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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.

