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Front Cover : President Mal Holland and Booka

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**The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the editor  
or committee members of the COCT Inc.**

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

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

Annual General Meeting held first Monday in August

Executive Committee meetings held as called by Secretary

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



Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc



## Canine Obedience Club Townsville Inc President's Report

The weeks and months keep ticking over and here it is just a few weeks short of the club's Annual General Meeting on the first Monday in August. Time for all members to take stock and think about what they may or may not contribute towards the coming year, be it a position in the club, helping supply the regular and generous support of food at Obedience and Tracking trials or the backup required at all trials. Without going into names, the food supplied by our members is really tremendous, many dollars are saved by the club by your most generous support. "You" are not forgotten, possibly often you may feel like you are taken for granted, however without your support the club would not be in the happy position it is in today, "THANK YOU MEMBERS".

Many a sad moment seems to occur most months and this last period has seen the passing of wonderful Tracking Judge in NSW, Tiki Frazier a much-loved woman who gave her all for Tracking. I mention her passing as Tiki passed away out in the bush during a tracking trial, doing what she loved best – tracking. May the Tracking God smile on her and allow her to set many a track up there amongst the rolling hills in the sky.

Our Annual General Meeting is often a decision time for some - do we opt for an out, do we continue on in spite of one's desire to be travelling or taking on a different venture? These are decisions that we all must weigh up. "NO BODY CANT BE DONE WITHOUT" - they may be sadly missed but usually someone will step up and accept the challenge of filling that vacant position and working for the club. I don't think this year will be any different.

I wish to mention the members who are training to be future judges. Lisa is working hard in the obedience field, Julie also is making a great effort as a trainee Rally O Judge and over in left field Debbie is nearly half way through her Track and Search Dog training. All are providing our club with a solid base in Judges for the coming years, "Well done girls" keep up the good work.

The passing of my much beloved Booka is covered on page 35 of the Magazine.

May your efforts for the remainder of the year be rewarded with whatever you want from it.

**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](http://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 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'?

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MONDAY 6 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 on the next page and submit by **13<sup>th</sup> July 2018**. Members should have also received an email from Secretary Judy with the letter and forms on the following pages.



## THURSDAY NIGHT OBEDIENCE TRAINING

General Obedience and Rally-O practice will recommence from Thursday 1 February 2018 (weather permitting) from 6.30pm at no charge to Members. To make the night all the more enjoyable everyone is expected to help assist in the set up or packing up of equipment.

## 2018 OBEDIENCE, AGILITY and TRACKING TRIALS

The COCT Inc 2018 trialling season has commenced and our next double Obedience and Agility trial is on 18 and 19 May 2018. As we are no longer a Judge's Training Club our obedience and agility trials have been rationalised to five double trials a year. The second Tracking and Track and Search Trials are on 12 and 13 May 2018. 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. Obedience and Agility entries are via K9 Entries [www.k9entries.com/using.php](http://www.k9entries.com/using.php) and close a fortnight before the trial. Check the Dog World for any unexpected changes to Judges.

## 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 9 July 2018** followed by **Monday 6 August 2018** after the AGM. 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.





## Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc.

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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dear Member,

Please be advised that the Annual General meeting of the Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc: will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at the Heatley Park club house commencing at 7:00 p.m. sharp.

Nominations for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and 5 other committee members on the executive and all other club positions must be in writing and be received by the secretary by the Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018. If no nominations are received for particular positions, nominations will be called from the floor on the night of the AGM.

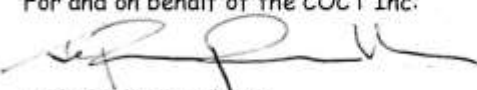
### AGENDA

- Sign attendance book and record apologies
- Appoint a returning officer and/or two scrutineers as required under clause 44(b)
- Confirmation of the minutes from the previous annual general meeting held on 7th August 2017.
- Business arising from the minutes
- Presidents report
- Presentation of financial statement for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018.
- Business arising from the financial statement
- Receipt of any other reports
- Election of office bearers as per clause 42, 43 or 44(d).
- Appoint a qualified auditor

The normal monthly general meeting will immediately follow the Annual General Meeting. To be eligible to vote at the AGM, a person must be a financial member of the COCT Inc: for more than three (3) months prior to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 as per clause 61B and 61C of the constitution.

To hold an executive or committee position a person must be a financial member of the COCT Inc: and a financial member of the Canine Control Council Qld and must fulfil the requirements of Clause 61B and 61C as per Clause 40 of the constitution. Nomination forms and membership renewal application forms are attached.

Yours Sincerely  
For and on behalf of the COCT Inc:

  
Judy Forbes-Faulkner  
Secretary  
COCT Inc:

**CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC:**



## Training Report June 2018

Intake 2 for 2018 is now complete. We were able to provide 3 Beginners classes, 1 Intermediate and 1 Advanced class. It was very pleasant to have a Trainee Instructor helping Joy with her class and able to cover an absence as well, thank you Deb great to have a new face in the paddock. As always thanks very much to the Instructors who have given their time to making our popular classes possible.

Beginners for Intake 2 totalled 21 with 12 upgrades, 6 not quite ready and 3 incomplete. Intermediate was large with 10 starters, 2 met the standard 5 not quite ready with young dogs and 3 not able to keep pushing to the end. Advanced was full a class with 7 upgrades from 8 starters thanks Judy good effort, and nice to see such a big class training in the upper levels.

Enrolments for July Intake 3 where halted back in week 2 of Intake 2 and numbers are already very high for Intake 4 our last for the year starting on October 9. I will probably close enrolments in the next week or so until Instructor numbers are clear.

Great to see a very solid turn out of talkers and club promoters for Pet Expo day, the whole day was dedicated to chatting to people with dogs and where possible steering them in the right direction for looking after their new mate. We could never handle the response if they all followed through and enrolled, but it built their confidence and offered good advice to consider while thinking about it and taking care of their pups. Thanks to all those who gave their time to man/woman the stand and engage those who wanted a chat. I had a great day and really enjoyed the impact such events have on the pet loving public. Three cheers to Sally Puglisi and her Council staff for moving forward with the event and making it bigger and better each year. This is the same woman who has supported our club and helped with the Intro night for many years now, so hats off for those who support our club and pet owners in the Ville. And a mention for the silken vocal cords of Diane who compered the ring demo's. Thanks Di.

See you all in the paddock in the freezing cold of the Townsville winter evenings.

**Noel McPherson,**  
**Training coordinator.**

## **OBEDIENCE, RALLY-O & AGILITY TRIAL**

### **18 MAY 2018**

The second trial of the year for COCT was a great success for many of the competitors. With more training under our belts in the obedience ring we had some good results compared to the first trial in April.

A big thank you to Cathy O'Shea for stepping in at late notice to judge for us in the Obedience Trial on Friday night, and to Patricia Williams and Judy Forbes Faulkner on Saturday. What we didn't know at the time this was the last trial Cathy judged and competed in before moving to Brisbane the following month to be closer to family. The Club will miss you Cathy, and we thank you for the time you've given as Judge over the years, for mentoring and training handlers and their dogs on Thursday nights in all aspects of obedience trialling, and for holding various positions on the Committee including President and Secretary. It was therefore fitting that Cathy was able to award six Qualifications and four Titles at the end of the night to Julie Doig (Zoe), Linda King (Red) and Mandy Jones (Jay) in Novice who all gained their Titles as well, plus Linda (D'Arcy, with a Title), Joy (Chewie) and Judy (Pearl) in CCD.

