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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

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Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc



Canine Obedience Club Townsville Inc

President's Report April 2017

Noel McPherson

It is April already and the start of cooler conditions, so trialing is about to get underway for 2017. Good luck to all of you and I hope for fun times with enjoyment for humans and beast's alike. The equipment storeroom got a much-needed face lift and clean up in preparation for the trialing season, and thanks go out to Renate, Judy, Mal and Jens for giving their time getting the job done. Mal has also spent a good deal of time on the Championship Award Boards in the clubroom so the display is clearer and uniform with room now for more postings, thanks Mal.

Janette and her team of willing helpers have been active in the tracking paddock instructing new interested people in the skills needed to compete in Tracking and sharpening knowledge for the many helpers needed to run a weekend event, which will all be put to good use over the Easter weekend. Thanks and all the best with the weather.

Our Southern neighbours have had a very rough time with lives and club grounds now in need of repair and clean up thanks to Debbie arriving uninvited. On behalf of our Club I extend our thoughts and hopes that they all escaped unharmed and have strength to get on top of the challenges and continue undeterred with dog sports and training with their companions. With little effect and certainly no rain from the event, it was unfortunate that our final night of Intake 1 classes had to be postponed, but the wind picked up and conditions really did not make for a settled evening. Thanks to all the training class volunteers being available to run the following Tuesday night as a catch-up finale, hopefully your class members used the extra week wisely.

Our intake of new handlers for April classes has closed, the intake numbers have sadly had to be kept low once again but for those enrolled they can look forward to some high-level instruction and fun times working closely with their companions for another round. Thanks to all members for your help.

See you in the paddock,
Noel McPherson.

REGISTERED HANDLER OR CLUB MEMBERSHIP ??

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

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

However, if you 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
Catch up on articles
you may have missed on trials,
behaviour, training and
feature stories.

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

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

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

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

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



Calling all Class 4 handlers !!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Frisbee Training !!

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

Financial COCT Members or Registered Handlers can have a trial night for just a \$5 training fee.

To continue you will need to become a TOADS member. Dog sport approved discs for sale on any training night at the club house.



HOW DO I GET INVOLVED WITH COMPETITIONS ??

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

PEDIGREE DOGS WITH PAPERS

Download the Application Form for New Membership 2017 from the Dogs Queensland website <http://www.cccq.org.au/New-Member-Information.aspx>.

CROSS BREED AND NON-PEDIGREE DOGS

Download and complete the above form for New Membership PLUS the Associate Register Form <http://www.cccq.org.au/Member-Forms.aspx> – scroll down to Registrations and select Associate Register (AR). Up to two (2) dogs may be registered to a membership with the initial registration, with any subsequent registrations to the membership, to be dogs eligible for registration on the General or Limited Registers. Members who subsequently wish to register extra dogs that have been acquired under special circumstances or from a registered welfare organisation may apply for dispensation to do so. All applications for registration are to be accompanied by a certificate of de-sexing from a veterinarian.

WHAT'S HAPPENIN'?

2017 RSPCA Million Paws Walk

Sunday 21st May 2017 at Jezzine Barracks 8.00am to 11.00am. Walk commences 9.00am – length is 4km.

Our Club has participated and supported the RSPCA for more than a decade, and this year we will be there again. Looking forward to a good turnout of club members for the Walk – remember to wear your blue Club shirt! We will have a static display on Pet Dog Training and Trialling, and looking for 3-4 members to help man it.

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, and fun competitions.

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. Click here to register for discounted price by 5.00pm 20 June www.millionpawswalk.com.au/QLD/townsville# or register on the day.

TOWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL PET EXPO



The Townsville Pet Expo is back in 2017 at **Jezzine Barracks, Sunday 18 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 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.

OBEDIENCE RING TRAINING – 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month from 6.00pm

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

OBEDIENCE, AGILITY and TRACKING TRIALS

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

COME AND BE INVOLVED !! CLUB MONTHLY MEETINGS

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm at the Clubhouse at Heatley Park. Everyone is welcome to attend if you would like to contribute, offer help or just find out more of what goes on in the running of your Club. Next meeting is **Monday 1 May 2017** followed by **Monday 5 June 2017**. We would love to see you there! If you would like to help in any way, no matter how small, it would be very much appreciated.

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.



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

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

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



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



Training Report March-April 2017

Summer is behind us with Intake One this year resulting in 2 missed training nights on Week 1 and Week 9 due to weather. Who would have written that script? Thankfully all 5 instructors were able to run upgrade night a week later and finish the course. Beginners started with 22 enrollees, 9 of which received upgrades, 6 ceased attending and 7 need a little more work. Judy had an Intermediate class of 10 and achieved a great result of 8 upgrades to Advanced with 2 hopefully attending repeat class to improve on skills. Kirsten enjoyed 100% success with upgrading her single attendee to Upskill / Advanced level. Thank you to all instructors and assistants, especially Renate who as usual selflessly jumped into help Judy with a very large class in Intermediate.

Intake 2 completed the Introduction night the first Tuesday in April and have commenced with 22 enrolled and keen to get into the course. Intro night went well and many thanks to Julie for a job well done, also thanks to Brent the rep from Townsville City Council who did a very thorough job speaking on Local Laws and responsible dog ownership and dealt with a number of questions from the class. It is always quite a long night and rarely raps up before 9.00pm, so many thanks to all of you for taking the time with helping out, welcoming and helping all the newcomers to the Club and Pet Dog Training. It is time well spent helping them to understand what lies ahead in training, and the effort they need to employ.

