

TOOWOOMBA

DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB INC

The Canine Courier



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# Toowoomba Dog Obedience Club Inc.

## A Few Words From the President

Welcome to the last Canine Courier for 2019. For all those who have been competing throughout 2019 congratulations on your successes and I hope it continues in 2020. I would especially like to congratulate Jacob and Indiana who only started trialing this year with his first dog Indiana. They have both done extremely well gaining 4 titles.

I would also like to welcome all the new members who have come along to train their dogs, I hope you are all enjoying this time with you pups and the club.

As most would know the Toowoomba Dog Obedience Club holds 4 trials every year and we ask for peoples assistance for stewards etc at these events. Without those volunteers it is not possible for us to hold the events. I am very grateful for all those who have volunteered their time to assist at these events and I hope you will be back next year.

We currently have a shortage of Instructors and it is putting more stress on those who do volunteer their time. If you think you would like to become an instructor we will teach you all you need to know and it will also help you to be a better handler. If you are interested please come and have a chat with myself or Darlene.

The Club holds a Xmas raffle every year consisting of several hampers. We rely on donations of non-perishable items for these hampers, if you can help with a donation for the hampers please drop it off at the clubhouse on a Tuesday night, it will be greatly appreciated. The raffle will be drawn at the end of training on the last Tuesday of November.

If you have anything that you would like to see in the Canine Courier please let myself or Elaine know and we will try to make it happen. For example you might have a great pet friendly holiday location that you would like others to know about.

Finally for all those who are going to be travelling over Christmas please drive safely, we all wish you a merry Christmas and would love to see you back in 2020. Remember to make sure your dogs have plenty of water over summer.

### **DISCLAIMER**

On occasions advice may be sought from Club Instructors/Members with respect to veterinary services, canine products and/or lodgings. The Toowoomba Dog Obedience Club Inc would like to make the public aware that any such advice is purely the opinion of that person alone. This club, whilst advertising a number of veterinary services, canine products and lodgings, in no way suggests superiority of one over another, either by stipulation

# THE COMMITTEE

President	Mr Keith McGinn
Vice President	Mr Cameron Russell
Secretary	Mrs Sue McIntyre
Treasurer	Miss Margaret Connell
Obedience Trial Manager	Mr Keith McGinn
Agility Trial Manager/Committee Member	Miss Lee Bryce
Trial Secretary	Mr Brian O'Brian
Enquiries Officer/Committee Member	Mrs Lyn Kemp
Committee Member	Mrs Karen Westwood
Committee Member/Fund Raiser/Canteen	Mrs Kristie Wheatley
Committee Member/Property Member	Mr Kevin Blake
Committee Member/Canine Courier	Mrs Elaine Blake

**ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS**



## Club Meetings

Where: Clubroom, Norman Park, Toowoomba

When: 7.00pm on the third Monday of each month

## Training

CNR OF HURSLEY ROAD AND TOR  
STREET

CLASSES: 6:30PM TUESDAYS  
(BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL)

