



# Newsletter

## February/March 2011



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Sue McD

Shane McD

Maya M

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Francis (2003)

Geoff (2003)

Lyndal (2005)

Sharyn (2005)

Amanda (2005)

Audrey (2006)

Jane (2010)

Julianne (2010)



### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Welcome back to training everyone. Hope you and all your four legged friends enjoyed the holidays. It has been a very wet start to the year (especially on Tuesday nights) but fortunately we have still managed to get some training in.

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April Suncoast Fundogs will be holding our first competition for the year. For those who haven't competed yet it would be a good opportunity to come along and watch to see what competing is all about. The competition starts at 12:30pm and we will be looking for volunteers to help set up before the competition and during the competition with scribing, scorekeeping, marshalling and catering. If you would like to come along and help please let me know! We will provide training for scribing and scorekeeping on a Thursday night (date to be advised).

I would like to congratulate four Suncoast Fundogs members who were presented with ADAA (Agility Dog Association of Australia) awards for their outstanding contributions to the sport of agility at both a club level and at an ADAA level. Those who received the awards were Jane, Julianne, Lyndal, and Sharyn P.

Jen

## Competition Results

### BAD Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 2010

#### Jen & Snoopy:

ROA/TY/JWOW – 1<sup>st</sup> (Q)

#### Jen & Doug

OB/TY/IS – 1<sup>st</sup>  
OA/TY/JWOW – 1<sup>st</sup> (Q)  
COA/TY/PS – 3<sup>rd</sup> (with Paula and Taizah)

#### Jen & Darryl

ROB/MD/IG – 1<sup>st</sup> (Q)  
COA/MD/PS – 2<sup>nd</sup>

**And of course the Sheepstation! Gary has it, as it wouldn't fit in my car.**

### PADS: 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2011

#### Jen & Snoopy

ROA/TY/IO (Dare to Double) – 4<sup>th</sup> (Q)  
RI/TY/JT – 1<sup>st</sup> (Q)  
ROA/TY/AT – 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Jen & Doug

OA/TY/IO (Dare to Double) – 1<sup>st</sup>  
A/TY/AT – 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Jen & Darryl

ROA/MD/IO (Dare to Double) – 2<sup>nd</sup> (Q)  
RI/MD/JT – 2<sup>nd</sup> (Q)  
RI/MD/AT – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
ROA/MD/AT – 4<sup>th</sup> (Q) – R-SAAD Title

#### Lyndal and Caper

OA/MX/AT – 1<sup>st</sup> (Q)  
OA/MX/JT – 1<sup>st</sup> (Q)

#### Jane & Rosa

I/MX/AT – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
I/MX/JT – 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Julianne & Layla

I/MD/AT – 2<sup>nd</sup>

If you would like to have your results published pls email them to...

**[j.hoey09@optusnet.com.au](mailto:j.hoey09@optusnet.com.au)**

We'd like to thank all the experienced SunCoast members for helping us walk the courses and for their encouragement and support during our first competition at PADS. We had a great time. Thank you all.

**Mika and Gary**

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 will commence..

#### PreAgility 1 (5 wk courses)

**Commencing 6.30pm**

29<sup>th</sup> March 2011

28<sup>th</sup> June 2011

#### PreAgility 2 (4 wk course)

**Commencing 6.30pm**

8<sup>th</sup> March 2011

2<sup>nd</sup> August 2011

#### Beginners (7 wk courses)

**Commencing 7.00pm**

12<sup>th</sup> April 2011

21<sup>st</sup> June 2011

#### Starters (4 wk course)

**Commencing at 8pm**

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011

31<sup>st</sup> May 2011





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

**Training Nights** - Don't forget to bring along an extra \$1 or \$2 to training each week on Tuesdays from now on. Sue has organized a raffle for each week.

Tickets are \$1 for 5 chances at winning a \$10 scratchie.

There will also be a monthly raffle \$1 a ticket for \$50 fuel voucher..

**CONGRATULATIONS !!!!**

To Gary D. who has won the monthly raffle of a \$50 Fuel Voucher. We'd also like to thank our sponsors for this raffle ...

**Elimbah Bakery**

**\*-\*-\*Attention:\*-\*-\***

Members it is YOUR responsibility to check with Nat to confirm whether training is on or not !!!

**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

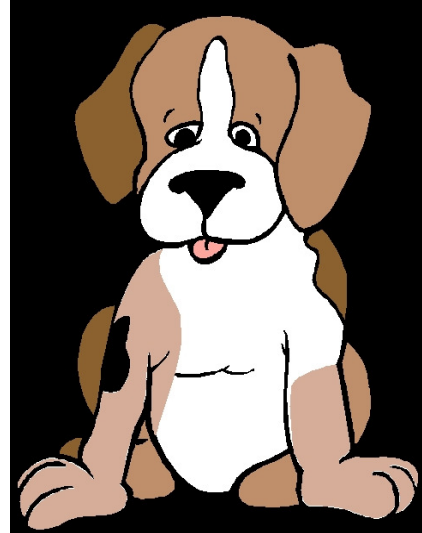


**"Maleny Agricultural Show** is on this year Friday 3rd June and Saturday 4th June. I am organising demonstrations in Agility, Dances with Dogs and Barrel Racing. Participants in these demonstrations will receive free gate passes to the show. I need to know as soon as possible those interested in participating. At this stage our time slot will be between 3-6pm on the Saturday although if anyone is available and willing on the Friday I'll also arrange demonstrations for this day. For more information or to let me know of your interest, please contact Lyn on 0408 620004 or email [lynwitts@pawtential.com.au](mailto:lynwitts@pawtential.com.au) . Thank you."

