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

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

Annual General Meeting held first Monday in August

Executive Committee meetings held as called by Secretary

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Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc



## Canine Obedience Club Townsville Inc

### President's Report

### January-February 2019

Very surprising how quick the New Year seems to have snuck up on us at COCT, we are at the start of the working year. It has started with a bang and is great to see so much effort and development happening. The Glynis and Sam Hendricks six-day Obedience Workshop in Rockhampton was a great success and you can read all about that from the four girls that attended a little later in the magazine, I was fortunate to be able to be part of it. The return trip was a bit of a worry as we became stuck in Mackay for four days with the roads north cut by flood water and the four girls with dogs forking out \$108 a night waiting for the water to recede.

Following on from the Obedience Workshop Gay Westmore presented a four nights and day Workshop on the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> February, what a learning curve, again read more on this from Julie Doig and Debbie Fazel. Great to see the COCT investing some money in the developing of the members and their canine pals, perhaps with some follow up tuition from these respective areas later in the year will make this a great year for COCT.

From Facebook we learn many things, I but read an interesting article posted a couple of day ago about COCT Life Member Janette Cusson`s and her having served with G.J. James Glass for thirty years. Now that is a milestone - thirty years in the one job, don't know if she gets a Life Membership there but if so it would be a well-deserved one, well done Janette, we are so proud of you.

Speaking of Life Memberships I was fortunate to be awarded Life Membership of Dogs Queensland a week or so ago, it came as a surprise at to me at the Monthly Meeting, Judy our Secretary received a phone call mid meeting from the Dogs Queensland Obedience Committee advising me of the honour, it was a total surprise and took me back a little, a lot of ground work done here by Janette Cusson`s I suspect and supported by quite a few of the members, I thank the club and members wholeheartedly for their support.

I see a very busy year ahead in all fields of trialling and competition, some unknown's lie in the field of tracking with the extreme weather conditions we have endured in the past weeks there will be massive grass and tree growth at Alice River. The Alice River Bridge is possibly going to need to be rebuilt and if so, the tracking group may have to travel the long way around to get to the competition paddocks. Tracking in suburbia may be a problem with many wet and muddy areas that we won't be able to use, still it's a couple of weeks away yet and the grounds may dry out nicely. Townsville City Council has been on the job and Heatley Park is looking good.

A serious concern I have about Heatley Park is young children "CHROMING", inhaling from cans of spray. I saw firsthand last week three young children, one could not have been more than nine or ten years old squirting a can into a long inhaler and sniffing the spray up. All three were quite out of their minds, rolling around on the ground, laughing, yelling and killing their brains for sure. I rang the Police but of course they were gone by the time they got there, so sad to see children so young hooked on spray cans.

**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 Deb Fazel,  
our Training Co-ordinator.





## Calling all Graduates !!

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Frisbee Training !!

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

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



## HOW DO I GET INVOLVED WITH COMPETITIONS ??

All dogs regardless of breed can compete in obedience, agility, tracking and endurance, but first you need to join Dogs Queensland (CCCQ). There is a joining fee plus annual fee to pay for either single or joint membership.

### PEDIGREE DOGS WITH PAPERS

Download the Application Form for New Membership 2017 from the Dogs Queensland website

<http://www.cccq.org.au/New-Member-Information.aspx> .

### CROSS BREED AND NON-PEDIGREE DOGS

Download and complete the above form for New Membership PLUS the Associate Register Form

<http://www.cccq.org.au/Member-Forms.aspx> – scroll down to Registrations and select Associate

Register (AR). Up to two (2) dogs may be registered to a membership with the initial registration, with any subsequent registrations to the membership, to be dogs eligible for registration on the General or Limited Registers. Members who subsequently wish to register extra dogs that have been acquired under special circumstances or from a registered welfare organisation may apply for dispensation to do so. All applications for registration are to be accompanied by a certificate of de-sexing from a veterinarian.

# WHAT'S HAPPENIN'?

## 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.

## 2019 OBEDIENCE, AGILITY and TRACKING TRIALS

The COCT Inc 2019 trialling season starts in April which isn't that far away! Last year we relinquished our status as a Judge's Training Club (which is now done from Cairns), and our trials were rationalised to five double trials for the year. For those competing in Obedience and Rally Obedience you will be pleased to know that we have secured an additional double trial in September for these two disciplines. Check out the Trial Calendar at the back of the mag and pencil dates into your calendar or preferred digital device of trials you want to enter. Remember Obedience and Agility entries are via K9 Entries [www.k9entries.com/using.php](http://www.k9entries.com/using.php) and all entries close a fortnight before each trial.

## 2019 EASTER AND ANZAC DAY

Easter (19-22 April) and Anzac Day (Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April) fall within the same week this year. Easter Eggs are yummy for us humans but can make our dogs sick or even die if ingested. Remember that dogs are opportunistic animals and if they can get to something that smells or looks good to them they will, so keep those Eggs well out of reach! That doesn't mean they miss out altogether, read how you can set up a doggy Easter Egg hunt on Page 28. In recent years dogs serving with the ADF are being recognised more and more with memorials and parks established across the country in recognition of the important job they do. So if you should be travelling and come across one of them take a moment to reflect this coming Anzac Day.

## 2019 TOWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL PET EXPO



The Townsville Pet Expo is will be on at **Jezzine Barracks, Sunday 9 June, 9.00am – 3.00pm.** **Demos times to be advised.** This free event will feature over 60 pet-related exhibitors in addition to obedience demonstrations, guest speakers and demonstrations. Registered animal breeders and a variety of dog trainers will also be available throughout the day to answers your questions. Our club will be there with a stall talking to dog owners on the importance of Pet Dog Training and the activities they can become involved in once the three-part course has been completed. We will be performing basic obedience demonstrations throughout the day and everyone is welcome to participate. So regardless of what level you are at with your dog jump on in and join us for some fun and education.

Further info will be forth coming closer to the date, and your Instructors can give you more information on this fun day.

## 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 1 April 2019** followed by **Monday 6 May 2019**. We would love to see you there! If you would like to help in any way, no matter how small, it is all appreciated.



