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or committee members of the COCT Inc.**

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

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

Annual General Meeting held first Monday in August

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Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc



## Canine Obedience Club Townsville Inc

### President's Report

### Noel McPherson

The months are flipping past quickly and the trialling season is currently underway for 2016. Those of you trialling are busy training and helping out, with the organizing, running and logging results being carried out by the hardworking members who do an excellent job at seeing the entrants and Judges are well catered for and can focus on being involved in the sports weekends. Good competitor numbers are entering in both Obedience and tracking arenas, which is very good to see.

Diane has been active promoting the club for the month of April at the Aitkenvale library with a display about the club and what we offer the dog loving community of Townsville. This style of display helps to plant the thought seed for people who are not always aware of the options available to dog owners in their local area and maybe enough to enquire further and become interested in what they can do to enjoy their companions on a different level.

Thanks Diane, your education efforts are well worth it and do a lot for the club. We have another opportunity to wave the flag at the upcoming RSPCA Million Paws walk at Jezzine

Barracks on the weekend of May the 15<sup>th</sup>. To all of you who can attend and be around to bring your dog into the ring and demonstrate some of your handling skills in group displays that would be a great help, and the very best way that as a Club we can let people know what they can learn and enjoy by attending our Club.

The training courses are well patronized with the second intake underway and as it turned out under the cover of darkness due to a localized major power outage. Things should improve quickly and the latest attendees will be enjoying the instructors help and encouragement as the weeks' progress and they begin to understand the effort and reward that comes from working as a team with their chosen companion.

Thanks to all volunteers and supporters of the club. Those who have new litters all the best in homing your pups with caring, loving guardians.

All the best and Cheers

**Noel McPherson, President**

## REGISTERED HANDLER OR CLUB MEMBERSHIP ??

When you sign up for obedience lessons you have the choice of joining the club as a Registered Handler or Club Member.

Most handlers will choose to join as a Registered Handler which allows you to attend classes each week and participate in any external Club activities ie RSPCA's Million Paws Walk or Townsville City Council's Pet Expo.

However, if you wish to become more involved in the Club by taking on an Office Bearer or Instructor position, or participate in competitions, you will need to be a Club Member.

You can change from Registered Handler to Club Member at any time with no additional fee, so if you would like to do so please see the ladies at the clubhouse on Tuesday night.

### Registered Handler

- 🐾 Receive emails on upcoming club activities
- 🐾 Participate in Club demonstrations eg RSPCA Million Paws Walk
- 🐾 Attend our Monthly General Meetings held the first Monday of each month (but are not entitled to vote, submit or approve motions).

### Membership

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

If you do not renew your Registration or Membership you can no longer attend training or club events and your name will be removed from the Club's email list.

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

## Just Briefly ....



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

as issued by the ANKC.

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

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

Cost - \$46. Also available at very reasonable prices are cloth webbing leads, martingale collars, treat bags and bags of treats.

**Back issues of the magazine** can be downloaded from our website [www.coct.com.au](http://www.coct.com.au)  
Catch up on articles you may have missed on trials, behaviour, training and feature stories.



**The Club Library is open the first and fourth Tuesdays** of each month. We have small but interesting range of books suitable for the beginner to the advanced handler, so come into the clubhouse and have a chat to our Librarian Sheila about what you can borrow. There are no fees, and books can be borrowed for a fortnight.

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

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

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

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

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





## Calling all Class 4 handlers !!

Handlers who have graduated from Class 3 are welcome to continue their training in Class 4 from 8.00-9.00pm on Tuesday night.

This Class is less structured than Classes 1-3, but can be used to start learning new obedience exercises like heel off lead, change of position, broad jump, and retrieving the dumb bell or just keep skills up to date.

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

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

### Flyball training is on the

first and third Thursday from 7.30pm – 8.30pm.

Perfect for ball mad furkids and heaps of fun for all.

For more info ask Renate or Judy at the Clubhouse on Tuesday nights.

Cost : \$5.00 per week



**Thursday night training is a great opportunity to have one-on-one training with an experienced instructor. If you have a particular problem that you are having difficulties with, want to prepare for entry into a competition or simply want to take advantage of an extra night's training you are welcome to attend.**

Training commences around 6.30pm for about an hour, and after your session with the instructor can practice more on your own. It's free!

### 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 2013 from 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'?

## RALLY-O TRAINING

Rally-O training is held the SECOND and FOURTH Tuesday February to December from 8.00pm, and every Thursday from 6.00pm to about 7.00pm. Come and see how much fun this new dog sport is. All are welcome to have a go, and the cost is FREE for Thursday nights.

## 2016 RSPCA Million Paws Walk

**Sunday 15th May 2016 at Jezzine Barracks 7.30am to 11.30am. Walk commences 9.30am, Club Obedience Demonstration 11.00-11.15am.**

Our Club has participated and supported the RSPCA for more than a decade, and this year we will be there again with a static display and obedience demonstrations. Looking forward to a good turnout of club members for the Walk, help with the displays and participate in the obedience demo. Everyone is welcome regardless of the amount of training.

It is expected that more than 20,000 people and their dogs will walk in Queensland to show their support for animals in need. Million Paws Walk is a great day out for the whole family where you will be treated to entertainment, stalls, delicious food, competitions, giveaways and a whole lot more!

Regardless of the breed, size or age of your dog - everyone is welcome - as long as they are fully vaccinated, friendly and well socialised. No four legged friend? No problem! Even those without pooches are welcome to join in the fun. Money raised through online fundraising, merchandise sales and activities on the day will help to provide essential care, veterinary treatment, food and shelter for more than 15,000 dogs that RSPCA Qld cares for each year. Every dollar you raise will make a big difference and will assist us in reaching our goal of \$600,000. Sign up today to help give another dog a second chance at a happy life.