I am about to commence a slightly different roll in my personal work, and this will require that I be away from Townsville for much of the time. It is certainly going to mean I cannot spend as much time as I currently do in my role as Training Coordinator, but I will endeavour to do what needs to be done and just see what demands can be met until I settle in. I will return for Tuesday nights for the Intake 2 class I currently have and decide on my availability after that.

Thanks, and see you in the paddock.

Noel McPherson
Training coordinator.



TRACKING REPORT APRIL 2017

Tracking February to April Beginners' Course



This year's Beginners Tracking course kicked off with 6 starters at the intro but unfortunately one was unable to continue when their young dog suffered a serious illness which we all hope he recovers well from. Two three-hour practical sessions have been held in the paddock with one still to go. Two of our beginners (Julie Combridge and Jens Didriksen) have already participated in their first competition trial with varied success but showing great promise, and they'll soon be joined by Greg Chapman who's set to join the fun in our May trial.....

Tracking Trial Report

April 14-16 Trial

Judges: Mr Roel Wittkamp, Atherton, Mr Mal Holland, Townsville (TSD, Tracking)
Mrs Carolyn Lynn and Ms Debbie Schmidt, Townsville (Tracking)

The first tracking trial (a 3-day extravaganza!!!) of the 2017 season was held over the Easter Weekend. It was a frantic weekend of preparation and competition for all involved and as usual there were some great successes and opposing those, some disappointments of things not going right on the day.

The trial started with 5 dogs running in tracking on the Friday at our Alice River Tracking grounds which are wild and woolly this season to say the least. Four of these starters were 'newly minted' tracking dogs taking part in their first ever trial at T1 level. Tanya Hill with Isa (Kriegmann Vanity Fair, Doberman) gained her T1 qual under Townsville judge Mrs Carolyn Lynn, congratulations Tanya. Unfortunately Tanya's second dog Tucker (Ch Darchaltan Don't Dream It's Over, Doberman), Julie Combridge and Tara (Chackoonya Cobalion, German Shepherd), Jens Didriksen and Zelic (Moya Mr Didriksen, Rottweiler) all started well in rough conditions but came to grief on their corners, some great promise shown by these beginner dogs – keep up the good work. Debbie Schmidt and Furi (Monsimbee They Call Me Furi, German Shepherd) also had success under Townsville judge Mal Holland on their first attempt at T5 – congratulations Debbie and Furi.

Saturday morning saw 3 dogs and handlers in town doing Track and Search. Two dogs gained TSD2 quals – Tanya Hill with Renoir (Dual Ch T Ch Darchaltan Designa Genes, Doberman) under Atherton Judge Roel Wittkamp and Carolyn Lyn and Kelly (T Ch Callicoma Leaps and Bounds, Australian Kelpie) under Townsville Judge Mal Holland, congratulations ladies. Unfortunately, Silke Weyland and Aska's (Nordenstamm Aska, Belgian Malinois) came a cropper on their TSD1 with Aska committing to the diversion track – hopefully, better luck next time Silke.

Sunday saw another 7 dogs and handlers (not to mention track layers) do battle with the 4-6' grass, lantana and chinny apple, hidden logs and ant hills in all that grass and scrub at Alice River. However, despite all these obstacles, 4 teams saw success!! Under Judge Roel Wittkamp, Tanya Hill and Isa once again saw success gaining their T2 qualification while Jens Didriksen and Zelic (Moya Mr Didriksen, Rottweiler) also qualified on their T1 track under Roel. Unfortunately for Marilyn McKee's little Smokie (Miniature Poodle) the terrain was just too harsh, and my Jax decided that he like the smell of the cross track much more than his track layer (sorry about that Roel and Dave).

Meanwhile, Julie Doig and Zoe (Diamondrio Suzie, Staffordshire Bull Terrier) were unsuccessful at their first attempt at T5 level. Even though her car carked it in the paddock and needed towing back to Charters Towers, Tanya Hill was in clover with Tucker (CH Darchaltan Don't Dream It's Over, Doberman) picking up his first T1 qual (and Tanya's 4th for the weekend – think she floated home on that tow truck) under Townsville judge Debbie Schmidt, while Marilyn's trip from Cairns wasn't totally in vain with her little Ollie (Miniature Poodle) also gaining his T2 qualification under Debbie Schmidt.

It was a great to see everyone have a great weekend, even if not everyone was successful on the day, as every time we enter the paddock we learn more about how our dogs work and get great advice from our judges.

It was a fabulous and eventful weekend of tracking. Welcome and congratulations to our new judges Carolyn Lynn and Debbie Schmidt on the success of their first judging appointments and congratulations to everyone who achieved quals/titles, commiserations and best of luck next time to all our other competitors. We all have areas to work on (article indication for me).

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

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

Janette Cussons
Tracking Coordinator 2017



Judge Mal Holland presenting Debbie Schmidt qualifying card and ribbon for her T5 track with German Shepherd 'Furi'.



Judge Mal Holland present Carolyn Lynn qualifying card and ribbon for her T&S2 with Australian Kelpie 'Kelly'.



Tanya Hill being presented with ribbon and qualifying card from Judge Roel Wittkamp for her T&S2 with Doberman 'Renoir'.



Tanya Hill being presented with ribbon and qualifying card from Judge Roel Wittkamp for her T2 with Doberman 'Isa'



Judge Roel Wittkamp (right) presenting Jens Dridriksen qualification card and ribbon for T1 track with his Rottweiler 'Zelic'.