## Membership fees for 2019

All trainees **MUST** have TDOC membership  
from the first day of training

- January to December \$10 single, \$15 family
- Training Fees \$5.00

# IMPORTANT information

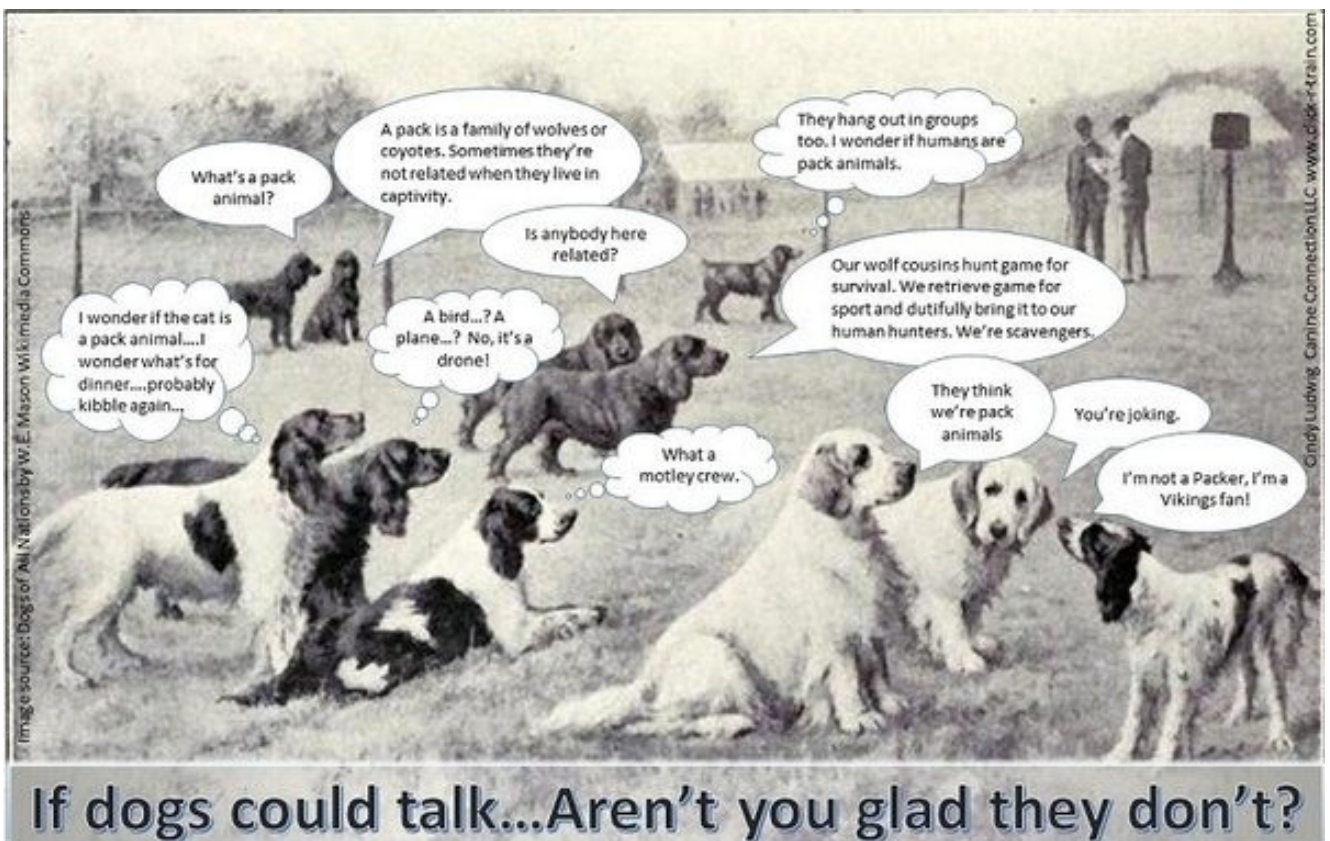
While training with Toowoomba Dog Obedience Club all dogs are required & must wear a martingale or check chain.

Failure to have your dog equipped with this will mean you are not able to train your dog that night.

Martingale & check chains can be purchased on training nights from the club window.

From June 2018 all people training with Toowoomba Dog Obedience Club must become members of Toowoomba Dog Obedience Club. This is to align us with other dog clubs in Qld.

We are always in need of volunteers to help out at our competitions held here on our Toowoomba club grounds. Please facebook TDOC or see us on a Tuesday night for more info if you are able to help.



# Class Pass requirements

## Class 2

Turns, Right, Left and 180's

Sit and stand at heel

Sit stay at end of Lead 30 Seconds

Star Heeling with no checking

## Class 3

Automatic sits

Turns, right, Left and 180's

Recall on Lead

Heel on loose lead'

Sit for exam

Sit stay to end of lead for 1 minute

Down stay at end of lead for 1 minute

## Class 4

Loose lead Heeling, no checking

Sits, downs and stands

All turns 90,180,360

Left about u turn and left about turn

Recall off lead

Stand for exam

**Congratulations to the following  
club members who have achieved titles  
in 2019**

Darlene- with Chilli Montego Chilli Peppa has achieved Rally Champion.

Keith – with Zeus has achieved Rally Novice, Rally Advance, Rally Excellent, Community Companion Dog and Campaign Dog.

Jacob – with Indiana has achieved Rally Novice, Rally Advanced, Community Companion Dog and Campaign Dog.

Lisa – with Maximus has achieved Beginner Australian Agility dog and Australian Agility Dog

**Congratulations on everyone's  
achievements**

# Respect The Lead

Your Dog may be happy to interact with others but remember that this is not the case for everyone,

If you see another dog on a lead, then respect that they may need some space.

Do

- ◆ Do check with other owners before letting your dog interact.
- ◆ Do remember that a seemingly friendly dog may lash out if approached whilst on a lead

Don't

- ◆ Don't let your dog run over to a dog which is being kept on a lead, they may be on a lead for a reason.
- ◆ Don't let your dog off the lead if you cannot easily recall them.
- ◆ Don't ignore warnings from other owners about their dog.