## Training Report

Hi everyone, I'm Deb your new training coordinator. Noel is having a well-deserved break for now and has handed the wheel over to me. But I'm not really doing it on my own. We have a great team of Instructors/Trainees and Assistants who are happy to provide feedback (when I make mistakes) as well as offer guidance and support. It is very much a collaborative effort on the paddock as we are all working toward the same goals.... a great Club that offers a range of training options and relationship building opportunities for guardian/dog teams.

So, the new training year has had a successful kick off ...finally!

There were a few unavoidable false starts, thanks to Mother Nature, but we soldiered on as we do here in Townsville and had a wonderful turnout for our Introduction Night with a total of 25 new guardians in our Beginners classes for the first intake of 2019.

Jens did a great job of presenting the Club's important information in our first intake for 2019.

Unfortunately, Sally Puglisi, the Townsville City Council representative couldn't join us due to flood work commitments. Sally is a regular at our Introduction nights and provides some very important information about responsible pet ownership and the wonderful work of the animal management team. Even though Sally couldn't be there on the night, she very kindly made sure the education packages for all new guardians were available for distribution....."Thanks Sally".

Our new Patron Cr. Kurt Rehbein was also invited but understandably unable to attend due to flood work commitments. I am sure there will be many more opportunities during the year for our Patron to come along and meet some of the wonderful new guardians wanting to do more with their fur-buddies and maybe share some stories about his own background in dog training.

Now, onto the paddock with our awesome team of dedicated and skilled volunteers.

Jens, assisted by myself have eight lovely large dogs in our class. Carolyn, assisted by Lily have nine mostly mid-sized dogs in their class, and Julie assisted by Linden have eight terrific tiny tots in their class. Judy is honing skills in her Intermediate class of six teams and Joy has kindly stepped up to take the Advanced class also with six teams.

Thanks very much to all of our trainers for your continued generous and tireless Community and Club support. I would also like to make special mention of our new volunteer trainee Instructors, Linden who is being mentored by Julie and Raymond (Snow) who is enrolled in Julie's class with his gorgeous girl, Midge. Good on you for stepping up and committing your valuable time, energy and skills to a great community cause....or do you just like playing with the dogs???

We may be saying goodbye to Jens after this intake due to work commitments of his own canine training business. But he assures me he will still be around if we need him. Thanks, Jens, your continued commitment to the Club is very much appreciated.

As usual our classes fill very quickly and it looks as if the April intake is no different. It will be closing very soon even with three Beginners classes being provided. I will be graduating from assisting in class to instructing one of the Beginners class in April and I am very excited about the opportunity/challenge.

And speaking of opportunities, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Noel for all the training, guidance and advice he provided and which enabled me to have the confidence to take on the role of Training Coordinator. He has big shoes to fill, but I am committed to giving it a really good go. I know I will make mistakes along the way, but I am always happy to hear constructive feedback so I can learn from them and keep improving.

Great work Team

Cheers

**Deb Fazel, Training Coordinator**



# TRACKING REPORT

## January-February 2019



The 2019 tracking year started early with a mini Beginners Workshop which was run over the weekend of 18-20 January starting with a short theory session on Friday evening which was followed by three practical sessions run over the following Saturday morning, afternoon and Sunday morning.

This workshop was an introduction to the sport of Tracking and will be the format we will be running with for all future tracking workshops in lieu of the previous five-week course which will no longer be offered due to time and work restraints of all the instructors. The Workshop is aimed at those handlers who've never tracked a dog or have a new beginner dog.

This was the first time we've run this format which is based on foundation work for both rural (bush) tracking and urban Track and Search. The format worked very well, with all handlers learning to set good foundations in article indication/start games and the running of short, positive practice tracks.

Due to work and other training commitments the workshop was, by necessity run at very short lead time with spots taken by those handlers/potential trackers who'd helped out at all of our tracking trials either with setting or as track layers (often both) throughout the 2018 trialling season. Unfortunately, due to the short notice, while we did have a couple who couldn't attend due to work/other commitments, there was insufficient time to offer the spots to other handlers. Next time we won't be so rushed and we hope to be able to run a similar workshop or alternatively something for more advanced trackers later in the year.

Attendees were Rod (Snow) Standen with Midge (Aussie Terrier), Anika Frossling and Angus (x breed), Carolyn Lynn and Moxie (GSD) and Julie Doig with Gus (Smooth Collie). All of the teams worked well and show great potential. So now to continue on that journey.....

With the start trialling season now only weeks away, work will ramp up in earnest with the never-ending search for additional helpers, more/new tracking areas (both rural and urban), as well as equipment working bees, etc. We also still need to secure a 2<sup>nd</sup> Track and Search judge (preferably one who also does Tracking as that's the best better financial option for the club) for our May and June trials.

**Janette Cussons**  
**COCT Tracking Coordinator**

*Right : Anika Frossling and Angus  
Learning the basics of tracking*





*Above : Carolyn Lynn with her GSD Moxie who is indicating an article she found on the track.*

*Below: Snow's Australian Terrier Midge receives a treat after finding track layer Julie Doig while trainer Janette looks on*







*Above : Julie Doig and her Smooth Coated Collie Gus playing the run and hide game*

*Below : Tracking Workshop participants and their Awards at the end of the course*



## **Obedience Stewarding Workshop**

**14<sup>th</sup> March (Thursday evening) 2019**

**Start Time 6.30pm**

Our club is hoping to get members interested in coming along and helping out at our trials.

The club runs several Obedience, Rally O and Agility trials each year and is always looking for our members who are keen to come along and help.

To this end I am running an Obedience Stewards Workshop on Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> to show perspective Stewards what is involved with each of the classes in Obedience. The Workshop is free for all who would like to attend.

See flier on the next page compiled by Debbie Schmidt.

I have also compiled notes which I will send to anyone interested in helping their club out.

If you are interested please let me know and come along next Thursday night, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

We will also be running a Stewarding Workshop for the Rally O trials in the near future.

Regards Judy Forbes-Faulkner  
Secretary COCT Inc.



## Obedience Stewarding Workshop 14<sup>th</sup> March (Thursday evening) 2019 Start Time 6.30pm



A workshop for those new and not so new to Obedience Trialling to learn the fine art of stewarding for an Obedience Trial. All handlers and interested persons most welcome.

