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Front Cover : In memory of our President Mal Holland, pictured here with his Australian Kelpie Booka

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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 VALE President Mal Holland

Sadly, Mal lost his long-fought battle with cancer on the eve of 4th September 2019 and with this we all lost a friend, a mentor, a judge, a competitor and more important a husband to Dawn. To those who knew Mal know family came first, with his beloved dogs a close second. Dogs were not a hobby to Mal but his life's work and calling.

There is much more that could be said, many more things that Mal did - club instructing, grand prix organisation - the list goes on and many more memories to share.

In honour of Mal's long term service to the RAAF as a military working dog handler and instructor, an honour guard of current military working dog handlers and their dogs was present for the service and lead the cortege post service.



The following is from Mal's funeral service.

Mal my friend it is both an honour and a challenge to stand here and offer a few words on behalf of the Canine Obedience Club of Townsville. An honour to talk about a friend, a challenge as public speaking isn't my forte. Firstly, let me say we offer our deep and sincere condolences to you Dawn, and all members of your family.

All who know Mal, know his first love was the deep love for his family which was then followed by his lifelong love of dogs. Mal loved all dogs but there was a special affection for working breeds dogs, especially in later life his beloved Kelpies

My introduction to Mal was through tracking. Mal's involvement to the club was much more than just tracking so I have asked club members to share some of their memories with me and which I will share with you as I speak.

Since joining the club in the 80's Mal has been a constant presence and a hardworking member, serving in several Executive positions on the Management Committee, including several terms as President, Vice-President, secretary and until his illness worsened our current President. "As a

president he knew the protocol for running meetings and kept us on the straight and narrow” “a great inspiration and leader”.

Mal was awarded Life Membership of COCT Inc in 2008 for his dedication and outstanding service to our club and in 2018 was awarded Dogs Qld Life Membership. The citation for this was in the last club magazine.

Strong, forthright, a straight shooter (sometimes his forthrightness or quick temper got him in trouble), he was generally a voice of reason at both the club or the various working committees he sat on. Mal was often the person most people went to for advice or a sounding board etc. when issues arose. There wasn't much dog wise that Mal didn't know. And another Mal memory - “he didn't rest on his laurels, he kept learning new training methods” “it wasn't a job it was a calling”

Already a consummate ‘dogman’ through his careers as both RAAF Military Working Dog Chief Instructor and RSPCA Inspector for NQ, and a member of the CCC since 1989, Mal was also a well-known and respected Senior Judge in multiple disciplines - Obedience, Tracking, Agility and Endurance. Mal was heavily involved in the promotion of all dog sports throughout North and Central Queensland with a special love of Obedience and Tracking, including the training and mentoring of judges throughout the north. During obedience judge training “he was always willing to assist and give advice”. The same is said for tracking judges training...where by elevation time you could set, map and track in your sleep and there was always just one more scenario...

Prior to and throughout his illness, Mal continued with tracking and track and search judges training. To the very end he supported all the club's endeavours but especially tracking often to his own detriment and against all advice. Just this May when our scheduled judge fell ill and was unable to attend Mal stepped in to judge. Much to the dismay of Dawn. Somehow with Mal as judge the 3 dog and handler teams stepped up just that little bit more and all qualified. I will always treasure the excellent Mal awarded to Furi for her track and search champion that trial. You know you really got it right when the result was an excellent pass. It was always a fair track for a fair test but there was no give me passes. Many of memories I received say Mal was “a strict judge” “a fair judge giving dog and handler every opportunity to succeed” “he encouraged the competitor and inspired confidence with his positive can-do attitude” “he would bring out the best in the team”.

He was a fierce dog-sport competitor, competing across Agility, Endurance, Obedience and Tracking. Titling a dog is not just about the trophies and ribbons, but the relationship bond and partnership with your mate your four-legged friend where the time you spend together is precious and joyful. The awards are a tribute to that bond and Mal's bond with his dogs was certainly very special. Amassing 80 plus titles on multiple dogs along the way. This included 3 Obedience Champions with a Rottweiler, Curly Coated Retriever and an Australian Kelpie. 6 top level tracking dogs - 3 Tracking Champions and 3 TDX before the establishment of the Tracking Champion Title. He always said he loved them all equally. I think there may have been a special spot for his greatest dog, the girl that did it all – his beloved 17yr old Kelpie Booka.

Of course, dogs sometimes have their own agenda, they don't always ‘play the game’ the way we want, with his Rotti ‘General’ famously exiting the obedience ring during the stays to sit in the shade with Dawn, much to Mal's ire at the time.

Fierce competitor, perfectionist, always his harshest critique, and a hard task master over the years, he loved to see teams reach their potential and he generously shared his wealth of knowledge, encouragement and dry wit with many. Always pushing both us and our dogs, to achieve our best both in and out of the ring. Always giving it to you straight, even if and when he knew you wouldn't

like the message. His constant and confident advice to ‘believe in your dog’ “trust your dog” and more than once in the tracking paddock ‘follow your dog’ was heard by many throughout the years.

From the hustle and bustle of the agility or the obedience rings to camaraderie of sharing smokos and plotting tracks in the tracking paddocks to our memories of Mal are long and many. I am sure many more memories will be shared as this day passes.

But gruff bugger that he was, it is his humour, his innate kindness and care for those he knew that his friends will remember. The welcome mat to out of town competitors in the pre-dawn of tracking I have seen and heard spoken regularly. If he knew or heard someone he knew was going through a rough time, you would often hear sometime a long time later, that he’d quietly reached out to offer comfort or help.

An incredible friend to us all and brilliant mentor to many, especially to us – he will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Mal my friend you are missed.

To end, as Mal would say, “be kind to your dog”.



Footnote from the service.

Throughout his working career as a RAAF Military Working Dog Chief Instructor Mal was highly respected and the consummate “dogman” serving throughout Australia as well as in Malaysia. This respect and regard, was highlighted at his funeral with both the RAAF MWD Guard of Honour and the condolences from Past and Current RAAF personnel, including a tribute from the President of the USA’s Canine Security Service.

Debbie Schmidt.

COCT Track and Search Coordinator.

Tracking / Track and Search Judge.



CLUB MEMBERSHIP



Your Club Membership allows you to not only attend weekly classes, but to also participate in activities and competitions. Non-members are always welcomed at our Monthly Meetings but you need to be a financial member in order to vote on decisions affecting the Club.

- 🐾 Receive emails on upcoming club activities eg Obedience, Rally Obedience and Tracking Workshops
- 🐾 Participate in Club demonstrations eg 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!



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

Just Briefly

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



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>



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

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

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

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

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



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 Graduates !!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Frisbee Training !!

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

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

CELEBRATE LAST NIGHT OF TRAINING WITH SOME FUN!