It seemed that the dogs thought they did such a good job on Friday night for their owners that they decided to take Saturday night off, with the result that Judge Judy was not able to award any quals in UDX or UD, and Judge Patricia from Cairns could only hand out one qual to Joy Tomes and Chewie in CCD.

Thank you to Heidi Christoffel for judging the Rally Obedience with a total of 7 quals. Andrea and Silke from Cairns and locals Julie Doig and Renate scored well in Masters to gain a Qual, as did Karen Winzar in Excellent A, and Julie Combridge and Joy Tomes in Novice. Great to see some Winter visitors with Ann Walsh and her Collie from the Sunshine Coast paying us a visit. Although unsuccessful in gaining a Qual on the night, we hope you enjoyed your time with us.

Annette Gniel and Judy Forbes Faulkner did a great job with some lovely courses in the Agility and Jumping resulting in many quality cards for the competitors. There were some interesting challenges that caught out some dogs resulting in disqualification for taking a wrong course, something for handlers to work on in practice in handling and timing skills!

Congratulations to all those who gained a Qualification. Thank you to those that travelled to compete, the helpers who pitched in to set up and change courses (special thanks to Renate who just doesn't stop), the Stewards who kept things moving along so we weren't there until midnight, the cooks who brought dishes for a delicious dinner on Saturday night, Diane for the array of prizes and of course our Judges. It all makes for an enjoyable day and all help is much appreciated. No matter how well we did or didn't do in the ring, at the end of the day we take away with us new experiences and insights, and of course our best friend, our dogs.

The next double obedience and agility trial is on Friday July 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 2018. Entries are due in now so check the details in the Trial Schedule at the back of the magazine.

**Linda King**  
**Trial Secretary**

## OBEDIENCE AND RALLY O TRIAL

### FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018

Q = Qualification 🐾 T = Title 🐾 🐾

<b>Judge</b>	<b>Cathy O'Shea</b>		
<b>Obedience</b>			
<b>UDX</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dogs Name</b>	<b>Score</b>
1st	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	129
	Silke Weyland	Aska	119
<b>UD</b>			
1st	Silke Weyland	Aska	123
<b>CDX</b>			
1st	Renate Linder	Lilly	152
2nd	Renate Linder	Dixie	130
<b>CD</b>			
1st Q + T	Julie Doig	Zoe	193
2nd Q + T	Linda King	Red	182
3rd Q + T	Mandy Jones	Jay	172
<b>CCD</b>			
1st Q + T	Linda King	D'Arcy	96
2nd Q	Joy Tomes	Chewie	94
3rd Q	J Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	85

<b>Judge</b>	<b>Heidi Christoffel</b>		
<b>Rally O</b>			
<b>Masters</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dogs Name</b>	<b>Score</b>
1st Q	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	99
2nd Q	Silke Weyland	Aska	94
3rd Q	Julie Doig	Zoe	94
4th Q	Renate Linder	Dixie	85
<b>Ex B</b>	No entries		
<b>Ex A</b>			
1st	Carolyn Lynn	Kelly	61
2nd	Karen Winzar	Cleo	60
<b>Ad B</b>			
1st Q	Karen Winzar	Cleo	59
<b>Ad A</b>			
1st	Ann Walsh	Touch of Frost	59
<b>Novice</b>			
1st Q	Joy Tomes	Jaz	86
2nd Q	Julie Combridge	Tara	82
3rd	Chris Stubbe	Tilly	66

## OBEDIENCE, AGILITY AND JUMPERS TRIAL

### SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018

**Judge Annette Gniel**

#### **GAMBLERS**

<b>Masters</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dogs Name</b>	<b>Score</b>
1st Q	Tricia Williams	Cue	63
2nd	Amber Morey	Diva	59
3rd	Lauren Moore	Spritz	55

#### **Excellent**

1st	Karen Winzar	Cleo	58
2nd	Roel Wittkamp	Mynx	53
3rd	Lucy Joynson	Dusty	34

#### **Novice**

1st	Deb Kampaklis	Diesel	48
2nd	Chris Stubbe	Tilly	29
3rd	M Quabba	Max	8

#### **AGILITY**

<b>Masters</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dogs Name</b>	<b>Score</b>
1st	Amber Morey	Diva	54.54

#### **Open**

No qualifiers

#### **Excellent**

1st Q	Karen Winzar	Cleo	35.75
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#### **Novice**

1st	Leisa Cassidy	Sully	62.7
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#### **JUMPERS**

**Judge Judy Forbes-Faulkner**

<b>Masters</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dogs Name</b>	<b>Score</b>
1st Q	Tricia Williams	Cue	35.34
2nd	Amber Morey	Diva	53.67
3rd	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	85.25

#### **Open**

1st Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	26.82
2nd Q	Roel Wittkamp	Mynx	34

#### **Excellent**

1st Q	M Quabba	Max	30.87
2nd	Karen Winzar	Cleo	30.43

#### **Novice**

1st Q	Deb Kampaklis	Diesel	26.42
2nd	Chris Stubbe	Tilly	39.6

#### **OBEDIENCE GAMBLERS AGILITY AND JUMPERS TRIAL 2**

##### **OBEDIENCE**

**Judge Judy Forbes-Faulkner**

<b>UDX</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dogs Name</b>	<b>Score</b>
1st	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	150
2nd	Silke Weyland	Aska	107

#### **UD**

No entries

**Judge Patricia Williams**

<b>Open</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dogs Name</b>	<b>Score</b>
1st NQ	Cathy O'Shea	Dante	171

#### **CD**

1st	Linda King	Red	165
2nd	Mandy Jones	Jay	128
3rd	Sharon Daniels	Bosun	97

#### **CCD**

1st Q	Joy Tomes	Chewie	93
2nd	Chris Stubbe	Tilly	84
3rd	Linda King	D'Arcy	81

#### **RALLY O**

**Judge**

#### **Masters**

1st Q	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	99
2nd Q	Julie Doig	Zoe	89
3rd Q	Silke Weyland	Aska	89

#### **Ex B**

No entries

#### **Ex A**

1st Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	84
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#### **Ad B**

No entries

#### **Ad A**

No qualifiers

#### **Novice**

1st Q	Joy Tomes	Jaz	88
2nd	Joy Tomes	Chewie	70

**Judge**

#### **AGILITY**

<b>Masters</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dogs Name</b>	<b>Time</b>
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Zippy	47.58
2nd Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	68.08
3rd	Amber Morey	Diva	65.35

#### **Excellent**

1st	Lauren Moore	Spritz	38.67
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#### **Open**

1st Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	44.75
2nd Q	Karen Winzar	Cleo	45.08

#### **Novice**

1st	Chris Stubbe	Tilly	60
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#### **SNOOKER**

**Judge**

#### **Masters**

1st Q	Sharon Daniels	Bosun	47
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#### **Excellent**

