

The Beat

*Newsletter of the
Dances with Dogs Club
Queensland*



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Introduction

Last month was a big one for our club as we held our first trial at Caboolture Obedience Club grounds on the 15th of May. We all had a fantastic night and there were plenty of great routines to enjoy and plenty of dogs and handlers to cheer on. There is a full rundown and results later in the newsletter. Don't forget if you have anything you'd like to be included in future newsletters, please feel free to email it to me, my email address is

remok@pacific.net.au .

Robyn K



RNA Entries

Don't forget that entries for the Ekka close on Friday the 4th June at 4pm. Entries can be submitted online.



Musical Inspiration

Over the next few months we will be publishing some ideas for music that might suit a DWD routine. We're not asking for you to name a song that you are planning on using in a routine in the future but I'm sure we have all heard songs on the radio that may suit, so if you have any ideas for songs that you are willing to share please email them to me - remok@pacific.net.au

GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF A

ROOKIE CLASS

IN CONJUNCTION WITH TITLING DANCES WITH DOGS

COMPETITIONS

Dogs Queensland has approved that a 'Rookie class' (not-for-competition and non-titling) may be conducted in conjunction with titling Dances with Dogs competitions. This document sets out the framework within which such a class will operate.

1. Nature and purpose of Rookie Class

- 1.1 The Rookie Class is a non-titling class – i.e. results gained in the Rookie class do not count towards any DWD title.
- 1.2 The purpose of the Rookie class is to provide an opportunity for handlers and dogs to work in a competition environment, (without the formality of competition) and with the option of using motivators in the ring.
- 1.3 While it is anticipated that the Rookie class may be used principally for dogs preparing to enter Starter classes (HTM or Freestyle), it may also be available to handlers and dogs performing at higher levels.
- 1.4 Subject to the details set out in this document, the principal elements of the Rules for the Conduct of Dances with Dogs Competitions apply to the conduct of the Rookie class, particularly in relation to matters affecting the welfare of dogs.

2. Entries for Rookie Class

- 2.1 Any person wishing to enter his/her dog in a scheduled Rookie class must be a financial member of Dogs Qld or another Member Body of the ANKC and the dog must be registered with Dogs Qld or another Member Body of the ANKC.
- 2.2 Any person wishing to enter his/her dog in a scheduled Rookie class must do so on the standard DWD entry form, in accordance with the published closing date, and must pay the prescribed entry fee, which will be determined by the affiliate conducting the competition.
- 2.3 A dog may be entered in both a titling class and the Rookie class at any one competition. However, in the event that the dog qualifies in the titling class in the relevant division, the dog will not be eligible to participate in the Rookie class. In such event, the owner/handler forfeits the entry fee for the Rookie class.
- 2.4 The affiliate conducting the DWD competition in conjunction with which the Rookie class is being offered may determine the maximum number of entries which may be accepted for a Rookie class.
- 2.5 In the event that more entries are received than there are places available, places in the Rookie Class will be allocated according to the date of receipt of the entry by the Trial Secretary, irrespective of the level at which the exhibit is entered. Any entries in excess of the maximum acceptable number will be returned to competitors, together with the entry fee.

3. Conduct of the Rookie Class

- 3.1 The Rookie class will be conducted separately from the titling classes in the relevant competition. Normally the Rookie class will be conducted at the completion of titling classes, but it may be conducted at such time as the affiliate conducting the competition may determine.
 - 3.2 Handlers may take motivators into the Rookie ring. This may include toys, tugs, food and other motivators. In fairness to fellow handlers who subsequently use the ring, food should not be thrown in the ring.
 - 3.3 The maximum time available to any handler and dog in the Rookie class is 2 minutes, at the expiry of which the dog and handler must leave the ring (with the dog on lead).
- 4. Feedback on work in the Rookie class**
- 4.1 Any qualified judge or experienced handler/trainer may be invited to act as official observer to provide feedback on work performed in the Rookie class. As the judges officiating in the titling classes will normally be finalising results when the Rookie class is being conducted, those judges will not normally undertake this role for the Rookie class.
 - 4.2 Normally there will be at least one but possibly more official observer of the Rookie class.
 - 4.3 Handlers entering the Rookie class will be provided with feedback on their dog's work, but the work will not be formally scored and there will be no placings or prizes. However, an Encouragement Award maybe determined by the official observer(s).
- 5. Responsibilities of affiliate offering Rookie class**
- 5.1 Any affiliate intending to offer a Rookie class should provide relevant details in the schedule for the titling competition in conjunction with which the Rookie class is to be offered.
 - 5.2 The affiliate must pay the standard surcharge fees to Dogs Queensland for each entry in the Rookie class.



