

Dachshund Club of Queensland Inc

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Club Code

To show my faith in the improvement of the breeding of purebred Dachshunds.

To help my fellow members with my experience and knowledge.

To be careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise.

To be constructive and not destructive.

To build my Club to the prestige it deserves

Sunday Fun Day: 26th September 2021

It's been a long time since our Club hosted a Fun Day for members and all owners of Dachshunds and we're pleased to say that our Fun Day on 26th September was a resounding success.

We were joined in hosting the day by the lovely group of people from Devoted 2 Dachshunds Rescue (D2DR) who are the group that we partner with and promote when it comes to rehoming older dogs in Queensland.



Almost 200 dachshund owners and their dogs, arrived at the Dogs Queensland showgrounds on a beautiful spring morning to enjoy a social day of games and activities with their best friends. It was an opportunity to meet other dachshund owners, chat about all things dachshund related and have fun playing games with our dogs.

The day started off with a group walk around the beautiful grounds at Durack, led by committee



member Bryan Shaw. A large number of visitors, children and dogs enjoyed a stroll around the grounds. The weather played along as the temperature was mild enough for the walkers to be able to enjoy their stroll. Some of the older and more infirm dachshunds enjoying the view from their prams.



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The off-leash area was extremely popular as the dogs were able to run around safely, meeting and greeting the other dachshunds who were there for the fun. There was not a single incident as dachshunds certainly know their own breed and enjoy socialising with each other. Some arrived as old friends with others making new friends on the morning, everyone enjoying the interaction. Many owners brought their picnic rugs and camped out in the off-leash area which was an ideal opportunity to relax and allow the dogs to enjoy the freedom of being able to run around and play.



Stalls were on hand selling all sorts of merchandise, these were well supported and we were pleased to sell a number of our Ekka show bags and 2022 calendars. The Ekka show bags at \$30 each are a bargain, as they include free membership of our club for 12 months. With the going rate of membership at \$20 per year for singles, and \$25 for couples, this means that the cost of the show bag is only \$10 for singles and \$5 for a couple which is a great deal as it's full of handy items and accessories for you and your dog. So, if you haven't grabbed your show bag yet, please reach out and order yours today.

The beautiful 2022 calendars are a huge hit with \$5 from the sale of each calendar to be donated to Devoted 2 Dachshunds Rescue (D2DR). Please continue to support the sale of these calendars, they make great gifts for friends and family (perhaps a Christmas gift?) and the funds raised go to a very worthy cause.

One of the activities at the Fun Day was Musical Mats which is a fun and easy game for adults and children, along with their dachshunds, to enjoy. This game was much loved by one of our members, the late Val Bowden, who initiated it at fun days years ago and it was lovely to see Gyll Hoyle and Carol Sands managing the Musical Mats playing "how much is that doggy in the window" whilst people and dogs ran around the outside of the cones waiting for the music to stop so they could grab a mat. With mats gradually being taken away, the final winner was young Maddie with her little miniature long haired friend Daisy, well done to Maddie and Daisy!





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The next event on the calendar was the Dachie Dash which was a huge amount of fun! We had a large number of entries with 8 heats being run before the winner of each heat competed against each other for the finals. The initial heats were divided into weight categories to try and even out the competition and it all seemed to work fairly well. The races caused much hilarity and noise, as some of the dogs raced across the field at top speed from one owner on the start line to the other waiting at the finish. Others were too busy enjoying the fun and thought perhaps it was play time, charging off across the field to chase their friend on the other side! And some of the dogs just stood on the start line with no clue whatsoever of what they were supposed to do. It was noticed that many of the non-starters were show dogs who have been trained to walk alongside their owners in the show ring and so could simply not understand why they would be expected to bolt off by themselves to the other side of the field! Much fun and hilarity ensued with the top 3 places going to Smoothie, a Standard Wire haired, Peony a mini smooth and little Hans, also a mini smooth. Hans was in fact exceptionally quick but was distracted by the girls mid race and ran over to say hello along the way!



