



# Newsletter

## November/December 2010



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### CLUB OFFICIALS

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Maya M

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Geoff (2003)

Lyndal (2005)

Sharyn (2005)

Amanda (2005)

Audrey (2006)

Jane (2010)

Julianne (2010)



### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of October the Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held. We had a great attendance and I would like to formally acknowledge our new committee for 2010/2011.

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Committee Members:	Gary Sue Shane Maja Lyn

I am confident that the combination of both new and old members will ensure the positive growth of the club into 2011. It will also allow some of our longstanding members to have a well deserved break.

I would also like to formally congratulate Jane and Julianne for being awarded Life Membership in October for their extraordinary contributions to the club over the years. Jane has volunteered countless hours being an instructor and Julianne has volunteered get those clickers out and her time as treasurer for the past 10 years.

The final training night for this year will be the 14<sup>th</sup> December. Keeping with tradition there will be a competition for the best dressed dog, Christmas themed of course, as well a best trick contest, so start shaping. I have also heard that a rematch in Barrel Racing is in order after the Nambour Pet Expo. More details will be announced closer to the date. **JEN**

**The views in this Newsletter are not necessarily the views of the Suncoast Fundogs, unless expressly so quoted or authorised.**

### Chief Instructors Report

Our club could not run without instructors and I would like to thank all of our instructors for their dedication and hard work over the past year. Remember that instructors are volunteers so please do take the time to acknowledge them for their hard work every now and then.

At the end of this year Jane is retiring from her role of instructing. I would like to thank Jane for all the work she has done for the Pre-Agility courses over the past few years. Jane travels over an hour to get to training and has consistently volunteered to run the Pre-Agility courses for a number of years. In addition to running the Pre-Agility courses Jane has also had a huge role in developing and continually improving the course content. She will be leaving us with a big hole to fill.

On that note we are always looking for new instructors. I have a had a couple of members volunteer to become instructors next year which is great, however we are always looking for more to share the load. We will provide you with the training you need to be a successful instructor. If you are interested in instructing or would like to know more about instructing please do not hesitate to contact me. Being an instructor is very rewarding and also comes with numerous benefits, including reduced training fees.

Jen



For security purposes no persons surname will be published in this Newsletter

Don't forget to bring along an extra \$1 or \$2 to training from now on. Sue has organized a raffle for each week. Tickets are \$1 for 5 chances at winning a \$10 scratchie..

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY** **SATURDAY 18TH** **DECEMBER-** **BRIBIE ISLAND**

**Meet at Red Beach, Bongaree, at 4pm for a doggy walk/swim. (Look up Tully Street Car Park - its a dirt road at the end of Tully Street).**

**Then drive back to Ann's place at 135 Sylvan Beach Esplanade, Bellara around 5.30 for BBQ dinner..**

**(This is left turn directly at end of bridge, start slowing down half way across or you will miss it, if not doing the walk/swim). Otherwise we'll do a convoy from the beach.**

**Backyard is fenced & a bit shady for crates, & under the house is cool for humans. (no front fence). Swimming and park opposite.**

We have a downstairs shower & toilet, and room on front grass if anyone does want to camp overnight.

**BYO drinks and chairs, plus either a salad or desert for the table.**

**The Club will provide meat/sausages/vege burgers and nibbles.**

**PLEASE RSVP BY 11 TH DEC 2010 & ADVISE WHETHER U WILL BRING SALAD OR DESSERT.**  
**[trubby1@bigpond.com](mailto:trubby1@bigpond.com)**