1st Q	Lauren Moore	Lift	51
2nd Q	Amber Morey	Diva	51
3rd Q	Roel Wittkamp	Mynx	51
4th Q	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	45

#### **Novice**

1st Q	M Quabba	Max	51
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	51
3rd Q	Chris Stubbe	Tilly	46
4th Q	Deb Kampaklis	Diesel	45

#### **JUMPERS**

**Judge Annette Gniel**

<b>Masters</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dogs Name</b>	<b>Time</b>
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	31.44
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Lift	33.77
3rd Q	Amber Morey	Diva	41.99

#### **Open**

1st Q	Lauren Moore	Zippy	22.63
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	23.57
3rd Q	Karen Winzar	Cleo	26.19
4th Q	M Quabba	Max	27.41

#### **Excellent**

1st Q	Karen Winzar	Cleo	25.2
2nd Q	M Quabba	Max	28.25
3rd Q	Leisa Cassidy	Sully	31.42

#### **Novice**

1st	Deb Kampaklis	Diesel	27.19
2nd	Linda King	Red	38.18
3rd	Chris Stubbe	Tilly	34.57





















Above : Sharon, Linda and Leisa compiling the trial results

Left : Trainee Rally-O Judges Andrea & Julie shadow judging



Above : Trial prize tables



Right above : Dinner time as Judges Patricia, Annette and Heidi tuck in while Leisa, Janette and Julie make sure all is ready



Right : Judge Judy awarding a Qual Card to Lauren Moore as Leisa calls out the winners in each event.



## TRACKING TRIAL REPORT

**May 12-13 2018**



Judges: Mrs Heidi Christoffel, Mackay, Mr Mal Holland, Townsville (TSD)  
Ms Debbie Schmidt & Janette Cussons, Townsville (Tracking)

The second trial of the 2018 Townsville tracking season was a much quieter affair than the first with 6 Track and Search Entries and 7 competitors out in the tracking paddocks. With several local competitors attending workshops and trials etc in various other locations, we once again hit the paddocks running for trial prep.

The weekend kicked off with Track and Search run on Saturday morning. The morning saw us gathered in Annandale with Julie Doig and Zoe (Staffordshire Bull Terrier) kicking off their first urban TSD1 run at the Palmetum in very windy conditions under judge Mal Holland. Unfortunately, they weren't successful this time, but as always there was much to take away and learn from this first experience.

They were soon followed by Debbie Schmidt and Furi (German Shepherd Dog) attempting their Test 2 also under Mal. This was a very challenging track for a relative newbie to TSD, with a contaminated start (across from the local shopping centre, winding around the back of the centre, along the highway and past not one, but 2 Drive Thru fast food restaurants) and back around the carpark. Furi took the diversion/crosstracks in her stride and worked well throughout, checked out both sides of the opening in the fence, indicated her articles and popped through the hedge into the takeout drive thru (lucky she doesn't like KFC, eh?) then worked her way back along the track to find her tracklayer Jens. She wasn't really that interested in the strange bloke at the end of the track at first – she wanted to track on, but decided he was Ok and earned a Very Good pass.

Mal's third team was Heather Northover and big Zeus (Rhodesian Ridgeback), local members who reside in Rockhampton also attempting a TSD2. They started slowly, then Zeus picked up the track, fluffing about a bit on his corners, with minimal indication and earned a Pass. Well done.

Unfortunately visiting judge, Heidi Christoffel wasn't having such a good run. My boy Jax (German Shepherd) were first out in a very windy area out near Cluden. Jax as usual jumped out of the car raring to go (a little calmness would've been preferable) bounced backwards and forwards through the grass across the gate like a mad thing before taking off straight across to the hard surface where he worked really well, but totally over shot his corner – 'after all, why go back into the long grass when you can have a comfy jog up the dirt track' he says, so we missed our corners, 1<sup>st</sup> article, took the corner wide cutting a leg off and also ignored his 2<sup>nd</sup> article, but picked up his 2<sup>nd</sup> corner well and found his track layer. So, while unsuccessful this time out, we found much to learn from and I was very pleased with how well he worked the hard surface on his first foray into variable surface tracking.

We were followed by Silke Weyland and Aska (Belgian Malinois) from Cairns attempting a TSD3. This team started well, worked straight through the gate without an issue with the milling start, and were working quite well along the river when a big wallaby popped up out of the thick weeds along the side of the drain and poor Silke had to hang on! Unfortunately, although we restarted, after that Aska was more interested in scouting for further wallabies and although the grass was short, she found them. Heidi put her back on the track and she continued to find her track layer, but she wasn't really tracking and missed her articles completely. The difficulty with urban tracks is that you never know what may be around the corner, be it



wallabies (always seems to be more in town where there's fresh pick), neighbourhood dogs or bird life (bush turkeys and guinea fowl).

Heidi's 3<sup>rd</sup> team for the morning was Carolyn Lynn and Kelly (Australian Kelpie) doing a TSD5 which starts from a known point and continues on variable surface throughout (the track layer wanders along various streets, stepping on and off the bitumen at various points as set by the judge – there are no articles to assist). It was quite hot by then but Kelly started strongly, taking the exact route as the track layer until we came to a section of the road where there was an alley way on either side leading down to different park areas, one of which was in sun and the other in shade. Unfortunately, Kelly took the wrong turn, heading into the shade and blowing his track at approx. 100m from the end – just heartbreaking for both handler and judge when they're so very close.

Sunday saw us head out into the cattle paddocks where, although not as windy as town, were very dry and suffering a very heavy speargrass burden. All of the handlers were advised to ensure they'd applied a good quantity of Show Sheen (horse mane/tail detangler) to assist with the removal of the spears post trial.

I started my first judging appointment for the club over in the secca paddock with one of our new trialers Jinni Casson and Jon (Golden Retriever) from Cairns on the search for Jinni's daughter Adel. Jon started off well down the first leg and did a cracker indication (sit) at his first article and I thought we were off! Sadly for Jinni and Jon, that's when the wind picked up. There was a very strong wind across the paddock just as Jon was approaching the first corner which was alongside a gully. While the wind was coming from the direction of the hide, gullies have a habit of creating suck and flow, pulling scent around in eddies and swirls and in this case down into the gully which is where Jon was determined to go. I let him run on in the hope he'd work his way back to the corner but he was committed so we called it and reset him on the correct path. He worked pretty well after that until the last leg where he just ran out of steam. By this time the track was very dry and dusty - he was a Golden with grey legs - but we put him back on the track and let him finish on a positive. The track was deceptively difficult for a beginner dog and he was really working hard for Jinni, but hopefully he'll have better luck next time.

