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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

What a year, am I talking about 2017, well yes it was a good year for the club, however **we** will be **"GREAT IN 2018"**.

I have a feeling that 2018 will be good year for the **"RAIN"**; it will be good year for the **"Cowboys"**; it will be a very good year for **our Dog Club** and **our competitors**.

There is a nice feeling coming from a group that want desperately to do well in the **"Obedience Ring"**. Partly because they want to achieve and partly because I have issued a number of our members with a challenge to achieve certain goals by the start of the Trialling season commencing April 2018 and beyond. Some have been asked to get their dogs into the ring for Community Companion Dog, some to make Companion Dog others to achieve their Companion Dog Excellent and even a challenge for one to make inroads with U.D.

This has created a reverse result of sorts in that I have been challenged to get Holy back into the Obedience ring as well. If it's motivation I need it seems to be working as I have put Holy into serious training, (it's a new learning curve for Holy and I); whether I can follow through remains to be seen (I will give it my best shot). I have asked others to give it their best shot also and already I have noticed a new keenness amongst those accepting my challenge and some are saying they will train through the tail end of 2017 and on into 2018. I wish everyone well with their new-found enthusiasm and achieve or not it should be great fun.

Our club competitors need to keep honing their skill and improving their knowledge, towards achieving these **"GOAL`S"**. So perhaps we could endeavour to build on our knowledge by putting together a couple of **Obedience Workshops**, one early in 2018. I believe we also need a workshop that will cater to the newer members who are thinking of getting started or even some of our older members who seem to miss out on getting into developing their skill in a Workshop.

Perhaps we could/should organize two workshops, one for the newer less experienced members and one for the more advanced, I look forward to your thoughts.

Mal Holland
President COCT Inc



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 want 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, 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.

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.



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'?

THURSDAY NIGHT OBEDIENCE TRAINING

Obedience Ring Training classes run by Mal Holland and Cathy O'Shea on alternate Thursday nights have finished for the trialling season.

However, general Obedience and Rally-O practice will continue on Thursday nights from 6.30pm at no charge providing handlers assist in the set up or packing up of equipment.

OBEDIENCE, AGILITY and TRACKING TRIALS

The 2017 trialling season finished with our last trial at the end of September. Results and some photos further in the mag. Congratulations to all who competed this year, and regardless of how well you did or didn't do the main thing is you had fun with your dog! The 2018 Trial Calendar will be published in the January-February 2018 magazine, with the first trial scheduled for April.

2017 END OF YEAR PREPARATIONS

Time is running out to submit an application for a Title Trophy! Please complete the form further on in the mag and return as per instructions by **Sunday 5 November 2017**, along with copies of your qual cards.

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 6 November 2017** followed by **Monday 4 December 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.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR ARE COMING !!

And that means party food, alcohol, fireworks – all things that don't mix well with your dog. Don't give or leave Christmas treats within reach of your dog as they can make them quite sick. This includes fatty left-overs, cooked bones, chocolates, nuts, and grapes. Fireworks at New Year's Eve are a delight for us, but terrifying to dogs. Make sure you have them well secured if going out to enjoy the festivities. If staying at home don't make a fuss over them if they become frightened as your good intentions will actually increase their distress rather than reduce it. Read the articles further on in the mag on how you can help your dog this festive season.



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.



Barking mad

- 🐾 A dog's bark lasts, on average, for 0.2 seconds.
- 🐾 A Beagle was once recorded barking 907 times in ten minutes (glad I wasn't living next door to him!)
- 🐾 According to a study, only two out of three dogs bark during the night (I will remind our neighbourhood dogs of this).
- 🐾 Sleeping dogs are more alert to the sound of other dogs barking than any other sound.
- 🐾 Dogs living in groups are more likely to bark than dogs living on their own.
- 🐾 Puppies can't bark until they are between two and four weeks old. During the first weeks of their life they whine and whimper instead, usually to signal distress. A whimper lasts on average for a second, but extremely agitated puppies have been known to cry out at the rate of one hundred whimpers per minute.
- 🐾 Dogs prefer Bach to Britney. A study by Queen's University in Belfast looked at the way hundreds of distressed rescue dogs reacted to different kinds of music. The sound of human voices and pop music by artists like Britney Spears did nothing to calm the stressed dogs down. Heavy metal and grunge music made the dogs even more agitated. When the band Metallica was played, the dogs started barking loudly. At the other end of the scale, scientists discovered that dogs relaxed and enjoyed themselves most when they were played classical music, and in particular, Bach.



Summer is coming

And along with that of course is high temperatures heating up the footpaths and roads where we walk our dogs. While we wear shoes for protection our dogs don't, and you could end up burning or damaging their paws.

1. Walk Your Dog When It's Cool

This is an obvious tip, but one that sometimes isn't considered enough. We all want to take our dog for a walk but we have to be mindful of the temperature and when and where to walk them. The best time is early morning before 7.00am or late afternoon / early evening, when the footpath is cooler. Be careful at the beach as the sand can be searing hot. If you can't leave your hand on the surface for 5 seconds or longer then it is too hot for your dog's paws.

2. Toughen Your Dog's Paws

During cool times of the day, you should walk your dog on pavement, because the hard and rough surfaces will toughen the pads on your dog's paws. This will help to make the pads tougher, providing a natural resistance to damage from hot surfaces.

3. Stay On The Grass When It's Hot

If you have to take your dog out during the warmer times of the day, be sure to stay on the grass and stick to shady areas. Stay away from footpaths or any paved areas to avoid burning. A shady park can be a great place to take your dog on a warm afternoon.



Training Report for October 2017

Intake 4 is about to start with once again four Beginners classes, one Intermediate and an Advanced course running on Tuesday nights. Judy's Intermediate class is very popular with 10 enrolled and help needed. Joy has made herself available and Jane may also be able to help out. Lisa will take the first 4 weeks of Advanced which is great and then Joy and maybe Kirsten will be on hand to finish the course. Thanks to all of the Clubs' instructors who give of the time on a consistent basis to keep the training classes going and the clubs income continuing.

Sally from the Townsville City Council was once again able to attend for our Introduction talk, and had breed sheets and gifts for the intake starters. The councils support, and in particular Sally's efforts, to keep the assistance on-track is very much appreciated and I thank both the Council and Sally for the backing. It is very much in the Clubs' interest that they attend and show that we have the backing and support of the local authority.

Intake 3 is done and dusted, and another group move on to either higher classes within the club or of into the parks, beaches, and yards of Townsville with a few more skills and a far better understanding of living with Canines. The intake resulted in 15 upgrades in the 4 Beginners classes from 28 enrolees. Judy achieved 4 upgrades from the 8 who attended and Kirsten did well with 3 moving up from the class of 5, so pretty close to and slightly better than 50% success rate across all classes. Thanks very much all of you and good effort. I will stop playing with my pup and roll up my sleeves again, thanks Judy for a great Intermediate class I had fun and enjoyed your class very much.

A special thanks to Renate for keeping on top of the class enrolments, we argue and haggle but at the end of the day between the two of us we manage to keep on top of the course intakes. It is a big job, so thanks for your help Renate.

Many thanks, and see you in the paddock.

