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# GDOC Newsletter

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## UPCOMING TRIALS - 2021

	Day
18/4 Double Agility & Jumpers	Sun
19/6 Double Jumpers & Games	Sun
10/7 Double RallyO Sat & Double Obedience	

### TRACKING TRIALS

30th April, 1st and 2nd of May  
& 4th, 5th, 6th of June, both  
at Tansey

### TRACK & SEARCH TRIAL

23rd, 24th, 25th of July, in  
Gympie

### 2021 DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:



- 25th Jan 6pm Jockey Club, Dinner followed by a short general meeting
- 1st Feb Training commences
- Feb - Nov general meetings held 8pm every third Monday of the month after training.
- Oct - AGM

## Presidents Message

### PRESIDENTS REPORT 2020

Welcome everyone to our 2020 AGM, especially any new comers that we may have tonight.

It's been an interesting year for all of us. Unfortunately, the Covid virus has hit everyone hard & we are no exception, with most of the years training and trials halted because of it.

However with the new relaxed rules allowing us to start up again, the bright side to this nightmare is that we have had a major increase in new members. Now we just need to convince some to become more actively involved in our club.

I want to thank all of the committee members for putting in another year and the instructors likewise. In particular I want to thank Marianne and Helen for all the hard work they put in to getting our Covid plan up and running so that training could recommence. Marianne in particular has taken on a massive job and we are all truly grateful.

We had only some tracking trials to speak of this year thanks to the virus but I believe they were very successful. Let us hope that things will start to get back to normal next year. I know some clubs are endeavouring to have trials and it will be interesting to see how they go. It's not going to be easy unless rules become more relaxed as we really don't have the manpower to do all that is necessary to allow us to hold trials again just yet, but let's hope this won't be for long.

I realise that our committee probably isn't going to change again at this time, but if it does then I wish any newcomers a wonderful year ahead. Let us hope 2021 will only get better.

Kerry Maguire  
President

## FLYBALL

Is drag racing for dogs – two teams of dog's race against each other the first team back without any faults wins

It requires the dog to hurdle 4 jumps. Retrieve a ball from the "flyball box" and return with the ball to the handler. Dogs need to be 18 months to compete. However, puppies can be taught flyball but they are only allowed to tackle smaller jumps

To compete in a Flyball competition you must join Australian Flyball Association. Gympie Dog Obedience Club is registered with Australian Flyball Association,

GDOC team is known as "RUN FUR FUN" and has been training with the Elimbah Flyball team Orange Krush when they can.

Flyball team dogs are ... Poppy, Rose, Ruby, Eddie, Charlie, Izzy, dogs in training are Tilly, Willow, Archie



## TRAINING

1st Feb 2021

**Monday**  
Flyball training  
5.30-6.30pm

**Obedience training**  
7-7.45pm

**Wednesday**  
Agility training 5-7pm

All other training  
please contact the  
trainer involved.

**Canine Disc**  
Allison 0428 186053

**Therapy dogs**  
Nic 0403 173025

**Tracking/Scent work**  
Helen 0417 712699

All meetings and  
training cancellations  
will be posted on the  
club's Facebook page  
asap.

Or please phone  
0437 933043

## VOLUNTEERS

**Your club runs  
entirely on  
volunteers. It takes  
many volunteers so  
everything runs  
smoothly. We  
welcome any new  
help, please if you  
can help out in  
anyway, turn the  
ground lights on &  
off, help lock gates  
after training,  
support the  
instructors or be an  
assistant instructor,  
please let your  
instructor know, or  
email  
gympiedogobedienceinc@  
gmail.com**

# Agility

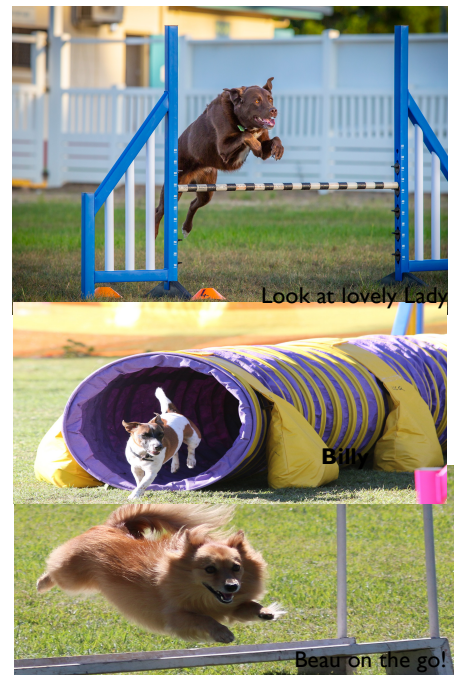
Agility is a fun sport for dogs and their owners alike – and it is a great way to keep the dogs fit and use up that excess energy which most dogs seem to have.

Dogs are eligible to compete in Agility competitions from the age of 18 months however you can start training your dog well before that (on lower jumps)

It is advisable that to do agility the dog must have some basic obedience skills, as the dog will need to work off lead, eventually.

Please be prepared to come along and help out, setting up for agility starts 5 pm

And pack up is 7 pm Wednesday, Training starts as soon as the course is set up.



# Tracking report

Gympie club organised a Covid safe plan for working bee at Tansey tracking property. Alison and Geoffrey the were the leads in this, thank you to all that participated

Evergreen tracking club held a tracking trial at Tansey. Gympie members competed and many were successful.

