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Front Cover photo : Judge Mal Holland presenting Debbie Schmidt and Furi German Shepherd Dog T Ch Monsimbee They Call Me Furi TSDX RN their Track and Search Champion Qualification Card and Sash, Townsville's second T&S Champion.

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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

Club Web Site: www.coct.com.au



Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc



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President's Report

Coming up just over a month away is the most important club meeting of the year. On the first Monday in August at 7.00pm the Club's AGM will be conducted. This year is going to be a very difficult one when it comes to election of Office Bearers as a few of us older members may not stand for the position that make this club run so well. From President, Secretary and Treasurer, we are all retired persons from the work front and now we also would like a little time to get away from the Club and all the work that it requires. Some of us have medical reasons, some have the burnt-out feelings, no matter the reason I am asking some of you the younger ones to put up your hands and accept a job. Of course we will hear the usual reasons, such as far too busy, could not possibly do that job, don't know how, etc, etc, well the time is here I am afraid some will have to put up their hands or there is a distinct possibility we as a Club may just slowly fade away. What a shame that would be after so many years as being one of the leading clubs in Queensland. Should anyone have thoughts about that they may be able to do a job and are not sure, call me or Judy our Secretary and we can run you through the ins and outs of the work involved, tuition is readily available. A reminder that all must be financial before the AGM starts to be eligible to vote or accept a position.

On a brighter note we have some members that should be elevated from Trainee Judge to full blown Judge in their respective field this year. Julie Doig has made great strides toward becoming a Rally O Judge, working very hard towards becoming fully licenced. She brings a

breath of fresh air with her attitude and dedication to become a first-class Judge.

In the Tracking field Debbie Schmidt will sit her final exams in July to become a Track and Search judge. The Club is dearly in need of another licenced TSD Judge and Debbie's elevation will give the Club two TSD judges. Next year there will be Janette Cussons and Carolyn Lynn sitting their final exams to become TSD Judges. This will give the Club four Tracking Judges and four TSD judges, a very healthy position to be in as this will save the Club a heap of money by not having to fly so many southern judges up, the cost of southern judges is an enormous burden on us.

No one needs to be reminded of the development going on in Heatley Park with Council currently re-developing the park to become more of a community park. This has created short term problems for the Club as we have had to move lock stock and barrel to Cutheringa Park in West End. The problems have been great but members have rallied to the work front and still be able to run the Tuesday and Thursday night training sessions. They even managed a trial, but had to cut some of the programme short due to poor allocation of lighting time. The latest information coming from Council is that Heatley Park should be ready by mid July for back to normal, of course this is only if everything runs to schedule, to date it was going to be end of June.

Look after those hounds, and may we see you all in the field, or at least at a meeting,

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

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

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

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

Just Briefly



**Keep up to date with
the rules for**
Obedience, Rally-O,
Agility, Endurance and
Tracking

as issued by the ANKC.

They are free to download from their website
<http://www.ankc.org.au/Rules.aspx>

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

**Club T-Shirts are available from the Club
Shoppe** on Tuesday night. They are made
from a durable cotton material, great for
wearing to training, at trials to fly the
Club's colours, and will last forever!

Cost - \$46.

Also available at very reasonable prices
are cloth webbing leads, martingale
collars, long leads, and treat bags

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

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

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

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

To find out more ask to talk to Deb Fazel,
our Training Co-ordinator.



Calling all Graduates !!

Handlers who have graduated from the Advanced Class are welcome to continue their training in the Pre-Trialling Class from 8.00-9.00pm on Tuesday night.

This Class is less structured than the ones you have previously completed, but can be used to start learning new obedience exercises like heel off lead, change of position, broad jump, and retrieving the dumb bell or just keep skills up to date.

It is a great way to keep your dog active, socialised, and mentally stimulated.

Feel free to let your Instructor know what you would like to learn on the night as classes are quite flexible.

Thursday night training is free and open for all Advanced and Class 4 handlers who are interested in learning more about competing in both obedience trials and Rally O trials. All handlers wishing to come along and take advantage of this extra free practice time must be available to assist with the set up or pack up of the various courses and also must be willing to assist as stewards in the Obedience rings or assist with the set up, stewarding or pack up of the Rally O courses. We also request handlers bring crates or some other method of restraining their dogs while they assist.

Thursday night set up normally commences between 5:30 pm and 6 pm and the training is normally completed by about 8 pm depending on the numbers wishing to train. We would also like to advise handlers that this free session is also utilised by instructors to train their dogs.

Frisbee Training !!

Second Monday of the month at 6:30pm with sign in at 6:15pm.

Financial COCT Members or Registered Handlers can have a trial night for just a \$5 training fee. To continue you will need to become a TOADS member. Dog sport approved discs for sale on any training night at 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'?

2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Club's 2019 Annual General Meeting will be held 7.00pm Monday 5 August 2019. Nominations are open now for all Committee Positions within the Club, you can view the full list on Page ii.

We are in particular need of a Secretary and Treasurer as Judy Forbes-Faulkner and Renate Linder have performed in these roles for many years and it's time for someone else to take the reins. Anyone within or outside the Club are welcome to nominate, but you do need to be a financial member for three months of both the Club and Dogs Queensland. These two positions are vital for the club to continue, so if you are interested or know of someone who may be please let Secretary Judy know.

If you are interested in any of the other positions you will be given help and support from the current holder until you are confident to do the role solo. Like many Clubs these days it is becoming more and more difficult to find volunteers, but without them we will simply not exist. You may know someone outside the Club looking for a different social contact and willing to spend a few hours a week helping out. Feel free to contact Judy or the position holder themselves for further info if you do.

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 8 July 2019** followed by **Monday 5 August 2019 (preceded by AGM)**. We would love to see you there! If you would like to help in any way, no matter how small, it is all appreciated.

THURSDAY NIGHT OBEDIENCE TRAINING

General Obedience and Rally-O practice is on every Thursday (weather permitting) from 6.30pm for Advanced and Class 4 Members at no additional charge. To make the night all the more enjoyable everyone is expected to help assist in the set up or packing up of equipment.

NOTE : Until further notice, all training is temporarily being held at Cutharinga Park, Bundock Street, West End while Council is upgrading Heatley Park.

2019 OBEDIENCE, AGILITY and TRACKING TRIALS

The COCT Inc 2019 trialling season continues with our third double Obedience and Agility trial in July. This trial will be held at Cutharinga Park due to delays with Council finishing the refurbishment of Heatley Park. The fifth and final Track & Search and Tracking Trial will be held over the weekend of 13-14 July.

Check out the Trial Calendar at the back of the mag and pencil dates into your -calendar or preferred digital device of trials you want to enter. Remember to use K9 Entries www.k9entries.com/using.php for your Obedience and Agility entries. Entries close a fortnight before each trial. Looking forward to a good turn out to our next trial!

TEMPORARY RELOCATION TO CUTHERINGA PARK, WEST END FOR ALL TRAINING AND COMPETITIONS

Delays with Council redeveloping Heatley Park with new pathways, watering systems and lighting (pictured below) means that all training and our July competition will continue at Cutheringa Park in West End until further notice, although we are hopeful to return to Heatley mid-July in time for the second term of Pet Dog Training.



The map on the following page provided by the Council shows the areas we can use for training. Parking can be either on Crawford or Harold Street but please respect Wests Cricket club and do not walk and toilet your dogs in the Cricket pitch area (green square). Club equipment is now stored in the shipping container on the far right away from the Wests Club House.

Note that our July Rally-O, Obedience and Agility trial will be held at this park with the red and blue areas being the agility and jumpers and the orange area the obedience and Rally O.

If you have any queries don't hesitate to ask.

Judy Forbes-Faulkner
Secretary COCT Inc.



Training Report

Term 2, April-June 2019

Hi everyone,

Thanks so much to all of our dog and handler teams and volunteer Instructors for making such a success of the alternative training grounds during the second intake of 2019. And speaking of success, congratulations to all the teams who were upgraded. The 24 successful upgrades were as follows.

Beginners

- 🐾 Joy and Lily had five fabulous Teams graduate;
- 🐾 Carolyn also achieved success with five awesome dog and handler Teams;
- 🐾 I was very excited to see all seven of my super students and their fur buddies receive their well-earned certificates;

Intermediate

- 🐾 Judy and Lisa had an amazing six successful Teams upgraded to the Advanced class, and

Advanced

- 🐾 Janette had one Team, (well done Julie and Gus), successfully upgrade into class 4.