Noel McPherson
Training coordinator



OBEDIENCE & AGILITY 2017 TRIAL REPORT

As you all know our trial season in Townsville and also in North Queensland is now over and we can spend a few quiet hot months playing with our dogs and perfecting our skills for the 2018 season starting in Townsville in early April.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has helped make this a successful year.

Firstly, to Diane MacIntyre for her tireless efforts providing gifts for our Judges, prizes for competitors and spending many hours setting up and packing up the prize tables and taking pictures of our competitors doing Obedience, Rally O, Agility, Jumpers and the Agility Games.

My thanks also go to our Trial Secretaries Linda King and Leisa Cassidy for manning (or should I say womaning) the table, recording the results into K9 entries while ably assisted by several other competitors. Also, to all the competitors for their help stewarding in the Obedience, Rally O and Agility rings and of course to all the other helpers who assist changing courses and also jump heights.

Last but not least the catering ladies (Leisa, Linda, Catherine, Julie, Debbie, Renate, Lisa and anyone else I have forgotten) **(and Judy herself for potato bakes, Caesar Salads and Date & Walnut Loaf! Ed – Diane)** for their delightful dishes hot and cold and all the delicious desserts. The Southern Judges are always commenting on the standard of our feasts so thank you for such appetising delights.

I must not forget to mention Janette Cussons and all her helpers with the Tracking and Track and Search Trials, including the breakfast caterers for all those events. Janette has already produced several articles commenting on the standard of the tracking, the multitudinous qualifications and the excellent help she has received throughout the season.

Finally, I would like to mention some of the successes our competitors have had in the Obedience, Rally O and Agility/Jumpers/Games competitions this season.

Obedience

CDX titles - Cathy O'Shea and Dante and Kirsten Nilson with Duke.

CD titles - Renate Linder with Dixie and myself with Rose.

CCD titles - Linda King with Red and Renate with Dixie.

Rally O

Rally O Champion - Renate Linder with Lilly

Rally Excellent - Renate Linder with Dixie and Deb Kampaklis with Morphy

Rally Advanced - Linda King with Red

Rally Novice - Linda King with D'Arcy, Catherine Pentland with Pie, Deb Kampaklis with Diesel and myself with Frodo.

Agility/Jumping and Games

Open Jumpers - Deb Kampaklis with Morphy

Novice Jumpers – Catherine Pentland with Pie and myself with Pearl.

Novice Gamblers – Catherine Pentland with Pie and myself with Frodo.

2018 promises to be a big year if the qualifications gained at the last two trial weekends of this year are any indication.

Once again thankyou to all our members and visitors that have helped make this trialling year such a success and good luck for the 2018 season.

Judy Forbes-Faulkner
Secretary COCT Inc.



LAST CHANCE TO APPLY FOR A TITLE TROPHY ! APPLICATIONS CLOSE 5 NOVEMBER 2017



2017 TITLE TROPHIES

The end of the 2017 trialling season is nigh, and it's time for me to start working on end of year Title and Trophy awards. To apply for a Title Trophy, you need to be a financial Club member at the time of gaining the title.

Title Trophies

There are several different styles of glasses on offer as per list below. Glasses can be viewed in the display case in the clubhouse. Each will have the glass number reference number against it. Some styles have a limited number left and is shown in brackets after the glass reference number.

Glass No.	Style	Glass No.	Style	Glass No.	Style
1.	Flute (last one!)	8.	High ball drinking	15.	Pilsner
2.	Flute	9.	Tall beer glass	16.	White Wine
3.	Flute	10.	Old fashioned scotch	17.	Red wine
4.	White wine	11.	Old fashioned scotch	18.	Red Wine
5.	Old fashioned scotch	12.	Flute	19.	Champion Photo
6.	Red wine (last one!)	13.	Coffee mug		
7.	Pilsner	14.	Stubby cooler		

Championship Title Winners.

Please provide a high quality, printed 8x10 photo of your dog, plus the complete kennel name and titles won up to the date the Championship Title was gained and I will arrange for it to be professionally framed. Also email the photo to me and I'll arrange for it to be displayed on the Club's Hall of Fame Honour Board.

To get a head start on the end of year rush please complete the Title Application form on the next page with your details and the reference number of the glass, and either place in the folder in the clubhouse or scan and email to me.

NOTE :- If you don't want to apply for a title trophy could you please send me your dog's achievements for the year so all your hard work and successes can be recorded and acknowledged. It will also help determine winners of the perpetual trophies.

Thank you!

Diane MacIntyre
Trophy Officer



COCT INC TITLE APPLICATION 2017
ONE APPLICATION PER DOG PER TITLE

You must be a financial member of COCT Inc at the time Title achieved

Place completed applications in folder marked TITLE APPLICATIONS 2017 in Clubhouse
 or scan and email to Diane at dandr11@aapt.net.au by **Sunday 5 November 2017**

Your name		Phone number	
Kennel name OR Call name PLUS title/s to be engraved on glass. What you put in here is what will be engraved on the glass. See note and style examples below.			
Dog's call name			
Glass number / photo			




Note : The length of the dog's name plus the number of titles will determine the size of the text being engraved. The longer the name and titles, the smaller the text will be. You can choose from any of the examples below.

PLEASE PUT A TICK AGAINST THE TEXT FORMAT YOU WANT AGAINST ONE OF THE EXAMPLES BELOW.

Full kennel name with new title plus previous titles

Full kennel name with only title that has been gained

Call name with new title plus previous titles

RE Belgnte Black Magic CCD CD RA TD AD JD SD  Renate Linder 2013	GD Moya Sunrise Poppy  Louise Ashworth 2013	ET Holly CD AD JD  Mal Holland 2013
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Copies or the original of all qual cards for each Title being claimed must be attached to this form.
Original qual cards will be returned!

Leave completed forms and qual cards in folder at Clubhouse
 Or
 Scan/email to Diane MacIntyre dandr11@aapt.net.au

The above info will assist with working out the winners of the perpetual trophies – thank you!

CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC

2017 CHRISTMAS PARTY AND BREAKUP

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2nd 2017
From 6.30pm – Dinner 7.00pm



KIRWAN SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB
BAMFORD LANE, KIRWAN

Come along to our end of year presentation night
Guest Speaker :
Trivia Quiz
Trophy and Title presentations
Great Food and Company!

Cost - \$35.00 ea

Instructors and Committee Members free



Menu

Main

Roasted pork & crackling with traditional gravy & apple sauce
Asian style honey sesame seed chicken / Bombay mild beef curry
Lemongrass scented coconut rice / Steamed garden veg / Roasted rosemary potatoes
Baked dinner rolls & butter / Potato bacon salad /
Creamy sundried tomato & pesto pasta salad / Market green leaf salad

Dessert

Pavlova topped with tropical fruits
Assorted cheesecake

RSVP to Renate by Friday 19 November 2017

\$5.00 deposit for Committee Members / Instructors (refundable on the night)

\$35.00 Members and Visitors



CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Our popular Christmas Hampers will again be raffled this year,
and we need you to help fill them up!
Donations gratefully received of quality homemade
or purchased human or dog items.
Please leave in laundry basket in clubhouse or with ladies at canteen.