Lastly, you will remember last month we posted some photos of Hsin Yi & asked for captions, thank you to everyone who sent one in, here are 2 that were my favourites -



Firstly from AnnB -

I tried to do a figure eight with Honey that Dane of mine - but it turned out to be so big it should have been a figure nine.

And secondly from Gay Westmore

Honey Says - "Obviously we need a higher value reward to get Mum to speed up her leg weave"

Inaugural DWDCQ Trial

15th May 2010

The Dances With Dogs Club Queensland held its Inaugural Competition in Brisbane on the 15th May (previous competitions have been held by other Clubs).

It was a warm afternoon but quickly turned cold later and there were quite a few goosebumps on competitors ! But what a great night with 7 titles gained and comments from the Judges that competitors are just getting better and better all the time. Here are the results -

Judges - Val Bonney - Trevor Telford - Maree Rablin

Heelwork to Music Starters -

1st - Gay Westmore & Ch Buffalo Rustic Scotsman CCD CDX DWDF.S "Happy Whistler" - Golden Retriever - 146 - TITLE

Heelwork to Music Novice -

1st - Lisa Williamson & Cass Cookies N Cream of Ohutu DWDF.S HTM.S CCD CD (Imp. N.Z.) - "On Broadway" - Border Collie - 163

2nd - Karen Moore & Nordenstamm Ilana - "Murder on the Dance Floor" - Belgian Shepherd Malinois - 156 - TITLE

3rd - Jo Meredith & Anduct Wirbelstrum HTM.S - "Fever" - German Shepherd - 155 TITLE

4th - Sharon Clark & Borderstrong Casey DWDF.N - "Billie Jean" - Border Collie - 1498.5 TITLE

Heelwork to Music - Intermediate

1st - Gay Westmore & Buffalo Rustic Memories UD DWDF.N HTM.N "Love Lifted Me" - Golden Retriever - 161.5

Freestyle Starters -

1st - Lynn Pryor & Annrob Rosie Pride "Crazy Little Thing Called Love" - Cavalier - 152

2nd - Michele Izzard & Ch Chilolo Sea Breeze Shala - "Cunnamulla Fella" - Rhodesian Ridgeback - 142.5

3rd - Margaret Timu & Rowsdale Storm Chaser - "Jambalaya" - Border Collie - 139.5 TITLE

4th - Cathy Fuller & Harrison - "Straighten Up and Fly Right" - Standard Poodle 138

Freestyle Novice -

1st - Maree Field & Woombye Secret Tradition DWDF.S HTM.S - "Singin' in the Rain" - Border Collie - 161.5

2nd - Lisa Williamson & Cass Cookies N Cream of Ohutu DWDF.S HTM.S CCD CD (Imp. N.Z.) "That's Entertainment" - Border Collie - 158.5

3rd - Sharon Clark & Rowsdale Cian DWDF.S HTM.S - "It's Raining Men" - Border Collie - 152.5 TITLE

4th - Karen Moore & Nordenstamm Ilana "My Baby just cares for me" - Malinois - 150.5 TITLE

5th - Sharon Clark & OCh Borderland Murphy DWDF.S HTM.S "In the Mood" - Border Collie - 140

6th - Tabitha Young & OCh Impressa Dream Flame - "Footloose" - Golden Retriever - 134.5

Freestyle Intermediate -

1st - Gay Westmore & Buffalo Rustic Memories UD DWDF.N HTM.N - "Begin the Beguine" - Golden Retriever - 138

Freestyle Advanced -

1st - Maree Field & Mutley DWDF.I HTM.N "All that Jazz" - Border Collie - 173.5

There are a lot of people who need thanking for this great night - Caboolture Sports Dog Obedience Club (the comp was held on their grounds) and they assisted with equipment etc. Coral Pethers who did a great job as Master of Ceremonies - and also looked at our new class "Rookies" - a non titling class after the official comp where handlers can practice routines using motivators. Val Bulte - Asst. Competition Secretary who worked tirelessly all night - Stewards Barbara Murfet, Debby Lamprecht,

and Gaye Hamilton, Debbie Rule who all did a sterling job. "Mr MusicMan" Eddie who also took care of equipment - and his wife Robyn who put out the most fabulous spread for tea. Ros Smith who sold \$80 worth of raffle tickets. VIP Pet Foods who sponsored the Comp and donated frisbees for every competitor and helper plus boxes of dogs food for places. Treasurer Karen Moore for preparing receipts and also making our gorgeous Trophy Table cloth - purple with diamonds round the edge. Wendy Russell for also donating lovely white

cloths for the Judges/Scorers tables beautifully embroidered with our Club logo around the edges.