## **Competition Results**

### **PADS – 30/10/10**

Jen & Snoopy 1 <sup>st</sup> (Q) (BAAD Title)	CE/TY/AT
Jen & Snoopy 1 <sup>st</sup> (Q)	CS/TY/JT
Jen & Snoopy 1 <sup>st</sup>	RI/TY/JT
Jen & Doug 1 <sup>st</sup>	OA/TY/AT
Jen & Doug 1 <sup>st</sup>	OA/TY/JT
Jen & Doug 1 <sup>st</sup>	OB/TY/JT
Jen & Darryl 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Q)	RI/MD/AT
Jen & Darryl 3 <sup>rd</sup>	ROA/MD/AT
Karen & Amber 1 <sup>st</sup> (Q) Purple Card	A/MX/AT
Karen & Amber 1 <sup>st</sup> (Q)	O/MX/AT
Damian & Amber 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Q)	O/MX/JT
Jeanette & Monte 1 <sup>st</sup> (Q)	RO/MD/AT
Jeanette & Monte 1 <sup>st</sup> (Q)	RO/MD/JT
Jeanette & Monte 1 <sup>st</sup> (Q)	RO/MD/JT
Jeanette & Monte 1 <sup>st</sup> (Q) Purple Card	RA/MD/AT
Jeanette & Hamish 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Q)	RO/MD/AT
Jeanette & Billy 1 <sup>st</sup> (Q)	O/MN/AT
Jeanette & Billy 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Q)	O/MN/JT
Jeanette & Billy 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Q)	O/MN/J
Jeanette & Billy 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Q)	A/MN/AT

### **ADCQ – 6/11/10**

Jeanette & Lucy 1 <sup>st</sup> (Q)	E/MD/AT
Jeanette & Hamish 1 <sup>st</sup> (Q) Purple Card	RA/MD/AT
Jeanette & Billy 1 <sup>st</sup> (Q)	O/MN/JT
Jeanette & Billy 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Q)	O/MN/AT
Jeanette & Monte 1 <sup>st</sup> (Q)	RO/MD/AT
Jeanette & Monte 1 <sup>st</sup> (Q)	RO/MD/JT
Ella & Siryn 1 <sup>st</sup>	RO/MN/IG
Ella & Siryn 1 <sup>st</sup>	RI/MN/JT
Ella & Siryn 2 <sup>nd</sup>	RO/MN/AT
Karen & Amber 1 <sup>st</sup> (Q) Purple Card	A/MX/AT

### **WAAG - 20/11/10**

Mariji & Mylie (Q)	IN/MX/AT
Mariji & Mylie (Q)	OA/MX/JT
Zoe & Casper 1 <sup>st</sup> (Q)	EL/MN/JT
Zoe & Casper 1 <sup>st</sup> (Q)	EL/MN/AT
Zoe & Casper 1 <sup>st</sup>	ST/MN/AT

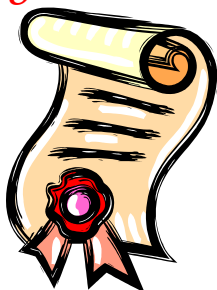
## **◆◆Agility Titles◆◆**

**Jen & Snoopy BAAD – PADS 30/10/10**

**Mariji & Myla SAAD – WAAG 20/11/10**

**Zoe & Casper BAAD – WAAG 20/11/10**

*Congratulations*



## **Training on Rainy Nights...?**

If the skies are grey and the weather looks bleak,

And you're not sure if it's on

this week,

Ring someone, ring Nat

She'll make sure you're alright.

She will know, if training is on for the night.



**Ring Natalie :**  
**0422 819 956**  
**after 5p.m.**

## **Suncoast Fundogs Resource Library**



Your club has an extensive range of books and magazines for you to borrow. The subject material ranges from serious agility training manuals to fun trick training for the family pet.

Please get the most from this facility. Something to remember... some of these books, magazines tapes & DVDs have come from the private collections of our members, past & present and need to be respected as such.

Write your name down as you borrow and please also donate a gold coin to help extend and update this wonderful service.

Suncoast Fundogs also subscribes to "Clean Run" an agility magazine which includes many useful training sequences and articles from agility enthusiasts.