Tickets on sale now until drawn at Christmas Party Break Up
Saturday 2nd December 2017 - Winners will be notified if not present!

Tickets : \$1.00 each - Available from Clubhouse on training nights or at Christmas Party

CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC

**LAST TRAINING NIGHT FOR 2017
IS A FUN NIGHT !!**

**TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2017
7.30 – 8.30pm**

Come and join us for an hour of fun and games to celebrate the end of another year of training.

Dress yourself and your pooch up in your finest Christmassy gear
to set the theme for the night

Note : Please dress up after class has finished!



Prizes for :-

Christmas Dress Up Theme

Note : Please dress up after class, not before!

Join us for some fun with :-

Potato and Spoon Race
Obstacle Course

Free nibblies available and drinks on sale



**COCT Inc Committee Members and Instructors would like to wish everyone
a Happy and Safe Festive Season.**

Remember to incorporate some basic training during the break,
even if during your daily walk.

Give your dog the day off on Christmas day – he will
appreciate it just as much as you!

Classes resume Tuesday 23rd January 2018 with the Introduction Talk for new beginners only.

All classes then start the following Tuesday, 30th January 2018.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

For those who would like to continue with some practice there will
be an Instructor or two available on most Thursday nights between
6.30pm – 7.30pm, weather permitting, at no charge.



RAFFLE

Framed and signed 2017 Cowboys Jersey



2nd Prize \$50.00 Fuel Voucher

3rd Prize \$20.00 Bunnings Voucher

TICKETS - \$2.00ea from Clubhouse and Instructors

DRAWN – Saturday 2nd December 2017 at Christmas Breakup

DOGS AND FIREWORKS DON'T MIX

Across Australia many annual celebrations may involve fireworks, and here in Townsville we have our fair share of festivals with fireworks, and the biggest of them all, New Year's Eve, is just around the corner.

Unfortunately, many animals are terrified by firework displays which can indirectly pose risks to their safety by causing them to take flight and try to escape the loud noises. Dogs in particular may be afraid of fireworks (and thunder), and many try to run away, sometimes injuring themselves in the process. Many of these dogs can end up several kilometres from home. Dogs have been known to jump through plate glass windows to escape loud noises, and easily jump over, or dig their way under fences that would normally contain them.



What can I do for my dog?

Below are some suggestions and precautions you can take to keep your dog safe and reduce his stress and anxiety during firework displays. The same advice can be used with thunderstorms.

- Prepare early. If you know there is going to be a celebration in your neighborhood start planning now.
- Take your dog out for exercise before the fireworks start e.g. reasonably long walk, then after a couple of hours you can feed a meal. A tired and well-fed dog will likely be less anxious during the night. If you can, stay home to be with your pet.
- Let your dog be with you and try to be calm and normal. Avoid fussing over your pet excessively but try to engage them in normal activities such as playing. Reward your dog for their calm behaviour, rewards include giving dog treats and their favourite dog toy.
- Close the curtains, pull the blinds and turn on the lights to mask the flashes of fireworks. Create a comfortable hiding place and allow your dog to go there to feel safe, put on some music or the TV to help mask the noise outside, and distract your dog with games and food.
- Give your dog a comfortable 'bolt hole' for him to escape to. This might be a crate or even a cupboard that makes him feel safe, but leave the door open so he is free to come and go when he needs. Confinement can cause panic.
- If your dog finds an area of your home where he is comfortable, like under your bed, do not pull him out. Let him go to where he feels safe and secure and leave him there.
- Turn on a fan or air conditioner to mask the bangs outside.
- Invest in a Thundershirt, a natural solution to your dog's separation anxiety, fear of loud noises, and travel. The Thundershirt is a proven method that improves symptoms of anxiety in pets. With its patented design, the Thundershirt uses gentle hugging to calm your dog, applying constant pressure that helps calm most dogs if they are anxious, fearful or overexcited. Read more about it here www.luckypet.com.au/thundershirt-for-dog-anxiety.html

- Dogs that panic can choke themselves on a collar or lead, so never tether your dog during these times and never use a check chain to restrain your dog.
- Make sure your dog is wearing his collar with identity tag attached, that they are micro-chipped and your contact details are up to date on the microchip register. Dogs are known to turn into Houdini's when they are terrified and will do anything to get away from loud sounds.
- Direct supervision is important to help prevent injury or escape. If you cannot supervise your dog on the night consider making alternative arrangements so your dog will be supervised by a responsible person directly or consider boarding your dog so they will be safe.
- Do not walk your dog outside when you know there is an event in your neighborhood or leave him out in your back yard.
- Talk to your vet about the treatment options available for managing noise phobias - ask them about temporary calming treatments that can be given prior to an event.
- CD's are available with all sorts of loud sounds on them that dogs may find scary – thunder, fireworks, motorbikes, mowers etc. Wait for your dog to be in a relaxed and calm mood, then play the CD at low volume. If your dog doesn't show signs of stress, reward with a treat or a game, and gradually increase the volume.

This may or may not work on some dogs I tried this on my old dog Buddy many years ago, who was terrified of thunder. He was half asleep on his mat in the lounge when I started the CD, and showed no reaction at all to increasing noise of thunder. Instead he opened one eye, gave me a look as if to say 'can't a dog get some sleep around here' and dozed off. What was lacking was the change in the atmosphere when a thunderstorm approaches, so wasn't at all fooled by the fake noise!



8 THINGS NOT TO FEED YOUR DOG THIS CHRISTMAS

Whether it's food, drink or spending, most of us overindulge at Christmas time. So can our pets if we aren't careful!

While we may suffer no more than a stomach ache, sore head or scary credit card balance as a result of our transgressions, the same can't be said for our pets. It's perfectly normal to give your pets plenty of treats during the festive season, but there are several indulgent foods which can seriously injure – or even kill – your fur baby.

So which Christmas foods should you keep away from your dogs (or cats!) at all costs? The Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) warns us about these eight common foods which dogs can't eat, among others:

1. Chocolate. Most pet owners are well-aware of this already, but it's an easy one to forget at Christmas. That tasty advent calendar, or those bars of Toblerone wrapped nicely under the tree, can be highly toxic to your pet even in small quantities.

On a related note... Can dogs eat ice cream? The answer is maybe not; some dogs are lactose intolerant, so feeding them part of your ice cream cone – even if it's not chocolate flavoured! – can lead to diarrhoea, stomach pains, noxious gas, and skin irritations. Unfortunately, these two favourite human desserts are some of the worst things you can feed your dog.

2. Nutmeg. Adding a dash of nutmeg to your eggnog this Christmas? Don't fling it around – it's actually one of the lesser known poisonous foods for dogs. The Australian Veterinary Association warns that nutmeg can cause dogs to suffer from tremors, seizures, issues with the nervous system and even death.

3. Grapes and raisins. Are grapes bad for dogs? Sadly, yes. Thanks to the traditional plum pudding, Aussies probably consume more raisins at Christmas time than through the entire remainder of the year! Both raisins and grapes, though, can cause acute kidney failure in your dog, so be careful not to give them a handful of leftovers.