Judge Debbie Schmidt (left) presenting Marilyn McKee with her qual card and ribbon for her miniature poodle Ollie's T2 track



Judge Debbie Schmidt (left) presenting Tanya Hill with her qual card and ribbon for her T1 track with Doberman 'Tucker'.



Tanya Hill holding her T1 ribbon and qual card for Doberman 'Isa' judged by Judge Carolyn Lynn.

TRACK & SEARCH TRIAL – ANNANDALE**15th April, 2017****Judge: Roel Wittkamp**

Name	Name of Dog	Breed	Result
Track : TSD2			
Tanya Hill	Dual Ch TCh Darchaltan Designa Genes (AI)	Doberman	Very Good

Judge: Mal Holland

Name	Name of Dog	Breed	Result
Track: TSD2			
Carolyn Lynn	T Ch Callucoma Leaps & Bounds	Australian Kelpie	Good

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

Name	Name of Dog	Breed	Result
Track: T1			
Tanya Hill	Kriegmann Vanity Fair (AI)	Doberman	Pass

Judge : Mal Holland

Name	Name of Dog	Breed	Result
Track : T5			
Debbie Schmidt	Monsimbee They Call Me Furi TD	German Shepherd	Good

TRACKING TRIAL – ALICE RIVER**16th April, 2017****Judge : Debbie Schmidt**

Name	Name of Dog	Breed	Result
Track: T1			
Tanya Hill	Ch Darchaltan Don't Dream It's Over	Doberman	Pass
Track: T2			
Marilyn McKee	Ollie	Miniature Poodle	Very Good

Judge: Roel Wittkamp

Name	Name of Dog	Breed	Result
Track: T1			
Jens P Didriksen	Moya Mr Didriksen	Rottweiler	Very Good
Track: T2			
Tanya Hill	Kriegmann Vanity Fair (AI)	Doberman	Good

Rally Obedience Workshop April 2017

Judy Forbes-Faulkner

The Rally Obedience workshop run during March and early April was a great success with several attendees going on to trial at the April 7th COCT Inc competition. The course was attended by up to 12 handlers and dogs (depending on work commitments) with a range of skills from dogs who had already competed in either Obedience or Rally O to complete newcomers. It was especially good to have agility handlers bring their dogs along to try this relatively new sport of Rally O.

Week 1 commenced on 2nd March with all handlers being given an information booklet containing pictures and information on each of the signs, heelwork patterns for pivot turns and basic information on the course design and requirements for each level of Rally obedience from the novice (beginners) level which is all done on lead to the very top Masters level. A good deal of this session was spent explaining the signs and how they are negotiated and taking questions. Following this, handlers were asked to walk a short Rally O course to familiarise themselves on how to negotiate it, and then they all tried with their dogs. A special focus was put on negotiating the Spiral and the Weaves. Most Rally O signs are performed with the dog on the handlers' left and the sign on the right, or directly in front if it involves a turn. Exceptions to these are the Spiral (dog on the inside) where the sign is to the *left* of the handler, and the Weaves, where the sign is also on the left. The other sign that caused some confusion for a while was the Step to the Right sign which is negotiated *after* the sign.

Week 2 was spent walking new courses and trying out new signs, especially the 1 Step, Two Step, 3 Step forwards and backwards, and the various Call Front signs. All the handlers were going along really well except for Julie Combridge when her GSD Tara came into season so were unable to attend. Undeterred, Julie made her own Rally O signs and set up a course in her backyard at home. Well done Julie! What an inspiration you are to us all! Cathryn Pentland had a similar problem as her little girl Pi also came into season but she overcame this hurdle by borrowing one of Teegin's dogs and then my girl Pearl to practise with. It was great to watch Cathryn doing the courses with three different dogs.

Week 3 and handlers were getting accustomed to the signs and getting better at remembering to talk to and praise their dogs while doing the various courses I set. One of the advantages of Rally Obedience is that the handler can talk to the dog the whole time while negotiating the course. Food is allowed in training but not during a trial but talking and praising the dog is encouraged and it was great to watch the dog's reactions to the praise they received. This week I also introduced the handlers to training pivot turns on a block of wood. Debbie Schmidt and Furi were amazing at this exercise with Furi happily backing around Debbie as she turned.

Week 4 was a washout due to heavy rains during the day so I decided to do an extra training session the following week to allow handlers to practise any signs they were unsure of prior to the 7th April trial. All dogs and handlers by this stage were negotiating the courses with a lot more confidence though some still needed to regularly feed their dogs to gain their attention.

With the Course completed all handlers were informed that they could attend regular practise every Thursday evening from 6 pm and also on Tuesday evenings from 8 pm during Upskill training practise.

I would like to close by thanking all the handlers and their dogs that attended the course - you were an inspiration to other members.

Congratulations to Cathryn Pentland and Pi and Liz Brimson and Kip who both attained their first Qualification in Rally O Novice at the April 7th trial, both with scores of 91/100. I might also note that my little guy Frodo also got his first qual at the same trial with 93/100. Julie Combridge and Tara also did very well with a score of 66/100, not a qualification but a good attempt as she was just out of season and had done most of her training in the back yard. Keep the good work up Julie and Tara.

Once again thank you all for an entertaining month training Rally O.

Judy Forbes-Faulkner



Above and left : Julie Combridge's home-made Rally signs she used when her GSD Tara came into season and couldn't attend training at the Club. Very ingenious and determined not to miss out!



(Left) Liz Brimson's Kelpie 'Kip' with her first Rally-Obedience Qualification Card won after participating in the Rally Workshop.



(Right) Cathryn Pentlands' Fox Terrier 'Pi' with her first Rally-Obedience Qualification Card won after participating in the Rally Workshop.