### 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

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Suncoast Fundogs now have Internet banking facilities, so all courses (Pre-Ag1, Pre-Ag2, Beginners & Starters), membership renewals & a book of training vouchers can be paid on-line. A receipt MUST be mailed through to [SCFDAccounts@yahoo.com.au](mailto:SCFDAccounts@yahoo.com.au)  
BSB 124-001

Account #: 91425065

**Individual training nights cannot be paid on-line.**

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

### New Policy: Vaccinations

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

### **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.

### **Intermediate Classes**

It has been decided that it will be compulsory for Intermediate Class participants all have a crate on training nights. Safer for the dogs, as the Instructors often want you to walk the course without your dog, and there is nowhere 'safe' to tie your dog. (i.e. wherever you tie it, some other dog can attack it). If you are carrying on to this level in Agility you are probably going to compete, and it makes everything so much easier for you at competitions if your dogs are crated. Again, please self regulate and make the Chief Instructors job easy.

### **OVERWEIGHT DOGS**

If your dog is deemed 'overweight' for Agility (See article in Dec SCFD Newsletter), then at training at SCFD you will be expected to practice at a lower height than your dog would normally complete at.

For example – if your dog is a Maxi Regular at competitions he would be required to jump 550mm. If he is overweight, then at training please train in the 400mm group.

The Chief Instructors word is final on this, as we do not want you to injure your dogs at our training nights. Please make Jen's job easier by self regulating this rule.

### **AGILITY DATES 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**  
*Adaa competition for titles – Gold Coast Qld*

**APRIL**

**02/04/11 – BAD**

*Adaa competition for titles – Carina Qld*

**16/04/11 – SCFD**

*Adaa competition for titles – Elimbah Qld*

**23/04/11 – 24/04/11 – FCAD**

*Adaa competition for titles – Fraser Coast*

**WISH NOT FOR EASE OR TO DO AS YOU  
PLEASE**

If wishes worked like magic  
And plans worked that way too  
And if everything you wished for,  
Whether good or bad for you  
Immediately were granted  
With no effort on your part  
You'd experience no fulfilment  
Of your spirit or your heart.  
For things achieved too easily  
Lose their charm and meaning, too,  
For it is life's difficulties  
And the trial times we go through  
That make us strong in spirit  
And endow us with the will  
To surmount the insurmountable  
And to climb the highest hill  
So wish not for the easy way  
To win your hearts desire  
For the joy's in overcoming  
And withstanding flood and fire  
For to triumph over trouble  
And grow stronger with defeat  
Is to win the kind of victory  
That will make your life complete..

**-HELEN STEINER RICE**

Submitted by Leslie..thank you

Following our article "Corpulent Canines" in our last edition we are pleased to advise the details of the Chris Zinc seminar.....

Full details are now available on the PADS website [www.pads.org.au](http://www.pads.org.au) for the June Seminar presented by Chris Zink & Janet Gauntt.

Janet will present a 1 Day seminar on Friday 10th June

Chris will present a 2 day seminar on June 11th & 12th .

Janet will Judge at the PADS competition on Monday 13th.

Both will have private sessions on Tuesday 14th

These are both fabulous presenters. Chris Zink is a world renowned authority on Structure and Performance : How to evaluate your dog, minimise and prevent injuries and what to do in the event of injuries. Chris will also be doing private evaluation sessions on the Tuesday after the seminar.

Janet Gauntt was a judge at WAC 2010. She has previously run an agility clinic at PADS and is a great Instructor. Her 1 day seminar is aimed at problem solving and developing handling techniques.. She will be doing private classes on the Tuesday as well

Full details available by downloading the Seminar pdf from the club website.

She was so dear to Peter and I, and we will miss her terribly, we are sad, but reconciled to the fact that she will enjoy the freedom that the "Rainbow Bridge" is supposed to bring.

Rest in Peace Zoe, our sweet sweet girl.

## ZOE



Our four legged friends hold special places in our hearts, the memories are etched into place by a myriad of events, both good and some not so good.

For those of us who do other activities with our beloved pets, we gain so much, our hearts burst with pride (at least mine does), when something that seems too difficult resolves itself.

They become our constant companions, then as in the case of my own beloved Zoe, who retired early from Agility as a result of health issues, they no longer are with us constantly, but are able to enjoy the pleasure of retirement. Zoe spent a lifetime of fighting allergic reactions to insect bites, and believe it or not "Sunshine". She retired from agility competition at 8years old, she was never a good competition dog, but she had a lot of fun and she did manage to get her AAD Title.

