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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

Executive Committee meetings held as called by Secretary

Club Web Site: www.coct.com.au



Canine Obedience Club of Townsville Inc



Canine Obedience Club Townsville Inc President's Report

Times are a changing and as I reflect on Anzac Day I see the old diggers and the old Ex Doggie Diggers showing the signs of time and the wear and tear that those years have bestowed on us. So many have passed into that unknown land which awaits us all. I had the privilege of attending the AGM of the Ex RAAF Doggies Association last night at the Yacht Club in Townsville, a really well attended meeting from ex doggies from all over Australia. They came by car, caravan, train and by plane, some were quite hard to recognize from the ravages of time, some had hardly changed apart from a little extra weight and some wrinkles to go with it. It is sad to see not many of them have carried their dog training experience into civilian life, however, a few have used their dog training years to create new chapters from the old service years. Most are in an advisory role as educators, a few have ventured into training roles, even fewer have chosen to try competition, myself having been one of the few to accept the challenge of civil obedience competition. In the picture above are three of my recent dogs. The two kelpies I still have, Booka aged seventeen and a half years, Spud who has gone to the big kennel in the sky, and Holy aged eight years.

Not all news is good news as on the 8th April 2018 one of the COCT's past members Bruce Samways had a massive heart attack and died at home. Bruce was one of the first in Australia to win an Australian Agility champion with his Border Collie "Penny". Sister Jeannie Johnson has kindly provided a story on Bruce on Page 29.3

Another of our past members Pat Cecil recently lost her husband. It is so hard for those left behind to make that adjustment to a different life without their loved one. Pat however has recently been seen at training nights at the club, we look forward to seeing more of you Pat.

Out in the field of competition we have two new Tracking Champions namely Jax with his handler Janette Cussons and Zoe with her handler Julie Doig. Both are to be congratulated on their fine efforts in our very hard and difficult tracking country with six foot high spear grass, chinee apple trees and lantana that seem to be everywhere in the tracking paddocks. Knocking on the door to success is Tanya from Charters Towers and Doberman Isa who gained her Tracking Dog Excellent Title down in the southern corner of Queensland recently. Two people fairly new to tracking have also earned their Tracking Dog Title, Jens with his Rottweiler Zelic and Julie with her GSD Tara. Janette our Tracking Officer will give a full report on the trials and tribulations of the clubs tracking members a few pages in.

WE shall remember them, all those animals lost in service

**Mal Holland
President COCT Inc**



CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Your Club Membership allows you to not only attend weekly classes, but to also participate in activities, competitions, and meetings throughout the year.

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

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

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

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

Just Briefly



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

as issued by the ANKC.

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

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

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

Cost - \$46.

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

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

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

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

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

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



Calling all Class 4 handlers !!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Frisbee Training !!

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

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



HOW DO I GET INVOLVED WITH COMPETITIONS ??

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

PEDIGREE DOGS WITH PAPERS

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

CROSS BREED AND NON-PEDIGREE DOGS

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

WHAT'S HAPPENIN'?

2018 RSPCA Million Paws Walk

Sunday 20th May 2018 at Riverway, Village Boulevard 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 on the day. 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 May www.millionpawswalk.com.au/locations/QLD/townsville or register on the day.

2018 TOWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL PET EXPO



The Townsville Pet Expo is will be on at **Jezzine Barracks, Sunday 17 June, 9.00am – 3.00pm. Demos times to be advised.** This free event will feature over 60 pet-related exhibitors in addition to obedience demonstrations, guest speakers and demonstrations. Registered animal breeders and a variety of dog trainers will also be available throughout the day to answers your questions. Our club will be there with a stall talking to dog owners on the importance of Pet Dog Training and the activities they can become involved in once the three-part course has been completed. We will be performing basic obedience demonstrations throughout the day and everyone is welcome to participate. So regardless of what level you are at with your dog jump on in and join us for some fun and education.

THURSDAY NIGHT OBEDIENCE TRAINING

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

2018 OBEDIENCE, AGILITY and TRACKING TRIALS

The COCT Inc 2018 trialling season has commenced and our next double Obedience and Agility trial is on 18 and 19 May 2018. As we are no longer a Judge's Training Club our obedience and agility trials have been rationalised to five double trials a year. The second Tracking and Track and Search Trials are on 12 and 13 May 2018. Check out the Trial Calendar at the back of the mag and pencil dates into your calendar or preferred digital device of trials you want to enter. Obedience and Agility entries are via K9 Entries www.k9entries.com/using.php and close a fortnight before the trial. Check the Dog World for any unexpected changes to Judges.

COME AND BE INVOLVED !! CLUB MONTHLY MEETINGS

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm at the Clubhouse at Heatley Park. Everyone is welcome to attend if you would like to contribute, offer help or just find out more of what goes on in the running of your Club. Next meeting is **Monday 14 May 2018 (second Monday due to May Day public holiday)** followed by **Monday 4 June 2018.** 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 ...

Queensland Government Queensland Dog Breeder Register

The Queensland Government has introduced laws to promote responsible breeding of dogs, these laws apply to any dog born on or after 26 May 2017. A person who sells, advertises, or gives away a dog must have a Supply Number. The Supply Number allows the person who bred a dog to be contacted. Exemptions do apply, so visit the website www.qdbr.daf.qld.gov.au to learn more.



National Greyhound Adoption Day. www.gap.grv.org.au/2018/03/21/todd-mckenney-front-inaugural-national-adoption-day/ In a national first, every Australian state combined on 29 April 2018 for the GAP National Adoption Day with Sky Racing signing on as a naming rights sponsor.

Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania each hosted an adoption day on April 29 as part of a nation-wide push to boost awareness of greyhounds as pets.

Theatre star, radio host and TV personality Todd McKenney has signed on to be the official ambassador for the National Adoption Day. McKenney, who has two pet greyhounds of his own, said he had fallen in love with the breed since learning about greyhound adoption from a friend.

"They are such a beautiful breed and often misunderstood. People's perception of a greyhound and the reality of what a greyhound is actually like as a pet can often be two different things," McKenney said. "They're lazy, they're loving and they run like the wind – it's amazing to watch. But they are just really relaxed dogs. They are chilled out, I love that energy around me, they're just slow, lazy and gorgeous."



Queensland's National Adoption day was held in two locations – The Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club, Amy Street Albion from 9am until 1pm, and in Townsville from 10am-2pm at Yapper Valley Pet Resort, Woodstock.

Queensland Racing Integrity Commissioner Ross Barnett said the Sky Racing National Adoption Day was the perfect opportunity to highlight QRIC's animal welfare priorities.

"The QRIC Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP) re-homes retired greyhounds with families all around Queensland," Mr Barnett said. "We work with the Queensland Greyhound Racing industry to fulfil their animal welfare obligations under the Rules of Racing and this is a great opportunity to unite with racing governing bodies all over Australia to deliver the first ever National Greyhound Adoption Day."

