful trial, especially tracking takes the input of many people and I'd like to extend a huge thank-you to all our judges, stewards, track setters who worked tirelessly to bring off the weekend and particularly our tracklayers (baits) who agree to leave their comfortable beds in the early morning dark to come out and hide in the bush in the hope a dog will find them, as without their generous help there would be no competition - please, please don't forget to thank those involved on the day. A special thanks to everyone participating in the Judges' Training Scheme and the Beginners Tracking Course; our new Judges Debbie Schmidt and Carolyn Lynn, assistant Julie Doig and our mentor Mal Holland for his ongoing assistance with all things tracking; and to Mal and Dawn Holland, Laurie, Sheila and Eddie Fielder for the fabulous breakfasts (and in Mal's case, Friday night's dinner) they provided on Saturday and Sunday mornings respectively. If I've failed to mention anyone personally, please know that I appreciate every, and any assistance given.

**Note: Due to the increase in TSD numbers and the logistics of running trials on business days when our helpers are working, it was decided that all TSD trials would be run on Saturdays and Tracking trials would be limited to single trials on Sundays, therefore balloting rules will apply. All handlers who attend are required to be prepared to assist where needed.**

Janette Cussons  
Tracking Coordinator 2017

**TRACK and SEARCH TRIAL – ANNANDALE****June 17th, 2017****Judge: Heidi Christoffel**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Name of Dog</b>	<b>Breed</b>	<b>Result</b>
<b>Track : TS.GR CH 10</b>			
Kim Dawson	TS Ch T Ch Holdingaces Barrett	Dogue De Bordeaux	Excellent

**\*\*\*\*CONGRATULATIONS TRACK and SEARCH DOG GRAND CHAMPION TITLE\*\*\*\*****Judge: Mal Holland**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Name of Dog</b>	<b>Breed</b>	<b>Result</b>
<b>Track: TSDX6</b>			
Tanya Hill	Dual Ch TCh Darchaltan Designa Genes (AI) TSD	Doberman	Good
Debbie Schmidt	TCh Bossface MacKenzie TSD	German Shepherd	Pass

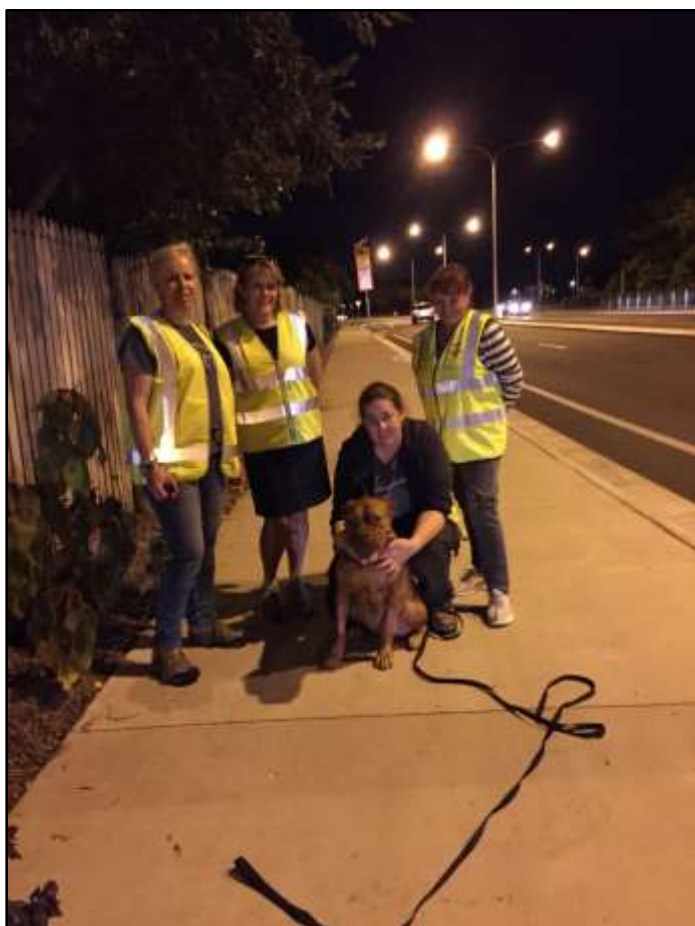
**\*\*\*\*CONGRATULATIONS TRACK and SEARCH DOG EXCELLENT TITLE\*\*\*\*****Track: TSD1**

