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President's Message

“That’s a wrap for August 2026, one of the most jam packed months of the year!

In August we saw another very successful Ekka. It’s always great to see our members interacting with the public to promote our dog world. Thank you to all our volunteers who contributed to a great event. Congratulations to all the winners.

On Sunday 16 August 2026, the Junior Handler State Finals were held at our Durack Sports Grounds. Our officiating



judge was Blake Hansen all the way from the USA. Congratulations to all those wonderful juniors who qualified and especially to our overall winner Nevada Appleby and runner up Hailey Garstone. I have no doubt you’ll do

Queensland proud at the National final.

A review of the 2026 Junior Handler State Final appears on pages 51 through to 55.

We also took the opportunity on this day to present another Life Membership award. This time the very worthy recipient was none other than David Weil.

For those of us who know David, are very aware of his lengthy and ongoing commitment to our dog world.

David served as a director of Dogs Queensland from 2012-2025.

David has chaired Dogs Queensland committees as well as holding numerous positions within clubs.

David is held in the highest regard by



his peers and is recognised as a mentor, leader, and tireless contributor whose efforts have significantly strengthened the organisation.

David’s long-standing service and leadership across multiple roles and commitment to the advancement of the dog world clearly distinguish him as a most worthy candidate for life membership.

David, along with fellow Life Membership inductees Ron Jackson and Gaille Newton are featured on pages 42 through to 47.

Congratulations to our latest judges who qualified following the recent practical evaluations. This is an enormous undertaking by the Conformation Judges Committee and I thank them for their ongoing support of our upcoming judges. Gratitude also to everyone who brought their beautiful dogs to be evaluated as part of the examination process. Special congratulations to our new ALL BREEDS judges:-

- Toni Dennis
- Maxine Hobson
- Lesley Roebig

To finish the month off the State Scent Work trials were held from Thursday 27 August to Sunday 30 August 2026 at the Caboolture Showgrounds. There was a huge entry with many entrants from all over Queensland and interstate. Congratulations on a very well organised event!”

Carolyn Ryan,

Dogs Queensland President

Board Notes – September 2026

DOGS QUEENSLAND SEPTEMBER 2026 MEMBERS FORUM

All Members are invited to join us at Durack on Saturday 19 September 2026 from 2.00pm. This is one hour prior to the start of the FCI CACIB Show.

Enjoy a one-hour informal Q&A session, followed by free Pizza proudly provided by Wagz Café and Dogs Queensland. If you'd like to submit any questions for consideration ahead of time, please email rob@dogsqueensland.org.au. The link will be provided in due course.

FCI BREED TO BE ADDED TO THE NATIONAL BUSINESS SYSTEM – BERGER PICARD



The breed has been added to the Breed Standards section on the Dogs Australia website, and the documents listed below have been updated here: [Forms, Guidelines, Listings and Procedures](#):

- Breed listing.
- 2 x OSJ application forms.
- DA recognised breed listing indicating breed standard owners & breeds not eligible for CACIB.

Click on the following buttons to access the these Dogs Australia resources: Dogs Australia Breed Listing, Dogs Australia Overseas Judges Application Forms (Digital Signature and Non-Digital versions) and Dogs Australia Breed Listing by Group.

[Dogs Australia Breed Listing](#)

[Dogs Australia Overseas Judges Application Form – Digital Signature](#)

UPDATED BREED STANDARD EXTENSION – WEIMARANER & LONGHAIR WEIMARANER

The National Breed Standards Coordination Group has received a submission from the National Weimaraner Council to update the breed standard extensions for both the Weimaraner and Longhair Weimaraner. After reviewing the submission, the NBSCG has agreed for the existing breed standard extensions on their website to be replaced with that which appears in the link below.

The Dogs Australia website has been updated accordingly.

[Updated Breed Standard Extension](#)

2026 NATIONAL RETRIEVING & FIELD TRIAL HALL OF FAME – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Dogs Australia is putting the word out to all members who feel they qualify for the Retrieving & Field Trial Hall of Fame. To apply complete the nomination forms in the following links.

For more information, click the following link to the Dogs Australia website:

[Retrieving & Field Trial Hall of Fame 2026 Nominations](#)

All applications are to be submitted to Rob Harrison at rob@dogqueensland.org.au no later than Thursday 1 October 2026.

[Dogs Australia Nomination Information](#)

[RAFT Hall Of Fame Outstanding Gundog](#)

[RAFT Hall Of Fame Prominent Person](#)

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB/DOGS AUSTRALIA ANNOUNCE MUTUAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

New York, NY – The American Kennel Club (AKC®), a not-for-profit organization, the world's largest purebred dog registry, and a leading advocate for dogs, and Dogs Australia, a not-for-profit organization that represents the interests of its Member Bodies throughout Australia, are pleased to announce that they have entered into a Mutual Cooperation Agreement.

To continue reading the press release, click on the following button.

[American Kennel Club/Dogs Australia Mutual Cooperation Agreement](#)

INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL TRICK DOG COMPETITION

Following the announcement of the mutual cooperation agreement between Dogs Australia and the American Kennel Club (AKC), Australia has received an invitation to participate in the annual International Virtual Trick Dog Competition organised by the AKC.

Attached in the links below are the International Virtual Trick Dog Competition Announcement, which includes the invitation and links to the rules and entry form. Entries are submitted via YouTube videos, and although you enter online and not in person, it is similar to the FCI World Challenge, where competitors will fund their own expenses.

Questions can be emailed to trickdog@akc.org.

[International Virtual Trick Dog Competition Announcement](#)

[Virtual Trick Dog Invitation](#)

ADDITIONS TO THE CONFORMATION JUDGES CHAMPIONSHIP PANEL

Congratulations to the following trainees who have now been added to the Conformation Championship Judges Panel.

Group One: Melaine Attridge, Krystal Flouskos, Amanda Maynard, Katherine Wishart

Group Two: Julana Akers, Justine Pilchowski, Melissa Willson

Group Three: Louise Marsden, Breanne Lancey, Jennifer Watt

Group Four: Liza Cassidy, Andrew Ziebell, John Mitchell

Group Six: Belinda Thomas, Toni Dennis

Group Seven: Maxeen Hobson, Lesley Roebig, Maxine Lee, Margaret Broughton

Congratulations is also extended to Toni Dennis, Lesley Roebig and Maxeen Hobson who have now been added to the All Breeds Judges Panel.

INTENTION TO LODGE A COMPLAINT

All Members are reminded of the following Rule in regards to Shows.

71.9 Incidents involving members which occur at Exhibitions or Club activities of any kind are

to be reported to the Event Manager or Club official (President or Secretary) immediately. All details of the incident are to be noted and forwarded in a report submitted to the Secretary of the CCCQ Ltd with the Event Manager's Report within five (5) working days.

In cases where the member / non member wishes to lodge a formal complaint, a Notice of Intention to Lodge a Complaint form must be completed on the day of the Exhibition and forwarded with the Event Manager's Report. The member then has fourteen (14) days from the date of the Exhibition to lodge the complaint in accord with the Dogs Queensland Complaints Procedure. Failure to lodge a complaint within that period will cause the complaint to lapse

([see Appendix 5 – page 91 Rule Book](#)).

[Intention To Lodge A Complaint Form](#)

USAGE OF NON-AUTHORISED IMAGES/ GRAPHICS ON ALL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Members are asked to be mindful of submitting or using images/graphics taken from the web to promote your breed or any event. These are protected by copyright and to do so, without the appropriate licence or express permission from the owner, could potentially result in legal action and damages.

Dogs Queensland accepts images/graphics submitted or uploaded to our social media platforms in good faith and on the basis that all relevant approvals have been sought. Before submitting images for publication on any platform, please ensure that you have permission to use the image for this purpose.

GOVERNMENT & BUSINESS EMAIL ADDRESSES

Dogs Queensland has become aware that some members are not receiving electronic communications from DQ, including announcements, newsletters, and membership renewal notifications.

This may occur when a government or business email address is used, as firewalls or security settings can restrict or block incoming emails.

To ensure you continue to receive all digital correspondence from Dogs Queensland, affected members are encouraged to provide an alternative email address. Please contact info@dogsqueensland.org.au to update your details.

Did you know Dogs Queensland now accept all Transfers and Titles applications via email (info@dogsqueensland.org.au)?



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PRESS RELEASE

Attention Show judges and dog breeders who are interested in participating in the World Dog Show 2027

Clemens Purtscher
Shifting Values e.U.
Vienna, Austria

Please find to follow a legal expertise report on the legal situation and case law in Austria regarding dog shows and cruel breeding. You may find it useful to learn more about the legal status in the run-up to the World Dog Show 2027 in Austria, so you can prepare accordingly.

The Austrian Animal Welfare Act (TSchG) prohibits, as a specific offence under the general ban on animal cruelty, breeding in such a way that heritable, persistent and significant burdens are foreseeable in the offspring (cruel breeding). It is further illegal under the TSchG to exhibit (hereinafter also referred to as 'the exhibition ban'), present, import, purchase, broker, transfer or depict for publicity purposes animals exhibiting symptoms or externally recognisable characteristics of cruel breeding.

Animal shows, mostly organised by breeding clubs and associations, play a significant role in the field of pedigree animal breeding. They influence breeding objectives and the demand for specific traits, and thus contribute to shaping the public image of the various breeds. Consequently, animals with externally recognisable characteristics of cruel breeding must not be exhibited or presented, regardless of whether the animal in question also exhibits symptoms of cruel breeding – for example, a dog with a very short head (brachycephalic) must not be exhibited, even if that particular dog does not (yet) display corresponding symptoms, such as breathing difficulties.

The question of which persons involved bear which responsibilities has been the subject of numerous court proceedings, which are analysed in this paper alongside the relevant legal basis. **In summary, the legal situation and case law yield the following findings:**

The **direct perpetrator** in relation to the exhibition ban is the person who makes the decision to exhibit an animal and acts as the animal's exhibitor before the public. In this context, the prohibited act is deemed to have been committed as soon as the animal (registered for the show) is brought into the venue, and not only when it enters the ring in which it is presented to the

conformation judges for assessment. If, on the other hand, an exhibitor is refused entry to the event during an admission check, this constitutes an attempted offence.

Negligent conduct is sufficient for the direct perpetrator (i.e. the 'exhibitor') to be held liable. An erroneous interpretation of the law or ignorance of an administrative regulation which the perpetrator has contravened is excused only if it is proven to be through no fault of their own. Anyone who fails to make the necessary enquiries bears the risk of a legal error. With regard to the exhibition ban under Section 8b(1) of the Animal Welfare Act (TSchG), this means that every exhibitor of an animal (including foreign exhibitors) is subject to a duty to make enquiries and exercise due care – they are required, before taking part in an exhibition, to inform themselves to a reasonable extent about the relevant animal welfare standards, to be aware of their own animal's predisposition to cruel breeding, and to check themselves or have it checked whether the individual animal to be exhibited exhibits symptoms or externally recognisable characteristics of cruel breeding within the meaning of the existing ban. Invoking compliance with a club's internal breed standards, breeding or exhibition regulations cannot exempt the exhibitor of an animal from their responsibility under animal welfare law, as the sole benchmark for administrative penalty proceedings is the Animal Welfare Act, and private breeding requirements are irrelevant to the assessment in question.

The legal view, held on several occasions in case law at the level of the Provincial Administrative Courts, that the exhibitor is exonerated from liability where the organiser carries out veterinary checks on entry and the animal in question is not found to be in breach of the regulations, has been challenged in this paper. According to the established case law of the Supreme Administrative Court, a legal error on the part of the perpetrator is excusable only if they have verified the legal view they have adopted through appropriate enquiries, whereby the degree of care exercised by the perpetrator themselves is decisive.

The inspection staff, form judges and official veterinary surgeons may be regarded as **contributory offenders** (Section 7 of the Administrative Offences Act) if they intentionally enable, facilitate, ensure or otherwise promote a prohibited exhibition. There is as yet no case law on this matter.

The liability of the organiser of a pedigree animal show had already been the subject of several conflicting judgements by the provincial administrative courts, which has recently been clarified by the Supreme Administrative Court. Until now, the prevailing case law of the provincial administrative courts had held that the organiser had no duty to enforce the exhibition ban, which meant that, in the event of breaches, no one was ultimately held accountable. This view has been superseded by the decision of the Supreme Administrative Court of 18 March 2026, Ra 2024/02/0171: Pursuant to Section 28(4) of the Animal Welfare Act (TSchG) and Section 1 of the Animal Welfare Act Events Regulation (TSchG-VeranstV), the organiser is expressly responsible for compliance with the provisions of the Animal Welfare Act, and thus also for compliance with the exhibition ban relating to cruel breeding. Consequently, the organiser must organise the exhibition in such a way that no animals carrying symptoms or externally recognisable characteristics of cruel breeding are exhibited or presented. The authority may – or, where necessary to reliably ensure compliance with the exhibition ban, must –

specify these fundamental obligations of the organiser in greater detail by imposing specific conditions in the notice of approval. The model conditions confirmed in Lower Austrian case law may serve as a guide in this regard.

The authority's duties in relation to major events such as the 2027 World Dog Show (Tulln, 27–30 May 2027) include carrying out appropriate checks. In cases of concrete suspicion, this general duty becomes a specific duty to intervene. The competent authority will therefore not only stipulate appropriate organisational requirements in the authorisation notice for the 2027 World Dog Show, but will also have to ensure, through the deployment of official veterinary inspection bodies, that compliance with the exhibition ban is actually verified, suspected cases are professionally investigated, and any identified breaches – taking into account possible contributory offenders – are subject to administrative sanctions. Deliberately turning a blind eye, failing to investigate, or carrying out only superficial checks may not only constitute complicity (Section 7 of the Administrative Offences Act), but in certain cases may even amount to abuse of office (Section 302 of the Criminal Code).