Greyhound Racing Victoria's adoption program adopted out a record 1314 dogs in 2016-17, smashing the record set the previous year of 798. GRV also recently opened the GAP Café, the first Melbourne-based café to have a greyhound theme with the intent of being a city-based showcase for its adoption program.

Last weekend the Sandown Greyhound Racing Club hosted GRV's fourth greyhound community day, a concept that invites pet greyhounds and their owners from around the state to meet together and socialise.

Training Report April 2018

Intake 1 for 2018 is now complete, and the year is well under way with Intake 2 full for a number of weeks now.

We are once again restricted to 3 beginners classes, 1 Intermediate and 1 Advanced class, so the intake capacity/ clubs fund raising capacity is well below the potential that is out there. The 5 classes running are being done without assistants, and without past Instructors willing to fill in for unforeseen instructor absences. Thanks very much to the Instructors who constantly give their time to be available and take the constant responsibility of agreeing to take classes every Tuesday night year-round, turning up without question and always out to help their class attendees.

Beginners for Intake 1 totalled 23, with 13 upgrades, 7 not quite ready and 3 incomplete. Intermediate was small due to the Christmas break and people losing touch with training, but from the 6 that completed the Course 4 met the standard, 1 not quite, and 1 lost to work commitments. Advanced was a very focused class with 2 upgrades from 2 thanks to Joy.

Enrolments are now being taken for Intake 3 starting 17 July 2018 with numbers already at 6 and still 2 weeks out from intake 2 commencing.

Carolyn is going to run on with her new pup and go through the levels in July, and I do believe you should be seeing some spotty pups in the mix also. Julie's young boy Gus is beautiful and no doubt will become a regular at the grounds along with the ever-present Zoe. Good luck to you both and happy training.

Great to see a very large turnout for the clean-up day, and man didn't it all get cleaned in a very short time, thanks to all of you involved many hands make light work. Special thanks to Julie's husband Kevin and his industrial pressure cleaner that blasted everything clean – cement slabs, agility gear, trailer - you name it, it was blasted!

See you all in the paddock in the cool of the upcoming evenings.

Noel McPherson,
Training coordinator.

RALLY OBEDIENCE WORKSHOP 2018

The 2018 Rally O workshop was initially planned to run during the month of March with an Introductory Talk on the last Thursday of February. The Talk went as planned with Julie Doig doing an excellent Power Point Presentation of all the signs to the assembled group. Julie explained each sign from Novice to Excellent & Judy explained the Masters signs. Our group of handlers included 11 new handlers one of which had 2 dogs to train, 3 repeat handlers and 4 handlers who were already trialling in the more advanced levels.



Unfortunately, after the first week the training was delayed due very wet and windy NQ weather. With Judy designing & Julie helping to set out the courses the plan was to run 3 novice short courses over a period of three weeks with each course comprising of 10 of the novice level signs. In this way the trainees were able to practice all of the signs over the 3 week period. We also set up small courses comprising of all the Advanced signs in Week 1, all the Excellent signs in Week 2 and then all the Masters signs in Week 3 so everyone attending could see what skills were involved in each level. The courses then culminated in two mock trial courses one designed by Judy and Julie assisting with the set up and one designed & set up by Julie as part of her Judges training which were both judged under trial conditions.

At the start of the first week while the handlers were walking the course and discussing how to handle each sign Tanya suggested that one handler should act as a dog and the other as the handler that way both could experience what was involved. As you can see from the photo of Julie (dog) and Annika (handler) (below left) and also Judy (dog) and Erin handler (below right) this proved a hilarious but very successful method of learning how to manoeuvre through each sign.



Over the three sessions all the handlers were able to take their dogs around the course and discuss any problems they had understanding the signs.

The two mock trials were also very successful with Julie acting as judge and scoring each dog and myself as backup.

In the first mock trial we had the following successes

Janette and Jax 90, and Joy and Jazz joint 1st place as the runs were not timed.

Katie and Poppy 88 – 2nd place

Greg and Dougal 87 (below left) and Lily and Mali joint 3rd place

Joy and Chewie 86 4th place

Deb and Furi 83 – 5th place. (below right)



The other handlers also made excellent attempts at negotiating but made a few too many errors to get a qualifying score.

With the second mock trial judged by Julie we had the following successes :-

Joy and Jazz 92 1st and Debbie and Furi 75 2nd at the novice level followed by

Renate and Dixie 96 and Judy and Rosie 96 working off lead.

I would like to close by thanking all the handlers for attending these workshops and also Julie for all the effort she put in and Renate for assisting each evening.

Judy Forbes-Faulkner
Club Secretary & Judge

OBEDIENCE, RALLY-O AND AGILITY TRIAL

Friday 6th and Saturday 7th April 2018

The first COCT Inc trial of the season was held on the weekend 6th and 7th April 2018 with mixed results in Obedience, Rally and Agility. After experiencing drought conditions for the last three years in Townsville it finally rained late February/early March, just when handlers and their dogs were trying to get some training sessions under their belt and collar. But on the night our four-legged friends did their best despite the heat and humidity, topped off with a downpour of rain Saturday night just after the second Obedience and Agility trial began, soaking judges, competitors and dogs alike.

Obedience Trial 1 was well attended on Friday 6th April with eight entries being judged by Cathy O'Shea. Some good scores were in reach but unfortunately no quals were to be had due to minor mistakes that ended up costing teams that magic 170 or above for a qual.

Rally O proved to be more successful with 10 quals under Judge Roel Wittcamp, some from those who had attended the Rally Workshop run by Judy and Julie, notably Janette Cussons and her GSD Jax and Julie Combridge and her GSD Tara. Kirsten Nilson and her new Belgian Shepherd Zani also did well with their first Rally Qual. Well done everyone.

The second Obedience Trial was held Saturday 7th April, again with Judge Cathy O'Shea. Again some minor and frustrating mistakes resulted in not much success. However, little D'Arcy and myself who were last on managed to save the day getting a qual in CCD.

The double Agility and Jumpers trial Saturday afternoon and night under Judges Tim Fairchild and Roel Wittkamp saw some DQ's and nearly-clear rounds but come the end of the night 29 teams had gained a qual card.

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

The next double obedience and agility trial is on May 18th and 19th 2018, entries are due in now. Check details in the Trial Schedule at the back of the magazine.