And finally me - Trial Secretary who donated the printing of the catlaogues, the "pre-loved" trophies which just had to have the engraved plaques changed - saving the Club quite a bit of money - and running a good Competition which was totalled, finished and presentations done very quickly !!

ANN B - GOLD COAST (Trial Secretary)



Minutes of General Meeting 3/2010

Time and Date: 2 pm, Monday 3 May 2010

Venue: Obedience Dog Club of Brisbane grounds,
Englefield Road, Oxley

1. **Attendance**

Gay Westmore (chair), Angie Burke, Sharon Clark, Maree Field, Pam Kettle, Debby Lamprecht, Eddie Kirkman, Robyn Kirkman, Barbara Murfet, Coral Pethers, Maree Rablin, Wendy Russell, Trevor Telford.

Apologies: Jane Barron, Val Bonney, Ann Bulke, Lesley Chappell, Michelle Izzard, Vyvyan Mannion, Karen Moore.

2. **Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 27 March 2010 (previously circulated in newsletter)**

3. **Business arising out of the minutes**

3.1 **Training program**

The beginners training program will be conducted at Durack on 9 May, 16 May, 23 May, 30 May, commencing at 2 pm. The German Shepherd ring at the top of the field behind the main building has been booked. The training program is mostly finalised. Sharon to email current version to Barb, Robyn, Pam, Ann & Gay for any final comments and changes. Currently 10 people are registered to attend.

3.2 **Competitions**

The first competition to be conducted by DWDCQ will be held at the Caboolture Dog Obedience Club grounds (outdoors) on 15 May, then followed by a competition at the Mt Gravatt showgrounds (indoors) on 5 June and at the Obedience Dog Club of Brisbane, Oxley (outdoors) on 17 July. We are required to distribute flyers to letterboxes of homes adjoining the Oxley grounds in advance of the July competition; if anyone who lives in that vicinity could assist in that regard, it would be greatly appreciated.

We also have competitions scheduled for 3 October and 21 November. The venues for those events are yet to be finalised. Maree Field reports that VIP is OK for either or both of those dates. Sharon has followed up with Redlands who are interested – Sharon to attend Redlands club meeting on 10/05/10 for discussion.

We will shortly need to start looking at next year's dates. DWDCQ needs to initiate a proposal for 2011 competition dates and forward it to the DWD subcommittee who will submit to the CCC. Discussion occurred regarding the frequency of competitions, and it was agreed that holding competitions at approximately 6 to 8 weekly intervals is reasonable. Coral raised the question of the Gold Coast Show (end of August) which TDOC has run in 2009 and will run this year. It was agreed that DWDCQ assume responsibility for this competition from 2011.

3.3 **Club merchandise**

An email has just been sent to members inviting them to give an indication of their possible needs in relation to a Club T-shirt. We will then place an order accordingly.

3.4 **Richard Curtis seminar**

The Richard Curtis seminar was attended by approximately 120 people and feedback from

participants was extremely positive. Congratulations and thanks to all those who assisted in any way in the pre-organisation and on the night

Net fees from seminar registration amounted to \$2,300. The raffle at the seminar had generated \$230, and that at the following weekend's workshop at Camp Tailwaggers had generated \$97. Expenditure for the evening included the hire of the Function Room (\$220), catering (\$154.89) and gift for Richard (\$40). Payment for Richard of \$900 was still to be made, while Ann Bulke had undertaken to make a donation to the Club when she/Camp Tailwaggers took over the running of the weekend workshop.

3.5 **Competition and training venues**

Sharon Clark made further investigations regarding the Animal Welfare League facility. While it would be very suitable, they do not allow dogs to be off lead in the training area; hence this would not be suitable.