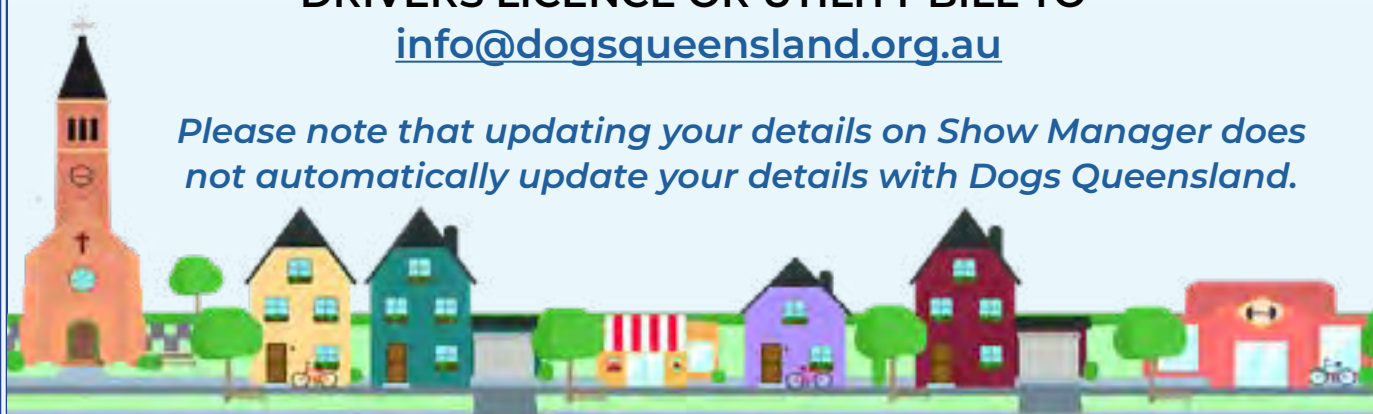
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Please note that updating your details on Show Manager does not automatically update your details with Dogs Queensland.



Breeder Alert – Puppy Scam Websites

Dogs Queensland has become increasingly aware of Puppy Scam Websites using legitimate Dogs Queensland Registration and Queensland Breeder Identification (BIN) Numbers to sell puppies. Dogs Queensland Registration Numbers are obtained from legitimate websites such as Dogs Queensland or DogzOnline, where they are displayed as required by the Queensland Government.



Please see the [Queensland Dog Breeder Fact Sheets](#) for regulations and guidelines for Queensland Dog Breeders.

An example of a typical scam is:

- A Dogs Queensland Membership number is lifted from current advertising on the internet.
- The scammer researches and obtains personal details of the breeder including name, suburb, prefix.
- A domain name similar to the Kennel prefix is registered on an offshore registry.
- Once the breeder has ceased advertising the litter of puppies a new website is published.
- No physical address or phone numbers are advertised on the website.
- The seller avoids permitting you to physically see the cyber puppy and only sends non genuine pictures.
- The seller insists on only accepting payment by a crypto currency or a funds transfer.

As a breeder what can you do to avoid being an unknowing victim of a Puppy Scam:

- Regularly Google search the internet for websites using a similar Domain Name as your Prefix.
- Put a warning notification in your online advertising to alert buyers to check any website they are looking at is legitimate.
- Encourage puppy buyers to verify breeder information with Dogs Queensland and make direct in-person contact with you.
- Ensure puppy buyers check communications are made with verified contact details.
- Encourage puppy buyers to meet the puppy and breeder before handing over payments.

As a buyer what can you do to avoid being a victim of a Puppy Scam:

- Verify breeder information with Dogs Queensland.
- Ensure communications are made to verified contact details.
- Meet the puppy and breeder before handing over payments.
- If paying online, use a credit card or PayPal where you have a degree of buyer protection.
- Check website is an established site with a website security certificate.
- Avoid websites without physical address or phone numbers.
- Ask for proof, including ANKC registration papers and veterinary health records for any puppy.

Importantly you should report any suspect sites or advertising to the [ACCC ScamWatch](#) website. Please let us know about any suspect websites too by contacting Dogs Queensland on 3252 2661 or by email at info@dogsqueensland.org.au.



Dogs Queensland Dog of the Year Rules 2026

RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF QUEENSLAND DOG OF THE YEAR COMPETITION IN 2026

GENERAL RULES

1. The Queensland Dog of the Year Competition will be sponsored, promoted and run by Dogs Queensland, commencing on Thursday, 1st January 2026 and ending on Thursday, 31st December 2026.
2. The Dog of the Year Final will be judged on Saturday evening, 6th February 2027.
3. In the event that a cash prize is awarded for the Competition, the prize will be awarded in the name of the Queensland resident owner/s of the winning exhibit. Where an exhibit is held in joint ownership with a current financial member of the ANKC, that member must be financial as of 1st January 2026 up to and including 6th February 2027.
4. Finalists in the competition will receive a memento from the Events Committee.
5. Catalogues for the Competition will be available for a fee.
6. The Committee is authorised to take steps to verify the eligibility of Competition finalists. Should an exhibitor or exhibit not meet all the specific criteria for eligibility, the exhibit in question will not be permitted to compete in the Competition Final.
7. The Events Committee reserves the right to alter any Competition rules should it be deemed necessary.
8. The Dogs Queensland Board of Directors is the final arbiter of disputed issues in respect to this Competition and exhibitors acknowledge that, by entering this Competition, they agree to be bound by the Rules and they further agree to indemnify Dogs Queensland against all claims arising from any actions associated with this Competition.

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

In order to qualify for Dog of the Year, the exhibit must reside in the State of Queensland from 1st January 2026 or born during 2026 and reside in the State of Queensland and must remain resident in the State until the Competition date, 6th February 2027.

The exhibit must be registered to a Dogs Queensland member either solely or in partnership during this period (General Rules 3).

To reside means the dog is to physically live at the address on the Certificate of Registration. The term 'exhibitor' means owner/s, as recorded on the Certificate of Registration.

INELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

All Events Committee Members and any other individual closely involved with the Competition or closely associated with persons involved with the Competition shall be excluded from entering at the discretion of the Events Committee. Sponsors are eligible to enter at the discretion of the Events Committee.

The decision if any person and/or exhibit should be excluded is to be decided upon the facts of each case with the final arbiter being the Events Committee.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The following eligibility requirements must be adhered to:

1. If an entrant has ownership transferred during the Competition period, its results remain valid if the ownership of the dog remains valid (Refer to Eligibility to Compete) and providing the exhibit continues to reside in Queensland.
2. Any exhibit leased/transferred out of Queensland during the Competition period, or any exhibitor who moves Interstate or Overseas during the Competition period, automatically loses all entitlements to compete in the Competition.
3. All fees paid by an Exhibitor to enter in the Competition (including fees paid by an Exhibitor who falls under General Requirements 2), will not be refunded.
4. Any exhibitor who transfers to Queensland, permanently, from another Country / State will be eligible to compete:
 - (i) providing they join and/or hold current membership of Dogs Queensland:
 - a) at their permanent address in Queensland; and
 - b) during the eligibility period and is prior to and includes the end date of the eligibility period (Refer to General Rules 1).
 - (ii) providing the exhibit is transferred to that Queensland address and resides there, referred to in (i), for the majority of the eligibility period (majority referring to more than half of the time of the eligibility period).

QUALIFICATION FOR ENTRY AS A FINALIST

1. For the Dog of the Year Competition an exhibit over the age of 6 (six) months is required to be awarded a minimum of 1 (one) Best in Show at any All Breeds Championship Show, Agricultural Show, Group / Multi Breed Championship Show where a Best in Show is awarded, or a Breed / Multi Breed Specialty Championship Show held in Queensland during the qualifying period (Refer General Rules 1).
2. To enter the Final, exhibitors will register their exhibit for a fee of \$50 per exhibit through Show Manager prior to the advertised closing date, 7th January 2027. Late entries received after the closing date, 7th January 2027 and up to and including 14th January 2027 the entry fee will be \$70 per exhibit through Show Manager.
3. All rules under the General Rules apply.
4. For cataloguing purposes, the following is required of the qualifying exhibit by 14th January 2027 and to be submitted through Show Manager:
 - (i) Photocopy of the Exhibits registration
 - (ii) Owners Name
 - (iii) Breed of exhibit
 - (iv) Date of birth of exhibit
 - (v) Name and date of the qualifying show.

Note:

The Events Committee reserves all rights to include or exclude an exhibit which they feel does or does not meet any of the criteria listed within these Rules.

The Dog of the Year Event will be run in accordance with the rules and regulations of Dogs Queensland.

However, given the contrasting nature of the event to that of a normal Conformation Show, the rules can be subject to change in exceptional circumstances, at the Events Committee's discretion.

Dogs Queensland Puppy of the Year

Rules 2026

RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF QUEENSLAND PUPPY OF THE YEAR COMPETITION IN 2026

GENERAL RULES

1. The Queensland Puppy of the Year Competition will be sponsored, promoted and run by Dogs Queensland, commencing on Thursday, 1st January 2026 and ending on Thursday, 31st December 2026.
2. The Puppy of the Year Final will be judged on Friday evening, 5th February 2027.
3. In the event that a cash prize is awarded for the Competition, the prize will be awarded in the name of the Queensland resident owner/s of the winning exhibit. Where an exhibit is held in joint ownership with a current financial member of the ANKC, that member must be financial as of 1st January 2026 up to and including 5th February 2027.
4. Finalists in the competition will receive a memento from the Events Committee.
5. Catalogues for the Competition will be available for a fee.
6. The Committee is authorised to take steps to verify the eligibility of Competition finalists. Should an exhibitor or exhibit not meet all the specific criteria for eligibility, the exhibit in question will not be permitted to compete in the Competition Final.
7. The Events Committee reserves the right to alter any Competition rules should it be deemed necessary.
8. The Dogs Queensland Board of Directors is the final arbiter of disputed issues in respect to this Competition and exhibitors acknowledge that, by entering this Competition, they agree to be bound by the Rules and they further agree to indemnify Dogs Queensland against all claims arising from any actions associated with this Competition.
1. If an entrant has ownership transferred during the Competition period, its results remain valid if the ownership of the dog remains valid (Refer to Eligibility to Compete) and providing the exhibit continues to reside in Queensland.
2. Any exhibit leased/transferred out of Queensland during the Competition period, or any exhibitor who moves Interstate or Overseas during the Competition period, automatically loses all entitlements to compete in the Competition.
3. All fees paid by an Exhibitor to enter in the Competition (including fees paid by an Exhibitor who falls under General Requirements 2), will not be refunded.
4. Any exhibitor who transfers to Queensland, permanently, from another Country / State will be eligible to compete:
 - (i) providing they join and/or hold current membership of Dogs Queensland:
 - a) at their permanent address in Queensland; and
 - b) during the eligibility period and is prior to and includes the end date of the eligibility period (Refer to General Rules 1).
 - (ii) providing the exhibit is transferred to that Queensland address and resides there, referred to in (i), for the majority of the eligibility period (majority referring to more than half of the time of the eligibility period).

QUALIFICATION FOR ENTRY AS A FINALIST

1. For the Puppy of the Year Competition an exhibit over the age of 6 (six) months is required to be awarded a minimum of 1 (one) Best Puppy in Show at any All Breeds Championship Show, Agricultural Show, Group / Multi Breed Championship Show where a Best Puppy in Show is awarded, or a Breed / Multi Breed Specialty Championship Show held in Queensland during the qualifying period (Refer General Rules 1).
2. To enter the Final, exhibitors will register their exhibit for a fee of \$50 per exhibit through Show Manager prior to the advertised closing date, 7th January 2027. Late entries received after the closing date, 7th January 2027 and up to and including 14th January 2027 the entry fee will be \$70 per exhibit through Show Manager.
3. All rules under the General Rules apply.
4. For cataloguing purposes, the following is required of the qualifying exhibit by 14th January 2027 and to be submitted through Show Manager:
 - (i) Photocopy of the Exhibits registration
 - (ii) Owners Name
 - (iii) Breed of exhibit
 - (iv) Date of birth of exhibit
 - (v) Name and date of the qualifying show.

Note:

The Events Committee reserves all rights to include or exclude an exhibit which they feel does or does not meet any of the criteria listed within these Rules.

The Puppy of the Year Event will be run in accordance with the rules and regulations of Dogs Queensland.

However, given the contrasting nature of the event to that of a normal Conformation Show, the rules can be subject to change in exceptional circumstances, at the Events Committee's discretion.

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

In order to qualify for Puppy of the Year, the exhibit must reside in the State of Queensland from 1st January 2026 or born during 2026 and reside in the State of Queensland and must remain resident in the State until the Competition date, 5th February 2027.

The exhibit must be registered to a Dogs Queensland member either solely or in partnership during this period (General Rules 3).

To reside means the dog is to physically live at the address on the Certificate of Registration. The term 'exhibitor' means owner/s, as recorded on the Certificate of Registration.

INELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

All Events Committee Members and any other individual closely involved with the Competition or closely associated with persons involved with the Competition shall be excluded from entering at the discretion of the Events Committee. Sponsors are eligible to enter at the discretion of the Events Committee.

