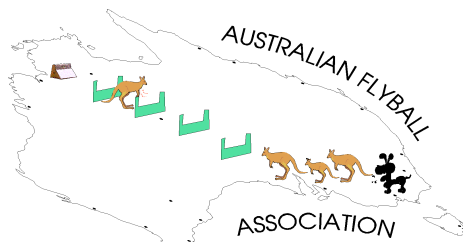


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“Callaghan” **One in a Million** *(by Samantha Aspin)*

In little under a year Callaghan has managed to become a WORLD record holder in flyball (with a little help from his friends).

Callaghan is now the first ever Irish Wolfhound in the world to gain a flyball title. He and Sam have worked hard to achieve his goal, but he got there at the Australia Day competition in Canberra by earning his FD (Flyball Dog) Title in front of hundreds of spectators who cheered and roared when he completed the last heat to gain his 5 points.

The road has not been easy for Callaghan or I. I am a realist and was not expecting miracles when I started training Callaghan but was soon surprised when he was doing full runs after only 3 or 4 months. The huge hurdle came when I had to teach him to retrieve a tennis ball. As a sight-hound he is not a natural retriever but as with



many dogs he is still food motivated and by rewarding him for very small advances I found I had the edge and was able to teach him to retrieve a ball on the ground after only a few months of very regular training sessions.

Callaghan is not my first wolfhound as I first got interested in flyball with Merlin. He, very surprisingly, was a natural retriever, but never managed to compete in flyball competition due his sudden passing at just under 4 years of age. But he always had a ball at the demonstrations that we went to.

Callaghan is always a real crowd pleaser at flyball competitions due to his size (he is 36 inches at his shoulder), suitably and distinguished laid back



manner, incredibly slow gentlemanly pace compared to most other dogs who are 100 miles an hour. He will usually complete a full flyball run in around 13 seconds and under 10 seconds on a really good day. Most flyball dogs complete a run in around 5 to 6 seconds.

Callaghan usually walks calmly down to the box, then likes to stop and look around once he gets there (just to make sure everyone is watching him), before whacking the box with his paw and trying to find the ball under his feet once it has been ejected. His return to me is usually a little faster and occasionally he does it at a good lope as he knows there is a tasty treat to be had.

Callaghan is also a good decoy for your team distracting the other team. More often than not the other dogs have never seen a dog of his before, and have been so intimidated by my gentle giant

that they just stand there, mouth agape, and refuse to run.

Callaghan is not your standard flyball dog, but he does it, and makes me a proud mum every time. It took close to 6 1/2 years of doing flyball with Merlin, Maddie my lurcher, and then with Callaghan to reach my goal of being the first person to get a flyball title with an Irish wolfhound. The fun along the way has definitely made the perseverance worth while.

I would definitely encourage anyone who trains a dog to stick with their goals. Some are just a little harder to achieve than others, but the reward is definitely worth it.

Happy Flyballing!!!
Sam and Callaghan

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Editor's Say



Well guys the Canberra Royal has been run and won along with the AFA Nationals. I must say that I was personally disappointed in the amount of unsavoury incidents that occurred during the competition. With a few similar incidents also occurring at the nationals. I would not like to attend another flyball competition and see these incidents occurring again. So everyone put it aside and get over it. Let's enjoy the fun you are having with your dog at competitions. I was however impressed with the AFA's new signature timing system and how it operates.

Remember we have one more two day competition to go this year – The Right Royal Rollick to be held on the 10th & 11 June 2006. This should make for some interesting competition and will hopefully the largest competition to held in sunny Queensland.

Also remember that the AFA is now advertising for submissions of interest for hosting the AFA Nationals for 2007. Submissions close on the 31st March 2006.

Happy Flyballing - Ed

President's Report – Jan 2006

Firstly on behalf of all AFA members I would like to thank the competition organisers of the two most recent competitions the Canberra Royal Show and National Championships hosted by Companion Dog Cub and Croydon & Districts Obedience Dog Club respectively, fantastic events.

In keeping with the committee's efforts to encourage any handler and any dog to participate in your sport the committee passed a motion to provide perpetual Champion's Trophies for all divisions competing at the National Championships, these were jointly donated by Rosie Milton (AFA Secretary), Dot (TAS REP) & Derek Baverstock & Vicki & Steve.

Signature Gear in the US delivered the next generation Electronic Judging System (EJS) on time for the Canberra Royal Show where all competitors attending had the opportunity to enjoy their investment prior to the system making its way to Victoria where it will be based.

I did not receive a single complaint about the system or the committee's decision to invest the significant sum of members funds to purchase the new EJS, Sydney have inherited the ex Victorian system providing some short term relief for event organisers in the ACT & NSW regions.

Victoria's Emma Le Crass has already kicked off the fundraising effort for future EJS acquisitions and upgrades, I would encourage other event organisers and clubs to give some thought to fund raising to enable your association to provide all competitions with the fantastic features now available in Victoria, I will add that the new system can be made available in other states for major events.

Points System - Sheree Moore on behalf of the Berwick Obedience Dog Club Flyball Team has written an article highlighting issues her club has with the new points system I would encourage all of those who have an interest in the points system to offer solutions so that your sport may further level the playing field to enable competitors to achieve recognition for excellence regardless of breed of dog.

From the Committee

Steve Pitt - President

Minutes from 6th February 2006

Start & Measuring Tapes –

Recommendation – that start tapes be allowed in the competition ring but that they be positioned to the right of the centre of the jump, but not on the centre line under the judges feet

Plastic coated steel measuring tapes be bought to accompany all EJS and that the tapes use be monitored.

Holding Back Dogs – A guideline is given to judges that, if a team holds back a dog so that it doesn't interfere, the team forfeits the heat. See below under member's information.

Minutes from 14th March 2006

Seed Times and Fastest Times

The AFA will adopt the BFA seed time ranking in its entirety.

The entry forms will be adapted to have a please explain area for changes made to team seed times. Seed times submitted for competition will also be published on the AFA website.

Provisional Judges

Prior to applying for judges status, the person must have had at least 2yrs experience by either racing or involved within the Australian flyball Association, be a full financial member of the Australian Flyball Association Inc. the application will be sent to the AFA committee for consideration and approval based on relevant experience.

Members Information

Start Tapes

The AFA Committee also discussed the use of start tapes/distance markers at length. The result of the discussions is that these tapes are allowable providing the following guidelines are used:

1. The tapes are to be placed 4 feet from the centre of the jump line to the right hand side.

They must be set equally on each racing lane.

2. The tapes are not to be placed down the centre line between the two racing lanes. This centre line is to be marked with spray paint only.

3. The tapes are to be securely fastened adequately to prevent them being a trip hazard.

Interference and Holding Back Dogs

This is a topic that has been discussed at some length in recent weeks on the forum and was discussed further at the AFA Committee meeting.

The AFA Committee have elected not to formulate a policy, but rather to issue a guideline and to allow Judges to use existing rules and policies.

The rules currently state that "training in the ring during the competition will mean a forfeit of that heat". Therefore, if a team is holding back a dog to avoid interference, the following needs to be applied:

First Incident - Team declared to be "training in the ring" and the heat will be forfeited. The Judge is to then inform the team that "if they are unable to replace the offending dog with a reserve any further incidences will result in them being declared non-competitive for the remainder of the competition".

Second Incident - Judge will declare the team non-competitive.

It was made clear at the AFA Committee meeting that holding back the dog to avoid interference should not be termed sandbagging as they are not doing so to gain an unfair advantage.

Title points for a clear run will not be awarded to any team that has held their dog/s back to avoid interference.