Gay has investigated the Dayboro Showgrounds hall. The dimensions of the indoors training area (in which dogs are allowed) is approximately 25m by 10m. There is an adjoining kitchen & dining area. Outside the building there is a flat grassed area of approximately 10m x 10 m and, down a slope, a further larger grassed area, as well as the main showground oval. Camping is available at a cost of \$10 per powered camp site. The floor of the indoor training area is cement, similar to Mt Gravatt showgrounds hall floor. Agreed action: Gay to enquire re the availability of this facility for hire for the Kath & Karen workshop early April 2011. It is proposed that people in the DWDCQ be approached re offering billets to assist with accommodation for this weekend.

4. **Treasurer's report**

Members noted the current bank balance of \$8234.17. Income since 13 March had amounted to \$3,966 while expenditure amounted to \$1244.89. There was an outstanding payment of \$900 to be paid to Richard Curtis, while there were unrepresented cheques, including \$620 to the Mt Gravatt showgrounds (includes \$500 refundable bond) and \$250 to Dogs Qld for the Dog World schedules for the October and November competitions.

Trevor indicated that Treasurer's report needs to align with Dogs Qld prescribed format – Barb has a template which she will provide.

5. **Applications for membership**

The Secretary provided a list of applications for membership as follows: Susan McIntyre, Karen Wilkinson, Jennifer Crane, Hilary Paull, Kimberley Tong, Louise Hendrikson

Moved by Sharon, Seconded Angie, all in favour

6. **Correspondence – inwards and outwards**

11/04/10 Letter from Dianne Muller, Secretary ODCB: following request from Wendy Russell, they have agreed to a reduction in the cost of the grounds for the DWDCQ competition for July - \$100

28/04/10 Letter to Dianne Muller, Secretary ODCB, confirming the booking for the grounds for 17/07/10 at the cost of \$100.

Documentation from AGM has been forwarded to Dogs Qld

Email to Dogs Qld re Rookie Class & booking of Durack grounds for beginner course – confirmed by Rob Harrison.

Email to VIP requesting use of grounds for DWD competition – OK confirmed by Maree Field verbally at this meeting.

Moved by Sharon Clark, seconded Wendy Russell, all in favour.

7. **DVD Library**

At the February meeting, Gay Westmore had suggested that consideration be given to establishing a DVD library, particularly for the benefit of members outside south-east Queensland. It was agreed to wait and assess our financial situation after Richard Curtis seminar and then to reconsider the matter.

Discussion was held re the logistics of this. There would be difficulty with deposits and refund, obtaining cost of postage etc, and borrowers would have to give an undertaking not to breach copyright. Barb mentioned that Dogs Qld has library which we may be able to access. She is not sure of the services available (eg do they post out resources on loan to members?) – Barb to investigate.

8. **Other business**

8.1 **Videotaping beginners training program**

Sharon suggested we take a video recording of the beginners training program and then review the footage for possible editing for a future training DVD; we would need to gain the permission of participants to do this. Maree R suggested we should actually do this formally – ie plan out a training session for recording purposes and do it in a structured manner, so as to maximise the quality of the video and the training messages.

8.2 **Correction re venue for June competition**

Sharon to contact Gary Paull, Dogs Qld, to request placement of a notification on the Dogs Qld website re error in venue – should be Mt Gravatt showgrounds for the June competition. We will also need to directly contact any entrants.

8.3 **Future demonstrations**

Maree R advised that she had been approached by Debbie Duckworth who is associated with Rosewood show – they are interested in a DWD demo to open the show. Other demos requested include: Guide Dogs for the Blind, Carseldine, & Dayboro show. Coral will be doing a demonstration for the Samoyed National Show.

8.4 **Brisbane Royal**

Royal entries close on June 4. Gay commented that cannot enter online except for conformation. Barb stated she would follow up. (Gay subsequently discovered this is not correct. It is possible to undertake DWD entries online, but there are some problems with gender of the dog being linked to the available classes – Gay has notified this to Barb.)

8.5 **Workshop for development of handlers' movement/dance skills**

Sharon raised the possibility of DWDCQ offering a couple of dance workshops to assist members in developing skills in how to move gracefully, foot shape etc. Karen Moore has indicated her willingness to run a workshop for cost of travel money. Maree R stated she would also be willing to & stated agreement with Karen that it would be best to run this as 2 separate workshops so as not to confuse the non-dance people with different styles. Sharon to email club members to ascertain interest.

8.6 **Rookie Class**

Discussion took place regarding potential issues which could arise in connection with conduct of the Rookie Class. Barb, Coral, Trevor & Gay – DWD Subcommittee of Dogs Qld - to develop procedures re Rookie class.