Silke Weyland	T Ch Nordenstamm Aska GD UDX RN	Belgian Malinois	Pass
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**TRACKING TRIAL – ALICE RIVER****June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017****Judge : Grant Glover**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Name of Dog</b>	<b>Breed</b>	<b>Result</b>
<b>Track: T CH.7</b>			
Debbie Schmidt	Monsimbee They Call Me Furi TD	German Shepherd	Good
<b>Track: TDX6</b>			
Janette Cussons	Raennik Natan TD	German Shepherd	Pass
Julie Doig	Diamondrio Suzie CCD RE TD	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	Good

**\*\*\*\*CONGRATULATIONS TRACKING DOG EXCELLENT TITLE\*\*\*\***



*Left : Kim Dawson (kneeling) with her Dogue De Bordeaux 'Barrett' at the completion of their successful **Track and Search Grand Champion 10 Title Track**, flanked by Steward Debbie Schmidt (far left), Tracklayer Julie Combridge and Judge Heidi Cristoffel (right).*

**Congratulations!**



*Right: Judge Mal Holland presenting Debbie Schmidt with the Track and Search Dog Excellent 6 sash for her success with German Shepherd Kenzie.*





*Right : Julie Doig and Staffy Zoe being presented with their Tracking Dog Excellent 6 sash from Judge Grant Glover*



*Left: Janette Cussons and Jax being presented with their Tracking Dog Excellent 6 sash from Judge Grant Glover*



*Right: Judge Grant Glover presenting Debbie Schmidt and her German Shepherd Furi their T.Ch 7 qualifying sash, and playing with Furi after completing the T.Ch 7 track (below).*





## **Australia's First American Cocker Spaniel Tracking Champion** **has now become a rack and Search Grand Champion**

by

**DIZZI**

**Aka T.Ch, TS Gr.Ch. LARAMIS CAROLINA BELLE, CD**



**I** was born on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2007 in NSW. I flew to Queensland at the tender age of 9 weeks to begin life in my new home near Samford, where I had to put up with the Bickerton family, a couple of Shetland Sheepdogs and 2 cats, as companions as well as several Rhodesian Ridgebacks.

I was graciously allowed a mere 3 weeks to settle into the family before I was forced into my tracking career. About 3 times a week, someone would run about 5 metres away from me while another person held me, who would then release me to go and collect my reward. So I progressed to longer

straight-line hunts, then to not seeing where the person was going and later to curves, then was put onto a tracking harness without a lead, and at around 5 months, started training for the 'real thing': lead on me and my personal Slave egging me on.

I gained my first tracking qualification at 10 months with my next one 2 weeks later. By the age of 12 months I had my Tracking Dog title. 'Simples' sez I, having watched TV.

The following year was the time that I discovered that I was a Cocker Spaniel, and quail were thick on the ground. Well, who wouldn't want to hunt quail rather than track someone who thought they were lost! I was forced back to the job and when a herd of cattle stood in my track, I composed myself, and then got on with the job. It took a long time to find the 'lost person' that time, but I took them cattle in my stride and tracked the person along ground overlaid with cattle scent.

During 2009 SWMBO (She Who Must Be Obeyed, alias my Slave) declared I must start obedience and so I got a CD title for her, but I have no enthusiasm for retrieving so we concentrated on tracking, and I gained the remainder of my qualifications to become Australia's first American Cocker Spaniel Tracking Champion in 2010.

**Track and Search.** This was where the hard work started. Tracks went from country paddocks, to city parks, but I took the three tests for my TSD title in my stride. Not being a dog who lived in the city and unused to all the traffic and people, it took me until Easter 2017 to obtain the rest of the 10 qualifications needed in Track and Search, to become a Grand Champion. The first four of these took place in city parks, which wasn't too bad, but then they took me onto the suburban streets, and everything was different. The final straw was when the silly person who got lost, got into a car, and then obviously decided they didn't like the driver or something, and got out again. So I had to follow all that too.



