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## **“Magical Matilda”**

### **& Family**

Ian Gunst tells me he first became involved in flyball in 1995 at Hastings Obedience Club in Victoria and of course in those days everyone played flyball with a catapult box.

Matilda was too young to play so Ian started with Toby his number one boy while Matilda had to sit on the sideline and watch (something every girl finds hard to do). But when she got her turn a few months down the track she took to it like a duck to water (Maybe Ian’s found the secret to training a second dog).

In 1997 the Keilor Dog Training Club held the very first Victorian, AFA sanctioned flyball competition and everyone from all over the country turned up to race (7 teams), even Matilda, Toby and Ian. Unfortunately Ian didn’t have a team to race with so he turned up for the Fastest Dog Competition, which in those days was held usually at lunch time or after the competition was held at the end of the day. And yes we did have an Electronic Timing System even if it was home made. The name of the game was to pay \$2 for three runs with your dog and your dog’s fastest time will be recorded on a certificate for you on the day.



Matilda was also one of the stars of the show for the Incredible Dog Challenge that Pro Plan produced in 2000 and has really put the Sheltie on the map as far as flyball goes. Eight years later and Tilly’s still going strong with dad tagging along. Ian is lucky she doesn’t have her own car; I think he’d get left behind.

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### Editor's Say



Well the second edition of the Flying Times for 2005 is now in Circulation. This edition brings you another editor (not new though) and for this I will apologise. The AFA committee and I would like to thank Justin Allen for his hard work and dedication in putting together the last newsletter for the AFA members. The new format for this newsletter is a combination of Justin's and the September edition.

Remember this is your newsletter so I will endeavour to include all articles, pictures, feedback and snippets of information that are sent in. I am happy to hear from all AFA Members about anything and everything. I will also be including all information that has been updated on the AFA website during the periods between newsletters for all our members that don't currently have Internet access.

Information for the AFA Flying Times can be sent via email to: [info@flyball.org.au](mailto:info@flyball.org.au) with a subject line of "Flying Times" (Please include a small write up with each photo sent in) or information can be mailed to the AFA Flying Times via: PO Box 4054, Raceview, QLD 4305.

Happy Flyballing - Ed  
(Vicki Kennelly)

## President's Report - March 2005

The new calendar year has kicked off with a bang, the number of competitions held so far in Australia this year is living proof that "From little things Big things Grow". On behalf of many competitors who only have time to enjoy the sport I would like to thank the many people who contribute to the promotion and running of the sport of Flyball Racing be it for your Team, Club or AFA.

I would encourage everyone to read your Flying Times from cover to cover in the coming months. There is much happening and for those that read their Times there can be no surprises.

Negotiations are continuing with the ANKC through its chairperson Mr Frank Tipping. Information on any developments will be made available in the Flying Times.

Your committee from time to time implement's policy where it feels improvements can be made to safety and the smooth running of events, the AFA has a Committee Policies page on the website to keep members informed of developments in the sport. These will also be published in the Flying Times. I would encourage regular visits to the website and to pass on to your team-mates anything you think they should know.

Don't forget to organise your team for the Nationals on the June long weekend in Canberra the event organisers have a major attraction being brought over from the US. If you want up to date information to take back to your club and enhance its participation in Australia DON'T miss the NATIONALS you will be kicking yourself big time.

Steve Pitt  
AFA President

## From the Committee

### Meeting 8 March 2005

- **New Affiliated Club** – Suncoast Fundogs Agility Club.
- **Demo Policy** – New AFA Sanctioned Demonstration Policy.
- **New Judge** – Ron Richardson has been approved as a full AFA Judge.
- **New AFA Address** – PO Box 4054 Raceview Qld 4305 will replace the old address. Forms have been updated with the new address.
- **Competition organisers** – Reminder to competition organisers that they should check with the AFA Secretary ([info@flyball.org.au](mailto:info@flyball.org.au)) that all dogs entered into a competition are valid members of the AFA.
- **Timing Table** – A reminder that a small number of people can stand behind the timing table to check times, stars etc, but that they must ensure not to disturb or interfere with the time keepers. The AFA are working on a way to display times on a larger screen so that they are easier to see for all.
- **AFA Website** – We will move to a new website host, which will enable the AFA to offer a range of new services to members.

### Meeting 7 February 2005

- **NSW Regional Representative** - Appointment of Trent Shepherd as AFA NSW Regional Representative.
- **Judge's Reports** - A reminder that Judge's Reports must be received by the AFA Secretary within 48 hours of completion of a competition. If this is not possible, for example due to travelling, the AFA Secretary must be notified within 48 hours that reports are on their way, and they must be sent as soon as possible. Judge's

reports can be given to the AFA Representative, and it is then their responsibility to get them to (or notify) the Secretary within 48 hours. Judges reports should not be given to the competition organiser to return with other competition results.

- **Non-financial dogs competing** - Reminder that if any dog competes at a competition without a valid CRN, all dogs in the team will forfeit all points and placements for that entire competition.

### Meeting 10 January 2005

- **Membership Fees** - Clarification that the membership fee for all new members is \$18.
- **Resignation** - Resignation of Justin Allen from the committee. Due to time constraints.
- **Vacant committee positions** - The AFA will invite members who were nominated for the current committee (all positions) to apply to join the AFA committee following a couple of resignations. A list of the jobs that currently need to be done will be included. Applicants should indicate what skills they would bring to the committee and how these fit with the list of jobs. The current committee will appoint the new members based on these responses. This is in accordance with Section 17f of the AFA constitution *"Vacancies on the Committee may be filled temporarily by the Committee until the next Annual General Meeting and such temporary Committee members shall exercise all the rights and privileges of elected members."*
- **Confirmation of AFA membership** - The only person who can confirm

current membership status following a query is the AFA Secretary.

- **Provisional Judges Training** - A new document outlining training of Provisional Judges has been compiled (and will be placed on the AFA website).
- **AFA historian** - Anne Cockburn has been appointed as AFA Historian.

## Members Information

\* PLEASE NOTE:

**THERE ARE SOME MAJOR CHANGES TAKING PLACE.**

**Contacting the AFA:** New Postal Address:

The AFA now has a new mailing address:

**PO Box 4054  
Raceview Qld 4305**

All the AFA forms have been updated with this new address.

The AFA recently had to change our website provider. (the other one disappeared) With this done we are now working flat out to get our new website up and running for all our members to use.

First off there are new contacts emails for the AFA, this is to assist up with a faster response time for all members. All Correspondence will now be sent to your Regional Representative. They will answer your question with information that has been provided to them. If they don't have this information it will then be forwarded to the AFA Secretary to answer. In future these email addresses should not change, as they are generic and can be given to the

new regional representative voted in each year.