It is important to remind competitors that being declared non-competitive is not a negative option. Whilst the team are no longer able to win heats or earn title points, they are able to continue running the team with the option of lowering the jump height, they can continue to hold the dog back and also train in the ring to get a clear run as long as doing so does not cause a delay in the race. This can then be a positive training experience and

provide stress free training environment to the team.

Training in the ring - Collars

After the warm up period prior to a race starting no form of training in the ring is acceptable, especially negative training.

Chapter 8 – Practice Runs

(a) There shall be a designated time period for warm-ups

(b) There shall be no practice or training in the ring for the duration of the competition except for the practice runs as permitted just prior to each race. Individuals may work with the Flyball box or on jumps outside the ring provided it does not distract other teams.

(c) Training in the ring during the competition will mean a forfeit of that heat. When a team is delayed by a ring conflict, warm-ups shall not begin until both teams are present in the ring. Teams already present and waiting may set their jumps and place their box.

(d) Only dogs listed on the team's timesheet are allowed to warm up. Each dog must have a valid CRN and be eligible to compete. Any dog(s) that warm up in violation of this rule will cause the forfeiture of all AFA title points earned during the competition for all dogs on the timesheet. The team with the dog that violated this rule will also forfeit any competition placement.

(e) Flat collars and Harnesses are the only acceptable type of collar.

Part (e) of chapter 8 excludes any sort of training collar.

The current AFA committee considers that citronella collars should not be used in Flyball Training or competition, because the use of citronella collars in the ring contravenes the AFA's training in the ring rules and policies and citronella spray may interfere with dogs in and outside the ring.

Other examples would be prong collars, check chains, shock collars etc, etc. The committee believe that to get the best from any dog participating in flyball training and competition has to be a positive experience at all times for your dog. Disciplining of dogs in flyball even to the point of growling the word "NO" to your dog is not acceptable and could cause your team to be penalised.

Competition Etiquette

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

Make sure you have read your rule book 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. The judge will raise the signal flag to let the waiting teams know they can enter the ring.

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 a 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.

You are not allowed tether your dog in the ring at any point. If you are not racing, your dog must be on lead and the end of the lead must be held securely by the handler.

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

will be deemed as an incident of interference or distraction depending on where the incident occurs and could result in your team forfeiting that heat.

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.

All Stewards and timekeepers are part of our judging system. As a competitor (this includes officials on the day who are also racing dogs) you are not allowed to approach either of the above to question anything during racing. If there is a protest/problem, bring it to the attention of the judge via your team captain.

If it cannot be solved with the judge then request (don't order) the AFA Representative of the day to be called to the ring. If there is still a problem then bring in the competition organiser. Your manner of approach needs to be one of politeness and reasonable manner at all times. By approaching AFA officials in an aggressive manner you could be subject to disciplinary action by the judge, AFA Representative or Competition Organiser on the day. This will result in a report being sent to the AFA Committee for their deliberation.

If you feel you have been treated by an AFA official in a non polite/reasonable manner then you are also able to submit a letter to the AFA Committee for deliberation.

Starting of heats: Your first heat will start at the end of your change over time whether your team is ready or not. If you are not ready you will forfeit this heat. It is your responsibility to get your team organised and ready to go. Subsequent heats will be started as quickly as possible after the previous heat. It is also your responsibility to inform the judge if you are not ready. The judge will start the heat if there is no vocal objection. Silence by both teams signals to a judge that your team is ready to go. You need to listen to what is going on in the ring.

Judges and stewards (aside from their flag signal) are not obligated to advise teams when a dog is to run again, but the Judge will signal which team

has false started and when there is a double false start. Your team will need to watch for fouls against their box loader as well.

This is especially important with the new Signature System as so called manual fouls (dropped balls, missed jumps etc) are no longer signaled by the EJS but by the stewards raising their flag and/or by the Judge.

Invitation for Submissions to Host the AFA National Competition in 2007.

The AFA would like to invite all members/teams or clubs for submissions to be sent to the AFA to host the AFA Nationals in the year 2007. These submissions are open to everyone and must be received by the AFA on or before the 31st March 2006.

Judges Information

Judges please remember that when you accept or offer to do a judging appointment at a competition that you are expected to perform to a standard set by the format of the competition.

With the increasing amount of races in competition formats it is becoming more and more important for judge's at competitions to push the time delay between heats to a minimum.

Competitions now are limited by daylight hours with formats of 50 to 65 races in a day it is now more than ever important that the judges take responsibility to assure a competition organiser that they have the ability to perform their task quickly and efficiently so as to enable the competition to finish at a reasonable time.

The change-over-times are set (90 seconds to 3 minutes) but the delay between the individual heats is being increased by the slowness of some teams and judges getting ready for the next heat. This can be overcome by the judge speeding up their own process.

Example:

When you have declared the heat turn to the teams while you are walking back to your position tell the teams to "line them up" – it is at that point that the teams should inform you they are changing

dogs (teams you may have to think faster on your feet, this is a racing ring). You are then required to check with your stewards and timekeepers if they are ready – by the time you turn back to your teams and say "teams ready" the teams should be lined up and ready to go. This process may not always work but if you as a judge stick to this routine you will find that teams will become faster as the day progresses which will help in speeding up the racing.

The above wording is a must for all judges for starting heats, by not using that wording you are confusing teams and slowing the process. (There are still some judges out there that are not following procedure).

Because of the high number of races at the Canberra royal this year a criteria was supplied to each judge (Note: this was provided to judges before the format was changed) prior to the competition. See below:

Judges Information for Canberra Royal

Day 1 – Ring 1

Division 1 Judge – Catherine Saberton

Division 2 Judge – Ron Richardson

Division 5 Judge – Sue Norton

There are 66 races to get through. You will be required to keep your **average** races to 10 per hour to get through this format in 7½ hours. Not including the lunch break.

Check in time (measuring and vetting) is: **7.15am**
Racing begins at: **9am** Sharp

Change over time for Divisions 1 & 2 is 90 seconds – this must be adhered to and should take a maximum of 6 minutes per race = 10 races per hour (allowing for 5 heats to be run when necessary, as the format is best of 5 heats) which will extend to a total of 5 hours and 30 minutes of racing.

Division 5 – which will be racing in ring 1 in the morning has a 2 minute change over time but they are running only three heats. Their maximum time per races should also be 6 minutes per race allowing for general incidents. Adding 54 minutes to the total racing time.

At the end of the day the last race of each division will be run in ring 1 and put forward to the spectators as a final to add to the excitement for them and to promote our sport. Those three races should also take only 6 minutes each. Adding 18 minutes to total racing.

If these times are kept then total racing time should be 6 hours and 42 minutes.

By allowing 7½ hours for racing time this should cover any ring clashes and major incidents that may occur on the day.

It would also be wise for the judges on the day to time each race with their stopwatches to ensure they are not running over time and make a note of the time in their notebooks.

Day 1 – Ring 2

Divisions 3 & 4 Judge – Vicki Kennelly

Divisions 3 & 4 Provisional Judge – Trent Shepherd

Division 5 Judge – Sue Norton

There are 50 races to get through. You will be required to keep your **average** racing in division 3 & 4 to 7 minutes per race (as there will be training of a new judge involved) totalling 5 hours of racing. In division 5 you will be required to keep your races to 6 minutes per race rounding off to 50 minutes of racing. This totals 5 hours and 50 minutes of racing in ring 2, not including the lunch break.

Check in time (measuring and vetting) is: **7.15am**
Racing begins at: **9am** Sharp

Change over time for these divisions is 2 minutes. Division 5 will only be racing in ring 2 after the lunch break.

Day 2 – Ring 1

Divisions 3 & 4 Judge – Vicki Kennelly

Divisions 3 & 4 Provisional Judge – Trent Shepherd

Division 5 Judge – Sue Norton

There are 55 races to get through. You will be required to keep your **average** racing in division 3 & 4 to 7 minutes per race (as there will be training of a new judge involved) totalling 5 hours and 35 minutes of racing. In division 5 you will be

required to keep your races to 6 minutes per race rounding off to 50 minutes of racing. This totals 5 hours and 50 minutes of racing in ring 2, not including the lunch break.

