



the Weekly Woof

Latest News from DOGS NSW

Friday, 17 July 2026

DOG LOVERS FESTIVAL
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~ WHAT'S NEWS THIS WEEK ~



DOGS NSW SCENT WORK STATE TITLES

DOGS NSW Scent Work State Titles Sub-Committee and the DOGS NSW Scent Work Working Party are in the final preparations for the upcoming Inaugural Scent Work State Titles to be held on 21-23 August 2026 at Hawkesbury Showground.

The members of the Sub-Committee and Working Party involved have spent 18 months planning and organising this event and we would like to thank the previous Working Party for the groundwork that was put in place. We are looking to have between 1500 and 1600 entries over the 3 days covering all classes and elements from Novice to Ultimate.

Entries will remain open until 1 August and some classes still have a few vacancies. Entries are available on Showmanager. Sponsorship of classes, raffle tickets and camping bookings are also on Showmanager.

We require approximate 100 volunteers over the 3 days. If you're interested in volunteering at this event please email Carla on swstatetitlesnsw@gmail.com

There will be many vendors with stalls there as well as food trucks and coffeee vans. We look forward to seeing everyone there over the 3 days and wish all competitors the best of luck.

From Dogs Australia - Meeting Summary & Appendix JUNE 2026 Special Board Meeting

Please find below the confirmed Meeting Summary and Appendix from the Dogs Australia June 2026 Special Board meeting.

[Click here](#) for the Meeting Summary.

[Click here](#) for the Appendix.



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From the Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Judges Committee

The Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Judges Committee will be holding a Forum on Friday 4 September 2026 in the Amenities Building at DOGS NSW grounds, commencing at 7.30pm.

Further details will be sent out shortly.



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From the RAFT Committee

DOGS NSW Representative Reports for several RATG events conducted this year indicate vetting of dogs as required by Rule 4.2 of the RATG Rules did not occur :

"All bitches shall be examined by a competent examiner before the commencement of every Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs. Bitches in oestrus shall not be permitted to compete..."

Affiliates are reminded of this requirement.

Notice from DOGS NSW Partner - Knose Pet Insurance Policy Clarification

In light of recent discussions regarding Knose Pet Insurance's coverage for dogs participating in dog sports, we'd like to share a clarification to ensure members have access to accurate information.

Knose has confirmed that while its policy excludes animals engaged in actual commercial

or high-risk activities, such as farm work, racing, hunting and law enforcement, it is not intended to exclude dogs competing in recognised Dogs Australia canine sports and activities. This means participation in sports such as Agility, Obedience, Herding Trials and other Dogs Australia recognised disciplines remains covered under the policy, subject to the policy's terms and conditions.

We encourage members to read the clarification notice from Knose Pet Insurance for further information. Please click on the button below.



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Interested in becoming a Pet Educator?

Would you like to be paid to teach children about responsible pet ownership and behaving safely around dogs?

Do you own a happy, healthy, sociable dog between 18 months - 8 years?

The Responsible Pet Ownership education program is now recruiting Pet Educators in:

NSW - Sutherland Shire, Northern Beaches, Ryde, Waverley, Canterbury Bankstown, Canada Bay, Parramatta, Cumberland, Fairfield, Georges River, Inner West, Lane Cove, Mosman, North Sydney, Shellharbour, Shoalhaven, Kiama, Strathfield, Hunters Hill, Hornsby, Willoughby, Woollahra



Responsible Pet Education Program

The program's Pet Educators visit kindergartens and schools with their dog to give a short presentation to children about dog safety.

To be eligible to apply, you must own a happy, healthy dog that is 18 months to 8 years old, that resides with you for at least 1 year, and enjoys socialising with children. Your dog will need to pass our suitability test.

The Responsible Pet Ownership education program is provided by the Victorian Government and NSW Government. Successful candidates will be employed in their residing state, by the program's contracted staffing and payroll Provider, Randstad Recruitment as temporary labour hire. Training will be provided (for you and your dog), support and learning opportunities. Hours are during the school terms and are flexible.

More information about the program can be found on the Responsible Pet Ownership education program website. Please click on the link below.

To obtain a Pet Educator Information Pack and details about how to apply, please email: vic.pet@agriculture.vic.gov.au

Applications Close 11.59pm on Sunday 19 July 2026.

Suitable applicants will be invited to dog suitability testing and [interview on Tuesday 4 August 2026](#) at The Bill Spilstead Complex for Canine Affairs (DOGS NSW grounds) in Orchard Hills NSW.

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Win a Double Pass to Sydney's
DOG LOVERS FESTIVAL!



The Dog Lovers Festival has [2 Double Passes](#) up for grabs for the Sydney Show in August, so don't miss out on visiting [Australia's premier dog-dedicated festival](#), as it returns to wow Sydneysiders. This year includes FREE entry to the Cat Lovers Festival as well!

Since 2014, the [Sydney Dog Lovers Festival](#) has grown to become one of the [largest festivals in the world](#) dedicated to educating, entertaining and inspiring dog lovers. The event returns on [Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 August 2026 at the Sydney Showground](#) from 9:30am to 5.00pm daily!

The Festival will be bursting with attractions and it's one of the best value days out in Sydney as once you walk through the door everything to see and do is FREE plus the inaugural Cat Lovers Festival will running next door at the same time!