My second team out, also in the secca paddock was Jens Didriksen and Zelic, affectionately known as 'The Black Rhino' (Rottweiler), on their first T4 attempt. Getting Jens and this big guy through/over the fence was a challenge because Zelic was raring to go. Jens settled him into a down at the start flag, then they were off! They were powering down the first leg when Zelic suddenly did a great indication on the first article, worked slightly wide on the at the corner, powered on down the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg, took the 2<sup>nd</sup> turn easily and took off down the 3<sup>rd</sup> leg. He gave an absolute minimal indication on the 2<sup>nd</sup> article, was slightly distracted by the heavy scent of horses from the next paddock, before negotiating the turn and heading off in the right direction, still distracted by the adjacent paddock. He was nearly undone at the final corner where he'd zeroed in on what we thought was a dead animal under a bush right at the corner (wasn't there when the track was set), but refocused and ploughed on down the very long last leg, ignoring the 3<sup>rd</sup> article completely to earn a Pass.

My last team for the day was Marilyn McKee from Cairns with her toy poodle Ollie. Ollie is a magic little tracking dog and gave his T4 attempt a red hot go, but this time out the grounds themselves had him beat - he rocked his start but overshot a dogleg in the track getting stuck in some heavy weed which he had to fight his way out of, negotiated the first corner well and was half way down the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg when the speargrass and burs in his coat got the best of him and he was done. The 1000mtrs that makes up a T4 is a good stretch for a small dog, especially when combating tall grass, burs and dust, but we all have to take the paddocks we're dealt and although we try we can't always find more open areas.

Over in the other area Debbie was also having mixed results.

Starting with her first team out for the morning - Annette Wooley and Ace (German Shepherd) from Cairns, who rocked round their track, giving one good and one acceptable indication to find hubby Robert and earn a Good T2 pass. Swiftly following was our local competitor Heidi Christoffel who resides in Mackay with her young rescue girl Mika (German Shepherd), also working well with good indications to find their track layer Greg whom she'd only met on trial day and earning a Good T2 pass.

Debbie's 3<sup>rd</sup> team out was Julie Combridge and Tara (German Shepherd) on their first attempt at T4 level. Unfortunately, although Tara did a lovely track, she failed to indicate her articles which is a mandatory requirement of the test. Greg Chapman and Zara (German Shorthaired Pointer) was Debbie's 4<sup>th</sup> and final team out on a T5 test. This was also a sad story with Zara working well but not indicating. Speaking from personal experience, it's always heartbreaking for the team when this happens and you can only go back to basics, concentrating on mainly articles over short rewarding tracks, accepting only the ultimate indication and ensuring you reward heavily (both verbally and treat).

Although seemingly not as successful for some of our teams as our previous trial, there was much to be learned by those transitioning from rural bush tracking to variable surface urban tracking, which has its own challenges and distractions. Also for those stepping up a level whether as beginners or intermediate level as we learn how our dogs react to the more challenging tracks and different stimuli. No two tracks are ever the same regardless of terrain etc because of the ever-changing environment but each exposes new reactions to observe in our canine partners and challenges to work on to improve our work as a team. Congratulations to everyone who achieved quals/titles, commiserations and best of luck next time to all our other competitors. We all have areas to work on (everyone needs to work at consolidating article indications and I need to work on proofing for environmental distractions).

It was a great to see everyone have a great weekend, even if not everyone was successful on the day, as every time we enter the paddock we learn more about how our dogs work and get great advice from our judges. Remember, regardless of the results on the day – we each still take the best dog home.....

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Janette Cussons  
Tracking Coordinator 2016

## TRACK & SEARCH TRIAL – ANNANDALE

12th May 2018

**Judge: Mal Holland**

Name	Name of Dog	Breed	Result
Track: TSD2			
Debbie Schmidt	T Ch Monsimbee They Call me Furi	German Shepherd	Very Good
Heather Northover	Dual Ch (T) Ngidlha Shaba Bayete JD RN	Rhodesian Ridgeback	Pass

## TRACKING TRIAL – ALICE RIVER

13<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Judge : Debbie Schmidt**

Name	Name of Dog	Breed	Result
Track: T2			
Heidi Christoffel	Mika	German Shepherd	Good
Annette Woolley	Haveloc Eli	German Shepherd	Good

**Judge : Janette Cussons**

Name	Name of Dog	Breed	Result
Track : T4			
Jens P Didriksen	Moya Mr Didriksen	Rottweiler	Pass



Debbie Schmidt and Furi (above) and Heather Northover being awarded their Track & Search Dog 2 ribbon and Qualification Card from Judge Mal Holland.





Heidi Christoffel (left) and Annette Wooley (right) being awarded their Ribbon and Qualification Cards for Tracking L2 by Judge Debbie Schmidt



Jens Didriksen being awarded the Tracking L4 Ribbon and Qualification Cards by Judge Janette Cussons.



## TRACKING TRIAL REPORT

**15-16 June 2018**



Judges: Mr Roel Wittkamp, Atherton Tablelands and Mrs Heidi Christoffel, Mackay (TSD)  
Mr Roel Wittkamp, Atherton Tablelands and Ms Debbie Schmidt, Townsville (Tracking)

The third trial of our 2018 tracking season was another quiet affair with 6 Track and Search Entries and 6 competitors out in the tracking paddocks.

The weekend kicked off with Track and Search run on Saturday morning. The morning saw us gathered at our new meeting place in the Annandale Central carpark on a chilly morning with Julie Doig and Zoe (Staffordshire Bull Terrier) attempting their TSD1 test out at Cluden under judge Heidi Christoffel. Unfortunately, after starting well, Zoe flushed quail right on her first leg and lost concentration after that, sorry girls. Heidi's 2<sup>nd</sup> team out was Silke Weyland and Aska (Belgian Malinois) attempting a TSD3. Unfortunately, although Aska started well across the carpark on the she lost the track after the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg, had to be called off and wasn't really tracking after that – better luck next time Silke. Sadly, Heidi's last team for the day, Debbie Schmidt and Furi (German Shepherd Dog) had to withdraw from their T4 test as Furi was carrying stitches in her foot due to a midweek injury attempting their Test 2 also under Mal.

Meanwhile, Roel was out opposite the army base with myself and Jax (German Shepherd) attempting our TSD1. Jax started great, nailing the gate, totally ignored the diversion track and indicated his first article well, that was the good bit! Unfortunately, not far past the first article he hit a very strong wallaby trail (fresh poo!), he worked back and forth across the track for a bit further, then committed strongly to a hard left turn through a path through the reeds and we were off until we hit the drain and were called off! Wrong wrong way chum, but that's the way it goes sometimes! Back on the track, he worked his way through the thicket slightly wide, but was apparently heading in the right direction when he hit a wall of thicket and turned himself around trying to get out. Once he did hit the hard surface, he worked very well, barely indicated the second article (wallet) and found Silke at the end of the track – but too little too late.

Fortunately, Roel's next team out was Carolyn Lynn and Kelly (Australian Kelpie) on their T5 test and what a joy to it was to steward this track. Kelly was super keen to start, already working before he hit the known start point, totally ignored the morning walkers approaching from behind to ask questions. He whipped down the first leg and around the turn to work steadily along the 2<sup>nd</sup> very long leg where the tracklayer had passed earlier stepping on and off the bitumen as they went. About half way down the leg there were lane ways located almost opposite each other where he had he had the opportunity to take a wrong turn (they'd been his demise before), but after investigating both, he moved back on to the left side of the road hit the track dead on and was off on a mission! He rocked down the rest of the leg at a steady pace, nailed his turn spot on and shot over a wooden bridge to make his way the opposite way down a gully, turning through yet another lane way out into a cul-de-sac, round the centre roundabout and out into a park to find Jens loitering on a seat watching a big wallaby in the yard next door. A perfect track and Roel gave him an Excellent grading for it!