Linda King
Trial Secretary

OBEDIENCE and RALLY-O TRIAL FRIDAY 6 APRIL 2018

Q = Qualification ☺

Judge : Cathy O'Shea

OBEDIENCE	Name	Dogs Name	Score
UDX	Silke Weyland	Aska	WD
UD	Silke Weyland	Aska	WD
CDX			
1st	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	127
CD			
1st	Mandy Jones	Jay	161
2nd	Linda King	Red	158
3rd	Julie Doig	Zoe	156
CCD			
1st	J Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	83
2nd	Linda King	D'Arcy	76

Judge : Roel Wittkamp

RALLY-O	Name	Dogs Name	Score
Masters			
1st Q	Silke Weyland	Aska	97
2nd Q	Renate Linder	Dixie	96
3rd Q	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	87
4th Q	Julie Doig	Zoe	86
Ex B			
1st Q	Kirsten Nilson	Duke	96
Ex A	No qualifiers		
Ad B			
1st Q	Kirsten Nilson	Duke	88
Ad A			
1st Q	Shari Gallagher	Amy	85
Novice			
1st Q	Kirsten Nilson	Zani	97
2nd Q	Janette Cussons	Jax	93
3rd Q	Julie Combridge	Tara	92



Judge Cathy O'Shea, Silke and Aska (above) were rained on (below) during their UD event.





Above : Linda King's D'Arcy with his CCD Qual card.



Above : Some of the great tug toy trial prizes made by Debbie Schmidt in her spare time!



Above : Sit and Down Stay practice pre-trial on Thursday nights. It's free for all club members from Intermediate up.

OBEDIENCE, AGILITY and JUMPERS TRIAL

SATURDAY 7 APRIL 2018

Q = Qualification ☺

TRIAL 1

AGILITY

Judge : Tim Fairchild

Masters	Name	Dogs Name	Time
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	50.48
2nd	Amber Morey	Diva	60.49
3rd	Natalie Spence	Trixie	61.27
Open			
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Lift	41.59
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	45.59
3rd	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	84.38
Excellent			
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Lift	35.56
2nd Q	Karen Winzar	Cleo	45.43
Novice			
1st Q	Kayle James	Sky	31.8
2nd	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	45.03

JUMPERS

Judge Roel Wittkamp

Masters	Name	Dogs Name	Time
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Zippy	34.09
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	38.53
3rd Q	Amber Morey	Diva	45.16
Open			
1st	Lauren Moore	Lift	27.24
Excellent			
1st Q	Kayla James	Sky	31.24
Novice			
All DQ			

TRIAL 2

OBEDIENCE

Judge Cathy O'Shea

UDX	Name	Dogs Name	Score
1st	Silke Weyland	Aska	107
UD			
1st	Silke Weyland	Aska	132
Open			
1st	Renate Linder	Dixie	136
CD			
1st	Mandy Jones	Jay	148
CCD			
1st Q	Linda King	D'Arcy	90

TRIAL 2 Con't

AGILITY GAME - GAMBLERS

Judge Roel Wittkamp

Masters	Name	Dogs Name	Time
1st Q	Tricia Williams	Cue	53.99
2nd	Sharon Daniels	Bosun	63.41
3rd	Lauren Moore	Spritz	58.75
Excellent			
1st Q	Karen Winzar	Cleo	58.28
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Lift	55.3
3rd Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	58.95
Novice			
1st Q	Leisa Cassidy	Sully	65
2nd Q	Deb Kampaklis	Diesel	56.38
3rd	Tracey Bessel	Weston	70

AGILITY

Judge Roel Wittkamp

Masters	Name	Dog's Name	Time
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Zippy	53.68
2nd Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	80.52
3rd	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	95.12
Excellent			
1st Q	Karen Winzar	Cleo	39.01
Open			
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Lift	43.04
2nd	Lauren Moore	Zippy	35.16
3rd	Tricia Williams	Cue	35.72
Novice			
1st Q	Kayla James	Sky	38.22
2nd Q	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	53.03
3rd Q	Linda King	Red	62.35

JUMPERS

Judge Tim Fairchild

Masters	Name	Dog's Name	Time
1st Q	Tricia Williams	Cue	31.41
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Lift	33.34
3rd Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	48.56
Open			
1st	Lauren Moore	Lift	32.36
Excellent			
1st Q	Leisa Cassidy	Sully	33.47
2nd Q	Kayla James	Sky	35.63
3rd	Karen Winzar	Cleo	32.47
Novice			
1st	Deb Kampaklis	Diesel	41.48
2nd	Silke Weyland	Aska	22.35
3rd	Linda King	Red	58.34









TRACKING TRIAL REPORT

April 14-15 2018



Judges : Mrs Heidi Christoffel (Mackay) and Mr Mal Holland (Townsville) – T&S
Ms Kim Dawson (Rockhampton) and Mrs Carolyn Lynn (Townsville) – Tracking

The 2018 Townsville tracking season started with a bang!! With a large entry for both our first TSD/tracking trials of the 2018 season, it was a frantic weekend of preparation and competition for all cumulating with 6 TSD teams for 4 quals (including a TSD title) and 12 Tracking teams for 11 quals (including 3 Tracking Dog and 3 Tracking Championship titles)!

Our first TSD and Tracking trials of the season kicked off with a very busy weekend and high level of competition. The weekend started with Track and Search run on Saturday morning. The morning saw us gathered in Annandale with Debbie Schmidt and Furi (German Shepherd Dog) starting their TSD career at TSD1. Debbie and Furi started well with Furi working in from the side of the gate along the diversion track, picking up the main track but working off to the side parallel, cutting the first corner and article, was slightly distracted by an animal to the side of the track, but continued through into the thicket at its thickest point (poor Debbie), picked up the track wasn't fazed by the hard surface and continued down to find the track layer Helen and gain a Pass under judge Heidi Christoffel.

Unfortunately, Heidi's next two competitors weren't as successful with Kim Dawson and Smith (Staffordshire Bull Terrier) still feeling the effects of the cold and flu medication he'd ingested earlier in the week, off his game and finding the T4 all a bit much and the water more appealing as it was getting pretty hot for a southern dog by then. They were followed by Carolyn Lynn and Kelly (Kelpie) attempting their T5 test on predominantly hard surface. By this time it was quite steamy, Kelly was distracted by barking dogs on the track and unfortunately pulled up not far from the finish.

Our local TSD judge Mal Holland was having a better run with Heather Northover and big Zeus (Rhodesian Ridgeback) also making their first foray into urban TSD, working well and achieving a Good pass. They were followed by Silke Weyland and Aska (Belgian Malinois) attempting their TSD2. Aska started working the track well, missed the first article, investigated the cross track, then had to work a slight deviation round some irrigation fencing put up by council the afternoon before the trial (wasn't there when the track was set) to gain a Pass.

