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**FLYBALL**

# WHAT IS FLYBALL?

Flyball is a relay race for dogs. Two teams consisting of 4 dogs per team race side by side, hurdle 4 padded jumps, trigger the flyball box to release a tennis ball, catch the ball and return over the same 4 jumps back through to the start/finish line (the dog must keep the ball in its mouth until it has passed the finish line).

The next dog passes nose to nose through the start/finish gate as the preceding dog finishes. This is repeated with the rest of the dogs in the team.

The first team to have all 4 dogs successfully complete a run wins the heat. There are 3 or 5 runs per race. Points are awarded for winning the run and for a clean run.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **Why do Flyball with your dog?**

Most importantly they love it!!

It keeps you and especially your dog fit and is great socialisation for you and your dog. It is a team sport, so it is important that your dog is already well socialised as the dogs pass very close to each other when training and competing.

## **What level of obedience does my dog have to have to do Flyball?**

Ideally the dog should be trained to Level 3 Obedience. They need to be under effective control, come when called and have ball retrieving skills.

## **What breeds can do Flyball?**

Any and all breeds including cross breeds can participate (as long as they are ball crazy).

## **How young can I start training my dog?**

Generally by the age of 1 year old your dog can begin training. Dogs can commence training at any age, providing they have basic obedience skills, are fit and are sound.

## **Does it matter how old my dog is?**

Some dogs are still going strong at 12 years of age.

## **How much will it cost?**

To begin training at your local club will cost you a joining fee and an annual fee of approx. \$50.00 (this is just a guideline as Club fees vary).

## **Do I have to join Dogs Qld?**

To start training your dog, you are not required to be a member of Dogs Qld. Once you are ready to compete, you will need to become a member of Dogs Qld.