*Come and learn what is required at each level of obedience from CCD to UDX you never know when you as a handler may need to know what is required in the ring at your new competition level.*



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## **Obedience Training Workshop Rockhampton**

**January / February 2019**

**Trainers: Glynis Hendricks and Samantha Hendricks. Haveloc German Shepherds.**



Late 2018 plans were made to work on improving the skills required to teach and improve the level of obedience training for trialling at the COCT. To this end a workshop in Rockhampton with instruction by both Glynis and Sam Hendricks was arranged. As a result, the COCT entrusted the 4 of us (Carolyn, Julie, Janette and myself accompanied by Mal) with the enormous task of travelling to Rockhampton to both train, learn and refine our skills in obedience training - not only of our own dogs but how to impart and teach this knowledge to the members of the COCT to improve the skills of both club handlers and their dogs.

Sounds easy??? In reality the challenge was huge for all. The training mindset and methodology differs to the current club training style in that the importance of foundation work, of focus and engagement and breaking all skills to the smallest pieces was continually highlighted and worked on. We learnt it was always possible to break a skill into small pieces. Of building the dogs drive and rewarding the dog in the way the dog finds most rewarding – be the reward food, ball, tug or love and attention. The highlight being working on one thing at a time for example working on the halt in heeling – the dog is brought into basic position by asking for a “free” sit the handler than moves into correct position on the dog rather than the dog being repeated lured / told to come into position and maybe making 3 or 4 shuffles to get into position so dog and handler start in the correct position – heel forward then halt – the training is the halt not the start position so the dog has been set up for a correct start rather than work on both while the dog is not proficient in both. As skill and training increases both would be done for the exercise.

The week commenced with a meet and greet with Glynis (*pictured right*) and Sam out at Glynis’s property. This is not only the home of Haveloc German Shepherds but also contains a very impressive private training field used for ANKC, IPO and behaviour work. Glynis trains both IGP formally known as IPO as well as ANKC, undertakes behavioural work from both the Rockhampton Obedience club and local vet referrals. While mentioning the Rockhampton Obedience Club a thank you has to go to the club for the use



of some of the club's obedience equipment including a ring and solid jump. Please see the article in the previous magazine regarding both Glynis and Sam.

During the Saturday afternoon meet and greet Glynis outlined her training philosophy and the plan for the 6 days. The following points were raised in this session and make for the basis of her training – in no particular order:

- Foundations.
- Focus.
- Engagement.
- 100% human input to achieve 100% dog input.
- A dog not working is in a crate.
- There is no handler holding a dog and discussing the training or social chit chatting.
- Prior to a session all planning must be in place, equipment needed in place so that when the dog comes out all effort and focus goes onto the dog and training. Once finished training the dog is immediately crated AND only then is the good the bad and the ugly of the session discussed.
- 10% training / 90% play.
- Small group training BUT work 1 on 1 within the group and not the "class" "group class" eg heeling back and forward all together.



The hours were very long and very tiring for all. Half hour each way drive to the property so 0600 arrival to set up, toilet dogs and prepare for an 0630 start each morning. Some discussion then each dog was worked followed by critiquing. The practical sessions lasted from approximately 0630 to 0930 followed by breakfast / coffee and then theory until 1100 to 1200. Back to town then restarting at 1600 until 1800 to 1900 each afternoon for afternoon practical sessions.

Sunday Morning session began with each of us having to "show" Glynis two things with our dogs. This could be anything – obedience exercise / play..... This was to allow Glynis to gain an idea of where training wise, we were with each of our dogs. The report was the dogs are "ok" the handlers need "work"...

Over the 6 days all of the exercises for CCD, CD and CDX were covered. A brief overview of some of the foundation work / the pre-training work follows. The how to train and how training will be set up will be detailed at a later date.



#### **Rewarding the dog for focus and engagement was highly emphasised.**

- The dog engages → reward.
- Respond and reward what the dog does well.
- Notice the good stuff.
- When you have your dog out → your focus is on the dog – not discussing what you plan on doing – that should have already been done. Not having a social chat. Not discussing what you just did – dog away then have this discussion.
- You want 100% focus from your dog therefore we need to give our / your dog your 100% focus.

#### **The Ring – "it's Christmas time for the dog" "its party central" "the place of all good things"**

- Ring run outs unless being done by the handler without the dog – the exercises are called as would be in the ring – are done very infrequently. Maybe once or twice 3 to 4 weeks pre-trial and even then only one or two exercises.
- Glynis does not have her dogs go into the ring until they know and are competent in the exercise: all serious work happens outside the ring.

- The ring is the place for a 'party' rewards are important in the ring. If you don't want to have food or toys the a "bonus pot" is used as a reward.
- Ring run outs are seen as "killing drive"

#### **Bonus Pots.**

- A small container – old 35mm film canisters / geopot containers / salad dressing pot – a sealable container that has not scent on the outside but treats inside. This allows a food reward in the ring without seeming to have the reward – it fits into a pocket..
- The dog does the work that you wish to reward – the bonus pot is brought out – a jackpot party happens (the dog has been taught the marker word for the bonus pot and the party that goes with it prior to its use).

#### **Crates.**

- A crate is taken out to the training field for use if discussion is needed regarding where the training is going / discussion re problems and while working on solutions – it gives the dog a safe place to chill and switch off while the handler is not giving their 100% attention to their dog.
- Ideally if 100% attention is not being given to the dog it should be back in its crate / vehicle while talk takes place.

#### **Use of position box, platforms and barriers.**

- The position box is introduced into training from the very early stages of foundation training. The aim here is to teach positions that are straight and in correct position to the handler right from the get go – the dog is not given the opportunity to learn to sit / stand / drop in anything other than correct position in relation to the handler.
- Likewise, platforms are introduced to continue with this correct position training and when the dog is a little more advanced to come into the correct position on the platform from an offset start. This teaches the dog when called into position to go straight into the correct position rather than either the dog resetting itself or the handler resetting / luring to correct position.
- The use of barriers are used to tighten turns for heeling, speed up the turns with retrieves to mention a few uses.