(Above) : Judy Forbes-Faulkner's Border Collie 'Frodo' and his first Rally-O Qualification card.

ENGAGING YOUR DOG

Sally Bushwaller

Certified Professional Dog Trainer-KSA, CNWI

www.bushwaller.com/engaging-your-dog/

As a professional dog trainer teaching anywhere from 7-10 classes a week, and working with countless behavior issues, by far the most common issue I see is lack of attention to the owner. The dogs learn that they can get more reinforcement from the environment than they can from their people, and that's where all the trouble starts.

When the dog gets more pleasure from engaging with the environment than the person, I know the relationship is damaged. The damage is almost always NOT a result of harsh punishment, but usually a result of old fashioned thinking, "I must be in charge all the time and dominate my dog." This simply isn't the case and in fact, the opposite is true.

Think of a horse. If you put a bridle or halter on a horse and try to force or pull them, they will resist. It's the same thing for dogs. Dogs respond much better when you don't try to force them to do things. We want our dogs to want to work with us, but how do you get to that point? That's the million dollar question.

It all starts with engagement. Engagement is getting your dog to want to be with you, working and having fun. If you have engagement, the obedience part of the equation is a breeze. An engaged dog would rather play tug, do some retrieving, or some fun treat training with you, than run off to sniff a fallen log.

Play and fun is the key to good engagement. Make it a point, especially when your dog is a pup, to play with them every day. Instill their prey drive, by teasing them with a tug toy, making it squirm around on the ground. For our weims, you can add a WHOA into this process, by making the toy "fly" away every time the dog jumps on it. At some point, the dog will stop and stand still, that is when you MARK (click or say YES) and reinforce (give a treat or re-engage the dog in a new round of chase the tug). Often times you can let the pup get the toy so they don't get frustrated. But add in the "fly away" often.

I wouldn't do any hard tugging with a puppy until they have their adult teeth. Tugging should be reinforcing, and if you tug too hard, you could hurt their necks or it could be painful to their teeth if they are losing baby teeth and have adult teeth coming in.

It doesn't need to just be about tugging. Most of our dogs love to retrieve. Use this love of retrieving to engage your dog.

Work on getting your dog to follow a food lure. Walk around and reinforce them very heavily when they are with you and paying attention. This is not about being in heel position. It's about being "present" and engaged with and having fun with you.

Once your dog will engage with you in your house, it's time to take the show on the road. Play with your dog in every different place you can come up with—the front or back porch, the front or back yard, the garage, the parking lot at the grocery store, the parking lot at the park, in the park, in your office, etc. The more new places you can think of to play and have fun with your dog, the better.

As your working dog gets a little older, he will start to see new places not as something he needs to go investigate or be stressed about, but as a cool new place to play with you! You want your dog thinking "what neat thing are we going to do here?"



As you may have guessed, I am a big fan of tug. The reason I like it so much, especially for working dogs is that it can do so much for your relationship with your dog. It does not cause aggression as was commonly thought in the old days. So read through my Tug Rules and Engagement Plan and give it a try and build a new relationship with your dog.

TUG

Tug teaches your dog a lot of good things.

- It builds your relationship with your dog.
- When stressed, your dog seeks you out as a source for resolving his anxiety with a game of tug instead of engaging the environment.
- It teaches him very good self-control.
- It teaches him to retrieve and bring the tug back to you and not play 'keep away'.
- It gives you a good recall!
- It builds confidence.
- When the desire to tug is powerful enough, you can use it as a reinforcement instead of food.
- You always control the tug toy by deciding when the game starts and stops. You store it away from the dog, and bring it out when you decide to play.
- Make sure your dog knows you are causing the tug game to happen by clearly moving him around with the tug. Don't let him tug a static toy as that puts him in charge of the game and makes it harder to get the DROP IT or OUT.
- Keep sessions short, 2-3 minutes or less (maybe even 5-10 seconds), to keep arousal low. Several short tugging sessions in a row are better than one long one.
- If one tooth even accidentally touches your hand the game is over and try again later. Make sure you play fairly by offering the tug in such a manner that he won't accidentally bite you.
- Get them excited and tugging for 10 seconds. If dog becomes overly aroused (excessive growling) more quickly, stop sooner, even if it is just a couple seconds.
- Let the dog win a lot. This will ensure that he will want to bring it back to you. If you always win, he may start to want to possess the tug which is one step away from guarding it.
- Always store the tug toy out of sight.
- You can get the toy back in one of three ways, in order of my preference :-
 1. Freeze the tug against your body so there is no play/slack in the tug. Don't tug back, just hold it. It will not be fun for the dog because you are no longer tugging, and he will let go. The second the dog lets go, mark it (YES), and immediately re-engage him in tug. This teaches the dog not to guard or play keep-away with the tug toy because he knows he will get it back right away most of the time.
 2. Ask for a DROP IT or OUT. A treat trade may be necessary initially.
 3. With one hand, gently and slowly take your dog's collar underneath and raise his head up. Then wait until the dog opens his mouth and calmly and slowly remove the tug. If you move quickly, your dog will re-bite the tug before you are ready.
- Wait for dog to sit spontaneously. Immediately mark the sit, pause, then praise quietly when the dog continues sitting calmly for several more seconds, then tell your dog GET IT (or something like that) and engage him in another short game of tug. Restarting the game is the reinforcement, no treats necessary.
- Repeat as often as you like, but if your dog's arousal becomes too high, end the game. A little growling is OK, but not crazy over-the-top growling. That means your dog is overly aroused. If your dog growls too much, stop the game, wait for a sit, then reinforce by starting the game again. Your dog will learn that if he gets too carried away, you stop the game.
- When ending the game, give the dog a treat and put the toy away. I always want tug to end in a good way with a reinforcement to maintain its' power as a reinforcer.
- Add in the retrieve. While tugging, let the dog win. As soon as he has control of the tug, back up a step or two cheerfully calling him to you. The second he moves towards you, grab the tug and reinforce him by continuing the tug game.