The decision if any person and/or exhibit should be excluded is to be decided upon the facts of each case with the final arbiter being the Events Committee.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The following eligibility requirements must be adhered to:



Dogs Queensland Neuter of the Year

Rules 2026

RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF QUEENSLAND NEUTER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION IN 2026

GENERAL RULES

1. The Queensland Neuter of the Year Competition will be sponsored, promoted and run by Dogs Queensland, commencing on Thursday, 1st January 2026 and ending on Thursday, 31st December 2026.
2. The Neuter of the Year Final will be judged on Saturday evening, 6th February 2027.
3. In the event that a cash prize is awarded for the Competition, the prize will be awarded in the name of the Queensland resident owner/s of the winning exhibit. Where an exhibit is held in joint ownership with a current financial member of the ANKC, that member must be financial as of 1st January 2026 up to and including 6th February 2027.
4. Finalists in the competition will receive a memento from the Events Committee.
5. Catalogues for the Competition will be available for a fee.
6. The Committee is authorised to take steps to verify the eligibility of Competition finalists. Should an exhibitor or exhibit not meet all the specific criteria for eligibility, the exhibit in question will not be permitted to compete in the Competition Final.
7. The Events Committee reserves the right to alter any Competition rules should it be deemed necessary.
8. The Dogs Queensland Board of Directors is the final arbiter of disputed issues in respect to this Competition and exhibitors acknowledge that, by entering this Competition, they agree to be bound by the Rules and they further agree to indemnify Dogs Queensland against all claims arising from any actions associated with this Competition.

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

In order to qualify for Neuter of the Year, the exhibit must reside in the State of Queensland from 1st January 2026 or born during 2026 and reside in the State of Queensland and must remain resident in the State until the Competition date, 6th February 2027.

The exhibit must be registered to a Dogs Queensland member either solely or in partnership during this period (General Rules 3).

To reside means the dog is to physically live at the address on the Certificate of Registration. The term 'exhibitor' means owner/s, as recorded on the Certificate of Registration.

INELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

All Events Committee Members and any other individual closely involved with the Competition or closely associated with persons involved with the Competition shall be excluded from entering at the discretion of the Events Committee. Sponsors are eligible to enter at the discretion of the Events Committee.

The decision if any person and/or exhibit should be excluded is to be decided upon the facts of each case with the final arbiter being the Events Committee.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The following eligibility requirements must be adhered to:

1. If an entrant has ownership transferred during the Competition period, its results remain valid if the ownership of the dog remains valid (Refer to Eligibility to Compete) and providing the exhibit continues to reside in Queensland.
2. Any exhibit leased/transferred out of Queensland during the Competition period, or any exhibitor who moves Interstate or Overseas during the Competition period, automatically loses all entitlements to compete in the Competition.
3. All fees paid by an Exhibitor to enter in the Competition (including fees paid by an Exhibitor who falls under General Requirements 2), will not be refunded.
4. Any exhibitor who transfers to Queensland, permanently, from another Country / State will be eligible to compete:
 - (i) providing they join and/or hold current membership of Dogs Queensland:
 - a) at their permanent address in Queensland; and
 - b) during the eligibility period and is prior to and includes the end date of the eligibility period (Refer to General Rules 1).
 - (ii) providing the exhibit is transferred to that Queensland address and resides there, referred to in (i), for the majority of the eligibility period (majority referring to more than half of the time of the eligibility period).

QUALIFICATION FOR ENTRY AS A FINALIST

1. For the Neuter of the Year Competition an exhibit over the age of 6 (six) months is required to be awarded a minimum of 1 (one) Neuter Best in Show at any All Breeds Championship Show, Agricultural Show, Group / Multi Breed Championship Show where a Neuter Best in Show is awarded, or a Breed / Multi Breed Specialty Championship Show held in Queensland during the qualifying period (Refer General Rules 1).
2. To enter the Final, exhibitors will register their exhibit for a fee of \$50 per exhibit through Show Manager prior to the advertised closing date, 7th January 2027. Late entries received after the closing date, 7th January 2027 and up to and including 14th January 2027 the entry fee will be \$70 per exhibit through Show Manager.
3. All rules under the General Rules apply.
4. For cataloguing purposes, the following is required of the qualifying exhibit by 14th January 2027 and to be submitted through Show Manager:
 - (i) Photocopy of the Exhibits registration
 - (ii) Owners Name
 - (iii) Breed of exhibit
 - (iv) Date of birth of exhibit
 - (v) Name and date of the qualifying show.

Note:

The Events Committee reserves all rights to include or exclude an exhibit which they feel does or does not meet any of the criteria listed within these Rules.

The Neuter of the Year Event will be run in accordance with the rules and regulations of Dogs Queensland.

However, given the contrasting nature of the event to that of a normal Conformation Show, the rules can be subject to change in exceptional circumstances, at the Events Committee's discretion.

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H5 bird flu mainly affects birds, but dogs can become infected through contact with sick or dead birds or other wildlife.

The risk is low, but simple precautions can help keep your dog safe.



KEEP YOUR DOG SAFE



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- Wash your dog's paws after walks in areas that could be contaminated.



On walks

- Keep dogs on lead on beaches, waterways, & places where birds & wildlife gather.
- Keep dogs well away from sick or dead birds, feathers & droppings.



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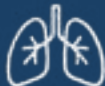


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Coughing or laboured breathing



Swelling around the head, neck, eyes



Diarrhoea



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HELP STOP THE SPREAD



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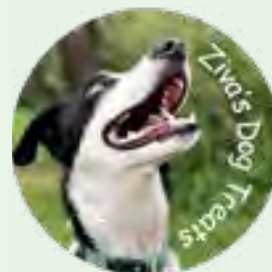
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MALTESE



The Maltese is, first and foremost, a people dog. Centuries spent at our side have shaped a temperament that is affectionate, lively and eager to please.

– *Bronwyn Standley*

The Maltese is one of the world's classic companion breeds: small, affectionate, intelligent and unmistakably elegant. Cherished for centuries as a loyal household companion, this spirited little dog combines charm, courage and devotion in a remarkably compact package.

With its dark, sparkling eyes, silky white coat and jaunty plumed tail, the Maltese has an appearance that is both refined and endearing. Beneath that polished exterior is a lively, playful companion that enjoys activity, attention and, above all, being close to its people.

Adaptable and affectionate, the Maltese can be happy in many homes, from spacious houses to smaller units, provided it has companionship, gentle guidance and regular care. Its expressive nature, alertness and love of family life make it a delightful choice for owners who want a small dog with a big personality.

This article explores the Maltese in more detail, including its origins, temperament, ideal home, appearance, grooming needs, health considerations and how to find a well-bred or suitable companion.

For those prepared to offer daily care, companionship and affection, the Maltese remains what it has always been: a devoted, bright and beautiful little dog made to share everyday life.

ORIGINS

The Maltese is widely acknowledged as one of the oldest identifiable dog breeds, with a history that can be traced through references and likenesses over many hundreds, and perhaps thousands, of years. From pre-Christian times, poets and artists praised the beauty and gentle nature of these small dogs. A model thought to represent a child's toy has been found in excavations dating as far back as 8000 BC, while Charles Darwin placed the breed's origins at around 6000 BC. There is also an excellent likeness of a similar small dog on a Greek vase dated to about 500 BC.

With so many references spanning such an

extraordinary length of time, it would be easy to assume the breed's place of origin is firmly established. In fact, the question remains open to debate. Early writings refer to these dogs as Melitaie Dogs, a name believed to have been used by the ancient Greeks and Romans and often linked to Melita, an early name for Malta. Yet Strabo, writing around AD 25, also mentions a town in Sicily called Melita, from which many beautiful dogs known as Canes Melitei were exported. What is certain is that, during this period, Malta was a thriving trading post and was celebrated as a highly civilised country.

The Maltese story stretches across several millennia and follows the trading routes of the Mediterranean. Ancient Greek and Roman writers admired the small white Melitaie dog for its beauty and companionship; Aristotle is said to have praised its proportions, and Hellenic ceramics depict toy dogs of a similar type.

Although the breed's exact origin continues to be discussed, many historians connect it with Malta, a strategic seaport shaped



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by Phoenician, Greek, Carthaginian, Roman, Arab and Norman influences. The Phoenicians likely carried small lapdog types between ports, and Malta may have given the breed its enduring name.

In Rome, tiny lapdogs were treasured as symbols of status, loyalty and refinement. Over the centuries, European nobility and royalty, often shown in portraits with small white dogs, helped preserve and refine the type that would eventually become the modern Maltese.

By the 19th century, British fanciers had helped shape the Maltese into its contemporary form: fine-boned, all white, with a long, straight coat. The breed soon appeared in early Westminster show rings and remains today both a recognised Toy breed in the show world and a much-loved companion around the globe.

TEMPERAMENT AND PERSONALITY

The Maltese is, first and foremost, a people dog. Centuries spent at our side have shaped a temperament that is affectionate, lively and eager to please.

A Maltese often becomes a devoted little shadow, thriving on human company, bonding closely with its family and seeking

eye contact, lap time and gentle attention. With proper introductions, most are friendly and welcoming toward guests.

Intelligent and responsive, the Maltese usually learns quickly and does best with positive reinforcement. Short, cheerful training sessions suit the breed well, while harsh methods can easily discourage this sensitive little dog.

The Maltese carries plenty of playful energy in a small, elegant package. Indoors, it may be animated and eager for a game of fetch or a puzzle toy; outdoors, it enjoys brisk walks and garden romps without needing marathon exercise.

Many Maltese are quick to alert and can be quite vocal. Early boundary setting, consistent reinforcement of a “quiet” cue and sensible socialisation help keep this alertness in balance. Although not guard dogs, they can be surprisingly bold and may posture at larger dogs or react to unfamiliar sounds.

At heart, the Maltese is a sensitive companion. It does not enjoy being ignored or left alone for long stretches, and without mental stimulation and regular company it may develop unwanted habits such as excessive barking or clinginess.



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WHAT MALTESE EXCEL AT

Despite their dainty appearance, Maltese can be spirited, clever little competitors and delightful therapy dogs. Companionship remains their greatest talent: being present, affectionate and adaptable within the home. Their responsiveness and desire to please can also make them well suited to beginner and intermediate Obedience and Rally work when training is patient, consistent and encouraging. Quick to learn and naturally engaging, many Maltese also enjoy trick training, from spins and bows to weaving through legs, as it keeps their minds active and allows their charm to shine. Some enjoy low-impact Agility too, provided jump heights and activities are carefully suited to their small size. With their gentle demeanour and manageable build, Maltese may also suit calm visitation settings as therapy or emotional support dogs, especially where their love of lap time and gentle attention can be appreciated.

The breed's iconic straight white coat, when kept long and immaculate, also makes a striking impression in the conformation ring and in creative grooming settings. Maltese that spend regular time on the grooming table often learn patience and acceptance of the process, particularly when handled

gently and consistently. This combination of beauty, trainability and tolerance can make them appealing candidates for grooming competitions as well.

WHO ARE MALTESE BEST SUITED FOR?

Maltese can be a good choice for first-time owners. Their small size, trainability and moderate exercise needs make them approachable for committed beginners who are prepared to invest time in training, grooming and companionship. With their single, silky coat and preference for being close to their people, they are often well suited to quiet indoor living, including apartments and city homes, provided they receive enough enrichment and guidance. Because many Maltese can be vocal, early training is especially important in noise-sensitive buildings.

Owners who enjoy regular brushing between professional grooming appointments may find the Maltese coat a pleasure to maintain. Keeping the long, silky single coat clean, tangle-free and free from doggy odour can be a soothing routine as well as a practical necessity. The breed flourishes with company throughout the day, making it a lovely match for retirees, work-from-home households and people who enjoy short walks, gentle



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play and plenty of cuddle time. Maltese are playful and loving, but their delicate size makes them vulnerable to rough handling, so households with dog-savvy children are best, and close supervision around toddlers is strongly recommended.

A Maltese is less suited to a household where everyone is away for eight to ten hours a day, or to owners seeking a rugged, outdoorsy dog that requires little grooming. This is a breed that thrives on closeness, routine care and an affectionate place within family life.

SIZE, APPEARANCE AND COAT

The Maltese is a small, elegant toy breed, typically standing about 20–25 cm at the shoulder and weighing around 3–4 kg. It should be compact, fine-boned and well balanced, with bone appropriate to its size, straight legs and a short, sturdy body. Ideally, the height from the withers to the ground is equal to the length from the withers to the root of the tail, creating the compact, cobby and well-proportioned outline so characteristic of the breed.

The head should be balanced and refined, with a neat black nose, a moderate stop, a slightly rounded skull and dark, expressive eyes that give the Maltese its sweet, appealing expression. The muzzle should be broad enough to allow for a correct scissor bite, and the ears are set reasonably low on the skull. A neck of sufficient length allows the head to be carried proudly, while straight forelimbs, well-angulated hindquarters, black pads and a level topline contribute to the breed's graceful, composed appearance.

The ribs should be well sprung without excessive length through the loin, and the tail is set high, with its plume carried in an arch over the back.

One of the breed's hallmarks is its single-layer coat: silky, straight, pure white, cool to the touch and capable of reaching floor length when maintained in full coat. Some Maltese may show very light lemon or tan shading on the ears and/or body, which often fades with age. The breed has no undercoat and sheds minimally, but regular grooming remains essential.



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GROOMING AND COAT CARE

The Maltese coat is beautiful but requires regular care, particularly when kept long. Daily detangling with a pin brush and comb helps prevent mats, especially behind the ears, under the front legs, around the collar area and between the hind legs. Bathing every one to two weeks is often suitable, depending on coat length, lifestyle and how quickly the coat becomes soiled. A good-quality conditioner helps keep the coat hydrated and less prone to tangling, and the coat should be dried thoroughly after bathing. Many pet owners choose a practical “puppy cut” every four to eight weeks, which can greatly reduce daily maintenance while keeping the Maltese comfortable and tidy. Because Maltese may spend many hours being groomed over their lifetime, it is important to introduce grooming from an early age in a calm, gentle and positive way.