Our last training night is Tuesday 26th November 2019 and we have some fun and games planned for everyone to enjoy after class! Check the flyer on Page 9, and if you can, plan to stay a little bit longer after Class to take part. Drinks will be on sale and enjoy some free nibblies afterwards. Look forward to seeing you all there!



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 4 November 2019** followed by **Monday 2 December 2019**. We would love to see you there! If you would like to help in any way, no matter how small, it is all appreciated.

THURSDAY NIGHT OBEDIENCE TRAINING

General Obedience and Rally-O practice is on every Thursday (weather permitting) from 6.30pm for Advanced and Class 4 Members at no additional charge. To make the night all the more enjoyable everyone is expected to help assist in the set up or packing up of equipment.

2019 OBEDIENCE, AGILITY and TRACKING TRIALS

The COCT Inc 2019 trialling season has come to a close with our last trial, a double Rally-O and Obedience, held on 27 and 28 September. There were some great successes with quals in Novice Rally and a new Rally Obedience Champion was titled. Read all about it from Page 16.

2019 CHRISTMAS BREAKUP / TROPHY PRESENTATIONS

Yes, like it or not we are getting closer to Christmas! Our Breakup and Trophy Presentation night is on **Saturday 14th December 2019** at the Kirwan Sports Club on Bamford Lane. It will be a great night with heaps of good food, company, trivia quiz, Christmas Hamper Raffle (donations to the hamper gratefully received, please leave in Clubhouse or bring on the night!), lucky door prizes and of course Title and Perpetual Trophy presentations. Check out the menu and pricing on the next page, and mark the 14th December in your Calendar so you don't miss out!



CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC

2019 CHRISTMAS PARTY AND BREAKUP

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14th 2019
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 : TBA
Trivia Quiz
Trophy and Title presentations
Great Food and Company!

Cost - \$35.00

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 (fish available for
vegetarian option) Lemongrass scented coconut rice /
Steamed garden veg / Roasted rosemary potatoes
Potato bacon salad / Creamy sundried tomato & pesto pasta salad /
Market green leaf salad / Baked dinner rolls & butter

Dessert

Pavlova topped with tropical fruits / Assorted cheesecake

RSVP to Renate by Thursday 28 November 2019

\$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 1 October 2019 until drawn at Christmas Party Break Up
Saturday 14th December 2019 - Winners will be notified if not present!

Tickets : \$1.00 each – Will be available from Clubhouse on training nights or at Christmas Party

CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC

LAST TRAINING NIGHT FOR 2019 IS A FUN NIGHT !!

TUESDAY 26 November 2019
7.00 – 8.30pm

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

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

Please dress up after class has finished!



Prizes for :-

Christmas Dress Up Theme

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 28th January 2020 with the Introduction Talk for new beginners only.

All classes then start the following Tuesday, 4th February 2020.

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.



TRAINING REPORT TERM THREE

First, a Big THANK YOU to JOY for being such a 'can do' team player and a real trooper taking on back to back classes in the third intake! I promise I will NEVER do it to you, (or me) again! I acknowledge it was a lot to ask and without you and your positive attitude, many teams would have missed out on training opportunities.

Thank you also to Snow who assisted Joy in the 6pm class and Lily who assisted both Joy and I in the 7pm class. We REALLY APPRECIATED your help guys. Big thanks also to all the dog and handler teams for your cooperation and for helping to make the back to back classes a success.

And there was a lot of success...congratulations to all the teams who were upgraded.

Beginners

- 🐾 Joy, Snow and Lily saw ALL 14 teams graduate to Intermediate...Outstanding achievement!
- 🐾 I was very excited to see six of my super students and their fur buddies receive their well- earned certificates. Three of my super students deserve extra congratulations for understanding it's not always possible for our fur buddies to be upgraded the first time they come to class. Some dogs just need a little bit more time to achieve their best and I am VERY happy to say all three super students signed up for another go in intake four. Good on all of you 😊.

Intermediate

- 🐾 Judy upgraded seven of her awesome teams to the Advanced class, and

Advanced

- 🐾 Lisa had four terrific Teams successfully upgraded.

I am always very impressed by teams who obviously put in the time, effort, love and fun their beloved dogs deserve. If you did not receive a certificate this time around, that is perfectly fine. We really hope you will give yourself, your clever canines and our wonderful Instructors another opportunity to reach your goals.

Thanks again also to the delightful Ms Danni who took more happy snaps of some fur Graduates, future graduates and their mums and dads. I have included some photos with this training report for your viewing pleasure. I will also be emailing copies of the individual photos to their respective recipients.

Now to Intake four, the last for 2019... We will see four Beginners classes, one Intermediate class and one Advanced class on the paddock.

Myself and Carolyn (assisted by Julie Doig, if voice permits), will each be taking a Beginners class (thanks heaps Carolyn and Julie). Joy, assisted by Snow will take the first two weeks of a Beginners class and the remainder of the course will see Joy on a well-deserved break and Snow debuting as lead Instructor. He will be assisted by our local vet nurse, Linden. We are very grateful for your time Linden. Lisa who normally takes our Advanced class is going to give us a hand with a Beginners class in Intake Four. We really appreciate your willingness to share your knowledge and decades of experience with our new Beginners teams... thanks Lisa.

We are VERY HAPPY to welcome Noel back onto the paddock to take our Intermediate class. He has kindly agreed to take the class so Judy can have a break recuperating. We certainly hope (all fingers and toes crossed) Noel will become a regular on the field again in 2020 (work commitments permitting).

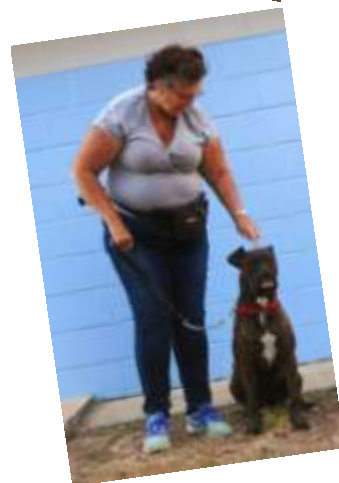
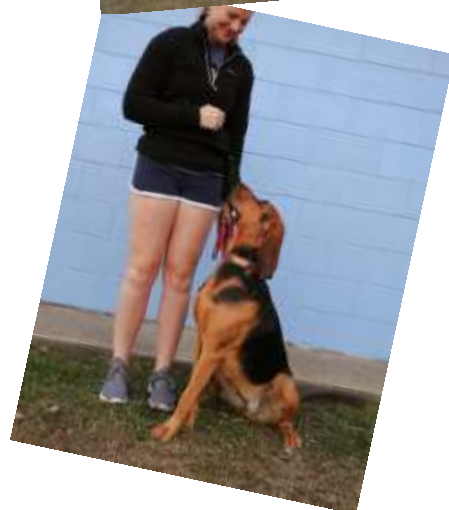
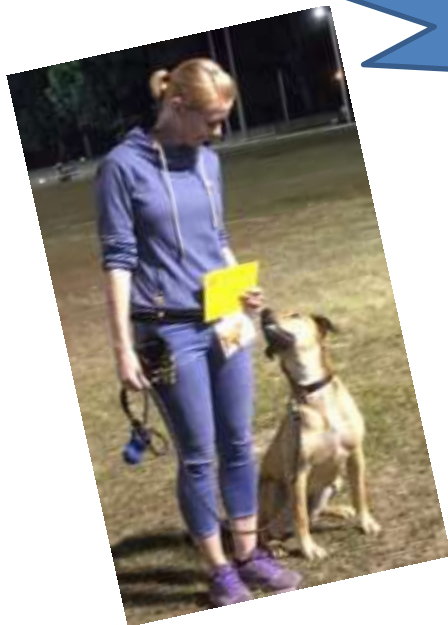
Janette, who has previously done some wonderful work with students in our Advanced class, has kindly agreed to take it again for intake four.