*Left: On the job!*

*Right : Taking a hard-earned rest in camp*



There have been many downs, as well as ups, along the way, and we have travelled many kilometres up and down Queensland to get there, tracking in different towns and under very different conditions. For example, I gained my Track and Search Championship in Townsville with Rosemary Sehl from Rockhampton judging, and my Grand Championship in Brisbane with Tiki Friezer from Sydney. My biggest embarrassment was in Rockhampton last year, when I walked past the lost person and never saw her, even though I hunted high and low! Ah well, we can't be perfect all the time.

I am delighted to be the first in Australia of my kind to become a Track and Search Grand Champion, but I must mention my friends from Rockhampton, Dylan, Hamish and Clancy, who all got there before me, and also Barrett, who has become the 5<sup>th</sup> dog (and first of her kind in Australia) who gained her title recently. We all know what a mammoth task our slaves set for us.

I must give credit to my personal slaves (Chief Chauffeur Neale) and my Housekeeper and Companion Mary, with whom I have had some wonderful experiences. We have camped in many different places, and made lots of friends in the tracking world both human and canine. I thoroughly enjoy tracking, which allows me mostly to do my own thing and the camping part of it is definitely a bonus. However, obedience is not definitely not my 'thing' and 15 months after gaining my first qualification at the CDX level, I have successfully managed to avoid any more. They even took me down to NSW to compete in obedience – waste of time, but the camping is fun. Tracking is fine, I can tell my Slave where we are going. Anyway, who wants to pick up a stupid dumbbell?!

by Dizzi Bickerton, June 2017

**[Dogs Queensland has advised that Dizzi is the first American Cocker Spaniel in Australia to gain these titles](#)**



## Pet Talk: The lowdown on dominance

By DANIELLE ENGEL, UI College of Veterinary Medicine

If only our pets could talk! Then we would know for sure why they are acting a certain way. Instead, we resort to books, word of mouth and TV shows to decipher pets' actions. The problem is that these sources deliver many incorrect and misguided beliefs about animal behaviour. Dr. Kelly Ballantyne is a board-certified veterinary behaviourist who sees pets and owners at Veterinary Behaviour at Illinois, a Chicago based service of the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. She wants to clear up a pervasive misunderstanding about dog behaviour: dominance. It is simply not true that pet aggression and misbehaviour arise from dominance.

**Dominance is situational.** "The concept of dominance is most appropriately applied as a descriptive term for individuals in relation to resources, such as toys, resting spots or food," Ballantyne said. For example, Dog A has dominance over Dog B when he is allowed first pick of bones. But interestingly enough, Dog A may allow Dog B to have first pick of resting spots. Dominance is not an absolute position that only one animal may claim. In fact, dominance typically doesn't involve aggression, but rather the peaceful deferral of one individual to another.

**What about dogs being the alpha of the pack, like their ancient relatives?** "Domestic dogs are not wolves," Ballantyne said. "They do not have the same kinds of interactions with their environment or with each other. Even if some owners believe their dog has 'wolf blood,' research has taught us that wolves don't live by the alpha system that people once attributed to them. Wolf society is organized more like human families, with the breeding pair in the lead because they are the parents."

**Dominance does not cross species** Furthermore, a large proportion of the behaviours that people identify as "dominance" occur between a dog and a human. According to Ballantyne, "There is no data to support the idea that dominance crosses between species." This means that our pets' behaviour is not an expression of their desire to be the alpha male or female over us. In fact, Ballantyne warns owners that attributing actions to dominance is a dangerous assumption to make.

"When owners believe their dog is asserting itself over the household, their response is to assert themselves over the dog," she said. "Far from fixing the problem, this response puts the owner at a higher risk for getting injured and can end up scaring the dog. If the owner asserts his or her 'dominance' too forcefully or frequently, the human-animal bond between them will eventually break down, and the dog's behaviour may even escalate."