- ACT = Steve Smith – [act@flyball.org.au](mailto:act@flyball.org.au)
- NSW = Trent Shepherd – [nsw@flyball.org.au](mailto:nsw@flyball.org.au)
- QLD = Rosie Milton – [qld@flyball.org.au](mailto:qld@flyball.org.au)
- SA = Catherine Saberton – [sa@flyball.org.au](mailto:sa@flyball.org.au)
- VIC = Eric van Zuyden – [vic@flyball.org.au](mailto:vic@flyball.org.au)

Any written questions can be sent to the new PO Box.

The other changes for email address are under contacts at the back of the newsletter.

### FAQ's

We are also working on FAQ's (frequently asked questions) to be included on the AFA website. This will be a page of question and answers, so if you do have a question please search the FAQ's before contacting your Regional Representative.

### Points Update

Our NSW Regional Representative (Trent Shepherd) and our Webmaster (Cathy Trudinger) are madly working on adding the points to the website. At present the points on the website are the first addition and entry that was done by Vicki, Rosie and Ann in Queensland. Copies were then taken and shipped to Victoria for Cathy and Eric to do the double check.

When this has been completed the points will be updated. There are four competitions that have not been included and we are hoping to do the initial addition by the end

of March, they will then go to Victoria to be checked.

This is not a new process as this was the process for 5 of the 9 years of the AFA running and we do know it works, but there is a lot to do and it will take time.

Trent is also working rapidly on the points being included on the AFA website with some new features (I'm told it is in the testing phase). The new features will be that each current member will be able to log in and view their own dogs points and then if they wish they will be able to view all the competitions their dog competed at and how many points it earned at each competition. This is a feature being built into the current database **for website use only**.

If members could wait for the new database to go up on the website they could then check their own points per competition and they may then be able to let the AFA know which competition their dog's points were recorded incorrectly. This would speed up the process for everyone. At present it can take up to 2 hours to check points via timesheets for one dog.

Please remember that all these people are volunteers and most of them have full time jobs to do as well as the work they do for the AFA. Juggling jobs and AFA work can be difficult and very time consuming at times.

### New Membership Application Form

The 'Application for Membership' and 'Application for Membership Renewal' forms have been combined into a single 'Membership Application form' covering

both new, renewing members and additional dogs. Members should be aware that new memberships cost \$18. New members are provided with an AFA Rulebook (note that there is no option to receive a discount to the \$18 membership fee by requesting not to receive a rulebook). Second or subsequent dogs added to a membership are \$12 per dog. Renewals are \$12 per year, due on 1 July.

**New members** should apply to join the AFA at least one month before they expect to compete. New memberships take time to process, and the AFA committee must approve new members before they become financial members (as per section 8 in the AFA constitution). Competition organisers **CANNOT** accept entry forms unless a valid CRN is given for every dog entered.

**Renewing memberships** that are not renewed by 31 July will lapse and renewal will require committee approval (as per section 8 in the AFA constitution). Members should therefore allow extra time to process renewals after 31 July.

Any queries about memberships should be directed to your Regional Representative.

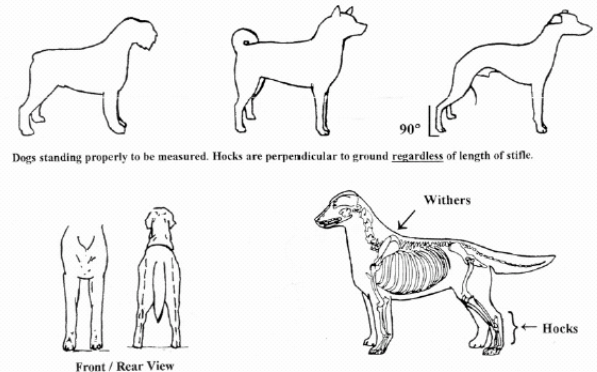
### Height cards

Handlers can avoid having to get their dog measured at every competition by getting a height card. This requires 3 measurements at the same height taken by different judges at different competitions, after the dog has reached 18 months of age and is microchipped and random microchip tests are possible.

The height card form must be handed to the judge before a measurement is made (please remember to fill out the details of the

competition before handing your height card to the judge to be signed), and provided the judge has been able to get a legal measurement with the dog standing properly, the height must be entered on the form. Height card forms are available with other AFA forms on the website [www.flyball.org.au](http://www.flyball.org.au).

### THE CORRECT STANCE FOR A DOG BEING MEASURED



The dog should not be held by the handler. When luring the dog with food make sure the head is not too high or too low.

A copy of the microchip certificate **MUST** be sent to the AFA with the completed height card form. For desexed bitches, if a copy of the desexing certificate is also sent with the application, they can be verified as desexed, and no longer need to be checked to see whether they are in season. A height card costs \$10.

**Please note: any forms not filled out correctly will be returned to sender and not accepted for processing by the AFA.**

### Limited Entry Competitions

Recently there have been a few competitions that have been 'limited entry'. This is fairly common in other parts of the world, but to date hasn't been common in Australia (but may become

more common as flyball continues to grow here).

Reasons for limiting the number of entries have included restrictions on the size of crating area, or the need to finish racing particularly early, both imposed by Event Organisers. Of course if possible it is best not to have to limit the number of entries, to allow as many teams as possible to participate.

There are a couple of requirements for limited entry competitions that host clubs should understand, and these are covered in Section 1.1 of the AFA Rules and Policies.

Competition organisers must notify the AFA when they apply for sanctioning that a competition will be limited entry. Applications for limited entries are to be submitted at least 120 days prior to the closing date. (Note that applications for unlimited competitions are to be submitted at least 60 days before the closing date).

The host club may not limit entries to less than four. In cases of limited entries, the host club must accept entries by the date received. All the entries may be from the same club (i.e. Front Runners A team, Front Runners B team, Front Runners C team, Front Runners D team etc.). However, multiple entries of the same team are to be treated as one entry until after the closing date. Any remaining openings are to be filled by the second entry for those teams that enter more than one team, followed by the third entry for those teams that enter more than two teams and so on until the entries are filled.

If you have any queries about limited entry competitions, please contact the AFA Secretary: [info@flyball.org.au](mailto:info@flyball.org.au)

## **Normal Competition**

Competition organisers need to remember to follow the AFA Rules and Policies when organising competitions. Some of the most common mistakes are:

Section 1.1 Requirements (c) All placing of teams in divisions is to be approved by the AFA.

Section 1.3 Format: The competition format shall be approved by the AFA.

Section 1.5 Competition Schedule: The competition Schedule must be approved by the AFA.

Please remember to send this information to the AFA before your competition either to your Regional Representative (who will forward this information on for record keeping after their approval) or directly to the AFA Secretary.

The other important thing, which seems to have been forgotten, is for the check for valid CRN's. All CRN's entered to a competition should be checked before the competition.

Any entry form that is missing CRN's, expiry dates or other information should not be accepted by the competition organiser and these things should be checked with the AFA.