## Agility Blessing

*Submitted Natalie Kirkwood ADAA Chat*

May the tunnels not have too much suction,  
May the course be fun and fast.  
May your dog not stop to say "hello" to the  
photographers they pass!

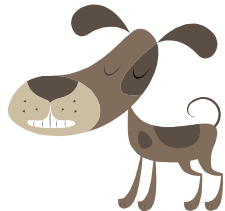
May the table not be too slippery,  
May the chute house no scary beasts,  
May all the yellow parts be touched with one  
little toe, at least.

May the wind be always at your back,  
May no bars fall on the ground.  
May the A-frame have no stop sign on the top,  
May the judge's whistle never sound.

May your dog obey all correct commands  
And ignore the ones that are wrong.  
May your heart be light, your feet be sure  
and the bond with your dog grow strong.

At the finish line, may great joy abound,  
regardless of your score,  
You have your dog, your dog has you,,  
and who could ask for more?

Written by: PJ Hughes



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**If you are interest in a chat page, go to the forum  
on our website.**

## Crate Hire

**For the duration of  
PreAgility Courses 1 and 2  
Cost: Deposit \$50.00  
Refund \$30.00 on return.**

The Club is offering this service, to enable new members to see the advantages of crating their dogs, before incurring the expense of making a purchase.



## What age should they be?

**Sometimes members have friends and/or relatives  
who are interested in starting their puppies in Agility,  
but do not know the age puppies can commence:**

### **For PreAgility they can start at 5 months:**

The concern is that the puppies are not fully covered by their vaccination until they are 5 months, they may however come for socialization with a waiver (this puts the onus back onto the owner-should the puppies become unwell).

### **For Beginners: they can start at 12 months:**

The concern is that the puppies bones have not properly formed, and they could incur skeletal damage if this level of agility is commenced earlier.

## **Congratulations**

*For completing & graduating from the following courses*

### **Pre Agility1& 2**

Jasmine & Zahara  
Katrina & Kaiwa  
Susan & Oscar  
Jane & Tess  
Karen & Venice  
Barbara & Bindi

Graduated but couldn't go to Beginners  
as the dogs were too young.

Dylan & Scooter  
Callum & Dexter

### **Pre Agility 1** **Commenced 19<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

Jan & Jasper  
Juliette & Kenzie  
Janice & Boo  
Greg & Leroy



To create a more personal aspect to our newsletters, members are encouraged to submit any articles that they would deem suitable. Items of interest involving dogs, members personal or dog achievements, etc. would be most welcome, So if you are competing don't forget to give me your results. They can be given personally or emailed to Julianne. *Ed.*



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## **"Something to think about"**

We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory but if we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, nobody other than the people attending us would have our mobile phone but they wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency?




















### **Hence this "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.**

The concept of "ICE" is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name "ICE" ( In Case Of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialling the number you have stored as "ICE".

This Really could save your life, or put a loved one's mind at rest. For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc. *Submitted by Sydney Mann*

## Ground Rules

-  A current vaccination card (**antigen based C5 or above**) is to be produced annually for every dog. Any dog that has been in contact with any infectious animal will **NOT** be permitted on the grounds for a minimum of 18 days post contact.
-  Flat/fixe collars and head halters **ONLY** to be used on the grounds.
-  Check chains, pinch collars etc. are **NOT PERMITTED**.
-  All dogs to be on leash unless approved by an instructor.
-  Coats must be removed from dogs before they take part in any class. (Coats can be put back on while dog is resting)
-  Head halters and body harnesses must be removed from dogs before they take part in class, unless approval given by instructor prior to class. (Halters and harnesses can be put back on while dog is resting)
-  No equipment unless supervised
-  Harsh handling is prohibited.
-  **NO** bitches on the grounds.
-  All faeces AND dog waste on the grounds must be removed by the handler and placed in the appropriate receptacle.
-  Handlers responsible for their own dog(s) **AT ALL TIMES**.
-  Handlers to accept complete responsibility for any damage done to any person, dog or property, by their dog(s).
-  We reserve the right to refuse membership to an aggressive dog.
-  We reserve the right to have a dog muzzled.
-  Handlers to help set up equipment prior to commencement of class, and to put equipment away at the end of class.
-  Children under 10 years of age are **NOT** permitted in training area whilst classes are being conducted, and must be supervised at all times.
-  Smoking is **NOT** permitted in class.
-  During the 15 minute training break, **Instructors ONLY have sole use of the equipment**.
-  Dogs should only be tethered to the fence on a short leash, so they cannot become tangled in the tree