With their white coats, Maltese can be prone to visible tear staining. The area beneath the eyes should be cleaned daily with a warm, damp cloth and dried carefully. If the hair

around the eyes is not kept in a full topknot, it should be trimmed neatly so it does not irritate the eyes. Persistent staining may be linked to anatomy, allergies or diet, so it is wise to discuss ongoing concerns with your vet before using whitening products.

Routine care is equally important. Nails should be trimmed every two to three weeks, ears checked and cleaned weekly, and teeth brushed daily where possible. Like many small breeds, Maltese can be prone to dental disease, so regular veterinary dental checks and professional cleaning when recommended are an important part of keeping them healthy and comfortable.

HEALTH OVERVIEW

Maltese are generally long-lived, often reaching 12–15 years or more with attentive care. Like many Toy breeds, however, they can be predisposed to certain health concerns. Choosing a reputable breeder who undertakes appropriate health screening, or arranging thorough veterinary checks for an adopted dog, can improve the chances of



bringing home a healthy companion.

Common reasons Maltese may need veterinary care include allergies, ear infections, gastrointestinal upsets and elevated liver enzymes. Early attention to changes in appetite, movement, skin, coat or behaviour can help reduce complications and keep treatment more manageable. Maintaining a lean body weight, discouraging high-impact jumping from furniture, providing daily dental care and keeping up with regular veterinary checks all make a meaningful difference to long-term wellbeing.

ORTHOPAEDIC CONDITION

Luxating patella occurs when the kneecap slips in and out of place, which may cause skipping steps, intermittent lameness or discomfort. Mild cases may be monitored, while more severe cases can require surgical correction.

Legg-Calvé-Perthes disease involves reduced blood supply to the femoral head, leading to hip pain and lameness. Veterinary assessment is essential, and surgery is often recommended in affected dogs.

DENTAL HEALTH

Periodontal disease is a significant risk in small breeds. Daily brushing, regular professional cleaning when recommended, and appropriate dental diets or treats can all help. Left untreated, dental disease may contribute to pain, infection and wider health issues affecting the heart, kidneys and general wellbeing.

EYE CONDITIONS

Progressive retinal atrophy, or PRA, causes gradual vision loss that can eventually lead to blindness. There is no cure, but many dogs adapt well when their environment remains consistent and supportive.

Glaucoma is a painful increase in pressure within the eye. Prompt veterinary attention is important, as early treatment may help preserve comfort and vision.

Eyelash and eyelid disorders, such as ectopic cilia, can irritate the cornea and cause discomfort. Surgical correction may be required in some cases.

HEART CONDITIONS

Patent ductus arteriosus, or PDA, is a congenital heart defect. Early detection is important, and interventional closure can often be curative.

Senior Maltese may develop degenerative heart disease. Monitoring resting breathing rate at home can be helpful; a typical resting rate is around 15–30 breaths per minute, and sustained increases should be discussed with a vet.

NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS

White shaker syndrome can cause generalised tremors in small white breeds. It is usually not painful and often responds well to veterinary medical management.

SKIN AND ALLERGY-RELATED CONDITIONS

Atopic dermatitis and skin infections may appear as itchy skin, recurrent ear infections or hot spots. Regular grooming, keeping the coat tangle-free and following veterinary guidance for allergy management can help keep the skin comfortable and healthy. Severe matting can contribute to skin problems, so prevention is especially important.

GASTROINTESTINAL AND LIVER CONDITIONS

Portosystemic shunt, sometimes called a liver shunt, and microvascular dysplasia are congenital abnormalities affecting liver blood flow. Signs may include poor growth, gastrointestinal upset or neurological episodes after meals. Diagnosis and management require veterinary guidance and may involve specialised testing, diets or intervention.

RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS

Collapsing trachea can occur in Toy breeds and may cause a distinctive honking cough or exercise intolerance. Weight management, using a harness rather than a collar, and veterinary-directed treatment can all help manage the condition. Any persistent coughing or breathing difficulty should be assessed by a vet promptly.

When buying a puppy, ask for documentation of cardiac evaluations, patella checks and any relevant family history of liver shunt or eye disease. Responsible breeders are transparent about health testing and remove affected dogs from breeding programs.

FINDING YOUR MALTESE

When looking for a Maltese, choose an ethical breeder who is open, transparent and willing to answer questions. A responsible breeder should provide relevant health clearances, use clear contracts and be prepared to take a dog back if a placement does not work out. Where possible, meet the dam and observe the temperament of both the mother and the puppies.

Adoption can also be a rewarding path. Older Maltese that have not enjoyed the show ring, retired breeding dogs and dogs needing a new home may already have established personalities, calmer routines and some house training. Taking time to understand the dog's background, health and confidence level will help make the transition smoother.

Be cautious of sellers who will not allow visits, refuse reasonable questions, offer many different breeds at once or seem more focused on quick sales than thoughtful placements. These can be warning signs of

commercial breeding operations or brokers rather than careful, breed-focused homes.

LIVING HAPPILY WITH A MALTESE

A well-cared-for Maltese offers a delightful blend of sparkle and serenity. It can be an animated playmate during the day and a gentle snuggler at night. Caring for this breed is less about miles walked and more about minutes invested: brushing, bonding, short training sessions and simply being together. With thoughtful socialisation, regular grooming and consistent, kind training, these small dogs fill a home with warmth, charm and personality well beyond their size.

If you are drawn to the Maltese look but cautious about maintaining a long coat, a tidy puppy cut can keep daily care more manageable while preserving the breed's sweet expression and bright companionship. However it is styled, the Maltese is at its best when it is close to its people, bringing affection, cheer and devoted company to everyday life.



DISCOVER THE MALTESE

For more information about the Maltese, please contact Bronwyn Standley at maltice61@gmail.com, or the Toy Dog Club of Queensland Inc. at toydogclubofqldinc@gmail.com



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Whitney was born on 1 March 2025, a result of a Grandfather x Granddaughter mating of our Italian Import Ch Cinecitta' Sagro Gra to our beautiful Ch Matice Summer of My Dreams. Summer excelled in the show ring and loved going to shows but as she was a Gra Granddaughter and Gra was aging we decided to do this mating while there was still time.

Whitney was the only surviving girl from a free-whelped litter of 4, 2 girls and 2 boys so was special right from the beginning. It was always our hope to keep a girl from this mating, so Whitney was it!

She thrived from very early on and showed a confidence that gave us hope for the future. A very good friend helped us settle on Whitney's pedigree name, one that she lives up to daily: *Summertime Soul Sister*.

We weren't sure during her development that she would measure up to our high standards as a show dog, her tail feathering

stood straight up for what seemed like months and I was worried as a baby puppy that she was a bit too long, an optical illusion of the stand-up tail feathering. I needn't have worried! What we saw at 8 weeks was what we now have as an adult. A very square, cobby Maltese with good body, nice spring of rib, moderate neck with correct head proportions and expression, good tail set despite the stand-up feathering, straight legs with good angulation and lay of shoulder and the darkest of black pigment, all covered in a correct silky, white coat. When I put a lead on her for the first time, she just went like she had done it all before. It didn't matter who was handling her, she just did it like she owned the ring. From very early, she and I developed a special bond and every time we entered the ring she performed to please me. Like many bitches, occasionally she will hesitate because something is not to her liking but with some reassurance she will do it because I ask it of her which is very like a Maltese.



She has been a consistent in-group and in-show winner from the very start, leading in the pointscore as a rising star. Like many quality dogs she had enough group wins before she had enough eligible points to apply for her supreme title and as such has become the youngest Maltese Supreme Champion in Australia today. To say we are proud is an understatement and we wouldn't be where we are today without the fellow breeders that have consented for their Maltese to join our family and our breeding program.

Whitney has brought so much joy to our family. At home, once she is in her wraps, she loves nothing more than to run and have fun with the pack. She particularly loves to spend time with the puppies, showing them the ropes.

She loves her one-on-one time with me and her special cuddles and when the blueberries come out for breakfast, she is first in line for her share. The Maltese boys have always been my "heart" dogs... until Whitney came along!

When we are in the line up of breeds in the ring, I used to stand in front of Whitney, just talking quietly to her, until she taught herself to free stack, so I moved behind her and now she presents herself, out in front, where she belongs, a product of the best of our Maltese genetics.

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- (1) Register such litter, including all of the living progeny in such litter at one (1) and the same time within eighteen (18) calendar months of the date of whelping or prior to sale or rehoming (see Rule 28). No litter will be registered after twelve (12) months of age without the approval of the CCCQ Ltd;
 - (2) Comply with CCCQ Ltd Rules and correctly complete all forms required by the CCCQ Ltd;
 - (3) Pay such fees as are determined from time to time by the CCCQ Ltd. A standard fee will be set for registrations received by the office on a date within four (4) months of the date of whelping and a higher fee for registrations received by the office on a date between four (4) and six (6) months or between six (6) and twelve (12) months of the date of whelping;
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 - (5) Where the breeder wishes to register a puppy on the Limited Register, an Official CCCQ Ltd Limited Register Agreement statement from the purchaser stating that the implications of the Limited Register are understood is to be attached to the application; and
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Dogs Queensland Canine Welfare and Liaison Officer

Courtney's role at Dogs Queensland is to support and provide assistance to members in meeting their obligations as responsible dog owners and breeders based on State and Local regulations and to highlight Dogs Queensland's commitment to animal welfare and helping breeders achieve success.

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Marketing Your Puppies The Right Way

A Practical Guide For Purebred Dog Breeders

Finding the right homes for puppies is about far more than simply placing an advertisement online. In today's market, puppy buyers are looking for connection, trust, transparency and personality. The way breeders present their puppies can make a significant difference in attracting suitable, committed homes.

Good marketing is not about "selling harder" – it is about telling the story of your puppies, your breed and your breeding program in a way that helps the right

people connect with them.

Here are some practical strategies breeders can use to better showcase their puppies and breeding programs.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS MATTER

The first photo, video or description a potential buyer sees will often determine whether they continue reading or move on.

Take the time to present your puppies in a clean, positive and engaging way.



Presentation Tips

- Ensure puppies are clean, well-groomed and comfortable before taking photos.
- Use natural lighting where possible.
- Avoid cluttered backgrounds.
- Include cosy bedding, toys or outdoor settings to create warmth and personality.
- Keep whelping equipment, cleaning items and distracting objects out of the frame.
- Photograph puppies when they are alert and relaxed.



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Potential puppy buyers are imagining how that puppy will fit into their family. Your photos should help them visualise that.

USE BETTER PUPPY NAMES

Temporary puppy names may seem unimportant, but names can strongly influence perception.

Fun, positive and memorable names often create more engagement than generic or harsh-sounding names.

Examples

Instead of:

- | | |
|-------------|-----------|
| • Black Boy | • Tank |
| • Big Red | • Bruiser |

Try:

- | | |
|-----------|-----------|
| • Maple | • Honey |
| • Biscuit | • Pickles |
| • Teddy | • Poppy |

Theme-based litters can also attract attention and make puppies more memorable. Popular themes include:

- Movie characters.
- Food-inspired names.
- Australian themes.
- Seasonal themes.
- Nature-inspired names.

These small details can make listings stand out online and encourage people to share them.

WRITE PUPPY PROFILES THAT CONNECT

Many breeders focus heavily on pedigrees, titles and technical details. While these are important, buyers also want to understand personality.

Instead of writing:

“Male puppy available. Vaccinated, microchipped and DNA tested.”

Try:

“This confident little boy is always the first to greet visitors and loves carrying toys around the yard. He enjoys cuddles after playtime and would suit an active family looking for a loyal companion.”

What Makes a Good Puppy Profile?

- Keep it positive and concise.
- Focus on temperament and personality.
- Highlight unique traits.
- Mention lifestyle suitability.
- Explain what makes the breed special.
- Avoid overly clinical or negative wording.

Buyers connect emotionally first and logically second.

Of course, ethical breeders should still provide all important health, pedigree and care information – but personality-driven

descriptions often create the initial interest.

USE VIDEO – IT WORKS

Short videos are one of the most effective ways to market puppies.

Videos allow buyers to see movement, confidence, interaction and temperament in a way photos cannot.

You do not need professional equipment. A smartphone is more than enough.

Video Tips

- Keep videos short (20–30 seconds).
- Film horizontally where possible.
- Capture puppies interacting naturally.
- Include people interacting with the puppies.
- Use toys, movement and sound to create engagement.
- Keep the tone positive and relaxed.

Simple clips of puppies playing, exploring or cuddling can significantly increase engagement on social media.

TELL THE STORY OF YOUR BREED

Purebred breeders have something many others do not – history, purpose and predictability.

Use your marketing to educate buyers about:

- Breed temperament.
- Grooming requirements.
- Exercise needs.
- Trainability.



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- Suitability for families or lifestyles.
- Health testing undertaken.
- The goals of your breeding program.

Today's puppy buyers are often overwhelmed by online information. Breeders who educate clearly and honestly help build trust.

SHOWCASE YOUR BREEDING PROGRAM

Modern puppy buyers are not only choosing a puppy – they are choosing a breeder.

Use your online presence to demonstrate:

- Your involvement in the breed community.
- Health testing practices.
- Achievements in showing, sports or performance.
- Puppy raising practices.
- Early socialisation methods.
- Support offered to puppy buyers.
- Clean and enriching environments.

Behind-the-scenes content is particularly valuable. Buyers enjoy seeing:

- Puppies interacting with enrichment items.
- Socialisation experiences.
- Outdoor play sessions.
- Grooming introductions.
- Early training foundations.
- Daily life with the dogs.

This builds confidence and credibility.

MAKE SOCIAL MEDIA WORK FOR YOU

Relying on a single Facebook post is no longer enough.