## **Sanctioned Permits**

Application forms for Sanctioned Competitions are restricted by time entry. Please remember an Application for an unlimited competition has to be sent in to the AFA 60 days before the competition is to be held for approval. An application for an unlimited competition must be sent to

the AFA for approval 120 days prior to the competition being held.

### Competition Etiquette

Just a few pointers to remember when you are at a competition:

- Make sure you have read your rulebook before the competition and that you have some understanding of the rules.
- If you are unsure of any part of the competition or wish to clarify a rule, ensure that your team captain asks the Judge at the pre-race talk.
- Ensure that your team is assembled, ready to race as soon as the current team racing has left the ring. Remember a heat has not finished until the Judge has declared a winner and the flag raised.
- Before entering the flyball racing area, ensure that your dog is toileted. If your dog urinates or defecates in the ring, it results in immediate forfeit of that heat. It may also result in distractions for other dogs racing and can also leave the ring a smelly and unsavoury area for racing.
- If your team has finished warming up their dogs and setting their box and jumps before the Judge blows their whistle for the start of the next heat, line your team up in a way that the Judge knows that you are ready. As soon as the heat has been awarded, ensure your team is lined up and ready to race again. This will also assist with a smooth running program.
- Never throw your motivators in the ring or throw your balls into a bucket. This can result in your team forfeiting the heat after a warning by the Judge.

- Ensure that as soon as you have finished your heat you secure your dog. Do not let it run around off lead in the inbound area of the ring. Incidents can happen behind the start/finish line too. All reserve dogs must be on lead and held securely at all times while they are not racing.
- Ensure that all loose balls are picked up as quickly as possible. Ball shaggers are good at doing this. A dog going for a loose ball from the opposition which has rolled (even slightly) over the half way line (in the main racing course or in the inbound area) would be deemed as interference.
- If your dog interferes with the other team and your dog does not come straight back, go directly and get the dog so as to prevent any further stress to the other team and prevent further/escalated incidence.
- If your team is having problems with the dogs not completing the course properly, the team should possibly look at substituting a reserve dog to ensure no incidents occur.
- Dogs outside the ring should be secured, whether it is on lead with a handler or placed in a crate. Do not tie dogs to the inside or outside of the flyball ring.

**On the above note I would like to thank the owner of the border collie at the Canberra Royal that left their dog unsupervised to do a square dance on the bonnet of my car for a day because it was tied to the boundary fence going crazy so they could race their other dog.**

**I also noted similar behaved dogs at the Mudgee competition.**

**This is very dangerous behaviour in a public area. Both these dogs were left by themselves, with no supervision. Had anything happened I would hate to think of the consequences. Again please crate train your dogs. This behaviour of handlers is not acceptable at competitions. If you have dogs tied up at competitions there must be at least one person in your so called camp to supervise the dog's behaviour. This also applies to dogs in crates especially when the public can be in those areas.**

### **New Policy on AFA Sanctioned Demonstrations**

#### **Demonstration Aims & Objectives:**

As well as promoting Flyball, demonstrations play a vitally important role in assisting dogs make the transition from club training to AFA competitions. Demonstration policies aim to encourage developing dogs to attend demonstrations with a relaxed and friendly atmosphere so we have fewer incidents at sanctioned AFA competitions.

Those attending AFA sanctioned demonstrations must up-hold the objectives, rules and policies of the AFA and affiliated Clubs, to promote the sport of Flyball, its training and exhibiting of dogs, in a positive, informative, safe and entertaining manner.

#### **Insurance:**

For AFA members or honorary AFA members to be covered by AFA insurance at demonstrations, the Host Club must submit an email or correspondence to the AFA Secretary, stating the date, times, format and location of the demonstration with enough time for the AFA to approve & notify the

organiser of the sanctioning before the demonstration takes place. AFA sanctioning of a demonstration allows for all AFA members to participate and for the host club to access the EJS, should one be available, for the purpose of the demonstration. A copy of the details should be forwarded to the Webmaster for inclusion on the AFA calendar on the web. Only AFA members and honorary AFA members are covered by AFA insurance. For dogs and their actions to be covered by AFA insurance the dog must have a valid AFA Competition Racing Number (CRN). Only AFA members and dogs with valid CRN's are to participate in events in the Flyball ring for example there will be no racing of spectators against dogs.

Unsanctioned demonstrations or demonstrations limited to a single club or clubs are not covered by this policy document or AFA Insurance. The AFA advises organisers of unsanctioned demonstrations to arrange an appropriate level of insurance coverage.

#### **Format:**

The format of the demonstration shall be negotiated between the Host Club and the Event Organiser. Formats may include demonstrations of team racing; recall racing, training competences, training methods, games and tricks. Format details are to be submitted to the AFA with the request for sanctioning.

#### **Demonstration Policy statement:**

- All participants within the AFA sanctioned demonstration must be financial members of the AFA or honorary members of the AFA.
- Honorary members cannot run dogs at AFA demonstrations.

- AFA demonstrations are open to all AFA members and the EJS may be used if available.
- Competition standards may to be relaxed because demonstrations can be used as part of the training process.
- Organisers should notify participants what standards or level of competency will apply before the demonstration. The demonstration organiser has the responsibility to make the final decision on demonstration formats. Demonstration organisers will notify the AFA of format details when requesting AFA sanctioning.
- AFA Officials include the organisers, AFA committee members and AFA Judges.
- Aggression or unacceptable behaviour at demonstrations should not be tolerated. A report, including any witness statements, outlining the incident is to be forwarded to the AFA Secretary as per the AFA rules and policies. A dog/handler should be removed from the demonstration after an aggressive incident or if it likely that further participation may cause aggression. AFA officials have the power to stop a dog/handler from taking further part in a demonstration if either displays aggression or inappropriate behaviour as outlined in the AFA rules and policies.
- Where possible, action taken to minimise unfavourable behaviour should be based on a consensus of opinion between the handler and attending AFA officials. Non aggressive crossing and exiting from the ring may not be grounds for removing dogs from demonstrations unless the crossing continues to disrupt the demonstration or the behaviour is inconsistent with the advertised format.
- AFA Cards can be used as an example at demonstrations to signal to handlers what may happen at AFA competitions under similar circumstances.
- Dogs or handlers suspended or black carded for aggression from AFA competitions may NOT participate in AFA sanctioned demonstrations as per competition rules and policies.
- Where practical the demonstration area should be fenced on all sides as per an AFA sanctioned competition.
- Above all a friendly common sense approach should be taken towards all incidents at demonstrations.
- Officials, handlers and dogs need to maintain standards that leave the public with glowing views of Flyball and promote Flyball in the community.
- Participants shall at all times be courteous and friendly. At no time should they show displeasure with a dog, exhibitor, AFA official, sponsor, host or spectator, in or out of the ring.

#### **Demonstration Checklist:**

- Venue, time, date, & program confirmed with Event Organiser,
- Venue, time, date & program forwarded to AFA Secretary for sanctioning,
- Information & format about the demonstration circulated to AFA members via club reps, Flying Times, AFA website & email.