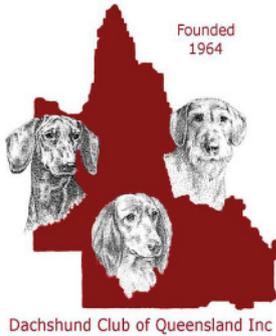
After the excitement of the races died down and everyone had chance to catch their breath, the day culminated in the fancy dress competition. Some of the owners had gone all out to dress like their dachshunds and there was a huge range of costumes on display. Thank you to everyone for making such a great effort with the costumes. Our judge, Carolyn Pearen, Dogs Queensland Vice President,



had a really difficult decision in choosing 3 winners. After much deliberation 1st prize was awarded to Archie, the mini smooth, dressed like a little old man, with 2nd prize to the bumble bee and 3rd prize to the elves, who looked very cute complete with matching beards.

It really was an awesome fun day and seemed to be enjoyed by one and all with lots of favourable comments and questions as to

when the next one will take place. The sausage sizzle was well supported, the cakes and refreshments enjoyed and everyone went home tired and happy after a fun day out with their dogs.



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Christmas Twilight Event: Saturday 6th November 2021

We're pleased to advise that the next fun event is the Christmas Twilight event to be held on Saturday 6th November, also at Dogs Queensland showgrounds Durack. This event will commence from 4pm and will be held under floodlights with the theme "Date Night with your Dachie".

There will be pretty Christmas lights, lots of market stalls selling Christmas gift ideas, a jumping castle for the human kids, an off-leash play area for the fur kids and a professional photographer on hand to take studio style Christmas themed photographs of your dogs. There will also be a Christmas themed fancy dress competition so get cracking with your costume ideas as its not long to go before the event!

Club Shop



We hope you will continue to support our Shop. There are various merchandise goodies available for sale such as show bags, calendars, stickers, brooches, earrings, key rings, scarves, dog blankets, masks, and bandanas, so please visit our club facebook page where if you click on the "Shop" button, you will see pictures of all the merchandise with pricing.

To place an order just send a FB message advising which items you would like and a club member will respond giving bank details for you to transfer the funds into the club account. Once payment is received you can either arrange to collect the items from Durack or at an upcoming event.

Otherwise our club secretary, Ainslie Carius, will post the items to you after allowing for cost of postage.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is taking place at Durack on Monday 1st November 2021. All nominations for the management committee must be received by the secretary on or before 17th October 2021 so please get your nominations in or contact our secretary Ainslie Carius, if you have any questions relating to the AGM. Members are welcome to attend the AGM via zoom if they are unable to attend in person. Zoom login details will be forwarded to all members in advance of the meeting.



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Regular Monthly Club Meetings

A reminder that our regular monthly club meetings are held on the first Monday of every month at 7.30pm at the Dogs Queensland Function Room, Durack. Members are welcome to attend via zoom if they are unable to attend in person and zoom log in details will be forwarded to all paid up members in advance of the meeting along with minutes of the previous month's meeting.

Club Dinner and Auction: Saturday 4th December 2021

A club dinner is being planned for members of the club and Devoted 2 Dachshunds Rescue members. This will be a smart evening event, in the Dogs Queensland Function Room, with a two course meal being served, a welcome gift on arrival and an auction of dachshund memorabilia. The event is to raise funds for the club which will go towards hosting the National Championship Show in May 2023. We will keep you advised when tickets are available for purchase, they will be on a first come first served basis.

Volunteers required

We have been holding a number of fun events recently, with others in the pipeline and the committee are always looking for extra assistance in setting up for events, cooking or serving at a sausage sizzles, selling merchandise or packing up after events are finished. If you are available please reach out to one of our committee members to volunteer your assistance. All help will be really appreciated!

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