Mal's final team out was our Gympie visitor Helen Lofthouse and her Labrador Nina attempting their TSD3 test for their TSD Title. Nina negotiated the gate well and worked her way around the first leg on to the hard surface where she worked well, indicating the first article and making her way up the track only to find not 1 or 2, but up to 20-30 wallabies right across the park, several of which were right near the corner! Suitably distracted, she worked very wide and Helen had to work hard to get her mind back on the job. They worked back along on the track taking the corner and working the 2nd last leg where Nina investigated both cross tracks strongly then worked along the very edge of the gully and fence line, copping a mouthful from the neighbouring Cattle dogs (she wasn't having any of that), then continuing straight up the track, indicating 2nd article to find our track layer Craig, gaining a pass and their **Track and Search Dog Title! Congratulations!**

Saturday afternoon saw us out in the rural paddocks, where, due to the number of high level tracks, with Dog's Qld approval we ran two tests Saturday afternoon under judge Carolyn Lynn. Heidi Christoffel and her young girl Mika (GSD) gained their T1 pass and I also ran my boy Jax (GSD) attempting a T8 and our title. As usual Jax was raring to go, even after a walk from the main paddock down to another area, started working before he hit the gate, and bounded down the first 2 legs, giving minimal indication on the first article and ignoring the 2nd, he overshot the first acute checking out the next paddock through the barbed wire fence (I was hoping not!), worked back around a big Chiney apple tree to cross the track and we were off again, by that time he'd settled into a better rhythm, wasn't fazed by the 2nd acute and worked the rest of the track well, indicated the last article to find our track gaining a 'good' pass and our **Tracking Dog Champion Title** (proud handler moment there).

Sunday morning saw us back out in the paddocks at daybreak.

Group One under Rockhampton Judge Kim Dawson started as they meant to finish with Marilyn McKee and her little guy Ollie (Miniature Poodle) romping around their track and doing beautiful indications to gain an 'excellent' T3 pass and their Tracking Dog Title. They were followed in quick succession by Jens Didriksen and his big boy Zelic (Rottweiler) also doing a T3, who powered up their track, to gain a 'good' pass and their **Tracking Dog Title!**

Then came Greg Chapman and his girl Zara (German Shorthaired Pointer) attempting their T4 test and gaining a 'Good' Pass'. Tanya Hill and Isa (Doberman) then made their first T5 attempt with Isa struggling in a rough paddock but doing beautiful indications (something Tanya excels at training) and gaining a Pass.

Kim's final team for the morning was Julie Doig and her little pocket rocket Zoe (Staffie). By this time it was getting very hot and Zoe worked through some pretty heavy grass and bush to earn a 'very good' T8 pass and her **Tracking Dog Championship Title!** This was made even sweeter when Kim advised that she was only the 2nd Staffie in Qld (Kim's Smith being the 1st) to do so! Awesome work from a fabulous team.

Group 2 with our local Judge Carolyn Lynn was also having a great run with the first team out, Annette Woolley and Ace from Cairns (GSD) smashing their very first tracking test with a great run, good article indication and an 'excellent' Pass. They were quickly followed by Jinni Casson and Jon also from Cairns (Golden Retriever) and on their very first test/trial with Jinni's daughter Adele as a chaperoned 'known' track layer due to her young age earning a 'Good' pass.

Carolyn's third team out was our Rockhampton based club member Heather Northover and her girl Juba (Rhodesian Ridgeback) attempting a T3 track for their title, but unfortunately Juba hadn't travelled well was feeling sore with a blister, grazed elbows and told Heather to push her own way through the grass thank you very much, as is an older dog's right and Heather listened as a good handler should.

Julie Combridge and Tara (GSD) followed them also on a T3, with Tara working at a nice steady pace, indicating well and earning a very good pass and their **Tracking Dog Title!** Last up but certainly not least was our Gympie visitor Simon Lofthouse with his big boy Wilbur (Labrador Retriever) across the road in the pasture working their T8 at a nice steady pace through the Seca, getting their indications and earning a 'good' to gain their **Tracking Dog Championship** as well! That's 2 for 2 for the Lofthouse family!

What an absolutely cracking weekend of tracking and awesome results for both our competitors and our Judges! 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 (still and always, article indication for me).

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. Kim has very kindly offered to pass on some of her training notes garnered from working/problem solving non-traditional breeds in the field of tracking – thank you so much on behalf of all of our trackers Kim.

The organisation of any successful trial, especially tracking takes the input of many people and I'd like to extend a huge thank-you to all our judges, stewards, local track setters who pre-set all of the tracks for this trial and track layers (baits) without whom there would be no competition - handlers please don't forget to thank those involved on the day.

Also a special thanks Kev Doig who very generously mowed the main track into the paddock, saving wear and tear on everyone's cars, not to mention the fabulous road building team of Mal, Dave Dudley and Jens 'Bumpa' Didriksen who went out collecting and smashing up anthills to fill the very wet bog holes at the corner of the track, pushing over some of the grass in the process – it was hard yakka in the heat and is much appreciated by us all.

Also everyone still participating in the judges training scheme - our trainee TSD judge Debbie Schmidt who searched out and set many of the courses, Carolyn Lynn, assistant Julie Doig and our mentor Mal Holland for his ongoing assistance and advice with all things tracking. Many thanks also to Dawn Holland, Laurie, Sheila and Eddie Fielder for the fabulous breakfasts they provided on Saturday 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 Co-ordinator

TRACK & SEARCH TRIAL – ANNANDALE**Saturday 14th April, 2018****Judge: Heidi Christoffel**

Handler	Name of Dog	Breed	Result
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Track: TSD1

Debbie Schmidt	T Ch Monsimbee They Call me Furi	German Shepherd	Pass
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Judge: Mal Holland

Handler	Name of Dog	Breed	Result
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Track: TSD1

Heather Northover	Dual Ch (T) Nglidlha Shaba Bayete JD TD RN	Rhodesian Ridgeback	Good
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Track: TDS2

Silke Weyland	O Ch T Ch Nordestamm Aska UDX RA GD	Belgian Malinois	Pass
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Track: TSD3

H Lofthouse	T Ch Sarshai Choc Temptation	Labrador Retriever	Pass
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****CONGRATULATIONS – TRACK & SEARCH DOG TITLE******TRACKING TRIAL – ALICE RIVER****Sunday 15th April, 2018****Judge : Carolyn Lynn**

Handler	Name of Dog	Breed	Result
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Track: T1

Heidi Christoffel	Mika	GSD	Pass
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Jinni Casson	Cassadar Jon Casson	Golden Retriever	Good
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Annette Woolley	Haveloc Eli	GSD	Excellent
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Track : T3

Julie Combridge	Chakoonya Cobalion	GSD	Very Good
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****CONGRATULATIONS – TRACKING DOG TITLE******Track : T8**

Janette Cussons	Raennik Natan TDX	GSD	Good
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****CONGRATULATIONS – TRACKING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE****

Simon Lofthouse	Wilbur TDX AR	Labrador Retriever	Good
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****CONGRATULATIONS – TRACKING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE******Judge : Kim Dawson**

Handler	Name of Dog	Breed	Result
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Track : T3

Marilyn McKee	Ollie RA JD GD	Miniature Poodle	Excellent
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Jens P Didriksen	Moya Mr Didriksen	Rottweiler	Good
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****CONGRATULATIONS – TRACKING DOG TITLE******Track: T4**

Greg Chapman	Woodwych Hot Gossip TD	GSP	Good
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Track: T5

Tanya Hill	Ch Kriegmann Vanity Fair (AI) TD	Doberman	Pass
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Track: T8

Julie Doig	Diamondrio Suzie CCD RE TDX	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	Very Good
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****CONGRATULATIONS – TRACKING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE****

TRACK AND SEARCH AWARDS



Left : Judge Mal Holland presenting Heather Northover TSD1 Qualification Card and Ribbon

Right: Helen Lofthouse from Gympie is pretty pleased with her TSD Title



Left: Debbie Schmidt and Furi with their first TSD Qualification ribbon under Judge Heidi Christoffel

TRACKING AWARDS – Judge Kim Dawson



Marilyn McKee (*left*) and Jens Didriksen (*below*) being awarded their Tracking Dog Title Ribbon and Certificate.



