

**GYMPIE DOG
OBEDIENCE CLUB
INC.**
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GDOC Newsletter

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UPCOMING TRIALS-

FEB/MARCH

Dat	Where	Day
8/2	Logan AT/JT	Fr
9/2	Logan OT/AT/JT	Sa
23/2	Sunshine Coast ROx2	Sa
2/3	Metro OT	Sa
8/3	Agility Comm AT/JT	Fr
9/3	Caboolture OT / ROx2	Sa
16/3	Jimboomba AT/JT	Sa
23/3	Brisbane ATx2/JTx2	Su
23/3	Durack ROx3	Sa
30/3	Toowoomba OT/AT/JT/ ROx2	Sa

AT/ Agility &
JT Jumpers
OT Obedience
RO Rally-O

Entries close 2 weeks
prior to trial date.

Presidents Message

It has been a tough past year for our club with so few instructors left now, but I would like to give special thanks to Stan and Nadine for coming on board as trainees.

With the reconstructed training system, to keep people interested and shortened talking time, more training time and the price changes I feel we are heading in a more positive direction.

Unfortunately I do need to again repeat the message I have given in the last few years in regards to our clubs future. We are in desperate need of more active members willing to get involved by taking a position on the committee and also by be-

coming future instructors. All clubs go through these problems over the years, people leave and new people come on board. Getting new people involved is good for the clubs, the hard part is getting them. Without these new people however, our club will fold and we do need to be aware that this risk could be a reality for us if things don't change.

To all of those willing to put in another year thank you and to anyone willing to join us I hope you will find the task rewarding as do I and I am sure the rest of the committee and instructors do as well. We cannot expect a handful of people to take on several positions the ask is just too much and we

then run the real risk of losing the people that give up the most in the interest of the club, so to any new members here please seriously consider getting more involved in our club in some way. Let's hope 2019 will see us going forward into our future.

Lastly I would just like to say a big thank you to those that give up so much of their time, usually at the expense of not training their own dogs, the committee members, instructors and those that come to the nursing homes and schools.

K Maguire President.

Trialing News

Welcome back to all of our keen dog competitors. The Australian National Kennel Club has updated rules for Agility, Obedience and Rally-O and are effective from the 1st of January this year. If you would like to download a copy to read, you can find the new rules at:-
<http://ankc.org.au/AboutUs/?id=1253>

In these documents you will find

the rules and how to perform many of the 'actions' required during a trial. Some of these are explained in further detail in the Queensland Dog World. If you have any further questions, feel free to ask one of the instructors that are currently trialing.

The club is in need of writers, stewards, and timekeepers for

our upcoming trial in April. If you are interested in helping, please write your name down on the clipboard that will be located where you sign in. No previous experience is necessary, just a willingness to help!

We would ask if you could leave your dog at home on this day.



Class 1 Update



Our February Class 1 intake consisted of 25 new dogs. We wish to extend a warm welcome to all new members and their fur babies.

As this first intake is usually so large, the instructors like to divide the group into 2 smaller groups. This allows them to be able to have enough time to be able to give individual attention during the little practice sessions if need be.

Your instructors this round are Mark Wilson (larger dogs)

and Kerry Maguire (smaller dogs). Stan will step in when needed.

As you all progress through class 1, the club endeavours to perform demonstration for you to give you a taste of what could potentially lay ahead for you and give you all the encouragement to stick with it as it can be hugely rewarding!

We are endeavouring to introduce "Give Me Space" coats to those dogs that require some space from other

dogs. This might be due to fear, aggression or simply not like other dogs (or humans) in their face. We hope to have some of these available in the next few months.

If anyone knows where we can get these printed onto the coats, we would appreciate any suggestions regarding this.



Upcoming Events

Gympie Dog Obedience

Double Agility and Jumpers Trial

When:-SUNDAY

28th April, 2019

9am Start

Where:- Gympie Show
Grounds

HELPERS NEEDED!

Class 2 Update

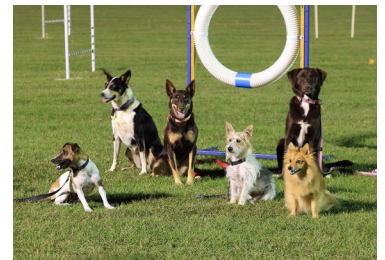
We would also like to congratulate all the previous class 1 group that have decided to continue on to the new challenges of class 2. Remember to stick with it and practice, practice, practice!