Register online before 14 May to take advantage of ticket price savings...and then start fundraising to help fight animal cruelty! As an added bonus this year, if you register online and create a fundraising page, we will send you a **FREE** RSPCA frisbee for your pooch! Click here to register <http://www.millionpawswalk.com.au/queensland>

## TOWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL PET EXPO



The Townsville Pet Expo is back bigger than ever in 2016 with a new home at **Jezzine Barracks, Saturday 20 June from 10.00am – 4.00pm. 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 answer 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 a number of 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.

## 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 two meetings are **Monday 6 June and Monday 11 July 2016.** We would love to see you there!



## DID YOU KNOW ...



**Superdogs are made, not born...** those who have just purchased a pup or are considering one, have a read of this article. It provides in-depth advice on what to do and especially, what *not* to do in the vital first weeks of a pups life that can influence its behaviour into adulthood. Dogs with little human or other dog contact in their first three months typically don't make good pets, so this guide is invaluable for potential owners.

Click on this link <http://www.caradobe.com> then drill down through Articles Index / All about Puppies / Super Dogs are Made, Not Born.

At 28 pages long the article is too large to include in the mag, so please download your own copy to read. There are also other interesting articles on Housebreaking your Puppy; Kids, Puppies and Dominance; and Creating a Strong Bond with your Puppy.



Though dogs truly are our best friends, they can sometimes be, well, a bit weird about things. Let's face it—our partnership with them has only lasted for twenty thousand years or so; before that, they'd had millions of years of experience under their belts. Evolutionary studies suggest that the first identifiable members of the dog family, Canidae, appeared about 40 million years ago during the Eocene epoch, with today's modern wolf appearing nearly two million years ago. We Homo Sapiens, however, have only been around for about half a million years. The dog's "pre-human" time created a unique species and unique behaviours that some of us humans might find a bit odd. I'm certain that things we do baffle them. Traffic jams, fireworks, reality television—we too are an odd bunch. But, as they seem to take us in stride, so must we do for them. And after all, what seems odd to us (or them) can often be shown to be perfectly normal relative to the species' needs and desires. Let's take a look at some of our canine companions' strangest behaviours, and then try to understand them from a dog's perspective. Most often, there's a good reason for an odd behaviour if you just look closely enough!

**Reverse Sneezing** Your dog suddenly sucks air into his nose, while making a snorting, choking sound. He extends his neck and head and seems to be choking on something. After a few moments, the event is over, and he seems fine. This is the "reverse sneeze," one of a dog's most bizarre behaviours.

Technically known as "paroxysmal respiration," reverse sneezing sounds awful but really isn't. Reverse sneezing can be caused by an irritant in the air, by eating or drinking too fast, by a foreign body or hair balls, or even a nasal infection. The resultant irritation of the palate or throat causes a spasm, resulting in quick inhalations of air into the dog's nose. The trachea can narrow, causing difficulty in air movement. The condition is more common in older dogs.

To reduce the chances of reverse sneezes, minimize chemicals, cleaners, rug deodorizers or other potential irritants from the home. Groom your dog often, and vacuum up hair every day. If a nasal drip is present, see the veterinarian.

Though a disconcerting experience for you and your pooch, it's nothing to worry too much over, though if this happens all the time, it never hurts to see your vet.

## Training Report

Intake 1 for the year proceeded well with no nights lost to wet weather or damp ground conditions. Altogether 57 teams attended training over the three course levels being run, so really good interest is being shown in the upper levels.

The Beginners Course had a 52% pass rate with 18 making it through. Intermediate had 25% making it through, so that supplies another four potential Level 3 teams. Level 3 did well with 4 of the 9 teams reaching Level 4.

Intake 2 commencing in April filled quickly, but with only 3 instructors available unfortunately the intake for this round had to be capped at 24. Enquiries have eased off a little with only a small number enrolling for the July course. While it is still a fair way off I feel that many dog owners have a much wider and growing range of private trainers running courses to follow on from puppy training in the group format such as our club provides. This could become a challenge in the future so we will have to make sure we stay relevant and provide the continued level of classes on offer to compete. It is already difficult to keep volunteers stepping up on the Club's behalf week in week out to help with instructing but I hope that you instructors and assistants continue to do so.

The fact that we have four varying levels of courses, followed with the opportunity to go on and trial and become involved in a range of dog sports and the club itself, has always held the club in good stead and should continue to do so. It may be that some of those attending private training may decide to compete and join the club once they discover that the options are there. Events such as the RSPCA Million Paws Walk and the Pet Expo are really important for all of us to attend, and in particular help with the demonstrations so people are made aware that the club exists and can offer dog owners so many more challenges. So, please invite your course members and if you can come along to promote the club at these events.

Our next Intro night at the end of April for Term 2 is fast approaching and a big thanks to my training assistant Jane for putting in the extra time to get the booklets made up and ready for our new teams when they arrive. And as always, thanks goes to all the volunteers involved with the club for giving their time to help the club provide the service that our canine friends deserve.

**Noel McPherson**  
**Training coordinator**

## TRACKING TRIAL APRIL 9-10 2016 REPORT

Judges: Rosemary Sehl, Rockhampton (TSD, Tracking) &  
Mr Roel Wittkamp, Atherton (Tracking)

Our first TSD & Tracking trials of the season kicked off with a very busy weekend & high level of competition. The weekend started with the Track & Search run early Saturday morning. The morning saw us gathered in Annandale with Debbie Schmidt & Kenzie (German Shepherd Dog) starting well. Kenzie nailed the gate & headed off at a steady pace along the track which turned from the clearing to follow a narrow passage between a steep drop into the creek on one side & several fenced dogs barking on the other (a big challenge). Kenzie kept to job though, ignoring the cross tracks & indicating her first article, crossing the bridge & picking up the track along the dirt path eventually finding the tracklayer sitting at the bus stop & gaining a 'Good' pass for the TSD2.