TUG ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Week 1: Each day, do 10 – ten second (at least) tugs with him. Immobilize the tug and wait (don't tell him) for the DROP IT. You can occasionally tell him to do it. The second he drops MARK the behavior and immediately reengage him in the next trial of TUG.

Week 2: Alternate the week one exercise with allowing him to win the TUG. Take a step back, happily calling and encouraging him to come to you. Don't make this like a formal recall. The second he comes to you, immediately reengage him in the next trial of TUG. We want him flying back to you to play another game of TUG. Doing this builds his recall.

If your dog will not bring the toy back to you when you let him win, go back to the week 1 exercise for a couple more days.

Week 3: Do most of the trials by letting him win the TUG and then flying back to you, but you can increase the distance he has to go to get back to you.

Week 4: Add TUG RETRIEVING in the form of the TWO TOY GAME. The only difference is you will be adding in tugging lots of the time when he brings the tug back to you. Sometimes he will just chase/retrieve the toy.

THE TWO TOY GAME

- Start this game with two toys of identical or equal value. Get your dog excited about the first toy and throw it. Let them run and pick it up. When they are clearly on the way back and close to you, begin to tease them with the second toy. Tease them with the second toy until they drop the first toy. When they drop it, immediately throw the second toy. Be careful that you don't tease them too early or they will drop the toy too far away.
- As they get good at this game, you can make it harder for them. After they drop the first toy, wait for a spontaneous sit with eye contact before throwing the second toy.
- The PhD level of this game is to wait for a spontaneous sit with eye contact and then require that they wait while you throw the second toy. This is tough but doable.
- This game teaches your dog to give up toys voluntarily to you, because they will immediately get another toy—there's no down side for them.

Footrot Flats creator Murray Ball dies



Cartoonist Murray Ball at home in Gisborne, New Zealand in 2007

Murray Ball, creator of the widely-read Footrot Flats cartoon that celebrated rural life in [New Zealand](#), passed away on Sunday 12 March 2017, aged 78. Radio New Zealand [reported that he died](#) at home surrounded by family. He had been suffering from Alzheimer's for the last eight years. Ball was survived by his wife of 53 years, Pam, and their three children. The couple had lived in Gisborne, in the Hawke's Bay region of the North Island, for more than 40 years.

His immensely popular Footrot Flats strip, starring farmer Wal Footrot and his sheepdog Dog, ran in newspapers in New Zealand, Australia, UK and Scandinavia from 1975 to 1994. The peak of its popularity coincided with the 1986 release of New Zealand's first feature-length animated film, Footrot Flats: The Dog's Tale, which Ball directed.



It featured music by the New Zealand musician Dave Dobbyn, its soundtrack spawning two hit singles in New Zealand and Australia: You Oughta Be in Love and Slice of Heaven. The video for Dave Dobbyn's Slice of Heaven featured scenes from Footrot Flats: The Dog's Tale. A separate Footrot Flats musical was first devised in 1983 and continues to be staged in New Zealand today.

Though Footrot Flats was far and away Ball's best-known creation, he also had two strips published by Punch in the UK in the 1970s: Stanley the Palaeolithic Hero, the magazine's longest-running cartoon, and All the King's Comrades. His Bruce the Barbarian featured in the English Labour Weekly.

Ball and Peanuts creator Charles M. Schulz had a mutual admiration of each other's work, with one Footrot Flats strip showed Dog laughing at a Snoopy cartoon. Schulz wrote the introduction to the only Footrot Flats volume ever to be published in the United States.

"The dog is definitely one of my favourite cartoon characters of all time," wrote Schulz of Ball's "wonderful strip". "Being a fanatic about comic strips, I am always either very impressed by good drawing, or saddened by poor drawing. I love the way Murray draws these animals. I love the relationship among all of the characters, and am especially fond of the absolutely original approach to the humour."

In 2002, Ball was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for his services as a cartoonist. He retired from cartooning and public life in 2010.



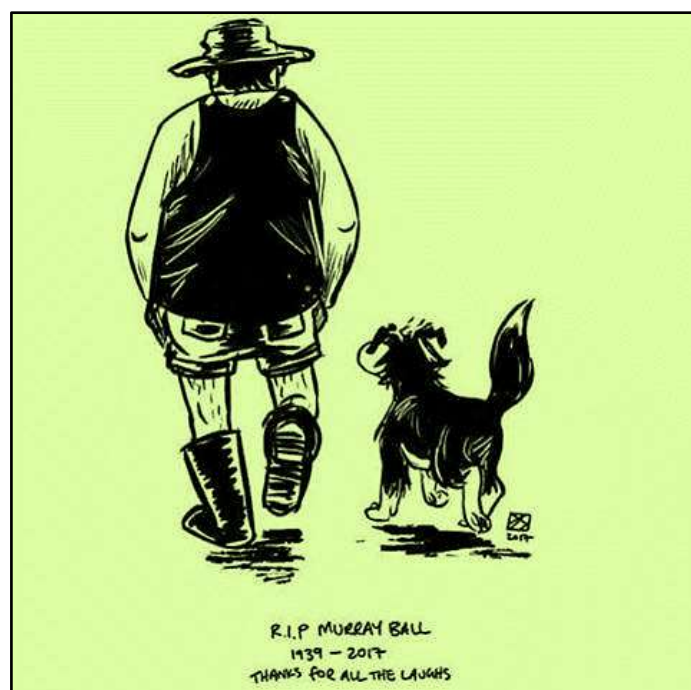
In 2015, signs showing Ball's characters were posted on the major state highways to signal his hometown of Feilding where he was born in 1939.