Use multiple platforms where appropriate, including:

- Facebook pages and groups.
- Instagram.
- TikTok/Reels.
- Your website.
- Breed club networks.
- Dogs Queensland breeder listings.



The goal is to:

- Reach suitable owners.
- Educate buyers properly.
- Build long-term breeder relationships.
- Promote responsible purebred dog ownership.
- Showcase the value of ethical breeding.

Professional presentation helps attract serious buyers who value responsible breeding practices.

Helpful Social Media Tips

- Post consistently.
- Use high-quality images.
- Share updates as puppies grow.
- Introduce each puppy individually.
- Share educational content about your breed.
- Celebrate milestones.
- Respond professionally to enquiries.

Remember – people often follow breeders long before they are ready to purchase a puppy.

BUILD ANTICIPATION EARLY

You do not need to wait until puppies are ready to leave before beginning marketing.

Many breeders successfully build interest through:

- Pregnancy announcements.
- Whelping updates.
- Weekly puppy progress photos.
- Development milestones.
- Temperament observations.
- Educational breed content.

By the time puppies are ready for their homes, you may already have a waiting list of engaged families.

FOCUS ON THE RIGHT HOMES – NOT JUST FAST HOMES

Good marketing should never compromise breeder ethics.

The goal is not simply to place puppies quickly.



FINAL THOUGHTS

Marketing does not need to be expensive or complicated. Often the most effective content is simple, genuine and authentic.

A clear photo, a short engaging video and a well-written puppy profile can dramatically improve buyer engagement.

Purebred breeders have incredible stories to tell – about their breeds, their lines, their dogs and the care they put into raising each litter.

Good marketing simply helps those stories reach the right people.

Dogs Queensland encourages breeders to promote their puppies responsibly, professionally and in a way that reflects positively on ethical purebred dog breeding.

David Weil – Dogs Queensland Life Membership

The Sunshine Coast Kennel Club (SCKC) is proud to nominate Anton (David) Weil for Life Membership of Dogs Queensland in recognition of his outstanding, sustained, and exemplary contribution to the canine community in Queensland and across Australia.

1. Length and Continuity of Membership

David has been a continuous financial member of Dogs Queensland for well in excess of fifteen (15) years and remains a current member in good standing at the time of this nomination. His long-standing commitment reflects a lifetime dedication to the organisation and its objectives.

2. Service in Responsible Honorary Positions

David has served for significantly more than seven (7) years in multiple responsible honorary roles within affiliated clubs, most notably the Sunshine Coast Kennel Club. His positions have included:

- Treasurer
- President
- Show Manager
- Grounds Committee Member

In each of these roles, David has demonstrated exceptional leadership, accountability, and commitment. His service spans multiple areas of club operations, reflecting both depth and breadth of contribution. His involvement across governance, financial management, event coordination, and infrastructure oversight highlights his versatility and reliability as a club official.

3. Outstanding and Special Service to Dogs Queensland and Affiliate Clubs

David's contribution goes well beyond that of the average participant in the dog world and meets the highest standard of "outstanding and special service" as defined



Left to right: Dogs Queensland President Carolyn Ryan, David Weil, Helen Weil and Ainslie Carius.

Khyllie Wood

by Dogs Queensland.

a) Exemplary Role Model

David is widely regarded as a person of integrity, professionalism, and fairness. He consistently demonstrates sportsmanship, respect for fellow exhibitors, and a strong commitment to the ethical promotion of purebred dogs. His conduct both within the dog community and the wider public sphere reflects positively on Dogs Queensland and sets a benchmark for others.

b) Contribution Beyond the Ordinary

David's contribution extends far beyond routine club involvement. In addition to his extensive service with SCKC, he has contributed broadly across the canine community through:

- Show management at numerous events, ensuring smooth, compliant, and professional conduct of exhibitions.
- Stewarding, often in demanding roles, supporting judges and maintaining high standards in the ring.
- Governance contributions as a Director, helping shape policy and strategic direction.
- Active involvement in the training, mentoring, and development of judges and participants.

His willingness to take on significant

workloads, often behind the scenes and without recognition, has been instrumental in the success of many events and initiatives. His experience and knowledge are frequently sought and generously shared.

c) Support of Dogs Queensland Mission

David has consistently supported and advanced the mission of Dogs Queensland to promote purebred, pedigreed, registered dogs throughout the state. His work in conformation shows, judging development, and club administration has directly contributed to maintaining high standards and encouraging participation in the sport. Through mentorship and leadership, he has helped foster growth, education, and sustainability within the dog community.

4. Conduct and Disciplinary Record

To the best of our knowledge and belief, David has maintained an exemplary record throughout his membership:

- No charges have been laid against him by CCC(Q) Limited within the past fifteen (15) years.
- No charges have been laid against him by any court of competent jurisdiction relating to animal cruelty or related matters.

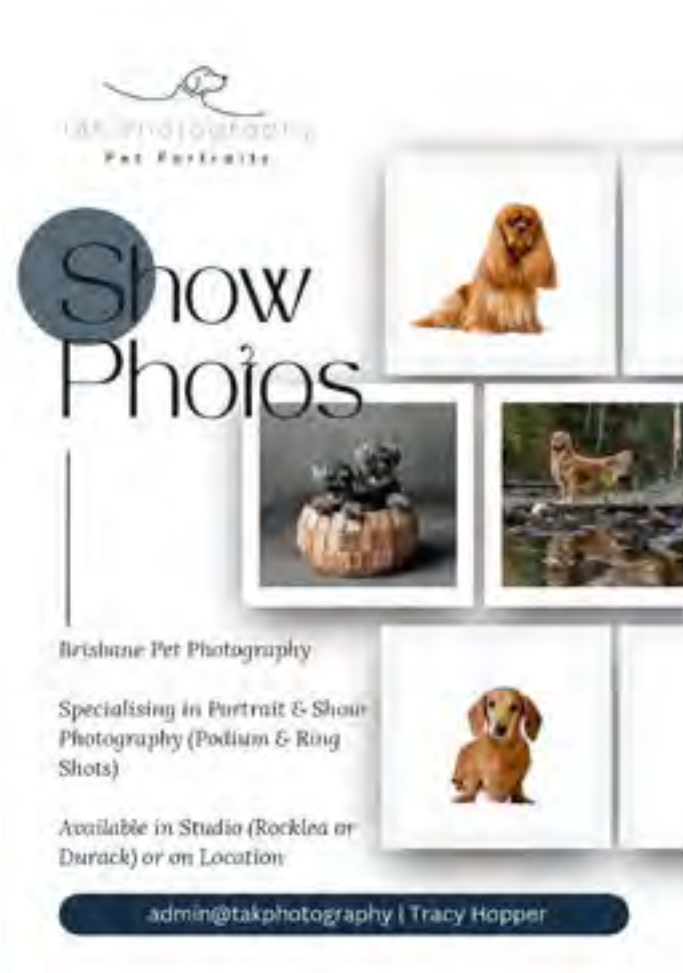
His conduct has consistently reflected the highest standards expected of a Life Member.

Conclusion

David Weil's long-standing service, leadership across multiple roles, and unwavering commitment to the advancement of purebred dogs clearly distinguish him as a most worthy candidate for Life Membership. His contributions have had a lasting and positive impact on the Sunshine Coast Kennel Club, Dogs Queensland, and the broader canine community.

He is held in the highest regard by his peers and is recognised as a mentor, leader, and tireless contributor whose efforts have significantly strengthened the organisation and the sport.

The Sunshine Coast Kennel Club strongly and proudly supports the nomination of Anton (David) Weil for Life Membership of Dogs Queensland.



Ron Jackson – Dogs Queensland Life Membership

It is a privilege to formally nominate Ron Jackson for Honorary Life Membership of Dogs Queensland. With a continuous record of service spanning five decades, Ron's contribution to the canine community is not only "outstanding" but foundational to the success of gundog sports in Queensland.

Criteria

- ***Greater than 15 yrs continuous membership of Dogs Queensland.***

Ron has just been awarded his Dogs Queensland 50 years of membership badge.

Criteria

- ***Greater than 7 years in responsible honorary positions for affiliate clubs & Dogs Queensland.***

Ron has been a pillar of governance within Dogs Queensland since 1978. His leadership highlights include:

- Dogs Queensland RAFT Sub-Committee: Served from 1978–1992 and currently serves as Chair (2022–Present).
- Field & Retrieving Association (FRA): A Founding President (1984), Ron returned to the Presidency in 2022 to provide stability and experienced leadership. He is also a Life Member of the FRA.
- L.R.C.Q: Ron has been a member and supporter of the Labrador Retriever Club of Qld since first joining in 1976 and served as Trial Secretary during its formative years.

Criteria

- ***Rendered outstanding or special services to Dogs Queensland and/or Affiliate Clubs***
 - ***Exemplary role model in what they do in the dog world and wider community***
 - ***Contribution goes well beyond the contribution made by many in the dog world and***
 - ***Support the mission of Dogs***

Queensland to promote purebred pedigreed registered dogs in the State of Queensland in conformation and/or dog sports.

National Recognition & Judging Excellence

Ron's expertise is recognised at the highest levels of Dogs Australia:

- Hall of Fame: Inducted into the Retrieving and Field Trial Hall of Fame (2024) in the "Prominent Person" category.
- Championship Appointments: Ron has officiated over 300 trials across every Australian state. Most notably, he has judged three National Championships (1992, 2015, and 2023) and State Championships in Queensland, New South Wales, Tasmania, and the ACT.
- He is also a Judges Training Coordinator, he ensures the integrity of the sport by mentoring the next generation of officials.

Breeding Excellence & Community Contribution

Through his LEOLITA prefix, Ron has bred many competitive sport dogs and community service related dogs of the highest level:

- Specialised Service: His breeding program has produced dogs selected for the Federal Police for both drug and bomb detection,
- Ron has personally bred and trained dogs to the highest levels of retrieving. More importantly...

Numerous handlers across Australia have achieved their Retrieving Trial Titles with dogs carrying the Leolita prefix. By breeding for temperament and trainability, Ron has provided the "genetic tools" that have allowed others to reach the pinnacle of the sport.

Mentorship & Grassroots Dedication

Perhaps Ron's greatest legacy is his dedication to newcomers. For a lifetime, he has helped individuals enter the sport through various



Dogs Queensland President Carolyn Ryan and Ron Jackson.

training paths. These initiatives span 50 years and are too numerous to list, his current pathways include:

The "Wednesday Warriors": A personal, self-funded training initiative held at his Beaudesert property to foster new handlers and preserve the future of the sport.

Ron is assisting the Labrador Retriever Club of Qld in promoting Retriever Ability Test for Gundogs (RATG) within the Gundog Sport community. He doesn't just oversee these events; he actively mentors participants through dedicated training days and public demonstrations. By championing the RATG as a vital "gateway sport," Ron successfully bridges the gap for new members, teaching the foundational principles of retrieving and ensuring a steady influx of talent into the broader gundog community.

It is difficult to quantify the value of such tireless dedication. While these words reflect the view of one person, they represent the large number of individuals Ron has fostered and nurtured over the years. His commitment to the Dogs Queensland Code of Ethics and his role as a mentor to novice members perfectly embodies the spirit of Life Membership.

In Conclusion

Ron Jackson's 50-year journey is defined by a rare combination of elite competitive success, dedicated administration, and a selfless commitment to the growth of others. He is a most worthy candidate for this honour.



Gaille Newton – Dogs Queensland Life Membership

The Jimboomba Dog Training Club wish to nominate Gaille Newton for Life Membership of Dogs Queensland.

Gaille's sustained leadership, service, and innovation over more than two decades represent an outstanding contribution to both our club and the wider Dogs Queensland community.

Gaille has demonstrated her commitment through:

- 24 years of membership with Dogs Queensland.
- Life Membership of the Great Dane Society of Queensland Inc.
- 18 years as an active member of the Jimboomba Dog Training Club.
- Awarded Life Membership of our Club in 2020.
- 15 years of continuous service as Club Treasurer, providing consistent and reliable financial stewardship.
- Active participation and success in Agility competition with Great Danes.

Gaille's broader contribution to the Agility

discipline includes:

- Long-standing service on the Dogs Queensland Agility Subcommittee, including fulfilling the role of Treasurer.
- Delivering training and mentoring for trainee judges, strengthening judging capability within the sport.
- Playing a leading role in implementing online entry systems (including K9 entries), setting a standard now adopted widely across clubs.
- Supporting clubs and members in transitioning to online systems through practical training and guidance.
- Maintaining club point scores since the introduction of online entries and results systems.

Her commitment to volunteer service is exceptional:

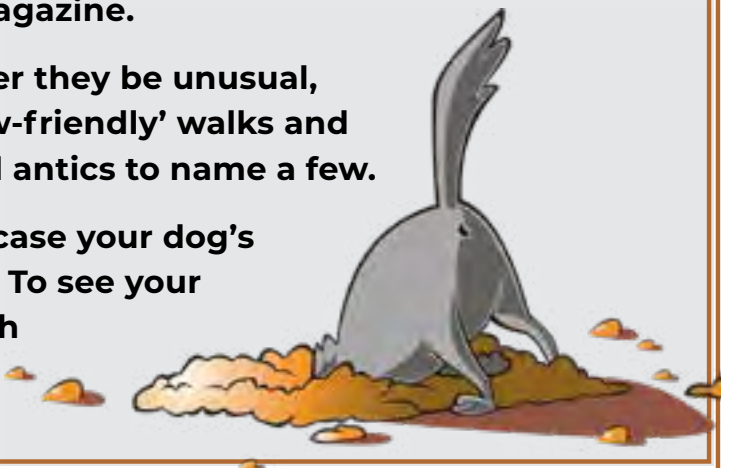
- 100% attendance at Agility fundraising events, managing entries, supporting judges, and processing results.
- Regularly stewarding, helping with course setup, and contributing operational support across events.