Due to the number of high level tracks the Club obtained Dog's Qld approval to run two Tracking tests on Saturday afternoon. Carolyn Lynn & Kellie (Kelpie) had a great run under Judge Roel Wittkamp to achieve a 'Very Good' T6 pass, gaining their TDX Title, congratulations! Judy Forbes-Faulkner & Rosie (Border Collie) also ran Saturday attempting their T8 under judge Rosemary Sehl. Unfortunately they came a cropper when Rose missed a corner on the third leg. Better luck next time out.

Sunday morning saw us back out in the paddocks with the second lot of Tracking. Group one under Roel Wittkamp looked to start well with Renate Linder & Lilly (Belgian Groendale) first out but unfortunately missing a corner put them off the track. They were followed by Tanya Hill & Renoir (Doberman) who travelled from Charters Towers in the very early morning to attempt their T8 test, but unfortunately unsuccessful this time. Last up in this group was myself & Jax (GSD). What can I say - if there's an easy or hard way we'll take the latter! We took off on our usual cracking pace, checked out both directions before turning right and powering down the track. Then Jax ploughed through the heaviest of the lantana, caught a whiff of the horses across the road & was on a mission to get to them instead of the track layer. So no joy for Judge Roel from us unfortunately this time, but much to work on.

Judge Rosemary Sehl on the other hand was having a dream run with Group Two. First out of the gate was

Debbie Schmidt with young Furi (GSD) attempting her first track (T1) at just 11 months of age. She had a great run indicating both articles & achieved a 'Very Good' pass. Second T1 for the day was Bronwyn Mullins with Zacc (Beagle/Kelpie cross) achieving a 'Good' pass at their first attempt. Next came Silke Weyland from Cairns with Aska (Belgian Malinois) blitzing the track on their T5 with a 'Very Good' pass. Last up for Rosemary was Julie Doig with Zoe (Staffie) putting in a solid performance and gaining a well-earned 'good' pass! Great work ladies!

It was a terrific 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 & get great advice from our judges. But it was another fantastic weekend of tracking. Congratulations to everyone who achieved quals/titles, commiserations & best of luck next time to all our other competitors. We all have areas to work on (article indication for me).

The organization of any successful trial, especially tracking takes the input of many people & I'd like to extend a huge thank-you to all our judges, stewards, track setters & tracklayers (baits) without whom there would be no competition - please don't forget to thank those involved on the day. Also a special thanks to everyone participating in the judges training scheme - our trainee judges Debbie Schmidt & Carolyn Lynn, assistant Julie Doig & our mentor Mal Holland for his ongoing assistance with all things tracking. And to Renate Linder & Noel McPherson for the fabulous breakfasts they provided on Saturday & Sunday mornings respectively. If I've failed to mention anyone personally, please know that I appreciate all and any assistance given.

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

Janette Cussons, Tracking Coordinator 2016



Trainee Tracking Judge Debbie Schmidt (*far left*) with Tracking Judge Roel Wittkamp watch as competitor Janette Cussons and her GSD Jax take off on the scent trail.



Julie Doig (*above*) being awarded her T2 Qualifying ribbon For her Staffordshire Bullterrier Zoe by Judge Rosemary Sehl.



Judge Rosemary awarding Debbie Schmidt (*above*) her T1 Qualifying Certificate for her GSD Furi.





*Left : April Tracking Trial breakfast at Alice River with the crew relaxing after the Trial as President Noel cooks up a feast.*

*Right : Judge Rosemary, Trainee Judge Debbie & Tracking Officer Janette knocking off the paper work at today's Tracking Trial at Alice River.*



*Left : Track & Search breakfast at Renate's with Janette, Renate & Rosemary & Julie.*

## INTRODUCTION TO OBEDIENCE AND RALLY-O TRIALLING

If you have completed Intermediate class and progressed to Advanced Class (previously Class 3) you will have been taught some of the basics involved with competitive Obedience and Rally O trialling.

Obedience trialling has been around for many years and involves you and your dog performing a series of exercises in the obedience ring under the Judge's command. Prior to entering competitions you and your dog will need to be registered with Dogs Qld (information can be found on their website at [www.dogs.qld.org.au](http://www.dogs.qld.org.au)), or ask one of the Club's Committee Members for advice. Once registered with Dogs Qld you will be able to enter your dog in basic obedience and Rally O trials.

### COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG (CCD)

The basic obedience is called Community Companion Dog which involves you and your dog completing a heel pattern in the ring which includes normal, slow and fast pace with a sit, stand and down at each pace and a figure of 8 exercise.

Following this the dogs are required to do a stand for examination on lead and stay stable while the handler returns to the heel position around the back of the dog. The dog is then required to do a 12 metre recall and sit steadily in front until the judge says exercise finished, at which point you may praise and pat your dog. It should be noted that the handlers are not allowed to talk to their dogs during the heeling pattern except to give the stand and down commands and all heeling must be done on a loose lead. Any tightening of the lead incurs faults and continual tight lead incurs a non-qualifying score.

Finally when all the dogs in the class have completed their heelwork, stand for examination and recall all the dogs in the class are called back into the ring to do group 1 minute sit and 2 minute down stays. All dogs are placed in a line approximately 2.5 metres apart then the handlers remove the dogs lead on the judges command and leave the dogs to a distance of 5 metres where they about turn and halt. The judge will then tell handlers to return to their dogs once the allotted time is up.

To attain a title for your dog in this class your dog is required to gain 3 qualifying scores (85 or greater out of 100) under at least 2 different judges. Once your dog has the three qualifying scores then you apply to

dogs Qld for the CCD title and then you can start competing in the next level which involves heelwork off lead.

### RALLY OBEDIENCE

Rally Obedience is similar to normal obedience but instead of the judge telling the handler what to do the handler and dog follow a course marked out with signs. The dog is required to demonstrate the designated skills marked on each sign. These can be as simple as a Sit or Right Turn but they can also be as complicated as a Call Front Finish Right or a Call Front Finish Left. The basic Rally O course can contain a selection of the signs 1 – 32 which can be seen in the clubs folder in our Rally O trolley.