Zoe was going to be 14years old in a few weeks time, but sadly we had to say goodbye to her last Saturday 5th February, I would love to be able to say that she had fun right up until the end of her life, but alas this was not the case, she succumbed to blindness and deafness and had difficulty walking, but until her final day she spent her days comfortably sleeping and eating.



Zoe will be sadly missed by all of her pals at Suncoast Fundogs....RIP Zoe...

## **WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS EASTER BREAK??**

Well 2011 is well under way, pretty soon the Easter holidays will be upon us...

For those who are not sure what to do this easter how about a trip to the lovely Burrum Heads...

Nestled at the mouth of the Burrum River, approximately 30 minutes north of Hervey Bay, lies the peaceful village of Burrum Heads. A relaxed atmosphere, fantastic climate, great fishing and clean, safe beaches make the friendly coastal village atmosphere of Burrum Heads an ideal place to escape the hustle and bustle of busy city life.

Visitors can explore rivers and creeks by boat or canoe, visit secluded restaurants, drop in a line, or enjoy a quiet stroll along endless sandy beaches. There is a wealth of rental house accommodation available through the local real estate agents, as well as caravan parks and camping sites on the beachfront.

The Fraser Coast is a contrast of experiences. Throughout the region, you'll discover thriving cities, restful havens, fishing villages and historic hamlets. Each town has its own special character, just waiting to be explored.

To top it all off the **FCAD Easter Classic Agility Competition** will be held on the Easter weekend Sat & Sun, 2 days of spectacular agility dogs in action with some of the top judges, handlers and dogs in the country :))))

For those keen campers, camping will be allowed on site from Thursday - Monday nights at a bargain basement price of

\$5per adult/Per night, children camp free... For those looking for a bit more upmarket accomodation there are plenty of choices from self-contained family accommodation , bed and breakfasts and quality caravan parks.

For the dogs besides the agility action there is an awesome dog friendly beach mins away, where you can find many of the competitors early morning or afternoons, for those dogs also keen on Frisbee there will be some Disc Dog Action on the Monday, with the very first Canine Disc Easter Classic Disc Dog Competition...

This year FCAD will be looking for some full time volunteer Scribes/ScoreKeepers, so you need not have to run a dog to be part of the agility action... We are offering Free Camping for the entire weekend(Thurs-Mon Nights), plus Lunch Sat & Sun, as well as front row seats to watch some great dogs and handlers in action, in exchange for your valuable time to help the Agility Run as smooth as possible, if you would like to take up this offer please contact me [allisonbritton2@...](mailto:allisonbritton2@...) as there are only limited spots available :))).. If you have never Scribed or Marshalled before do not let that deter you from taking up this offer, training will be provided on the Friday...

Looking forward to a great Easter...

Allison Britton  
FCAD Comp Secretary









**(Nanny's dogs) and I go to Golden Beach for some fun times. Scooty likes to chase the ball, but mostly he likes to chase Lexi. I am looking forward to competing with Scooter when I am finished all my courses. I love animals; I am a real animal person. At home we have 2 cats, Travis and Mooch, and 2 dogs, Scooter and Lexi. Thanks for reading.**

## DYLAN AND SCOOTER

**Hi. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Dylan Creedon. I am 11 years old. I train a dog named Scooter. Scooty is 12 months old and he is a Jack Russell x Foxy. Now I know what you're all thinking, and yes your right, like all Jack Russells, Scooty is mischievous and sometimes a little naughty. Scooty and I are in the beginner's class and he is doing very well. My Nanny, Julianne and my Mum, Natalie also train their dogs. I have to give a big shout out to them because they always help me at dog training every Tuesday night, as well as at home. I also have to say thank you to all the trainers that have helped me get this far. I couldn't have done it without them. In the beginners class we do all kinds of fun things like the A-Frame, weave poles, jumps, tunnels and contact. I think Scooty did them well. I got Scooty from Sippy Creek Animal Refuge and I recommend people to save dogs from this particular Refuge. My Mum also got Lexi her dog from there as well. When we are not training Nanny, Mum, Scooty, Lexi, Layla, Clancy**

## Ground Rules

- U 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.
- U Flat/fixed collars and head halters **ONLY** to be used on the grounds.
- U Check chains, pinch collars etc. are **NOT PERMITTED**.
- U All dogs to be on leash unless approved by an instructor.
- U Coats must be removed from dogs before they take part in any class. (Coats can be put back on while dog is resting)
- U 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)
- U No equipment to be used, unless supervised by an instructor.
- U Harsh handling will **NOT** be tolerated.
- U **NO** bitches in oestrus allowed on the grounds.
- U All faeces ANYWHERE on the grounds must be removed by the handler and placed in the appropriate receptacle.
- U Handlers responsible for their own dog(s) **AT ALL TIMES**.
- U Handlers to accept complete responsibility for any damage done to any person, dog or property, by their dog(s).
- U 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 trees
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