Check in time (measuring and vetting) is: **7.15am**
Racing begins at: **9am** Sharp

Change over time for these divisions is 2 minutes. Division 5 will only be racing in ring 2 after the lunch break.

At the end of the day the last race of each division will be run in ring 1 and put forward to the spectators as a final to add to the excitement for them and to promote our sport. Those three races should also take only 6 minutes each. Adding 12 minutes to total racing.

Day 2 – Ring 2

Division 1 Judge – Catherine Saberton

Division 2 Judge – Ron Richardson

Division 5 Judge – Sue Norton

There are 61 races to get through. You will be required to keep your **average** races to 10 per hour to get through this format in 7½ hours. Not including the lunch break.

Check in time (measuring and vetting) is: **7.15am**
Racing begins at: **9am** Sharp

Change over time for Divisions 1 & 2 is 90 seconds – this must be adhered to and should take a maximum of 6 minutes per race = 10 races per hour (allowing for 5 heats to be run when necessary, as the format is best of 5 heats) which will extend to a total of 5 hours and 30 minutes of racing.

Division 5 – which will be racing in ring 1 in the morning has a 2 minute change over time but they are running only three heats. Their maximum time per races should also be 6 minutes per race allowing for general incidents. Adding 54 minutes to the total racing time.

At the end of the day the last race of each division will be run in ring 1 and put forward to the spectators as a final to add to the excitement for them and to promote our sport.

If these times are kept then total racing time should be 6 hours and 24 minutes.

By allowing 7½ hours for racing time this should cover any ring clashes and major incidents that may occur on the day.

It would also be wise for the judges on the day to time each race with their stopwatches to ensure they are not running over time and make a note of the time in their notebooks.

The above was the first time I believe this had been done. I would like to encourage more competition organisers to do this for their judges. This lets them know what it expected from their performance and will also assist competition organisers in choosing the best judge for the job.

I would also like to make the suggestion that judges on a monthly basis go through the rule book to keep themselves up to date as possible with the AFA Rule and Policies. You will also be able to check the new judge's manual which will be posted to the AFA website next week, this will be available to any member of the AFA to view and print. The judge's manual will be updated on a regular basis to keep judges up to date and give them as much information as possible to assist them in their position as judges.

Club & Team Coordinators

Competition Ring Size

This is the third call for competition organisers to advertise the actual ring size that will be available at their competition.

There are teams now that require a run off area of 75 feet or more. This is due to their start dogs starting at the 70 foot mark. If as a competition organiser you can supply your ring size with your competition details on the AFA website this will enable these teams to either change their training prior to your competition so they can compete or change their team selection prior to your competition so they will not have problems on the day ie; running into the fence at the back of the ring which then becomes a safety issue.

Some competitions will be limited by the area that has been allocated for the flyball ring by event

organisers but if teams are pre-warned ie; the ring size being placed on the website they can race train their team prior to attending the competition.

Timesheets

Please **DO NOT** submit timesheets to the AFA with Tabs stuck on them. These tabs rip the original timesheets when they have to be removed.

Transfer of information on timesheets is done by document scanners to speed up the process. Timesheets can not be fed through the feeders on the scanners if there are tabs stuck to them. The last lot of tabs ripped the timesheets and became a problem as the timesheets then had to be taped back together which would not feed through the scanner cleanly. This has now delayed the processing of those timesheets.

If you must use tabs on original timesheets then please remove them carefully before submitting them to the AFA.

Seed Times

On the AFA Website there is a list of fastest times for each team. This has not been updated for some time, but there is no time like the present to get it done. This list will be updated with teams fastest run times at all the competitions a team has competed at for the last four months. This update is estimated to take one month.

This will allow competition organisers to check seed times submitted by teams when they enter competitions. If a team has submitted a slower seed time than their fastest time that is listed on the website they will be requested on the new entry form to explain why their seed time is different. Their explanation could be as simple as the dogs in the team for that particular competition have changed.

When competition organisers submit their competition results to the AFA webmaster they will also have to submit the seed time from the entry form as well as the fastest time that the team ran on the day.

Title Points

Below is the explanation on how to calculate the title points on timesheets. The most common error is awarding the bonus win point to teams that did

not complete their heat with four dogs. This is incorrect.

point if they win that heat. They cannot receive the bonus point unless they have completed the heat with four dogs. (Exceptions are below).

A team get 1 title point if they complete the heat with four dogs. They will receive a bonus title

Calculation of Title Points under the New Title Points System

Timesheets:

The AFA has produced new timesheets for the implementation of the new Title points system, which can be downloaded from the AFA website – forms section as a template or a pdf file. The top section of the timesheets very much the same as the old ones. What has changed is:

Dog's Name	CRN	Jump Height	Handler Name	Breed	Y D/H	R D/H	B D/H	Total Points
1								
2								
3								
4								
5								
6								

In the above section the AFA is requesting that the timekeepers record any cards issued to be in the format of putting a “D” in either the Yellow, Red or Black card column if the card is issued to a dog and “H” in the appropriate column if the card is issued to a handler. (Note: A Judges Incident Report should be submitted for each notation in this area).

The AFA has also noted on the timesheet that no official write in any of the greyed areas. This is where the competition organiser will add up the title points for each dog and write this number in the greyed area. This records the Title points gained in the competition for each dog. Then complete the spreadsheet for forwarding to the AFA webmaster.

*****Please indicate four dogs for each heat --- incorrect indication could result in no points being awarded*****
PLEASE DO NOT WRITE IN ANY GREYED AREA – THESE AREAS ARE TO BE USED BY THE COMPETITION ORGANISER ONLY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
L	Heat	Versus	Dog	Time	M	4	Result	Any Use	Points
	1 of 5		1 2 3 4 5 6	_____	M	4	W L T	_____	
	2 of 5		1 2 3 4 5 6	_____	M	4	W L T	_____	
	3 of 5		1 2 3 4 5 6	_____	M	4	W L T	_____	
	4 of 5		1 2 3 4 5 6	_____	M	4	W L T	_____	
	5 of 5		1 2 3 4 5 6	_____	M	4	W L T	_____	

The section of the new timesheet where heats, races and times are recorded will look like the above example. It is filled out the same as the old one (an example of a completed timesheet is in Appendix A).

1. Left or right racing lane will be marked.
2. Heat numbers.
3. Who each race is against.
4. The dogs racing will be circled as normal.
5. Times are required to be written down to .000 (a thousandth of a second, ie: 21.598).
6. “M” is circled when a manual time is used for a heat.
7. “4” is circled by the timekeeper when only 4 dogs have completed the heat successfully. (This is important as it will mean that the team will be entitled to receive 1 Title point for that heat).

8. "W" "L" "T" will be circled if the team Win (W), Loose (L) or Tie (T) a heat.
9. The next column (Any Use) is for anything that needs to be recorded ie: CRN of dog that interfered etc.
10. The Grey column headed "Points" is for exclusive use of the competition organiser and will record the Title Points for each heat. (an example of a completed timesheet is in Appendix A)

Points are calculated as follows:

Section 11.1 Points – New Title Points System – Transition to new Points System to take place on the 1st January 2006.

Teams racing in an AFA sanctioned competition will receive 1 point towards their flyball title for each dog racing in that heat when all four dogs complete the heat correctly without requiring any reruns. If that team wins the heat each dog running will receive another 1 point towards their Flyball title.