Please remember our end of year Christmas Poochy Party on the last night of classes. Look out for the flyer for details. There are prizes and I can be bribed !!!

So until the next time....

😊 **Teach, praise, respect, learn and have fun doing it** 😊

Deb Fazel, Training Co-ordinator



PET DOG TRAINING UPGRADES TERM 3 JULY-SEPTEMBER 2019

BEGINNERS

Handler Name	Dog's Name	Breed
Tracey & Marc Buzzi	Jett	Border Collie
Mary Ede	Giorgio	Lab/Poodle/Spaniel
Sally Ede	Tino	Labradoodle
Daniel Edwards	Pat	Border Collie
Karen & Greg Evans	Walter	Spoodle
Marissa Hartley	Wallace	Dachshund
Francis Lesture	Bonnie	Fox Terrier
Lee & Peter	Marley	Medium mixed Breed
Karon & Kevin	Nala	Cattle x Staffy
Katrina	Scarlett	Border Collie
Guy	Hugo	Groodle
Rohana	Jackson	Lab x Border Collie
Carla Summers	Ollie	Border Collie
Gordon & Martina Willocks	Barney	Cattle Dog
Amy Babbage	Bear	Neo x Cane Corso
Natalie Eastwood	Archie	Mastiff x Labrador
Maryanne Grando	Marley	Saint Bernard
Ryan Grando	Adley	Newfoundland
Erik Kraft & Lisbeth		
Thomsen	Oscar	Mastiff x Labrador
Rose Mackay	Delilah	Bloodhound

**PET DOG TRAINING UPGRADES
TERM 3 JULY-SEPTEMBER 2019**

INTERMEDIATE

Handler Name	Dog's Name	Breed
Leonne Cummins	Buddy	Golden Retriever
Phillip & Fiona Harris	Owen	Kelpie
Alison Heyworth	Amber	Rottie
Scott Lenti	Nelson	Labrador
Leila Stricklin	Rusty	Ridgeback
Adriana Toro	Hugo	Miniature Schnauzer
Mark Zonta	Scarlett	Rottie

ADVANCED -GRADUATES!!

Handler Name	Dog's Name	Breed
Rob Brooker	Bailey	Labrador
Nicky Gray	Noodle	Cavoodle
Rod Standen	Midge	Aussie Terrier
Cassy Thompson	Doug	Catte Dog X

Heatley Park Reopening Celebrations

We recently helped celebrate the official 3.1 million-dollar upgrade and reopening of Heatley Park. There was an abundance of stalls, free food, activities for the littlies, a live radio broadcast of the event and of course some very well-mannered canines representing the Canine Obedience Club's place in the park. The reopening also heralded in a new playground for the kids, pump track, picnic facilities fitness equipment and improved lighting.

We certainly welcomed the new and improved lighting in the park, although the new playground right next to the Pet Dog Training classes on a Tuesday night has provided some unexpected challenges. And so too has the new picnic area on our Trial nights, with the dogs trialling almost being overcome by the intoxicating smell of the sausages sizzling on the barbecues located adjacent to our obedience and agility trial rings.

We hope to use these challenges in a positive way to improve our dogs focus and impulse control. After all this is the real world with kids running around, bikes whizzing past and juicy morsels being dropped on the ground. So, it's up to us to make the most of our new canine classroom.

And just think of all the people walking past, watching and being inspired to do more with their own dogs!





YOUR DOG'S HOLIDAY SNAPS

*The January-February 2020 edition will feature
photos of what your dog got up to over the break –
waiting for Santa, chilling out, playing, swimming, on holidays,
or anything else they got up to!*

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

by 31 December 2019.

*AND a Big Thank You to everyone who has contributed
articles, photos, funnies, reports, photos and trial results for 2019,
we certainly have had a busy year with training,
workshops and trials and no doubt 2020 will be the same.*

Diane MacIntyre, Editor



OBEDIENCE, RALLY-O AND AGILITY TRIAL REPORTS

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2019

Firstly, before going into information on the trial results I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our helpers for their assistance making both these trial weekends a success. To Renate Linder and Snow Standen for organising the ring setup and equipment ably assisted by members from both our club and also visiting handlers. The magnificent job done by club members who provided memorable meals for our judges and competitors and by no means least the wonderful job done by Joy Tomes and her helpers to ensure the meals were ready on time and the kitchen cleaned up after dinner and of course the wonderful job done by Diane MacIntyre in organising the prize tables. Thank you one and all for your support on both the weekends.

Double Obedience, Rally-O and Agility, Friday 30th August and Saturday 31 August 2019

The weekend commenced on the Friday evening with our judge Charlie Giles judging the UDX followed by the Rally Obedience classes. There was no success in the UDX but in the Masters Rally O Andrea Wohlhuter gained a qual of 97. In Rally Excellent there were also several successes with Lucy Robinson and 3-legged Chilli gaining a 93 qual, Jana Fogerty and Scout a 93 qual and Joy Tomes and Jazz gaining an 83 qual, well done ladies and your canine companions. Jana Fogerty and Scout also gained a 87 qual in Rally Advanced B and last but by no means least Janette Cussons and Jax gained an 83 qual in Novice Rally O and their title!!

Meanwhile in the obedience ring Lisa Sinclair didn't have any successes in CDX and CD but once again Lucy and 3-legged Chilli saved the day and gained a 95 qual in CCD. Nice work Lucy and Chilli and once again thanks to the judges and stewards for making it a fun evening.

We then reconvened on Saturday afternoon to set up the agility, jumpers and games courses, which proved to be a challenge due to the raised sprinkler heads and uneven grounds from the parks' upgrade. Ray Ashman set up the jumpers course and had successes in Masters Jumpers with Lauren Moore gaining quals with Zippy, Lift and Spritz and Kayla James with Sky. Lauren also gained a qual with Lift in Open Jumpers and Raelene Gregory a qual with Stella in Novice Jumpers.