The advantage of Rally O over basic obedience is that the handler may talk to and encourage the dog around the course. As with basic obedience the dog must perform all the tasks on a loose lead and food or toys are not allowed in the ring.

The club also conducts agility and jumpers trials during the year but we let our friends at Townsville Outdoor Agility Dog Sports (TOADS) do the training for that. TOADS training is held every Wednesday evening between 6:45 pm and 7:45 pm at Heatley Park for the basic classes.

If this sounds like something you would like to try please feel free to come and talk to us any Tuesday evening and we can tell you how you can get started. Also we would love to see you at any of our trials. We are always looking for keen and willing helpers at our obedience, Rally O and agility trials. A list of trials can be seen at the back of this magazine.

Our next trial is a double, with Rally-O and Obedience commencing 7.00pm Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>. Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May starts with Agility and Jumpers at 2.00pm, and then at 7.00pm is the second Rally-O and Obedience trial plus Agility and Jumpers.

I look forward to meeting you all on Tuesday evenings. Those who have advanced to Class 4, trialling training for Rally O and Obedience is available from 6.00 pm on Thursday evenings, which is free.

See you all at the park.

Judy Forbes-Faulkner



# THE ART OF TRAINING DOGS

## Adrienne Isnard

Last year, out of the blue and at 58 years of age, I began cartooning dogs. I also began volunteering as a Trainer's Assistant with the Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc (COCT) who run these excellent positive reinforcement pet dog and their guardians training classes at Heatley Park.

Because of the cartoons, (now a business called Wooftees which donates at least 10% of profits to animal rescue organisations), I enrolled in a Diploma of Visual Arts at Pimlico TAFE to improve my artistic, archival and art business abilities.

In Feb this year Club Secretary Judy asked me to illustrate the new Advanced Training Manual which she is editing and designing (should be available at the July '16 intake). I was delighted and honoured to be asked as I am deeply committed to helping dogs and their guardians enjoy their lives together to the full. I was happy to do it at no cost partly because of my commitment but also because it would become a project for the illustration component of my Diploma.

The behaviours I was asked to illustrate are:

Down Your Dog	Figure of Eight	Heeling
Set the Dog	Pivot Turn On Box	Recall – long leash
Sit Stay Stand for Exam & The Return	Stand Your Dog	Sit

1. I attended a class one Tuesday evening with a follow up a couple of weeks later – the light was fading both nights. I asked permission of all participants to film them and their dogs and got all to sign a permission signature sheet to be kept by the club.
2. I took photos and videos of the “students” modelling the behaviours required.
3. I used Adobe Photoshop to choose the requisite sections of the videos I needed to Rotoscope (digitally trace) and I converted the drawings to cartoons.
4. I digitally coloured in bits as I felt I wanted, usually the dog's lead and its tongue, sometimes the background sky, sometimes just the dog for focus on the wanted behaviour.
5. Using Adobe Animate I imported the images making up the behaviour and turned them into a video and uploaded the final movie into Youtube where it is able to be shared online on websites and via facebook
6. In addition to the cartoon images and the movie, I also provided the full set of digital images in CMYK (for printing), RGB (with filter) and GREYSCALE (with filter) for online applications and I transferred full ownership to the club. I also drew a few cartoons onto watercolour cartridge paper and painted them so they can be used to decorate the club house or auctioned to raise funds (I am still in the process of finishing these).

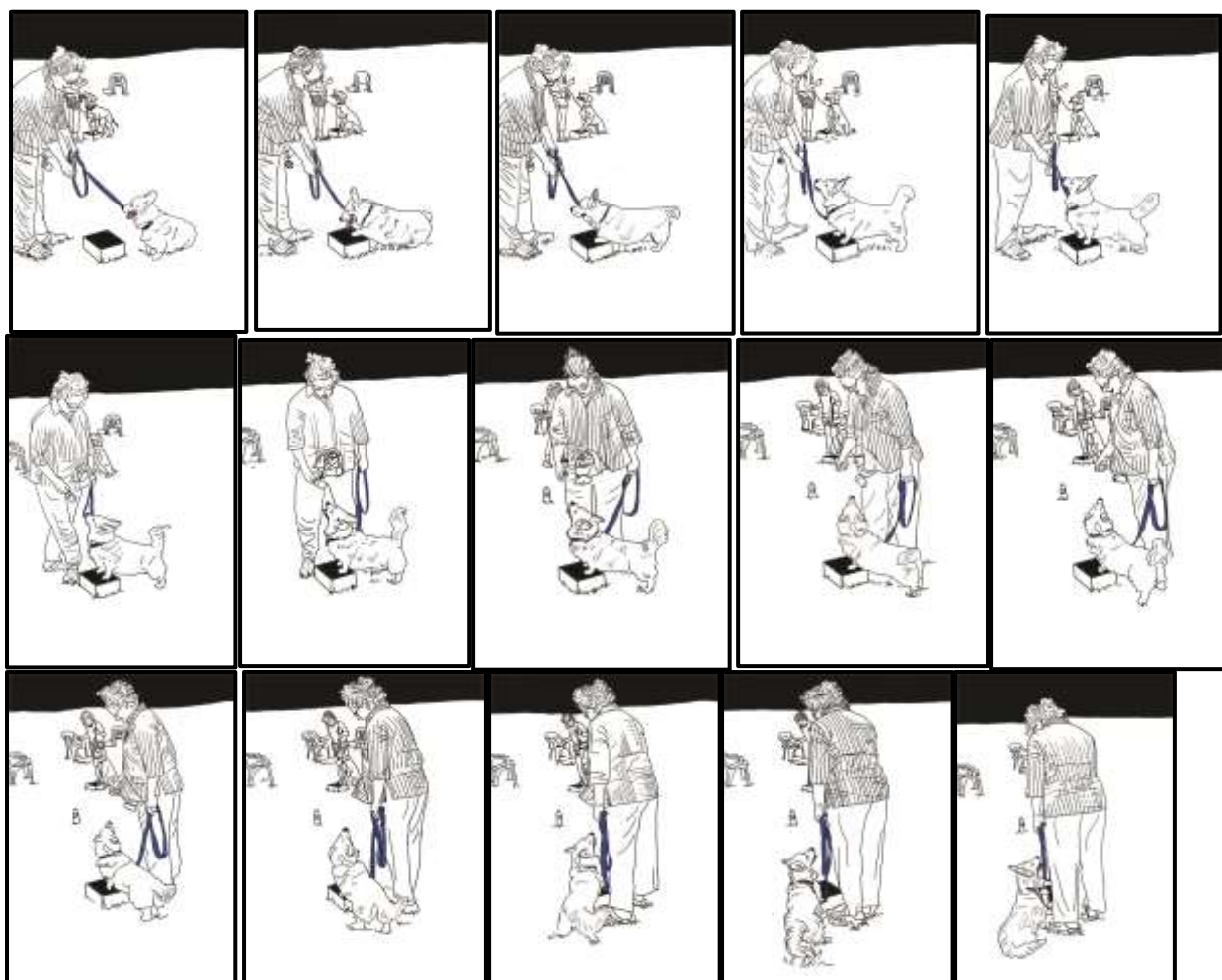
Currently I have added the COCT logo to the front of some of the animations along with an acknowledgement of those who contributed, at the end. I am still in the process of adding these beginnings and ending to all the other animations. Total amount of images drawn are 98.