Greg Chapman (*above*) and Tanya Hill (*right*) being awarded their T4 and T5 Qualifiers respectively.



TRACKING AWARDS – Judge Carolyn Lynn



Julie Combridge (above left) being awarded her Tracking Dog Title
Annette Woolley (above right), Jinni Casson (below left), and Heid Christoffel (below right) being awarded their
T1 Qualifying Score & Cards



TRACKING DOG CHAMPION

Judge Carolyn Lynn awarding the Tracking Dog Champion ribbon and Certificate to Janette Cussons gained with her GSD Jax



TRACKING DOG CHAMPION

Judge Kim Dawson awarding the Tracking Dog Champion ribbon and Certificate to Julie Doig gained with her English Staffordshire Bullterrier Zoe



TRACKING DOG CHAMPION

Judge Carolyn Lynn awarding the Tracking Dog Champion ribbon and Certificate to Simon Lofthouse from Gympie, gained with his Labrador Wilbur



INTRODUCING ...

Gus. Pedigree name: ADARSTERN HEY TRUE BLUE - Smooth Coated Collie. Colour: Blue Merle and a new family member at the Doig household.

Gus is 15 months old and came to me from a breeder in Perth needing him to be re-homed urgently. He arrived in Townsville at midnight 2 Feb 2018 after an 18-hour transit which included a 6-hour comfort stopover in Brisbane. A very long day travelling for anybody especially a dog. I believe he is the only Smooth Coated Collie north of Rockhampton at the moment.

Gus was originally called Kevin (my husband's name by the breeder) so we had to find him a new name. My husband Kevin chose his name & we think it suits him. Gus needed his annual injections & blood test for heart worm immediately. Perth is not known for heart worm, however, he had to be tested so that we could start his medication.

He has a great temperament & takes changes in his stride. He and my 6 year old English Staffordshire Bull Terrier Zoe have really hit it off. It's wonderful to see her have a friend to play with after the loss of our 15 year old Cattle dog in July last year.

Gus has been allowed to slowly & steadily acclimatize and settle in with us as well as making him feel well during the first 5 weeks and his true Collie personality and breeding is starting to shine.

We started Tadpoles Agility in March to encourage his focus and learn handling skills out in public and, as Instructors at the Club are in short supply, I am training him at home with our Club's Pet Dog Training system.



The following is a link about the vulnerability and versatility of this breed from the UK:

<http://www.smoothcollieclubofgreatbritain.com/breedversatility2017.pdf>

I hope you enjoy the read about this fairly rare breed of dog.

Julie Doig

PITTER PATTER OF LITTLE PAWS

On the 20th April our Fox Terrier Pie had the first two puppies in our wardrobe. Later she started to strain again and after about an hour I decided this puppy was not coming out on her own, so we took them all to the vets at JCU. A Caesarean section was performed to produce Number 3, who was the smallest of the litter.

The next morning Pie was ready to come home and is proving to be a great mum to 3 healthy pups, 1 boy and 2 girls all doing well.

Catherine Pentland



Above: First time Mum - Pie with her three puppies



Mum – Pie



Dad - Hunter

VALE BRUCE SAMWAYS

When I arrived at COCT in February 1991, the whole place was abuzz with Bruce and his Border Collie, Penny, who had just won the Queensland State Agility Championships. In those days it wasn't a Team event. It was literally dog against dog and a Far North Queensland Border Collie had beaten the best that the rest of Queensland could provide including members of the legendary PAL Super Dogs team which were trained by Val Bonney. There was a special presentation to Bruce at the first Tuesday Training Night in 1991. Both the President, Ray Taylor and Val Litster, the El Supremo of COCT spoke about Bruce and Penny. Doug Greenwood was the Chief Instructor and he made the presentation on behalf of the Club. In a way this success was quite appropriate because COCT held the first Agility Trial in Queensland.

Bruce Samways was always quietly spoken, very respectful with everyone including newcomers with full-on puppies. He was one of the Club's Instructors. He was active in the Club, attended all the Meetings, helped out at Working Bees and was never one to skite about Penny's achievements - everyone else did that for him.

At the time Penny and Bruce were competing at the top level in Agility, an Obedience title was the prerequisite. Penny had her CDX and was competing in UD. She was regularly a 185-190 plus competitor about both levels.

Bruce and his friend, Gary Duckworth, were equally committed to Agility and both were fanatical about Border Collies. I don't know what it is like these days at COCT but back then we had the Border Collies with Bruce Samways, Gary Duckworth and Marty Kooy, the Weis with Doug Greenwood, the Dobes with Julie and another Committee member whose name slips me at the moment, and the GSDs with Val and Phil Litster, Sheila Fielder, Karen and Graeme Brereton and Cathy O' Shea, all in healthy competition with each other as each group was out to prove which breed was the best. All competed at UD and CDX level. The Borders were very versatile because they competed in everything including Agility and Tracking but it was the GSDs who dominated the Trial Rings.