4. Avocados. It's avocado season and they are a popular Christmas food. But they also contain a toxin which can damage the heart, lungs and tissue of many different animals, including Fido. Fortunately, the effect in dogs is usually mild – definitely keep avocados away from any pet birds though!

5. Macadamia nuts. Australia is the world's largest producer of macadamias; the Australian Macadamia Society estimates that currently there are around six million macadamia trees in Australia! These popular Christmas nuts can also be toxic to dogs, though. Symptoms generally present within 12 hours and can include vomiting, hypothermia and elevated heart rate. Keep any nutty treats wrapped under the tree!

6. Onions and garlic. It's amazing what some dogs will crunch into; both onions and garlic can cause gastric irritation and anemia if eaten in large quantities, so be mindful of this when preparing turkey stuffing or Christmas vegetables.

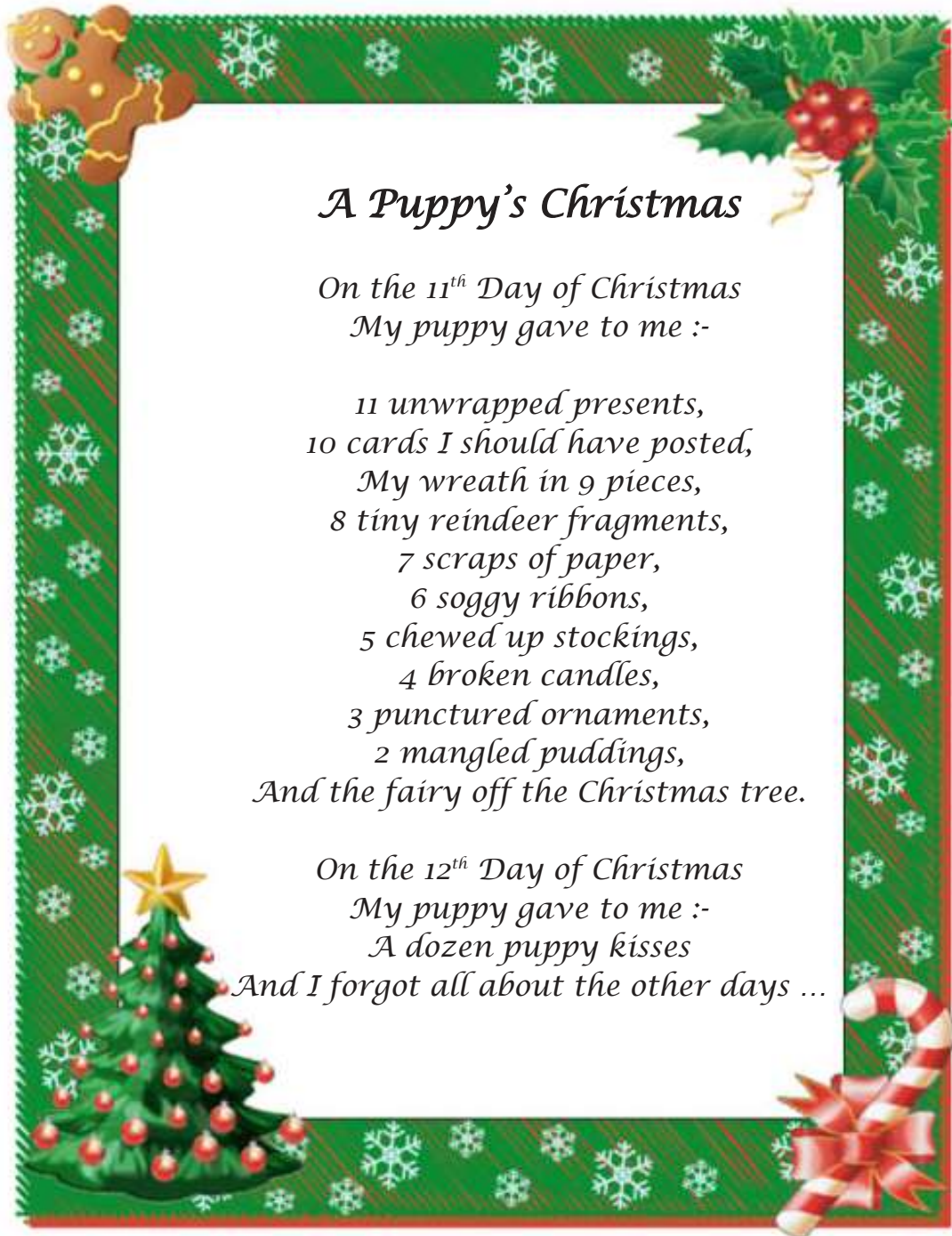
7. Turkey skin, pork crackling, sausages and fatty meats. Unfortunately, these staples of a good Christmas lunch are foods which can all lead to inflammation of the pancreas in dogs due to high fat content. They're not the best for owners, either! (although we can't deny they're delicious).

8. Alcohol. 'tis the season to be jolly, and we tend to celebrate the festive season with beer, wine and bubbles. According to the AVA though, even small amounts of alcohol can kill a pet. Half-empty glasses, spilled drink, even fermented fruit and other foods – make sure you keep them out of reach.

What to do if your pet gets food poisoning

There are so many foods that are bad for dogs. So, what can you do if your dog is acting funny and you think they may have eaten a toxic food? If you suspect your pet has eaten something bad for them, you should call your local veterinarian immediately. Do some first aid in the meantime if you know it, or check the RSPCA's website

<http://www.rspcavic.org/services/emergency-assistance/first-aid-for-pets>



A Puppy's Christmas

*On the 11th Day of Christmas
My puppy gave to me :-*

*11 unwrapped presents,
10 cards I should have posted,
My wreath in 9 pieces,
8 tiny reindeer fragments,
7 scraps of paper,
6 soggy ribbons,
5 chewed up stockings,
4 broken candles,
3 punctured ornaments,
2 mangled puddings,
And the fairy off the Christmas tree.*

*On the 12th Day of Christmas
My puppy gave to me :-
A dozen puppy kisses
And I forgot all about the other days ...*

12 KEYS for Successful Training

1

Behavior does not change, nor is it learned, overnight. Practice, patience and consistency are key!

2

Dogs do what we reinforce, intentional or not. Be sure to reinforce behaviors that you want to see repeated.

3

Body language is one of the only ways your dog has to communicate with you. Always pay attention to their body language and what it is telling you.

4

Ensure that your dog has appropriate outlets for energy. Excess energy can manifest as unwanted behaviors.

5

Take baby steps. You will make substantial progress when you move step by step.

6

Managing unwanted behaviors by controlling the environment is a great way to prevent undesired behaviors from being practiced.

7

Every single time your dog comes when called, be happy to see them! Even if they were doing something naughty prior to running to you.

8

Find out what your dog finds valuable. This is different for every dog. It could be a special toy, activity, or a favorite type of food.

9

Your dog is the one who determines if something is valuable. Not you, not anyone else.

10

Catch your dog being good. When your dog is doing something you like make sure you reinforce it.

11

Tell your dog how you want them to behave. You can tell your dog ten things not to do, but you will save time teaching them one thing to do.

12

Keep training sessions short and sweet. 3-5 minutes at a time, 2-3 times a day.

