



# NewsPad Xmas Edition

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## Important dates

### 2008 Final training dates

Monday 1 December

Thursday 4 December

Saturday 6 December

### Christmas Party

Saturday 13 December

### 2009 Commencing dates

Monday 2 February

Thursday 5 February

Saturday 7 February



## President's message

Welcome everybody, to the final 'abridged' NewsPAD for 2008!

What a year it has been for PADS: Obviously the major achievement of the year was the building of our wonderful new clubhouse. It was built by the efforts of many, and will be enjoyed by many more to come. The clubhouse was opened on the 23 August by our local member, Councillor Mike Charlton, who has been a supporter of PADS and what we are trying to achieve for many years. We owe a huge thanks to the Moreton Bay Regional Council for their financial support of the project.

PADS hosted a major ADAA event—Dogmania, which saw many dogs, and several dog sports converge onto the surrounding grounds for a weekend of fun and competition. The event will be held again over the May long weekend 2009, so stay tuned for updates on location etc...

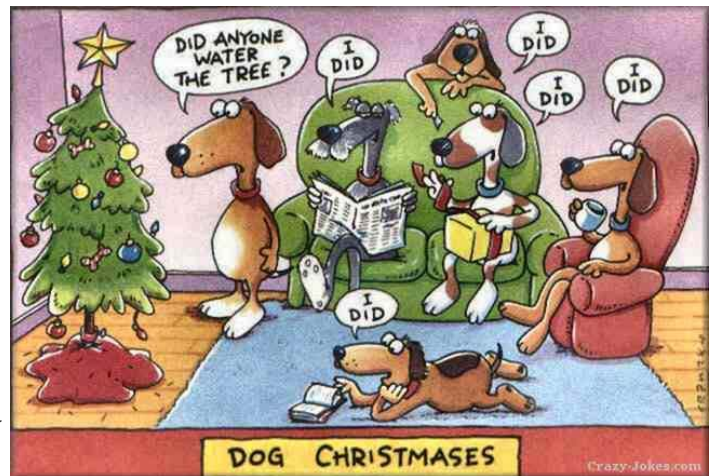
Dogmania was in addition to the 5 other competitions that PADS ran throughout the year, including the upcoming Starters Competition. Thanks to all the people who made those a success, including our wonderful competition

secretary Leanne (who also doubles along with hubby Paul, as the club's major sponsor!).

We also introduced a new foundational skills course

Agility Skills courses.

We have welcomed many new members, who we hope will find this wonderful sport of agility as addictive as the rest of us!



for agility—compulsory before commencing Beginners Agility. The first graduates have recently moved into Beginners Agility and the success of the course is evident by the improved skills level as the dogs (and their humans!) begin to tackle equipment much more confidently.

Another new course—Control Unleashed—was introduced. It was aimed at providing handlers with strategies to manage dogs who become unfocused due to high levels of stress or excitement. Many of the strategies have been built into our M&C and

Many of our longer term members have achieved milestones this year, some official in the form of prestigious titles and some less public in the form of training goals—all are valid and worth celebrating so congratulations to all!

So, as the year comes to an end, the PADS committee would like to wish all of our members and their families (furry or otherwise) a safe and happy Christmas and New Year!! We hope to see you all back in 2009.

Jeanette Durante  
PADS President

## Brisbane Pet Motel — PADS says Thank You!!!

When heading off for holidays and considering where to place your pets while away, we urge you to consider the Brisbane Pet Motel. In fact, so comfy is the BP Motel, that you might want to consider just taking your holidays there!

Leanne and Paul, the managers and owners, have been generous sponsors of PADS, particularly in the provi-

sion of competition prizes (Royal Canin—Yum!), for the last few years, Many of our members use the BPM as a safe, clean and comfortable care facility for their pets so it comes highly recommended.

So, from the PADS Committee, our members and the many people lucky



enough to have gone home from a PADS competition clutching a bag of Royal Canin, we say a huge thank you to Leanne and Paul, and wish them both all the best for what will no doubt be a very busy Christmas!

## Training advice for the holidays

So, PADS have shut their doors for almost 2 long months, you can't come to class and all the hard work you have done will disappear and your dog will become the wayward canine that has always been simmering just below the surface!

Not True!! Just because you can't come to class doesn't mean you can't train and play with your dog.

In fact it is a great time to revisit

some of those foundation skills you have let become a little rusty—recalls, stays, shadow handling,

contact planks and weaver entries (you only need 2-3 poles to practice entries so everyone has the space!) are all great skills to revisit during the break.

Or just get out a ball or a tug toy and hit the backyard for some play time,



which works as well as any formal exercise for bonding with your dog.

It is also important to keep your dogs fit and healthy as it is all too easy to indulge our pets (and ourselves) over the holiday period. So make sure you find the time for some fitness training, or just a good old-fashioned walk!

But finally, make sure your dogs get a break too, as they have been working hard all year as well. And while they might come back to training a little rusty, it will all come flooding back. So make sure you get the balance right—and remember, training should always be fun and never a chore for you or your dog!

*Consider crate training your dog over the holiday period. Crates are a great way to leave your dogs safe and comfortable, especially at training and competitions*

## PADS Christmas PARTY!!!! 13 December 2008

The Christmas period is a busy time of year so make sure you have the **13 December** put aside for the PADS Christmas party! Kicking off at 4pm, we will begin with some fun agility games and move onto a casual dinner and drinks.



Please Bring:

- Your dog/s
- All the usual bits and pieces—crate, treats, toy etc
- A human dish/plate to share
- Drinks (there will be some drinks provided).

### Upcoming Competitions...

**WAAG: 22 November 2008**

**PADS (beginners comp): 28 November 2008**

**BAD: 6 December 2008**

**BDS: 24-25 January 2009**

**ADCQ (beginners competition): 7 February 2009**

**PADS: 14 February 2009**