Ball was also a keen sportsman and played for the Junior All Blacks as well as for the Manawatu region against the touring British and Irish Lions team in 1959. He trialled unsuccessfully for the All Blacks in 1960. (His father, Nelson 'Kelly' Ball, played for the team from 1931 to 1936.)

Tom Scott, Ball's long-time collaborator, said: "He was a sporting hero, he was a creative hero and then when I met him he was a hero of a man."

Gisborne mayor Meng Foon also paid tribute. "Murray was a great friend of the Gisborne community and it is a very sad loss and we all give our condolences to his family and the Footrot Flats family."

A bronze statue of Wal and Dog commissioned by the city council's arts in public places committee, six years in the making, was due to be installed at a permanent location soon.



PET DOG TRAINING UPGRADES TERM 1 FEBRUARY-APRIL 2017

BEGINNERS

Handler Name	Breed	Dog's name
Shaun & Natalie Eagles	Kelpie/Labrador X	Lexi Rose
Deanne Cahill	Bull Arab	Mr Chips
Karen Corbett	Wolfhound	Ned
Noel McPherson	Dalmatian	Asti
Peter Alexander	German Shepherd	Odin
Danielle Johnson	Border Collie	Rex
Ashleigh Doyle	Border Collie	Porsche
Saira St George	Staffordshire Terrier	Jade
Keiko Tomizawa	Bull Terrier X	Indigo

INTERMEDIATE

Handler Name	Breed	Dog's Name
Vic Riella	German Short haired Pointer	Boags
Frank Szabo	Labrador	Ben
Narelle/ Jonathan Conrad	Border Collie	Rose
Peter Atkinson	Red Cattle dog	Lee
Lily Taylor	Border Collie	Mahi
Kiara Brook	Shar Pei/Malamute X	Toby
Melisa Carter	Border Collie	Arnie
Nicole Chapman	Border Collie	Bubbles

ADVANCED -GRADUATE!!

Handler Name	Breed	Dog's Name
Lucille Robinson	Labrador X	Chilli

RALLY-O & OBEDIENCE TRIAL FRIDAY 7 APRIL 2017 **AGILITY & OBEDIENCE TRIAL SATURDAY 8 APRIL 2017**

Q = Qualification ☺

RALLY OBEDIENCE - FRIDAY 7TH

Judge : Roel Wittkamp

Masters	Name	Dog's Name	Points
1st Q	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	93
2nd Q	Renate Linder	Lilly	89
3rd	Meade Oswald	Caesar	79

Rally Excellent B

1st Q	Meade Oswald	Amber	95
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Rally Excellent A

1st Q	Renate Linder	Dixie	96
2nd Q	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	92

Rally Advanced B

1st Q	Meade Oswald	Amber	96
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Rally Advanced A

1st Q	Carolyn Lynn	Kelly	81
2nd	Linda King	Red	65
3rd	Bronwyn Mullins	Zacc	63

Rally Novice

1st Q	Silke Weyland	Aska	93
2nd Q	Judy F Faulkner	Frodo	92
3rd Q	Liz Brimson	Kip	91
4th Q	Cathryn Pentland	Pi	91

OBEDIENCE - TRIAL 1, FRIDAY 7TH

Judge: Cathy O'Shea

UD	Name	Dog's Name	Points
1st Q	Silke Weyland	Aska	179
2nd	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	157
3rd			

Open

1st	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	164
2nd	Meade Oswald	Caesar	154
3rd	Renate Linder	Lilly	124

CD

1st	Judy F Faulkner	Rose	156
2nd	Julie Doig	Zoe	138
3rd	Sharon Daniels	Bosun	102

CCD

1st Q	Linda King	Red	98
2nd Q	Bronwyn Mullins	Zacc	94
3rd Q	Carolyn Lynn	Kelly	92

AGILITY - TRIAL 1, SATURDAY 8TH

Judge : Roel Wittkamp

Masters	Name	Dog's Name	Time
1st	Sharon Daniels	Bosun	106.4

Excellent

1st Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	51.48
2nd	Lauren Moore	Zippy	42.88

Open

1st Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	48.84
2nd	Trish Williams	Cue	44.46
3rd	Liz Brimson	Kip	46.79

Novice

1st	Lynn Moore	Lift	46.31
2nd	Karen Winsar	Cleo	44.54
3rd	Silke Weyland	Aska	36.18

JUMPERS

Judge : Heather Northover

Masters	Name	Dog's Name	Time
1st Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	38.96
2nd	Lauren Moore	Spritz	36.89

Open

1st Q	Pauline Carlton	Dixie	30.95
2nd Q	Meade Oswald	Amber	34.32
3rd	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	41.25

Excellent

All DQ'd

Novice

1st	Liz Brimson	Kip	24.6
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SATURDAY 8TH APRIL

TRIAL 2

AGILITY

Judge : Heather Northover

Masters	Name	Dog's Name	Time
Withdrawn			

Open

1st	Lauren Moore	Spritz	49.28
2nd	Trish Williams	Cue	49.27

Excellent

1st Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	57.58
2nd	Lauren Moore	Spritz	44.33

