



Easter Show Newsletter Issue 3 – SHOWTIME INFORMATION



We're almost there folks! Tickets have been issued to the club representatives and 99% of the planning is complete. Now it's just down to the rest of us to put on a good show for the public and enjoy the Flyball!

The main arena demo is ON! Team captains from the Friday competition teams have been contacted to see if they want to enter a five dog team in the "draw" for a place in the arena. We're looking for four teams of any breed of reliable dogs of fast to medium speeds to showcase our sport between 6 and 6:20 on Good Friday evening. If we get more than four teams volunteering, the names will go in the hat to choose the lucky competitors.

Other important information is as follows

SPONSORS - Due to the event being totally sponsored by Purina, we're asked not to display ANY other pet food manufacturer's logos or advertise them in any way during the events.

ENTRY AND EXIT AT SHOW GROUND - DRIVING - Teams have been issued with a few passes that allow vehicles into the showground to drop off equipment. Vehicles **MUST** enter and leave by gate 9. Vehicles **MUST** be out of the Show Ground by 8 am. Recommend being out by 7:30 am so you have time to walk back before racing starts

WALKING - As with previous years, parking is in car park 5 B (P5B) so we can enjoy a leisurely stroll down to the Overflow where the Flyball is being run. (It's only about a 20 minute walk!). Entry and exit should be via gate 9.

DOGS MUST BE IN BY 7:30am AND CANNOT BE WALKED OUT BEFORE 5pm. Watch for the Street parade if you do walk out dead on 5!! **VEHICLES ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE SHOWGROUND IN THE EVENINGS AT ALL.** All transport in the evenings between the Overflow and the P5B parking area is on foot or via the truck laid on for us to take equipment.

BEGINNER DOGS - If you have a beginner dog at Sydney Royal that is NOT part of a team you will be able to use the ring for training during the Lunch Break PROVIDED the dog is affiliated with the AFA (to add a dog you use the Membership Form available on the Web). Unfortunately if your beginner is part of a team to do runbacks etc. you cannot use the ring at lunchtime as that would involve "practice in the ring".

GOOD FRIDAY "Flyball Flurry" - Check in, measuring & vetting at 8am. Racing is due to start at 9am. There will be 8 x 3 heat races for each team and a Champions Trophy run off and prize giving at the end of the competition before the demo teams leave for the main arena.

EASTER SATURDAY / SUNDAY - "The Supercoat Challenge Cup" - Racing starts at 9am with 8 x best of 5 heat races per team, giving 44 races on Saturday and 6 x best of 5 heat races giving 36 races on Sunday followed by a champions Trophy run off and prize giving.

EASTER MONDAY - Demonstrations Hosted by Southern Cross- All dogs have to be in by 7:30am and cannot walk out until after 5pm. Demo times are 11.15am - 11.50am; 1.10pm - 1.45pm and 4.00pm - 4.30pm

SATURDAY APRIL 10 - Demonstrations Hosted by South Coast Dog Training Club (Dapto) - All dogs have to be in by 7:30am and cannot walk out until after 5pm. Demo times are 10.00am - 10.30am; 12.10pm - 12.40pm; 4.15pm - 4.45pm.

The day will also hold the Purina Vs Royal Agricultural Society Flyball race. Races will be between four teams of two representatives from both organisations, given two suitable dogs to handle under the guidance of their normal handlers. Rumour has it that Doctor Harry will be handling one of the dogs!

SUNDAY APRIL 11 - Demonstrations Hosted by Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club - All dogs have to be in by 7:30am and cannot walk out until after 5pm. Demo times are 10.00am - 10.30am; 12.20pm - 12.50pm; 3.45pm - 4.15pm. We've got over 30 dogs lined up for these demo's so we'll need to be quick at getting in and out of the ring and at race changeovers so as many people as possible get a go!

There will be Purina product "prizes" for all competitors!

WHERE TO GO - You're heading for The Overflow which is the green bit to the left side of the where the lower arrow ends on the map below. Car Park 5 is towards the top of the map and if you are driving in, the arrowed route is the most direct once you've fought the road closures on the day! Foot traffic just walks directly down Holker Street.



See you all there. Happy Flyballing Easter!