

# GDOC NEWSLETTER

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## GDOC 2023 TRIAL DATES

1st and 2nd April TT(TD1)  
30th April ATx2 JTx2

5th 6th 7th May TT

9th10th11th June TT

15th July OT RT

28th 29th 30 thJuly  
T&S

23rd 24th Sept SW

Volunteers  
needed



**FEATURED DOG**  
**IZZY**

## PRESIDENTS REPORT 2022

The year has been interesting with still huge class 1 attendees throughout the year, and as usual thinning out as we progress. Again I can only say let's hope that We have supplied them with whatever they were seeking to get when they joined up.

Trials have been down, judges are getting harder to find, however our scent trials, tracking and search and rescue are still doing well. We will have individual reports from them.

I do want to thank the handful of people who are still with us and assisting as instructors, assistants, at trials and as committee members. Our club would cease to exist without you.

Let us look to 2023 with a positive outlook and I ask that everyone tries to encourage our new members to get more involved in our club. If anyone has a suggestion as to a way that we can do this please bring it up at our meeting later tonight.

K Maguire  
President





# Are you available

GDOC ARE HOLDING AN AGILITY TRIAL ON SUNDAY 30TH APRIL

WE WOULD REALLY LOVE TO HAVE AS MANY HELPERS AS POSSIBLE

IT IS A GREAT WAY TO BE INVOLVED WITH THIS VERY POPULAR SPORT

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP PLEASE LET SAM KNOW {OR ANY OF THE

GDOC TEAM.)

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED



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# Lure Coursing



The club is pleased to introduce Lure coursing, and at This stage will be holding training days to see if your dog loves to chase.

What is Lure coursing?

Similar to Greyhound racing, however with Lure coursing generally, only one dog runs at a time.

The Lure (plastic bags) are tied to a 2mm rope that is pulled Around low-profile pulleys by an especially designed loop drag lure run by a battery and remote control.

Lure coursing was originally designed for sighthounds, However, many other breeds of dogs do love the chase.

When and where is it held?

Lure training will be held first Wednesday of the month, at the showground's main arena.

5-7pm

Who can do Lure Coursing?

Any dog with a drive for chasing is welcome, any purebred Dog or not. However, puppies under 12 months are not coursed in competition,

Puppies 6 – 12 months old may do puppy runs.

What happens during an Official Lure Field Trial?

In an official Lure Field Trial, the dogs are released On the Huntsmaster's call, and they follow the Lure around the course. Each dog is scored on it's Enthusiasm, follow, Agility, Speed and Endurance.

After the scores are totalled at the end of the day (each Dog is run twice) prizes are awarded to the 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd Dog in each breed, with the overall winner of the day getting special recognition. All points go toward the title Field Champion.

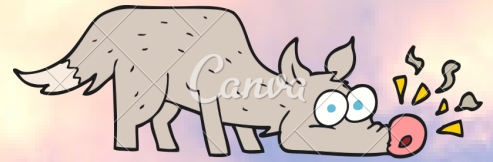
Where are the Trials held?

In Qld, Brisbane and Toowoomba.

You will need to join the Lure course club or Dogs Qld.



# TRACKING



## Tracking 2022 – Report

GDOC held 4 Tracking related trials in 2022, the first trial was a TD1 trial held at Helens property, the second two trials were full Tracking trials held at the O'Reilly property at Tansey and the third trial was a Track and Search Trial held in Gympie township.

All trials were held without incident but with the usual complications around judges, rosters and schedules. The weather did not stop any trial from going ahead although it did necessitate changes to schedules for at least two of the trials.

### New Tracking Triallists

GDOC had 3 new triallists which is a limited number considering the number of people who have attended beginner training sessions over the past 18 months but is an increase on previous years (Commonly 1 or 0 new triallists per year). Cont..



### Helpers



All trials had a strong contingent of helpers, particularly the Track and Search Trial held in Gympie what had at least 6 non-competitors assisted. This highlights the need to run trials as close to Gympie as possible.

### New Properties

Some headway has been made on locating new properties in the Gympie Area for Trials with a dairy farm in Federal already tried out and looking likely as a possible location for the TD1 Trial.