The above AFA Rule will require the competition organiser to look through each timesheet and record 1 Title point in the greyed point's column of the timesheet if the number "4" is circled next to a heat. The competition organiser will record 1 bonus title point if the heat with the "4" circled has the "W" circled also.

A heat that does not have the "4" circled but has the "W" circled the team is not entitled to the 1 bonus point.

Deviations from the above rule are below:

New Points System

- **How the calculation of Title Points works for teams that have been interfered with.**

AFA Policy:

If a team is interfered with, the team gets one bonus title point for the win and no points for the completion.

Teams that have had a heat stopped by the Judge for interference and have been awarded the win for that heat will be entitled to receive 1 bonus point for the win of that heat but will not receive a title point for the completion of that heat.

New Points System

- **How the calculation of Title Points works for teams that Breakout.**

AFA Policy:

Under the new points system, a team that has broken out three times in a competition can only win a maximum of one title point per heat completed with four dogs.

Teams that breakout in a heat will forfeit that heat but will only be entitled to 1 title point for every breakout heat completed with four dogs (ie; the number 4 is circled).

Prior to forfeiting their place in the competition and excluding other breakout heats, title points will be awarded as normal. ie: 1 title point for completion of a heat with four dogs and 1 bonus point if they win the heat with the completion of four dogs.

Appendix A - Sample Timesheet

- **Race 1**

Heat 1 - Hell Runners completed the heat with four dogs but did not win. 1 title point awarded and 0 bonus point.

Heat 2 - Hell Runners completed the heat with four dogs and won that heat. 1 title point and 1 bonus point awarded.

Heat 3 - Hell Runners completed the heat with four dogs and won that heat. 1 title point and 1 bonus point awarded.

- **Race 2**

Heat 1 – Hell Runners did not finish (DNF) 0 title point awarded and 0 bonus point awarded.

Heat 2 - Hell Runners completed the heat with four dogs and won that heat. 1 title point and 1 bonus point awarded.

Heat 3 – Hell Runners won that heat but did not complete it with four dogs, so 0 title point awarded and 0 bonus point.

- **Race 3**

Heat 1 – Hell Runners did not complete the heat because the judge called interference by the other team. They receive 1 bonus point for the win.

Heat 2 - Hell Runners completed the heat with four dogs and won that heat. 1 title point and 1 bonus point awarded.

Heat 3 – Hell Runners completed the heat with four dogs but did not win so they receive 1 title point and 0 bonus point.

- **Race 4**

Heat 1 - Hell Runners completed the heat with four dogs and won that heat but had the wrong dogs circled, therefore 0 title point awarded and 0 bonus point.

Heat 2 - Hell Runners completed the heat with four dogs but did not win so they receive 1 title point and 0 bonus point.

Heat 3 - Hell Runners completed the heat with four dogs but forfeited the heat because they broke out so they receive 1 title point and 0 bonus point.

- **Race 5**

Heat 1 - Hell Runners completed the heat with four dogs but did not win so they receive 1 title point.

Heat 2 – Hell Runners caused interference to the other team and the judge stopped the race. They receive 0 title point and 0 bonus point.

Heat 3 - Hell Runners completed the heat with four dogs but did not win so they receive 1 title point and 0 bonus point.

- **Race 6**

Heat 1 – No dogs were circled in this heat, so no title point can be awarded.

Heat 2 - Hell Runners completed the heat with four dogs but did not win so they receive 1 title point and 0 bonus point.

Heat 3 – Hell Runners did not complete the heat with four dogs and they lost so 0 title point and 0 bonus point.

- **Race 7**

Heat 1 - Hell Runners did not complete the heat with four dogs and they lost so 0 title point and 0 bonus point. The time recorded was also a manual time, indicated by the fact the M is circled on the timesheet.

Heat 2 - Hell Runners completed the heat with four dogs but they lost. So 1 title point and 0 bonus point was awarded. Again a manual time was recorded.

Heat 3 - Hell Runners completed the heat with four dogs and won that heat. So 1 title point and 1 bonus point was awarded. A manual time was recorded.

- **Race 8**

Heat 1 – No Time was recorded and a handler in the Hell Runners team received a yellow card. They automatically lost the heat and 0 title points and 0 bonus points are awarded.

Heat 2 - Hell Runners completed the heat with four dogs but forfeited the heat due to a break out. So they receive 1 title point and 0 bonus point.

Heat 3 - Hell Runners completed the heat with four dogs and won that heat. 1 title point and 1 bonus point awarded. A manual time was recorded.

AFA C-2 Form 3 Heat Time Sheet - ver 15 Dec 2005

Competition:	Lost Owners	Judge:	Shelbe Right
Date:	01/07/3000	Division:	23
Team:	Hell Runners	Seed Time:	20.123
Captain:	Boris Carloff	Break Out Time:	19.123

	Dog's Name	CRN	Jump Height	Handler Name	Breed	Y D/H	R D/H	B D/H	Total Points
1	Brutus	2020A	16"	Boris Carloff	Bull Mastiff				15
2	Rufus	3030A	16"	Red Buttons	Ridgeback X				22
3	Chainsaw	4040A	16"	John Wayne	Bull X	D			22
4	Shed	6060A	16"	Howard Hawks	Shepherd X				12
5	Roxanne	7070A	13"	Maureen O'Hara	Bull Terrier	H			17
6									

Please indicate four dogs for each heat — incorrect indication could result in no points being awarded
PLEASE DO NOT WRITE IN ANY GREYED AREA – THESE AREAS ARE TO BE USED BY THE COMPETITION ORGANISER ONLY

L	Heat	Versus	Dog	Time	M	4	Result	Any Use	Points
1	Right	Hounds from Hell	①②③④⑤⑥	21.605	M	④	W L T		1
	2 of 3		1 ②③④⑤⑥	20.978	M	④	W L T		2
	3 of 3		①②③④⑤⑥	20.439	M	④	W L T		2
2	Left	Kitty's Gang	①②③④⑤⑥	DNF	M	4	W L T		-
	2 of 3		1 ②③④⑤⑥	20.548	M	④	W L T		2
	3 of 3		1 ②③④⑤⑥	33.260	M	4	W L T		-
3	Right	Werewolves	①②③④⑤⑥	INT	M	4	W L T	9102A	1
	2 of 3		①②③④⑤⑥	20.869	M	④	W L T		2
	3 of 3		①②③④⑤⑥	21.179	M	④	W L T		1
4	Right	Pussy Willows	1 ②③④⑤⑥	21.121	M	④	W L T		-
	2 of 3		1 ②③④⑤⑥	21.429	M	④	W L T		1
	3 of 3		①②③④⑤⑥	19.113	M	④	W L T	BO	1
5	Left	Jail Breakers	①②③④⑤⑥	19.233	M	④	W L T		1
	2 of 3		1 ②③④⑤⑥	INT	M	4	W L T	4040A	-
	3 of 3		①②③④⑤⑥	21.632	M	④	W L T		1
6	Right	Kool Kats	1 2 3 4 5 6	21.202	M	④	W L T		-
	2 of 3		1 ②③④⑤⑥	20.638	M	④	W L T		1
	3 of 3		①②③④⑤⑥	24.793	M	4	W L T		-
7	Left	Dog's Rule	①②③④⑤⑥	25.816	M	④	W L T		-
	2 of 3		1 ②③④⑤⑥	24.617	M	④	W L T		1
	3 of 3		①②③④⑤⑥	23.121	M	④	W L T		2
8	Left	Bourbon Benders	①②③④⑤⑥	No Time	M	4	W L T	7070	-
	2 of 3		①②③④⑤⑥	19.013	M	④	W L T	BO	1
	3 of 3		①②③④⑤⑥	19.923	M	④	W L T		2

Place:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	④ th	5 th	6 th	Best Time:	19.013
Judge:	D. Ryzak						AFA Rep:	B. H. 2000

Book Review

Canine Massage and Stretching – Improve your dog's performance

Author - Jörn Oleby

For a competing dog full mobility is essential for the dog to perform at its best. As canine physiotherapist I treat dogs with muscle, tendon, joint and ligament related problems and injuries and have experienced how massage and stretching improves performance.