While the jumpers classes were in progress Terry Griffin was setting up the agility courses and finally I managed to get a qual with Pearl and her title in novice. Kayla James also gained a qual with Sky in Open agility and Lauren Moore with Zippy and Lift and Deb Kampaklis with Morphy gained quals in the Masters level.

We then completed the afternoons session with Snooker judged by Ray Ashman with successes to Lauren Moore with Lift and Spritz in Masters and Kayla James and Sky in excellent snooker.

While the agility was in progress Charlie Giles set up the Rally O. Julie Doig with Zoe, Andrea Wohlhuter with Shelby and Marilyn McKee with Ollie all gained quals in Masters. Lucy Robinson and Chilli, Jana Fogerty and Scout, Joy Tomes and Jazz and Chris Stubbe all gained quals in the excellent level.

Judges and handlers then helped set up the evenings' courses and retired to the clubhouse for an excellent dinner and of course desserts supplied by our club members.

The evenings' trials commenced with UDX obedience and an exceptional performance by Andrea Wohlhuter and Shelby who scored 196!!! This was followed by quals in UD by Lisa Sinclair and Coffee Crème and Andrea Wohlhuter and Shelby and a qual in CD for Jana Fogerty and Scout. Meanwhile in the agility ring Ray Ashman had no successes in pairs but gave a qual to Lauren Moore and Spritz in Masters.

In the other ring Terry Griffin had successes in Masters jumpers with Lauren Moore and Spritz and Tricia Williams and Cue. There were also successes in JDX with Catherine Pentland and Pie and Chris Stubbe and Tily, JDO with Lauren Moore and Zippy and JD with Tony Walter with both Nikko and Ziggy and Raelene Gregory with Stella. Well done everyone and once again thank you to all the stewards, helpers, scorers and general help from all concerned.

RALLY O AND OBEDIENCE TRIAL 1

Friday 30 August 2019

RALLY OBEDIENCE - Judge Charlie Giles

Masters	Competitor	Dog's Name	Points
1st Q	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	97
2nd	Julie Doig	Zoe	79

Rally Excellent B

No entries

Rally Excellent A

1st Q	Lucy Robinson	Chilli	93
2nd Q	Jana Fogerty	Scout	93
3rd Q	Joy Tomes	Jazz	83

Rally Advanced B

1st Q	Jana Fogerty	Scout	87
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Rally Advanced A

No Qualifiers

Rally Novice

1st Q + T	Janette Cussons	Jax	83
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OBEDIENCE - Judge Charlie Giles

UDX	Competitor	Dog's Name	Points
1st	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	174

Judge - Lisa Sinclair

UD

Withdrawn

Open

1st	Linda King	D'Arcy	157
2nd	Mandy Jones	Jay	104
3rd	Renate Linder	Lily	88

CD All dogs withdrawn

CCD

1st Q	Lucy Robinson	Chilli	95
2nd	Sharon Daniels	Briny	82
3rd	Julie Doig	Gus	79

AGILITY, JUMPERS & OBEDIENCE TRIAL 2**Saturday 31 August 2019****TRIAL 1****SNOOKER - Judge Ray Ashman**

SDM	Competitor	Dog's Name	Points
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Lift	51
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	51
3rd	Tricia Williams	Cue	48
4th	Lauren Moore	Zippy	48

SDX

1st Q	Kayla James	Sky	48
2nd	Jean Williamson	Max	28
3rd	Marina Vannucci	Pearl	18

SD

1st	Tony Walter	Ziggy	20
2nd	Tony Walter	Nikko	14
3rd	Catherine Pentland	Pie	12

AGILITY - Judge Terry Griffin

AD	Competitor	Dog's Name	Time
1st Q + T	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	53.04
2nd	Deb Kampalis	Diesel	64.99
3rd	Tony Walter	Nikko	60.51

ADO

1st Q	Kayla James	Sky	39.3
2nd	Natalie Spence	Trixie	46

ADX

No entries

ADM

1st Q	Lauren Moore	Lift	38.92
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	43.06
3rd Q	Deb Kampalis	Morphy	66.51

Jumping**Judge - Ray Ashman**

JDM	Competitor	Dog's Name	Time
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Zippy	27.56
2nd Q	Lauren Moore	Lift	28.46
3rd Q	Kayla James	Sky	28.74
4th Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	29.52

JDX

All DQ or withdrawn

JDO

1st Q	Lauren Moore	Lift	22.92
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JD

1st Q	Raelene Gregory	Stella	23.47
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TRIAL 2**RALLY-O - Judge Charlie Giles**

RM	Competitor	Dog's Name	Points
1st Q	Julie Doig	Zoe	97
2nd Q	Andrea Wolhuter	Shelby	96
3rd Q	Marilyn McKee	Ollie	90

REA

1st Q	Lucy Robinson	Chilli	93
2nd Q	Jana Fogerty	Scout	89
3rd Q	Joy Tomes	Jazz	81
4th Q	Chris Stubbe	Tilly	80

RAA

All withdrawn

RN

All withdrawn

TRIAL 2**OBEDIENCE - Judge Charlie Giles**

UDX	Competitor	Dog's Name	Points
1st Q	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	196
UD			
1st Q	Lisa Sinclair	Coffee Crème	179
2nd Q	Andrea Wolhuter	Shelby	178

CDX

1st	Linda King	D'Arcy	115
2nd	Marina Vannucci	Pearl	105

CD

1st Q	Jana Fogerty	Scout	175
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CCD

1st	Sharon Daniels	Briny	56
2nd	Wayne Smith	Jimmy	50

STRATEGIC PAIRS - Judge Ray Ashman

SPDM	Competitor	Dog's Name	Time
1st	Jean Wilkinson	Max	82.42
1st	Natalie Spence	Trixie	82.42

SPDX

No entries

SPD

1st	Marina Vannucci	Pearl	120
1st	Chris Stubbe	Tily	120

AGILITY Judge - Ray Ashman

ADM	Competitor	Dog's Name	Time
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	45.39
2nd	Lauren Moore	Lift	45.35

ADX

Withdrawn

ADO

1st	Lauren Moore	Spritz	39.43
2nd	Kayla James	Sky	60.49

AD

No qualifiers

JUMPING - Judge Terry Griffin

JDM	Competitor	Dog's Name	Time
1st Q	Lauren Moore	Spritz	38.03
2nd Q	Tricia Williams	Cue	42
3rd	Deb Kampaklis	Morphy	46.06

JDX

1st Q	Catherine Pentland	Pie	40.51
2nd Q	Chris Stubbe	Tily	41.58

JDO

1st Q	Lauren Moore	Zippy	18.37
2nd	Tony Walter	Nikko	51.53

JD

1st Q	Tony Walter	Nikko	18.37
2nd Q	Tony Walter	Ziggy	27
3rd Q	Raelene Gregory	Stella	30.75













DOUBLE OBEDIENCE AND RALLY-O, Friday September 27th and Saturday 28th September

This was an experiment by the club to see what response the club would get to an Obedience and Rally O weekend only. Despite the low numbers and the continuing problems with the lack of maintenance to the park the handlers seemed to enjoy themselves and we had several successes, especially from our male club members in their first attempt at competitions - go the boys!!! (Pictured below).