Well done to everyone who obviously put in the time and effort, love and fun that your beloved dogs deserve.

If you did not receive a certificate this time around, that is perfectly okay too. We welcome the opportunity to see you again and work out the creases in your perfect pooch and get you that ticket into the next class. But if for some reason you cannot join us again, we hope you will continue on with the lessons and information you have received from our wonderful Instructors.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Danni Johnson our wonderful photographer who provided her time on our last night to take some happy snaps of the fur Graduates and their mums and dads. I have included some photos with this training report for your viewing pleasure. I will also be emailing copies of the individual photos to their respective recipients. I thought it was a really lovely addition to the graduation ceremony and from the number of people who smiled for Danni, I believe you did as well 😊. Maybe if we ask

nicely, Danni might become a regular on our Graduation nights....

Intake Three for 2019 will see four Beginners classes, one Intermediate class and one Advanced class.

Joy, Lily and myself will be taking the four Beginners classes. Between us, we will be offering two 6pm classes and two 7pm classes. With 28 teams currently on the books for Beginners we know we will be busy, but we also know we have 28 devoted dog loving families who want to explore and expand their relationships and communication with their canine furever buddies and that is why we do what we do.

Judy will be taking our recent graduates in the Intermediate class, and the lovely Lisa, all the way up from Melbourne, will be instructing the Advanced class.

A very big thankyou to Janette who did a wonderful job of instructing in the last Advanced class. We really appreciated your experience and willingness to help out. We hope you enjoy your break from training. Also taking a break from training for a little while, is Carolyn. Thank you so much for your talent, time and energy. You deserve a break, but we also hope you will want to come back again one day.

Julie Doig, another of our wonderful instructors, will remain on a break from instructing for the moment. Please remember Julie.....we REALLY miss you and can't wait to see back on the paddock.

And speaking of paddocks....we hope to be back on our home turf for the beginning of the upcoming course. I will be able to confirm this information very soon.

Until the next time....

Teach, share, respect, learn and have fun doing it.
Deb Fazal, Training Co-Ordinator



PET DOG TRAINING UPGRADES

TERM 2 APRIL-JUNE 2019

BEGINNERS

| Handler Name | Dog's name | Breed |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Emma Buddeke | Jax | German shepherd |
| Alison Heyworth | Amber | Rotti |
| Sarah Jeffers | Mishka | Rotti |
| Scott Lenti | Nelson | Labrador |
| Leila Sticklen | Rusty | Ridgeback |
| Matt Thomson | Jed | Dobermann |
| Thea Waters | Ruby (Ru) | Bull Arab X |
| Jordan Georgia & Bella Camilleri | Pip | Border Collie |
| Leonne Cummins | Buddy | Golden Retriever |
| Lauren Evans | Scarlett | Welsh Springer Spaniel |
| Ian Gough | Sarge | Golden Retriever |
| Kym Kroboth | Gracie | Border Collie x Maremma |
| Samantha Endersby | Toby | Cattle dog X Whippet |
| Phillip and Fiona Harris | Owen | Kelpie X |
| Henry Lyons | Ollie | Kelpie |
| James Mitchell | Millie | Australian Shepherd |
| Adriana Toro | Hugo | Miniature Schnauser |

INTERMEDIATE

| Handler Name | Dog's name | Breed |
|--------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Alexandra Aquilina | Tango | Bull Arab |
| Sergey Gundorov | Chyna | Bernese Mountain Dog |
| Tammy Leek | Tobe | Border Collie |
| Snow Standen | Midge | Aussie Terrier |
| Cassy Thompson | Doug | Cattle dog X |
| Simon Wever | Bella | Staffy x Lab |

ADVANCED -GRADUATES!!

| Handler Name | Dog's name | Breed |
|--------------|------------|---------------|
| Julie Doig | Gus | Smooth Collie |

OBEDIENCE, RALLY-O AND AGILITY DOUBLE TRIAL REPORT FRIDAY 17th & SATURDAY 18th MAY 2019

Firstly, I would like to thank all our club members that gave their time to help out at what was a very challenging trial at our new temporary trial grounds at Cutheringa Park with no clubhouse with only the necessary equipment to run classes and trials stored in three shipping containers. To add to that the afternoon started with a downpour of rain while setting up the rings, fortunately it didn't last long.

A special thanks goes to Renate Linder who supervised all the unloading and loading of equipment, put the lights on and stayed to the end to switch all the lights off and close up the containers, not a particularly easy task. To Julie Doig who looked after our visiting judge Maryanne Fazekas especially with her diet requirements and of course all our new and old stewards including Snow Standen, Greg Tudehope, Janette Cussons, Debbie Schmidt and Deb Fazel who ensured all the obedience and Rally O classes ran without a hitch.

My thanks also go to Leisa Cassidy and Linda King (*Linda pictured right with Mandy Jones*) for imputing all the data over the weekend camped outside one of the shipping containers, and all the handlers who assisted with the course changes and jump height changes. I would also like to thank Joy and Glenn Tomes for supplying their caravan for catering and of course Diane MacIntyre for the usual range of excellent prizes that decorated the prize tables.



The competition commenced on Friday night with Maryanne Fazekas judging the Rally O and myself the Obedience. There was only one qualification in Masters Rally with Renate and Dixie getting a pass of 87 which unfortunately was not enough for her Champion title. Apart from that success there was certainly some hilarity when Wayne's dog Jimmy took off with the toy in the Offset Figure of 8, much to the entertainment of all who were watching. In the Rally Novice Greg Tudehope and Dougal achieved a pass with 96 and Julie Doig and Gus a pass with 92. Well done Greg and Julie.

In the Obedience ring I was delighted to give Linda King a qualification in CD with D'Arcy and also Joy Tomes a qualification and title in CD with Jazz. Joy has been trying to get this for the last 4 years so she was very happy. Even a suspected broken toe didn't slow her down! I was also delighted to give Mandy Jones and Elsa a qualification and title in CCD. Well done ladies you certainly made my night.

On Saturday afternoon the first Agility Trial commenced with Gamblers and Annette Gniel posed a challenge that most of us need to practice - the weaves in the gamble. None of the dogs managed to get the weaves so there were no qualifications in this event.

There was more success in the Agility Trial with qualifications to Lauren Moore and Spritz in Open Agility. Master Agility saw quals awarded to Lauren Moore with Spritz, Amber Morey with Diva, Deb Kampaklis with Morphy and Natalie Spence with Trixie.

In the other ring Tim Fairchild had several successes with Lauren Moore getting a trifecta again with her dogs Zippy, Lift and Spritz in Masters Jumping. Qualifications were also achieved by Kayla James and Sky, Amber Morey and Diva and Roel Wittkamp and Mynx. There were also qualifications in Open Jumping with Lauren Moore and Zippy and Deb Kampaklis and Morphy.

While the later classes in the agility and jumping were running Maryanne Fazekas commenced judging the second Rally O Trial. There were no successes in the higher classes but Greg Tudehope and Dougal attained a pass in Novice

and Dougal's RN title well done Greg and Dougal now you are up with the "big" dogs. Sharon Daniels also achieved a qualification with Briny, well done little Briny. Masters Strategic Pairs was the last of the afternoon events with success to both Amber Morey with Diva and Jean Wilkinson with Mac and Tricia Williams with Cue and Karen Winzar with Cleo.

This was followed by a break for dinner served by Joy and Glenn from their caravan which was parked onsite. It was a godsend having that there as it enabled the storage and heating up of the various dishes with the Judges dining al fresco (*photos below*). Thanks Joy and Glenn, and also all those who contributed to the meals.



The evening's activities commenced with the second Agility trial starting with Masters judged by Tim Fairchild where there were successes for Lauren Moore and Spritz, Amber Morey and Diva and Karen Winzar and Cleo. The other handlers in the classes all had fun but with no success. In the jumping ring judge Annette Gniel had numerous successes with handlers in Masters including Tricia Williams with Cue, Lauren Moore with Zippy and Lift, Kayla James with Sky and Natalie Spence with Trixie. Handlers and dogs in the lower classes did not have any success this time round.

Finally, in the second Obedience trial judged by Maryanne Fazekas Lisa Sinclair and Coffee Crème got a qual of 199 out of 200 for her UD obedience and her title. Well done Lisa and Coffee Crème what an achievement. Also in CD Linda King and D'Arcy got a qual of 185 and title and also in CCD Mandy Jones and Elsa got an extra qual of 88 for her CCD title. Nice work ladies and your dogs.