#### **Equipment checklist:**

- Tickets for everyone to get in,
- Maps of where to go & parking. (<http://www.whereis.com.au/>),
- AFA Pamphlets & someone to hand them out during the demo (these can

be downloaded from the AFA website)

- Photographer,
- Fencing (each lane has a separate entry & exit if possible),
- Jumps and jump pads,
- Boxes, with one spare (just in case),
- PA system,
- Racing Lights or EJS may be available. If using the EJS make sure you have access to an experienced operator to setup and run the EJS,
- Spruiker and information sheets,
- Boxloaders & Ball shaggers,
- Buckets and Balls,
- Spray paint and measuring tape,
- Shade, dog pools & hose, buckets & drinking water.

## Regional Reports

### ACT Regional Report

Flyball in the Act region at this time of year is full on. Clubs are busy attending demonstrations or dog's breakfasts, competitions and training. At the Dogs Breakfast organised by the Act Government at Tuggeranong the Flyball ring was shared with our Agility mates as we all promoted responsible dog ownership. The public attended in good numbers and there were lots of future Flyball dogs looking on with interest. Demonstrations are an effective way of distraction training Flyball dogs to perform in strange environments with lots of new sights, sounds and smells.

The Australia Day "Bark in the Park" Competition, which was held at Stage 88 in Commonwealth Park, was a huge success. Fencing was erected without hitting a single underground service in a well-irrigated park. I have been known to hit the odd water pipe. The weather was fantastic and the grass was thick, soft green and most importantly much

flatter than last year. We had a huge crowd in attendances all day circulating around the many activities in the park for Australia Day. We started a little late and by the half way mark the forecast was for a 6:20 finish followed by presentations. Teams were having so much fun that they elected to continue with the 5 heat races. Luckily the afternoon racing went quicker than the 1st rounds and the pack up & presentations of the limited edition X factor spirit glasses was completed before nightfall. There was a rumour that a certain AFA rep had a meeting with the PM (little Johnny) in the little boys room. No photographic evidence was obtained and the PM was not contacted for comment.

The South Coast Dog Training Club Nowra Show competition was on the same weekend at the Convoy for Cancer demo at the Queanbeyan show grounds. Thirteen teams in 3 divisions of close seed times battled it out at Nowra on an excellent grassed area. The results were decided by a number of close run offs. Judges & stewards were tested with close racing using manual starts & times. Trent worked his magic by covering the ground with clouds for the afternoon so our Canberra dogs did not suffer with the humidity. Why do dogs prefer to drink out of the brown dog pools with a sprinkling of dog hair stirred through rather than the buckets? Maybe we humans are missing a flavour experience. Meanwhile back at the "Convoy for Cancer" there was a huge splash of colour as the Pink K9 crew showed the crowds what Flyball was all about.

At the time of this report the 2 day Canberra Show was fast approaching. 26 teams in 6 divisions were poised to battle it out in 2 rings over 2 days. Voices are usually strained by the end of a one day

competition so it will be interesting to see what voice remains after 2 days.

In April over the Anzac Day long weekend there will be a 3 day Flyball event starting with a competition "Books n Balls" on the Saturday followed by 2 days of learning and socialising in Canberra. The information sessions will be held at CDC so there will be room to exercise dogs under supervision and crate dogs under cover while the handlers rest up and learn how it should be done.

Don't forget the National Australian Flyball Championships "Flyball Racing for Cancer" will be in Canberra for 2005 in June. It will be good beanie weather so X factor will have beanies on sale as part of the fund raising effort. X Factors will be hosting the Nationals for the 3rd year in a row and we are aiming to make this event the biggest and the best while raising \$10,000 for the Eden Monaro Cancer Support Group. For details watch the AFA web site as plans come together.

Attached is a picture of Toby from Australia Day doing a stylish imitation of the Kangaroos from the AFA logo or he is trying to jump the beams so that he did not break the start.

Regards, Steve Smith  
ACT Regional Representative

### **NSW Regional Report**

Welcome to my first report as the NSW AFA representative. Firstly I would like to thank Alyssa Ablitt who has resigned as NSW representative. Alyssa continues to support the AFA through answering my questions whenever I ring for advice.

Flyball in NSW has recently gone through a great growth spurt. The new teams from South Coast Dog Training Club and

Norwest Canine Club, along with the continued growth of St George and the Sydney Psychos, bring new competitors to tournaments. It is great to see these clubs growing.

The Dishlickers (South Coast) recently held their inaugural competition at the Nowra Show, which proved a great success, and we have been invited back next year. There were no less than 50 enquiries on how to get flyball started and a workshop is in the planning stages to get it up and running in Nowra.

We have recently returned from the Canberra show where teams from NSW faired extremely well. The standard of flyball continues to rise and it's great to see so many dogs and people enjoying themselves. Next weekend we are off to Mudgee for more racing and some wine tasting I am sure. Last year was the first competition at the Mudgee Show and the Show Committee and local club were tripping over themselves to invite us back.

#### **Demonstration News:**

We recently all got up at a very early hour to do a demonstration for television's "Sunrise" program. After trekking all over Parramatta Park to find a place to set up, we eventually found out the reason why animals should never work with television stars, with Diesel nearly taking out the presenter and her dog. From all reports though the flyballing looked fantastic and I would like to thank everyone for their help.

At this years Sydney Royal Show we are also providing two demonstrations, one in the main arena and the other in the wood-chopping ring. I have asked clubs reps to find suitable dogs and handlers for these events so ask your club co-ordinator for more info.

The 2005 Flyball Calendar is fast filling up with the regular events plus some exciting new ones. There is now a major competition each month here and we are receiving ever more requests for demonstrations. It's more important than ever to plan ahead, and get your entry forms filled in correctly and have them received on time. I would also encourage people to keep giving back to the sport by participating in demos, as they are essential to the continued growth of flyball.

### **Flyballing Tip:**

Keep the dog's lane clear of handlers, dogs and ball shaggers. Anyone in the inbound area lane is causing an impediment to the dog's speed and ability to find a clear space to run back into. This lane is "owned" by the returning dog and no one should be loitering in the area.

That's all for now. Go Faster Go!

Trent Shepherd  
NSW Regional Representative.

### **Queensland Regional Report**

Our last competition was 12<sup>th</sup> November 2004 and we do not hold competitions during the hottest months of December, January, February and March. This competition was held in very hot, humid conditions during the evening and was very well organized by the Doggie Devils.

All the Clubs closed down training during December/January but finished up with Christmas parties and fun days.

Two teams traveled to Canberra for the Royal Canberra Show, the Doggie Extremes and Awesome Pawsome One. Doggie Extremes came 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division 5 with a variety of dogs including a Corgi and a Miniature Poodle and Awesome Pawsome ran with 6 dogs including one untested Border Collie. Again the weather was very

hot during the day. Awesome Pawsome handlers stayed at Eagle Hawk Caravan Park, which was very good with an area to allow the dogs to run off lead. Queensland handlers are looking forward to again traveling to Canberra for the Australian Flyball Nationals in June.