On Friday night the Rally O was judged by Andrea Wohlhuter with Julie Doig and Zoe gaining a 93 qual in Masters, then in Advanced Julie Combridge and Tara gained a qual. Then came the big success of the evening with Snow Standen and Midge gaining a first and 92 qual in Novice, followed by Rob Brooker and Bailey with an 88 qual, Peter Alexander and Odin with an 83 qual (*photo above*), and Jessica Dibnah and Fergus with a 75 qual.

In the other ring I judged UDX without success but Lisa Sinclair had success in Open with Linda King and D'Arcy getting their first open qual with a score of 173 (*pictured right*), then Joy Tomes and Chewie gained a qual in CD. Not to be outdone Julie Doig and Gus and Peter Alexander and Odin gained quals in CCD, all in all a successful evening.



On Saturday evening as usual we fed the judges and competitors prior to the start of the trial and then started on time at 7.00 pm.

Once again Andrea Wohlhuter judged the Rally O and made Julie Doig's evening by giving Zoe her **Rally Obedience Championship Title** with a score of 92 - well done Julie and Zoe. This was followed by a qual to Joy Tomes and Jazz of 88 in excellent and quals to Jessica Dibnah and Fergus, Snow Standen and Midge, Peter Alexander and Odin and Rob Brooker and Bailey what a way to finish the Rally O year.

In the Obedience ring I had no success in UDX and Patricia Williams had similar problems in UD, CDX and CD but finished the night on a high giving our visitor Pauline McLeod and Bede a 89 qual in CCD.

So, in closing, thank you all for your help and support in 2019 and we all look forward to more successes in 2020.

Judy Forbes-Faulkner, Trial Secretary



★ ★ CONGRATULATIONS ★ ★

**Julie Doig and her Staffordshire Bull Terrier Zoe
being awarded their Qualification Card for
Rally-Obedience Champion from Judge Andrea Wohlhuter**



DOUBLE RALLY O AND OBEDIENCE TRIAL

Friday 27 and Saturday 28 September 2019

TRIAL 1 Friday 27 September**RALLY OBEDIENCE - Judge Andrea Wohlhuter**

Masters	Competitor	Dog's Name	Points
1st Q	Julie Doig	Zoe	93
Rally Excellent B			
No entries			
Rally Excellent A			
All withdrawn			
Rally Advanced B			
No entries			
Rally Advanced A			
1st Q	Julie Combridge	Tara	80
2nd	Joy Tomes	Chewie	79
3rd	Greg Tudehope	Dougal	71
Rally Novice			
1st Q	Rod (Snow) Standen	Midge	92
2nd Q	Rob Brooker	Bailey	88
3rd Q	Peter Alexander	Odin	83
4th Q	Jessica Dibnah	Fergus	75

OBEDIENCE**Judge - Judy Forbes-Faulkner**

UDX	Competitor	Dog's Name	Points
1st	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	126

Judge - Lisa Sinclair

UD	Competitor	Dog's Name	Points
Withdrawn			
Open			
1st Q	Linda King	D'Arcy	173
2nd	Mandy Jones	Jay	163
3rd	Renate Linder	Liily	113
CD			
1st Q	Joy Tomes	Chewie	183
2nd	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	144
3rd	Jessica Dibnah	Fergus	123
CCD			
1st Q	Julie Doig	Gus	93
2nd Q	Peter Alexander	Odin	88
3rd	Sharon Daniels	Briny	80

TRIAL 2 Saturday 27 September**Rally O - Judge Andrea Wohlhuter**

RM	Competitor	Dog's Name	Points
1st Q + T	Julie Doig	Zoe	92
2nd	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	Rose	83
3rd	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	Pearl	46
REA			
1st Q	Joy Tomes	Jazz	88
2nd	Carolyn Lynn	Kelly	73
RAA			
1st	Greg Tudehope	Dougal	65
RN			
1st Q	Jessica Dibnah	Fergus	88
2nd Q	Rod (Snow) Standen	Midge	83
3rd Q	Peter Alexander	Odin	82
4th Q	Rob Brooker	Bailey	79

OBEDIENCE**Judge - Judy Forbes-Faulkner**

UDX	Competitor	Dog's Name	Points
1st	Andrea Wohlhuter	Shelby	158

Judge. Patricia Williams

UD	Competitor	Dog's Name	Points
1st	Lisa Sinclair	Coffee Crème	130

CDX

1st	Linda King	D,Arcy	88
2nd	Carolyn Lynn	Kelly	76
3rd	Renate Linder	Dixie	51

CD

1st	Joy Tomes	Chewie	120
2nd	Jessica Dibnah	Fergus	55

CCD

1st Q	Pauline McLeod	Bede	89
2nd	Sharon Daniels	Briny	82
3rd	Peter Alexander	Odin	64

Introduction to Tracking.....

An ANKC Dog Sport where your dog uses his awesome sense of smell to follow a track walked by a “lost person” and then locate and indicate that “lost person” and any items they may have dropped along the way.



Friday 29th November 2019 at 6.30pm.

COCT Clubhouse Fulham Road Heatley Park.

\$5.00 per person including light refreshments provided.

Payment via cash or cheque to the Canine Obedience Club Townsville Inc. (No EFTPOS or credit card).

Direct Deposit: Branch: Westpac Atkenvale. BSB: 034 212 Account: 209 020.

No Dogs on Introduction Night.

Some of the topics to be covered on the night:

- 🐾 What is tracking / track and search.
- 🐾 Competition open to all dogs over the age of 6 months.
 - 🐾 Starting training for tracking / track and search.
 - 🐾 Equipment required.
 - 🐾 Article indications.
 - 🐾 Short demonstration of a dog tracking.
 - 🐾 Where to from here? 2 Day Workshop in 2020.

2 Day Practical Tracking / Track and Search Workshop will follow this introduction.

To be conducted late January / early February 2020.

For Further Details and RSVP contact:

Janette Cussons: COCT Tracking Coordinator. Email: jcussons2@bigpond.com

Debbie Schmidt: COCT Track and Search Coordinator. Email: debnsheba2@hotmail.com





Presentation: Obedience Training from Rockhampton Workshop
Where: COCT Inc Clubhouse, Heatley Park
When: Thursday, 21st November 2019
Time: 6.30pm
RSVP Attendance: Debbie Schmidt (email debnsheba2@hotmail.com)

Rockhampton Obedience Training 2019

Glynis's Thoughts on Modern Dog Training

(Mal's vision to improve club obedience)



THE AUSTRALIAN TERRIER

The Australian Terrier was the first native-bred Australian dog to be shown, and the first to be recognized overseas. Its origins are uncertain, but its immediate ancestor was without doubt developed in the United Kingdom in the early 1800's from the precursors of today's British and Scottish terriers. Some of these breeds are now extinct, but the Aussie likely has a mixed ancestry comprising the same dog types that produced today's Yorkshire, Dandie Dinmont, Manchester, Irish and Cairn terriers.