The evening finished after all the event information was entered by Leisa Cassidy and Linda King with some assistance from other competitors with the presentations and the usual amazing array of gifts for all classes supplied always by Diane MacIntyre. Competitors were spoilt for choice at the prize table with everything from chocolates, homewares and entry tokens for the humans to treats, toys, rugs, mats, and bowls for the 4-legged ones. There was plenty of choice in the dog treat area from natural treats (beef ribs, pigs snouts/ears, air dried salmon and kangaroo), munchies from the Daily Bark and healthy baked options from The Woofery Bakery www.thewoofery.com.au in Adelaide.

I would like to close by thanking all the competitors who helped with the running of the trial and the pack up afterwards. A special thanks goes to Roel Wittkamp who used his car to reverse the very heavy agility trailer into the container ably assisted by Snow Standen and other helpers. Also thanks to all those who assisted with the rest of the equipment and helped Renate Linder ensure everything was packed away safely.

Judy Forbes-Faulkner,
Secretary COCT Inc.

RALLY O AND OBEDIENCE TRIAL 1 **FRIDAY 17 MAY 2019**

Q = Qualification ☺ T = Title ☺ ☺

Judge: Maryanne Fazekas

| Masters | Competitor | Dog's Name | Points |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1st Q | Renate Linder | Dixie | 87 |
| 2nd | Natalie Spence | Trixie | 85 |
| 3rd | Julie Dois | Zoe | 73 |
| Rally Excellent B | | | |
| No entries | | | |
| Rally Excellent A | | | |
| 1st | Amber Morey | Tootsie | 62 |
| Rally Advanced B | | | |
| No entries | | | |
| Rally Advanced A | | | |
| 1st | Ann Walsh | Jack | 79 |
| 2nd | Raelene Gregory | Stella | 71 |
| 3rd | Joy Tomes | Chewie | 61 |
| Rally Novice | | | |
| 1st Q | Greg Tudehope | Dougal | 96 |
| 2nd Q | Julie Doig | Gus | 92 |

OBEDIENCE - TRIAL 1

Judge: Judy Forbes-Faulkner

| UD | Competitor | Dog's Name | Points |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1st | Withdrawn | | |
| Open | | | |
| 1st NQ | Mandy Jones | Jay | 174 |
| 2nd | Renate Linder | Lilly | 127 |
| 3rd | Renate Linder | Dixie | 100 |
| CD | | | |
| 1st Q | Linda King | D'Arcy | 186 |
| 2nd Q + T | Joy Tomes | Jazz | 180 |
| 3rd | Joy Tomes | Chewie | 142 |
| CCD | | | |
| 1st Q + T | Mandy Jones | Elsa | 88 |
| 2nd | Ann Walsh | Jack | 80 |
| 3rd | Sharon Daniels | Briny | 15 |

RALLY O AND OBEDIENCE TRIAL 2 / AGILITY & JUMPERS TRIAL 2

SATURDAY 18 MAY 2019

Q = Qualification ☺ T = Title ☺ ☺

GAMBLERS, AGILITY AND JUMPERS TRIAL 1

GAMBLERS : Judge - Annette Gniel

| Masters | Competitor | Dog's Name | Points |
|---------|--------------|------------|--------|
| 1st | Lauren Moore | Zippy | 39 |
| 2nd | Lauren Moore | Spritz | 39 |
| 3rd | Lauren Moore | Lift | 35 |

Excellent

| | | | |
|-----|---------------|------|----|
| 1st | Roel Wittkamp | Mynx | 34 |
| 2nd | Lisa James | Cody | 29 |
| 3rd | Kayla James | Sky | 28 |

Novice

| | | | |
|-----|---------------|-------|----|
| 1st | Leisa Cassidy | Sully | 19 |
| 2nd | Renate Linder | Dixie | 16 |

AGILITY

| Novice | Competitor | Dog's Name | Time |
|--------|------------|------------|-------|
| 1st | Linda King | Red | 64.22 |

Open

| | | | |
|-------|--------------|--------|-------|
| 1st Q | Lauren Moore | Spritz | 40.78 |
|-------|--------------|--------|-------|

Excellent

| | | | |
|--|--------------|--|--|
| | Disqualified | | |
|--|--------------|--|--|

Masters

| | | | |
|-------|----------------|--------|-------|
| 1st Q | Lauren Moore | Spritz | 44.95 |
| 2nd Q | Amber Morey | Diva | 51.01 |
| 3rd Q | Deb Kampaklis | Morphy | 60.86 |
| 4th Q | Natalie Spence | Trixie | 62.63 |

JUMPING : Judge - Tim Fairchild

| Masters | Competitor | Dog's Name | Time |
|---------|---------------|------------|-------|
| 1st Q | Lauren Moore | Zippy | 28.81 |
| 2nd Q | Lauren Moore | Lift | 29.81 |
| 3rd Q | Lauren Moore | Spritz | 31.37 |
| 4th Q | Kayla James | Sky | 34.21 |
| 5th Q | Amber Morey | Diva | 40.25 |
| 6th Q | Roel Wittkamp | Mynx | 42.66 |

Excellent

All dogs DQ

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| 1st Q | Lauren Moore | Zippy | 22.5 |
| 2nd Q | Deb Kampaklis | Diesel | 37.97 |

Novice

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|-----|-----------------|---------|-------|
| 1st | Lisa James | Cody | 14.32 |
| 2nd | Amber Morey | Tootsie | 15.41 |
| 3rd | Raelene Gregory | Stella | 26.11 |

RALLY-O TRIAL 2

Judge Maryanne Fazekas

| RM | Competitor | Dog's Name | Points |
|-----------|----------------|------------|--------|
| 1st Q | Julie Doig | Zoe | 92 |
| REA | Dog withdrawn | | |
| RAA | | | |
| 1st Q | Joy Tomes | Chewie | 83 |
| 2nd Q | Joy Tomes | Jazz | 81 |
| 3rd | Ann Walsh | Jack | 77 |
| RN | | | |
| 1st Q + T | Greg Tudehope | Dougal | 92 |
| 2nd Q | Sharon Daniels | Briny | 80 |

OBEDIENCE, AGILITY, JUMPERS & STRATEGIC PAIRS TRIAL 2

OBEDIENCE

Judge - Maryanne Fazekas

| UD | Competitor | Dog's Name | Points |
|-----------|---------------|--------------|--------|
| 1st Q + T | Lisa Sinclair | Coffee Crème | 199 |

CDX

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| 1st | Renate Linder | Dixie | 109 |
| 2nd | Renate Linder | Lilly | 39 |

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| 1st Q + T | Linda King | D'Arcy | 185 |
| 2nd | Judy Forbes-Faulkner | Pearl | 146 |
| 3rd | Joy Tomes | Chewie | 110 |

CCD

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|-------|----------------|-------|----|
| 1st Q | Mandy Jones | Elsa | 88 |
| 2nd | Ann Walsh | Jack | 84 |
| 3rd | Sharon Daniels | Briny | 47 |

STRATEGIC PAIRS

Judge - Tim Fairchild

| SPDM | Competitor | Dog's Name | Time |
|-------|-----------------|------------|-------|
| 1st Q | Amber Morey | Diva | 56.26 |
| 1st Q | Jean Wilkinson | Mac | 56.26 |
| 2nd Q | Tricia Williams | Cue | 60.51 |
| 2nd Q | Karen Winzar | Cleo | 60.51 |

AGILITY

Judge - Tim Fairchild

| Masters | Competitor | Dog's Name | Time |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------|
| 1st Q | Lauren Moore | Spritz | 45.59 |
| 2nd Q | Amber Morey | Diva | 52.69 |
| 3rd Q | Karen Winzar | Cleo | 55.34 |

Excellent

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| 1st | Kayla James | Sky | 56.26 |
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Novice

All DQ

JUMPING

Judge - Annette Gniel

| Masters | Competitor | Dog's Name | Time |
|---------|-----------------|------------|-------|
| 1st Q | Trisha Williams | Cue | 23.38 |
| 2nd Q | Lauren Moore | Zippy | 23.93 |
| 3rd Q | Lauren Moore | Lift | 24.07 |
| 4th Q | Kayla James | Sky | 27.06 |
| 5th Q | Natalie Spence | Trixie | 36.36 |

Excellent

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|-----|----------------------|--------|-------|
| 1st | Judy Forbes-Faulkner | Pearl | 38.75 |
| 2nd | Deb Kampaklis | Diesel | 38.99 |
| 3rd | Leisa Cassidy | Sully | 33.38 |

Novice

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| 1st | Raelene Gregory | Stella | 22.99 |
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Photos Below : Coffee Crème successfully completing the Scent Discrimination UD Exercise by picking up the correctly scented article and returning it to Lisa Sinclair. They ended the night gaining their UD Title – Congratulations!