#### **Static Loading.**

- Teaching the dog to go into drive ultimately on a verbal cue. The dog maybe sitting in a down any position or place.
- Then once taught the dog must be able to maintain that "loading" and then work.
- Loading is an emotional state.

#### **Pre-ring Routine.**

- This is the established routine that you use each time prior to entering the ring. It is not a set routine but rather what works for you and your dog to gain rapport with each other / ignore outside distraction and to enter the ring "in drive".
- For Glynis and Sam this involves letting their dogs circle both to the left and right to check out what is happening and to then "check in" and maintain focus and engagement. "loading" will also occur at this time prior to entering the ring.

#### **Questions to always ask yourself.**

- What is the dog doing?
- Why is it doing this?
- What can I do about it?

★ if you are not working on a particular exercise then ignore what happens in the session – if a problem with it – make note – and then plan to work on it in a separate session ★

### **The Rules of Toy Play (from Glynis and Sam).**

- Stick to rules. (sometimes rules are to be broken).
- Toy in your hand – dog can't have it.
- Toy on the end of a string – free game for the dog.
- The toy doesn't go to the dog – the dog moves to the toy.
- The toy is always the dogs' toy.
- The dog mustn't "miss" the first time all the time.
- First time present the toy let the dog win.
- Playing in a circle makes the dog more active.
- Stick to one direction – can't target properly if always changing directions.
- Straight lines works better for targeting – move forward then backwards.
- Dog struggling with toy – toy on ground and move on the ground.
- Pat the dog before taking the toy away.

### **Michael Ellis DVD on toy play.**

- A great video for learning how to improve play with your dog.

★ Catch your dog doing right and reward ★  
★ its ok to just have a session and have fun with your dog ★

### **"Free"**

- The term free is used by Glynis to break from a position / stop what is currently happening. It is not the end of training termination marker but a break in training marker.
- Initially this marker is taught as any other marker – using a food or toy reward. Ultimately when the dog understands the marker / word no reward is given.
- The term does not have to be free it could be anything the handler choses.
- We where all guilty of our dogs not understanding the "free" marker.

### **Where to from here?**

The last weeks with the weather events that occurred in Townsville / the stranding in Mackay has meant making more formal plans for moving forward has been put on temporary hold. Lots of ideas are being floated and working on. How to best implement some / all of these ideas is a work in progress. While we may have ideas, we also need to know what club members think of these and how they see these as working.

Watch this space for the coming plans for training for those currently trialling in Obedience and Rally O.

**Debbie Schmidt**

**Sports Dog Coordinator.**

## **OBEDIENCE TRIALLING / PET DOG TRAINING / TRICK TRAINING WORKSHOP**

**Thursday 21 February – Sunday 24 February 2019**

Gay Westmore from the Pine Rivers Dog Training Club in Strathpine recently provided a wonderful opportunity for our Club Members Instructors, Trainee Instructors and Assistant Instructors to:

- improve and hone skills in obedience trialling;
- learn different methods of trick training, and
- revitalise our Pet Dog Training Classes.

Gay has a wealth of knowledge in all of these areas and was very happy to share it all with us. Gay is also a keen competitor in the sport of Dancing With Dogs. In the competition of Heelwork to Music Gay with her talented dog Talli was the first Kelpie to achieve her Championship Title in the sport.

This kind of commitment and dedication to the relationship building aspect of dog training is only one of the reasons we were thrilled to have Gay visit our club. It is also important to stress this level of performance and success is maximised and achieved with the use of positive reinforcement methods of training. The value of positive reinforcement training methods are very much emphasised in Gay's gentle and effective approach to training.

### **Thursday night, 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – Trialling Workshop**

This workshop was open to all trialling members of the Club. The workshop was very well attended and covered a lot of really important aspects in relation to making the Ring a fun place to be for both handler and fur buddy.

Notably:

- The importance of breaking down the trialling exercises/components into teeny tiny truly enjoyable bits that our dogs will love and get excited about (including just going through the gate);
- Reducing handler/dog stress right at the beginning of the trial by performing a personal ritual to get you both into the right frame of mind and always remembering who's got the best dog (you do!) no matter what the outcome;
- Hand, foot, and body posture positioning. Correct position and coordination is key for amplifying success, and
- Static exercises to improve position and focus.





### Friday night, 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Trick Training Workshop – New up and coming dog sport

This workshop was open to all interested members and provided a platform to learn different ways to teach tricks. It was amazing to see Gay teach Judy's dog, the gorgeous Pearl, how to rest her chin on a chair, in less than a minute. Mal's very clever dog, Holy, quickly learned to go to place at a distance and retrieve an object. Joy and the talented Chewie entertained us with the leg weave and received some tips on how to make it look a bit more graceful 😊.

And then there was my own beautiful boy, Kye. It was a bit of a challenge settling him after he decided to have a bit of a freak out when he heard the PA system for the first time. The trick we demonstrated, eventually, was the 'Back Up' in front, and it was very apparent we need to do a lot more work! And, I need to not be so 'greedy' expecting more out of my boy than he is ready for. It's always the handlers' fault, right?

Some of the take home messages from this workshop were:

- Use high value treats when learning new tricks;
- Break components of the exercise down and then break them down again;
- Don't be greedy! Set your dog up for success by requiring only small steps at a time and very gradually building up to whole actions and reinforce appropriately,
- Slow everything down enjoy the relationship and the journey – it's not a race!





### Drop the ball into the bowl, then pick it up



**Left** : Gay explaining to Mal on getting Holly to hold the ball over the bowl

**Below** : Dropping the treat into bowl is the incentive for Holly to drop the ball, and rewarded with treat for doing so.



**Left** : Now the tricky bit – Mal encouraging Holly to pick up the ball. Holly seems to be saying to herself ‘Hmmm, pick up ball ..... interesting concept!’

## **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Refresher Obedience/PDT Workshop**

The final workshop program was designed around the needs of the Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced level Instructors, Trainee Instructors, and Assistant Instructors.