### Successful competitors

Helen Lofthouse gained a grand champion with her dog Nina in T and S which may be the first Grand Champion in this discipline from GDOC

Dan Nielsen gained a Tracking Champion with his dog Marlu and TS Dog Excellent

Simon Lofthouse and Tilley gained Excellent titles in both Tracking and Track and Search

Bernadette Tavares gained a title with her dog Sadie

Geoff and Alison Cunningham both gained TD Excellent with their dogs

Julie Fearnely and her dog Jasper earnt their first title in tracking

There may be others.

### Equipment

Significant upgrades were undertaken to Tracking Equipment with the acquisition of the clubs first lightweight set of tracking pegs (3.6kg compared to 7kg) making it easier for less able-bodied people to lay longer tracks, this first set of pegs cost \$190. Further upgrades of pegs and more lightweight sets have been built at a cost of around ~\$500 in total, partly offset by raffle money (~\$100).

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Judges are locked in for most trials in 2023 with contracts signed for 3 of the 4 trials  
It is hoped that at least one of the 2023 trials will be run at a location other than Tansey in  
2023

Dan Nielsen







# Scent Work

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REPORT – SCENTWORK Trial 17 & 18 September 2022

Our Scent work trial went well and we received positive feedback from our competitors. We had 59 entries in total and Mike Jeavons was our Judge for the day. We had some great volunteers from our local club helping on the day and a few of the visiting competitors pitched in to make it a memorable day.

On 17th September, we ran our NOVICE Interior & NOVICE Exterior elements and on the 18th, we had the ADVANCED interior & ADVANCED exterior elements.

Certificates and qualifiers were given to all dogs that passed the element and those with a 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing received a trophy and a sash.

I have been in touch with Donna Jones from Gympie Today and am hoping that there will be a write up on our trial in the paper on Friday 30 September. Hopefully we will be able to promote this sport to more people in Gympie.

Our sponsors: Everything Dogz, Bunnings and Tony Perret all gave invaluable contributions for our club raffle. We raised \$143.30. I have requested Gympie Today to acknowledge our sponsors in the article.

A special word of thanks to Marianne Abrey and Helen Lofthouse for their assistance offered in organising and running the trial with great success.

2023 Scent Work trial is 24 September Judges TBA





## 🐾POEM OF A DOG🐾

I am the one who always waits for you.

Your car has a special sound that I have imprinted on my senses and I can recognize it among a thousand.

Your steps have a magic timbre.

Your voice is music to my ears.

If I see your joy, it makes me happy!

Your scent is the best.

Your presence is what moves my senses.

Your awakening wakes me up.

I watch you sleep and for me you are my everything.

Your gaze is a ray of light.

Your hands on me have the lightness of peace and the sublime display of infinite love. When you go out, I feel a huge emptiness in my heart.

I wait for you again and again.

I am the one who will wait for you all my life today, tomorrow and always:

I am your dog ❤️





# DOG THERAPY

The last month has seen interruptions to visits with Nursing Homes shut down and in quarantine from both COVID and Gastro out breaks.

Most Centres have eased their COVID protocols by removing the need to wear masks at all times and mandatory RATS testing on each visit, by allowing us to enter as a Visitor rather than as a Volunteer.

If you are interested in doing Dog Therapy just ask anyone at the Club how to make contact. Or go to the website.



Debbie with Ruby and Gemma on a visit to Cooinda



# ***THE PAPILLON***

Papillon is a toy dog of singular beauty and upbeat athleticism. Despite his refined appearance, the Pap is truly a 'doggy dog' blessed with a hardy constitution.

Papillon fanciers describe their breed as happy, alert, and friendly. A tiny dog, measuring 200mm to 250mm at the shoulder, you can still spot a Papillon a block away thanks to the large, wing-shaped ears that give the breed its name ('papillon' is French for 'butterfly'). Some Paps have erect ears; others, known as the Phalene type, the ears are down. Paps are dainty and elegant, with a plumed tail, and a long, silky coat of several color combinations, the base color being white. More robust than they look, Paps are little dogs for all seasons and reasons. They are excellent agility dogs and are consistent winners at the highest levels.

## ***IZZY'S STORY***







Born 'Chyaree Legend' 11.11.14

Call name 'Izzy'

Izzy graduated from Gympie Dog Obedience Club puppy preschool April 2015, and then advanced through all 4 levels of obedience, plus foundation training in Agility and Flyball.