Massage and stretching improve the quality of your dog's life. The dog may apart from running faster be able to enjoy the natural agility of youth for many more years of its life. Massage and stretching are no replacements for visits to the vet but they do help prevent injuries occurring. They are a complement to daily training and diet and are suitable for all dogs regardless of breed, age or size.

Background.

The fundamental rule for massage and stretching is that they are suitable for healthy dogs. Should any physical problems arise you should not apply massage and stretching since this could make the problem worse. Always consult your vet if you are unsure.

The main purpose of massage and stretching is to maintain and improve mobility, increase the blood circulation and have a relaxed and happy dog.

If a dog has shortened musculature or muscle tensions, pressure accumulates across the joints and this impairs mobility. Regular massage and stretching help prevent strain injuries. Impaired mobility is a contributing factor in muscle related problems and can, in the long term, lead to a number of different types of injury.

We should aim to achieve a balance in the musculature. Injury can be caused by training your dog too much with too little rest between training sessions. The muscles become tired and tense. Another dog might have poor stamina due to lack of exercise. The muscles atrophy, becoming smaller and weaker. A weak muscle is more easily tired and more easily injured.

If your dog is already suffering from an injury you should be extremely careful. Since the muscles have limited elasticity and blood flow, there is a great danger that the injury will be aggravated. Secondary problems may also arise if you continue to train the dog. When a muscle ceases to function as it should, other muscles take over and try to compensate. This can result in excessive strain or imbalance and new injuries.

Other causes of tension and stiffness might be psychological. The dog may have a tendency to become stressed in different situations. A nervous dog is tense and finds it difficult to relax.

If you learn how to massage and stretch your dog you also learn about its body and musculature. You can compare how the muscles feel and are better able to identify tension and impaired mobility.

Performing dogs.

You could compare your dog's performance to an athlete in a 100 or 800 metres race. For instance we know that a professional athlete is training hard to perform competitively. As an owner of a performing dog we also train our dog hard to perform well. When the competition starts and the dog is away it reaches a high speed in a few seconds. We want our dog to be first crossing the finishing line. To achieve that, our dog needs to get into shape for a competition or active season. The physical training is a specific, goal oriented approach used to achieve our goal. Some performing dogs are trained in various ways using cycling, swimming or by running on sandy surfaces and in hilly terrain. For our dogs to perform the best they also need to stay healthy and to avoid injuries such as ruptures, chronic inflammations and stress fractures. Too much training when the dog has insufficient time to rest and recover can cause injuries.

A performing dog, just as an athlete, is pressed hard and the muscles, tendons, joints or ligaments are liable to injuries. This all makes the preventive care so much more important. To perform well we need our dogs to stay healthy and their mobility to be good.

When it comes to the professional athlete he or she has a team of physiotherapists, masseurs and doctors helping him or her to make the outmost

performance. The same approach is also very common in horse racing probably because of the big earnings in keeping the horse healthy.

You now have the opportunity to learn more about massage and stretching and to prepare your dogs better for racing.

Massage.

Massage is by far the best treatment for reducing muscle tension and the recovering period is reduced. You can progress faster with tougher training if you integrate massage and stretching because the muscles are assisted in the work of increasing the absorption of nutrients and the removal of lactic acid. Massage also extends the tissues and muscles we are unable to reach through stretching.

Massage and stretching will give you a relaxed and better performing dog.



Text to picture 1

“The greater part of the pressure you exert should be applied by the flat hand although your thumb and fingers are also engaged in manipulation.”

Stretching.

Stretching is when you extend an extremity towards its ultimate position, in other words you separate the muscle's root and insertion, holding this position for a moment. With stretching you work up good mobility in the muscle and around the joints and you also reduce the pressure on the joints.



Text to picture 2

“Hold the dog's elbow with one hand, grasping the wrist with the other. Move the leg forward and upwards, stretching the elbow joint and the flexor muscles of the foreleg (shoulder joint). “

How to use this knowledge in competitions?

First remember that the dog should have warmed up and exercised before starting the competition. I also strongly recommend that you allow your dog to wind down after the competition before any stretching activities.

Here is a check list that could be used before the competition.

- Let the dog walk slowly for a while and then increase the tempo for 2-3 minutes.
- Let the dog trot for 2-3 minutes.
- Let the dog gallop for one minute.
- Then let the dog make some short explosive moves.
- Let the dog wind down a little by going back to trotting and then walking.

Warming up does not tire the dog but rather increases blood circulation and warm up the muscles ensuring that the joints are lubricated and more supple. The dog is now ready to perform.

After the warm up you could also easily test your dog's mobility using the eight most common stretching grips. You should be sensitive to your dog's signals. The dog should not experience any discomfort. If it does, don't hesitate to contact the vet.



Text to picture 3.

“Place one hand directly above the knee joint and the other hand on the lower part of the leg around the hock joint. Lift the leg upwards so that the knee is bent. Push gently upwards and backwards with the hand positioned above the knee joint.”

After completing the competition let the dog wind down and then carefully do some stretching exercises. And when you come home, reward the dog with massage and you will get a happy performing dog ready for new challenges.

Massage and stretching is an essential and low cost investment in your dog's health and future competitions.

Jörn Oleby, author of the book "Canine Massage and Stretching – A Dog Owners Manual". Pictures used from the book.

You can find the book at these places:

UK: www.amazon.co.uk

USA: www.puplife.com

South Africa: www.petspublications.co.za

Australia: www.agilityclick.com

Kelly



Hi! My name is Kelly and I am a red and tan Kelpie. I am 14 months old and I have been in training now for 12 months and love the sport of Flyball.

I am hoping to be allowed to enter my first competition soon, so keep your eye out for my first comp. Let me tell you there are no flies on me and I'll give you a run for your money (if I can keep it all together). At present I am still in training and train every Friday night.

Cheers Kelly the Kelpie

VP - Report

Congratulations to Emma Le Cras and the Croydon Team for successfully hosting the 2006 Nationals at the Ringwood Games. Having the Nationals at the huge festival was a great promotion for our sport. The "heat wave" in Melbourne really tested the dog's stamina and cooling off in between racing was critical. There were lots of "hot handlers and hot dogs" at Ringwood.

The crowds of spectators and handlers enjoyed seeing the racing times on the large display boards from the new signature EJS.

Next month the AFA Committee will decide on the venue for the 2007 national and we already have two bids to consider.

We did get some relief from the heat with humour from Brian Lindsay who spruiked his version of the history of flyball. It went something like this... "Flyball started 2 hundred years ago in the Scottish Highlands.....and the sport soon come to an end because all the dogs fell off the edge of the cliff. They didn't have boxes for the balls. The box loader would stand at the end of the racing lane and place a ball in his open sporran" 😊

Happy Flyballing. - Regards,
Glenn Pritchard - Vice President, AFA

Regional Reports

ACT Regional Report

Please share your amusing Flyball stories and a summary of what happened at competitions & any other Flyball or dog club related events by sending reports to (act@flyball.org.au).

If you are swimming your dogs in the Act in the hotter months you need to consider that the water quality in the lakes may not be safe. Go to www.parksandplaces.act.gov.au or www.parksandplaces.act.gov.au/parkslakesponds/watersampling.html for information on the latest water quality test results.

Camp Quality Flyball Demo at the Governor Generals Residence 14-Jan-2006.