As mentioned previously in the Training report, we all got a good dose of 'walk the walk'. We had many laughs at our own coordination issues and quickly realised the importance of the workshop. Gay's bright and fresh eyes and softly spoken suggestions shed much needed light on many areas that we can improve on in terms of:

- Focus – new games, static exercises
- Reciprocity of engagement – it's a two-way street
- The importance of on and off switches - cues are key
- Strategic reward placement – can make all the difference re: correct positioning of your fur buddy
- Incorporating obedience lessons into your lifestyle - obedience is fun everywhere
- Training tools – useful at all levels – point of reference cones in beginners to 'pop' boxes in advanced, and
- Less is more – better quality of the really important aspects of dog training eg. focus and impulse control.



There are so many noteworthy things to mention from all the various workshops. I truly hope everyone who attended has benefited from some aspect of the training provided by the amazing Gay.

I would like to thank everyone so much for all their efforts in getting this workshop off the ground. I would also like to thank everyone for their positive energy and participation in the workshops.

A great big thanks also to all the wonderful, clever, smart and just plain gorgeous dogs who provided the ultimate contributions and non-stop energy (especially the energiser bunny, Midge) to the workshops. And finally, a special thanks to Gay Westmore for being a wonderful person and so generous with sharing her knowledge, skill and expertise during the recent workshops and into the future.



We are very keen to take on board what we have learned and share that knowledge forward in a way that is best for the Club. This may require a few changes to the current program format of the PDT classes. I am encouraged by all the good will and great ideas that came out of the workshops and believe that some measured changes will revitalise our programs and reenergise our wonderful volunteers. I also hope we can keep up the momentum and put forward some actions to the Committee for approval in the very near future.

To be continued.....

**Deb Fazel**  
**Training Coordinator**



## **Nomination/Motion for Dogs Queensland Life Membership Mal Holland**

As a current member of Dogs Queensland and Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc., I would like to nominate Mr Mal Holland for Life Membership of Dogs Queensland.

My rationale for supporting the nomination is as follows:

Throughout the time of my membership of both Dogs Qld and COCT, Mal Holland has been a constant presence and a hard-working member of the Club. He has served in a number of Executive positions on the Management Committee including President in 2005-2006, Vice -President 2015-2017 and is our current serving President. Mal Holland was also awarded a life membership of COCT in 2008 for his dedication and outstanding service to the Club.

Mal Holland has been a member of the CCC since 1989. He has trained three dogs to Obedience Champion - a Rottweiler, a Curly Coated Retriever and an Australian Kelpie. He has also trained 6 top level tracking dogs – 3 Tracking Champions and 3 others to Tracking Dog Excellent (prior to establishment of Tracking Champion Title).

For the last 29 years Mal Holland has served the Queensland trialling community as an Obedience, Agility, Tracking, and Track and Search Judge. He has been invited to judge at prestigious international (Singapore) and State events including the Brisbane Royal and Darwin Royal and has also judged interstate, including several Victorian tracking appointments. Mal, himself, as many can testify, has been a fierce competitor when representing the COCT at trials. He has always willingly shared his expertise as a judge and competitor with the trialling members of this Club and other regional Clubs.

Mal Holland has been heavily involved in the promotion of all competitive dog sports throughout North and Central Queensland with a special interest in the establishment and promotion of tracking in the North. As well as his duties as local COCT Tracking Officer, he has run 22 Tracking Workshops for Northern areas from Mackay to Ingham and has also organised two Grand Prix Competitions - one in Townsville (Obedience and Tracking) and one in Ingham (Obedience and Agility) to the value of \$10,000.00.

As a senior judge Mal Holland has been a Dogs Queensland mentor for Tracking Trainee Judges from Mackay, Townsville and Ingham, has recently mentored a new group of local tracking judges to successful full elevation and he is currently continuing mentoring that group through the next 2-3 years of their education as prospective Track and Search Judges.

He is the current North Qld delegate on the Dogs Queensland Tracking Sub-Committee. He was instrumental in providing training for the existing Queensland Tracking Judges when Track and Search was introduced in 2009 and assisted with Obedience Judges Training in Townsville under Bob Bruce for 20 years.

In addition, Mal Holland's involvement with the promotion of canine good citizenship and care extends to his previous careers as both RAAF Military Working Dog Chief Instructor for 20 years (retired) and 19 years as RSPCA Inspector for NQ (retired).

I am sure there are many members of COCT who can provide more detailed information of Mal Holland's meritorious service to Dogs Queensland that will support his nomination for Life Membership should it be accepted.

Janette Cussons, COCT Tracking Coordinator 2011-2018

Co-signatories: Debbie Schmidt (COCT Assistant Tracking Officer) DQ#4100152278

Heidi Christoffel (COCT member) DQ#4100057748

Mrs Cathy O'Shea (COCT member) DQ/ANKC Judge (O)

## VALE STAR

### 2004 - 2019

My little Border Collie Star had a very stressful start to life being the only puppy to survive after her mother had to have a caesarean due to another puppy being stuck in the birth canal. Her other 5 brothers and sisters did not survive. So right from the beginning she was a fighter and a survivor.

Star arrived home to a welcome from her aunty Tammy who took care of the puppy while her mother Jady was recuperating. Little Star who was named while Geoff and I were sitting on our back veranda gazing at the sky. She soon became accustomed to life in the household, and shortly after, life travelling around to dog competitions with the rest of the family.

Star enjoyed life in the competition ring especially in agility where she gained titles in jumpers, strategic pairs and snooker. She also gained her CD title in obedience and her RAE title in Rally O. However, her biggest achievement and one not many club members thought she would ever achieve was that of Tracking Champion. I still remember the look on the judges face when she found the lost person at the end of the track as both the judge and steward were unsure where the bait was. That's the problem tracking early in the year in Townsville, it is difficult to figure where the tracks go so you have to trust your dog.

Star was a feisty little girl who had the bad habit of nipping peoples' heels when they entered our property unannounced but she would soon calm down and socialise. She also loved running on the beach with my other Border Collies and especially playing chase and fetch with a ball. She also loved the long trips around the country with her Border Collie friends competing at various trials in Queensland, New South Wales and also a long trip to Darwin.

Later in life she chilled more but still loved her outings with family and friends especially Alison Annesley and Jasper.