Our next competition in Queensland will be held at Caboolture on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and I would like to send my congratulations to the new club for putting on this competition on their Open Day. Sue Norton of Doggie Devils has been helping them train and to organize the comp. We also have another couple of groups setting up including one at Rosewood run by Ann Coburn and another at the Sunshine Coast. More about these new clubs in the next Flying Times.

Rosie Milton  
Qld Regional Representative

### **Victorian Regional Report**

Hello all, I do hope that all flyballers around Australia had a nice Xmas, enjoying the New Year and are well and truly into their flyball season. Victorians started their flyball year off extremely early with two competitions in January, one at the Wonthaggi Agricultural Show on Jan 8 and another on Australia day Jan 26 sponsored by the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria, both these competitions did extremely well attracting huge crowds, this was followed shortly by the Melbourne Pet & Animal Expo on Feb 4,5, & 6 (see report) and a competition at the Korumburra Agricultural Show on Feb 12, this competition we actually started on time, had minimal interruptions for interferences or EJS problems and completed forty one races in five hours, it can be done, well done to the Berwick

Obedience Dog Club. So a very, very busy five weeks. Now we and the dogs can recover their energies and put them into full force at the Canberra Royal Show on Feb 26 & 27. It is also good to see the Frankston Dog Obedience club hosting a competition at the Foster Agricultural Show the same weekend as the Canberra Royal, which came very late on the flyball calendar. Wow! Where would we be without flyball?

### **Melbourne Pet & Animal Expo report**

The Melbourne Pet & Animal Expo flyball demonstration has to be one of the best demonstrations in the southern hemisphere. We only have seven competing clubs in Melbourne but a large number of dogs and their handlers are always eager to attend the Melbourne Pet & Animal Expo as huge crowds' turnout for this event. Everyone on arrival received their Bayer Advocate t-shirt and sample pack of advantage duo flea control; I must say that we all looked fantastic in our t-shirts. On the Friday the first day of the Expo, dogs and their handlers started arriving at approximately 8.00am to toilet and relax their dogs and help to set up our display stand. Our first demo was due to start at 10.30am; we had three demo's everyday of the Expo which ran on the Fri, Sat, & Sun, four teams on the Fri & Sat and 6 teams on the Sunday, all the teams were mixed and all dogs did exceptionally well including some new dogs that are ready to compete. It was a fairly busy schedule but the dogs and handlers did not care as we all had lots of fun. All of the clubs who attended inter mingled with each other to make it a great social event, and we all look forward to the Melbourne Pet & Animal Expo 2006.

I would like to especially thank Bayer Advocate for their most generous sponsorship, Exhibition Marketing Services with Tony wade-Ferrell always on hand to

help us make sure the event is travelling smoothly and to all the dogs, handlers & helpers on making this event the success it is.

Cheers, Eric van Zuyden  
Victorian Regional Representative

### **A Message from Tasmania**

Hi fellow flyballers

We finally have flyball in Tassie - our small but enthusiastic team "Tassie Flying Paws" is anxiously awaiting the new team, which is probably going to start up in Launceston when they can get a Box. They are already threatening to come down to Hobart and beat us (some hopes) so it looks exciting.

Although we are not yet able to compete here we are slowly getting more people interested in the sport. The Obedience clubs here are a bit reluctant to splash out on equipment for flyball - a big step - just as it was years ago when Agility started so we have to be patient.

Our own Hobart Canine Obedience club luckily are a bit more adventurous and bought a box. We use our own equipment such as jumps and training box so that we didn't push the club too far for money.

We are getting a few requests to do demos so we are on the move. It helps a lot when TV programs show flyball demos and gives our guys a boost when they see those dogs doing the naughties like ours do. We appreciate all the tips regarding training so keep em coming.

Will keep you all up to date on how things progress here in Tassie.

Happy flyballing.  
Dot and Derek Bavertock.



### Tassie Flying Paws

#### Second Australian FDGCh Title

At the recent Canberra Royal Show competition, Jagger, handled by Eric van Zuyden, became the second dog in Australia to earn the FDGCh title (30,000 points). Jagger runs with the Croydon Rockets and began competing in flyball at the Victorian Challenge in September 1997 (the second AFA sanctioned competition). Jagger was part of the first team in Australia to break the 20 second barrier in 1999, as well as Australian National Champions in Division One in 1999. Congratulations to Jagger and Eric.



#### Interview with Lee Heighton, Spring Loaded (U.S.A.)

*Q. Lee, you are a member of Spring Loaded, currently the fastest team in the world. What is the key to your team's success?*

A. The key to our success is great team chemistry. Our team was formed with

people that have common beliefs about the sport of flyball. We never forget that the number one reason we play is to have fun with our dogs. Our team members are very supportive of each other and we all are willing to make personal sacrifices for the good of the team.

*Q. How did you get involved in Flyball, and when?*

A. I became involved in flyball after meeting my wife, Angie, at a police K9 training facility where her team had shown up for a practice. That was in the spring of 1998.

*Q. What are your greatest achievements?*

A. Probably our greatest achievement is being able to share our techniques and beliefs with so many people, both in our own area and abroad. It is very exciting to hear from people in other countries that want to share information in an effort to make this sport better.

*Q. How many tournaments would your team attend per year? Do you travel far to attend tournaments? How often do you train at flyball?*

A. We attend about 20 tournaments a year. We normally travel about an hour to local tournaments, up to 10-14 hours for an out of region tournament. We also drive about an hour to our practice site for every practice. Our team usually trains about twice a week if it isn't a tournament weekend.

*Q. Are there any issues that are currently concerning the Flyball community in your region, like rules interpretations, events or achievements?*

A. Flyball is an ever evolving sport. We all need to adapt as our sport grows and matures. There have been so many

improvements in both training methods and technology over the past several years.

*Q. Could you tell us a bit about your own dogs?*

A. Wow, where do I start? Spring is a female Border/Staffie that is our height dog and the princess of the house. She sleeps on the bed every night and never likes to be away from Angie. Frantic is my little female Border Collie that is a very crazy little girl. Warden is my female Dutch Shepherd that is just an amazing dog. She has the most consistent box turn on the whole team and everyone that passes her looks like a superstar.

*Q. What do you see as the future challenges for flyball?*

A. The challenge for flyball is to continue to grow by finding better ways to introduce our sport to the general public. As I said earlier, this is an ever changing sport that I hope will continue to grow in popularity.

*Q. Do you think you would ever visit Australia?*

A. Angie and I have always had a dream of a trip to Australia. I don't know if we are ever going to be able to accomplish it, but it is very high on our list of things that we would love to do.