Development of the breed began in Australia about 1820 and the dogs were at first called the Rough Coated Terrier. The selectively bred terrier was used for rodent and snake control, as a watchdog and occasionally as a herding dog.



The breed was officially recognised in 1850, with the first Broken-coated Terrier exhibited in Melbourne in 1868 and the Australian Rough-coated Terrier Club founded in Melbourne in 1887. The breed was later renamed as the Australian Terrier in 1892, and was shown at a dog show for the first time in 1906 in Melbourne. It was shown in Great Britain about the same time, with the UK Kennel Club recognising the breed in 1933, the American Kennel Club in 1960, and the United Kennel Club (US) in 1970..

The breed standard describes the ideal Australian Terrier temperament as spirited, alert, "with the natural aggressiveness of a rat and hedge hunter". They are excellent vermin destroyers and like to bark. The dog's coat is rough or harsh to the touch with a soft undercoat and a distinctive ruff around the neck. They shed little hair.

If you like a pristine lawn or showplace garden, an Australian Terrier may not be the breed for you. Like all terriers, he loves to dig - it's in his breeding - and if left unsupervised for too long, he'll decide that tearing up the lawn is an ideal way to amuse himself.

He may be small, but the Australian Terrier has the confidence of a large breed. He is a wonderful watchdog and will bark to alert his owners of the approach of anyone or anything new and different. With a spirited, mischievous personality, the Aussie jumps into life with attitude. But he's usually strongly attached to his family — so strongly attached that he'll often match his mood to yours. If you've got the blues, he is calm and quiet. If you're happy and excited, he turns frisky and playful.

Mostly, the Aussie is upbeat, active, and silly, clowning around and entertaining his owners. He has an affinity for the young, the elderly, and the disabled. He makes an excellent playmate for a child, although adults should supervise interactions with very young children: Australian Terriers are not snappy or aggressive, but they do have limits on the handling and roughhousing they will tolerate.

Aussies rank 34th in Stanley Coren's *The Intelligence of Dogs*, being of above average "Working and Obedience" intelligence, indicating good trainability. Australian Terriers will readily learn whatever you're teaching (so be sure you don't inadvertently teach your Aussie pup that it's okay to jump up on you or chase the cat or he'll keep up the behaviour throughout his adulthood as well). Repetitive training is a bore for these bundles of energy, so lessons must be fun and increasingly challenging. Also, the independent Aussie likes to think the schooling is all his idea. Positive, reward-based training works wonders.



The breed is very adaptable and is most happy when able to romp and play. They tend to get along well with other dogs, although some males may not get along well with other males in the house. An Australian Terrier should never start a fight, but they will not back down from an attacker. Since the Australian Terrier was also bred for companionship, they tend to be very people friendly, and enjoy interacting with people.

7 Habits of Highly Effective Dog Owners

These powerful lessons can improve your overall relationship with your dog and improve his behavior as a positive side effect.

By Tiffany Lovell, CPDT-KA, CSAT, AAI

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Almost 30 years ago, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* by Dr. Stephen Covey was published for the first time. The self-help book went on to be called the “most influential business book of the 20th century.” To date, more than 25 million copies of the book have been sold.

As a small business owner, I found the book very enlightening and helpful, but I mostly found myself relating to Dr. Covey’s “7 habits” as things that would really help anyone who lived with and worked with dogs!



As a professional dog trainer, I get to work with people from all walks of life and the dogs they love. Interestingly, no matter who they are, what they do for a living, or what kind of dog they have, their issues are similar: They call me because they want their dog to stop doing “X.” Usually, they say they have “tried everything, but the dog just won’t listen.”

I love the opportunities I have to work with so many amazing dogs. But a lot of what I do comes down to coaching the dog’s owners on how to look at things differently to obtain a new outcome.

With Dr. Covey’s “seven habits for success in business” in mind, allow me to apply them to people who want a more successful relationship with their dogs.

1. Be proactive.

Much of the old-fashioned dog training we were exposed to growing up focused on waiting for the dog to make a mistake and then harshly correcting him. While most of us simply accepted this as “how you train a dog,” we were missing the bigger picture. This method never taught the dog what he was supposed to do in that situation the next time.

It doesn’t make sense to let an untrained dog loose in your house and then follow behind correcting him with “No! Don’t! Off! Stop! Get down! Quit that!” for every wrong decision he makes. It is much more effective and productive to take the time to teach this new family member how to act appropriately in your home.

In modern, science-based animal training we understand the importance of teaching the learner, in this case the dog, what to do by being proactive. To use the example above as what not to do when you bring your new dog or puppy home, start things off on the right foot by first showing your new family member where she is supposed to go potty – before you ever bring her indoors! Stay out there until she goes, and immediately reward her with treats and praise!

Then, instead of turning her loose in her new home, allow your new dog to have access to just one room or area in the house at first – a place where she won’t be able to make mistakes like jumping up on the bird cage, soiling a precious rug, or chewing up a family heirloom. Allow her to relax in an area where it’s safe to explore without being able to make any major mistakes and where her water, food, toys, and beds are located. Reward her for sitting politely as she meets each member of the family and each visitor to the home!

Dogs do what works for them and what's safe for them. If you introduce behaviours that are safe for the dog and work for you both, your dog will begin to choose them naturally.

2. Begin with the end in mind.

To change an unwanted behaviour, you first need to decide what you want your learner to do instead. It is very easy to say, "I want my dog to stop jumping" or "I don't want my dog to bark at the mailman." You need to turn that around and decide exactly what you'd rather have your dog do in those moments.

To modify the unwanted behaviour, we must be able to picture the final goal. If your dog is jumping on guests, you would probably prefer that he sit politely instead. If your dog is barking, you may decide you want him to play with his toy or go to his bed while the mailman passes by. These are the finished behaviours you can have in mind so you know exactly what you're going to teach your dog to do.

If you don't have a goal in mind and you're only focused on stopping a behaviour, your dog will never learn what he's supposed to do the next time a guest comes to visit or the mailman delivers a package. This will set up an endless cycle of wrong behavior, harsh correction, confused and scared dog, frustrated guardian. This cycle can be broken easily if you begin dealing with your dog with your end goal in mind.