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- Volunteering across multiple clubs, often attending purely to assist even when not competing.
- Supporting events such as the RNA through stewarding and administrative assistance.

Gaille's contribution as a judge and mentor further highlights her impact:

- Former judge at all levels of Agility, including games, contributing significantly to the development of the sport.
- Willingness to prioritise judging and service over personal competition.



Dogs Queensland President Carolyn Ryan, Gaille Newton and Junior Vice President Tabitha Young.

Gaille is widely respected for her professionalism, reliability, and generosity:

- Consistently offers guidance and shares knowledge openly with competitors at all levels.
- Supports handlers across all clubs, contributing to a positive and inclusive sporting community.
- Brings a collaborative, approachable, and encouraging presence to all activities.

In summary, Gaille Newton's sustained leadership, innovation, and voluntary service have had a significant and lasting impact

on Dogs Queensland and its affiliated clubs. She is a highly deserving candidate for Life Membership.

Life Membership Recognition

Dogs Queensland extends its warmest congratulations to David, Ron and Gaille on being awarded Life Membership.

This prestigious recognition is a fitting acknowledgement of their dedication, passion and unwavering service over many years. Their commitment and contribution to Dogs Queensland and the wider canine community are sincerely appreciated.

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Everything You Love About Cavaliers – Now in One Place

The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club (Queensland) has launched a new website, a dedicated online destination for everyone with a passion for Cavaliers, from registered breeders and conformation exhibitors to dog sport competitors and everyday Cavalier lovers.

Whether you are breeding for the betterment of the breed, stepping into the show ring, competing in dog sports, or simply enjoying life with your Cavalier, there's plenty to discover. The website brings together trusted information, resources and opportunities to connect with the wider Cavalier community.

At the heart of the site is the Cavalier Knowledge Centre, featuring information on breed history, colours, life stages, health, responsible breeding and more. The Breeder Registry provides a valuable resource for those looking to connect with registered Cavalier breeders.

For those who love to compete, discover information on Agility, Obedience, Trick Dog, SprintDog and Barrel Racing, as well as Club events and activities.

Explore the new website at:

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- **October 2026:** Cairn Terrier
- **November 2026:** Field Spaniel
- **December 2026/January 2027:** Saluki

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Junior Handler State Final 2026



The Dogs Queensland 2026 Junior Handler State Final was held at the Dogs Queensland Sports Grounds on Sunday 16 August 2026, bringing together an outstanding group of talented young handlers from throughout Queensland.

The State Final provides young handlers with an important opportunity to demonstrate the skills, knowledge and confidence they have developed in the show ring. It is also a wonderful celebration of the next generation of the dog world, giving young people the chance to compete alongside their peers while building friendships, gaining valuable experience and sharing their passion for dogs.

This year's entrants had the opportunity to showcase their handling skills under respected international judge Blake Hansen from the USA. A professional dog handler and breeder specialising in Kerry Blue Terriers and Wire Fox Terriers, Blake brought considerable knowledge and experience to the State Final and was faced with the challenging task of judging an impressive field of enthusiastic young competitors.

A wonderful field of young handlers took part across the various age groups, beginning with

16 Tiny Tots, followed by eight competitors in the 7 Years – Under 10 Years category, 15 in the 10 Years – Under 13 Years category and 10 in the 13 Years – Under 19 Years category.

Throughout the competition, the young handlers demonstrated not only their ability to present and handle their dogs, but also their confidence, concentration and understanding of the important partnership between handler and dog.

Dogs Queensland congratulates every Junior Handler who stepped into the ring and demonstrated their talent, passion, sportsmanship and dedication. Competing at this level is an achievement in itself, and each entrant should be extremely proud of the way they represented themselves and the Junior Handler community.

The enthusiasm and commitment shown throughout the Final was outstanding and serves as a wonderful reminder of the important role Junior Handlers play within the canine community. These young competitors are developing skills, friendships and experiences that will remain with them for many years, and they represent the future of the dog world.



2026 Queensland Junior Handler State Final winner Nevada Appleby (left), International Judge Blake Hansen and runner-up Hailey Garstone (right).

Congratulations to Nevada Appleby, who was named the 2026 Queensland Junior Handler State Final winner following an outstanding performance.

Nevada will now have the honour of representing Queensland at the National Junior Handler Final, to be held at the Bulla Exhibition Centre in Victoria on Saturday 31 October 2026. Dogs Queensland wishes Nevada every success as she takes the next exciting step and represents Queensland on the national stage.

Congratulations also to Hailey Garstone, who was named Runner-Up following an impressive performance. Reaching the final stages of such a competitive event is a tremendous achievement and recognition of the skill and dedication demonstrated throughout the competition.

Events such as the Junior Handler State Final would not be possible without the support and commitment of many people. Dogs Queensland and the committee extend their sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to making the day such a success, including the officials, volunteers, families, supporters and all those who encouraged our Junior Handlers throughout the event.

The committee also extends its sincere appreciation to the many sponsors who generously supported the 2026 Junior Handler State Final. Your contribution and ongoing support of our young handlers is greatly appreciated and plays an important role in ensuring opportunities such as this continue to be available to the next generation.

Most importantly, congratulations once again to every young handler who participated. Whether taking their first steps into the ring as a Tiny Tot or competing for the opportunity to represent Queensland at the National Final, every entrant contributed to a memorable celebration of Junior Handling.

A selection of images from the Junior Handler State Final, courtesy of [B&M Photography](#), appears on pages 49 through to 53. To view more photographs taken at the Final or to make a purchase, click on the link above.



International Judge Blake Hansen



Hailey Garstone: 7 Years – Under 10 Years



Bonnie Manley: 10 Years – Under 13 Years



Nevada Appleby: 13 Years – Under 19 Years





Gundog and Heavy Breeds Club Of Qld Championship Show



- In Review



The Gundog and Heavy Breeds Club of Queensland held its Championship Show at the Dogs Queensland Sports Grounds, Durack, on Sunday 16 August 2026.

The show welcomed a highly respected and knowledgeable panel of judges, including international judges Mr S Jaksic (Serbia – General Specials), Mr W Chan (Malaysia), Mr A Kandijas (Serbia) and Mr S Al Farsani (Bahrain).

Joining the international panel were Mr J Grant (NSW) and Queensland judge Mr V Jones (Qld).

The event provided another wonderful opportunity for exhibitors to showcase their dogs, with quality exhibits presented throughout the day and plenty of memorable moments around the rings.

Dogs Queensland congratulates all the winners and exhibitors on their achievements and extends sincere thanks to the judges for sharing their time and expertise.

Our appreciation is also extended to the exhibitors, volunteers, committee members and grounds staff whose hard work and support contributed to the smooth running of the event. Without the dedication and contribution of everyone involved, the show would not have been the success it was.

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Northern Classic Kennel Club Championship Shows – Highlights

The Northern Classic Kennel Club held two Championship Shows on Saturday 1 August 2026, followed by a Mentored Championship Show on Sunday 2 August 2026 at the Dogs Queensland Sports Grounds, Durack.

The weekend welcomed an impressive panel of international, interstate and Queensland judges, along with exhibitors and their dogs for two days of competition.

Judging the Championship Shows on Saturday were interstate judges Mr K Lee and Mr J Bam (Vic), Mrs E Charnock and Mrs W Slatyer (NSW), together with international judges Mrs C Stansell and Mr R Stansell (USA).

Sunday's Mentored Championship Show provided an important opportunity for the development and education of judges, while showcasing a wide variety of quality purebred dogs. The judging panel included international judge Mrs N Harrison (NZ), interstate judges Mr K Lee (Vic) and Mrs W Slatyer (NSW), and Queensland judges Miss B Lancey, Mrs K Tosi, Mrs M Hammond, Mr M Yates and Mrs T Dennis.

Dogs Queensland congratulates all the winners and exhibitors who enjoyed success across the weekend. A heartfelt thank you is also extended to everyone who entered the rings, along with the judges, volunteers, committee members, ground staff and all those who worked behind the scenes. Your contribution, enthusiasm and commitment helped make the weekend of shows a great success.

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**SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 2026: SHOW 1
MR KERRY A LEE (VIC)**



**BEST IN SHOW: BEAGLE – AM. GR CH. CH. HEART ON
FIRE ARGYLE KROLEWSKA ZGRAJA (IMP USA)**



**RUNNER UP IN SHOW: STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER
SUP. CH. KABERE JUST BOUT JAK O YA (AI)**



**BABY IN SHOW: GERMAN WIREHAISED POINTER
KOBINKO SADIE THE BEARDED LADY (AI)**



**PUPPY IN SHOW: PEKINGESE
CHINDARA SASSENACH**



**JUNIOR IN SHOW: AFGHAN HOUND
TIANZE SHINY GOLDEN BOOTS (AI)**



**INTERMEDIATE IN SHOW: DACHSHUND (MINIATURE
LONG HAISED) – CH. STMALO BAD MOON RISING**

**SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 2026: SHOW 1
MR KERRY A LEE (VIC)**



**AUSTRALIAN BRED IN SHOW: AUSTRALIAN
SHEPHERD – SUP. CH. OCHAYE THE ALLIANCE(AI) JC.
SPRD**



**NEUTER IN SHOW: CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL
NEUT. CH. SUP. CH. MATMOR IN THE SOCIETY PAGES**

**SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 2026: SHOW 2
MRS WENDYE SLATYER (NSW)**



**BEST IN SHOW: SKYE TERRIER – A2O CH C.I.B. SUP. CH.
CATCH THE DREAM OF MORNINGSKY (IMP DEU)**



**RUNNER UP IN SHOW: FRENCH BULLDOG
CH. CAUZINHAVOC SHEWEARS WAR PAINT**



**BABY PUPPY IN SHOW: SHIBA INU
KAZOKUSHIBA ALL GAS NO BREAKS**



**NEUTER IN SHOW: SIBERIAN HUSKY – CH. NEUT. CH.
RIVERSRUN CELESTIAL CALLING CAA. ET. SPRD. A**



**BEST IN SHOW: POODLE (STANDARD) – A2O SUP CH
C.I.B. SUP.CH. VOILA RAISING THE STAKES (AI)**



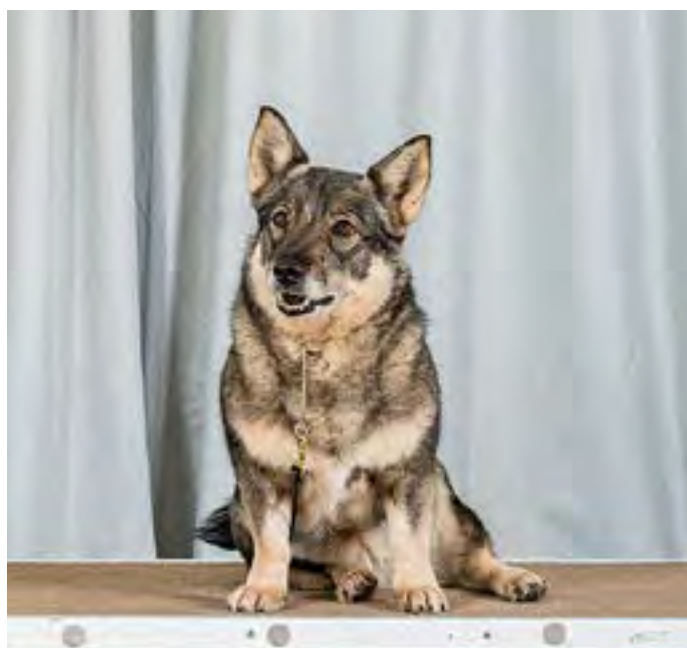
**RUNNER UP IN SHOW: PEKINGESE
A2O CH C.I.B. SUP.CH. CHINDARA LLEWELLYN**



**BABY PUPPY IN SHOW: ALASKAN MALAMUTE
KATMAI HEIR OF THE KNOCKOUT (AI)**



**PUPPY IN SHOW: SAMOYED
APOLAR WHATS UP PUSSY CAT (AI)**



2026 Brisbane Ekka

The Brisbane Ekka was held from Saturday 8 August to Sunday 16 August 2026, with Dogs Queensland once again proudly promoting the wonderful world of purebred dogs to the wider canine community. Throughout the Ekka, visitors had the opportunity to discover more about purebred dogs, responsible ownership, conformation showing and many exciting dog sports.

A special pictorial showcase will feature in the October 2026 edition of Dog World magazine, highlighting winners from both the show rings and dog sports competitions and capturing some of the memorable moments from this year's Ekka.

Dogs Queensland extends a sincere thank you to the many sponsors who came on board, our dedicated volunteers, exhibitors and everyone who contributed their time and support.

In the meantime, here's a snapshot of the Dogs Queensland stand and some of the activity from this year's Ekka.







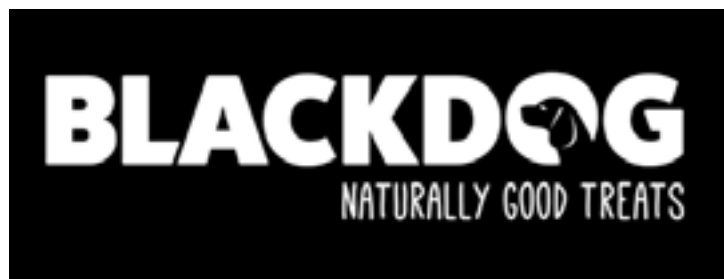
Thank You To Our Sponsors

Dogs Queensland would like to both thank and acknowledge the following businesses who kindly donated to the Dogs Queensland Ekka Show Bags – your support is greatly appreciated!



