

Annual report from the Trials Advisory Committee (TAC) 1 May 2020

Committee:

The committee is representative of the sporting activities of DogsNT and consists of judges and trailers in most of the sports to try to have a balanced approach.

During the year, the committee has worked well together managing the approval of events, development of new sports, review of national rules and training of judges.

This past year has seen a number of achievements .

Obedience, Agility and Retrieving:

The Five year rules review for each of these disciplines has been undertaken which has required consultation with the triallers and the other control regarding the proposed changes to each of the rules.

Members of the TAC committee have attended these rules reviews and have represented the Northern Territory with our views and proposals to try to ensure they reflect our requirements and that they all fit in with the national rules. This work is extensive and requires considerable personal time and effort to achieve.

DogsNT has accepted the Trick Dogs competition as a new type of competition. This competition is focussed on attracting new members and providing a way for existing members to enjoy their dogs and practice new training techniques.

A number of DogsNT members are currently training their dogs for tricks and training themselves with the assistance of members to become Trick Dog Judges.

The COVID-19 pandemic has curtailed the activities of the sporting dogs as it has done with all other sections, therefore the training, competitions and gatherings have been suspended until this is over.

I would like to extend my thanks to the members of the committee for their support and hard work. Due to this support DogsNT has provided an active and interesting sporting group in the NT.

I would also like to thank council for their acceptance of proposals from TAC and their support.

I am not re-nominating for this position. However, I have enjoyed my time as chair of this committee and wish to extend my best wishes to the new chair who takes on this challenge.

Many thanks

Reg Dwyer

Chair TAC - retiring