No time for tea with the GG. Flyball dogs were ready to race and carve up the beautiful lush green grass carefully prepared by the army of grounds persons at the Governor Generals Residence. The Belconnen Bullets hosted a Flyball demonstration at the Governor General's House in Yarralumla for the Camp Quality kids. Teams from Canberra X Factor, K9 Krusaders, QBN Hoon Squad and the Tuggeranong Torpedoes came together to play with the kids. The kids had a lovely afternoon, as did the dogs getting wet in the pools and shaking all over the children. All dogs at the demo had to be very kid friendly because there were lots of cuddles going on. The funniest thing was to see the faces of a couple of the Brumby Rugby Team members as they watched the flyballers racing. They were amazed of the speed and skills of the dogs. At the demo there was a picture of all the dogs in their teams and the kids voted for their favourite dog. It was great to see so many smiling faces on the children and adults in bright camp quality shirts.

Purina Lucky Dog "Bark in the Park", Australia Day Thur 26/Jan/2006.

What a great day. Four divisions battled it out on fabulous soft dry grass again this year with about 5000 spectators moving between the attractions. One week before race day the ground was saturated with puddles. The ring was long and wide 160ft * 45ft so every team had room to perform at their best. The day started out with a free breakfast and an excellent cloud cover which kept the temperature down for a few hours. By mid afternoon the clouds were gone, the temperature was up and I even saw a handler sitting in the dog's pool with his dog playing. The teams & Judges, Ron & Vicki did an excellent job to get through 62 three heat races between 9:00 and 5:30. The trees close to the ring provided excellent shade for the dogs waiting to race. Check out the pictures on the AFA web site on the results page. The Australia Day "Bark in the Park" is also a good day to bring the children to Flyball because there are lots of other activities just for the kids put on by the National Capital Authority in the park.

Purina Luck Dog, Nowra Show 11/Feb/2006.

Some X Factor team members stay overnight and others drive down and back in the one long day. It is great comp on the coast with excellent grass on a very fast, flat surface. For those with the speed it is probably a good place to break records. Spectators hung off the fence all day enjoying the 56 three heat races. All three X Factor teams would like to thank the South Coast Dog Training Club for running the fabulous event and we are looking forward to the next Nowra Show Flyball competition.

Convoy for Cancer, Queanbeyan, 18-Feb-2006.

The trucks were out in force for the Flyball demo again this year. Nose to tail the convoy would have been 30 minutes past any point on the route. It is not often we get truck air horns & sirens to celebrate the coming together of dogs for a Flyball demo. This demo is excellent for beginner dogs to have a run with a range of dogs from the Act region with distractions. Teams from K9, Tuggeranong, Belconnen and X factor attended for the demonstration of tricks, training techniques and racing. The dogs loved creating clouds of dust for the box loader to choke on. I would like to personally thank all the Flyballers that supported this event for the children with cancer.

Pedigree, Canberra Royal, 25 & 26-Feb-2006.

Twenty two teams battled it out in 2 rings for 2 days as a practice run for Nationals on the 4 & 5-Mar-2006. Crowd numbers were down this year at the Canberra Show but Flyball still managed to pull excellent crowds for the 2 days in both rings. The new lights with the big displays were a big hit with both the spectators and the competitors. The instant feedback on the start times and dogs times was excellent. All divisions at the Canberra Royal had a run with the new lights and I think we all agree that the accuracy of the new lights is excellent for determining the winner of the close finishes. 10 portable grand stands gave the crowd lots of prime positions ring side to watch exciting best of 5 heat racing. I personally love racing when it was 2 all and both teams are testing the limits to win the deciding heat. The Canberra Royal is one of the highlights on the Flyball calendar and we are looking forward to next years Canberra Royal the last weekend in Feb 2007.



The Bark in the Park Line Up

Nationals at the Highland Games in Victoria, 4 & 5-Mar-2006.

For a split second I was wondering if I had walked into the ladies by mistake in my hast to get back to the thrilling Flyball racing. It is not that often that I have been to a Flyball event and found 2 skirts at the urinal in the gents. The coming together of a little under 1000 band members for the grand parade featuring bag pipes was spectacular. To those that did not manage to get to the 2006 Nationals you missed one of the best events on the 2006 Flyball calendar. Croydon did a fabulous job at organising 2 days of racing in 2 rings packed full of racing. There were close races in all divisions with stewards working hard. Seven teams did battle in Division 3 over 2 days of racing. There were run offs for first place and third place in Div 3 with teams winning by small nail biting amounts. I would like to personally thank all the other teams in Division 3 that pushed our X Factor team all the way to the final race.

Looking to the Future, See the AFA web site for details.

X Factor have sanctioned a comp called the "RSPCA Flyball Romp" at Stage 88 in Commonwealth Park on Sun 21-May-2006. The grass will be excellent with the site and format similar to the Canberra Australia Day event.

X Factor are running the "Surf & Turf" again at Kioloa on Sat 2-Sep-2006. New cabins are open at the caravan park to help get everybody in for this fabulous comp near a free run surf beach. For details and to book accommodation see the AFA web site.

Steve Smith - ACT Regional Representative

NSW Regional Report

Vicki Clever - NSW Regional Representative

Queensland Regional Report

After a very hot summer in Queensland, the flyballers have started their 2006 season with enthusiasm.

The Brisbane City Council Animal Shelters have two open days and invited Flyball to put on some demonstrations to which members of all the Brisbane Flyball clubs attended. These demonstrations, apart from bringing Flyball to the attention of the public, are a great way of introducing new dogs to the sport of racing. Some of our members also put on some k9 Freestyle to Music demos in between Flyball races.

Unfortunately our Queensland Regional Representative, Julie Ivison, has been forced to resign due to pressures of work. Many thanks to Julie who did a great job and was also responsible for taking the Minutes at all AFA Committee Meetings. If any Queenslanders are interested in taking on this position and would like to know more about it, please contact me as soon as possible. I am temporarily taking on this job as our Brisbane Pet Expo and more demonstrations are to be held this month.

Two teams from Queensland traveled down to the Royal Canberra Show in late February. The Pine Rivers Doggie Devils Extreme came in 3rd in Division 2.

The Awesome Pawsome team unfortunately had an injury to one of the prime dogs and could not place in their Division. Better luck next year.

The Awesome Pawsome team also traveled down to Melbourne for the following weekends racing – the National Australian Flyball Championships. Once again outclassed time wise but all the dogs did a great job and most came up with PB's. The weather in Melbourne was very hot as well.

For the next few months, we are planning demonstrations in Warwick, Million Paws Walk in Maleny and competitions held by Calamvet Flyball, Flyball Fanatics and Pine Rivers.

The Pine Rivers Club with assistance from Homeless Hounds will be hosting a competition to be held on the long weekend in June – 10th and 11th (Queens Birthday long weekend) – This will be the first two-day comp in Queensland. So to all you teams down south – why don't you plan to come to Queensland (beautiful one day, perfect

the next) and see what the rest of our Qld. teams can do.

The winter weather should be about 24 degrees, sunny and perfect. We hope to see you here.

Rosie Milton – Interim Qld Regional Representative

South Australia Regional Report

Thanks to Croydon for hosting the Nationals for 2006.

Catherine Saberton – SA Regional Representative

Victorian Regional Report

Well, what a busy start to the year.

WONTHAGGI

Hosted by Hastings, this competition is always the first for the year and a good chance to get together after the Christmas/New Year break. This year involved the added challenge of a TV crew filming a story on the relationship between Wendy Gauntlett and her dog, Astro. Details of when it will be shown are not yet available. Thanks to everyone for their understanding during the filming.

RACV – AUSTRALIA DAY

This was one “HOT” competition with extreme temperatures. Co-Hosted by Croydon and Eastside Flyers, the competition was a success despite the weather thanks to the shade that was offered by the trees in Kings Domain Gardens. With a revised running order and an early start, a complete racing schedule was over by lunchtime which left plenty of time for humans to have a swim in the doggy wading pools or start a water fight to cool down!! The jet flyover and the gun salute caused no issues as the dogs had already finished racing!!