Above : Greg Tudehope and Dougla on their way to winning their Rally-O Novice Title – Congratulations!

Below : Linda King and D'Arcy completing Retrieve Dumbbell on the Flat to gain their Novice Title – Congratulations!





Track and Search Report

11 May 2019 Trial

Judges Mrs Coral Pethers (Brisbane)
Mr Mal Holland (Townsville)



May not only saw the fifth Track and Search Trial of 2019 owing to the paddock damage to our tracking grounds (and tracking trial cancelations) from the January 2019 floods but also saw the first Tracking Trial of 2019. A separate report on the trial will be presented by Janette the Tracking Coordinator. The May Track and Search trial was not without a little drama with our judge Mrs Heidi Christoffel being unable to attend. We wish you a speedy recovery Heidi. We were very lucky to be able to obtain the judging expertise of Mr Mal Holland which allowed the trial to continue with the number of dogs and handlers entered. Sincere thanks to Mal for his offer to judge.

Once again, we had a full field of 8 competitors nominate for the trial with entries ranging from TSD 1 to TSD8. This saw two dogs and handlers taking to the streets on Friday night for TSD6 and TSD8 night tracks with the remaining 6 tracks being day tracks.

A little different this time we saw the first of the day tracks going out Friday afternoon at 1530 hours a little later than the planned 1500hours. Thanks to Janette and Jax who, do we say, “drew the short straw to run at this time” thank you Janette. So the track and search trial opened with a first attempt as a TSD3 by Janette Cussons and Jax (German Shepherd Dog T Ch Raennik Natan) with Judge Mrs Coral Pethers on hand to judge. The busy park with after work people, bikes and dogs made for challenging conditions. After working his gate and not only looking but turning in the correct direction, something the opposite direction caught his attention and smelt better than the tracklayer because nose down Jax headed towards the right-hand side of the park rather than the left. After much to-ing and fro-ing left and right, the right side won and Jax committed to that direction and nothing was changing his mind. Brought back to the start Jax headed in the correct direction of the track. His tracking was now on track but once again he was track not article interested.

Next to run was Carolyn Lynn and Kelly (Australian Kelpie T Ch Callicoma Leaps and Bounds TSD CD RN) attempting a TSD6 night track again with Coral judging. Between the track being laid and the start the sprinklers had come on right over the start. Kelly was very eager to go but very reluctant to go into the sprinklers. He crossed in front both left and right of the sprinklers before moving around them to the road and heading off confidently. No hesitation on the first corner and that alley? - no it doesn't go there, so nose down to the next corner where a strong breeze and the traffic would have dragged the scent to the right while the corner was to the left. Kelly went with the right hand rather than a left turn and almost dragged Carolyn down the road and headed off into the park / grass area beyond ending his night. Once brought to the track Kelly did some beautiful tracking and taught us all a little more in reading his body language when he is tracking the actual scent trail and when he is following the scent dragged by traffic and wind.

Final dog of the night was myself and Furi (German Shepherd Dog T Ch Monsimbee They Call Me Furi TSDX RN) attempting a TSD8, a night track for her Track and Search Championship under the very watchful eye of Judge Mr Mal Holland and stewards Mrs Coral Pethers, Janette and Carolyn. What can I say? Dog confident, handler totally nervous! Furi pretty well started the way she finished with her mind on the job. She checked each corner before committing to them, ignored the plovers dancing in front of her – big sigh

of relief there. Have to admit the call to halt your dog at the next light pole for the two-minute pause was in itself not a concern, the concern was when I looked to the left of the pole and saw the loose dogs in front of the garage. A question to the judge of “can we stop past the light pole please?” and much relieved when allowed to move slightly forward of said lamp pole.

Heading down another dark alley with a bend wondering which way we would go out of the alley when I see the tracklayer Julie and tracklayer safety steward Marilyn right in front of us. So very proud Furi earned herself an Excellent Pass and her Track and Search Championship (*photo right*).

***** Huge Congratulations !!! *****



Saturday morning brought very strong winds and breezes over most of the set tracks.



With Mrs Coral Pethers judging a TSD1 track, her first dog and handler out at 0615 to be judged at 0715 was Tanya Hill and her Dobermann Isa (Ch Kriegmann Variety Fair TDX (AI)) in very windy conditions.

I am told Isa worked very well, not only tracking well but doing her signature pick up the articles that earned herself a Very Good Pass (*photo left*).

I am sure the stewards involved could say much more.

Next out was Marilyn McKee and Ollie (Minature poodle Ollie CCD JD GD SD TD JDO RA) attempting their first TSD3 track. Another dog I was told started strong but the multiple distractions of the park proved too challenging for him and today was not his day.

Coral's last dog and handler out was Silke Weyland and Aska (T Ch OCh RO Ch Nordenstamm Aska UDX RAE GD TSD) attempting their first ever urban track, a TSD5. I am told Aska started strong and kept the judge and stewards moving smartly to the first corner which was taken confidently, as was the next leg. At the end of this leg the track turned to the left with an alley in front of the turn. The strong wind blowing down the alley saw Aska without skipping a beat I'm told head straight down that alley and turn to the right hand side of the park / grass area behind the alley with no intention of slowing or stopping, and at this point the track was called. Wishing you both better luck next time.

Our final two competitors where judged by Mr Mal Holland. First out was Annette Woolley and Ace (Haveloc Eli German Shepherd Dog). Ace started on a mission to find his known handler, “his Dad”. Nose down and moved very confidently through the first 400m of the track where at this point it moved out of the protection from the wind to an open area where with some very hard work and multiple crossings of the road and circles of the actual corner saw him take the correct direction and power on to find Robert. Slowing to indicate the first article saw Ace obtain a Pass for his first attempt at a track and search track. Well done Ace and Annette! (*Photo below left*).



Finally, in a very open park with strong winds Julie Combridge and Tara (German Shepherd Dog Chakoonya Cobalion TD RN) started out on their TSD2. A slow start at the gate had all wondering what Tara was thinking, then we saw the nesting curlews that she was staring at. One final look then, satisfied, off she went. The strong wind had her working to the left of the track which saw her miss the first article but kept her heading down the hard surface to the first turn. Turn completed and boy did we hit the wind. Tara headed to the left in the direction of the wind before she went – head up no it doesn't go here and back to the actual track. From this point she stayed close to the track finding the second article and making the last turns to head up a slight incline to find her tracklayer. If dogs smile Tara smiled and happily wagged her tail for her tracklayer and safety steward to earn a Good Pass (*photo above right*).

The challenges of this trial included not only the strong wind on Saturday morning but the multiple distractions of the parks, all busier than for past trials. Once again, the dogs that find the track as the most rewarding had difficulty with their article indications.

As previously mentioned, a big thank you to Mal for stepping in to judge at 11th hour. Heidi, we wish you a speedy recovery. To all our helpers – both those running and not running a dog thank you for your multi-tasking – handing, tracklaying, stewarding Mal and Dawn a big thank you for going above and beyond with both looking after our second judge for the weekend, a track and search breakfast as well as a bush breakfast for the tracking trial on Sunday. To Mal tracking mentor thanks for all help in track planning and other track and search trainee judges training. Lastly and most importantly thank you to our judges of the weekend Coral Pethers and Mal Holland.

Qual or not the most important thing to remember is we each take the best dog home at the end of the day / trial...

Happy Tracking!

Debbie Schmidt
COCT Track and Search Coordinator.