# Delta Dogs

What is Delta dogs: Delta dogs

Delta society Australia is a national not for profit organisation with one core belief that the human animal bond remarkably improves our quality of life and leaves a lasting paw print on our hearts.

The delta therapy dogs program is the largest of its kind in Australia. Every week Deltas amazing and devoted volunteer therapy dog teams bring joy to the lives of those who need it most. The delta teams brighten the lives of an estimated 20,000 Australians in hospitals and health care facilities.

How you and your dog can volunteer to do the program:

Do you have a good dog with a good temperament?

Do you have an hour or two to spare every week?

Are you interested in giving your time to volunteer in your local community?

Do you love talking with people about your dog?

Things you need to make sure your dog can do:

Your dog needs to be at least 18 months old and under 10 years old and fully vaccinated.

Your dog needs to walk nicely beside you without pulling

Can your dog sit and drop when asked?

Can your dog sit politely and accept a pat from a stranger

Can your dog walk through a Crowd with minimal reaction to distraction?



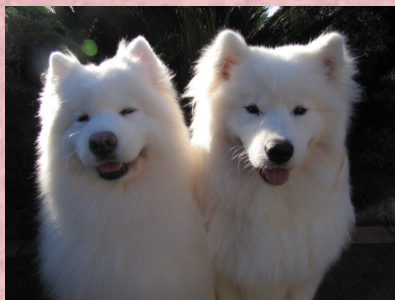
# What is required to become a Delta Therapy Team?

- ◆ Dogs must be at least 18 months old and under 10 years old with basic manners
- ◆ Dogs are required to be fully vaccinated.
- ◆ Dogs are required to be on heartworm preventative medication and treated regularly for internal and external parasites.
- ◆ Dogs are required to undergo a health assessment by their vet which will determine their suitability to physically take on the demands of visiting in the program.
- ◆ Your dog will be required to undergo temperament testing, and must pass the assessment in order to be accredited as a qualified therapy dog.
- ◆ Retesting of qualified therapy dogs is required every two years.
- ◆ Volunteers must complete a one day training session and an orientation at their assigned facility before they can commence work.
- ◆ Delta therapy dog teams will need to make a commitment for at least one year and generally visit their assigned facility once per week/ fortnight for up to 90 minutes each time.
- ◆ The preferred time for visits is generally between 9-6 weekdays and weekends.
- ◆ All volunteers who join the program are required to be police checked.
- ◆ Delta society provides volunteer, dog assessment, uniforms and insurances at no cost to our volunteers.

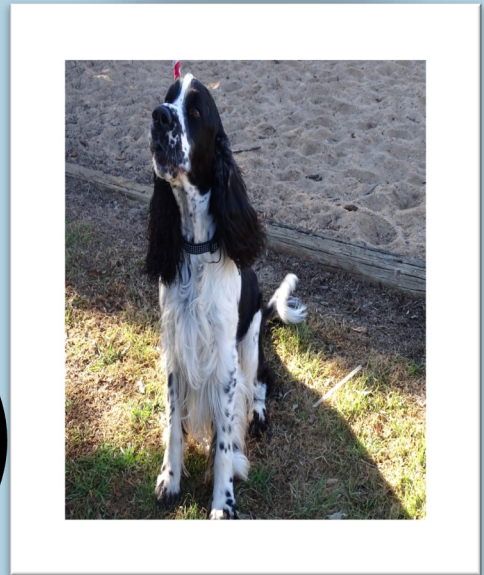
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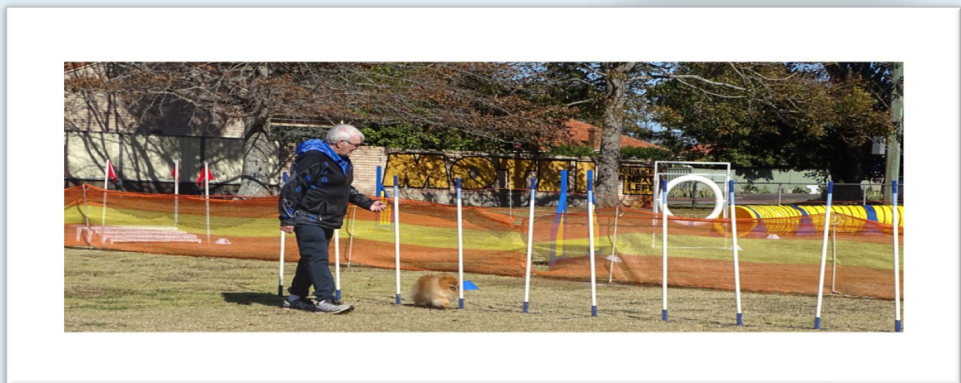
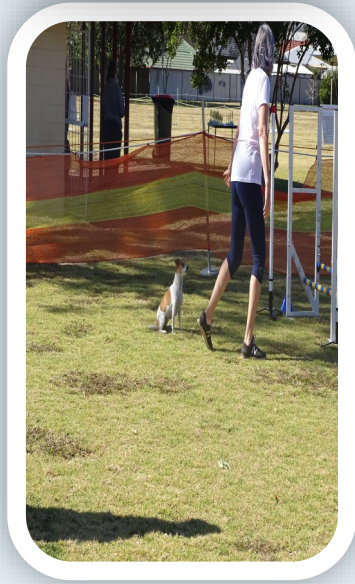
Name of Instructor: Keith McGinn