MELBOURNE PET & ANIMAL EXPO

What a great weekend of demonstrations. Thanks to everyone that was able to participate and showcase flyball in one of the biggest demonstrations of the year. The expo provides an excellent opportunity for some of the newer dogs that are in training and it was pleasing to see the improvement in these dogs over the course of the weekend. We have been invited back for next

year, so keep the first weekend in February 2007 free in your diaries and watch for more details.

BERWICK HIGHLAND GATHERING

Berwick hosted this competition for the first time and plans are already underway for 2007. It was nice to have the team areas right next to the car park which made for easy access, although a bit more space for the teams next year would be good. There was some very close racing in all divisions.

NATIONAL AUSTRALIAN FLYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS – RINGWOOD HIGHLAND GAMES

What a competition!!! With 24 teams across 5 racing divisions, this was the biggest competition every held in Victoria. With two racing rings and two days of racing it was almost like 4 competitions in one!!! Croydon hosted the event, but its success is based on the assistance of all that helped with the preliminary work, ring set-ups, the competitors and everyone who gave up their time to assist with the stewarding. Congratulations to all teams, but in particular the new Nationals Champions in each of the racing divisions:

Division One: Norwest Thunderdogs 1 (NSW)

Division Two: Berwick Bladerunners (VIC)

Division Three: X Factor (ACT) – determined by a run-off with Para Shooters (SA)

Division Four: Berwick Blitz (VIC)

Division Five: Ballarat Eureka Sovereigns (VIC)

The oval was ours alone on the Saturday, but Sunday came to life with the flyball racing just one part of the Ringwood Highland Games, which again was a spectacular event with highland dancers and the amazing mass pipe bands made up of around 1000 bagpipers and drummers. A number of flyballers even tried their hand at haggis hurling and caber tossing.

The disappointment for me as competition organiser was the venue. Knowing what the grounds are normally like for the Games (thick lush grass) it was a shame that the venue had to change and people didn't get to race on the grounds that I hoped for. But, next year, the Ringwood Highland Games will return to its regular home of Jubilee Park in Ringwood with the hope that the weather will still be dry but not as hot!!!

Thank you to everyone who supported the mega raffle each day. Just over \$1000.00 was raised which will be split between the AFA to kick start fundraising for the next Signature EJS and the Blue Cross Animals Society of Victoria. Maybe other clubs could also think about donating part of their raffle or fundraising proceeds to the AFA and bring us a step closer to getting another Signature EJS.

OTHER NEWS

Another new club has been formed in Victoria. "Western Weiners" will be based in Ballarat and will be entering their first competition soon.

Happy Flyballing

Emma LeCras – Vic Regional Representative

Tasmanian Regional Report

Dot Baverstock – Tas Regional Representative

Competition Results

Bass Coast Show – Wonthaggi 14 January 2006

Division 1:

1st - Ballarat Eureka - 19.472

2nd - Croydon Rocket Scientists - 19.500

Division 2:

1st - Bellarine Buccaneers - 21.089

2nd - Eastside Flyers - 20.642

3rd - Berwick Bladerunners - 22.097

4th - Ballarat Eureka Gold Diggers - 23.097

Division 3:

1st - Hastings Howlers Hit & Run - 23.736

2nd - T-Keilor Slammers - 24.160

Division 4:

1st - Ballarat Eureka Sovereigns - 24.302

2nd - Ballarat Eureka Miners - 25.251

3rd - Croydon Rocket Secret Weapons - 25.140

4th Place - T-Keilor Laidbacks - 28.613

Bark in the Park - 26th January 2006

Division 1:

1st - Thunderdogs 1 - 19.406

2nd - Parramatta Pandemonium - 19.507

3rd - Canberra X Factor 2 - 20.068

Division 2:

1st - Canberra X Factor 1 - 22.123

2nd - Canberra X Factor 3 - 22.763

3rd - Belconnen Bullets - 23.625

4th - K9 Krusaders - 22.765
5th - Norwest Thunderdogs 2 - 24.593

Division 3:

1st - Leaps & Bounds - 23.574
2nd - Norwest Thunderdogs 3 - 24.375
3rd - Parra Pawpedoes - 23.515

Division 4:

1st - Border Liners - 24.982
2nd - Border Patrol - 26.609
3rd - Dapto Dishlickers - 25.001
4th - Canberra X Factor 4 - 28.996

RACV competition 26th January 2006

Division 1:

1st - Ballarat Eureka - 19.642
2nd - Croydon Rocket Scientists - 19.605

Division 2:

1st - Eastside Flyer Spitfires - 20.783
2nd - Bellarine Bandits - 21.251

Division 3:

1st - Bellarine Buccaneers - 23.142
2nd - Berwick Bladerunners - 22.498

Division 4:

1st - Ballarat Eureka Miners - 24.957
2nd - Croydon Rocket Secret Weapons - 24.410
3rd - Ballarat Eureka Gold Diggers - 22.976
4th - T'Keilor Sunrisers - 27.560
5th - Eastside Flyer Tiger Moths - 24.943
6th - Ballarat Eureka Sovereigns - 26.232

**Berwick Highland Gathering -
12th February 2006**

Division 1:

1st - Croydon Rocket Scientists - 19.529
2nd - Ballarat Eureka - 19.564

Division 2:

1st - Berwick Bladerunners - 21.898
2nd - Bellarine Bandits - 21.798

Division 3:

1st - Eastside Flyers Spitfires - 22.30
2nd - Ballarat Eureka Gold Diggers - 22.886
3rd - Berwick Blitz - 24.054
4th - Hastings Howlers Hit & Run - 23.736

Division 4:

1st - Ballarat Eureka Miners - 25.333
2nd - Ballarat Eureka Sovereigns - 25.849
3rd - T-Keilor Shots - 27.001
4th - Croydon Rocket Secret Weapon - 26.816

Nowra Show - 11th February, 2006

Division 1:

1st - Parramatta Pandemonium - 19.429

2nd - Thunderdogs 1 - 19.220

Division 2:

1st - X Factor 2 - 20.451
2nd - Furry Animals Running Quickly Too - 21.748

Division 3:

1st - Furry Animals Running Quickly - 20.994
2nd - Road Runners - 21.019

3rd - X Factor 1 - 22.505
4th - Thunderdogs 2 - 24.447

5th - X Factor 3 - 24.371

Division 4:

1st - Parramatta Pawpedoes - 24.175
2nd - Dish Lickers - 23.057
3rd - Dragon Slayers - 25.361
4th - Thunderdogs 3 - 25.228

Canberra Royal Show - 25 & 26 February 2006

Division 1:

1st - Parramatta Pandemonium - 18.860
2nd - Norwest Thunderdogs 1 - 19.152
3rd - Canberra X Factor 2 - 19.738
4th - Awesome Pawsome - 20.880
5th - We're Psycho Too - 21.796

Division 2:

1st - Sydney Psychos - 21.566
2nd - Canberra X Factor 1 - 22.082
3rd - Doggie Devil Extreme - 23.457
No Placing - Full Throttle - 23.795

Division 3:

1st - Norwest Thunderdogs 2 - 22.044
2nd - Belconnen Speeding Bullets - 22.768
3rd - Canberra X Factor 3 - 22.439
No Placing K9 Krusaders - 22.179

Division 4:

1st - Parramatta Pawpedoes - 22.912
2nd - Albury Border Liners - 24.961
3rd - Norwest Thunderdogs 3 - 25.798
No Placing - Canberra X Factor 4 - 23.389
No Placing - St George Dragon Slayers - 22.589