# Thank you

When Lyndal first suggested that we should celebrate my forthcoming 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, I appreciated the thought, but really doubted that anyone would want to help me celebrate, so I suggested that perhaps after the AGM, maybe 1 or 2 people might stay back to share a piece of cake. When the lunch was organised I did truly believe that there would only be a handful of people who would make the trek to Mapleton, that handful turned out to be 23 people.

I was overwhelmed by the best wishes, from those who could and those who could not attend, the cards, gifts especially the lovely boxer charm that I now wear constantly, plus the honour of being granted "Life Membership" to the club that has become an integral part of my life for the last 9 years.

I was thrilled and completely taken by surprise at the birthday lunch, and I thank everyone who helped me celebrate. It was very special for me, because apart from my husband Peter, I have no other family here in Australia, so birthdays usually pass by without much fanfare.

Thank you Lyndal for the original thought, and everyone else who made it possible.

*Jane*



**"The Sunshine Coast Pet Expo"** was held Sunday 31st October at Nambour Showground. A team from Suncoast attended the Expo to take part in some of the dog sports being demonstrated. Several Suncoast members had taken part in an agility comp the day before but still managed to turn up early to help set up which was very much appreciated. First up for the day was an opportunity for members of the public to take their dog around a very basic combination Agility and Rally O course. Thanks to Katrina, Jasmine, Jane C and Susan who supervised the arena where this was set up. A gold coin donation was collected and given to Friends of the Hound rescue organisation. Over at the main stage, Lyn, Jane B, Michele and Lesley were demonstrating the sport of Dances With Dogs by running through their routines with their dogs. There were two demonstrations of Agility, morning and afternoon, with the opportunity to promote Suncoast. Lyndal, Jane B, Maja, Shane, Ann, Mariji, Lyn, Lesley, Michele, Jane C, Katrina, Susan and Jasmine were challenged by course, equipment and climate when running their dogs during these demonstrations. A couple of members of the BAD? club were able to join in with us and assisted in very informative commentary. Mariji, Shane and Maja entered the Tricks Competition at the expo and were all placed second behind a young boy who did a dance routine with his dog. I think Mariji, in particular, is on a mission to beat this young lad who has turned up at previous competitions to take out first prize with his tricks! Suncoast members also took part in the Barrel Racing demonstration and competition. Maja with Kamali took out first prize with a record time of 8.9 seconds. Lyndal and Caper took second place with an impressive time of 9.4 seconds and Lyn with Millie, representing the little dogs, managed a super impressive time of 11.1!!!

Their was also a barrel racing competition for members of the public which drew

quite a bit of interest. This is definitely a new sport to watch out for in Australia. Suncoast will be hosting a Barrel Racing competition at the Cross Country Event in August so those interested in learning this skill should let Jen, our new president and head instructor, know. I'm sure some training sessions will be arranged in preparation for the August Cross Country event.

Lyn Witts would like to thank all who turned up at the Expo and helped, in various ways, to make the day run smoothly and successfully. The Expo is on again next year but at the earlier and cooler date of September 18th. Demonstrations are a way of educating people to the fun they can be having with their dogs along with promoting the benefits of these activities for both dog and handler not just to the relationship but to the mental and physical health and well-being. If you are interesting in taking part in demonstrations see our new publicity officer, Sue Bryant. as well as Lyn Witts who organises numerous demonstrations on the Sunshine Coast during the year."