3. Put first things first.

Prioritizing is a necessity in all aspects of our lives. Working with your dog is no exception. There will probably be several things you wish to change or work on with your dog, but certain ones should take precedent. Any behaviour that is necessary to keep your dog and other family members safe should be a top priority. This could be teaching your dog to come when called because you live near a busy street. It may be working on creating positive associations for your dog with babies because you're expecting. If you've recently brought home a new puppy, proper and humane socialization should be your number one priority due to the brief window of time puppies have to learn about their world and whether it's safe.

Focus on teaching your dog whatever behaviours meet your immediate needs; usually, the rest can be handled with proper management such as baby gates, fences, a leash, stuffed food toys, etc. There is nothing wrong with using management to keep everyone safe and happy until you have a chance to work on that next issue with your dog.

4. Think win-win.

Always think in terms of mutual benefit when working with your dog. I doubt you added a dog to your family to spend the next 10 to 15 years in an adversarial relationship. Therefore, it's not helpful to think in terms of dominating your dog or expecting your dog to spend his life trying to please you.

Instead, make the things you ask your dog to do just as beneficial for him as they are for you. Thankfully, this couldn't be easier, since most dogs will gladly work for food, toys, praise, and/or petting.

Your relationship with your dog should be like any other in your family, built on mutual respect and love for one another. If you stop and consider how your dog must feel in a given situation – just as you would for your partner or child – you can then approach it in a way in which you both receive what you need in that moment: a win-win.

5. Seek first to understand, then to be understood.

Humans are quick to demand full and complete comprehension from our dogs. It's surprising when you consider we expect this from an entirely different species – one that doesn't speak our language! On the flip side, consider that dogs speak to us all day long with their ritualized body language. Sadly, the majority of humans have never learned this language.

Dr. Covey wrote in his book, "Seek first to listen with the intent to understand the thoughts and feelings of others, then seek to effectively communicate your own thoughts and feelings."

We must remember that our dogs have their own thoughts and feelings and that the environment we subject them to affects both. If you cue your dog to sit or lie down while at the vet clinic or on a busy street corner and he doesn't do it, it's not because he is being stubborn. Your dog may be scared, anxious, or overwhelmed in this situation and feels that it would be unsafe or uncomfortable to sit or lie down. He is not defiantly disobeying your orders. He is responding to his instinct and emotions in the moment. Every one of us does this when we feel scared or threatened.

Learning how your dog communicates with his body means you care about this family member with whom you share your life. It also shows your dog that he can trust you to help him out of overwhelming moments and you will understand what he needs. What an amazing gift to be able to offer him!

6. Synergize.

This means recognizing your own strengths and celebrating the strengths of those around you. You may have adopted a dog because you thought it would be nice to visit nursing homes and cheer up people with a sweet, fluffy therapy dog. However, the dog you end up with might be full of energy and better-suited for an agility field.

Instead of seeing this as a failure in your dog's ability to be a therapy dog, consider the amazing possibilities you could have doing something more active together. Perhaps this unexpected development will open up a new world to you, with like-minded friends and fun travel. (And perhaps your dog will grow to share your interest in providing comfort to people later in his life!)

Just as you would with a child, try meeting your dog where he is, accepting him for who he is today. Be open to discovering the wonderful gifts he can bring to your life right now.

7. Sharpen the saw.

There isn't an individual on this planet that ever stops learning. In fact, learning is always taking place, even when we don't realize it.

If you think of training a dog as something you do haphazardly (when you find the time) for the first few weeks he's in your home, you will not be happy with the results. Alternatively, if you weave training into your everyday life with your dog, thinking of each brief interaction as a teaching moment, you will be amazed by the outcome. Your dog will receive clear and consistent messages from you in all types of settings and situations. This will allow him to develop into a calm, confident dog who truly understands what is expected of him and which behaviours are appropriate to choose on his own.

It's not uncommon for someone to ask me, "How long will it take before my dog is trained?" The truth is, there really isn't an answer to this question because there should not be an "ed" on the end of the word train. As long as we are alive, learning is always happening and none of us is ever fully "trained."

Instead of being disappointed by this and thinking that you will have to train your dog for the rest of his life, I encourage you to flip that narrative and become excited about the opportunity to share a mutual journey in learning alongside each other – a journey that builds a bond like no other.

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Are you being an ENCOURAGING TRAINING PARTNER?



7 FREE ways to make your training companions' day

- Lend others a hand when they have a lot of toys, treats, bags, jackets, leashes to carry
- If you notice their dog doing something well that he has previously struggled with, tell them how great he is doing! It will mean the world
- If someone is out of treats, share your treats
- If you notice a dog's new leash/collar/haircut/etc., compliment on it
- Leave kind comments on social media posts
- Celebrate even the smallest victories, they often take the biggest efforts
- Ask your fellow trainers how they trained certain behaviors. Everyone loves to share their ideas!

DOGS AND FIREWORKS DON'T MIX

Across Australia many annual celebrations may involve fireworks. 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 didn't react at all to the increasing noise of the thunder. Instead he opened one eye, gave me a look as if to say 'can't a dog get some sleep around here' and went back to sleep. What was lacking was the change in the atmosphere when a thunderstorm approaches, so he wasn't at all fooled by that fake noise!

(Diane MacIntyre – Editor))



A Dog's Christmas Poem

'Twas the night before Dog-mas, when all through the pound, Not a puppy was yelping or playing around. Our leashes were hung by our kennels with care, In hopes that St. Bernard would soon find us there.

Chihuahuas were curled up all snug in their beds, While visions of doggie treats danced in their heads. Max in his collar, on somebody's lap, Had tucked in his tail for a midwinter's nap.

When outside the room there arose such a clatter, My ears perked right up to hear what was the matter. Away to the window I jumped up with glee, And barked at the shadows that were cast by a tree.

The glow from the moon changed night into day, And started me thinking, "Woof, woof, time to play". When, what with my puppy-dog eyes did I see, But a splendid dog-sled, led by doggies like me!

With a regal furred driver, commanding, not stern. I yelped to the others, "That must be St. Bern"! More rapid than greyhounds, our saviors they came, And we barked and we howled and called them by name.



"There's Duchess! There's King! fat Chance, and bare Buffy! On Fido, On Scooter! On Rover, and Scruffy! Go by the red hydrant and run past those trees! Nothing can stop you, not even some fleas!"

As puppies at play chase after a stick And race to their masters so lovely and quick, So out in the field his canines all flew, Catching the Frisbees that St. Bernard threw.

And then in an instant I heard at the door The scratching and clawing of each little paw.... As I pulled in my nose and was turning around, Through the door St. Bernard came in with a bound!



He was dressed all in fur from his head to his tail, His wood cask adorned with an icing of hail; A bag of chew toys he had brought in with him, And his mouth was turned up in what looked like a grin.

His eyes, how they twinkled! His ears flopped, how merry! His coat shone like crystal, his nose like a cherry! His big sloppy mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the fur on his chin was as white as the snow.