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Living with a teenage dog

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<https://dogsns.w.partica.online/dogs-nsw/dogs-nsw-september-2017-magazine/features/living-with-a-teenage-dog>

Most new dog owners find puppyhood challenging, but they are getting the support of their breeder and a puppy pre-school class. There is also the novelty and the children, who desperately wanted a puppy, are still on board. But once the cute pup turns into an adolescent delinquent, things can start to fall apart.

Owners seem ill prepared for the challenges of a teen-aged dog: the emotional response and over the top reaction to some stimuli, forgotten training, increased exercise requirements, need for more mental stimulation, ongoing socialisation and training, take owners by surprise.

That is also the time when breeders might get a phone call from their clients asking for help. It is important to give sound advice, as this is the time when dogs might be returned, or end up in pounds and shelters.



The dogs don't do it on purpose but their brain, to put it casually, is still under construction. They are not giving their owners a hard time, but they are having a hard time.

However, to reach the stability of adulthood they have to go through the teenage phase. We have to assume that, like in humans, parts of the cortex matures at different rates. The more basic functions mature first, whereas the parts in the brain responsible for controlling impulse or planning, mature later. Emotional responses, especially the urgency and intensity of the emotional reaction are affected during this time. Hormonal changes are another factor, even in desexed dogs. The dog is also figuring out his place in the family and the wider community.

These young dogs now spend more and more time at home in the backyard, because they are too boisterous to walk and often refuse to come back at the off-leash dog park. They also have gotten into a few run-ins with other dogs. They now become unemployed and will soon be self-employed, meaning they dig up the backyard, eat the pool lights and bark at anything that moves. It is downhill from there and it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Their social skills deteriorate further and their world becomes very small. They meet the same people and dogs over and over again and if they go out, it is the same old, same old. They stop interacting with new people or dogs and they 'forget' how to deal with new situations, or might get scared. Scared dogs are dogs who react inappropriately, or show aggression towards unknown dogs or people.

This pattern can be fatal! Behavioural problems seem to be the number one reason for euthanasia of dogs of any age and "it is still the largest cause of death of puppies under one year of age. Indeed, the average age of dogs in Australia, and worldwide, is estimated to be around 3.5 years, which is well below their potential biological age."

A large number of dogs are surrendered to shelters each year. One study puts the figure at a staggering 20%. The numbers of cats and dogs euthanized in Australia is equally staggering at 180,000 and other countries are no better.

But there are positive and effective ways of dealing with dogs during their teenage phase:

Keep socialising. While early socialisation is important it does not stop with a puppy preschool at 16 weeks. Teenage dogs need to be socialised on an ongoing basis. They need to meet new people and dogs, go to new places and have new and positive experiences. Attending a well-run class for teenage dogs helps with ongoing socialisation, provides support and owners may realise that they are not alone.

Don't run them into the ground. A lot of owners try to solve the problem by literally 'running them into the ground' on a daily basis. However, they are just creating an athlete. The dog is now so fit that they cannot get them tired anymore, or worse, the dog is physically exhausted but the brain cannot settle.

Find a balance between mental and physical stimulation. Teaching them something new on an ongoing basis, such as tricks or a brush up on obedience skills is a good start. Using part of their food for enrichment in food dispensing toys, recycle plastic bottles, pizza boxes, paper rolls, etc helps too. Or, if so inclined, why not take up a dog sport: Agility, Obedience, Rally O, Nose Work, or Fly Ball.

Keep educating them. A classic is the couch. The dog is on the couch. The owner first asks the dog to get off, then the owner commands the dog to get off and then resorts to pulling the dog off, the dog growls or even snaps. Often this is the beginning of the end for a relationship. Firstly, the dog is not on the couch because he plans on taking over the household and then the world.

The dog is on the couch because it is the most comfortable place and he has not been taught to go to his bed. If the dog is not allowed on the couch teaching a 'go to bed cue' is the first step. It is important that all family members are enforcing the same rules. Dogs do the wrong thing because they have not been trained properly or the wrong things are reinforced. The best way to address unwanted behaviours is to teach an alternate behaviour out of context, in this case, go to bed, and then gradually bring it back to the problematic situation. If necessary 'interrupt' (with their name) – 'redirect' (ask for an incompatible behaviour like sit instead of jumping) – 'reward' (treat, praise, toy, interaction) should be the go to approach if something goes really wrong.

Reward the effort. Despite all the bravado they are showing, young dogs are really insecure. Owners need to acknowledge the effort and reward all the good things instead of focusing on the bad stuff. Keep it positive.

Let them make choices, if safe and possible. A lot of dogs are not going to the off-leash park anymore because they got into altercations with other dogs. If no one was hurt, the dog is not aggressive, he just needs more socialisation. Teaching a really reliable recall is the first step owners need to take, then the environment needs to be managed carefully and the dogs should be matched with suitable play mates. Hopefully the owners have attended a good puppy pre-school that allowed for off leash interaction and are able to read body language and good play. Play should ebb and flow, roles are reversed, there are pauses, invitations to play are frequent (play bow, eye flashing, lifted paws etc). If it gets too rough the dogs have to be called back, asked to sit to calm things down and start again. If a dog shows aggression, professional help should be sought.

The good thing about teenage dogs is that this phase does not go on for years. With the right attitude, additional socialisation, training and a good sense of humour it may only last for a few months. They still might have relapses later, but hopefully not as bad and not as long.

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PET DOG TRAINING UPGRADES

TERM 3 JULY-SEPTEMBER 2017

BEGINNERS

<i>Handler Name</i>	<i>Breed</i>	<i>Dog's Name</i>
Jo-Ellen Green	Cattle Dog	Susie
Deb Fazel	Bull Arab X	Kye
Melissa Winkels	Kelpie/Shepherd X	Blaze
Jason Bawden	Blue Heeler	Dutch
Janette Graham	Kelpie	Lillie
Alison Mackrill	Bull Terrier	Franki
Bev Paulsen	Border Collie	Abby
Melisa Ware	Sharpei X	Dandelian
Shirley Kirkman	Dachshund	Lola-Mae
Christopher Barnett	American Staffy	Ruby
Gabrielle Creedy	Toy Poodle/Toy Terrier X	Jelly
Nathaniel Coleman	Cattle Dog Stumpy Tail	Molly
Elose Millar & Brendan	Kelpie/Cattle X	Archer
Larissa Stokes	Sharpei/Dobberman X	Zack
Timothy Fox	Siberian Husky	Finnick