### **"Always be Alert"**

Members should be reminded that not every dog is dog friendly and that all dogs should be kept at a safe distance from each other whenever possible.

We know that our action sport creates excitement, and this can cause our dogs to become more volatile.

It is important that all dogs (even the friendly dogs),  
**must be on lead**  
 unless running the course

**So please be aware of your dog's actions**

**\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*\***

**New Policy:**

A) A current vaccination certificate (antigen based C5 or above) is to be produced annually for every dog.

Alternatively:

B) A current certificate of titre testing proving adequate antibody levels for Distemper, Hepatitis and Parvovirus AND a current vaccination certificate for Canine Cough, covering a minimum of Parainfluenza and *Bordetella Bronchiseptica* is to be produced annually for every dog.

Any dog exposed to a contagious disease is excluded from all Suncoast Fundogs activities for a period of 21 days post contact or 21 days from the onset of clinical signs. The committee reserves the right to request veterinary clearance, in some instances, before dogs that have been affected or All other members must park in the far car park outside the gate. This is a short term solution to parking until we have additional vehicle access to the oval. We are currently working with the Elimbah Sports &

**Parking Update**

Only committee members, instructors, and life members may park inside the grounds. All other members must park in the far car park outside the gate. This is a short term solution to parking until we have additional vehicle access to the oval. We are currently working with the Elimbah Sports & Recreation Association and the Council to achieve this.

**Wet Weather**

If training is going to be cancelled due to wet weather an email notification will be sent out to all members. A decision will be made as early as possible and it is planned to notify members of the cancellation by 4:30pm, however please understand that this may not always be in our control.

If you are unsure if training has been cancelled, please contact

**Natalie on 0422 819 956.**

**Training Multiple Dogs**

A reminder that if you are training two dogs in the same class you must either pay twice for each dog and run both dogs for the full class or only pay once and work each dog for half the class. This mainly applies for the Intermediate and Advanced classes.

Members just bringing their dogs to training to 'socialise' them need to ensure they sign in on one of the sheets. No need to pay if you are not attending a training class.

**Junior Handlers**

As Junior Handlers can begin competing at the age of 10yrs, it has been decided to lower the age to 9 ½ yrs to commence training.

However all Juniors aged 9 - 16 must be accompanied by an adult at training.

All our members are ambassadors for the Club, if you have friends, relatives, workmates etc. who may be interested in our sport, these are the dates our next courses commencing in 2011

**PreAgility 1 (5 wk courses)**

**Commencing 6.30pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> February 2011**

**Beginners (7 wk courses)**

**Commencing 7.00pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> February 2011**



## s Corpulent Canines?

[Chris Zink, DVM, PhD](#)



*Fit, not fat*

Our dogs depend on us to put food in their bowls. And, more often than not, we are putting in too much! I have assessed the weight on hundreds of dogs of a variety of

breeds over the past year at seminars all over the country and a conservative estimate is that about 50% of the dogs that I see are overweight; approximately 25% are actually obese. These are not couch potato dogs. These are dogs whose owners expect them to jump in obedience, to run over rough ground in retrieving tests, and to perform in agility. And we are seeing the sad results: ruptured anterior cruciate ligaments (often both legs), severe degenerative arthritis in dogs in their prime, degenerative disk disease, and many more conditions that are caused by, or exacerbated by, excess weight.