Tracking Report

12 May 2019 Trial

Judges Mrs Coral Pethers (Brisbane) &
Ms Janette Cussons (Townsville)



After the devastation of the recent Townsville floods we feared we would not be back in the rural tracking paddocks at all this season, especially since our property owners Geoff & Vicki Toomby suffered such devastating paddock damage/stock losses, with the surviving stock remaining traumatized even now. This lead the Club and the tracking fraternity past and present to run a small fundraiser to assist in their flood recovery, for which the Toomby's have asked me to pass on their appreciation to the Club and all concerned. The paddocks are now dry but very rough. Gullies have opened further or cut through roads and the ground is pock marked with ruts and holes, but we could track, although with limited area as we opted not to use any stocked paddocks, hopefully giving them time to recuperate further.

We must thank Coral, who kindly volunteered to assist when we were unable to secure a 2nd Track and Search judge for this trial weekend, and as Debbie has already mentioned, Mal Holland who kindly stepped in at the last minute when our scheduled T&S Judge Heidi Christoffel fell ill, to avoid the necessity of a ballot. Many thanks Mal, and we hope you are soon on the mend Heidi.

And so our season started, a bit late and trying logistically due to the closure of the Alice River bridge and other issues listed etc, but it is so great to be able to offer at least a couple of limited trials to the NQ tracking fraternity in a year we thought there would be none.

The trial kicked off on a nippy Sunday morning with the 5.45am muster on the roadside before venturing into the paddocks via the back road (our main access road to the paddock has major damage, as you saw in the photos accompanying Mal's President's report in the last magazine). Although cool, there was no moisture so the dogs would find it hard work.

The morning's runs started with Michael Bresnan, a novice tracker who travelled from Cairns with young Oscar (Hungarian Vizsla Cobrizidos Isla Verde) to make their T1 debut in our scrub, very unfamiliar territory to the rolling fields he's used to. They started with a bang - Oscar is fast! They took the first leg without worries but ignored the article, then on the first turn Michael wasn't convinced that he'd had chosen correctly, so hung back. Oscar tried again but Michael still hesitated, so Oscar took the lead in no uncertain terms stating it's this way and we're going so hang on! He flew down the 2nd leg so fast he overshot into the rough and then had to work his way back with Michael struggling through the bush behind him. He rocked down the rest of his track, earning a Good Qualification under judge Coral Pethers (*photo above*).



Coral then headed back down the road to the old entry with Jens Didriksen and Zelic aka "the Black Rhino" (Rottweiler, Moya Mr Didriksen TD) attempting their TDX5 test, They started well, but Zelic decide to take

Jens on an excursion through the worst of the lantana, coming back round but ignored his article on the first pass until he'd gone round again to approach it from the 'right way' where he dropped like a stone. Unfortunately, he lost the track when he went down into the dry gully and had to be put back on. After that he headed straight down to the hide, so maybe not his day today, but a good 'fail' with much to take away.

Coral's third track out was Tanya Hill attempting her T2 test with Magritte (Doberman, Ch Kriegman Sign of The Time [AI] ET), Magritte started well but it was starting to warm up and she ran out of steam on the dry 800m track which was just a bit much for this mature lady this time round, maybe a cooler, wetter track later in the year?

Last track of the day for Coral was Annette Woolley from Cairns with her big German Shepherd Dog Ace (Haveloc Eli TD). Ace is also a fast dog and started at a brisk pace taking the first turn with ease, then he settled into a groove and overshot the second turn continuing down the straight until called back. Back on the track he headed off again, overshot the turn again, then followed through to find his tracklayer – a failure you think? Absolutely not to his handler as he indicated both his articles, something they've been struggling with since last year. So yes - things to take away and work on, but much to rejoice and be encouraged by as well.

My first dog out for the day was Carolyn Lynn and her young girl Moxie (German Shepherd Dog, Singha Moxie) on their debut T1 track. Moxie settled in to a steady, calm working pace down the first leg, stood over her article looking back at Mum, then continued confidently down the track. She cast around her first corner, checking both directions, happily heading off the correct way, worked a bit wide getting her lead snagged a few times, worked her way around the lantana and the 2nd turn before heading off a bit wide down the 2rd and last leg of the track. About 60m from the hide something to the right distracted her – car door etc and she veered that way for a bit, then corrected herself before heading up to the hide to find Snow and attain a 'Good' pass on her first venture into the competition field (*photo right*).



They were followed by Julie Doig and young Gus (Smooth Collie, Ardarstern Hey True Blue) doing their T2 test. It was quite breezy and Gus started strongly working a little wide of the actual track. He brought himself back across to the track about mid-way between the article and the first turn. He was searching for that article, but continued to work wide eventually heading right back down towards the start where he was startled by the steward and got a bit of a fright (this is only his 2nd track and I don't think he's ever been followed by a male steward, something we'll definitely be working on). Once back on the track he came back around and did a beautiful indication on that article he'd been searching for. After that he was a man on a mission, tootling down the track at his quick, gentle pace. Wasn't interested in the next article at all and came out of the gully slightly wide of the last, but gave it a cursory sniff then took off, cutting the corner slightly taking poor Julie through the scrubbiest part of the track before heading straight down to his favourite track layer Debbie at the end. So sadly not his day today but a lot of good work there, including an indication to die for and a bit of desensitising to work on, something we all need to remember when working beginner dogs. Try to have people of both sexes follow us as 'stewards' whenever we can during training, something I had to work on with my own first dog.

My last team out for the morning was Julie Combridge and Tara (German Shepherd Dog, Chakoonya Cobalion TD RN), backing up from the previous days Track and Search, with their T4 test. After hitting a bit of a plateau and some canine medical issues last year Julie and Tara have been working on their calm starts and problem solving over the break and their hard work certainly shows. Starting with a calm down at their start flag, then heading off down the 1st leg, Tara powered over the 1st article without a look, took the turn easily and then had to problem solve her way around a few piles of fallen trees and lantana to pick up the track which meandered through same before heading down a long

gully. She did a passable indication on the 2nd article, then a solid indication on the next final article on the track before heading off down to the 2nd turn circling wide working right round the clearing then heading off confidently down to the next turn, also in an open clearing surrounded by walls of lantana.

She checked each area thoroughly, worked her way back to just before the turn looking for the gap to where she knew the track lead, found her way through, working steadily and thoroughly down the track, took the last turn a little wide then powered down the last leg to greet her tracklayer with what you'd swear was a satisfied smile, earning a Good Pass on her test and the second for her over the weekend (*photo right*).



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, especially me and Coral has kindly given me a couple of training strategies moving forward and I also need to work on proofing for environmental distractions).

My take home from the first trial of the season is that everyone, myself included, needs to work heavily on article indications – work on achieving the ultimate indication in training as we will all definitely want to see a solid improvement across the board in the next season.

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.....it's not all about winning, it's about the journey with our 4-legged mates and the camaraderie of the sport we love.

The organisation 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, local track setters who gave up their May Day long weekend to pre-set all of the tracks for this trial and track layers without whom there would be no competition - handlers, please don't forget to thank those involved on the day. Also, everyone still participating in the Track and Search judges training scheme - our trainee TS judges Debbie Schmidt and Carolyn Lynn, the ever-supportive Julie Doig and our mentor Mal Holland for his ongoing assistance and advice with all things tracking. Many thanks also to Mal and Dawn Holland for journeying out to the tracking paddock on a cool Sunday morning with a fabulous bush breakfast of bacon and egg butties, followed by a smashing Mother's Day sponge provided by Debbie Schmidt. It was scrumptious and much appreciated by all. 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 both Tracking/Track and Search trials on concurrently over the same weekend, it was decided that all Track and Search trials would be run on Friday/Saturdays and Tracking trials would be limited to single trials on Sundays, therefore balloting rules will apply for both. All handlers are required to attend prepared to help with trial preparation and running of same.