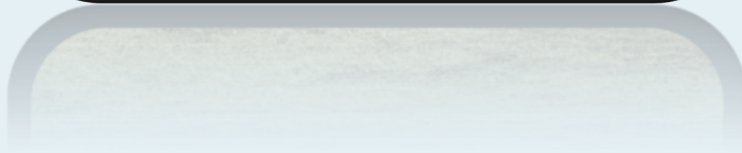
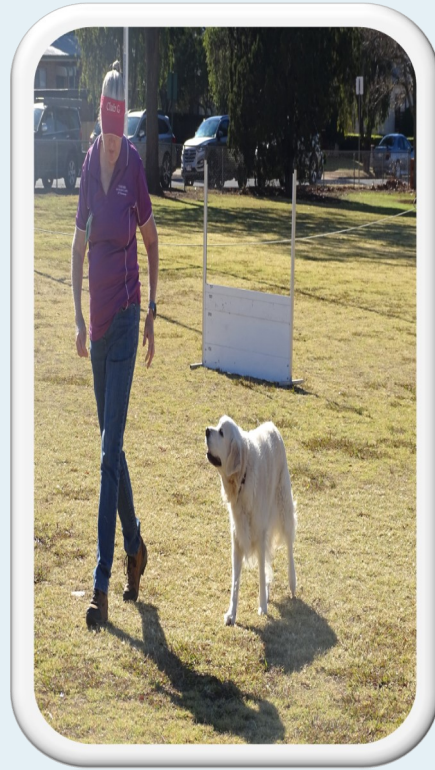
1. **How did you get involved with the club ?** I purchased a Samoyed pup over 17 years ago, her name was Misty and I wanted to learn how to train her so that she would be a well mannered pet. After being with the club for a couple of years my circumstances changed and I ceased going. Once Misty passed I got Sasha which I thought I should do the same with her. She is now 7 years old and has been going to the club since she was 6 months old. Now I get to start all over again with Zeus.
2. **How long have you been with the club?** 7 years this time and 2 years previously
3. **3. Why did you become an instructor of the club?** Sasha was at that time doing so well and I received so much encouragement from the instructors that I went on to train her. I then decided I would like to give something back to the club and to help others to achieve what they wanted to achieve.
4. **What class do you teach?** All Classes
5. **What are your best training tips for the handlers of this club?** Have patience, do not give up, **have fun** and be persistent.
6. **What Breed of dog that you own:** Samoyed
7. **Why did you choose that breed of dog?** They are a love breed which can be stubborn but very affectionate. I was first introduced to the breed when my parents brought one home from a shelter.
8. **Do you train your dog in competition?** Yes
9. **What levels have you reached in the competitions:?** Sasha has got Rally Novice, Rally Advanced, Rally Excellent, Rally Advance Excellent, Rally Masters, Rally Champion, Community Companion Dog, Companion Dog, Champion Dog Excellent and Utility Dog. Zeus has got his Rally Novice, Rally Advanced, Rally Excellent, Community Companion Dog, and Companion Dog
10. **What is your favourite thing you like to do with your dog?** Play and Train



# Trail Photos









# LOCAL VET



## **Toowoomba Veterinary Hospital**

191 Hume St Toowoomba

(07) 4632 8333

Cnr West & Herries Sts Toowoomba

(07) 4639 1733

## **West Toowoomba Veterinary Surgery**

357 West St Toowoomba

(07) 4636 2027

## **Greencross Vets Chandlers**

224 Alderley St Toowoomba

(07) 4636 2233

## **Greencross Eastwood House Vet Surgery**

51 Margaret St Toowoomba

(07) 4639 1891

## **Clifford Park Vet Surgery**

485 Tor St Toowoomba

(07) 4633 1999

## **Garden City Vet Care**

348B Bridge St Toowoomba

(07) 4633 1733

## **Herriot House Veterinary Surgery**



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