Why are so many working dogs overweight? The following are some possible answers to this difficult question:

1. Keeping a dog at working weight is incompatible with showing in conformation. I have never understood why dogs whose breed standard states that they should be shown in "hard working condition" don't win in the conformation ring unless they are FAT. The only thing that I can think of is that we are mistaking fat for muscle. For breeds such as Golden Retrievers and Labrador Retrievers, assume that if your dog is winning in the conformation ring, it is probably about 8 to 15 lb. overweight. When you are finished showing your dog in conformation, take the weight off, for his own good.
2. People are feeding their dogs the same amount of food they were fed as adolescents. This is a common mistake. But just as most of us eat less now than we did as teenagers, your dog needs less too. A dog's metabolism slows down with age and adult dogs need less food to maintain their weight.
3. People believe the suggested feeding regimens that are printed on dog food bags. Even the most active dog doesn't need as much food as most dog food companies recommend. The best way to determine how much food a dog needs is to feed it the amount that maintains its weight. This is a matter of trial and error.

4. The dog has been less active, but he is being fed the same amount of food. Adjust your dog's intake to his activity level. Remember that in the winter your dog may not get as much exercise and decrease his intake accordingly.
5. People don't know how to determine the correct weight for their dogs. Dogs vary in height, bone structure, and muscularity, so there is no one correct weight for a dog of any given breed. The best way to determine whether a dog is overweight is to test 3 different parts of the body: the neck, the ribs, and the hips.
  - a. To check the neck, press your thumb and index finger deep into the side of the neck just ahead of the shoulder, and pinch them together. If your fingers are more than 1/2" apart, the dog is overweight. (Note: this is where old dogs tend to carry most of their excess fat, and they may actually be thin in other locations.)
  - b. To check the ribs, stand with your dog beside you, facing his butt. Place your thumb on the middle of his spine half way down the back and spread your fingers out over his last few ribs. Then run your fingers up and down along his skin. You should be able to feel the bumps of his ribs without pressing in.
  - c. To check the hips, run your hand over your dog's croup. You should be able to feel the bumps of his two pelvic bones without pressing



*Beardie chasing a lure down.*

6. Some of you may be reading this and thinking, "I would never want my dog to be that skinny!" Think about the Olympic athletes. If you want your dog to be an athlete then it is only fair that you do what you can to help him achieve the body that

he will need to perform and stay healthy and injury free for many years.

7. People worry that their dogs will not get enough nutrition if they feed them less. Premium dog foods are packed with nutrients. If your dog is overweight, unless he has a hormonal problem (e.g. hypothyroidism), he is getting too much nutrition, and cutting back will not put him in jeopardy. Remember: just like humans, individual dogs vary in their metabolic rate and some dogs just need less food.
8. People don't know how to get their dogs to lose weight without all the side effects — begging, that sad-eyed look that says "I'm hungry", etc. Try the pumpkin diet. Reduce your dog's regular food by 33% and replace it with a 67% volume of canned pumpkin (not the kind with sugar and spices, ready-made for pies). For example, if you are currently feeding your dog 3 cups of food, you would instead feed him 2 cups of food and a whole cup of canned pumpkin. Dogs love the pumpkin—it has the texture of canned dog food, it provides vitamins and roughage, it makes them feel full (so they don't forage in the yard for leftovers), and they lose weight!
9. The vet said that the dog was a good weight (or even underweight). I have asked many vets why they don't tell their clients that their dogs are overweight, and I always get the same answer: "I have lost so many clients because they were offended when I told them their dogs were overweight that I just don't tell them anymore". So please, don't be offended—it doesn't reflect on you personally.

10.

The following is a 'real life' example. Julie Daniels, a well-known agility competitor, was showing her female Rottweiler, Jessy, in conformation. After she got her first major (5 points), Julie decided that she would rather compete with Jessy in agility. Now Rottweilers are not ideally structured for agility. So she took 21 lb (yes 21 lb.—this is not a typo) off the dog. The dog looked lovely, and in the process lost 1 1/2" in height at the withers. (For many medium-sized dogs this could mean the difference between having to jump 26" and 22" in agility.) Jessy is the all-time top winning Rottweiler in agility (USDAA National Finalist 5 years in a row) and is healthy and injury-free at the age of 10 (and still competing in Veterans).

So why not do this for your best friend?