INTERMEDIATE

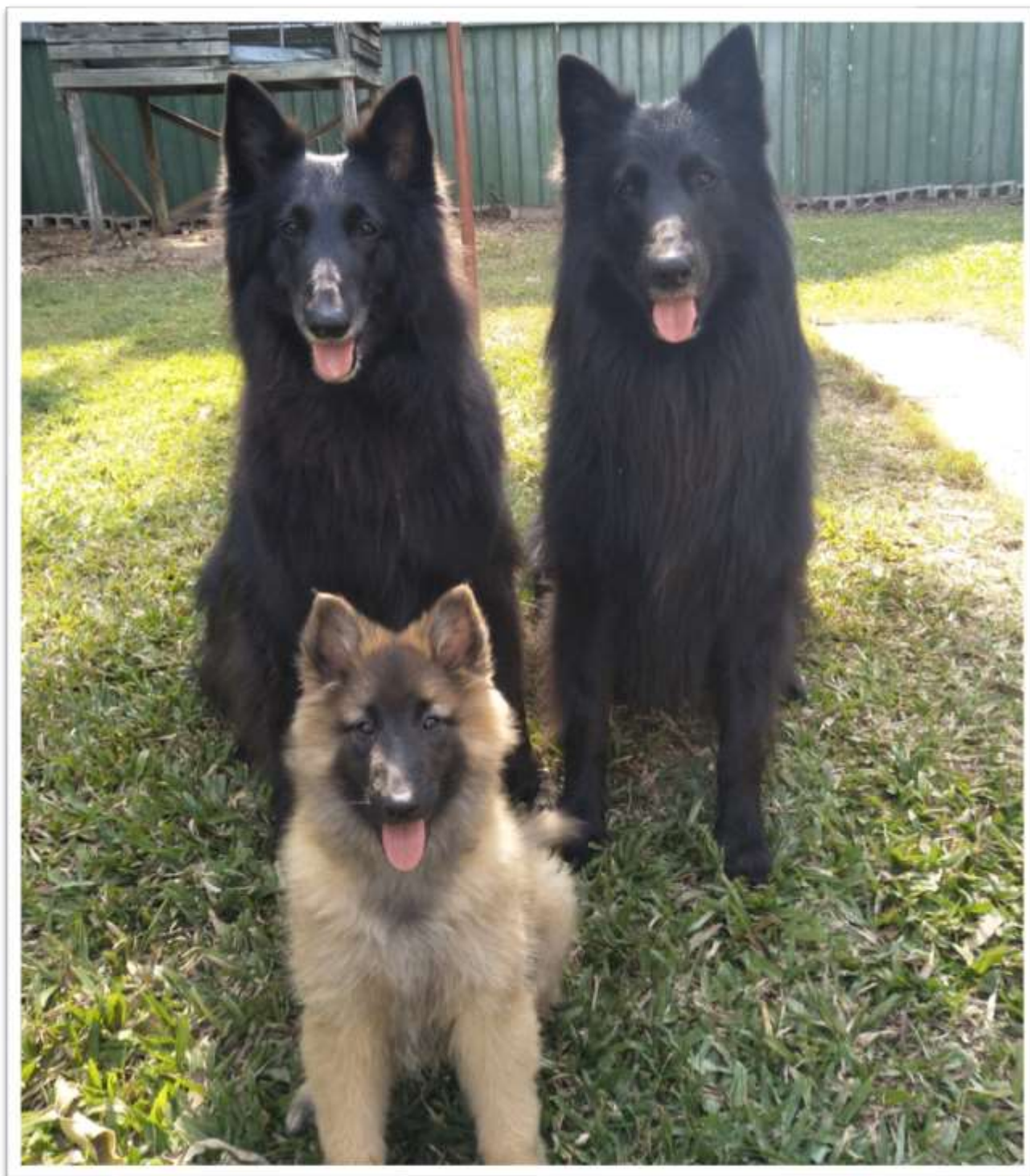
<i>Handler Name</i>	<i>Breed</i>	<i>Dog's Name</i>
Stephanie Miller	Rottweiler X	Zooey
Heather Meurant	Labrador	Sandy
Amy Lamb	Toy Poodle	Earl
Greg Tudehope	Australian Shepherd	Dougal

ADVANCED -GRADUATES!!

<i>Handler Name</i>	<i>Breed</i>	<i>Dog's Name</i>
Nicole Chapman	Border Collie	Bubbles
Jasmine Laguna	Australian Shepherd	Molly
Peter Alexander	German Shepherd	Odin

LOOK WHO'S NEW ...

Kirsten Nilson's two Belgian Shepherd Groenendale's Duke and Pip welcoming baby Zari (Heroeswit SS Enchanted Tzarina) who is a Belgian Shepherd Tervueren. She was 9 weeks old when this pic was taken in early October so won't be long before we see her out and about. You'll have your work cut out for you now, Kirsten!



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UDX	Name	Dogs Name	Score
1st	Silke Weyland	Aska	126
UD			
1st	Lisa Sinclair	Coffee Crème	102
CDX			
1st Q	Kirsten Nilson	Duke	192
2nd Q	Cathy O'Shea	Dante	191
3rd Q	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	185
CD			
1st Q	Linda King	Red	182
2nd Q	Mandy Jones	Jay	181
3rd	Carolyn Lynn	Kelly	157
CCD			
1st	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	74

Judge : Kathy Millington**RALLY OBEDIENCE**

Masters	Name	Dogs Name	Score
1st Q	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	95
2nd Q	Lisa Sinclair	Coffee Crème	95
3rd Q	Renate Linder	Lilly	94
4th Q	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	Rose	85
Ex B			
1st Q	Renate Linder	Dixie	86
Ex A			
1st Q	Silke Weyland	Aska	96
2nd Q	Kirsten Nilson	Pip	94
3rd Q	Linda King	Red	85
Ad B			
1st Q	Renate Linder	Dixie	93
Ad A	No placings		
Novice			
1st	Catherine Pentland	Pie	56

Judge : Jody Brown**AGILITY**

Masters	Name	Dogs Name	Time
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	39.31
2nd Q	Amber Morey	Diva	42.94
3rd Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	52.23
4th Q	Marilyn McKee	Smokie	55.56
Open			
1st Q	Amber Morey	Diva	40.89
2nd Q	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	45.92
3rd	Pauline Carlton	Dixie	63.13
Excellent			
1st Q	Pauline Carlton	Dixie	51.02
Novice			
1st Q	Karen Winzar	Cleo	30.74
2nd	Lucy Joynson	Jinka	37.27
3rd	J Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	47.91

JUMPERS**Judge Keith Millington**

Masters	Name	Dogs Name	Time
1st Q	Trish Willaims	Cue	26.22
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	30.01
3rd Q	Roel Wittkamp	Mynx	36.98
Open			
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Zippy	25.25
2nd Q	Marilyn McKee	Ollie	35.5
3rd Q	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	39.55
Excellent	No placings		
Novice			
1st	J Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	38.14
2nd	Linda King	Red	44.81

TRIAL 1, SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2017**Judge : Jody Brown****GAMBLERS**

Masters			
1st Q	Tricia Williams	Cue	66
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	62
3rd	Lauren Moore	Zippy	59
Excellent			
1st Q	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	37
2nd Q	Karen Winzar	Cleo	32
3rd Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	26
4th Q	Amber Moret	Diva	26
Novice			
1st Q	Catherine Pentland	Pie	25
2nd Q	Tracey Bessel	Weston	24
3rd	J Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	17

TRIAL 2, SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2017**OBEDIENCE****Judge Kathy Millington**