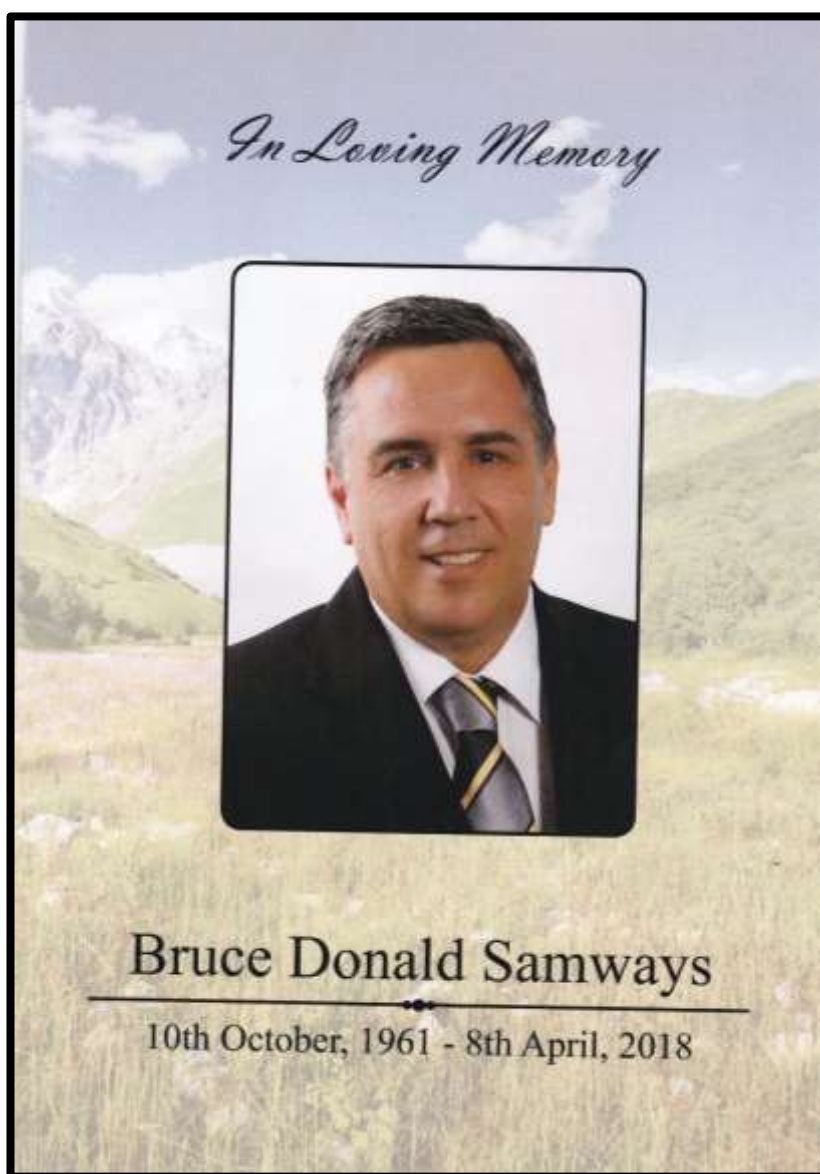
Bruce and Gary joined together to train Penny up for the ANKC National Agility Championships which were held in Sydney. First prize was a trip to Crufts. If you arrived early on a Tuesday night Training, you would see the pegs set up and Penny skimming through them as she raced against Gary's Border Collie. She was incredibly fast at negotiating them. However, she paid a big price later on for this speed. She suffered with innumerable stress fractures of the forelegs which meant that she could never compete in Agility again. Bruce commented to me that if he had known about this possibility he would never have pushed her so hard to win those Championships. It was his biggest regret that Penny had to pay a very high price for his trip to Crufts.

Bruce was an Engineer by profession and I was Assistant Tracking Officer when he was training Penny for her Tracking titles. Given his family commitments, his time for Tracking Training was very limited so I used to meet with him whenever he was able to find an hour or so of a weekend to train Penny. In those days the Tracking grounds bordered Mt Low Parkway, Bushland Beach. This Sunday we arrived at our usual Tracking area to find bulldozers clearing the land in preparation for a Housing Estate. Bruce watched them and said to me, " This will be disastrous because this area is sandy and is the flood plain of the Bohle River. If Townsville ever has a proper wet season again, all of this will be covered in a raging torrent of water at least a metre deep and those houses won't stand a chance." Years later when floods did strike Mt Low Parkway and some houses in that area were irreparably damaged because flood waters had swept away their concrete slabs, I thought of Bruce's comment to me that Saturday afternoon.

Bruce Samways was a lovely man. In spite of National success and fame with his Border Collie, he was never full of himself. He was very easy to get on with and another of those members who put time into ensuring that COCT would be a Club that welcomed ALL Dogs and their owners and not only those that shone in the ANKC competitions.

It was a pleasure to know and to work with Bruce Samways. Rest in peace, Bruce.

Sister Jeannie Johnson
Club Member



THE PAMPERED DOG WORLD OF 'THE FUR BABY'

Blame Bruiser. The canine star of *Legally Blonde* wasn't the first hound to be outrageously pampered – the tradition of lap dogs, tiny breeds cosseted by kings, emperors and their consorts – goes back at least 600 years.

But the sight of Reese Witherspoon's Elle Woods carrying her bejewelled Chihuahua around in a tote, closely followed by the sight of Paris Hilton carrying her bejewelled Chihuahua around in a tote, seems to have inspired a whole generation of dog owners to treat their furry companions like a cross between a Tamagotchi and a human baby.

In 2015, the Oxford Dictionary added the term "fur baby" to its official lexicon, acknowledging the trend. In its 2016 comprehensive survey of Australian pet owners Animal Medicines Australia, the peak body representing manufacturers of veterinary medicines, found increasing numbers of people – 64 per cent, up from 59 per cent in 2013 – regard their dog as a member of the family rather than just a companion, at 23 per cent.

Coddling a dog is inarguably better than neglecting or abusing it. But are we loving our dogs too much? Or in the wrong way? And unintentionally doing them harm in the process?

On a Saturday morning at Four Paws K9 Training, a big obedience club in Melbourne's north-west, a couple arrive for class carrying their small fluffy dog. Because it doesn't like to walk. Another young chap is there with his big Lab-cross because it's developed some behavioural issues, but he's uneasy. He's not sure he "believes" in training. He doesn't like telling his dog what to do.

Others wonder why their dog doesn't like other dogs, or won't listen to them, or won't stop jumping on people, or pulling on the lead. About half the human students struggle to speak to their dogs in anything other than a pleading murmur.

"Twenty-odd years ago the mindset was quite different," says Trish Harris, a dog trainer and owner of Four Paws. "When I started out, a dog was a dog. It had to be obedient. They lived in the family but it was a little bit more balanced. Over time what we've seen is a lot of these dogs becoming surrogate children.

"When I tell them 'you need to give the dog clear instructions, you need to set boundaries and enforce them' they say, 'Won't he stop loving me?' or 'Won't he stop listening?' I say, 'well, he's already not listening'."

The AMA report also has some pretty staggering figures on expenditure. Australians spent more than \$12 billion on pets and pet products in 2016. A third of that, \$4 billion, was for dog food with another \$1 billion for doggy accessories but just \$274 million was spent on training. Yet if there's one really crucial, I'll-do-anything-for-my-dog thing you can do for your fur baby, it's to undertake proper obedience training.

A lot of the issues Harris sees in her classes are with the toy breeds – pugs, poodles, dachshunds. Because the dogs are small and adorable they're allowed to get away with murder. But she sees the same problems with people who have adopted from a shelter. In an effort to compensate for what they imagine was the dog's previous life, they go all out to be kind.

"Our maternal instincts come out and we want to mollycoddle and love it and protect it. Which is great. But it can have the opposite effect. It can turn the dog into a really nasty, uncontrollable, undisciplined aggressive dog."

Barking, jumping, lunging, snarling, snapping and biting are not signs of a "naughty" dog, and certainly not simply a high-spirited one. They are almost always the sign of a dog that has never been taught how to get on in the world, and as a consequence is experiencing a lot of stress.