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Social Media Update

– Teagan Pattison

As a measure of how our social media platforms are going, we have taken the time to compare our performance for the period of July 2026 to the end of August 2026.

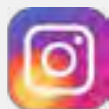
- Current Facebook Followers: 12,468
- Current Instagram Followers: 2,635



Dogs Queensland Facebook Page:

The number of Followers continues to rise. Engagement on posts has risen by over 9.3%, Reach on posts to our followers is up, exceeding 74,481 and Likes by over 11,629.

Facebook's top-performing post for the period of July 2026 to the end of August 2026 was the *Day 6 At The Ekka Is Terrier Day & Cocker Spaniels!* The post has reached over 19,609 people, post Engagement is 12,731 people, and Positive Impressions of the post are currently 9,338 and rising.



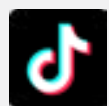
Dogs Queensland Instagram Page:

The number of followers has increased by 12% over the last month, Profile visits have risen by 6%, Reach on posts is up by 11%, and Engagement with posts is up by 8%.

Instagram's top-performing post for the months of July 2026 to the end of August 2026 was the *Dog World Magazine Article - Dances With Dogs*, with the post reaching more than 786 people, over 420 interactions, and 755 Impressions.



Don't forget to follow, like and comment!!



Dogs Queensland TikTok Page:

The most popular TikTok post for the month of August 2026 was *Ekka Day One Utility Group*. The video reached over 835 people, received more than 16 Likes, and is growing.

All members are encouraged to follow, like and comment on the [Dogs Queensland TikTok page](#).

If you have a dog video (including Conformation, Dog Sports, educational, funny and or cute) you wish to share with our canine community, please email it to

marketing@dogsqueensland.org.au





SHOW GAZETTE

All clubs reserve the right to appoint a reserve or replacement judge if necessary.

Show Dates: Saturday 26 September 2026 and Sunday 27 September 2026

Entries Close: Tuesday 22 September 2026

NANANGO KENNEL CLUB

Venue: Nanango Showgrounds, Cairns Street, Nanango QLD

2 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

Classes:	1(1a), 2(2a), 3(3a), 4(4a), 5(5a), 9(9a), 10(10a), 11(11a), 18(18a)		
Sweepstakes:	Baby Puppy, Puppy and Veteran		
Entry Fees: Champ	\$15.00, Sweepstakes \$8.00, Catalogues Printed \$3.00, Online \$1.00		
Entries to:	Nanango Kennel Club, PO Box 78, Waterford West, Qld 4133		
Online Entries:	www.showmanager.com.au		Enquiries: Rebbecka Ph: 0467 585 309

Saturday 26 September 2026 - Judging starts at 8:30AM with Sweepstakes

Junior Handlers will be judged in the lunch break.

Cassandra Phillips-Wall Memorial Show

Ring 1	Ms E Hindley (ACT)	Puppy Sweepstakes followed by Groups 1 and 7
Ring 2	Mr A Fry (VIC)	Veteran Sweepstakes followed by Groups 2, 4 and 5
Ring 3	Ms A Collyer (VIC)	Baby Puppy Sweepstakes followed by Groups 3 and 6
General Specials	Ms E Hindley (ACT)	

Sunday 27 September 2026 - Judging starts at 8:30AM with Sweepstakes

Ring 1	Mr A Fry (VIC)	Puppy Sweepstakes followed by Groups 1 and 7
Ring 2	Ms A Collyer (VIC)	Veteran Sweepstakes followed by Groups 2, 4 and 5
Ring 3	Ms E Hindley (ACT)	Baby Puppy Sweepstakes followed by Groups 3 and 6
General Specials	Mr A Fry (VIC)	



Enquiries please either email nkc.showsecretary@gmail.com or send message via Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/nanangoanddistrictallbreedskenelclub

Camping available via Show Manager.

No generators within 15 metres of the piped ring area. No dogs permitted in the toilet/ shower blocks.

Show Dates: Saturday 26 September 2026 and Sunday 27 September 2026			
Entries Close: Tuesday 22 September 2026			
DOGS QUEENSLAND ZONE 3 DOTY SUPPORT SHOWS			
Venue: Ingham Showgrounds, Cooper St, Ingham QLD			
2 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS			
PLUS			
ZONE 3 NEUTER OF THE YEAR, PUPPY OF THE YEAR, DOG OF THE YEAR			
Classes:	1(1a), 2(2a), 3(3a), 4(4a), 5(5a), (9a), 10(10a), 11(11a), 18(18a)		
Entry Fees:	\$17.00, Catalogues - Printed \$5.00, Online \$1.00 (includes both shows)		
Entries:	www.showmanager.com.au		Enquiries: Gordon Ph: 0409 270 611 dqboardgmayne@dogsqueensland.org.au
Saturday 26 September 2026 - Judging starts at 9:00AM			
This show will be judged using the Group 1-4 format.			
Ring 1	Mr G Wilshire (QLD)	Groups 3, 1 and 5	
Ring 2	Mrs J Wilshier (QLD)	Groups 4, 7, 6 and 2	
General Specials	Mrs J Wilshier (QLD)		
At the completion of the Saturday Show there will be a Junior Handler Masterclass conducted by the Dog of the Year judge.			
Sunday 27 September 2026 - Judging starts at 9:00AM			
Ring 1	Mrs J Wilshier (QLD)	Groups 3, 1 and 5	
Ring 2	Mr G Wilshire (QLD)	Groups 4, 7, 6 and 2	
General Specials	Mr G Wilshire (QLD)		
Camping Powered \$20.00, Unpowered \$15.00 per night to be paid through Show Manager			



Show Date: Friday 10 October 2026		
Entries Close: Tuesday 6 October at 5:30PM		
CQ TOY DOG CLUB		
Venue: Sarina Showgrounds, Bruce Highway, Sarina QLD		
CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW		
Classes:	1(1a), 2(2a), 3(3a), 4(4a), 5(5a), 9(9a), 10(10a), 11(11a), 18(8a)	
Entry Fees:	1 st entry \$15.00, Subsequent entries \$10.00, Catalogues Printed \$3.00, Online \$1.00	
Entries:	www.showmanager.com.au	
Enquiries:	Jasmyn Ph: 0407 500 019	
Judging starts at 5:30PM		
Ring 1	Mrs J Watt (QLD)	All Toy Breeds and General Specials
In conjunction with		
Sarina Kennel Club Inc Triple Header.		

Show Date: Tuesday 3 November 2026

Entries Close: Friday 30 October 2026



MAREE KENNEL CLUB INC

Venue: Dogs Queensland Sports Grounds,
247 King Ave, Durack QLD



CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

MELBOURNE CUP DAY SHOW

Classes:	1(1a), 2(2a), 3(3a), 4(4a), 5(5a),10(10a), 11(11a), 18(18a)		
Entry Fees:	\$16.00, Baby Puppy \$12.00, Qld Classic \$20.00, Catalogues Online \$2.00		
Entries to:	Maree Kennel Club, 7 Phipps St, Ormeau QLD 4208		
Online Entries:	www.showmanager.com.au		Enquiries: Stacy Ph: 0418 152 289
Judging starts at 10:00AM with the Queensland Classic			
Group 1	TBA	Group 5	TBA
Group 2	TBA	Group 6	TBA
Group 3	TBA	Group 7	TBA
Group 4	TBA	General Specials	TBA
Melbourne Cup Sweeps run on the day. Fashions on the Field to be judged during the lunch break. Best Dressed Lady, Best Dressed Gent, Best Hat, Best Dressed Dog and Handler		Proudly Sponsored by  	
Come join us for lunch, Wagz has a special Melbourne Cup smorgesboard prepaid via Show Manager			

Show Dates: Saturday 21 November 2026 and Sunday 22 November 2026

Entries Close: Tuesday 17 November 2026

GYMPIE AND DISTRICT KENNEL CLUB

Venue: Kilkivan Showgrounds, 88 Mudlo Rd, Kilkivan QLD

2 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

Classes:	1(1a), 2(2a), 3(3a), 4(4a), 5(5a), 9(9a), 10(10a), 11(11a), 18(18a)		
Entry Fees:	\$15.00, Sweepstakes \$8.00, Queensland Classic \$20.00. Catalogues- Printed 6.00, Online \$2.00 (Covers both shows)		
Entries:	www.showmanager.com.au		Enquiries: Kerry Ph: 0431 646 686
Saturday 21 November 2026			
Judging starts at 3:00PM with Junior Handlers followed by Sweepstakes			
Ring 1	Ms L Childs (NSW)	Groups 3 and 2	
Ring 2	Mrs J Whitney (NSW)	Non-Champion Sweepstakes followed by Groups 1, 6 and 7	
Ring 3	Mrs J O'Flynn (NSW)	Baby Puppy Sweepstakes followed by Groups 4 and 5	
General Specials	Mrs J Whitney (NSW)		
Sunday 22 November 2026			
Judging starts at 8:30AM with the Queensland Classic.			
Ring 1	Mrs J Whitney (NSW)	Queensland Classic followed by Groups 3 and 2	
Ring 2	Mrs J O'Flynn (NSW)	Groups 6, 7 and 1	
Ring 3	Ms L Childs (NSW)	Groups 5 and 4	
General Specials	Mrs J O'Flynn (NSW)		
Runner Up Baby in Group and Runner Up Baby in Show at both shows.			
The shows will be in an undercover area. Food vendors onsite.			
Camping per night: Limited Powered \$20.00, Unpowered \$15.00 booked via Show Manager			
On arrival STOP at amenities block to report in. One power point per site, bring long leads.			
Anyone attached to power that has not pre-paid will have their leads removed.			
Limited water so caravans would be advised to fill tanks before arriving.			
Camping in area with bunting is limited to light vehicles and gazebo camping.			
Please observe all signage, anyone removing or disobeying signs will be asked to leave.			
No arrivals before 12:00PM on Friday 20 November 2026 and you must depart by 12:00PM on Monday.			



TRIAL GAZETTE

All clubs reserve the right to appoint a reserve or replacement judge if necessary.

Trial Date: Sunday 13 September 2026
Entries Close: Wednesday 9 September 2026

BRISBANE LURE COURSING CLUB INC

Venue: Bowhill Park,
Bowhill Rd, Willawong Qld

LURE PURSUIT ONLY LURE COURSING TRIAL

Entry Fees: \$18.00 Members, \$23.00 Non-Members

Entries: www.showmanager.com.au 

Enquiries: Lucy Ph: 0407 004 080

Judging starts at 8:00AM
with vetting at 7:15AM

Miss S Speed (QLD) Lure Pursuit all classes

Mr R Winton (QLD) Lure driver

CAMPING BOOKINGS AT THE DOGS QUEENSLAND SPORTS GROUNDS

All bookings to camp at the Sports Grounds must be made using the **SHOW MANAGER** website, available through the Dogs Queensland website.



Trial Dates: Tues 29 Sep and Wed 30 Sep 2026

Entries Close: Wed 16 Sept 2026 at 10:00PM.

YUGGERA CANINE CLUB

Venue: Dogs Queensland Sports Grounds,
247 King Ave, Durack QLD

SPRINTDOG TRIAL

Entry Fees: \$25.00

Entries: www.showmanager.com.au 

Enquiries: Bruna Ph: 0423 229 974

Tuesday 29 Sept 2026

Judging starts at 6:00PM
with vetting between 5:00PM and 5:30PM

TBA 100 metres

Lure Driver Ms G Koh (QLD)

Wednesday 30 Sept 2026

Judging starts at 6:00PM
with vetting between 5:00PM and 5:30PM

TBA 100 metres

Lure Driver TBA

This trial will use a standard trial set up.

Entries via ballot capped at 50 dogs

Limit of 1 dog per registered Owner/Showmanager account

1st Draw 17/9/2026 – Entries paid by 20/9/2026

2nd Draw 21/9/2026 – Entries paid by 23/9/2026

Any successful entries not paid for
by the nominated date will be removed.

The club reserves the right to refund any entries who breach
the conditions of entry.

Trial Date: Sat 3 October 2026

Entries Close: Tues 15 September 2026

LOGAN ALL BREEDS DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB INC

Venue: Gould Adams Park, Kingston Rd, Kingston QLD

DOUBLE OBEDIENCE TRIAL

Entry Fees: \$10.00, Catalogues

Entries to: Trial Secretary, PO Box 23, Kingston QLD 4114

Online Entries: www.showmanager.com.au 

Enquiries: Kym Ph: 0483 816 498

Saturday 3 October 2026

Trial 1

Judging starts at 3:00PM
with vetting at 2:00PM

Mrs S Bamford (QLD) CCD

Mrs C Pethers (QLD) CD

Mr W Doyle (QLD) CDX

Mrs J Fenton (QLD) UD

Mr L Knauth (QLD) UDX

Trial 2

Mrs J Fenton (QLD) CCD

Mr W Doyle (QLD) CD

Mrs S Bamford (QLD) CDX

Mr L Knauth (QLD) UD

Mrs C Pethers (QLD) UDX

Classes and Judges may be altered as numbers require.

Trial Date: Tuesday 6 October 2026 Entries Close: Friday 2 October 2026	
YUGGERA CANINE CLUB Venue: Dogs Queensland Sports Grounds, 247 King Ave, Durack QLD	
TRICK DOG TRIAL	
Entry Fees:	\$15.00
Online Entries only:	www.showmanager.com.au 
Enquiries:	Kirstie Ph: 0407 965 589
Judging starts at 7:00PM with vetting at 6:30PM	
Mrs M Anderson (QLD)	TKS, TKN, TKI, TKA
Ring 12M X 12M grass.	