Unfortunately, that was the last of the luck for TSD with Roel's final team Heather Northover and Zeus (Rhodesian Ridgeback) coming to grief on their TSD3 attempt. However this was Zeus' first trial encounter

with both alleyways and neighbourhood cats and Heather was extremely pleased at how he reacted to and handled both, so although technically a fail, it was a great new learning experience.

Sunday saw us head out into the cattle paddocks where, although not as bad as last trial (or maybe we're getting used to it) there's still a very heavy spear grass burden. Show Sheen (horse mane/tail de-tangler) is pretty much a part of standard trial equipment/preparation to assist with the removal of the spears post trial.

Roel's first team out was Annette Woolley and her young GSD Ace at their first attempt to find an unknown tracklayer. Ace hit the trail hard and pretty much never missed a beat, nailing his corners, giving a good indication on his first article, satisfactory on his 2nd and homed in on the track layer earning an Excellent TD3 pass and his Tracking Dog Title!

Next up was Heidi Christoffel and Mika, also a GSD on their TD3 title track attempt. They also worked the track well, earning a Very Good pass and also gaining their Tracking Dog Title! We were then off to the other paddock where Greg Chapman and Zara were to do their T5 test. This team started well, totally ignoring the cross-track, with Zara tracking beautifully, unfortunately they came unstuck on the dreaded articles with Zara finding the track itself more rewarding than pausing to indicate.

Our local judge Debbie Schimdt's first team out was our new beginner Lisa Sinclair and her Border Collie Creme at their first local competition (Lisa lives part of each year between Townsville and Victoria) attempting their T2 test with Lisa also handling for the first time. This team, although new to tracking, are seasoned obedience/Rally O competitors which shone through in their teamwork and Lisa's 'reading' of her dog, with them working well together and earning a Very Good pass.

Julie Combridge and Tara (GSD) were next up on Debbie's list and although Tara started well, suffered a bit of environmental overload, overshooting her first corner and although she worked her way back, she then took the cross-track of some animal and was then really just enjoying her day out after a short confinement.

Debbie's final team of the day was Jens Didriksen and big Zelic (Rottweiler). Zelic started as he meant to continue -powering up the track with Jens trying for a 'slowdown'. He missed an article, dropped on one like a stone, but then decided to investigate the cross-track and when we say investigate – Zelic is the only dog we know of to power full circle around the complete cross-track and back onto the main track taking Jens with him through the rough! Unfortunately, that blew their test, but they continued round the rest of the track, missed the 3rd article but honed in on his tracklayer for a major cuddle in Heather's lap.

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Tracking Coordinator

TRACK & SEARCH TRIAL – ANNANDALE			
16 <sup>th</sup> June 2018			
<b>Judge: Roel Witkamp</b>			
Name	Name of Dog	Breed	Result
<b>Track: TSD5</b>			
Carolyn Lynn	T Ch Callicoma Leaps & Bounds TSD	Australian Kelpie	Excellent
TRACKING TRIAL – ALICE RIVER			
17 <sup>th</sup> June 2018			
<b>Judge : Roel Wittkamp</b>			
Name	Name of Dog	Breed	Result
<b>Track: T3</b>			
Heidi Christoffel	Mika	German Shepherd	Very Good
Annette Woolley	Haveloc Eli	German Shepherd	Excellent
***** CONGRATULATIONS - TRACKING DOG TITLE *****			
<b>Judge : Debbie Schmidt</b>			
Name	Name of Dog	Breed	Result
<b>Track : T2</b>			
Lisa Sinclair	Milangimbi Coffee n Crème CDX RM	Border Collie	Very Good



Carolyn Lynn (Left) with her TSD5 ribbon and Qualification card, and Heidi Christofell (right) with her Tracking Level 3 (and Title) awarded by Judge Roel Wittkamp



Left : Annette Woolley being awarded her Tracking Level 3 (and Title) awarded by Judge Roel Wittkamp

Right : Lisa Sinclair being awarded her Tracking Level 2 Ribbon and Qualification awarded by Judge Debbie Schmidt





## 2018 RSPCA MILLION PAWS WALK

This year's RSPCA MPW was staged under the lovely shade trees at Riverway on Sunday 20 May, with an early start at 6.00am for Noel, myself, Deb and her husband Greg to set up our display. It was a beautiful day but unfortunately, due to the problems between the Townsville RSPCA and Townsville City Council, many stall holders who normally supported the event were absent with only half a dozen or so there. It was also reflected in the reduced number of people and their dogs who participated in the Walk which was a shame. But, the ones that did attend had a great time with dogs of all sizes, ages, and breeds stepping out for the Walk.

The Walk was a loop from the end of the Lagoon at Riverway Parade, down to Ross River Road, up to the intersection of Hervey's Range Road, left on to Riverway Drive and back to Riverway Parade. The timing was unfortunate as it coincided with the Cure for Cancer convoy with about 100 semi-trailers and trucks driving down Ross River Road with horns honking and blaring just as the Walkers headed that way!

While numbers were down on previous years our Club was still able to chat to a number of people and provide advice on Pet Dog Training, responsible pet ownership, and all the other activities we provide. Thanks again to Noel, Deb and Greg Fazel, Emma Eriksen and Lisa Sinclair for helping out, it was a great way to spend a lovely Sunday morning.

**Diane MacIntyre, Demonstration Co-ordinator**



Noel, Lisa, Deb and Emma at our stall at the Million Paws Walk.













Above : Walkers starting to gather at Riverway early Sunday Morning for the Million Paws Walk



Above : Noel and Lisa stepping it out at the start of the Walk



## 2018 TOWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL PET EXPO

The Pet Expo keeps getting bigger and better, and this year thousands of people turned out to watch obedience, agility, prison dog and Hounds for Health demos and view 90+ exhibitors at Jezzine Barracks. Hundreds of dogs accompanied their owners to enjoy the day, and even two kittens, a guinea pig, and a bearded dragon and blue tongue lizard were spotted.

Our Club was there and we had two obedience demos in the centre ring, with various members showing the public the different levels of training they are at from newly graduated to trialling standard. The group recall with the dogs sitting in a circle facing outwards to their owners was a bit of controlled chaos and great hit with the audience! The Rally-Obedience demo was also popular. All credit to the club members and their dogs who worked well considering the noise, sight, and smells of hundreds of people crowding round the arena to watch.

Some of the highlights included the Hug a Pug tent, Greyhound Adoptions, Prison Dog display, and Agility demo by TOADS. Everyone loved the Small Paws Dash with dozens of Dachshunds running as fast as their tiny legs could propel them from one end of the ring to the other.

Huge thanks to Noel, Judy and Deb for helping to set up in the morning, and everyone else who came and helped with the many enquiries we fielded and participated in the demo – Renate, Linda, Lucille, Joy, Deb, Penny, Bronwyn, Judy – and apologies to those who I have may have missed.