Division 5:

1st - Belconnen Chocolate Bullets - 25.996
2nd - Parramatta Petti Paws - 26.702
3rd - Albury Border Patrol - 26.632
4th - Canberra X Factor 5 - 28.982

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Flyball Championship - 4th & 5th March, 2006**

Division 1:

1st - Norwest Thunderdogs 1 - 18.744
2nd - Parramatta Pandemonium - 18.686
3rd - Croydon Rocket Scientists - 18.625
4th - Ballarat Eureka - 19.788

Division 2:

- 1st - Berwick Bladerunners - 21.032
 2nd - Bellarine Bandits - 20.548
 3rd - Eastside Flyer Spitfires - 20.976
 4th - Awesome Pawsome One - 21.192

Division 3:

- 1st - X Factor - 22.068
 2nd - Para Shooters - 22.701
 3rd - T'Keilor Slammers - 23.115
 4th - Ballarat Eureka Gold Diggers - 22.697
 5th - Hastings Howlers Hit & Run - 23.443
 6th - Bellarine Buccaneers - 23.386
 7th - Full Throttle - 24.050

Division 4:

- 1st - Berwick Blitz - 23.697
 2nd - Para Troopers - 25.033
 3rd - Eastside Flyer Tiger Moths - 24.724
 No Placing - Norwest Thunderdogs 2 - 22.500

Division 5:

- 1st - Ballarat Eureka Sovereigns - 25.275
 2nd - Ballarat Eureka Miners - 25.491
 3rd - Norwest Thunderdogs 3 - 26.400
 4th - T'Keilor Slammers - 27.200
 5th - Croydon Rocket Secret Weapons - 27.598

Calendar of Events

AFA Sanctioned Competitions

Date	Competition	State
Sun 19 Mar 2006	The Running of the Balls, Orange	NSW
Sun 26 Mar 2006	"Hounds in the Hills" at Castle Hill Show	NSW
Sat 8 Apr 2006	Ballarat Easter <i>Bunny</i> Ball	VIC
Sat 8 Apr 2006	April Antics	QLD
Sun 9 Apr 2006	X- Factor Gundaroo Races Event Cancelled	
Sun 16 Apr 2006	Sydney Royal Easter Show	NSW
Sun 21 May 2006	RSPCA Flyball Romp	ACT
Sun 21	Million Paws Walk	NSW

May 2006	(sanction pending)	
Sat 10 & Sun 11 Jun 2006	Qld Inaugural 2-Day Right Royal Rollick	QLD
Sat 8 Jul 2006	Flyball @ Redcliffe Show	QLD
Sat 2 Sep 2006	Kioloa Surf 'n Turf	NSW
Sat 9 Sep 2006	Royal Adelaide Show (<i>sanction pending</i>)	SA
Sun 10 Sep 2006	PAWS in the PARK	NSW
Sun 17 Sep 2006	Holroyd PetFest	NSW
Sat 30 Sep 2006	Best Friends Flyball Retreat (<i>sanction pending</i>)	VIC
Sun 1 Oct 2006	Boorowa Irish Flyball Fling 2006 (<i>sanction pending</i>)	NSW
Sun 8 Oct 2006	Pets Day Out, Ballam Park, Frankston (<i>sanction pending</i>)	Vic
Sat 28 Oct 2006	Euroa Flyball Euphoria (<i>sanction pending</i>)	Vic
Sun 26 Nov 2006	Pet & Pony Expo, Rosebud (<i>sanction pending</i>)	Vic
Sun 13 Jan 2007	Bass Coast Show, Wonthaggi (<i>sanction pending</i>)	Vic
Fri 26 Jan 2007	RACV Australia Day Flyball Celebration (<i>sanction pending</i>)	Vic

Flyball Demonstrations

Date	Event	State	<u>AFA or club?</u>
Sun 19 Mar 2006	Collingwood Children's Farm, Collingwood	VIC	
Sat 25 Mar 2006	Camp Breakaway Demo	NSW	<u>club</u>

Sun 26 Mar 2006	Bywong Boot Sale		<u>AFA</u>
Sun 26 Mar 2006	Narara Market Day Event Cancelled	NSW	<u>club</u>
Sun 26 Mar 2006	"RSPCA All Creatures Day "	VIC	<u>club</u>
Sat 1 Apr 2006	Staffordshire Bull Terrier Event	VIC	<u>AFA</u>
Sun 9 Apr 2006	Derwent Valley Council Autumn Festival	TAS	<u>AFA</u>
Sun 30 Apr 2006	Rotary Club Pet Parade, Richmond	VIC	
Sun 30 Apr 2006	Bloodtree Festival, Kulnura	NSW	<u>club</u>
Sun 21 May 2006	Taree Million Paws Walk, Surf Stormers	NSW	<u>club</u>
Fri, Sat & Sun 10, 11 & 12 Nov 2006	Sydney Pet & Animal Expo, Rosehill (<i>sanction pending</i>)	NSW	<u>AFA</u>

Getting to Know Your Judges



Ian Bruce

Ian is a member of the Pine Rivers Club in Queensland.

He has two of his own dogs that he races called Baxter and Bentley.

Ian Gauntlett

Ian is from the Croydon and Districts Obedience Dog Club in VIC.

He races a dog of his own Ezri.



Terry Hey

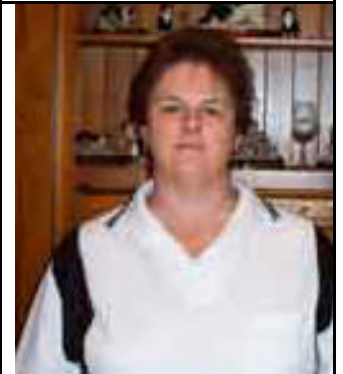
Terry is a member of the PISCI Club in Sydney NSW.

He currently does not race a dog of his own in flyball.

June Hunter

June is a member of the Keilor Dog Training Club in VIC.

She currently races her dog Niamh.



Terry Hunter

Terry is a member of the Keilor Dog Training Club in VIC.

You can occasionally see Terry racing his dog Guinness.

Ian Kendt

Ian is a member of the Berwick Obedience Dog Club.

He currently does not race a dog of his own in flyball.



Vicki Kennelly – Supervisory Judge

Vicki is not a member of any dog club besides the AFA but lives in QLD.

She no longer races dogs having previously raced 5 dogs of her own.

Natalie Kirkwood

Natalie is from QLD and was a member of Awesome Pawsome club.

Currently she is not racing a dog having retired 2 dogs from racing.




Amanda Pescud

Amanda is a member of the Queanbeyan Flyball Club in NSW.

She currently races her 2 dogs.



Emma LeCras


Emma is a member of Croydon and Districts Obedience Dog Club in VIC.

Currently Emma is not racing dog, having retired her Labrador from racing.

Ron Richardson

Ron is currently a member of PCSI in Sydney NSW.


At present Ron does not race a dog of his own.



Penny Lloyd

Penny is a member of the Croydon and Districts Obedience Dog Club in VIC.

Currently Penny has 1 dog retired and 2 racing.




Catherine Saberton

Catherine is a member of the Para District Obedience Dog Club in SA.

She currently races 2 dogs of her own.



Rosie Milton


Rosie is from the Awesome Pawsome Club in QLD.

Rosie is currently racing 2 dogs and has retired 3 dogs.

Eric van Zuyden

Eric is a member of the Eastside Flyers Flyball Team.


He currently races 2 dogs and has retired 2 dogs.



Sue Norton

Sue is a member of the Pine Rivers Club in QLD.

She is currently races her dog Lizzie.




Cathy Vaughan

Cathy is a member of the Companion Dog Club in ACT. Alias Canberra X Factor.

She currently races 2 dogs of her own.