## Competition Results

### RACV Australia Day Flyball Celebration Wed 26 January 2005

#### Division 1:

1st Place - Rockets Scientists - 19.49

2nd Place - Bellarine Bandits - 20.65

#### Division 2:

1st Place - Bellarine Buccaneers - 21.81

2nd Place - Secret Weapons - 21.48

3rd Place - T'Keilor Shots - 21.62

4th Place - Berwick Bladerunners - 22.72

#### Division 3:

1st Place - Eureka Gold Diggers - 22.05

2nd Place - Thunderbolts Lightning - 22.27

#### Division 4:

1st Place - Rocket Blasters - 26.79

2nd Place - Thunderbolts Storm - 29.15

### Bark in the Park

#### Australia Day 26 January 2005

#### Division 1:

1st Place - Canberra X Factor 1 - 18.67

2nd Place - Parramatta Pandemonium - 18.56

3rd Place - Norwest Thunderdogs 1 - 19.15

4th Place - Sydney Psychos - 20.29

#### Division 2:

1st Place - Canberra X Factor 2 - 21.67

2nd Place - K-9 Krusaders - 22.16

3rd Place - Canberra X Factor 3 - 20.40

4th Place - Norwest Thunderdogs 2 - 22.84

#### Division 3:

1st Place - South Coast Screammers - 21.91

2nd Place - Parramatta Powder Works - 23.88

3rd Place - Roadrunners - 23.47

4th Place - K-9 Krusader Too - 25.35

#### Division 4:

1st Place - Speeding Bullets - 25.34

2nd Place - Chocolate Bullets - 27.85

3rd Place - Norwest Thunderdogs 3 - 28.20

4th Place - Canberra X Factor 4 - 25.28

### Korumburra Flyball Kaper, 12 February 2005

#### Division 1:

1st Place - Rockets Scientists - 18.65

2nd Place - Bellarine Bandits - 19.63

#### Division 2:

1st Place - Berwick Bladerunners - 20.78

2nd Place - Ballarat Eureka - 20.53

3rd Place - Rocket Secret Weapons - 20.97

#### Division 3:

1st Place - T'Keilor Shots - 22.60

2nd Place - Thunderbolts Lighting - 22.82

3rd Place - Howlers Hit & Run - 22.24

4th Place - Berwick Blitz - 23.55

**Division 4:**

1st Place - Eureka Gold Diggers - 23.49

2nd Place - Rocket Blasters - 24.91

3rd Place - Thunderbolts Storm - 27.87

**Nowra Show Flyball Competition,  
Saturday 12 February 2005**

**Division 1:**

1st Place - Thunder Dogs 1 - 19.06

2nd Place - Canberra X Factor 1 - 19.48

3rd Place - Sydney Psychos - 19.54

4th Place - Parramatta Pipeline - 20.53

**Division 2:**

1st Place - Dapto Dishlickers - 23.09

2nd Place - Canberra X Factor 2 - 23.27

3rd Place - St George Dragon Flies - 26.81

**Division 3:**

1st Place - Parramatta Pizzazz - 24.28

2nd Place - Roadrunners - 24.03

3rd Place - Thunder Dogs 2 - 24.94

4th Place - Thunder Dogs 3 - 27.06

5th Place - Mismatched Mutts - 25.70

**Canberra Royal Show,  
26 & 27 February 2005**

**Division 1:**

1st Place - Parramatta Pandemonium - 18.16

2nd Place - Canberra X Factor 1 - 18.87

3rd Place - Norwest Thunder Dogs 1 - 18.74

4th Place - Rocket Scientists - 19.44

**Division 2:**

1st Place - Sydney Psychos - 19.64

2nd Place - Canberra X Factor 2 - 19.78

3rd Place - Canberra X Factor 3 - 21.05

4th Place - Awesome Pawsome 1 - 20.19

**Division 3:**

1st Place - Howlers Hit and Fly - 21.70

2nd Place - Parramatta Piteous - 22.91

3rd Place - Rocket Secret Weapons - 21.89

4th Place - K-9 Crusaders - 21.68

**Division 4:**

1st Place - Norwest Thunder Dogs 2 - 23.20

2nd Place - Parramatta Pizzazz - 23.62

3rd Place - T'Keilor Shots - 22.51

4th Place - Queanbeyan Hoon Squad -  
23.09

5th Place - Parramatta Pawpedoes - 24.45

6th Place - Canberra X Factor 4 - 23.62

**Division 5:**

1st Place - St George Dragon Flyers -  
23.17

2nd Place - Mismatched Mutts - 23.66

3rd Place - Doggie Devils Extremes -  
23.39

4th Place - Speeding Bullets -24.03

5th Place - Chocolate Bullets - 26.62

6th Place - Norwest Thunderdogs 3 - 28.89

**Foster Agricultural Show  
Saturday 26 February 2005**

**Division 1:**

1st Place - Gold Diggers - 20.65

2nd Place - Bellarine Bandits - 20.79

**Division 2:**

1st Place - Berwick Blitz - 21.70

2nd Place - T'Keilor Laidbacks - 23.15

3rd Place - Thunderbolts Lightning - 22.04

**Division 3:**

1st Place - Croydon Rocket Blasters -  
24.65

2nd Place - Thunderbolts Storm - 25.83

**Mudgee Show Flyball Competition,  
Saturday 5 March 2005**

**Division 1:**

1st Place - Sydney Psychos - 20.07

2nd Place - Awesome Pawsome - 21.09

3rd Place - Parramatta Mad Mutts - 22.74

4th Place - K9 Crusaders - 20.509

5th Place - Psychos Too - 23.79

6th Place - St George - 22.36

## Calendar of Events

### AFA Sanctioned Competitions:

Date	Competition	Entries close
Sun 3 Apr 05	Suncoast & Pine Rivers Flyball Fever - Qld	23 Mar 05
Sun 3 Apr 05	Ringwood Highland Games - Vic	18 Mar 05
Sun 10 Apr 05	Hunter Trans Master Games - NSW	11 Mar 05
Sat 23 Apr 05	Books 'n' Balls Flyball Competition - ACT	15 Apr 05
Sun 24 Apr 05	Keilor - Vic	7 Apr 05
Sat 7 May 05	Geelong - Vic	
Sat 7 May 05	Hounds in the Hills - NSW	15 Apr 05
Sun 15 May 05	Million Paws Walk - Qld	
11 & 12 Jun 05	Australian National Championships, EPIC - ACT	13 May 05

### Sanction Pending

10 Sep 05	Adelaide Royal Show <i>(to be confirmed)</i> - SA Best Friend Holiday	
1 Oct 05	Retreat, Yarram <i>(to be confirmed)</i> - Vic	10 Sep 05
Sat 22 Oct 05	Euroa Flyball Euphoria <i>(to be confirmed)</i> - Vic	30 Sep 05

### Flyball Demonstrations

Date	Event	State
Mon 28 Mar 05	Sydney Royal Easter Show	NSW
Thu 31 Mar 05	Sydney Royal Easter Show	NSW
Sat 9 Apr 05	Bookham	
Sat 9 Apr 05	Brisbane City Council	Qld