**So why is the idea of dominance such a popular explanation for canine behaviour?** Because it's easy. It's easier to dismiss a dog's actions as a display of dominance rather than spending the extra time and energy to uncover the root of the problem. Many times the problem turns out to be anxiety based.

**Get to the root of the problem** Perhaps a dog growls and barks every time a man walks past its food. Sure, the dog is acting aggressively, but by dismissing this arbitrarily, the owner might miss the subtle signs of fear the dog is displaying. A doggie "grimace," wide eyes and a tucked tail might indicate that the dog is simply afraid of men. Adding food into the mix becomes a trigger for an anxious, alarming response.

"Labelling everything as dominance gives people the wrong idea that they know the cause of the problem, and it doesn't give them a good model to address the behaviour," Ballantyne said. By understanding that dominance is not the issue and learning that retaliatory aggression is detrimental, owners take the most important step toward improving the situation. Once those ideas are clear, efforts can be made to improve the human-animal bond rather than harm it.

These types of problems are often situation specific and may require a behaviourist to help manage the issue. Ballantyne encourages pet owners to educate themselves on the issue using reputable sources. Spending less time "teaching your dog who's boss" and spending more time addressing the real problem will go a long way in improving your relationship with your four-legged friend.

## The Recall

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The reason that many dogs don't come when called is a simple one – the consequences are not rewarding for them. Remember the golden rule – “all behaviour that gets rewarded gets repeated.”

More often than not, we call our dogs to come either towards something they'll find unpleasant : giving them medication or bath time, or away from something fun; when it's time to go home from the park, or after they've escaped out the front door.

Smart dogs learn – coming when the humans call is no fun for me!

The method for teaching a dog a reliable recall is quite simple – we need to make it a rewarding choice for them most of the time.

Think of it like building up a positive bank balance – every time you call your dog to come and they enjoy the result of doing so, you're putting money into the bank. The goal is to save up enough that if we do occasionally have to make a withdrawal (by calling them away from something fun or towards something unpleasant) it won't make much of a difference to our account balance overall.

If you've been working on improving your dog's recall, but not seeing the results you'd like, the problem can most often be determined by asking these three questions:

### 1) Are you repeating your call?

Repeating your recall cue teaches your dog that they can ignore the first few times you call. Over time you'll have to call more and more, until your recall cue loses its effectiveness altogether.

### 2) Are your reinforcers boring, predictable, or low value?

Remember that for a recall to be reinforcing to a dog, the reward they receive after coming to you must be of equal or better value than what you were asking them to leave. If you ask your puppy to recall away from a possum, and try to reward them with a liver treat, your recall cue will begin to lose its effectiveness. Your rewards for recalls should be very high value, and you should try not to use the same thing every time to keep things exciting for your dog. You should definitely use plenty of non-food rewards!

### 3) Are you practicing when it doesn't matter?

To build a successful recall it's crucial to practice the cue when it doesn't matter – otherwise the cue won't work when it does matter. Remember to practice in locations where your dog is capable of succeeding, and then slowly increase the difficulty by adding distractions.

Happy training!





## PET DOG TRAINING UPGRADES

TERM 2 APRIL – JUNE 2017

### BEGINNERS

Handler's Name	Dog Breed/s	Dog's Name
Greg Tudehope	Australian Shepherd	Dougal
Carina Jakobi	Shar Pei/Labrador X	Bella
Jasmine Laguna	Belgium Shepherd Groenendael	Kevin
Chris Brough	Labrador	Sam
Stephanie Miller	Rotti/Dane/Boxer X	Zooey
Heather Meurant	Labrador	Sandy
Maree Endres {repeat}	Golden Retriever	Nugget
Kathleen Poletto	Hungarian Vizsla	Zahli
Richard Dunston	Bourdeax X	Chilli
Colton Augustin	Kelpie/Collie X	Digger
Heidi Vanlint/ James	Greyhound/Wolfhound X	Venice
Alan and Helen Hope	Border Collie	Harli
Amy Lamb	Toy Poodle	Earl
Elizabeth Kerr	Maltese Shih Tzu	Max