Novice

1st Q	Lynn Moore	Lift	38.59
2nd	Karen Winzar	Cleo	35.8

AGILITY GAME - STRATEGIC PAIRS

Masters	Name	Dog's Name	Time
1st	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	74.03
1st	Trish Williams	Cue	74.03

Excellent

1st Q	Amber Morey	Diva	59.75
1st Q	Pauline Carlton	Dixie	59.75
2nd Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	62.72
2nd Q	Meade Oswald	Caesar	62.72

JUMPERS

Judge : Roel Wittkamp

Masters	Name	Dog's Name	Time
1st Q	Trish Williams	Cue	31.68
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	33.12
3rd Q	Lauren Moore	Zippy	34.19
4th Q	Hannah Driemel	Cady	39.98

Open

1st	Lauren Moore	Spritz	27.44
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Excellent

1st Q	Lynn Moore	Lift	30.63
2nd Q	Pauline Carlton	Dixie	35.71
3rd	Leisa Cassidy	Sully	54.67

Novice

1st Q	Karen Winzar	Cleo	19.01
2nd Q	Liz Brimson	Kip	19.85
3rd	Silke Weyland	Aska	16.7

OBEDIENCE - TRIAL 2

Judge: Cathy O'Shea

UD	Name	Dog's Name	Points
1st Q	Silke Weyland	Aska	178
2nd Q	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	175

UDX

Withdrawn

Open

1st NQ	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	171
2nd	Renate Linder	Lilly	169
3rd	Meade Oswald	Caesar	150

CD

1st	Julie Doig	Zoe	165
2nd	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	Rose	126
3rd	Sharon Daniels	Bosun	56

CCD

1st Q	Renate Linder	Dixie	96
2nd	Linda King	Red	84
3rd	Carolyn Lynn	Kelly	83







THE THREE STAGES OF READINESS ...

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Ready



Set ...



Hold on a minute



Not yet



Won't be a sec



Yes? Is there something you want?



Oh – is that what you're after ... GO!



AGILITY TRIAL FRIDAY 21 APRIL 2017
RALLY-O & OBEDIENCE TRIAL SATURDAY 22 APRIL 2017

Q = Qualification 🐾

T = Title 🐾🐾

AGILITY

Judge : Judy Forbes-Faulkner

Masters	Name	Dog's Name	Time
1st Q	Michelle Varcoe	Rum	50.23
Open			
All DQ'd			
Excellent			
1st	Lucy Joynson	Dusty	56.76
2nd	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	54.76
Novice			
1st Q	Lucy Joynson	Jinka	40.71
2nd	Tracey Bessell	Weston	34.07
3rd	Meade Oswald	Amber	39.75

AGILITY GAME - SNOOKER

Masters			Points
1st	Michelle Varcoe	Rum	47
Excellent			
1st	Trish Williams	Cue	42
2nd	Meade Oswald	Amber	42
Novice			
1st Q	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	48
2nd Q	Liz Brimson	Kip	48
3rd Q	Meade Oswald	Caesar	48
4th Q	Cathryn Pentland	Pi	39

JUMPERS

Masters			Time
1st Q	Michelle Varcoe	Rum	28.52
2nd	Lucy Joynson	Dusty	42.53
3rd	Trish Williams	Chilli	28.63
Open			
1st	Trish Williams	Chilli	20.51
2nd	Meade Oswald	Amber	40.41
Excellent			
1st	Leisa Cassidy	Sully	46.25
Novice			
1st Q	Cathryn Pentland	Pi	24.65
2nd	Liz Brimson	Kip	22.75

RALLY OBEDIENCE

Judge : Judy Forbes-Faulkner

Masters	Name	Dog's Name	Points
1st Q	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	98
2nd Q	Meade Oswald	Caesar	98
3rd Q	Renate Linder	Lilly	87
Rally Excellent B			
1st	Kirsten Nilson	Duke	63
Rally Excellent A			
1st	Kirsten Nilson	Pip	72
Rally Advanced B			
1st Q	Kirsten Nilson	Duke	80
2nd	Meade Oswald	Amber	79
Rally Advanced A			
1st Q	Linda King	Red	80
2nd			
3rd			
Rally Novice			
1st Q	Silke Weyland	Aska	100

OBEDIENCE

Judge: Bob Bruce

UD			
1st Q	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	191
UDX			
1st NQ	Silke Weyland	Aska	179
Judge: Trish Williams			
Open			
1st Q	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	184
2nd	Meade Oswald	Amber	163
3rd	Silke Weyland	Aska	158
CD			
Withdrawn			
CCD			
1st Q + T	Renate Linder	Dixie	98
2nd Q	Carolyn Lynn	Kelly	95
3rd	Bronwyn Mullins	Zacc	80

CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC 2017 OBEDIENCE AND AGILITY TRIAL CALENDAR

ENTERING TRIALS

Preferred method of entry for trials is through K9 Entries.

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

COMPETITORS PLEASE NOTE

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

Open Agility offered on all trials

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

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

Why Title A Dog?