Hopefully she can run with her mother and Aunty Tammy and little Frodo over the Rainbow bridge.

RIP Star my beautiful girl.



# OLD DOGS DON'T DIE

Author Unknown

Old dogs don't die; they can't. They've merely run up ahead; they're waiting for us just out of sight. Close your eyes late at night and you may smell his musky odour, or perhaps hear his snuffle from the next room. Pay attention and you may feel his nose on your hand or the back of your calf. When your final day comes, you can go on to meet him; he's never left you and never will, and when you close your eyes for the last time, you'll open them again to be met with his Bright eyes and wagging tail.

Old dogs don't die, at least, not those dogs who take the biggest chunks of our hearts with them when they leave us. Those dogs are inextricably part of our souls, and they go with us wherever we are. Though we may not see them, we know they're there because our heart is still beating; we still breathe, and those of us who have been truly touched by a good dog know our lives really started the day we met them.

Magnificent dogs don't die. They shepherd our dreams and only allow the good ones through the gates of our consciousness. They watch over us much as they did in life, and that moment when we step just barely outside of death or disaster, it's because they moved our feet or they stopped short in front of us as they did in life.

You see, a good dog is something only given to a few people. They are a gift from the universe and, though they're with us only a short time, they never really leave us. They are loyalty and love perfected, and once we are graced with that sort of love we can never lose it. We merely lose sight of it for a time, and that is our fault; for how can love like that ever go away?

It can't. It can't, and it never will. For these brave souls trade their hearts for ours, and they beat together beyond sickness, beyond death. They are ours, and we are theirs, for every sunrise and every sunset, until the sun blazes its last and we once again join the stars.



# Which dog is **RELAXED**?

## DOGS DO NOT LIKE HUGS.

They may tolerate them from the people they know and love but they do not like them. Too many hands on this dog!

## DOGS TALK WITH THEIR BODIES.

Listen.

## DOGS SHOULD HAVE CHOICE

to walk away or not be bothered.

## ADVOCATE FOR YOUR DOG.



TENSE

Turning away

Furrowed brow

Whale eye

Flat ears

Closed mouth



RELAXED

Relaxed face

Soft eyes

Open mouth

Laying on hip



Trailblazing Tails

## WHY USE A DOG CRATE?

<http://www.purebreddog.ca/why-use-a-dog-crate/?fbclid=IwAR367-8GEIIUd6uFnnpy8uVUFky6B3xIHN5J5bgCHuZL9WzSLF4NXIE7QZ4>

### Is it cruel to lock my dog in a crate or cage?

Many people think this is true, as they would certainly not want to be locked in a crate (note that dog crate and dog cage are the same thing) for any length of time themselves. Well, this is not the case for dogs who are 'den' animals. Just look at where they want to spend most of their sleep and relaxation time – under the table, tucked in the corner of a room. In the wild, wolves and wild dogs are known to burrow holes to sleep in.

Hopefully you are getting the picture, basically dogs like to feel safe and secure when sleeping and have somewhere they can be alone. A dog crate is able to provide this safe haven.

### Why use a dog crate / cage anyway?

A crate helps address many of the problems that cause stress and anxiety to pet owners. They serve a useful purpose to prevent (and rectify) problems associated with destructive behaviour and fear of strangers or other types of people. They help with house training, with visitors who are afraid of dogs and of course when travelling with your dog.

### Where should I put the dog crate?

The best places for a crate or cage are in the corner of rooms, away from too much heat and cold drafts. Dogs like to be near their pack (which is you), so locate the crate where your dog can see and hear you. It's a good idea for the crate to be your dog's only bed.



### What do I look for in a dog crate / cage?

A dog crate is a usually a rectangular enclosure constructed of wire, plastic, canvas or even wood. Some people prefer to start out with a wire crate as these are less prone to being chewed in the early days of crate training.

- **Size:** Whichever type of dog crate / cage you get, they should be large enough to allow your dog to stretch out flat on his side without being cramped and to sit up without hitting their head on the top. Also remember that a dog crate that is too large defeats the purpose of providing security and promoting bowel control.
- **Materials:** Avoid cheap thin wire crates they are not worth it! They are more prone to collapsing accidents and dogs can easily chew the wires together making for an unsightly crate.
- **Dividers:** If you are purchasing a crate that is large enough for your dog when fully grown block off part of it initially, so that your dog feels snug and secure. Adjustable crate dividers are perfect for this.
- **Cover:** It is also a good idea to have a cover to darken the inside of the dog crate, this helps to settle your dog and make it less likely for him to be disturbed by distraction outside. Covers can either be a blanket or better still vinyl covers that are easy to keep clean and are not a haven for fleas. Whichever you choose, make sure your dog's crate has plenty of ventilation and is not in direct sunlight
- **Bedding:** We always recommend that the bed covers the entire dog crate (i.e. do not leave an area for soiling). This helps build bowel control as your puppy will not want to soil his or her bed. You will have accidents though, so it is a good idea to have a couple of machine washable beds on hand.
- **Water:** Your dog should always have access to water, so we think a good quality clip on crate bowl is essential.

## How do I acclimatise my dog to the crate / cage?

It is best to start crate training when your dog is still a puppy. You can't lock your dog in a crate and just expect the whole concept to work – it won't. You will need time and patience to introduce the crate to successfully ensure your dog sees it as its home and special place. Here are a few guidelines:

Start by leaving the crate door open, and place all your dog's toys just inside the door. Hence if they want a toy they will have to climb into the crate a bit and retrieve it. You can also use special treats as a further encouragement to enter the crate. Day by day, move the toys or treats further back. It will only take a day or two before your dog starts to go into the crate to lie down.



After a few days of napping and sleeping in the open crate, quietly close the door (preferably while your dog is asleep) and leave it closed for a few minutes or until they wake up. Once awake, open the door, praise them and release them from the crate. Gradually build up the amount of time the crate door is kept closed. Eventually, you will be able to stay in the room, with the door closed, and your dog will lie there quietly until they fall asleep.

Once this is comfortable for your dog, leave the house, and then return immediately. Move on to leaving your dog for longer and longer periods of time (3 minutes, 5 minutes, 7 minutes, 1/2 an hour, and so on), until you do not hear any barking or crying at any point.