Finally I provided all images and movies to COCT on a thumb drive, to do with as they pleased – reminding them that to keep the originals safe and work off copies in case of mistakes on the way to perfection. Not all the animations are cartoons, some are the drawn over photographs with an artistic filter that has been animated. You can see some of the animations on the Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc Facebook Page under “Visitors Posts” or on my Youtube Channel Ady Babe “Converse say shons” (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh19QFXWCU1jInDVettp4UA>) The brief was to provide the illustrations by mid-April. Tick!

Here is the illustration set of images for the behaviour “Pivot Turn On A Box”. To view as an animations:  
Via Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/adrienne.isnard/videos/o.122556777944194/859977947458730/?type=2&theater>

Or go to Facebook – Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc – click on Visitors Posts – select the post as titled.



As a CMYK



As an RGB with filter



Greyscale with filter



Cartoon



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My Facebook: Adrienne Isnard Visual Artist

My Cartoon Business website: [wooftees.com.au](http://wooftees.com.au)

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# Go Out & Play!

By Claudia Kawczynska



Behaviorist Patricia McConnell has observed that when it comes to dogs and people, “play isn’t what makes our relationship with each other better, play is what creates the relationship in the first place.” With that in mind, recent findings of a Bristol University survey are worrying: most of the 4,000 respondents simply didn’t spend enough time playing with their dogs. The UK-based study also found a clear link between “limited playtime and animal behavior problems, such as being nervous when left alone, disobedience and snapping at other animals.”

Others have taken note of the role of play in our dogs’ lives as well. Marc Bekoff, one of the leading scientists of animal play, has said, “We train too much and play too little. ... Whenever you are playing together, you and your dog learn the most important rules of social interaction: mutual trust, accepting the limitations of the other individual and dealing fairly with each other.”

Play is also ripe with opportunities for shared joy. As Mechtild Käufer, author of *Canine Play Behavior*, writes, during play, you and your dog experience “moments in which two species— human and dog—really become one.”

So, how does all this research and insight play out (no pun intended) in real life? Here are some data points to keep in mind :-

- 🐾 Play develops trust and increases the degree and amount of attention your dog will pay to you. (Particularly if you let your dog win occasionally, including when playing tug.)
- 🐾 It also develops communication. To get your dog’s attention, hold a toy out in front of you, slap both hands on the ground, play bow or make a quick forward movement.
- 🐾 Dogs will play longer with humans than with other dogs; they’re also less competitive and will both present and surrender toys to the human more frequently.
- 🐾 Play signals given by humans are more likely to elicit a response when accompanied by play vocalizations.
- 🐾 Dogs in multi-dog households are more (rather than less) interested in playing with humans.
- 🐾 Dogs who frequently play rough-and-tumble games with their humans have fewer problems with separation anxiety and are more self-confident.
- 🐾 Dogs score higher in “obedient attentiveness” after play sessions than before the sessions, according to researchers Nicola Rooney and John Bradshaw, which suggests that training after play can be highly effective.
- 🐾 They call it “play” because it’s not goal-oriented. Try not to focus on winning ribbons or breaking records—in that case, it’s more like work, and the positive aspects disappear.

So, what are you waiting for? Go have a romp with your dog!

For more on this fascinating topic, add [Canine Play Behavior](#) by Mechtild Käufer and [Play Together, Stay Together](#) by Karen B. London and Patricia B. McConnell to your reading list.

## ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

ANZAC was commemorated on 25<sup>th</sup> April to those who served and paid the ultimate price in all the many different theatres of war. Not to be forgotten are the many animals that have also done the same. Earlier this year a GSP from the RAAF Base Amberley lost his life not through war but through cancer.

Story and photo below reproduced with permission from the Royal Australian Air Force Dog Handlers Association, provided by Mal Holland.

### RIP EDD Nody 2022

It is with great sadness that Explosive Detector Dog Operation Cell (EDDOC) RAAF Base Amberley announce the passing of EDD Nody 2022. Nody was the first ever dog teamed with a RAAF Handler on the United States Air Force Specialized Search Dog (SSD) course held at Lackland Air Force Base San Antonio Texas United States in 2011.

Nody graduated SSD course the same year and posted to RAAF Base Amberley Australia with his new handler SGT David Miller as an Explosive Detector Dog Team. Re-teaming with his new handler FSGT John Kingston in 2013, Nody dutifully served and performed on various inter-agency exercises with distinction until he was diagnosed with cancer in early 2016.