A REMINDER:

Imported dogs are not to be entered in any events until all the required paperwork is lodged with Dogs Queensland and the re-registration has been certified complete.

Trial Date: Sunday 11 October 2026 Entries Close: Sunday 27 September 2026	
 DWD CLUB QLD INC Venue: Mt Maria College, Armstrong Street, Petrie QLD	
DANCES WITH DOGS	
Entries to:	www.readyentries.com READYENTRIES
Enquiries:	Maree Ph: 0400 654 408
Entry Fees:	\$15.00
Competition starts at 9:00AM with vetting between 8:00AM and 8:45AM	
Mrs K Doenitz (QLD)	All Classes
Mrs M Anderson (QLD)	All Classes
Mrs C Fisher (QLD)	All Classes
Music, in mp3 format, to be forwarded to dwdmusicqld@hotmail.com by the closing date for entries. In addition, please bring a back up copy, on USB, to the competition.	

Trial Date: Monday 12 October 2026 Entries Close: Monday 1 October 2026 Entries Open: Friday 11 September 2026 at 5:30PM.	
REDLANDS DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB INC Venue: Redlands Dog Obedience Club, Cnr Randall and Bailey Rds East, Birkdale QLD	
SCENT WORK TRIAL	
Entries:	www.topdogevents.com.au 
Entry Fees:	\$15.00
Enquiries:	Karen Ph: 0417 862 860
Judging starts at 5:30PM with vetting at 5:00PM	
Mrs J McCombe (QLD)	
<u>Vehicles</u> Advanced (odours Birch and Clove) Masters (odours may include Birch/ Anise/ Clove/Cypress)	
Entries limited to 50 Late check in will be available on request. No prior access to venue for training. No unofficial target odours allowed at trial venue.	

Trial Dates: Tues 13 Oct and Wed 14 Oct 2026 Entries Close: Wed 30 Sept 2026 at 4:00PM.	
YUGGERA CANINE CLUB Venue: Dogs Queensland Sports Grounds, 247 King Ave, Durack QLD	
SPRINTDOG TRIAL	
Entry Fees:	\$25.00
Entries:	www.showmanager.com.au 
Enquiries:	Bruna Ph: 0423 229 974
Tuesday 13 October 2026 Judging starts at 6:00PM with vetting between 5:00PM and 5:30PM	
TBA	100 metres
Lure Driver	Ms G Koh (QLD)
Wednesday 14 October 2026 Judging starts at 6:00PM with vetting between 5:00PM and 5:30PM	
TBA	100 metres
Lure Driver	TBA
This trial will use a standard trial set up. Entries via ballot capped at 50 dogs Limit of 1 dog per registered Owner/Showmanager account 1st Draw 1/10/2026 – Entries paid by 4/10/2026 2nd Draw 5/10/2026 – Entries paid by 7/10/2026 Any successful entries not paid for by the nominated date will be removed. The club reserves the right to refund any entries who breach the conditions of entry.	

Trial Date: Saturday 24 October 2026 Entries Close: Tuesday 20 October 2026	
TOOWOOMBA DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB INC Venue: Norman Park, Cnr Hursley Rd and Tor Str, Newtown QLD	
TRIPLE TRICKS TRIAL	
Entry Fees:	\$9.00
Entries:	www.showmanager.com.au 
Enquiries:	Andrea Ph: 0414 804 264
Judging starts at 9:00AM with vetting between 8:00AM and 8:40AM	
Mrs C Pethers (QLD)	Trial 1 – TKS, TKN, TKI, TKA
Mr L Knauth (QLD)	Trial 2 – TKN, TKI, TKA, TKS
Mrs C Fisher (QLD)	Trial 3 – TKA, TKS, TKN, TKI
All 3 trials will run concurrently in 3 separate rings.	

Trial Dates: Tues 27 Oct and Wed 28 Oct 2026 Entries Close: Wed 14 Oct 2026 at 10:00PM.	
YUGGERA CANINE CLUB Venue: Dogs Queensland Sports Grounds, 247 King Ave, Durack QLD	
SPRINTDOG TRIAL	
Entry Fees:	\$25.00
Entries:	www.showmanager.com.au 
Enquiries:	Bruna Ph: 0423 229 974
Tuesday 27 October 2026 Judging starts at 6:00PM with vetting between 5:00PM and 5:30PM	
TBA	100 metres
Lure Driver	Ms G Koh (QLD)
Wednesday 28 October 2026 Judging starts at 6:00PM with vetting between 5:00PM and 5:30PM	
TBA	100 metres
Lure Driver	TBA
This trial will use a standard trial set up. Entries via ballot capped at 50 dogs Limit of 1 dog per registered Owner/Showmanager account 1st Draw 15/10/2026 – Entries paid by 18/10/2026 2nd Draw 19/10/2026 – Entries paid by 21/10/2026 Any successful entries not paid for by the nominated date will be removed. The club reserves the right to refund any entries who breach the conditions of entry.	

Trial Dates: Sat 31 Oct 2026 and Sunday 1 Nov 2026 Entries Close: Sunday 25 Oct 2026	
GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF QUEENSLAND INC  Venue: Dogs Queensland Sports Grounds, 247 King Ave, Durack QLD	
UNRESTRICTED RALLY AND TRICKS TRIALS	
Entry Fees:	\$15.00.
Entries:	www.showmanager.com.au 
Enquiries:	Laura Ph: 0411 634 277 trialsec@gsdql.org.au
Saturday 31 October 2026 Judging starts at 8:00AM with vetting between 7:00AM and 7:45AM	
Miss T Murray (QLD)	Rally all classes
Mrs L Affleck (QLD)	Rally all classes
Sunday 1 November 2026 Judging starts at 8:00AM with vetting between 7:00AM and 7:45AM	
Mrs M Anderson (QLD)	Tricks all classes
Miss K Dawson (QLD)	Tricks all classes
Classes and judges may be altered as numbers require.	

Trial Date: Tuesday 3 November 2026 Entries Close: Tuesday 20 October 2026	
YUGGERA CANINE CLUB Venue: Dogs Queensland Sports Grounds, 247 King Ave, Durack QLD	
DOUBLE RALLY AND TRICK DOG TRIAL	
Entry Fees:	\$15.00
Entries:	www.showmanager.com.au 
Enquiries:	Shirley Ph: 0408 197 250 (No calls after 8:00PM)
Rally judging starts at 6:00PM with vetting at 5:30PM	
Mrs B Murfet (QLD)	Rally all classes
Ms R Kirwin (QLD)	Rally all classes
Trick Dog judging starts at 7:00PM with vetting at 6:30PM	
Mrs M Anderson (QLD)	Tricks all classes
Trick Dog Ring 12M X 12M grass.	



Trial Dates: Fri 6 Nov and Sat 7 Nov 2026 Entries Close: Friday 23 October 2026	
CAIRNS CITY KENNEL CLUB – OBEDIENCE SECTION Venue: Quigley St, Cairns QLD	
DOUBLE DANCES WITH DOGS AND DOUBLE TRICKS	
Entry Fees:	DWD \$20.00, Rookies \$15.00 Tricks \$8.50
Entries:	www.topdogevents.com.au 
Enquiries:	trial.secretary.cckc@gmail.com Jess Ph: 0410 127 608
Friday 6 November 2026 Judging starts at 6:00PM with vetting at 5:30PM	
Mrs B Murfet (QLD)	Double DWD
Mrs R Rabbitt (NSW)	Double DWD
Mrs C Pethers (QLD)	Double DWD
Saturday 7 November 2026 Judging starts at 6:00PM with vetting at 5:30PM	
Mrs B Murfet (QLD)	Triple Tricks all classes
Mrs R Rabbitt (NSW)	Triple Tricks all classes
Mrs C Pethers (QLD)	Triple Tricks all classes
15M X 15M Ring.	

Trial Date: Saturday 7 November 2026 Entries Open: Saturday 24 October 2026 at 6:00PM Entries Close: Saturday 31 October 2026 at 6:00PM	
YUGGERA CANINE CLUB Venue: TBA	
SCENT WORK TRIAL	
Entry Fees:	Ultimate \$25.00
Entries:	www.showmanager.com.au 
Enquiries:	Grace Ph: 0449 766 320
Judging starts at 9:00AM with vetting at 8:15AM	
Miss S Yoon (QLD)	
Ultimate (odours may contain Birch, Clove, Cypress, Anise)	
Mrs N Kirkwood (QLD)	
Ultimate (odours may contain Birch, Clove, Cypress, Anise)	
Entries capped at 30 per judge. The club will endeavour to accommodate judge swaps if necessary, at the close of entries. Contact the Trial Secretary. No training or target odour at venue prior to event.	

Trial Dates: Tues 10 Nov and Wed 11 Nov 2026 Entries Close: Wed 28 Oct 2026 at 10:00PM.	
YUGGERA CANINE CLUB Venue: Dogs Queensland Sports Grounds, 247 King Ave, Durack QLD	
SPRINTDOG TRIAL	
Entry Fees:	\$25.00
Entries:	www.showmanager.com.au 
Enquiries:	Bruna Ph: 0423 229 974
Tuesday 10 November 2026 Judging starts at 6:00PM with vetting between 5:00PM and 5:30PM	
TBA	100 metres
Lure Driver	Ms G Koh (QLD)
Wednesday 11 November 2026 Judging starts at 6:00PM with vetting between 5:00PM and 5:30PM	
TBA	100 metres
Lure Driver	TBA
These trials will use a standard trial set up. Entries via ballot capped at 50 dogs Limit of 1 dog per registered Owner/Showmanager account 1st Draw 29/10/2026 – Entries paid by 1/11/2026 2nd Draw 2/11/2026 – Entries paid by 4/11/2026 Any successful entries not paid for by the nominated date will be removed. The club reserves the right to refund any entries who breach the conditions of entry.	

Trial Dates: Fri 13 Nov and Sat 14 Nov 2026 Entries Close: Sunday 1 Nov 2026	
SPRINTDOG CLUB OF QLD INC Venue: Dogs Queensland Sports Grounds, 247 King Ave, Durack QLD	
SPRINTDOG TRIAL	
Entry Fees:	Members \$20.00 Non-Members \$25.00
Entries:	www.showmanager.com.au 
Enquiries:	Karen (text only) 0422 425 413
Saturday 13 November 2026 Judging starts at 6:00AM with check in between 5:00AM and 5:30AM	
Mr P Samuels (QLD)	100 metres
Mrs J Howarth (QLD)	100 metres
Lure Drivers – N Mather (QLD) and Mrs K Kelsall (QLD)	
Saturday 14 November 2026 Judging starts at 6:00AM with check in between 5:00AM and 5:30AM	
Mrs J Howarth (QLD)	100 meters
Miss K Gordon (QLD)	100 metres
Lure Drivers - Mrs K Kelsall (QLD) and Mr B Samuels (QLD)	
These trials will use a standard trial set up Entries capped at 100 dogs. 1st draw 1/11/2026 – entries paid by 4/11/2026. 2nd draw 4/11/2026 – entries paid by 7/11/2026. 2 dogs per registered Owner/Show Manager account Dogs must be on the grounds to be checked in.	

Trial Date: Saturday 14 November 2026

Entries Close: Sunday 1 November 2026

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Venue: Devine Court,
Morayfield QLD

SCENT WORK TRIAL

Entries: www.showmanager.com.au 

Entry Fees: \$15.00

Enquiries: Tracy Ph: 0450 902 520

**Judging starts at 8:00AM
with vetting between 7:00AM and 7:45AM**

Ms S Yoon (QLD)

Vehicle

Advanced (odours Birch and Clove)

Ms E Brunning (QLD)

Interior

Advanced (odours Birch and Clove)

Ms R Sehl (QLD)

Exterior

Advanced (odours Birch and Clove)

Ms K-A Gunnis (QLD)

Container

Advanced (odours Birch and Clove)

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Vehicle

Novice (odour Birch)

Ms E Brunning

Interior

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Container

Novice (odour Birch)

Reserve Judge – Ms K Gunnis (QLD)

No prior access to the venue.

No Target Odours allowed at trial venue.

Novice vetting 9:00AM – 9:30AM depending on numbers.

Trial Dates: Tues 24 Nov and Wed 25 Nov 2026

Entries Close: Wed 11 Nov 2026 at 10:00PM.

YUGGERA CANINE CLUB

Venue: Dogs Queensland Sports Grounds,
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SPRINTDOG TRIAL

Entry Fees: \$25.00

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Tuesday 24 November 2026

Judging starts at 6:00PM

with vetting between 5:00PM and 5:30PM

TBA 100 metres

Lure Driver Ms G Koh (QLD)

Wednesday 25 November 2026

Judging starts at 6:00PM

with vetting between 5:00PM and 5:30PM

TBA 100 metres

Lure Driver TBA

This trial will use a standard trial set up.

Entries via ballot capped at 50 dogs

Limit of 1 dog per registered Owner/Showmanager account

1st Draw 12/11/2026 – Entries paid by 15/11/2026

2nd Draw 16/11/2026 – Entries paid by 18/11/2026

Any successful entries not paid for

by the nominated date will be removed.

**The club reserves the right to refund any entries who breach
the conditions of entry.**

Trial Date: Saturday 28 November 2026

Entries Close: Friday 20 November 2026

SUNSHINE COAST DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB INC

Venue: Buderim Park Sports Complex,
176 Ballinger Rd, Buderim QLD

DOUBLE RALLY AND DOUBLE TRICKS TRIALS

Entry Fees: \$15.00

Entries: www.showmanager.com.au 

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Judging starts at 5:00PM with vetting at 4:00PM

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Ms M Choice (QLD) RN, RA, RE, RM

Mrs M Anderson (QLD) TKA, TKI, TKN, TKS

TBA TKS, TKN, TKI, TKA

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