9. **Next meeting**

Next meeting to be held in late June. Gay to email members re possible date.

Meeting closed 3:30 pm.

Trivia Quiz

Know lots about dogs? Take our short quiz to find out just how much you know!
Answers are on page 11.

1. What is the name of the star, also known as the Dog Star, located in the constellation Canis Major?
2. What was the name of Dorothy's dog in The Wizard of Oz?
3. Which breed of dog was kept by monks in the Swiss Alps to help find lost travellers?
4. What is the name of the dog in The Simpsons?
5. "Laika" was the name of the dog that was famous for what?
6. What dog breed is known for it's blue/black tongue?
7. What is the only dog breed specifically mentioned in the Bible?
8. The domestic dog has how many pairs of chromosomes?
(a) 9
(b) 39
(c) 63
9. What is the name given to the phobia if someone has a fear of dogs?
10. What is the smallest breed of dog?
11. What is the name of the dog belonging to Hagrid in the Harry Potter series of books?
12. What 2 breeds of dog were the 2 main canine characters in the book & movie "The Incredible Journey"?
13. What breed of dog were originally bred to follow a horse & carriage?
14. A dog named Einstein appeared in which film with Michael J Fox?
15. Name the 3 sizes of Poodle.
16. What breed of dog was originated in the late 1800s by Captain Max von Stephanitz who hoped to develop an all-purpose working dog?
17. Dogs have far fewer taste buds than humans. True or False?
18. How many teeth do adult dogs have?
19. What breed of dog doesn't bark, but does make yodelling noises?
20. What breed's name means "butterfly" in French?

Upcoming Events

DANCES WITH DOGS COMPETITION
DANCES WITH DOGS CLUB, QUEENSLAND
Obedience Dog Club of Brisbane
15 Englefield Road, Oxley

- Date:** Saturday 17th July, 2010
- Time:** Judging commences 2 pm (to be confirmed)
- Vetting:** 1 pm to 1.45 pm
- Music Check:** 1 pm to 1.45 pm
- Judges:** Vyvyan Mannion, Coral Pethers & Trevor Telford
- Entry Fee:** \$10 per entry
- Entry Form:** Entries to be submitted on the DWD Entry Form (Rules and entry forms available from the ANKC website)
- Entries close:** 2 July, 2010
- Entries to:** Trial Secretary, PO Box 593, Coolangatta 4225.
- Enquiries:** Ann Bulke; email : annswitch@bigpond.com
- Classes:** Dances with Dogs Freestyle - Starters, Novice, Intermediate and Advanced
Dances with Dogs Heelwork to Music - Starters, Novice, Intermediate and Advanced
- Note:** A dog may only be entered in one class in each division
- Venue:** The competition will be conducted outdoors, on grass. The ring area will be approximately 12 m x 15 m. Judges will be located on one of the long sides.
- Other:** Heelwork to Music Division will precede Freestyle Division.
- Competitors are asked to have only the selected piece of music on one disc, if possible. It can include multiple copies of the one track but should preferably not include tracks other than the one to be used for the routine.
- There is ample parking at the grounds. There is no catering available.



Upcoming Events Cont'd

<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Details</u>
DWDCQ Trial	Mt Gravatt Showgrounds, Logan Rd, Mt Gravatt	Saturday 5th June Vetting 1pm Trial 2pm
Next DWDCQ Meeting	TBA	TBA
Judge's Training	Logan All Breeds Dog Obedience Club, Gould Adams Park, Kingston Road, Kingston	Sunday 11 th July 10am-2pm
DWDCQ Trial	Obedience Dog Club of Brisbane 15 Englefield Road, Oxley	Saturday 17 th July Vetting 1pm Trial 2pm (to be confirmed)

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then giving Fido only two of them. ~Phil Pastoret

Quiz answers

1. Sirius.
2. Toto
3. Saint Bernard
4. Santa's Little Helper
5. Laika was the first dog in space, she was sent into orbit by the Soviet Union on Nov 3, 1957.
6. Chow Chow
7. Greyhound
8. 39 - 38 + 1 pair of sex linked chromosomes
9. Cynophobia
10. Chihuahua
11. Fang
12. A Labrador Retriever & a Bull Terrier
13. Dalmatian
14. Back to the Future
15. Standard, mini and toy
16. The German Shepherd Dog
17. True. Dogs only have around one sixth the amount of taste buds that humans do.
18. 42
19. Basenji
20. Pappillon