EDD Nody 2022 was laid to rest on January 11<sup>th</sup> 2016. He was our mate, he will be sorely missed.

Words and picture provided by CPL M. Douglas.





## BORDER COLLIE PUPS LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOME

Five gorgeous black and white female Border Collie puppies for sale.  
If you have an active family and are up to the challenge of giving these puppies lots of things to do then one of these little bundles could just be right for you.

Click on these links to learn more about this super smart, workaholic breed  
<http://www.vetstreet.com/dogs/border-collie> or <http://dogtime.com/dog-breeds/border-collie>

They are being raised in our home and are A.K.C registered. They will be microchipped and have their first vaccination and vet check, they will be wormed every two weeks and will come with a puppy pack, advice and support.

They are two weeks old now and will be ready to go to there forever homes on the 2/6/16.  
Please contact Joy Tomes on 0415 996 958 or email [joy1959@live.com.au](mailto:joy1959@live.com.au).



**PET DOG TRAINING UPGRADES**  
**TERM 1 FEBRUARY-APRIL 2016**  
**BEGINNERS**

<i>Handler's Name</i>	<i>Breed</i>	<i>Dog's name</i>
Brian Burton	Jack Russell	Stan-lee
Sarah Jobling	Border Collie	Pickle
Zoe Johnson	Border Collie	Fletcher
Robyn Poole	Cattle Dog X	Max
Renate Linder	Belgian Groenendael	Dixi
Jake Dunwoodie	Labrador	Whiskey
Laura Evans	Labrador/Cattle Dog X	Clancy
Bronwyn Mullins	Siberian Husky	Jetthrow
Tania Bernhardt	Border Collie Shirt hair	Max
Georgina Turner	Amercian Staffordshire	Boston
Trevor Martin	Miniature Schnauzer	Abby
Anne Morgan	Shih Tzu	Bailee
Bob Newsome	Shih Tzu/ Maltese X	Charley
Dianne & John Hodge	Tenterfield Terrier	Timber
Adelle McAllister	Italian Greyhound	Morgan
Kellie Burton	Jack Russell	Stanley
Josh & Julie Milla	German Shepherd	Nola
Julie Beets	German Shepherd	Zues



**PET DOG TRAINING UPGRADES  
TERM 1 FEBRUARY-APRIL 2016**

**INTERMEDIATE**

<i>Handlers Name</i>	<i>Dog Breed/s</i>	<i>Dogs Name</i>
Debbie Schmidt	German Shepherd	Furi
Debbie Zahner	Golden Retriever	Phoebe
Greg Chapman	German Shorthaired pointer	Zara
Joy Tomes	Border Collie	Chewie

**CLASS 3**

**GRADUATES – CONGRATULATIONS !**

<i>Handlers Name</i>	<i>Dog Breed/s</i>	<i>Dogs Name</i>
Jeanette Nye	Rottweiler	Gracie
Alexandra Napoli	German Shepherd	Skyler
Jenny Mulcahy	Labradoodle	Cambria
Bridgette Brown	Rottweiler/Foxy x	Belle

**CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB TOWNSVILLE INC****DOUBLE OBEDIENCE AND AGILITY TRIAL****Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2016****TRIAL 1 - RALLY OBEDIENCE FRIDAY APRIL 1 2016****JUDGE : Roel Wittkamp**

Masters	Name	Dog's Name	Time
1st Q	Andrea Wohlhunter	Shelby	98
2nd Q	Donna Williams	Buka	94
3rd Q	Lisa Sinclair	Coffee Crème	89

**Rally Excellent B**

1st Q	Andrea Wohlhunter	Shelby	96
2nd Q	Donna Williams	Buka	85

**Rally Excellent A**

1st Q	Julie Doig	Zoe	88
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**Rally Advanced B**

1st Q	Donna Williams	Buka	92
2nd	Meade Oswald	Amber	63

**Rally Novice**

1st Q	Danielle Dien Wilson	Valamir	84
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**Judge :Cathy O'Shea****TRIAL 1 - OBEDIENCE**

Open	Name	Dog's Name	Score
1st Q	Donna Williams	Buka	178
2nd NQ	Andrea Wohlhunter	Shelby	175
3rd	Renate Linder	Lilly	160

**CD**

1st	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	148
2nd	Sharon Daniels	Bosun	60

**CCD**

1st Q	Mandy Jones	Jay	95
2nd Q	Julie Doig	Zoe	94
3rd Q	Deb Kampaklis	Maggie	90

**TRIAL 2 - OBEDIENCE SATURDAY 2 APRIL 2016****Judge : Cathy O'Shea**

UD	Name	Dog's Name	Score
1st Q	Silke Weyland	Aska	190
2nd	Mal Holland	Holly	142
3rd	Mal Holland	Soud	126

**CDX**

1st Q	Andrea Wohlhunter	Shelby	195
2nd	Donna Williams	Buka	156
3rd	Kirsten Nilson	Duke	120

**CD**

1st	Sharon Daniels	Bosun	90
2nd	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	82

**CCD**

1st Q	Mandy Jones	Jay	96
2nd	Julie Doig	Zoe	81
3rd	Carolyn Lynn	Kelly	70

**TRIAL 1 - AGILITY and JUMPERS SATURDAY APRIL 2 2016****Judge : Roel Wittkamp****AGILITY**

Masters	Name	Dog's Name	Time
1st Q	Katrina Stonestreet	Soda	47.74

**Excellent**

1st Q	Hanna Driemel	Cady	53.65
2nd	Amber Morey	Diva	56.51

**Open**

1st	Renate Linder	Lilly	80.71
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**Novice**

1st	Natalie Spence	Trixie	36.66
2nd	Donna Williams	Buka	37.19
3rd	Meade Oswald	Caesar	47.92

**TRIAL 1 Continued****Judge : Heather Northover****JUMPERS**

Masters	Name	Dogs Name	Time
1st Q	Hanna Driemel	Cady	37.38
2nd Q	Amber Morey	Diva	41.44
3rd Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	41.74