16-18 Apr 05	Brisbane Pet Expo	Qld
Sat 23 Apr 05	Brisbane City Council	Qld

### Other Events

Date	Event
24 & 25 Apr 05	Flyball Seminar - ACT
Sat 23 Apr 05	Trivia Night - ACT

### Monty's Turn



### Bullets in Flight

**The Ringwood Highland Games  
"Jubilee Park" Greenwood Ave  
Melways Ref 49H11**

**Proudly hosted by:  
Sunday 3rd April 2005  
Check in 7.30am – Racing Starts at 8.30am SHARP!  
Contact Danielle Basile 9727 1931  
Croydon & District Obedience Dog Club**

**KEILOR FLYBALL CLUB  
CHARITY FLYBALL  
COMPETITION**

- **WHERE:** A. J. Davis reserve  
Melways map 15 G9
  - **DATE:** Sunday the 24<sup>TH</sup> of April 2005
  - **CLOSING DATE:** 7<sup>TH</sup> of April 2005
    - Entry Fee: \$75 per team
  - **CATERING:** BBQ Lunch included in entry fee  
Extras catered for at \$ 5 a head, free tea & coffee,  
Soft drinks and alcoholic drinks available
  - **JUDGES:** Terry Hunter, June Hunter and Catherine Saberton
  - **VETTING TIME:** 8: 30 am to 9: 00 am
    - **START TIME:** 9: 30 am
  - **TROPHIES:** There will be no trophies for any division, as any monies left over from entry fees will be donated to a dog charity
  - **VENUE DETAILS:** Car park entry via Fullarton Rd Melways map 15 G 9, Trailer Entry via Roberts Rd map 15 G 8.
    - Entries to Linda Beer P. O. Box 457  
Gisborne 3437  
Phone 54 2811 86,  
Email doggydoctor@ iprimus. com. Au
- Cheques made payable to Keilor Obedience Dog Training Club.

AFA Sanctioned Competition

**FLYBALL SEMINAR**

With Steve Pitt & Vicki Kennelly

Who is Steve Pitt: Steve is the founding president of the Australian Flyball Association, continuing to travel the world teaching Flyball, currently racing with Awesome Pawsome in QLD, and the AFA's President

Who is Vicki Kennelly, Vicki is Steve's partner and was also one of the founding members of the Australian Flyball Association; Vicki also travels the world assisting Steve with his seminars, and is currently the AFA's Supervisory Judge and Secretary.

**WHEN: Sunday 24 th April 2005** Steve will revise all Flyball training techniques, show off some new training tips

**Monday 25 th April 2005,** Steve will show some old and new advanced Flyball training techniques using the lights, Vicki will spend some time explaining the carding system and technical rules misunderstood by all. Bring your questions along. Or send them to k9sports@optusnet.com.au prior to the day.

**WHERE: ACT Companion Dog Club Grounds Jerrabomberra Ave Narrabundah**  
**TIME: 9am –4pm daily**

**COST: \$60 for 2 days \$40 for a day including light lunch sandwiches and Fruit**

**RSVP: Friday 15 th April 2005**  
**kwhi4280@bigpond.net.au**  
**0408 940824**

**TRIVIA NIGHT**  
**Great prizes to be won!!**

- Alcohol**
- Dog wash products**
- Dinner vouchers**
- Dog food**
- Holiday Voucher**

Great games to be played bring your small change

**Don't forget to invite your family, friends and workmates**

WHEN: Saturday 23 rd April 2005

WHERE: Weston Club (Royals),  
 Liardet St Weston

TIME: 7.30pm

COST: \$12 per person including hot finger food. Tables of 10

BENEFIT: For some social fun while raising money for Flyball's new training lights

Full bar facilities available during the night

RSVP: Friday 15 th April 2005  
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**How Many Dogs Does it Take to Change A Light bulb?????**



Golden Retriever: The sun is shining, the day is young, we've got our whole lives ahead of us, and you're inside worrying about a stupid burned out bulb?

Border Collie: Just one, and then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code.



Dachshund: You know I can't reach that stupid lamp!



Lab: Oh, me, me!!!!  
 Pleeeeeeeeeeze let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Huh? Can I? Pleeeeeeeeeeze, please, please, please!

German Shepherd: I'll change it as soon as I've led these people from the dark, check to make sure I haven't missed any, and make just one more perimeter patrol to see that no one has tried to take advantage of the situation.



Rottweiler: Make me.

Old English Sheep Dog: Light bulb? I'm sorry, but I don't see a light bulb!



Jack Russell Terrier: I'll just pop it in while I'm bouncing off the walls and furniture.

Cocker Spaniel: Why change it? I can still pee on the carpet in the dark.



Chihuahua: Yo quiero Taco Bulb.

Greyhound: It isn't moving. Who cares?





Pointer: I see it, there it is, there it is, right there.....



Australian Shepherd:  
First, I'll put all the light bulbs in a little circle...



Poodle: I'll just blow in the Border Collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he finishes rewiring the house, my nails will be dry.

"Dogs do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs. So, the real question is: How long will it be before I can expect some light, some dinner, and a massage?"

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### AFA TITLE POINTS

CRN #	TOTAL POINTS	CRN #	TOTAL POINTS	CRN #	TOTAL POINTS	CRN #	TOTAL POINTS	CRN #	TOTAL POINTS
1B	0	141A	2783	279A	1761	358A	11	442A	186
1C	11762	147A	41	284A	566	359A	175	443A	1687
3C	311	147B	2949	284B	1613	360A	14	443B	551
10A	1718	150A	10994	285A	369	364A	644	444A	4481
11A	660	150B	2113	286A	186	364B	99	446A	3840
28A	9065	150C	3	286B	2694	366B	1094	447A	3770
29A	11194	156A	21	286C	0	368A	11	450A	2
44B	12787	163A	106	290A	1040	369A	0	451A	314
44C	828	163B	3	296A	3691	369B	55	454A	106
45B	0	178A	34940	296B	45	371A	559	456A	49
153B	8118	178B	12390	297A	4204	372A	5673	461A	9270
58A	1831	182A	12974	299A	568	374A	5381	462A	1376
59A	2590	186A	624	304A	10356	375C	4944	462B	3607
60A	6319	187A	289	304B	2555	375E	1098	464A	6636
60B	5604	187B	883	315A	7627	378A	7064	464B	1948
60C	281	201B	7187	319A	712	378B	1222	469A	4143
67B	205	204A	621	319B	1310	382A	176	470A	513
67C	3147	215B	183	324A	10551	384A	148	470B	0
68B	5889	215C	1530	326A	7172	385B	534	472A	1028
68C	18	217A	4510	326B	34	386A	7307	472B	3873
74A	8028	234A	2803	328A	1062	387A	552	472C	954
74B	2844	234B	2243	330A	249	387B	0	478A	6127
80B	4863	239D	9077	330B	121	395A	5364	478B	192
80D	101	244A	7914	333A	10824	396A	10294	479A	322
87A	103	244B	7746	333B	372	400A	297	480A	1736
88A	2800	247A	4585	334A	1965	400B	99	483A	450
88B	8455	248A	21	336A	24682	402A	16345	485A	1746
92A	29417	250A	6271	336B	44	405A	259	485B	20
92C	11192	251B	8396	340A	709	407B	1248	488A	0
92D	9681	251C	187	342A	1951	408A	3925	489A	6237
97B	3733	253A	26876	342B	98	419A	1433	490A	326
100A	5403	254A	5109	344A	456	421A	1161	490B	97
100B	3693	262A	6511	344B	26	423A	10326	491A	712
113A	7183	262B	2539	348A	8020	423B	6079	492A	1750
115A	11473	266A	218	349A	39	431A	161	493A	235
115D	12344	270B	1297	352A	4076	431B	264	493B	252
128B	3189	271A	6958	354A	12539	433A	14	495A	12
153C	10554	271B	310	355A	3	435A	539	495B	319
136A	6557	277A	8640	357A	808	441A	4804	496A	169