**Chris will be holding a Seminar at PADS**

**Grounds next year. The dates are 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011, so keep watching this space for updated details..**

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## **Agility Dates for 2011**

### **March**

**05/03/11 - BAD (Beginners)**

*ADAA competition for titles-Carina Qld*

**12/03/11 - ADCQ**

*ADAA competition for titles - Tivoli Qld*

**19/03/11 - WAAG**

*Aaaa competition for titles - Gold Coast Qld*

### **APRIL**

**02/04/11 - BAD**

*Aaaa competition for titles - Carina Qld*

\*\*\*\*\*Don't forget our last training night will be Dec 14<sup>th</sup> and in keeping with tradition there will be a Competition for Best Dressed Dog - Christmas theme of course ... so get those costumes out for both you & your dog....this is always lots of fun so come on, join in\*\*\*\*\*

On Saturday the 20th November, I put Caper the kelpie and Soot the Miniature Pincher into the car and drove off down the road to pick up one of our newer members, Zoe and her Jack Russell terrier, Casper. We met at the service centre on the highway at the arranged time, so we could travel together to WAAG. ie. Wild About Agility Gold Coast. Waag was running their last competition for the year.

While at the service centre, I discovered Ian waiting for Damian. Damian was loaning out 2 of his dogs to be run at Waag, and one of the handlers, Ian, was chosen to run Amber. Tiger-eye was to be delivered to another person at the comp.

So, suddenly there were 4 suncoast members at the service centre and 5 dogs. We ended up piling ourselves, dogs, chairs, shade shelter and sundry items into my little ute and sailed off south, with Damian waving goodbye and wishing us luck.

We had a fairly easy trip, with only a lot of traffic to slow us. It did look a bit rainy too. Zoe told us all about surf boat racing and Ian and I learnt plenty of new things. (Casper is Zoe's first dog.)

We set up in the rain when we got there, with help and advice from other club members; Ann, Sue, Ella and Mariji. They were already set up and settled in.

The rain stopped soon after and we started walking courses, greeting friends and admiring other people's dogs.

The comp was interesting and enjoyable with some challenging courses (which Caper and I didn't quite get right...) and some courses which we did manage.

Caper and I came home with a 2nd place and a clear round. Zoe and Casper came home with 2 or 3 clear rounds and 3 placings. Ian and Amber had a nice time together and our other passengers Tiger-eye and Soot had a lovely day out with friends.

After about 7 hrs at Southport, we packed up and came home. I appreciated the conversation from one of my passengers, keeping me awake and focused on the road. Not so much traffic going north at that time of night. One of my passengers (not including dogs) had a little sleep in the back seat on the way home. Means she felt confident about my driving, right?

I had a really nice day on Saturday, my dog looked good and ran happily. Thanks to Ian and Zoe for accompanying me. I always feel better about driving my fuel guzzling car to a comp if I can share the ride with friends.

See some of you on Friday at PADS and next month at BAD. And at training.

Lyndal

Polar is a Border Collie cross 12 week old male who was found wandering the streets and subsequently taken to Maitland NSW Pound. He is a very excitable little guy who is super friendly and loves a cuddle. He has tonnes of energy and loves to learn. He is really outgoing and confident and nothing fazes him. He is crate and toilet trained and sleeps in a crate at night. He is in a house with multiple dogs, a cat and a small child and is fine with all of them. He loves to train and learn new things, and is currently doing basic obedience as well as puppy manners and some foundation agility.

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Dexter and Drift are 10-12 week old male kelpie pups and will be ready to go to their forever homes shortly .. these pups are not for the average pet owner.

They were left at a pound in Far West New South Wales as part of a large litter. They are both extremely confident and outgoing and very drivey pups and super cuddly. Drift is crate trained and toilet trained and sleeps in a crate at night. He is being raised with multiple dogs, a cat and a small child and is used to riding in the car. They have started their basic training as well as some foundation agility.

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