Izzy's nature always gentle and kind.

He never bullied, challenged, or snapped at another dog. If he was human, he would have been a true gentleman.

Izzy's first 18 months involved a lot of fun games in the form of training. After 18 months of training, he was ready to start competing, for the next 3 ½ years he went on to compete in three dog sports, Agility, Flyball and Rallyo, believing his favorite sport was Flyball, then Agility and Rally.

His Flyball career involved over 30 Flyball competitions making him the first dog in Gympie Dog Obedience Club to obtain Flyball titles, FD, FDX, FDCh, AFCH, FM, 5 titles in total. Finishing with the Flyball Master.

His Agility career was one of so much fun and huge achievements, traveling as far north as Rockhampton and as far south as Tamworth to compete.

One highlight was competing in the 2019 ANKC (Australian National Kennel Club) Qld States Agility trial, with 85 dogs entered from all over Qld in Open Agility, (meaning all dog compete against each other not just competing against 300mm height dogs plus part of the agility course the handler can't enter into, only the dog). Izzy successfully achieved 3 clear rounds in Open Agility to finish 4th out of 85 dogs, a huge achievement for a 300mm height dog.



His titles for  
Jumpers: JD, JDX, JDM, JDO2.  
Agility: AD, ADX, ADM, ADO  
Games: SD, SDX,  
SPD, SPDX, SPDM,  
GD, GDX,



He achieved 15 Titles in Agility.

2019 was the plan to finish his Masters Agility Games titles and start on his Championship titles, he was entered in the ANKC Agility Nationals 2020 in Western Australia .....  
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Izzy's Rallyo career was also amazing a low key dog obedience sport, he achieved 5 titles RN,RA,RE,RAE,RM  
again, the first dog in Gympie Dog Obedience to achieve all these titles.

He also competed in ADAA (Agility Dog Association of Australia) and achieved 4 titles from 12 trials. He competed in the ADAA Nations in 2019, one fun special achievement was gaining 3rd in the 24-weave pole challenge.

An amazing little papillon one Gympie Dog Obedience Club can be proud of for many years, one super special little papillon, one that will not be out done for a long long time. A Legend by name and by achievements.

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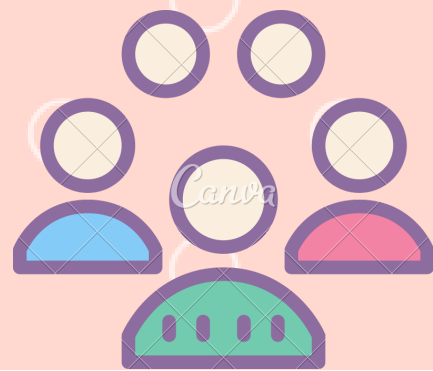
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## RSPCA School for Dogs Information Sheet

# Benefits of a Crate Trained Dog

Often thought that dog crates are only for sending your dog on a plane or at the vets? Dogs are hardwired by their genetic history to be “den” animals. Crates are dens, NOT doggy jails! There are many benefits of having a crate trained dog. The following are some scenarios that may help to convince you.

### Managing Barking

**Scenario one:** Your dog barks uncontrollably at possums and bats at night, but you don't want to bring him inside because he will chew up all the furniture. So you tolerate the barking (but your neighbours have other ideas) and you get a notice from your local council.

**Scenario two:** Your dog barks uncontrollably at possums and bats at night, so you teach him to love his crate, come inside at night and he sleeps all the way through the night because he is not disturbed by the night dwellers. He can't chew up the furniture (because he is in his crate), and you don't have to have that uncomfortable chat with your neighbours. Instead you invite them around for a BBQ.

### On Holidays

**Scenario one:** You and your partner decide to take a holiday with your dog to a dog friendly caravan park on the coast. Unfortunately when you arrive, the owners tell you that the dog isn't allowed inside the cabin (even though it said dogs OK on the brochure) because your dog is a Rottweiler and they only allow small dogs inside the cabins. You spend a sleepless night with your dog tied to the post outside the cabin, hoping that a wandering tenant doesn't walk too close to your dog.

**Scenario two:** Same as above but your dog sleeps happily in his crate on the porch and you get a good night's sleep, both of you ready to enjoy the dog beach the next day.