Continue increasing the time and work on trying to get a fixed routine of leaving the house (i.e. picking up your keys, putting your coat on etc)

Put your dog in its crate at regular intervals during the day up to a maximum of 2 hours.

Don't crate only when you are leaving the house. Place the dog in the crate while you are home as well. Use it as a "safe" zone (thus keeping your sanity).

By crating when you are home AND while you are gone, your dog becomes comfortable in the crate and not worried that you will not return, or that you are leaving him/her alone. This helps to prevent separation anxiety later in life. Give your dog a chew toy for distraction and be sure to remove collar and tags, which could become caught in an opening.

Make it very clear to children that the crate is NOT a playhouse for them, but a "special room" for the dog, Although the crate is your dog's haven and safe place, it must not be off-limits to humans. Acclimatise your dog from the outset to letting you reach inside at anytime.

Do not let the dog out of the crate while they are barking or they will think that barking is the key to opening the door to the crate. Wait until the barking or whining has stopped for at least 10 seconds before letting them out.

Finally, but most importantly: NEVER USE THE CRATE AS A PUNISHMENT AND NEVER DISCIPLINE YOUR DOG WHILE HE IS IN THE CRATE.



## EASTER EGGS ARE A NO-NO FOR YOUR DOG

Chocolate is toxic to dogs and other pets and ingestion often results in significant illness. Chocolate is toxic because it contains theobromine, a chemical similar to caffeine and used medicinally as a diuretic, heart stimulant, blood vessel dilator, and a smooth muscle relaxant. Theobromine can be poisonous and if eaten by our pets may result in severe clinical signs, especially if they do not receive early medical treatment.

How much chocolate can my dog have? The easy answer to this is none!

The amount of toxic theobromine varies with the type of chocolate.

The darker and the more bitter the chocolate, the more dangerous it is to your pets. Cooking or baking chocolate and high-quality dark chocolate contains higher amounts whilst, milk chocolate (commonly used in Easter eggs) has less and white chocolate barely poses any threat of chocolate poisoning. The amount of fat and sugar in white chocolate, however, can still make a dog very sick and result in conditions such as pancreatitis!

This means that for a medium size dog, weighing about 20kg it would take only 25grams of baker's or dark chocolate and 250grams of milk chocolate to potentially show signs of poisoning (Approximate figures only.)



Clinical signs of chocolate poisoning depend on the amount and type of chocolate ingested. For many dogs, the most common signs (apart from the missing egg and the remains of foil wrapper) are vomiting and diarrhoea, increased thirst, panting or restlessness, excessive urination, a racing heart rate, muscle spasms (tremors), and occasionally seizures. In older pets that eat a large amount of high quality dark or baking chocolate, sudden death from cardiac arrest may occur, especially in dogs which already have heart disease. Complications (such as developing aspiration pneumonia from vomiting) can make the prognosis for chocolate poisoning worse.

Clinical signs of chocolate poisoning can take several hours to develop, and even longer to go away. Clinical signs of chocolate poisoning can last for days, due to the long half-life of theobromine. The theobromine can even be re-absorbed from the bladder, so aggressive IV fluids and frequent walks may be necessary..

When in doubt, contact your veterinarian to see if a poisonous amount of chocolate was ingested to begin with. If so, your veterinarian may want to induce vomiting, provided your dog isn't showing any clinical signs. If a toxic amount is ingested, you should have your pet examined by a veterinarian immediately.

The sooner the theobromine is removed from the body or the pet is stabilized, the better your dog's chances. If you have the packaging please collect this so we can gain an idea as to the dose your pet has received.



Treatment depends on the amount and type of chocolate eaten. If treated early, removal of the chocolate from the stomach by administering medications to induce vomiting and administration of activated charcoal to block absorption of theobromine into the body may be all that is necessary. Activated charcoal may be administered every four to six hours for the first twenty-four hours to reduce the continued reabsorption and recirculation of theobromine.

It is very common to provide supportive treatments such as intravenous fluid therapy to help dilute the toxin and promote its excretion. All dogs ingesting chocolate should be closely monitored for any signs of agitation, vomiting, diarrhoea, nervousness, irregular heart rhythm, and high blood pressure. Often, medications to slow the heart rate (e.g., beta-blockers) may be necessary to treat the elevated heart rate and arrhythmia.

***The above is for general information. Always contact your vet for professional advice if you are concerned with your dogs health.***

## Create an Easter Egg Hunt That Your Dog Will Go Nuts Over

So with Easter right around the corner, children aren't the only ones who enjoy hunting for treats. Setting up a dog Easter egg hunt is a great way to test your pup's sense of smell, and is a fun activity for the whole family — as long as safety remains a top priority. Here are some tips to help get things rolling.

### Assemble your eggs

Any good Easter egg hunt needs two things: eggs and willing participants. Plastic eggs do, however, pose some risks for dogs. Choose large plastic eggs for your hunt so that your dog cannot swallow the eggs whole. If your dog shows signs of wanting to chomp down on the eggs, skip them altogether and just hide the treats to avoid ingestion of sharp plastic pieces.

### Choose your treats

Your dog relies on his nose to find treats. Choose strong smelling ones to place in your eggs, and lead your pup to the first one to give him a hint about the game to come. As you progress throughout the hunt, reward him for discovering new eggs with an excited voice that will keep him motivated. You may also want to select smaller-sized treats so that your pet isn't eating too many goodies in a short amount of time!

### Leash the participants

Keeping your dog on a leash will help reduce the risk of accidental ingestion. It will also help you guide him towards hard-to-find eggs, and will reduce the risk of an altercation in multiple dog hunts. Organized Easter egg hunts for dogs will probably have leash rules already in place, and this is a good rule to enforce if you are hosting a hunt for your friends or organization.

### Private parties are okay

Not all dogs enjoy hunting for eggs in groups. Dogs with food guarding behaviors, or who do not get along well with other canines, would do better with an individual Easter egg hunt. These are easy to arrange. Just set up personal hunts with each dog's favorite treats and take turns if you have multiple pups participating.