Janette Cussons
Tracking Co-ordinator

TRACK & SEARCH TRIAL – ANNANDALE**11 May 2019****Judge: Mrs Coral Pethers**

| Name | Name of Dog | Breed | Result |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Track : TSD1 | | | |
| SN Pfuhl & Miss T Hill (Tanya Hill handler) | CH Kriegmann Vanity Fair (AI) TDX | Doberman | Very Good |

Judge: Mal Holland

| Name | Name of Dog | Breed | Result |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Track: TSD1 | | | |
| Annette Woolley | Haveloc Eli TD | German Shepherd Dog | Pass |
| Track:- TSD2 | | | |
| Julie Combridge | Chakoonya Cobalion TD RN | German Shepherd Dog | Good |
| Track: TS CH8 | | | |
| Debbie Schmidt | Monsimbee They Call Me Furi TDX | German Shepherd Dog | Excellent |

******CONGRATULATIONS TRACK & SEARCH DOG CHAMPION TITLE********TRACKING TRIAL – ALICE RIVER****12 May 2019****Judge : Mrs Coral Pethers**

| Name | Name of Dog | Breed | Result |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------|
| Track: TD1 | | | |
| Michael Bresnan | Cobrizidoz Isla Verde | Hungarian Vizsla | Good |

Judge : Janette Cussons

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|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------|
| Track: TD1 | | | |
| Carolyn Lynn | Singha Moxie | German Shepherd Dog | Good |
| Track: TDX4 | | | |
| Julie Combridge | Chakoonya Cobalion TD RN | German Shepherd Dog | Good |

Track and Search Report

15 June 2019 Trial

Judges Mrs Heidi Christoffel (Mackay)
Mrs Debbie Lamprecht (Brisbane)



The June COCT Track and Search Trial saw what was I believe the largest field nominated ever to enter in Townsville. A total of 10 dogs were nominated with track levels from a TSD1 right through to TSD9 with one night track and nine day tracks. The large nominated field meant for the first time in a very long time (I have been tracking since 2013 without seeing a ballot) meant a ballot needed to be held as entries exceeded the maximum of 8 entries, and long tracks with limited space and helpers to run the tracks. The ballot was held then a withdrawal occurred and rather run just 7 dogs or chose one of the balloted, with the agreement of the judges and competitor a track was run Friday afternoon. This then allowed all dogs to track for this one occasion. Resources were stretched to the limit for the trial.

Friday afternoon (with dogs Queensland permission) saw Mackay Track and Search Judge Mrs Heidi Christoffel judge the first dog of the trial. Marilyn McKee and Ollie (Miniature poodle Ollie CCD JD GD SD TD JDO RA) attempting their TSD3 track. I'm afraid Ollie and Marilyn's plans clashed with Ollie not overly interested in tracking but very interested in playing with the start article and never really getting his tracking mojo happening. After making it half way along the track the distractions and smells off the track saw Ollie stop tracking and investigating all things way off the track, so Ollie's day sadly was done.

The only night track of this trial was a TSD6 of Carolyn Lynn and Kelly (Australian Kelpie T Ch Callicoma Leaps and Bounds TSD CD RN) being judged by Mrs Debby Lamprecht from Brisbane. Kelly started strong and straight along the first leg. Then moved confidently into the alley between the houses again on track with his left turn before becoming distracted by the ground smells (we later heard from the tracklayer multiple dogs were in the area when the track was walked). Instead of continuing to the left he turned and headed into the dark of the park to the right. With no intention of stopping and returning the track was called at this point. Back on track Kelly worked well along the remaining straights with very nice work through what was normally a quiet street but had a party or something happening and lots of traffic. Problem solved he headed right to his track layer.

Saturday morning saw a very busy time by all. I must thank those who responded to the call for helpers who came along and acted as safety stewards for the tracks along with the regular helpers. Your assistance was greatly appreciated. We had Deb Fazel our PDT coordinator, Marnie, Emma, Samantha and Jason - thank you so much guys for being tracklayer safety stewards.

Mrs Debby Lamprecht from Brisbane started her morning with Marilyn McKee and her miniature poodle Smokie who I hear did some very nice work before losing the track on his first attempt at a Track and Search test. I do apologise to those who competed under Debby for not having great details on your tracks as I was stewarding elsewhere.

Next out was Janette Cussons and Jax (German Shepherd Dog T Ch Raennik Natan) attempting a TSD3 track. From what I heard Jax did his usual I can track and I can find the tracklayer but do you really want me to indicate the articles?? Jax I'm afraid you do need to indicate at least one article. Janette was heard to say more article work for you Jax along with discussing new plans with the judge for how to make articles more interesting to Jax. Here's hoping all comes together next trial.

Silke Weyland and Aska (T Ch OCh RO Ch Nordenstamm Aska UDX RAE GD TSD) attempting their second ever urban track a TSD5. I am told Aska started strong and kept the Judge and Stewards moving smartly right to the point maybe two thirds of the track along before the wallaby's super distracted her. Aska did come back on track however the

next corner was just too close to the distraction and continued straight ahead rather than turning to follow the track. Wishing you both better luck next time.

Debby's last dog out was Heather Northover and Zeus (Rhodesian Ridgeback Dual Ch (T) Ngidlha Shaba Bayete JD TSD RN) on their first attempt at a TSD7. From what I heard the rising heat of the morning and the 3-hour wait had Zeus less than interested in tracking and more trying to find a shady spot. It gets harder and harder on the dogs as the track levels rise with the local heat and the required time delays for these tracks. Hopefully next time the temperature will be a little lower and make tracking conditions a little easier.

Mrs Heidi Christoffel also started her day with a TSD1 track with Carolyn Lynn and Moxie (Singha Moxie a German Shepherd Dog) heading off into the local parklands on her first ever TSD1 track to find her known tracklayer. Moxie found the distractions of the park just a little too much after her great effort in the bush last trial. The wallaby's but more the bush turkeys kept Moxie totally focused on where they were and where they were moving to. Not even finding and indicating the first article could overcome the distraction of the bush turkeys. After travelling a little further the track was called when Moxie totally lost her tracking focus. But once back on track and away from the distractions Moxie worked well to find her "Dad" her known tracklayer.

Next out was Julie Combridge and Tara (German Shepherd Dog Chakoonya Cobalion TD RN). Tara also didn't have her tracking mojo on and really wanted to head back to the car for some reason. Some serious persistence and encouragement by Julie saw Tara finally decide tracking was the plan. However not far from the start Tara's interest was lost and the track was called. Then just after this Tara said I'm tracking now and head down. Off she went to find the article that was placed a little further along and continued right on to find the tracklayer. Better luck next time.

The last dog of the competition was Furi (German Shepherd Dog TS Ch T Ch Monsimbee They Call Me Furi RN) on her first attempt at a TSD9, a track with a 4 hour wait. In the end the track went out at the 4 ½ hour mark. A distracted start with the dogs barking at the house where the track started saw a slow start which quickly sped up once away from the dogs. Right from this point Furi pretty much had one plan - find the tracklayer. A little trouble with overshooting the 4th corner saw her have to work her way back to where she knew the track was and from there it was off.

Not even the alley half blocked by construction barricades with workers hammering and music was stopping her. Headed in then a quick back out check the entrance and pulled up her big girl pants and straight in and continued through to the next court and the last corner and onto her tracklayer for a Very Good pass (*photo right*).



This trial the challenges of wallaby's and bush turkeys and other dogs that traversed the areas proved too distracting. And again, the dogs that find the track as the most rewarding had difficulty with their article indications.

To all our helpers, both those running and not running a dog, thank you for your multi-tasking – handing, tracklaying, stewarding..... To those who came out to help that were not running dogs thank you from the bottom of my heart, your help was gratefully appreciated. Mal and Dawn a big thank you for going above and beyond with looking after both of our judges for the weekend. Renate and Judy thank you so much for breakfast and my humble apologies for miscalculating numbers for breakfast. Breakfast as always was wonderful.

Louise (on holiday from NZ) thank you for the offer to help and for heading out at 0500 to lay a track. Most appreciated. Lastly and most importantly thank you to our judges of the weekend Mrs Debby Lamprecht and Mrs Heidi Christoffel without you we cannot run a trial. Qual or not the most important thing to remember is we each take the best dog home at the end of the day / trial...

Happy Tracking!

Debbie Schmidt, Track and Search Coordinator



Tracking Report

16 June 2019 Trial

Judges Mrs Debby Lamprecht (Brisbane) &
Ms Carolyn Lynn (Townsville)



Townsville's second tracking trial of the year was a smaller, less busy affair than usual with only 5 entries, one of which was withdrawn so the handler Tanya could fulfil her Judge's Training duties.

Our Brisbane Judge Debby started her day with Julie Doig and her Smooth Collie Gus attempting their TD2 test. Gus is a very gentle dog and Julie works beautifully with him. He started off confidently, barely skimming over his first article and slightly overshooting the first turn before working his way back, and with a little whine 'this way Mum' at Julie, took the correct turn and headed off at a steady pace down the second leg. He stopped at his second article and then headed off, once again working past his corner and back onto the track. Unfortunately, he was working wide on this leg and was called when he took the wrong path down the gully. Put back on track he headed off to find his favourite tracklayer Debbie, so unfortunately not his day today, but beautiful teamwork and as always things to work on.