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508A	2615	553A	1840	600A	6985	682A	16	740A	891	814A	125
509A	583	553B	0	601A	8495	683A	73	741A	43	815A	0
510A	382	554A	285	603A	209	685A	42	742A	110	816A	51
510C	974	554B	5241	607A	2524	686A	400	743A	118	817A	13
510D	250	556A	2470	607B	671	688A	279	744A	0	821A	60
510E	61	557A	388	608A	100	690A	881	745A	99	823A	281
510F	159	558A	2964	609A	0	692A	322	747A	5	833A	117
513A	5068	559A	4871	610A	1623	693A	99	748A	0	837A	680
515A	2329	561A	125	611A	1103	695A	69	749A	820	838A	23
516A	7556	563A	81	617A	18	696A	70	749B	820	851A	116
519A	3244	563B	20	619A	5214	699A	879	750A	820	841A	165
520A	5	564A	5824	620A	655	700A	1	751A	336	849A	83
521A	3627	569A	4896	621A	6	700B	1190	752A	30	850A	218
523A	153	569B	2937	623A	4082	702A	33	753A	253	855A	7
524A	20	570A	201	624A	30	703A	893	754A	130	856A	0
526B	235	571A	5678	625A	60	704A	0	755A	6		
528A	3965	572A	2720	625B	0	704B	0	756A	60		
530A	454	572B	1160	630A	193	705A	1241	757A	125		
531A	1495	575A	45	634A	135	706A	801	758A	161		
532A	644	576A	793	634B	213	707A	315	761A	425		
533A	156	577A	790	657A	53	710A	23	762A	465		
534A	7	577B	257	658A	1141	711A	29	763A	0		
535A	854	578A	147	659A	1043	711B	23	766A	10		
535B	501	582A	1388	660A	1635	713A	2724	767A	2913		
536A	864	583A	980	660B	570	714A	62	768A	144		
536B	1263	583B	505	662A	0	715A	939	769A	970		
538A	24	584A	206	664A	631	716A	49	771A	1596		
539A	0	588A	75	665A	651	718A	78	772A	99		
541A	66	588B	7	666A	5266	719A	177	785A	290		
542A	2567	589A	2391	668A	637	719B	45	788A	0		
543A	358	589B	4235	669A	421	724A	1400	789A	37		
544A	16	591A	75	670A	78	725A	0	795A	35		
546A	1568	592B	129	671B	0	727A	179	795B	360		
548A	2241	593B	31	672A	210	731A	456	797A	30		
548B	1967	594A	306	673A	2343	732A	106	798A	25		
549A	5130	595A	1339	674A	65	734A	1251	801A	10		
549B	0	597A	479	675A	362	736A	1	803A	14		
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## **Latest News - Flyball makes an impact in Mudgee**

Last year, the AFA was approached in relation to staging a flyball competition at the Mudgee Show to help in the promotion of responsible dog ownership in that area. For those that attended last year you may remember the depressing euthanasia rates of dogs, so it was felt that this was a good chance to help to raise money for the RSPCA and to assist the local community in raising awareness of responsible dog ownership. The organisers of last year's competition were so pleased with the results that they asked us back again. I would like to thank every one who made the recent trip to Mudgee. Teams represented this year were from St George, Sydney Psychos, Parramatta, K9 Crusaders, Awesome Pawsome and the local Mudgee club. At this year's competition we were lucky enough to hear the results of our efforts in Mudgee on the local community. I have attached an email from Christine from the Mudgee RSPCA below that sets out just how much of an impact Flyball has had in a country town. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those that started this initiative in 2004 and we hope to see it continue in the years to come. It is through your initiative that Flyball has made a direct impact on a whole region and the way it treats its dogs.

Regards

Trent Shepherd NSW AFA Rep

The statistics reported to the Dept. of Local Government for Mudgee Pound show a huge improvement in what is happening in our community. The RSPCA volunteers feel that much of this improvement is directly due to the efforts of the Flyball community. In particular, the generosity of the teams participating in Mudgee's first Flyball competition last year produced donations of approximately ten thousand dollars in donated products and even direct cash donations.

These donations enabled us to introduce a variety of programs that not only improved the lives of the dogs held at the Mudgee Council Pound, but reduced the incidents of aggression, increased adoptions, reduced euthanasia rates, and improved awareness and support for animals held at the Pound. In the last year, Mudgee's

euthanasia rate was reduced by a whopping 47 per cent. We had 253 dogs successfully rehomed. And the Council, which now considers positive reinforcement based training and management methods a "risk reduction activity" for OH&S, is also delighted because there have been no dog related injuries to Animal Control Officers. The publicity generated by last year's event has kept the issue of the Pound in the public's awareness all through the year, and we hope to continue our efforts to improve the facility and the conditions at the Mudgee Council Pound.

Mudgee's bouncing baby flyball team was so inspired by the competition earlier this month at the Mudgee Show. After almost a year of training, our future flyball racers were able to bring their dogs to a competition and see what it's all about. The Mudgee team was so impressed by the friendliness and helpfulness of all the participants, and were just blown away by how much fun everyone had. We have also been fielding enquiries from people who saw how much fun it was, and are now interested in learning how to train their dogs to participate.

One of the goals of the AFA is to support and promote responsible dog ownership in Australia. The Flyball competitions held in Mudgee have made a huge difference in our community, introducing a fun way to spend time with your dog, as well as an entirely different attitude towards training dogs. The emphasis on positive training techniques has made an enormous impact on our community. Each of our Flyball team members have become "clicker missionaries" in our community. Best of all, our members are having a blast. Flyball Racing is fun, even when we end up cold, wet and bedraggled at the end of the day!

We're all looking forward to attending a workshop soon.

Christine Hoenig