### INTERMEDIATE

Handler's Name	Dog Breed/s	Dog's Name
Karen Corbett	Wolfhound X	Ned
Peter Alexander	German Shepherd	Odin
Keiko Tamizawa	Bull Terrier X	Indigo

### ADVANCED -GRADUATES!!

Handler's Name	Dog Breed/s	Dog's Name
Lily Taylor	Border Collie	Mali
Melissa Carter	Border Collie	Aenie

**CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC**  
**RALLY OBEDIENCE and OBEDIENCE TRIAL FRIDAY MAY 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**AGILITY, AGLITY GAME and JUMPERS SATURDAY MAY 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Q = Qualification ☺**

**RALLY OBEDIENCE****Judge : Judy Forbes-Faulkner**

Masters	Name	Dog's Name	Score
1st Q	Andrea Wohlhunter	Shelby	98
2nd Q	Renate Linder	Lilly	95
3rd Q	Meade Oswald	Caesar	90

**Rally Excellent B**

1st Q	Meade Oswald	Amber	55
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**Rally Excellent A**

No placings

**Rally Advanced B**

1st	Meade Oswald	Amber	66
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**Rally Advanced A**

1st	Bronwyn Mullins	Zacc	77
2nd	Linda King	Red	63
3rd	Carolyn Lynn	Kelly	63

**Rally Novice**

1st Q	Silke Weyland	Aska	88
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**OBEDIENCE****Judge : Bob Bruce****UD**

1st Q	Andrea Wohlhunter	Shelby	196
2nd Q	Silke Weyland	Aska	183

**Open****Judge : Tricia Williams**

1st Q	Andrea Wohlhunter	Shelby	187
2nd	Kirsten Nilson	Duke	147
3rd	Meade Oswald	Caesar	145

**CD**

1st Q	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	Rose	182
2nd	Julie Doig	Zoe	151
3rd	Carolyn Lynn	Kelly	113

**CCD**

1st Q	Bronwyn Mullins	Zacc	90
2nd	Tahlia Brice	Jettrow	60
3rd	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	35

**AGILITY, AGILITY GAME AND JUMPERS****Judge : Tim Fairchild****GAMBLERS**

Masters	Name	Dog's Name	Points
1st	Tricia Williams	Chilli	36
2nd	Sharon Daniels	Bosun	21

**Excellent**

1st Q	Tricia Williams	Cue	56
2nd Q	Andrea Wohluter	Shelby	54
3rd Q	Meade Oswald	Caesar	50
4th Q	Lucy Joynson	Dusty	48

**Novice**

1st Q	Lucy Joynson	Jinka	59
2nd Q	Liz Brimson	Kip	51
3rd Q	Cathryn Pentland	Pie	47
4th Q	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	43

**AGILITY****Excellent**

1st Q	Tricia Williams	Cue	31.28
2nd	Lucy Joynson	Dusty	60.53
3rd	Andrea Wohluter	Shelby	52.37

**Open**

No qualifiers

**Novice**

1st	Lucy Joynson	Jinka	51.02
2nd	Meade Oswald	Caesar	51.53
3rd	Leisa Cassidy	Sully	52.67

**Judge Tim Fairchild****Jumpers****Masters**

1st Q	Tricia Williams	Cue	25.13
2nd	Tricia Williams	Chili	25.19
3rd	Meade Oswald	Amber	45.69

**Open**

1st Q	Liz Brimson	Kip	28.61
2nd Q	Meade Oswald	Amber	30.62
3rd	Tricia Williams	Chilli	20.37

**Excellent**

No qualifiers

**Novice**

1st Q	Liz Brimson	Kip	14.59
2nd Q	Cathryn Pentland	Pie	17.81
3rd	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	32.42









## CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC

### AGILITY, AGLITY GAME, JUMPERS and OBEDIENCE SATURDAY MAY 20<sup>th</sup>

**AGILITY and JUMPERS TRIAL 1****AGILITY GAME : GAMBLERS**

Judge : Jane Caulton

Masters	Name	Dogs Name	Score
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Zippy	64
2nd	Tricia Williams	Chilli	30
3rd	Lauren Moore	Zippy	20
<b>Excellent</b>			
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	50
2nd	Tricia Williams	Cue	41
3rd	Roel Wittkamp	Minx	41
<b>Novice</b>			
1st Q	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	Frodo	45
			39
2nd	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	
3rd	Tracey Bessel	Weston	35

**AGILITY**

Masters	Name	Dogs Name	Time
1st	Lauren Moore	Spritz	54.49
<b>Open</b>			
1st	Lauren Moore	Spritz	49.9
<b>Excellent</b>			
1st	Natalie Spence	Trixie	59.18
<b>Novice</b>			
1st	Roel Wittkamp	Minx	36.42
2nd	Julian Laws	Riley	35.74
3rd	Karen Winzar	Cleo	86.13

**JUMPERS**

Judge : Michael Cowman

Masters	Name	Dogs Name	
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	40.83
2nd	Natalie Spence	Trixie	48.92
<b>Open</b>			
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Zippy	29.85
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	31.95
3rd Q	Tricia Williams	Chilli	32.07
4th Q	Karen Winzar	Cleo	32.43
5th Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	41.64
<b>Excellent</b>			
1st	Lynn Moore	Lift	30.15
<b>Novice</b>			
1st	Julian Laws	Riley	36.42

**RALLY O AND OBEDIENCE TRIAL, TRIAL 1****RALLY OBEDIENCE**

Judge : Gwendolyn Hanna

Rally Masters	Name	Dog's Name	Score
1st Q	Andrea Wohlhunter	Shelby	82
<b>Rally Excellent B</b>	No placings		
<b>Rally Excellent A</b>			
1st	Kirsten Nilson	Pip	76
<b>Rally Advanced B</b>	No placings		
<b>Rally Advanced A</b>			
1st	Carolyn Lynn	Kelly	77
<b>Rally Novice</b>			
1st Q	Karen Winzar	Cleo	82

**OBEDIENCE**

UD	Name	Dogs Name	Score
No placings			
<b>Open</b>			
1st Q	Andrea Wohlhunter	Shelby	191
2nd	Renate Linder	Lilly	117
<b>CD</b>			
1st	Julie Doig	Zoe	147
2nd	Bronwyn Mullins	Zacc	133
3rd	Renate Linder	Dixi	123
<b>CCD</b>			
1st Q	Linda King	Red	94
2nd	Tahlia Brice	Jettrow	77
3rd	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	73

**AGILITY, AGILITY GAME AND JUMPERS TRIAL 2****STRATEGIC PAIRS**

Judge : Jane Caulton

Masters	Name	Dogs Name	Time
1st	Tricia Williams	Cue	72.69
2nd	Andrea Wohlluter	Shelby	72.69
<b>Excellent</b>			
1st Q	Roel Wittkamp	Minx	62.46
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	62.46
<b>Novice</b>	No entries		

**AGILITY**

Judge ; Michael Cowman

Excellent	Name	Dog's Name	Time
1st Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	60.5
2nd	Tricia Williams	Cue	37.5
<b>Open</b>			
1st	Tricia Williams	Cue	45.19
2nd	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	83.91
<b>Novice</b>			
1st Q	Leisa Cassidy	Sully	45.56
2nd	Cathryn Pentland	Pie	49.21
3rd	Roel Wittkamp	Minx	48.42

**JUMPERS**

Judge : Jane Caulton

Masters			
1st	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	32.12
2nd	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	77
<b>Open</b>			
1st Q	Lynn Moore	Lift	29.29
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	30.92
3rd	Tricia Williams	Chilli	33.26
<b>Excellent</b>			
1st Q	Lynn Moore	Lift	38.09
<b>Novice</b>			
1st Q	Cathryn Pentland	Pie	28.77















## CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC 2017 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	JUDGE
Friday April 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Obedience	Cathy O'Shea
		Rally O	Roel Wittkamp
Saturday April 8 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm	Agility all levels	Roel Wittkamp
		Jumpers all Levels	Heather Northover
	7:00 pm	Agility and Strategic Pairs Game, all levels	Heather Northover
		Jumpers all levels	Roel Wittkamp
		Obedience all levels	Cathy O'Shea
Friday April 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 pm	Agility, Jumpers, Snooker Game, all levels	Judy Forbes-Faulkner
Saturday April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4:00 pm	Rally O all levels	Judy Forbes-Faulkner
	7:00 pm	Obedience UDX and UD	Bob Bruce
		Obedience CDX, CD and CCD	Trish Williams
Friday May 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Agility, Jumpers, Gamblers, all levels	Tim Fairchild
Saturday May 6 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	Rally O	Judy Forbes-Faulkner
	7:00 pm	Obedience UDX and UD	Bob Bruce
		Obedience CDX, CD and CCD	Trish Williams
Friday May 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Obedience	Wendy Hanna
Saturday May 20 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm	Agility and Gambler Game, all levels	Jane Caulton
		Jumpers all levels	Michael Cowman
	4:00 pm	Rally O	Wendy Hanna
	7:00 pm	Obedience	Wendy Hanna
		Agility all levels	Michael Cowman
		Jumpers and Strategic Pairs Game, all levels	Jane Caulton
Monday July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2:00 pm	Agility, Jumpers, Snooker Game, all levels	Tim Fairchild
	5:00 pm	Rally O	Heidi Christofell
	7:00 pm	Obedience	Mal Holland
Friday July 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 pm	Agility, Jumpers, Gambler Game, all levels	Roel Wittkamp
Saturday July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4:00 pm	Rally O	Roel Wittkamp
	7:00 pm	Obedience	Roel Wittkamp

DATE	TIME	TRIAL	JUDGE
Friday August 4 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Obedience Rally O	Cheryl Williams Heidi Christoffel
Saturday August 5 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm	Agility and Gambler Game, all levels Jumpers all levels	Annette Gneil Jake Blight
	4:00 pm	Rally O	Heidi Christoffel
	7:00 pm	Agility and Strategic Pairs Game, all levels Jumpers all levels Obedience all levels	Jake Blight Annette Gneil Cheryl Williams
Friday September 1 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 pm	Obedience Rally O	Keith Millington Kathy Millington
Saturday September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3:00 pm	Agility and Gambler Game, all levels Jumpers all levels	Jody Brown Keith Millington
	7:00 pm	Agility and Strategic Game, all levels Jumpers all levels Obedience all levels	Keith Millington Jody Brown Kathy Millington
Friday September 29 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Obedience	Glenn Best
Saturday September 30 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	Agility all levels Jumpers all levels	Roel Wittkamp Tim Fairchild
	7:00 pm	Obedience Rally O Agility and Strategic Pairs Game, all levels Jumpers all levels	Glenn Best Roel Wittkamp Tim Fairchild Roel Wittkamp

### Why Title A Dog?

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

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

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

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

-Sandra Mowery



## CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC 2017 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 Trial Secretary Judy Forbes-Faulkner for further information  
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 6:00 am, start 6:30 am**

Date	Trial	Judge	Location
Friday April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tracking	Mal Holland	Black River Road Alice River
Saturday April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Track and Search	Roel Wittkamp	Verbeena Court Annandale
Sunday April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tracking	Debbie Schmidt	Black River Road Alice River
Sunday April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tracking	Roel Wittkamp	Black River Road Alice River
Saturday May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Track and Search	Rosemary Sehl	Verbeena Court Annandale
Sunday May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tracking	Rosemary Sehl	Black River Road Alice River
Sunday May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tracking	Carolyn Lynn	Black River Road Alice River
Saturday June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Track and Search	Mal Holland	Verbeena Court Annandale
Sunday June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Tracking	Grant Glover	Black River Road Alice River
Sunday June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Tracking	Carolyn Lynn	Black River Road Alice River
Saturday July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Track and Search	Coral Pethers	Verbeena Court Annandale
Sunday July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tracking	Coral Pethers	Black River Road Alice River
Sunday July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tracking	Mal Holland	Black River Road Alice River





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