Debby's second team out was Jens and his big Rottweiler Zelic aka 'The Black Rhino' who definitely lived up to his name, hitting the track with gusto but deciding the cross-track was much more interesting than the main track, taking Jens for a wild ride through the rough stuff. Not sure what he hit but it was loud and sounded painful. So once again, not their (or Debby's) day. Put back on track they turned it into a training run with Zelic on a shorter lead to prevent Zelic burning up needless energy and getting the idea that 'tracking' was about blasting through the bush without direction.

In the other area, our local Judge Carolyn was having a better start with Craig Northover and young Chess (Rhodesian Ridgeback) attempting their T3 test at what I think was only their third trial. Chess also started enthusiastically, heading off confidently, overshot her corners and had to work back, but indicated her required article to gain a Pass and earn her Tracking Dog Title – well done Craig and Chess (*photo right*).

Carolyn's next team out was Julie Combridge and Tara (GSD), backing up from the previous day's Track and Search with their first attempt T5 attempt and what Julie later described as an 'excellent fail' ie when you may fail the test, but either resolve an ongoing training issue or gain insight into how/why some issue is or has been occurring. Tara is a beautiful methodical steady worker with great article indication, today wasn't to be their day, but their training journey has been a joy to watch and be part of.



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 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 Craig and Chess on their first Title as a new team 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, especially me and we are currently working on just that) and I also need to work on proofing for environmental distractions.

My take home from yet another trial is that everyone, myself included needs to work heavily on article indications, work on achieving the ultimate indication in training as we will all definitely want to see a solid improvement across the board in the next season and variable component training (ie track variables – break it down, variable length, hot and/or aged tracks, article only run, variable surfaces etc, get an area solid before increasing criteria, rotate training areas - keeping it interesting for the dog).

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.....it's not all about winning, it's about the journey with our 4-legged mates and the camaraderie of the sport we love. The organisation 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, local track setters who regularly give up their weekends to pre-set all of the tracks for this trial and track layers without whom there would be no competition - handlers, please don't forget to thank those involved on the day.

Many thanks to our judges Debby, Carolyn and the handler teams involved for allowing the current trainee judges Tanya Hill and Heather Northover to work under/alongside then on their tracks. Also, everyone still participating in the Track and Search judges training scheme - our trainee TS judges Debbie Schmidt and Carolyn Lynn, the ever-supportive Julie Doig and our mentor Mal Holland for his ongoing assistance and advice with all things tracking.

Many thanks also to Mal and Dawn Holland for journeying out to the tracking paddock on a cool Sunday morning with a fabulous bush breakfast of bacon and egg butties – it was scrumptious and much appreciated by all. If I've failed to mention anyone personally, please know that I appreciate every and any assistance given.

See you all back on the track next trial.....

Janette Cussons, Tracking Co-ordinator

| TRACK & SEARCH TRIAL – ANNANDALE | | | |
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| June 15 th , 2019 | | | |
| Judge: Mrs Heidi Christoffel | | | |
| Track: TS G.CH9 | | | |
| Competitor | Name of Dog | Breed | Result |
| Debbie Schmidt | TS Ch T Ch Monsimbee They Call Me Furi RN | German Shepherd Dog | Very Good |
| TRACKING TRIAL – ALICE RIVER | | | |
| June 16, 2019 | | | |
| Judge : Mrs Carolyn Lynn | | | |
| Track : TD3 | | | |
| Competitor | Name of Dog | Breed | Result |
| C & H Northover & S Taylor (C Northover Handler) | Usakose Game On | Rhodesian Ridgeback | Pass |
| ****CONGRATULATIONS TRACKING DOG TITLE**** | | | |

2019 TOWNSVILLE PET EXPO

The fifth annual Townsville Pet Expo was held on Sunday 9 June 2019 at Jezzine Barracks, and this year was even bigger than last. With more than 70 exhibitors the Expo expanded across the entire Barracks within two zones, each with its own event ring. The additional space gave everyone more room to move around instead of being squashed into the one area as in previous years.

Thanks to those who took part in the Rally O and Obedience demonstration – Judy and Pearl; Joy and Chewie; Linda and D’Arcy; Emma and Ava; and Katie with Lockie. With all the sights, sounds and new smells swirling around them, the dogs worked very well, so credit to you all. Katie and Lockie haven’t yet graduated from Advanced let alone try Rally, but after a quick practice through the course took part in the demo and did very well, mind you, so looking forward to this team graduating from class and getting involved in competition! The Club was allocated only one demonstration time slot at 8.10am, and while there were plenty of people around setting up their stalls at that time hardly any members of the public were on site which was a shame.

However, the morning soon became busy with hundreds of people strolling through checking out the stalls, asking for advice on all manner of pets – dogs, cats, reptiles, horses, birds and even the bees. The event rings had all manner of entertainment from our own obedience demo, agility, prison dog and drug dog displays, small dog dash, Dachshund Dash, horsemanship and Best Dressed Dog, just to name a few. The Dulux Dog, Greyhound Adoption Group, Hug and Pug, Dachshund Kissing Booth as well as many trade stalls were there. You could even get your dog washed if you wished!

Thanks to Noel McPherson for bringing all the gear down for us and returning it to the shipping containers at Cutheringa Park, and to give Deb & Glen Fazel, and Joy a hand to set everything up.

Deb, Judy, Joy, Snow and Janette at our stall spoke to many pet owners enquiring about obedience training, we hope to see some of them soon!











DOG HICCUPS

Are your dogs hiccups just annoying or a real medical problem?

By Catherine Ashe, DVM - Published: March 15, 2019 Updated: May 8, 2019

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Dogs get hiccups. Who knew, right? It turns out that this is a fairly common occurrence, especially in puppies. But what causes dog hiccups, and are there ever cases in which they actually indicate a medical problem?

Hiccups are defined by Merriam-Webster as a “spasmodic inhalation with closure of the glottis accompanied by a peculiar sound.” They occur when the diaphragm – the membranous divider of the abdomen from the thorax – spasms. The diaphragm receives its nerve supply from the phrenic nerve, which is a large, important nerve originating from the cervical (neck) spinal cord. The phrenic nerve receives information from and transmits information to the diaphragm, assisting in respiration. If the phrenic nerve is immature (as in puppies) or becomes irritated (as in adults), then hiccups can result.

Does Your Puppy Get Hiccups?

Puppy hiccups are generally not a concern. As with human babies, puppies will hiccup in utero and after birth. This is because the phrenic nerve and diaphragm haven’t finished maturing and are easily stimulated. As puppies age, they should grow out of it. According to the Veterinary Information Network (VIN), most will no longer have these bouts of hiccups after about 4 months of age, although some can persist up to 6 months. If a puppy has hiccups and they are lasting a long time or seem irritating, you can attempt to place the pup on their back and roll them gently side-to-side a couple of times. Sometimes, this will stop the spasm.

Adult Dog Hiccups

Hiccups are much less common in older dogs, as the phrenic nerve and diaphragm are mature and less easily irritated. As with any scenario, a change in a dog’s normal health status should be evaluated by a trusted veterinarian. If your dog suddenly starts to develop frequent bouts of hiccups, a vet visit is in order.



Your veterinarian will gather a thorough history—asking details about when the problem started, how long the bouts last, and if anything seems to trigger it. Afterwards, a physical examination will be conducted. This includes vital signs, a weight, and examination of the major systems—skin, heart and lungs, lymph nodes, the orthopaedic system, and the abdominal organs. If no abnormalities are found, your veterinarian may recommend simple observation at home. This might include recording the episode over the course of several days. Several different conditions may mimic hiccups including focal seizures, reverse sneezing, or reflux disease. A recording will help your veterinarian identify what is happening.

X-rays of the abdomen and chest might also be recommended. Since hiccups originate from phrenic nerve/diaphragm irritability, anything causing pressure on the diaphragm (from inside the chest or the abdomen) could lead to them. X-rays may help identify a cause.

If they do not, your veterinarian will likely take a wait-and-see approach. Chronic hiccups in humans have been linked to a host of disorders including lesions found in the central nervous system, pericarditis (inflammation of the sac around the heart), cancers of the neck, chest, and abdomen, and electrolyte abnormalities. This doesn’t necessarily correlate to dogs, but it is helpful information to have if further investigation is pursued. Case reports of dogs with chronic hiccups are rare, so it is hard to know if they are medically significant. In most cases, they are likely not. There is no real treatment for hiccups. Some home remedies include the rolling technique described above and putting a teaspoon of sugar on the back of the tongue. Whether these work or not has not been thoroughly investigated.