It sounds like heresy but after two decades in the business and a wealth of study and observation, Harris says dogs don't actually want our love – or not in the ways we tend to show it.

"They want your guidance. They want to feel safe. They need structure, and they're the things people don't think of giving."

And while she would say this – she's a dog trainer, after all – the science backs her up. Happy dogs are well-trained dogs, or at least dogs that live in a world with consistent rules and routines.

"Dogs don't understand grey areas," Harris says. "They can either always do something, or they can never do something. And once a dog understands that, he feels safe and happy."

Dogs aren't people. But in the 21st century a lot of them are suffering from a similar malaise to their owners. They don't get enough exercise, and they eat too much. Obesity in a dog is every bit the problem it is in a human. It puts stress on the skeleton and on the joints, on the heart and lungs, it makes moving and breathing difficult.

In the US, things are so bad there's an Association for Pet Obesity Prevention, which estimates 54 per cent of that nation's dogs are obese. It's unlikely things are much better here.

"Too much food, too much 'love'," says Kerri Bradley, a dog trainer with a particular interest in canine nutrition. The most common issue she sees is simple over-feeding. A beloved pet gazes at you longingly. What do you do? Hand over a snack, of course.

"I also see problems with the kinds of things people are feeding their dogs, especially processed foods," says Bradley.

Dogs are not humans. While we know, just looking at them, that their physiology is completely different from ours, we don't always factor that in when we're choosing their dinner or their treats. Dogs' teeth are designed for ripping and tearing, not grinding. Their gut has a higher acid content, to digest fur and bone. Their mouths don't produce amylase, the enzyme that helps process carbohydrate.

Unfortunately, the perfect canine diet looks pretty repulsive to most people, which is a problem if we've grown to think of our dogs as furry, funny-shaped humans. Raw meat, raw offal, meaty bones, finely shredded raw veg – that's a dog's idea of fine dining.

One feature dogs unfortunately do share with people is "sweet" receptors on their tongues. Dogs get as addicted to sugary treats as we do. We also get just as sucked in by pet food marketing as we do with our own treats and snacks. "People see the cute ads, and think I'll get that for my dog. But a lot of these treats have a lot of sugar in them. Of course the dog loves them, but that kind of food isn't doing your dog any favours," Bradley says.

But not giving your fur baby something it thinks is yummy? It's a tough ask. "Even my mum does it, I'm ashamed to say," says Bradley.

Perhaps one of the strangest trends in modern dog ownership is playing dress-ups with our dogs.

Tim Munro is a trainer and behaviourist who specialises in a form of dog physical therapy called Tellington TTouch. While he concedes some dogs are temperamentally better equipped to handle being corseted than others, it's an area where, for our dogs' sake, we should be proceeding with caution.

"I absolutely don't think it's automatically bad," Munro says. "But I do see a lot of people who think their dogs are fine but I'm seeing things in the dog's body language that show it's not OK."

The feeling of constriction produced by being strapped into a decorative vest clothing can activate the sympathetic nervous system, the fight/flight/freeze response. A dog that starts running around like a loon when it's dressed up is probably not enjoying itself. There are more subtle signs, too.

"Sometimes you put something on a dog and the dog suddenly goes really quiet," Munro says. "You think that's good but in fact the dog might have just frozen, completely shut down."

You see that a lot in those YouTube videos of dogs in Halloween costumes: motionless except for their bulging eyes and anxiously flicking tongues. You may be laughing, but that's a very unhappy dog.

Professor Paul McGreevy, a vet and animal behaviour specialist at the University of Sydney, is a big fan of treating dogs as dogs.

In her influential bestseller *Inside of a Dog*, cognitive scientist Alexandra Horowitz talks about Umwelt, the world as it's perceived by a particular organism. McGreevy talks about a dog's telos: its purpose, its reason for being. What McGreevy and Horowitz are both saying, in essence, is instead of imagining that your dog is human, imagine what it might be like if you were the dog.

"We assume that their needs are the same as our needs, but that's not the case," McGreevy says. "Dogs have evolved to be dogs. So canine company, rules and routines that facilitate their ability to spend time out of the house, to access other social groups including other dogs – that's what they need."

In other words, training – so you can be confident about having your dog out and about. Lots of time with other dogs – providing the dogs get along. Vigorous exercise. And plenty of opportunity to sniff stuff. That's how you get a happy dog. And a happy life.

McGreevy says the key to being a good "fur parent" (although he would never, in this life or the next, use that term) is to establish a relationship where we're relevant to the dog, without needy co-dependence.

"That's the critical blend or balance. Being there for the dogs, being the social group member that the dogs look to for activity, fun, excitement. Without them being entirely dependent on us."

So staging a birthday party for your dog could actually be a great thing to do – as long as it gets along with the other guests and you're not feeding it chocolate eclairs. (You could probably leave off with the party frock, too.) Taking your dog everywhere with you is terrific – just don't carry it around in your handbag.

"People are very well motivated," McGreevy says. "We just need to tweak things a bit."

'It's okay, my dog is friendly...'

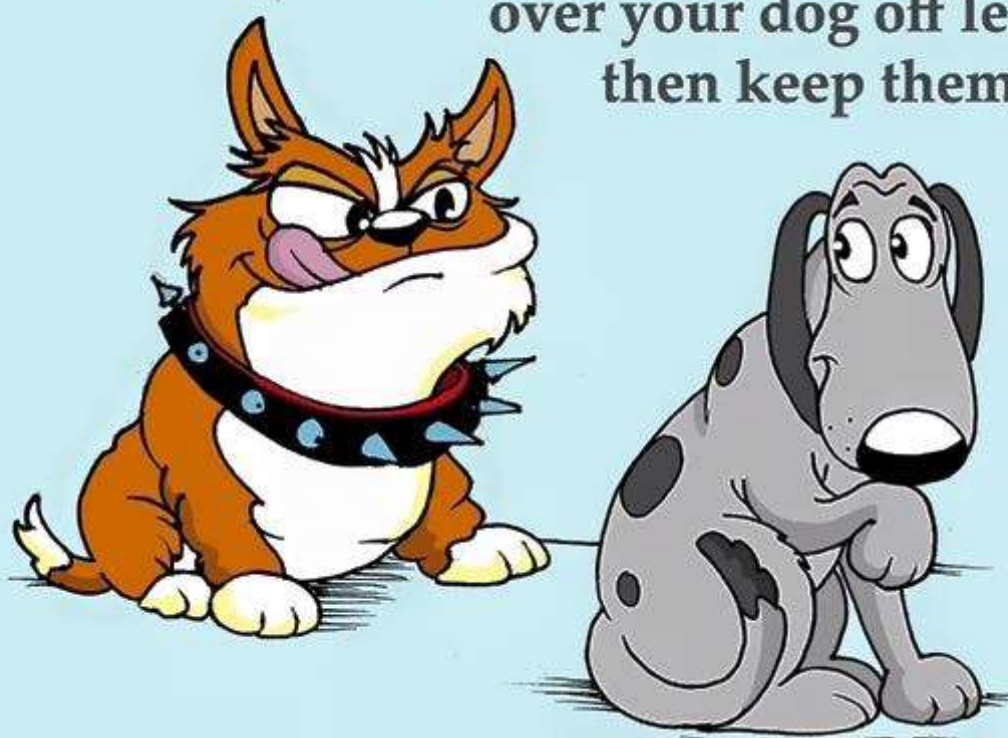
No it's NOT okay! Just because your dog is friendly doesn't mean all dogs are - please remember:

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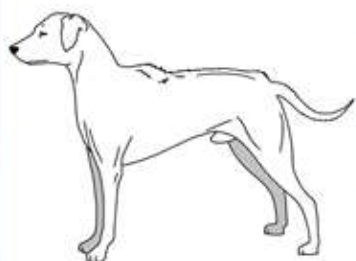
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Not all dogs want the added attention or intrusion.