UDX	Name	Dog's Name	Score
Withdrawn			
UD			
1st Q	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	191
Open			
1st Q	Cathy O'Shea	Dante	195
2nd Q	Kirsten Nilson	Duke	187
3rd	Renate Linder	Lilly	94
CD			
1st Q	Carolyn Lynn	Kelly	179
2nd NQ	Mandy Jones	Jay	174
3rd	Renate Linder	Dixie	152
CCD	Withdrawn		

STRATEGIC PAIRS**Judge Keith Millington**

Masters	Name	Dog's Name	Time
1st Q	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	48.02
	Tricia Williams	Cue	48.02
2nd Q	Pauline Carlton	Dixie	58.57
	Amber Morey	Diva	58.57
Excellent			
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	44.28
	Roel Wittkamp	Mynx	44.28
2nd Q	Tricia Williams	Chilli	59.2
	Jean Wilkinson	Mac	59.2
Novice	No entries		

AGILITY**Judge Keith Millington**

Masters	Name	Dog's Name	Time
1st Q	Tricia Williams	Cue	35.19
2nd Q	Amber Morey	Diva	48.08
3rd Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	49.54
4th Q	Marilyn McKee	Smokie	56.13
Excellent	No placings		
Open			
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Zippy	36.73
2nd Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	46.58
3rd	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	35.44
Novice			
1st Q	Karen Winzar	Cleo	30.41
2nd	J Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	43.72
3rd	Silke Weyland	Aska	30.41

Jumpers**Judge Jody Brown**

Masters	Name	Dog's Name	Time
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	21
2nd Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	25.66
3rd Q	Amber Morey	Diva	27.67
4th Q	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	27.78
Open			
1st Q	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	17.43
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	21.1
3rd Q	Catherine Pentland	Pie	23.97
4th Q	Marilyn McKee	Ollie	24.09
5th Q	Roel Wittkamp	Mynx	24.17
6th Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	26.62
Excellent			
1st Q	Marilyn McKee	Ollie	24.03
Novice			
1st Q	Tracey Bessel	Weston	17.26
2nd Q	Carolyn Lynn	Kelly	17.49
3rd Q	Catherine Pentland	Pie	18.47
4th Q	J Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	22.89







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UDX	Name	Dogs Name	Score
1st	Silke Weyland	Aska	106
UD			
1st	Lisa Sinclair	Coffee Crème	156
CDX			
1st Q	Cathy O'Shea	Dante	196
2nd	Kirsten Nilson	Duke	167
3rd	Alexandria Bailey	Zita	134
CD			
1st	Julie Doig	Zoe	145
2nd	Mandy Jones	Jay	135
3rd	Carolyn Lynn	Kelly	134
CCD			
1st	J Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	81

Judge Roel Wittkamp**RALLY O**

Masters	Name	Dogs Name	Score
1st Q	Silke Weyland	Aska	99
2nd Q	Lisa Sinclair	Coffee Crème	98
3rd Q	Alexandria Bailey	Zita	97
4th Q	Alexandria Bailey	Shadow	95
5th Q	Renate Linder	Lilly	94
6th Q	J Forbes-Faulkner	Rose	90
Ex B			
1st Q	Alexandria Bailey	Shadow	99
2nd Q	Renate Linder	Dixie	96
3rd Q	Alexandria Bailey	Zita	95
4th Q	Silke Weyland	Aska	86
5th Q	Monica Nilson	Pip	84
Ex A			
1st	Carolyn Lynn	Kelly	69
Ad B			
1st Q	Alexandria Bailey	Shadow	99
2nd Q	Silke Weyland	Aska	99
3rd Q	Alexandria Bailey	Zita	99
4th Q	Renate Linder	Dixie	92
Ad A			
1st	J Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	73
Novice			
1st Q	Natalie Spence	Dudley	94
2nd Q	Alexandria Bailey	Zani	92
3rd Q	Catherine Pentland	Pie	91
4th Q	Deb Colmer	Chaco	85

**TRIAL 1 SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER
AGILITY****Judge Roel Wittkamp**

Masters	Name	Dogs Name	Time
1st Q	Anber Morey	Diva	57.5
2nd Q	Alexandria Bailey	Zita	57.84
3rd Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	64.98

Open

1st Q	Lauren Moore	Zippy	38.76
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Excellent

1st Q	Lauren Moore	Zippy	40.57
2nd	Lucy Joynson	Dusty	56.16

Novice

1st Q	Lucy Joynson	Jinka	34.97
2nd	J Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	49.52
3rd	Leisa Cassidy	Sully	54.21

JUMPERS**Judge Tim Fairchild**

Masters	Name	Dogs Name	Time
1st Q	Tricia Williams	Cue	23.45
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	25.41
3rd Q	Amber Morey	Diva	32.15
4th Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	32.86
5th Q	Alexandria Bailey	Shadow	25.67

Open

1st Q	Tricia Williams	Cue	19.82
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	21.03
3rd Q	Lucy Joynson	Possie	25.88
4th Q	Alexandria Bailey	Shadow	32.03

Excellent

1st	Lucy Joynson	Jinka	22.75
2nd	Leisa Cassidy	Sully	32.08

Novice

1st	Alexandria Bailey	Spryte	17.46
2nd	J Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	17.52

**TRIAL 2 SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2017
OBEDIENCE****Judge Glenn Best**

UDX	Name	Dogs Name	Score
Withdrawn			

UD

1st	Lisa Sinclair	Coffee	
		Crème	153

Open

1st Q+T	Kirsten Nilson	Duke	183
2nd NQ	Cathy O'Shea	Dante	170
3rd	Renate Linder	Dixie	128

CD

1st	Mandy Jones	Jay	158
2nd	Julie Doig	Zoe	110

CCD

Withdrawn

**TRIAL 2 Con't
STRATEGIC PAIRS****Judge Tim Fairchild**

Masters	Name	Dogs Name	Time
1st Q	Alexandria Bailey	Zita	44.72
	Tricia Williams	Cue	44.72
2nd Q	Pauline Carlton	Dixie	54.57
	Amber Morey	Diva	54.57
3rd Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	57.72
	Alexandria Bailey	Shadow	57.72

Excellent

No entries

Novice

Withdrawn

AGILITY**Judge Tim Fairchild**

Masters	Name	Dogs Name	Time
1st Q	Alexandria Bailey	Shadow	37.02
2nd Q	Tricia Williams	Cue	37.16
3rd Q	Alexandria Bailey	Zita	46.53
4th Q	Amber Morey	Diva	51.48
5th Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	55.77

Excellent

1st Q	Lauren Moore	Zippy	38.17
2nd Q	Pauline Carlton	Dixie	44.68
3rd Q	Lucy Joynson	Dusty	47.86

Open

1st Q	Alexandria Bailey	Shadow	34.65
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Zippy	38.15
3rd Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	39.84
4th Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	55.41

Novice

1st Q	Lucy Joynson	Jinka	34.03
	Catherine		
2nd	Pentland	Pie	36.05

JUMPERS**Judge Roel Wittkamp**

Masters	Name	Dogs Name	Time
1st Q	Tricia Williams	Cue	34.89
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Lift	37.27
3rd Q	Lauren Morre	Spritz	37.4
4th Q	Lauren Moore	Zippy	39.74
5th Q	Amber Morey	Diva	47.07
6th Q	Natalie Spence	Trixie	50.96

Open

1st Q	Lucy Joynson	Jinka	23.82
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	24.49
3rd Q	Lucy Joynson	Possie	27.13
4th Q	J Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	32.31

Excellent

1st Q	Leisa Cassidy	Sully	37.53
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Novice

1st Q	Carolyn Lynn	Kelly	18.54
2nd Q	J Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	23.31
3rd Q	Alexandria Bailey	Spryte	28.53



Left : Belated congratulations to Mandy Jones and her charismatic Weimaraner Jay, who won themselves a Novice Obedience Qualification in the trial held on 22 July.