Meet, interact with and learn more about [over 100 breeds](#) at the Festival across the weekend in the [Adoption Zone, Advance™ Breed Showcase & Stage plus Pat-A-Pooch](#). From Kurgo® DockDogs leaping through the air in the giant pool, to Mini Dog Races, Temptation Alley, and the awe-inspiring K9 SuperWall, plus live dog sports and demonstrations in the [VitaPet Arena](#).

It's also a big supermarket for dog owners with new products, show specials and dog-friendly clothing, beds, doors, food, groomers, insurers, kennels, leads, collars, tech, photographers, retailers, toys, trainers, treats, vets and more...

Go to dogloversfestival.com.au/sydney/attractions to discover all the attractions.



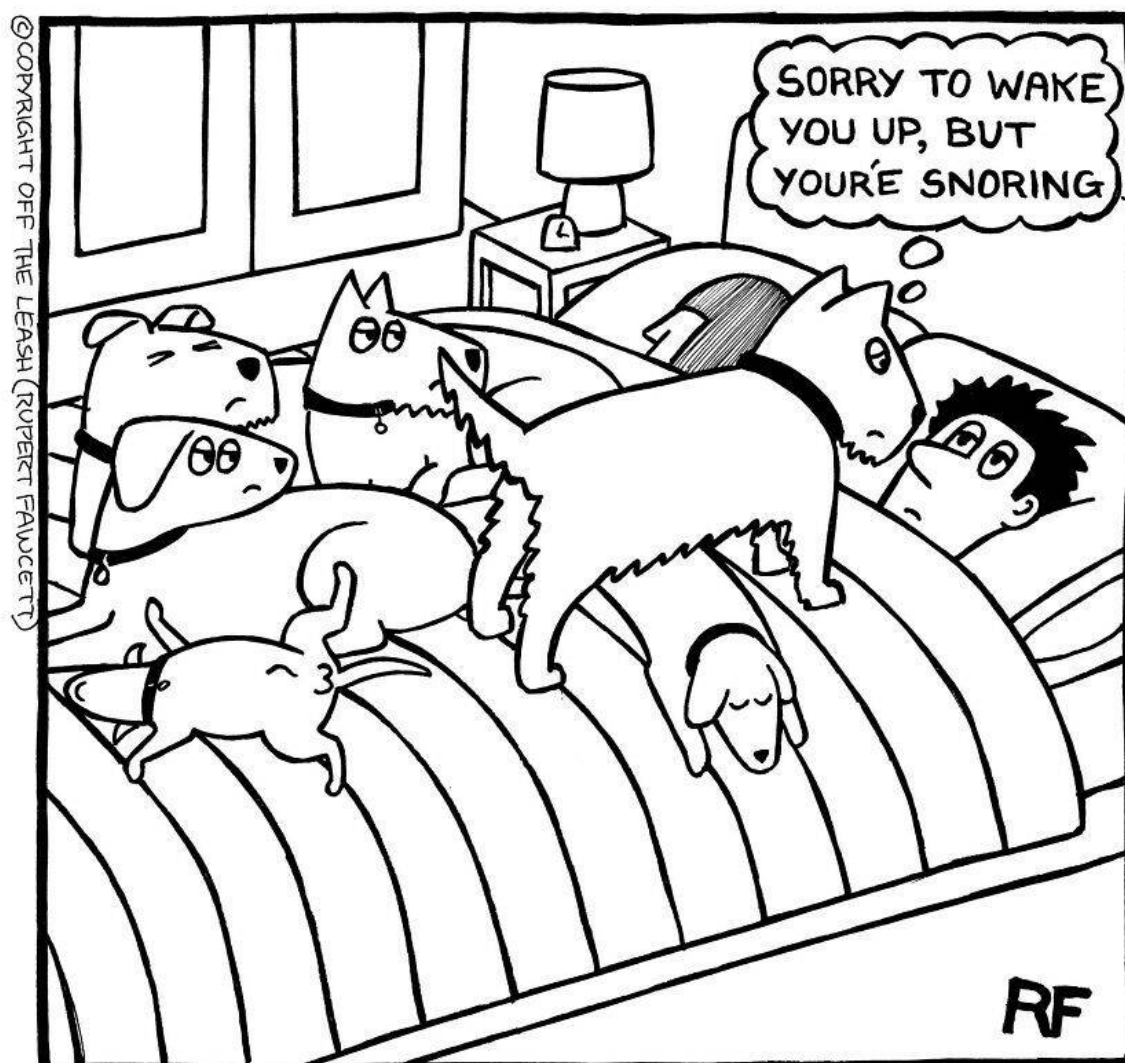
TO ENTER: For your opportunity to 'WIN a Dog Lovers Festival Double Pass' which is entry for 2 Adults, simply tell us in 25 words or less, why you would like to visit the Sydney Dog Lovers Festival. Don't forget to include your name, residential address, phone number and DOGS NSW membership number on your entry. One entry per person.

Entries close: 31 July 2026 and winners will be notified by phone or email.

By Email: With 'DOG LOVERS FESTIVAL' Competition in the subject line:
competition@dogsnsw.org.au

By Post: 'DOG LOVERS FESTIVAL' Competition, DOGS NSW Magazine, c/- DOGS NSW, PO Box 632, St Marys NSW 1790

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