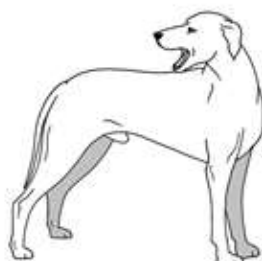
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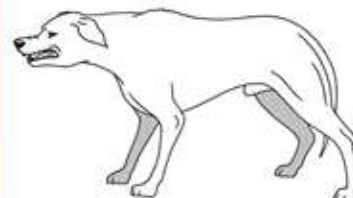
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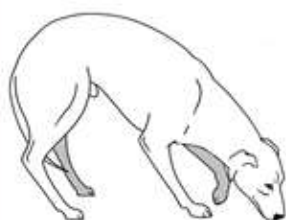
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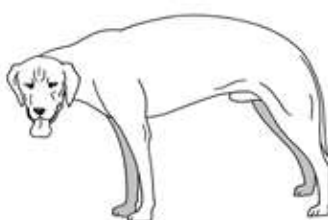
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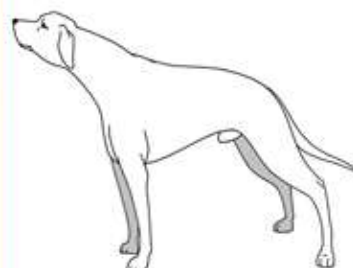
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Hunched Posture,
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Panting



Cautious



Whale Eye



Tongue Flick



Paw Lift

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In light of recent events, we have put together this video to show that many dogs in fact do NOT want to bite but it can be our (seemingly innocent) attempts to get close to them can cause problems.

This is a MUST WATCH video for pet owners and the general public.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=nbzWACAhGjc&feature=youtu.be&mc_cid=cf1b3dd047&mc_eid=b34953c0c9

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GRAIN-FREE PUMPKIN PEANUT BUTTER BITES

Ingredients:

1 1/2 cup coconut flour	4 organic eggs
1/2 cup 100% pure peanut butter	1/2 cup coconut oil
1 cup + 2 tbsp sweet potato or pumpkin puree	

Optional add-ins:

1/3 cup shredded carrots / 2 tsp dried parsley

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350
2. In a mixing bowl combine all ingredients and form dough into a ball
3. Roll out dough in between two sheets of parchment paper*
4. Gently use your desired cookie cutters to cut and lift cookies into ideal shape**
5. Transfer to a lined baking sheet
6. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until cookies are hard
7. Let cool completely before serving



Recipe Notes:

If dough is dry, add an additional egg

This recipe also works with unsweetened apple sauce

GRAIN-FREE PUMPKIN SWEET POTATOE BITES

Ingredients

1 1/2 Cups Brown Rice Flour	1/2 Cup Water
1/2 Teaspoon Cinnamon	1 Egg
1 Cup Mashed Sweet Potato Syrup	1 Tablespoon Organic Maple
1/2 Cup 100% Pure Pumpkin Purée	

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Set aside.
3. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together brown rice flour and cinnamon.
4. In a separate bowl, mash sweet potato.
5. Add pumpkin, water, egg, and maple syrup to sweet potato and mix until thoroughly combined.
6. Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and mix together with a spoon until you're left with a thick batter.
7. With your fingers, pinch off a small amount of the mixture (approx. 3/4 teaspoon) and roll into little balls. Place the balls on the baking sheet, spacing them about an inch apart.
8. After treats are placed on the baking sheet, take a fork and flatten the little balls to around a 1/4" thick.
9. Bake at 350°F for 20 minutes.
10. *Flip them over and continue baking another 10 minutes.
11. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.



Notes

Store in refrigerator for up to a week in an airtight container and in freezer for up to a month.

For crispier Pumpkin Sweet Potato Waffle Fries, continue baking until desired consistency

PET DOG TRAINING UPGRADES TERM 1 FEBRUARY-APRIL 2018

BEGINNERS

Handler Name	Breed	Dog's name
Mark Zonta	Rottweiler	Scarlet
Megan Feil	Labradoodle	Gracie
Michael Stinson	Border Collie/ G Shepherd X	Shae
Casita Fortune	German Shepherd	Luna
Maureen O'Donnell	Pomeranian/Poodle x	Ruby
Peter Weaver	Red Kelpie	Oliver
Ruth Larsen	Mini Schnauzer	Sisko
Santina McCarthy	Staffordshire Terrier	Charlie
Emma Eriksen	Border Collie	Aiva
Jessica Dorrell	Border Collie	Hunter
Claire Hoskins	Jack Russell	Banjo
Anita Ilksa	Border Collie/Bull Arab X	Lana
Rachel Doig	Amstaff X	Tess

INTERMEDIATE

Handler Name	Breed	Dog's Name
Bettina Glasl	Labrador X	Alma
Maree Enders	Golden Retriever	Nugget
Annika Frossling	Kelie/ Cattle Wolfhound X	Angus
Katie Morgan	BC/Cattle/Bull Arab X	Poppy

ADVANCED -GRADUATE!!

Handler Name	Breed	Dog's Name
Deb Fazel	Bull Arab X	Kye
Lily Taylor	Border Collie	Bear

CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC

2018 OBEDIENCE AND AGILITY TRIAL CALENDAR

ENTERING TRIALS

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

COMPETITORS PLEASE NOTE

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

Open Agility offered on all trials

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

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

Why Title A Dog?

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

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

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

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

-Sandra Mowery

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2018 TRACK and SEARCH AND TRACKING TRIAL CALENDAR

COST : \$20 per entry (includes breakfast)

Entries close 14 days prior to the trial

NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

Contact Trial Secretary Judy Forbes-Faulkner for further information

Mobile 0427 725 982

NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

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

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

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



BACK PAGE FUNNIES



Sorry, I can't come into work today. My dog just laid his head on my knee and well, that's that



COULD THIS BE WINTER AT LAST ?!



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