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Latest News from DOGS NSW

Friday, 24 July 2026

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DOGS NSW Scent Work State Titles - 21-23 August



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.

Please click below for the full Show Schedule.

[Click for Show Schedule](#)

Updated DOGS NSW Incident Report Form

DOGS NSW has updated its Incident Report Form to include additional information required by our insurers.

The updated form is available under Club Forms on the DOGS NSW website. Affiliate Clubs and members are encouraged to use the new form for all incidents from now on. Please click on the link below to download.

As a reminder, all incidents must be reported to DOGS NSW within 48 hours. Where possible, the completed report should be accompanied by photographs of:

- Any injury sustained; and
- The location where the incident occurred.

Providing complete information and supporting photographs will assist DOGS NSW and its insurers in assessing and managing any potential claims.

The completed form and supporting documentation should be forwarded to DOGS NSW as soon as possible following the incident. info@dogsnsw.org.au

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Press Release: American Kennel Club & Dogs Australia announce Mutual Co-operation Agreement

Please click on the link below to view the Press Release released by the American Kennel Club and Dogs Australia announcing their Mutual Co-operation Agreement.

[Click here](#)

Stewards - Use of Wheelchair Regulation

All Affiliates, Secretaries, Members and Exhibitors are advised of the requirements contained within [DOGS NSW Part II Show Regulations, Section 8, Clause 8.8](#), relating to the judging of exhibits being exhibited with the assistance of a mobility device which reads as follows -:

8.8 In the judging of any Class or elimination in which an exhibit is being exhibited with the assistance of a mobility device such as, but not limited to, a wheelchair or electric scooter, such exhibit shall be the first to enter the ring and be judged in that Class irrespective of the age or sex of the exhibit. In all such cases the Steward should advise the Judge of the normally correct position of that exhibit (eg, Junior Bitch in Front). [\(07/12\)](#)



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A Friendly Reminder - Please Submit Clean Applications

To help maintain a safe and hygienic workplace for everyone, we'd like to remind applicants to ensure all applications and supporting documents are clean and free from contamination before submission.

Unfortunately, we occasionally receive paperwork that has been contaminated with dirt, food or drink spills, excessive dog, or human hair, strong or unpleasant odours, and, in some cases, what appears to be animal waste or other biological contamination. These items create an unnecessary health and safety risk for our staff and can make applications difficult to handle.

Before submitting your application, please ensure it is:

- Clean and dry.
- Free from dirt, mud, food, and drink stains.
- Free from excessive pet hair and other debris.
- Free from strong or unpleasant odours (including smoke, mould, or animal-related odours).
- Free from any signs of animal waste or other biological contamination.

If an application is received in an unhygienic condition that presents a health or safety concern, we will reject and return the application.

Majority of applications can now be submitted to the Office via email at info@dogsnsw.org.au.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe, clean, and professional environment for our staff, volunteers, and fellow applicants.

Obedience & Rally Judges Forum

The Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Judges Committee will be holding an [Obedience & Rally Judges 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.

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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DOGS NSW July Online Magazine Now Available!

Please click on the link below to view the online edition of DOGS NSW July 2026 magazine.

The image shows the front cover of the 'DOGS NSW' magazine. The title 'DOGS' is in large, bold, gold-outlined letters, with 'NSW' in a smaller, similar font below it. The price 'July \$6.95' is printed under 'NSW'. In the top right corner, there is a circular gold seal with a serrated edge that reads 'ADVANCE™ Sydney Royal DOG SHOW FEATURE'. The central image is a full-page photograph of an Afghan Hound standing in a grassy field under a clear blue sky. The dog has long, flowing dark brown fur with white markings on its chest, legs, and tail. At the bottom of the cover, there is a dark brown banner with the text 'PURELY DOGS' in gold. Above this banner, there are several headlines in white and gold text: 'Dignified & BEAUTIFUL' in a mix of script and bold fonts, followed by 'The Afghan Hound as an independent & aloof aristocrat of sublime beauty. They are an active breed, combining speed with power.' in white. To the right of this, there are three headlines in bold white text: 'MORE THAN MOWING DOGS NSW Grounds Update', 'DOG LOVERS FESTIVAL', and 'DOGS NSW 2026 Canine Grooming Competition'.

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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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