A terrific day was had by all, and I know that both humans and dogs would have slept well that night!

**Diane MacIntyre, Demonstration Co-ordinator**



Renate providing the good word on Pet Dog Training. We had dozens of people stop by our stall at the TCC Pet Expo seeking advice on training and what our Club offers.



Renate, Judy, Joy and Linda taking part in the Club's obedience demo at the Pet Expo.





**Prison Dog**

The Warning ...



Consequence of ignored warning ....



Reward at the end for job well done – a game with that sleeve thing!





## Drug Detection Dog

The search .....

The find ...



The reward for a job well done – a game of fetch and tug!





Above : Heat 1 in the Small Paws Dash as the Dachshunds race the length of the arena to their owners.



Above : View to the main arena with the Club's stall immediately behind. It was a huge day with hundreds of people and their dogs enjoying the 90+ stalls and demos throughout the day.

# VALE

**TCH.OC. LUACK JO (Booka) TSD.RN. ADM.ADO.JDM.GD.SPMD.SD.ET.  
Mal Holland**

What a great dog (Australian Kelpie) she was, born 02 November 2000, went to sleep for the final time on the 07 June 18, seventeen years and seven months.

Booka was bred by COCT Member Lucy Joynson from Woodstock just south of Townsville. She was one of two still left in a litter of exciting little Kelpies when she was bought by Mal Holland.

Booka was a joy for Mal and was by far the best dog that he ever owned. Early in her Obedience Trial work she showed great promise when she gained her Companion Dog Title in three tests, she then followed that up by gaining her Companion Dog Excellent in Three trials. Mal took her out of Obedience work to mature a little and introduced her to the wonderful world of tracking; she excelled in this field and only failed one test on her way to Tracking Champion, (seven tests from 400 meters to 1200 meters). A brief stint in Track and Search Competitions saw her gain her Track and Search Title.

Endurance became her forte and on the Endurance Testing day in Ingham over 20 kilometres she excelled, she was remarkable in so much that she found it little more than a walk in the park. After the first eight kilometres and after her Veterinary check, she was let loose to run and run she did, around and around in circles, much to the amazement of the other competitors and officials, most stopped to look at the mad Kelpie racing around the Ingham Showgrounds. The remaining two legs of the Endurance Test she covered with ease, she was marvelled at by the Veterinarian in charge of health and welfare as a dog of outstanding physical ability.

After she completed her Tracking Championship Test Mal moved her back into Obedience trials and into Utility Dog work. She gained her title in five tests, (three qualifying score over 170 points out of 200). This was soon followed up by competing for her Obedience Champion Title which she gained in eight tests. The requirement in those days was a dog must gain five Utility Dog score of 185 points or more out of 200 points and to qualify, they also had to have three first places. Booka managed it with eight tests, one of which she was beaten out of first place by a single point.

Agility was a game she loved and while she was never always the fastest dog around the courses she excelled with Masters in Agility and Jumpers. This was all before any Game Competitions came into the dog world so Mal put her into early retirement as there were no other new challenges. She was still only three and a half years old. Later, Agility Games were introduced as a competition and Mal decided she should have a try at Agility Games. She acquired her Masters Pairs Title along with many other agility games titles.

Up until the end of her life Booka gained more Titles than any dog in the Canine Obedience Club of Townsville. Around her retirement time Mal and Dawn took time away to tour Australia in their caravan. Booka has done the big loop, all states, in later years she travelled extensively throughout Queensland, NSW, Victoria and South Australia.

Right up to her seventeenth birthday she was walking two or more kilometres most days.



During early June of this year she developed a large tumour on her rump. It burst soon after and the final sleep was the only option for her to prevent her suffering the pain and mess of daily bleeding.

She was laid to rest on the seventh of June 2018 and now sleeps under Dawn and Mal's window. What a fabulous dog/Kelpie she was. Mal can tell you that "YES" grown men do cry.



## **CANINE PAPILLOMA VIRUS (CPV)**

### **What is it?**

Canine Papilloma Virus, or canine warts, are fairly common in young socialized dogs and in multi-dog families. Similar to warts in humans, they are caused by a viral infection. They are highly contagious to other dogs, but the virus cannot be transmitted to humans or other pets. While not normally a risk to your dog's overall health, they can lead to other complications and discomfort. All dogs showing symptoms of Canine Warts should be evaluated by a veterinarian and quarantined from other susceptible dogs until the virus has run its course.

Canine Warts are skin and mucous membrane eruptions caused by a virus, known as papillomavirus. While visually alarming, they are generally harmless to your dog's overall health. Puppies will be affected around the "t" of the face (mouth, eyes) and older dogs will even encounter it on the tongue. There have been instances where different forms of skin cancer have developed due to the progression of the papillomatosis, although this is rare.

### **Symptoms of Wart Virus in Dogs**

Warts are most commonly seen in the mouth, nose or eyes, but skin warts can show up around the footpads, legs or groin area. They start as a rough patch of pink-to-white skin, and as they develop they may become darker and lumpy, resembling a cauliflower. Your dog may only have one wart, or they may occur as an eruption of multiple warts.

### **Types**

The most common canine wart, Canine Papilloma Virus (CPV), is benign and cannot be transmitted to humans or other non-canine animals. This is the type seen most often in the mucous membranes (mouth) of younger dogs. Skin warts occur more often on the abdomen of older dogs. They are slower-growing than CPV and while most often benign can, in rare cases, develop into cancer.

### **Causes of Wart Virus in Dogs**

Canine Warts are caused by a viral infection only communicable with other dogs. The virus is transmitted via direct dog-to-dog contact or sharing common items such as food and water bowls, toys, bedding, or grooming tools. Since the virus has an incubation period of up to 2 months, once you see physical signs of infection, other dogs in your family or social group have already been exposed for some time.

### **Diagnosis of Wart Virus in Dogs**

You should isolate your dog and seek veterinary advice as soon as you suspect a canine wart infection. To assure a correct diagnosis, the veterinarian will do a thorough physical examination, and get a recent health and activity history. They will do an oral exam to be sure the warts are not impeding your dog's ability to breathe or eat. If unsure of a certain benign diagnosis, your veterinarian may want to take a scraping or biopsy of the warts to examine under a microscope.

If there is clear evidence that the papillomatosis has visibly changed the underlying skin or cellular structure, the veterinarian may request the help of a specialist. Leveraging a pathologist, or the standard pathologist tests will help the doctor determine if dangerous viral antibodies are present within the lesions. In this event, the veterinarian will avoid popping warts, which they may choose to do to release the virus into the blood stream to expedite the body's natural removal process.

### **Treatment of Wart Virus in Dogs**

If the warts are not affecting your dogs' ability to eat, breathe or see, the most common treatment is no treatment at all. This is referred to as "benign neglect", or just letting the virus run its course. Over time, the dogs' immune system will strengthen and kill the virus on its own, and the warts will simply fall off.

In some cases, the vet will choose to squeeze the warts themselves, releasing the virus into the blood stream in an effort to speed up the immune response. It can take anywhere from 1 to 6 months for a full recovery, and during this time, the dog will have to be quarantined from any other susceptible dogs. The good news is, once a dog has healed from a CPV infection, they will carry immunity from the disease for the rest of their life and cannot be re-infected.