### Separate hunts for separate species

Easter egg hunts might be a great activity for the whole family, but make sure you don't mix chocolate with dog treats. Keep dogs inside and away from Easter egg hunts with candy. Make sure you count all the candy eggs you hide for the kids to prevent your pup from accidentally eating a harmful substance. You may also want to count your dog's Easter eggs to make sure he's found them all. Doing this will ensure he doesn't find some later and chew on the plastic.

Happy hunting!



## ANZAC MONUMENT

The contributions that dogs made during the war in Afghanistan have been recognised with the dedication of a new monument at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra that opened on 8 October 2016.

For an Australian soldier about to start out on a morning patrol in Afghanistan, there were few more welcome sights than a bomb-sniffing dog.

A dog would lighten the mood and was a reminder of home and family. But most importantly soldiers knew that with a dog leading a patrol, they stood a better chance of survival.

While most people know about the 41 Diggers who died in Afghanistan, few know that six Australian explosive detection dogs were killed or went missing there. For soldiers in Afghanistan, losing a dog was felt almost as deeply as the loss of a fellow Digger.

The memorial carries the names of dogs Merlin, Razz, Andy, Nova, Lucky and Herbie. It has only one human name — Sapper Darren Smith who died with his dog Herbie in an insurgent bomb blast in Oruzgan province in 2010.

The bond between Sapper Smith and Herbie was well known. When Herbie was sick, he spent three nights sleeping alongside his partner at the vet.

When they died together, it seemed only fitting they should be buried together. Sapper Smith's father was at the unveiling of the memorial.



Australian War Memorial director Brendan Nelson said dogs had been used in conflicts from World War I to Vietnam, but it was only in the Afghan war that they were integrated into soldiers' units.

Dr Nelson said that without bomb-sniffing dogs there might have been as many as 60 Australians killed in the Afghan war.

The bronze statue portrays a dog face-to-face with his handler, who is removing the animal's kit after a patrol.

The display also incorporates a dog training tunnel through which children can crawl through and play.



# Australian Military Dogs

## Lost in Action



The background of the entire page is a faded Australian flag. On the left, a soldier in full combat gear, including a helmet and carrying a rifle, stands on a rocky outcrop. A black and white dog is sitting on the ground next to him, looking up at him.

Dog Name	KIA Date
Merlin	KIA 31/08/2007
Razz	KIA 21/09/07
Andy	KIA 23/11/07
Nova	KIA 23/10/09
Herbie	KIA 07/06/10
Quake	KIA 25/06/2012
Devil	KIA 02/08/2012
Fax	KIA 06/01/2013
Lucky	MIA 04/07/11

*I question not your commands  
I follow faithfully wherever you go  
I pledge my loyalty no matter what  
I share the danger of your domain  
and will readily lay down my life for yours...  
...for in this moment we are one*

**Lucky**  
MIA 04/07/11

## 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
<b>APRIL DOUBLE TRIAL</b>			
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
<b>MAY DOUBLE TRIAL</b>			
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
<b>JULY DOUBLE TRIAL</b>			
19/7/2019	7:00 pm	UDX	Barbara Murfet
19/7/2019	after UDX	UD, CDX, CD and CCD	Roel Wittkamp
19/7/2019	After UDX	Rally O all levels	Barbara Murfet
20/7/2019	2:00 pm	Gamblers all levels	Heather Northover
20/7/2019	2:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Roel Wittkamp
20/7/2019	after gamblers	Agility all levels	Heather Northover
20/7/2019	4:00 pm	Rally O all levels	Barbara Murfet
20/7/2019	7:00 pm	Obedience all levels	Barbara Murfet
20/7/2019	7:00 pm	Agility all levels	Roel Wittkamp
20/7/2019	7:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Heather Northover
20/7/2019	after agility	Snooker all levels	Roel Wittkamp

### AUGUST DOUBLE - TRIAL 1

2/8/2019	7:00 pm	UDX	Coral Pethers
2/8/2019	after UDX	Rally O all levels	Coral Pethers
2/8/2019	after UDX	UD, CDX, CD, CCD	Tricia Williams
3/8/2019	2:00 pm	Gamblers	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

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

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

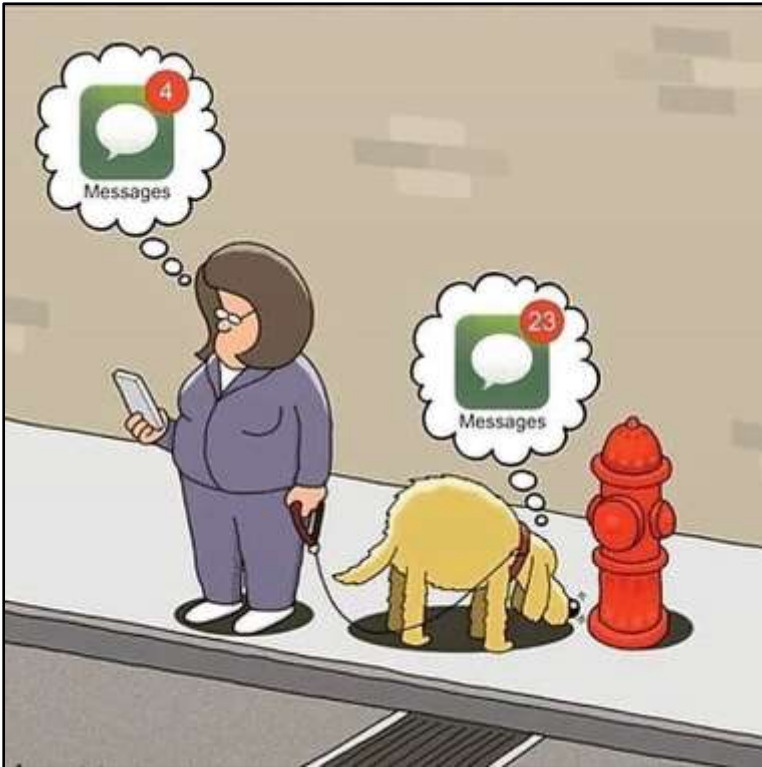
**All trials – vetting 5.30 am, start 6:00 am**

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





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