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**DANCES  
WITH DOGS**





# WHAT IS DANCES WITH DOGS (DWD)?

DWD is you and your dog stepping out together to the music you like, having fun, getting some exercise (as much as you want), making new friends and strengthening the dog-owner relationship. The primary goal of Dances with Dogs is to promote positive and enjoyable relationships between dogs and their owners through the medium of music. Dances with Dogs is a fully accredited dog sport with the Australian National Kennel Council.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Are there different aspects of DWD?

Yes – there are two divisions of DWD. Heelwork to Music (HTM) is exactly as it sounds – a routine with a minimum of 60% Heelwork performed to music, but with some other behaviours included. Then there is Freestyle – where anything goes! Behaviours of all kinds can be incorporated into a Freestyle routine. In each of these divisions there are four competitive levels – Starters, Novice, Intermediate and Advanced. Success at a level leads to a title and promotion to the next level.



## Do you need a particular type of dog?

No! Dogs of all breeds, ages and size have been successful right up to international competitions. Handlers, of diverse ages and physical capability can participate and be competitive in this sport. The ability to showcase the dog/handler relationship is what is important.

## How much will it cost?

It is recommended that you join your local Club. Event entry fees are applicable.

## Do I have to join Dogs Qld?

In the Rookie Class you don't need to be a member of Dogs Qld however if you decide to compete your dog will need to be registered.