If the warts are so numerous or in a position where they are causing the dog quality-of-life issues, the veterinarian may choose to remove them surgically or by freezing them off. This will be done under with either a local or general anaesthetic, depending on the location of the eruption. This is rarely necessary.

In some cases, the warts can get irritated and become infected. Your veterinarian will prescribe an antibiotic to deal with the secondary infection, but this will not diminish the virus that causes the warts themselves.

### **Recovery of Wart Virus in Dogs**

During the time of "benign neglect," you'll want to watch your dog closely for any further signs of irritation or difficulty swallowing or breathing. If you notice this happening, you'll want to schedule a follow-up visit with your veterinarian to discuss additional treatment options. Once the warts have completely disappeared, you should wait 2 more months before allowing your dog open contact with other dogs. After the incubation period of 2 months has passed with no new warts, your dog is assumed to be free of the virus, and now has immunity from contracting canine warts for the rest of their life.



## IMPORTANCE OF ALLOWING YOUR DOG TO SNIFF

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I peek out the front door to check on my dog, who is sunning himself in his favourite spot in the sun. He is lying on an old moving trolley, since repurposed to give him a boost up to the sunrays which don't reach the ground at this time of morning. As I stick my head out the door he lifts his nose, and I can see his nostrils gently flare in and out as he recognizes I am close. He does not see me with his eyes as they are squinted shut due to the sun, but he sees me with his nose.

There are many more examples of my dog using his nose to see. When I return from the shops, and we greet enthusiastically, my human tendency is to reach out and touch to say hello, but he ducks away, preferring to sniff my hands first to see where I have been.



(If you have not already read about the human as opposed to canine perspective of greeting, it is worth reading 'How do you greet a dog politely').

When I return from volunteering at the dog shelter, he sniffs my shoes and clothes carefully. I get the full pat down with the nose. If I offer him something, whether it is an object or food, he does not use his eyes to examine the item

further; he sniffs it.

On one occasion, when out on a walk with my dog, he stopped, hesitant to go further. I surveyed the pavement ahead. It seemed clear. I thought he was being overly sensitive and encouraged him to continue. As we passed the parked cars ahead, hiding behind the wheel of the last car was a cat. I felt very foolish. My dog was right – there was something ahead! He had seen it with his nose. I should have listened. Being human, I had immediately dismissed what I could not see with my eyes. On another occasion, he started sniffing the ground very attentively, seemingly following a trail back and forth, as he narrowed in on the direction of the scent trail. Looking ahead to see what had taken his interest, it was easy for me to quickly spot a scattering of nacho chips that had been discarded on the pavement. This time my eyesight won out against my dog's nose, and I was able to divert him away.

Even with these simple observations, it is apparent how often my dog uses his nose and scent to make sense of and navigate his environment.

It is understandable why the use of olfaction may be the predominant sense for dogs. It is estimated that dogs have 300 million olfactory receptor cells; in comparison humans have about 5 million. Dogs have the ability of smelling with each nostril on an individual basis, allowing them to distinguish the direction of the scent. The slits on the side of the nose allow for the old air to exit at the same time as the dog is breathing in new air through the nostrils, allowing the dog to take in scent continuously. The air is separated and passes through an area at the back of the nose that has a labyrinth of scroll-like bony structures called turbinates. The air is filtered through the turbinates for olfaction, while some of the air follows a separate route down the pharynx for respiration. The air that humans take in for respiration and scent is not separated, going in and out with the air that we smell. Additionally, dogs have a secondary olfactory organ called the vomeronasal organ that allows dogs to detect pheromones and non-volatile chemicals. There are times where you can spot the dog using his vomeronasal organ, as he will display a tonguing response. The dog may chatter his teeth or drool a bit at the mouth as he deciphers the components of the scent. To interpret all this information, a larger percentage of the dog's brain is used to process scent, with the olfactory bulb taking up more area of the brain than it does in humans. The dog can detect smells at concentrations of 100 million times less than our noses can detect.





In Alexandra Horowitz's book, 'Being a Dog: Following the Dog Into a World of Smell', she gives an example of scientific research to test scent thresholds of detection dogs. One of the tests was how diluted an odour could become before the dog would struggle to detect the odour. The scent of amyl acetate (smell of banana) had to be distinguished from non-amyl acetate canisters. The dog kept finding the scent until it was diluted to the equivalent of a couple of drops of amyl acetate to one trillion drops of water.

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The following Ted-Ed video lesson by Alexandra Horowitz gives a good summary of the dog's sense of smell and why dogs are physically able to process scent so efficiently. For an in-depth look at how dogs perceive the world with their noses, it is well worth reading Alexandra Horowitz's book, 'Being a Dog: Following the Dog Into a World of Smell', and view this clip [www.youtube.com/watch?v=p7fXa2Occ\\_U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p7fXa2Occ_U)

Imagine visiting an art gallery if every time you attempted to look at a painting, you were forced to move along and had your eyes covered, missing the chance to get a glimpse of the painting. How frustrating an experience would that be? As humans, we do not have the same level of perception and therefore discount dogs' levels of sensory perception far too many times, especially when giving them opportunities to interact with the environment. Too often I have seen guardians impatiently yanking their dogs away if the dog stops to sniff even for a moment. I have observed dogs that are walked obediently to heel and not permitted to stray to sniff, dogs walked with equipment that does not allow them to dip their noses down or move their heads or bodies with ease, or walks that are carefully curated from a human perspective, where the walk is a quick march for exercise purposes and stopping is not tolerated. The mental stimulation from sniffing and exploring can be just as tiring as physical exercise.

If my dog responds to an environment in a manner in which he is comfortable to investigate it – in an in-depth manner with calm sniffing – this indicates that the walk is going well and the environment is suitable for him. If my dog is pulling, moving erratically and choosing not to engage with the environment by sniffing, this is a telltale sign that he is not coping for some reason. So sniffing calmly and engaging with the environment can give clues as to the internal state of your dog. A good walk for my dog would be one in which he meanders with a calm, loose, slow-moving body, taking his time to stop at various spots to sniff and investigate. To do so, the leash needs to be long enough for him to move comfortably, and the equipment he is wearing should not hinder him from being able to reach the ground with his nose easily. The choice of walk should be individual for each dog; certain environments or times or the duration of a walk can be too stimulating for some dogs. A dog may not have the appropriate skill level or coping skills for a particular environment, or the dog's stress level may be too high to cope with a particular walk.



How your dog engages with the environment by sniffing, and in which context he does so, can give vital clues as to how comfortable your dog is feeling and if he is coping within an environment.

There is another important reason to pay attention to your dog's sniffing. On certain occasions, sniffing plays a part in how dogs communicate. If you have not already read the dog body language article about sniffing, you can read about it [here](#).

The dog may stop to sniff as a calming signal or negotiation. For example, a dog may use sniffing the ground at a distance in the beginning stages of approaching another dog. A slow non-direct approach is polite, and it gives each party the opportunity to negotiate at a distance. In another context, sniffing could be used as a way to defuse a situation; one dog may walk away sniffing the ground, encouraging the other dog to mirror him, defusing the interaction.