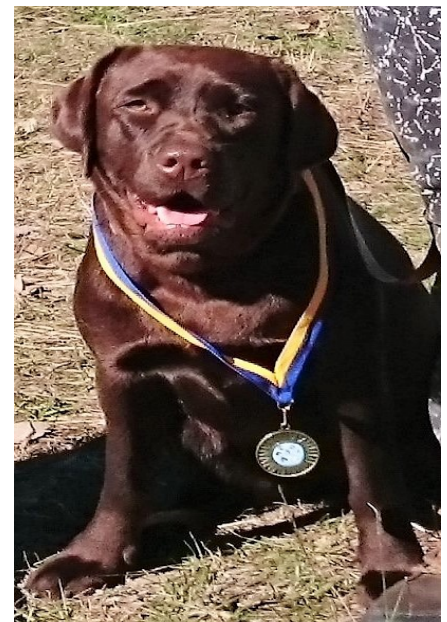
Special mention to Audrey whose poodle gained an excellent on its track and also those that attempted their first TDI tracks.

Congratulations to all that passed at the one and only tracking trial in QLD this year.

I have not sent out contracts for trials next year but I have been in contact with judges and those that had been contracted for this year are happy to have their contracts renewed for next year.

I have been in contact with Dogs Qld about what Covid information will be needed when contracts and schedules are submitted this is still not clear. As I wrote the Covid plan for evergreen club and submitted I will use the same information for the Gympie trials next year if necessary

Regards,  
Helen.



**Nina**

# 10 Fun Facts



There are hundreds of official dog breeds in the world and even more mixes and mutts than we can count. Each dog has his own unique set of characteristics and personality. But one thing is certain – these love-able and wonderful companions are fascinating creatures.

Check out some of these interesting and far-out facts about dogs.

1. Is it a duck...or a dog? The Newfoundland breed has a water resistant coat and webbed feet. This dog was originally bred to help haul nets for fishermen and rescuing people at risk of drowning.

2. It pays to be a lap dog. Three dogs (from First Class cabins!) survived the sinking of the Titanic – two Pomeranians and one Pekingese.  
Source: Vetstreet

3. A Beatles hit. It's rumoured that, at the end of the Beatles song, "A Day in the Life," Paul McCartney recorded an ultrasonic whistle, audible only to dogs, just for his Shetland sheepdog  
Source: PBS

4. Wow, check out those choppers! Puppies have 28 teeth and normal adult dogs have 42.  
Source: About.com

5. Chase that tail! Dogs chase their tails for a variety of reasons: curiosity, exercise, anxiety, predatory instinct or, they might have fleas! If your dog is chasing his tail excessively, talk with your vet.

6. Seeing spots? Or not... Dalmatian puppies are pure white when they are born and develop their spots as they grow older.  
Source: Vetstreet

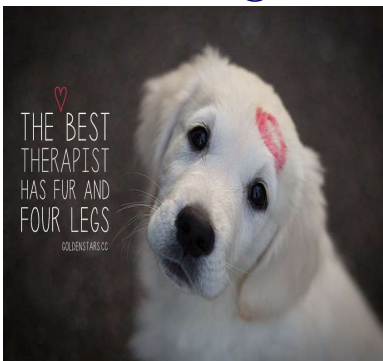
7. Dogs do dream! Dogs and humans have the same type of slow wave sleep (SWS) and rapid eye movement (REM) and during this REM stage dogs can dream. The twitching and paw movements that occur during their sleep are signs that your pet is dreaming

8. No night vision goggles needed! Dogs' eyes contain a special membrane, called the tapetum lucidum, which allows them to see in the dark.

9. Pitter patter. A large breed dog's resting heart beats between 60 and 100 times per minute, and a small dog breed's heart beats between 100-140. Comparatively, a resting human heart beats 60-100 times per minute

10. If your dog's acting funny, get out the umbrella! According to a Petside.com/Associated Press poll, 72% of dog owners believe their dog can detect when stormy weather is on the way

## Connecting with the community



Unfortunately, due to Covid 19 we have missed the joys our club members & team gets to experience without our visits to our local nursing home centres.

If you are interested in joining us please see Nic Case and he will be happy to explain the requirements and hopefully we will be able to restart not too far into the future

### CANINE DISC

**Canine Disc training is now being held at Curra Community Field Curra once a month, dates and times will be posted on the Facebook page each month.**

**If you would like a good quality Disc go to [www.thediscdogshop.com.au](http://www.thediscdogshop.com.au) Alison will deliver free into Gympie**



**For Sale**

**GDOC Office**

- New club shirts \$40
- Old club shirts \$10 limited stock available!
- Treat bags \$6
- Liver Treats \$5





## FURSAFE EMERGENCY DOG FIRST AID KIT

<https://fursafe.com.au/product-page/emergency-dog-first-aid-kit>

As dog owners, we do whatever it takes to stabilise and preserve their life after an emergency so that you can get them to the Vet, then this kit may be for you FURSAFE believe ALL dog owners should have access to the necessary first aid items needed in an emergency and that even an emergency mobile vet is more than 15 minutes away. A dog can die in 4 minutes. If you do the following: Live on a farm; work in security with service dogs; take your dog caravanning or camping; take them hiking or even boating; have a house dog or spend a lot of your time in the park - then a first aid kit like this may work for you



## Project Yellow



**Yellow ribbon/collar/ bandana/ dog vest**  
**Dogs that need more s p a c e – for whatever reason, it could be of any number of reasons, they may be very nervous around other dogs new people, recovering from injury, an old dog have sight or hearing problems. If you encounter a dog whose owner is using a yellow accessory of some kind, even yellow on the dog's crate, please respect that fact and give the dog s p a c e.**



*Please have a happy & safe  
 Christmas  
 See you all in the new year*



2020/21 GDOC COMMITTEE

President/OIC - Kerry Maguire  
 Vice Pres./Ass OIC - Sam Clifford  
 Secretary - Marianne Abrey  
 Treasurer - Andrea Raynel