Jay looks rather chuffed with his efforts, although unfortunately just couldn't get that one more to Title. Something to aim for in 2018!



Above: After nearly two years of hard work Kirsten Nilsen and her Belgian Shepherd Duke achieved their CDX title with three qualifications at the two September 2017 double trials. Duke gained his first qual the 1st of September and his last qual on the 30th, so a good month for this talented pair. And the added bonus of the addition of Zari to the family (see cute fluff ball a few pages back!).

Kirsten's other Belgian Pip also gained her final qual for Rally Excellent at the start of September. All round an excellent month for them all, and a terrific way to end the season. Big congratulations to you!

Judy Forbes-Faulkner's trio of Border Collies relaxing after the end of the trialling season.

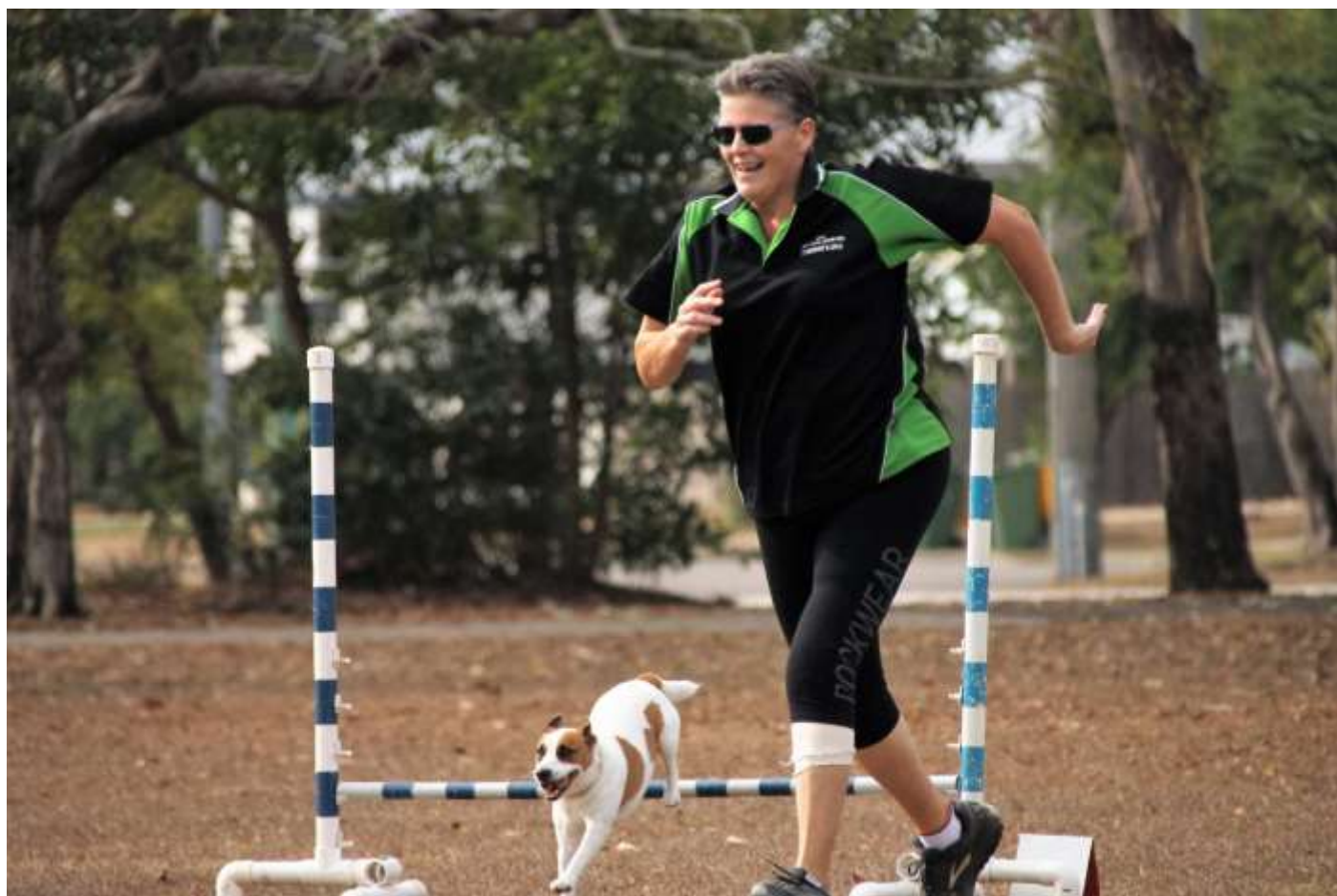


Left Rose who gained her Novice title but prefers a pink ball any day.

Right : An exhausted Frodo after a busy year gaining his Rally Novice title and his Novice Gamblers title



Left : Pearl chilling on the new sofa after gaining her novice jumpers title.









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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 Rally O	Glenn Best Roel Wittkamp
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

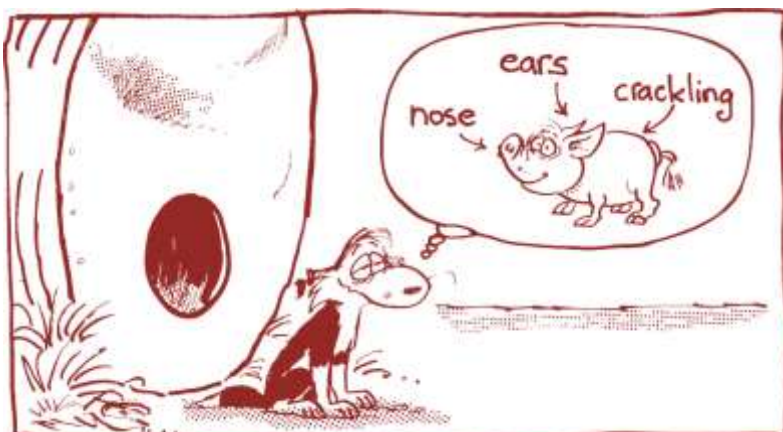
All trials – vetting 6:00 am, start 6:30 am

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

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BACK PAGE FUNNIES



None of my presents have barked yet,
so that's kinda disappointing ...

*Thank you to everyone who has contributed
articles, photos, funnies, reports and trial results for 2017!
It is greatly appreciated and has made every edition a great read.*

*The January-February 2018 mag will feature
photos of what your dog got up to over the break –
waiting for Santa, chilling out, playing, swimming
or anything else they get up to!*

Please email your photos to me at dandr11@aapt.net.au

by 31 December 2017

Thanks everyone!

Diane MacIntyre, Editor

Peace on Earth!



Merry Christmas!

THE END