Depending on context, sniffing the ground could also be displacement behaviour or a stress response. If the dog is unsure of something ahead, he may slow and start sniffing the ground, showing he may be feeling conflicted. It is vital to allow your dog to express himself and to observe your dog's body language so you can offer support in such situations.

I mentioned an example of when my dog chooses to sniff the ground as displacement when he feels uncomfortable, in this article: 'Considering the effects of walking or running straight towards a dog'.

The body language that occurs when a dog starts sniffing due to displacement can be subtle. It is crucial to observe changes in the environment, noting the dog's whole body and body posture, as well as movement and body language signals. For instance, a dog may see something ahead, pause, and then subtly curve his body away from the object that is causing discomfort. He may then do some displacement sniffing. It is worth observing how he sniffs; some displacement sniffing may seem less focused than when a dog is actively investigating a scent. In other instances, it can seem out of place, as the dog suddenly finds a spot to sniff intently. The dog may use the moment of sniffing as a surreptitious way of surveying the environment, so it is important to observe where the gaze of the eyes falls. The dog may also move his ears, perhaps to the side slightly, in order to use his other senses to gather further information. One should pay attention to the subtleties.

Scent is the predominant way in which dogs make sense of their world. Sniffing is vital to the way dogs gather information and interact with their environment. At times, depending on the context, a dog is not just sniffing a scent; he is communicating. What he is communicating can vary according to the circumstances, so it is worth paying attention in order to be a supportive partner. Allowing your dog to interact fully with his environment and express himself with ease ensures a stronger, mutually connected relationship between dog guardian and dog.

## Let your dog sniff.

A **dog** navigates the world with his **nose**. Like **humans** do with their **eyes**.

A dog's nose is **1000 -10,000** times **more powerful** than a human's nose.

You smell spaghetti sauce.

Your dog smells each ingredient.

### Dogs can find by smell:

- missing people
- explosives
- drugs
- bedbugs
- cancer
- low blood sugar



**On walks let your dog  
explore his world.**

**Let him use his  
NOSE!**



## PET DOG TRAINING UPGRADES

TERM 2 APRIL-JUNE 2018

### BEGINNERS

Handler's Name	Dog Breed	Dog's Name
Rosemary Parker	German Short Haired Pointer	Otto
Ioan Sanislav	Bull Arab X	Luna
Leanne Sporton	Great Dane X	Rogue
Elise Hurst	Border Collie	Zara
Temike Gillett	Border Collie	Bailey
Kelsie Preston	Labrador	Archie
Bernie Larsen	Airedale Terrier	Elke
David Vivian	JackRussell/Maltese X	Ziggy
Stephanie Healy	Cocker Spaniel English	Archie
Nigel Woods	Jack Russell/Silky Terrier X	Buddy
Elizabeth Gordon	Cocker Spaniel English	Rosa
Nicky Gray	Cavoodle	Noddle

### INTERMEDIATE

Handler's Name	Dog Breed	Dog's Name
Emma Eriksen	Border Collie	Aira
Anita Ilska	Border Collie X	Lana

### ADVANCED

### GRADUATES – CONGRATULATIONS!

Handler's Name	Dog Breed	Dog's Name
Anika Frossling	Kelpie/cattle/Wolfhound X	Angus
Bettina Glasl	Labrador X	Alma
Greg Tudehope	Australian Shepherd	Dougal
Katherine Morgan	Border Collie X	Poppy
Lucille Robinson	Labrador/Stafforshire X	Chilli
Laura Evans	Labrador/Cattle Dog X	Clancy

# CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC

## 2018 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
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Obedience Rally O	Cathy O'Shea Roel Wittkamp
April 7 <sup>th</sup>			
Trial 1	3:00 pm	Agility Jumpers –	Tim Fairchild Roel Wittkamp
Trial 2	7:00 pm	Agility and Gamblers Jumpers - Obedience	Roel Wittkamp Tim Fairchild Cathy O'Shea
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Obedience  Rally Obedience	Tricia Williams CDX, CD and CCD Mal Holland UDX and UD Heidi Christoffel
May 19 <sup>th</sup>			
Trial 1	2:00 pm	Agility and Gamblers Jumpers	Annette Gniel Judy Forbes-Faulkner
Trial 2	7:00 pm	Obedience	Tricia Williams CDX, CD CCD Judy Forbes-Faulkner UDX and UD
	4:00 pm	Rally O Agility Jumpers and Snooker	Heidi Christoffel Judy Forbes-Faulkner Annette Gniel
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Obedience Obedience Rally O	Barbara Murfet UDX & UD Tricia Williams CDX, CD & CCD Barbara Murfet
July 21 <sup>st</sup>			
Trial 1	2:00 pm	Agility and Snooker Jumpers	Tim Fairchild Heather Northover
Trial 2	7:00 pm	Agility and Pairs Jumpers Obedience	Heather Northover Tim Fairchild Barbara Murfet
	4:00 pm	Rally O	Barbara Murfet

Date	Time	Trial	Judge
August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 pm	Obedience	Lisa Sinclair CDX, CD and CCD John Baumann UDX and UD John Baumann
		Rally O	
August 4 <sup>th</sup>			
Trial 1	2:00 pm	Agility and Gamblers Jumpers	Roel Wittkamp Sandra Walker
Trial 2	7:00 pm	Agility and Pairs Jumpers Obedience	Sandra Walker Roel Wittkamp Lisa Sinclair CDX, CD and CCD John Baumann UDX and UD John Baumann
	4:00 pm	Rally O	
August 31 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 pm	Obedience Rally O	Keith Millington Kathy Millington
September 1 <sup>st</sup>			
Trial 1	2:00 pm	Agility and Gamblers Jumping -	Jody Brown Michael Cowman
Trial 2	7:00 pm	Agility - Snooker Jumpers Obedience Rally O	Michael Cowman Jody Brown Jody Brown Kathy Millington Keith Millington

### 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**

### **2018 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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Trial</b>	<b>Judge</b>	<b>Location</b>
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Track and Search	Mal Holland	Verbeena Court Annandale
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Tracking	Mal Holland	Black River Road Alice River
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Tracking	Carolyn Lynn	Black River Road Alice River
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Track and Search	Heidi Christoffel	Verbeena Court Annandale
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Track and Search	Mal Holland	Verbeena Court Annandale
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Tracking	Janette Cussons	Black River Road Alice River
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Tracking	Debbie Schmidt	Black River Road Alice River
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Track and Search	Roel Wittkamp	Verbeena Court Annandale
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tracking	Roel Wittkamp	Black River Road Alice River
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tracking	Debbie Schmidt	Black River Road Alice River
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Track and Search	Deborah Lamprecht	Verbeena Court Annandale
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Tracking	Deborah Lamprecht	Black River Road Alice River
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Tracking	Janette Cussons	Black River Road Alice River



## BACK PAGE FUNNIES



**I THINK IT'S TIME I HAD A CHAT WITH THE DOG ABOUT "PERSONAL SPACE"**



**Handle every stressful situation like a dog.  
If you can't eat or play with it, just pee on it and walk away.**



# WINTER



# THE END