Your instructor for this round is Sam Clifford.

We are in the process of editing the class 2 manual, making sure the exercise line up with what is in our instruc-

tors manual and making sure also that we are not repeating ourselves. It is our aim to try and make your training experiences as rewarding as possible, as well as more enjoyable for you and your dog. Sometimes the exercises may seem a little repetitive, but rest assure, what may seem repetitive may be an exercise that is being extended and built upon from what you have

learned in class 1. We are also adding some more tricks and games for you and your dog to learn.



Class 3 & 4 Update

Class 3 and 4 will remain combined at the moment as we seem to be down on instructor again.

Occasionally, group 4 may break off to do some more advanced maneuvers or training for RallyO trials (instructors permitting).

By the time you have reached

this level, we hope that you and your dog are becoming a great team. At this level we also expect that your dog is responding reasonably quickly to your commands. If not...remember to stick with it and practice, practice, practice! The more time you put

into your dog, the better the outcome. Just remember that training sessions don't need to be a set formal time. Taking a few minutes during an add break or a few minutes before you put their food bowl down on the ground may be all they need each day.



Tracking Trial News

Gympie Dog Obedience Club would like to thank Debby Lamprecht for our Tracking workshop late 2018. We all had a great day and took away some great information and techniques to practice over the

summer holidays.

The tracking dogs are in preparation training for this coming year and the first tracking trial for the Gympie area will be in early May this year. If you have

an interest in this area please see Helen Lofthouse after training on Monday nights or contact her on 0417 712 699.



Connecting with the Community !

One of the weekly joys our club gets to experience is our visits to our local nursing home centers. Here we allow our dogs to interact (gently!) with the elderly residents.

What a joy to see their faces light up when they see their four legged friends come to visit them.

It is a wonderful time to reminisce about the dogs they may have had in the past. Many of them have such wonderful stories, some happy and some sad!

Residents aren't the only ones that enjoy our visits. Staff often stop for a quick chat with our dogs as well.

If you are interested in joining us please see Nic Case and he will be happy to explain the requirements.



**Some of our therapy team -
Emma & Lexi, Ann & Pippa,
Jim, Audrey & Molly, Larissa
& Skittles.**

**For
Sale**

**GDOC Office -
See Ann/Andrea**

A Variety of Items Available

- Club Shirts
- Check Chains
- Leads
- Clickers
- CCC Trial Books
(Obedience, Rally-O, Agility)
- Lure Treats



What's the difference???

In class 1 we try to give a description of the different types of collars that are used in training. Below we have given some examples of the variety that is available. The choice is very individual and is often based on your dogs requirements (eg. Do they pull).

Flat Collar



These come in all sorts of shapes and sizes and can be made from leather or fabric.



Check Chain

Used correctly, these can be a useful tool in training your dog. When used incorrectly they become the frowned upon choker chain. Please ask your instructor how to fit yours correctly.



Martingale

A martingale combines the flat collar and the check chain, without the choking potential that the check chain can have associated with it, if used incorrectly.

We do not recommend a back clip harness as they only encourage the dog to pull.



Front Connect Harness

These harnesses are available from Adelaide Pet Dog Training.

www.petdogtraining.com.au/shop-online/dog-harnesses/

(08)8272 0018 0409 991 530



Halti - for dogs that love to pull!

A Halti works by gently steering the head and therefore controlling the dog's direction of movement, making training easy and putting you, the owner, back in control.

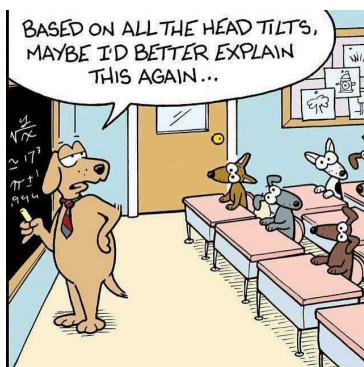
2019 GDOC Committee

President/OIC - Kerry Maguire

Vice Pres./Ass OIC - Sam Clifford

Secretary - Marianne Abrey

Treasurer - Andrea Raynel



Next Club Meeting

25th March 2019