### Reduce Arousal Levels/Switch Off

**Scenario one:** You own a high-drive Border Collie who is so overstimulated he is bouncing off the walls. Everything sets him off including cars, possums, other dogs (particularly if they are chasing something), basically movement of any kind. You are at the end of your tether and consider surrendering your dog as you can't teach him anything.

**Scenario two:** You own a high-drive Border Collie who is now calm because you have taught him to love his crate and he will “ask” to be put in there so he can relax and switch off. You can now teach him things and channel his drive into more appropriate behaviours.

### Kids and Dogs

**Scenario one:** You have 4 kids under the age of 10, an 8 month old Labrador and are hosting a birthday party for your 5 year old (with 15 guests). The dog is overstimulated due to all the noise and accidentally knocks over the 5 year old who throws a tantrum and starts screaming. While all the fuss is happening and you're consoling the 5 year old, the Labrador jumps up onto the kitchen bench and steals the cupcakes (and knocks down the icing bowl onto his head in the process). The



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noise is unbearable and while the kids try to rescue the cupcakes, the Labrador has other ideas and races outside with 3 excited kids in pursuit. You think about taking the dog to “the farm”.  
**Scenario two:** Your Labrador is sitting happily in his crate chewing on a bone, the kids are getting excited by their impending play date, cupcakes (and dog) are safe and you are halfway to staying sane.

### Visitors

**Scenario one:** You’re racing around tidying up the house for your visitors. The dog is over stimulated by all the noise and movement, concerned by your stress and getting under your feet. Suddenly the doorbell rings (they’re early), the dog goes ballistic, you trip over him on the way to the door, when you open the door, the dog jumps all over your visitors (including your elderly aunt who screams), then you send your dog outside in disgust, who balks at the door because he doesn’t understand why you hyped him up in the first place? You’re stressed, your dog is stressed and your elderly aunt has a stern word to you about “that dog”

**Scenario two:** You have 10 minutes before your visitors arrive and your dog is happily sitting in his crate chewing on a pig’s ear. The doorbell rings, your dog may have a little bark to let you know (this is ok!), but you tell him that it’s all good, answer the door, your aunt comes inside and settles and your dog has finished his pig’s ear, you let him out and because he is so calm, greets everyone nicely and gets lavished with pats and praise!

### Stress Relief (for the shy/timid dog!!)

**Scenario one:** You have an anxious dog you have picked up from an animal shelter who has an unknown history, but you suspect that the history has been a sad one. Your dog often gets overwhelmed easily, often seems stressed and tends to pace. Your dog won’t sleep on the beds you have provided and you often find her curled up under a bed or table. She does seem to get anxious when you go out.

**Scenario two:** Your anxious dog finds comfort in a dark, warm, comfy cubby house crate that feels like a den to her. Now you can start to build her confidence knowing that she always has a safe place to go.

### New Puppy

**Scenario one:** Your kids have finally convinced you to get a puppy. You have all decided on which one and bring the puppy home with excited anticipation. Having read all the books and done a lot of research, you are fairly confident that you have the toilet training side of things down pat. However, this puppy “is not like your last one” and continually soils all over the house, even though you take him outside often. Finally, it’s the last straw when you find an accident in the lounge room, blow up at everyone because you “can’t supervise the puppy 24 hours a day!” The puppy is now convinced you are evil and decides to always go to the toilet when you’re not looking (in the bedroom).

**Scenario two:** Once you bring your puppy home, you start crate training immediately, introducing the crate as the best place ever for the puppy. The puppy loves his crate, doesn’t want to soil his “den” and waits patiently to be taken outside every 2 hours to go to the toilet. You can actually get some work around the house done (and go to the toilet without the puppy following you), and you don’t have to spend a fortune on carpet cleaners.





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### At the Vets/Rehabilitation from Injury

**Scenario one:** Your dog hates the vet. Alarming, he was chasing the ball, and did some damage to his leg. Now, your dog is facing surgery with 6 weeks “bed rest”. How is your dog going to cope being confined, let alone 3 days of it at a vet surgery?

**Scenario two:** Your dog still hates the vet, but you are feeling slightly better knowing that your dog is very well crate trained! He seems to cope well with extra crate time, and you can now spend some time thinking of great games and tricks to teach him that don’t involve a lot of activity.



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