**Open**

1st Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	30.36
2nd Q	Judy Forbes-Faulker	Rose	34.81
3rd	Tricia Williams	Chilli	20.07

**Excellent**

1st Q	Andrea Wohlhunter	Shelby	17.5
2nd Q	Trish Williams	Cue	19.23
3rd Q	Donna Willaims	Buka	24.4
4th Q	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	31.59

**Novice**

1st Q	Leisa Cassidy	Sully	25.4
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**TRIAL 2 - AGILITY GAME - STRATETIC PAIRS****Judge : Heather Northover**

Masters	Name	Dogs Name	Time
1st	Sharon Daniels	Bosun	81.97
1st	Mal Holland	Holly	81.97

**Excellent**

1st Q	Andrea Wohlhunter	Shelby	41.14
1st Q	Trish Williams	Cue	41.14
2nd Q	Pauline Carlton	Dixie	72.11
2nd Q	Amber Morey	Diva	72.11

**Novice**

1st Q	Meade Oswald	Caesar	49.16
1st Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	49.16
2nd	Renate Linder	Lilly	81.1
2nd	Donna Williams	Buka	81.1

**TRIAL 2 - AGILITY****Excellent**

1st Q	Hanna Driemel	Cady	58.28
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**Novice**

1st Q	Trish Williams	Cue	29.53
2nd Q	Donna Williams	Buka	32.87
3rd	Katrina Stonestreet	Blue	31.04

**TRIAL 2 - JUMPERS****Masters**

1st Q	Amber Morey	Diva	44.05
2nd	Katrina Stonestreet	Soda	34.01
3rd	Natalie Spence	Trixie	39.76

**Excellent**

1st Q	Pauline Carlton	Dixie	24.72
2nd Q	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	35.12
3rd	Tricia Williams	Cue	19.55

**Open**

1st Q	Katrina Stonestreet	Blue	21.82
2nd Q	Pauline Carlton	Dixie	22.76
3rd Q	Katrina Stonestreet	Soda	25.31

**Novice**

1st Q	Carolyn Lynn	Kelly	33.43
2nd	Katrina Stonestreet	Blue	25.25
3rd	Meade Oswald	Caesar	28







**CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC**  
**RALLY OBEDIENCE, OBEDIENCE AND AGILITY TRIAL**  
**FRIDAY 16 APRIL & SATURDAY 17 APRIL 2016**

**RALLY OBEDIENCE**

Judge : Judy Forbes-Faulkner

Masters	Name	Dog's Name	Points
1st Q	Andrea Wohlhunter	Shelby	97
2nd Q	Renate Linder	Lilly	96
3rd Q	Donna Williams	Buka	86

**Rally Excellent B**

1st Q	Andrea Wohlhunter	Shelby	97
2nd Q	Meade Oswald	Caesar	97
3rd Q	Donna Williams	Buka	93
4th Q	Meade Oswald	Amber	85

**Rally Excellent A**

1st Q	Julie Doig	Zoe	90
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**Rally Advanced B**

1st Q	Donna Williams	Buka	96
2nd Q	Meade Oswald	Caesar	92
3rd Q	Shari Gallagher	Cheeky	88

**Rally Advanced A**

1st Q	Shari Gallagher	Amy	97
2nd	Carolyn Lynn	Kelly	71

**Rally Novice**

1st Q	Linda King	Red	92
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**OBEDIENCE**

Judge: Bob Bruce

**Open**

1st Q	Andrea Wohlhunter	Shelby	190
2nd	Donna Williams	Buka	164
3rd Q	Renate Linder	Lilly	123

Judge : Trish Williams

**CD**

1st Q	Shari Gallagher	Amy	179
2nd	Sharon Daniels	Bosun	127

**CCD**

1st Q	Mandy Jones	Jay	87
2nd	Linda King	Red	81
3rd Q	Carolyn Lynn	Kelly	67

**AGILITY**

Judge : Judy Forbes-Faulkner

Masters	Name	Dog's Name	Time
1st Q	Katrina Stonestreet	Soda	57.52
2nd	Sharon Daniels	Bosun	97.84

**Open**

1st	Sharon Daniels	Bosun	77.49
2nd	Andrea Wohlhunter	Shelby	32.71

**Novice**

1st	Katrina Stonestreet	Blue	33.09
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**AGILITY GAME - SNOOKER****Masters**

			Points
1st Q	Katrina Stonestreet	Soda	50
2nd	Sharon Daniels	Bosun	33

**Excellent**

1st Q	Trish Williams	Chilli	51
2nd Q	Renate Linder	Lilly	48
3rd	Deb Kampaklis	Maggie	27

**Novice**

1st Q	Trish Williams	Cue	51
2nd Q	Katrina Stonestreet	Blue	48
3rd Q	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	48

**JUMPERS****Masters**

			Time
1st Q	Katrina Stonestreet	Soda	36.09
2nd	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	52.73

**Open**

1st Q	Trish Williams	Chilli	22.06
2nd Q	Katrina Stonestreet	Soda	28.8
3rd	Katrina Stonestreet	Blue	25.82

**Excellent**

1st	Meade Oswald	Amber	38.48
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**Novice**

1st Q	Leisa Cassidy	Sully	29.91
2nd	Katrina Stonestreet	Blue	17.38
3rd	Meade Oswald	Caesar	26.32



Linda King sent in the photos above of her Miniature Poodle 'Red' and the toy he won in Rally Obedience. As you can see he is rather attached to it!



Donna Williams and her Labrador 'Buka' negotiating the Rally Advanced B course, judged by Judy Forbes-Faulkner.





Renate Linder giving the hand signal to her Belgian Shepherd 'Lily' to drop in Rally Obedience.



Andrea Wohlhunter and her Belgian Malinois 'Shelby' navigating through the Four Cone Figure 8 in Master Rally Obedience.

## CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC 2016 OBEDIENCE AND AGILITY TRIAL CALENDAR

### ENTERING TRIALS

Preferred method of entry for trials is through K9 Entries.  
Click here to read how to do so <https://www.k9entries.com/using.php>

### COMPETITORS PLEASE NOTE

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

Open Agility offered on all trials

DATE	TIME	TRIAL	JUDGE
Friday 1 April 2016	7.00pm	Obedience	Cathy O'Shea
		Rally O	Roel Wittkamp
Saturday 2 April 2016	3.00pm	Agility & Jumpers all levels	Roel Wittkamp
	7.00pm	Obedience	Cathy O'Shea
	7.00pm	Agility, Jumpers, Strategic Pairs - all levels	Heather Northover
		Agility, Jumpers	Roel Wittkamp
Friday 15 April 2016	7.00pm	Agility, Jumpers, Snooker - All levels	Judy Forbes-Faulkner
Saturday 16 April 2016	7.00pm	Obedience (Judges Training)	Bob Bruce UDX UD CDX
		Obedience (Judges Training)	Tricia Williams CD CCD
		Rally O	Judy Forbes Faulkner
Friday 29 April 2016	7.00pm	Agility, Jumpers, Gamblers - All levels	Barbara Murfet
Saturday 30th April 2016	7.00pm	Obedience (Judges Training)	Barbara Murfet UDX UD CDX
		Obedience (Judges Training)	Tricia Williams CD CCD
		Rally O	Brabara Murfet
Friday 13 May 2016	7.00pm	Obedience	Judy Forbes-Faulkner
		Rally O	Heidi Christoffel
Saturday 14 May 2016	1.30pm	Agility, Jumpers, Snooker - all levels	Judy Forbes-Faulkner
	5:00 PM	Rally O	Heidi Christoffel
	7.00pm	Obedience	Mal Holland
		Agility, Jumpers, Strategic Pairs - all levels	Roel Wittkamp
Monday 4th July 2016	2.00pm	Agility, Jumpers, Gamblers - all levels	Judy Forbes-Faulkner
Show Day	7.00pm	Obedience	Judy Forbes-Faulkner
		Rally O	Judy Forbes-Faulkner
Friday 15 July 2016	7.00pm	Agility, Jumpers, Snooker - all levels	Roel Wittkamp
Saturday 16 July 2016	7.00pm	Obedience (Judges Training)	Roel Wittkamp
		Rally O	Roel Wittkamp

DATE	TIME	TRIAL	JUDGE
Friday 29 July 2015	7.00pm	Obedience	Coral Pethers
Saturday 30th July 2015	1.30pm	Agility, Jumpers, all levels Gamblers, all levels	Brian Platts Roel Wittkamp
	5:00pm	Rally O	Coral Pethers
	7.00pm	Obedience	Coral Pethers
		Agility, Jumpers, all levels	
	7.00pm	Strategic Pairs, all levels	Michael Cowman Roel Wittkamp
Friday 26 August 2015	7.00pm	Obedience Rally O	Keith Millington Kathleen Millington
Saturday 27 August 2015	2.00pm	Agility, Jumpers, Snooker - all levels	Keith Millington
	7.00pm	Obedience Agility, Jumpers, Strategic Pairs - all levels	Kathleen Millington Sarah Crane
Friday 23 September 2016	7.00pm	Obedience Rally O	Barbara Murfet Barbara Murfet
Saturday 24 September 2015	3.00pm	Agility, Jumpers - all levels	Jody Brown
	7.00pm	Obedience	Barbara Murfet
	7.00pm	Agility, Jumpers, Strategic Pairs - all levels	Eddie Szmelter

### 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 2016 TRACK & SEARCH AND TRACKING TRIAL CALENDAR**

**COST : \$15 per entry + \$5 Brekky each day**

**Entries close 14 days prior to trial**

**NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED**

**Contact Trial Secretary Judy Forbes-Faulkner for further information**

**Ph 07 4772 5982 or Mobile 0427 725 982**

### **NOTES FOR COMPETITORS**

Fields restricted to 8 per trial

Handlers restricted to no more than 1 entry in a trial unless less than 8 entries

Ballot to be held if more than 8 entries per day

Entry fees refunded to balloted dogs

**All trials - vetting 6.00am, start 6.30am**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Trial</b>	<b>Judge</b>	<b>Location</b>
Saturday 9 April 2016	Track and Search	Roel Wittkamp	Verbeena Court, Annandale
Sunday 10 April 2016	Tracking	Rosemary Lahz	Black River Rd, Alice River
Sunday 10 April 2016	Tracking	Roel Wittkamp	Black River Rd, Alice River
Saturday 7 May 2016	Track and Search	Deb Lamprecht	Verbeena Court, Annandale
Sunday 8 May 2016	Tracking	Deb Lamprecht	Black River Rd, Alice River
Saturday 11 June 2016	Track and Search	Mal Holland	Verbeena Court, Annandale
Sunday 12 June 2016	Tracking	Grant Glover	Black River Rd, Alice River
Sunday 12 June 2016	Tracking	Mal Holland	Black River Rd, Alice River
Saturday 9 July 2016	Track and Search	Annette Dobson	Verbeena Court, Annandale
Sunday 10 July 2016	Tracking	Annette Dobson	Black River Rd, Alice River



# THE FUNNY PAGE

Fine Dining Personified ... elegance and good manners.

[http://www.youtube.com/embed/ub1Dc3NHZ3s?autoplay=1&cc\\_load\\_policy=1](http://www.youtube.com/embed/ub1Dc3NHZ3s?autoplay=1&cc_load_policy=1)

Friends furever – bet you watch this one more than once !

<http://www.safeshare.tv/w/ccOGfgrnYI>



Two of the greatest qualities of Life are:  
Patience...



...and Wisdom





**AUTUMN IS COMING**  
**..... I HOPE !**



**THE END**