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

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

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

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

-Sandra Mowery

CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC 2017 TRACK and SEARCH AND TRACKING TRIAL CALENDAR

COST : \$20 per entry (includes breakfast)

Entries close 14 days prior to the trial

NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

Contact Trial Secretary Judy Forbes-Faulkner for further information
Mobile 0427 725 982

NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

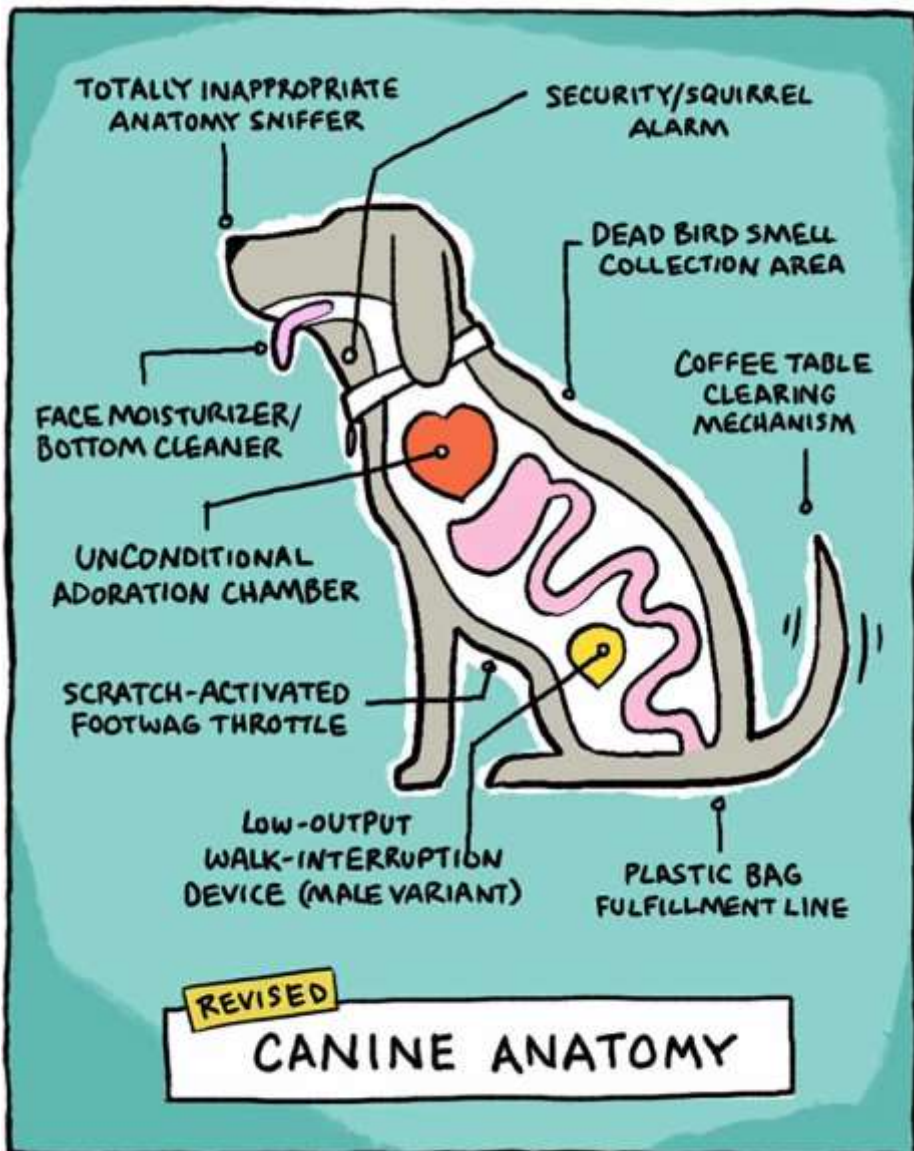
- 🐾 Fields restricted to 8 per trial
- 🐾 Handlers restricted to no more than 1 entry in a trial unless less than 8 entries
- 🐾 Ballot to be held if more than 8 entries per day
- 🐾 Entry fees refunded to balloted dogs

All trials – vetting 6:00 am, start 6:30 am

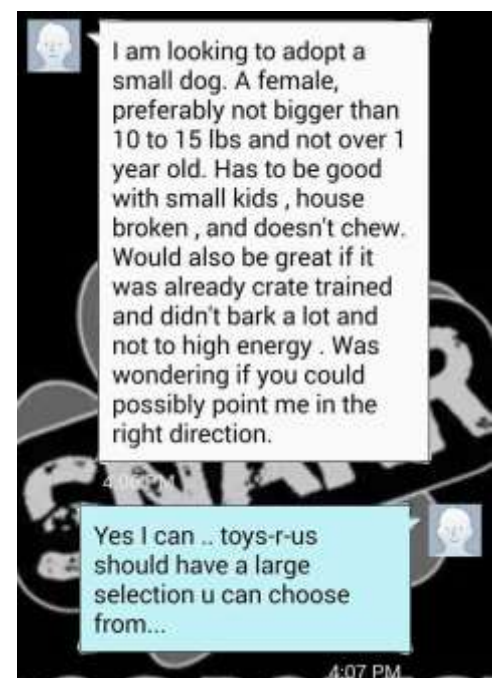
Date	Trial	Judge	Location
Friday April 14 th	Tracking	Mal Holland	Black River Road Alice River
Saturday April 15 th	Track and Search	Roel Wittkamp	Verbeena Court Annandale
Sunday April 16 th	Tracking	Debbie Schmidt	Black River Road Alice River
Sunday April 16 th	Tracking	Roel Wittkamp	Black River Road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



BACK PAGE FUNNIES



Me whenever I leave the house :
To my dog – Goodbye beautiful, I'll be home soon, won't be long, you're so cute, kisses, hugs, be a good doggy, have a little rest, do you need the toilet? Do you want a drink? Here's a treat, hugs, I won't be long I promise, back soon, love you, be good.
To my spouse – Cya.



AT LAST ...
IT'S COOLER !



THE END