The sight of a treat he held tight in his teeth, And his collar encircled his neck like a wreath. He had a large face and a furry round belly, That shook when he barked, like a bowlful of jelly. He was fluffy and plump, a big cuddly old pooch And I laughed when I saw him and gave him a smooch!

A wink of his eye and a wag of his tail; We knew right away we'd have homes without fail. He howled not a howl, but went straight to his deed, And took down our leashes that soon we would need.

He opened the door and families stood there, With children, all smiling, and much love to spare. He leapt to his sled, to his team gave a call, And away they all flew as if chasing a ball. But I heard him exclaim, as he chewed on a bone: "Happy Dog-mas to all and to all a good home!"

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CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC 2019 OBEDIENCE AND AGILITY TRIAL CALENDAR

ENTERING TRIALS

Preferred method of entry for trials is through K9 Entries.

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

COMPETITORS PLEASE NOTE

It is an expectation that competitors will assist with ring setups, changes
and stewarding when requested
Open Agility offered on all trials

DATE	TIME	TRIAL	JUDGES
APRIL DOUBLE TRIAL			
5/4/2019	7:00 pm	Obedience	Cathy O'Shea
5/4/2019	7:00 pm	Rally O	Roel Wittkamp
6/4/2019	3:00 pm	Agility all levels	Tim Fairchild
6/4/2019	3:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Roel Wittkamp
6/4/2019	7:00 pm	Obedience all levels	Cathy O'Shea
6/4/2019	7:00 pm	Gamblers All levels	Roel Wittkamp
6/4/2019	after Gamblers	Agility all levels	Roel Wittkamp
6/4/2019	7:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Tim Fairchild
MAY DOUBLE TRIAL – NOTE THIS WILL BE HELD AT CUTHERINGA PARK, WEST END			
17/5/2019	7:00 pm	Rally O all levels	Maryanne Fazekas
17/5/2019	7:00 pm	Obedience all levels	Judy Forbes-Faulkner
18/5/2019	2:00 pm	Gamblers all levels	Annette Gniel
18/5/2019	2:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Tim Fairchild
18/5/2019	after gamblers	Agility all levels	Annette Gniel
18/5/2019	4:00 pm	Rally O all levels	Maryanne Fazekas
18/5/2019	7:00 pm	UD CDX, CD, CCD	Maryanne Fazekas
18/5/2019	7:00 pm	UDX	TBA
18/5/2019	7:00 pm	Strategic Pairs	Tim Fairchild
18/5/2019	after pairs	Agility all levels	Tim Fairchild
18/5/2019	7:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Annette Gniel
JULY DOUBLE TRIAL – NOTE THIS WILL BE HELD AT CUTHERINGA PARK, WEST END			
19/7/2019	7:00 pm	UDX	Barbara Murfet
19/7/2019	after UDX	UD, CDX, CD and CCD	Roel Wittkamp
19/7/2019	After UDX	Rally O all levels	Barbara Murfet
20/7/2019	2:00 pm	Gamblers all levels	Heather Northover
20/7/2019	2:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Roel Wittkamp
20/7/2019	after gamblers	Agility all levels	Heather Northover
20/7/2019	4:00 pm	Rally O all levels	Barbara Murfet
20/7/2019	7:00 pm	Obedience all levels	Barbara Murfet
20/7/2019	7:00 pm	Agility all levels	Roel Wittkamp
20/7/2019	7:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Heather Northover
20/7/2019	after agility	Snooker all levels	Roel Wittkamp

AUGUST DOUBLE - TRIAL 1

2/8/2019	7:00 pm	UDX	Coral Pethers
2/8/2019	after UDX	Rally O all levels	Coral Pethers
2/8/2019	after UDX	UD, CDX, CD, CCD	Tricia Williams
3/8/2019	2:00 pm	Gamblers	Tim Fairchild
3/8/2019	2:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Roger Padfield
3/8/2019	after gamblers	Agility all levels	Tim Fairchild
3/8/2019	4:00 pm	Rally O all levels	Coral Pethers
3/8/2019	7:00 pm	UDX	Coral Pethers
3/8/2019	after UDX	UD, CDX, CD, CCD	Tricia Williams
3/8/2019	7:00 pm	Strategic Pairs	Roger Padfield
3/8/2019	after pairs	Agility all levels	Roger Padfield
3/8/2019	7:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Tim Fairchild

AUGUST DOUBLE - TRIAL 2

30/8/2019	7:00 pm	UDX	Charles Giles
30/8/2019	after UDX	UD, CDX, CD, CCD	Lisa Sinclair
30/8/2019	after UDX	Rally O all levels	Charles Giles
31/8/2019	2:00 pm	Agility all levels	Terrence Griffin
31/8/2019	2:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Ray Ashman
31/8/2019	after jumpers	Snooker all levels	Ray Ashman
31/8/2019	7:00 pm	Strategic pairs	Ray Ashman
31/8/2019	after pairs	Agility all levels	Ray Ashman
31/8/2019	7:00 pm	Jumpers all levels	Terrence Griffin

SEPTEMBER DOUBLE OBEDIENCE and RALLY O TRIAL

27/9/2019	7:00 pm	CDX CD and CCD	Lisa Sinclair
		UDX and UD	TBA
27/9/2019	7:00 pm	Rally O all levels	Andrea Wohlhuter
28/9/2019	7:00 pm	UD CDX CD and CCD	Trisha Williams
28/9/2019	7:00pm	UDX	TBA
28/9/2019	7:00 pm	Rally O all levels	Andrea Wohlhuter

Why Title A Dog?

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

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

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

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

-Sandra Mowery

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CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC 2019 TRACK and SEARCH AND TRACKING TRIAL CALENDAR

COST : \$20 per entry (includes breakfast)

Entries close 14 days prior to the trial

NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

Contact Tracking Co-Ordinator Janette Cussons for further information

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NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

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

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

Date	Trial	Judge	Location
Sat March 23	Track and Search	Rosemary Sehl and Roel Wittkamp	Annandale and Aitkenvale
Sun March 24	Track and Search	Rosemary Sehl and Roel Wittkamp	Annandale and Aitkenvale
Sat April 13	Track and Search	Roel Wittkamp and Heidi Christoffel	Annandale and Aitkenvale
Sun April 14	Tracking	Debbie Schmidt and Roel Wittkamp	Alice River
Sat May 11	Track and Search	Heidi Christoffel and Coral Pethers	Annandale and Aitkenvale
Sun May 12	Tracking	Janette Cussons and Coral Pethers	Alice River
Sat June 15	Track and Search	Heidi Christoffel & Debbie Lamprecht	Annandale and Aitkenvale
Sun June 16	Tracking	Carolyn Lynn & Debbie Lamprecht	Alice River
Sat July 13	Track and Search	Coral Pethers and Rosemary Sehl	Annandale and Aitkenvale
Sun July 14	Tracking	Coral Pethers and Rosemary Sehl	Alice River



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**WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE AND
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