The above is for general information only. Always consult your vet if you are concerned with your pets health.

Dog Kisses: Is Your Dog Really Kissing You?

Experts weigh in on the meaning behind why dogs lick people.

By Sassafras Lowrey

www.whole-dog-journal.com/lifestyle/human-focus/dog-kisses-is-your-dog-really-kissing-you/

You either love it or hate it: the wet, warm sensation of a dog licking your face. Many of us seek out this kind of interaction with our dogs (sometimes much to the horror of onlookers) while others try to discourage the behaviour. Many dog lovers attribute a lot of meaning to dogs licking us, especially if we're the sort that enjoy it – we say our dogs are giving us kisses and we interpret that as a sign of affection, but are dog kisses really a sign of affection? Or are they just after the leftovers we forgot to wipe off our chins.

Why do Dogs Lick People?

Certified Professional Dog Trainer and Chair of The Association of Professional Dog Trainers Nick Hof, CPDT-KA, CBCC-KA, KPA-CTP, CSAT, explains there are a lot of reasons why dogs lick people's hands, feet or faces. It might



mean your dog wants to show you affection, but it could also be because you taste good or that your dog is struggling with compulsive behaviour.

If you are wearing sweet-scented lotion, or come home sweaty, your dog might be licking you because you taste good. I know my own dogs are very excited to lick my hands if I've been eating something greasy or salty, like potato chips. Hof mentions that dog guardians shouldn't be alarmed by their dogs finding them delicious – they probably won't take a bite out of you!

While most of the time dog kisses aren't anything to be concerned about, Hof warns there are times when the kissing might be a sign of something else going on with your dog. He advises that there might be an underlying health issue "if the licking seems to be compulsive, excessive, or self-destructive; if it is difficult to redirect your dog or they are harming themselves, you should consult with your veterinarian for help addressing this issue."

Are Dog Kisses Actually Signs of Affection?

Unfortunately, there's no easy answer to dogs' intentions when licking their people, but it seems to come down to whether your dog is seeking you out, or if you are seeking your dog out.

Hof explains, "It's helpful to look at the context of the licking to better understand and pay attention to other signals besides the licking or the kiss, such as the dog approaching the owner and choosing to engage in the behaviour despite having the option to move away or leave; or was the dog thrust upon and looking away and licking his lips as well?" In other words, forced affection on the part of the guardian can warp the true intention of a dog's kiss – a dog will "kiss" your face to appease you and make go away rather than to display their love for you.



Hof offers the following important reminder: "it's always best to invite your dog to approach you so that you feel more confident they've made that choice willingly. When you begin to respect your dog's autonomy, you see more comfort and confidence in their behaviour." What you can count on as a result is knowing the way your dog behaves with you is genuine.

For safety reasons (and this is a hard one for many of us who share our lives with dogs), Hof states that it is not recommended for people to put their faces up to their dogs' faces. Although this is often done as a sign of affection from us, it is very commonly invasive to our dogs and they may not appreciate it. This is where we most often see dogs licking or "kissing" their person's face as a way for the dog to avoid conflict.

This “Kiss to Dismiss”, as coined by the Family Paws Organization, is often paired with a look away from the person and licking of lips. If you would like to have a close moment with your dog, invite them to do so with you, and if they want to come up to your face, they will – but if not, respect it when they say ‘no’. Obviously we want our dogs to be comfortable so it’s important to be thoughtful of how we physically show emotions to our dogs, so that our dogs don’t feel pressured to appease us through kisses.

How to Get Your Dog to Stop Licking You

If your dog is prone to kisses and you or your family and guests aren’t fans of it, Hof explains the best thing you can do is to be proactive with training your dog.

“If you see them approaching and you know they’re going to lick you, ask them to sit as they approach, then redirect their affection and energy onto a toy or other activity. If, when you sit down to watch TV, your dog tries to give you a tongue bath, give them a stuffed Kong or a bone to enjoy instead of your sweat or lotion.”

Getting ahead of the behaviour is particularly important. “If you wait until they are already licking you to always redirect, you may inadvertently reinforce the licking behaviour with a treat or chew,” Hof cautioned. Simply this means your dog may increase his licking in order to get the treats you were using to redirect the licking in the first place.

If you have a hard time redirecting your dog or discouraging licking behaviour, it’s a good idea to talk with your veterinarian or a veterinary behaviourist to determine if there is something going on with your dog causing what might be obsessive licking behaviour. Dog trainer Jill Breitner reminds us that, “Licking as in lip licking or tongue flicks are a sign of stress.” She also points out that it can happen quickly and that dog guardians may not even realize that their dog is stressed.

“Context is always key in decoding the emotional state of a dog,” explains Breitner, creator of the Dog Decoder App in collaboration with artist Lili Chin of Doggie Drawings. This interactive education app teaches users about canine body language and how to better read what your dog is telling you about their emotional wellbeing through body language. The app is available for iPhones and Androids.

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DOG MANNERS

PLEASE DON'T LET YOUR DOG DO THIS



THE DOG ON THE LEAD
COULD BE RECOVERING
FROM AN ILLNESS, COULD
BE OLD, NERVOUS, OR NOT
LIKE OTHER DOGS.

YOU COULD ALSO BE
PUTTING YOUR DOG AT
RISK IF THE DOG ON THE
LEAD FEELS HE NEEDS TO
DEFEND HIMSELF

PLEASE DO THIS

CALL YOUR DOG TO HEEL
WHEN YOU SEE A DOG ON
THE LEAD,
OR PUT YOUR DOG ON A
LEAD UNTIL YOU PASS.

THANK YOU



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

ENTERING TRIALS

Preferred method of entry for trials is through K9 Entries.

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

COMPETITORS PLEASE NOTE

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

Open Agility offered on all trials

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

AUGUST DOUBLE - TRIAL 1

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

AUGUST DOUBLE - TRIAL 2

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

SEPTEMBER DOUBLE OBEDIENCE and RALLY O TRIAL

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

Why Title A Dog?

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

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

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

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

-Sandra Mowery

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

COST : \$20 per entry (includes breakfast)

Entries close 14 days prior to the trial

NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

Contact Tracking Co-Ordinator Janette Cussons for further information

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NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

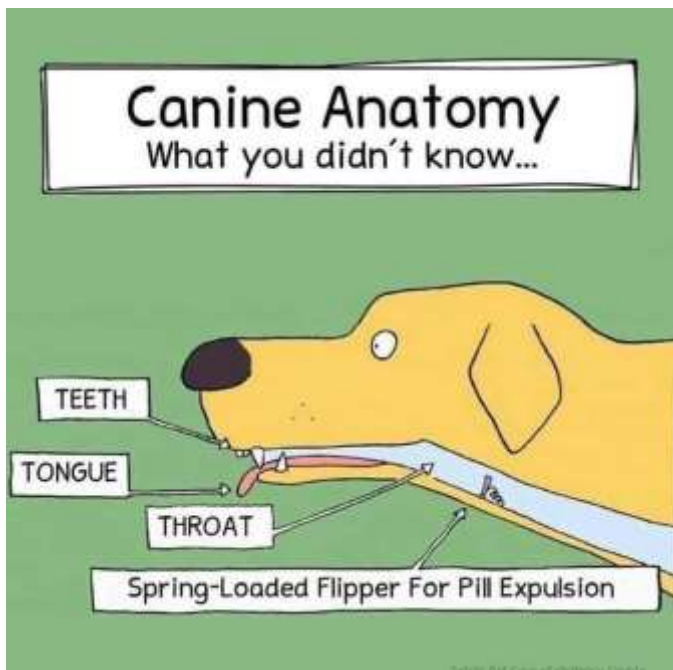
- 🐾 Fields restricted to 8 per trial
- 🐾 Handlers restricted to no more than 1 entry in a trial unless less than 8 entries
- 🐾 Ballot to be held if more than 8 entries per day
- 🐾 Entry fees refunded to balloted dogs

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

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



BACK PAGE FUNNIES



When all else fails..
Hug the dog.

WINTER IS HERE ENJOY IT WHILE IT LASTS!



THE END