

## Cairns Road Runners Canine Challenge, 23 September 2012

Race Director and Race Report: Taras Jakubovsky

The Canine Challenge was held on the Esplanade on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and was proudly sponsored by PETstock and Nestle Purina Pet care. It was a magical day down on the “nard” and around 50 paw-ticipants toed the start line in the 3km and 5km race distances. The idea behind the race was that many of us train with our dogs but sadly most races restrict participants from competing with their dogs – This was a fun run that would change this. Runners were split into small, medium and large breed categories to mix it up a little.



In the 3km race Ella Hargreaves was the first across the line in 13:34. They were also the top ranked team in the Small Dog Category. Paul Taverner came in 2<sup>nd</sup> in 15:14 and Mark StAmand was in 3<sup>rd</sup> in 16:59.



The 5km race was hotly contested and run in some great times. Philip Bradshaw finished in 1<sup>st</sup> Place in 16:52 (Top ranked large dog team - Congratulations must go to his dog – probably the only person or dog in Cairns that can keep up!!), David Valkhoff, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 21:15 (top ranked medium sized dog team) and Steve Cunningham came over the top of Larry Lawson with the finish line in sight to claim 3<sup>rd</sup> in a time in 23:26. Needless to say Larry was not happy!

Podium finishers in both races received the following prizes

1<sup>st</sup> – 3 months free dog food – Kindly donated by Nestle

2<sup>nd</sup> – A Dog it Drinking Fountain (10L capacity with circulating filtered water)

3<sup>rd</sup> – 1 x 3 dose pack of Advantix (flea and tick prevention)

On the day PETstock also made a donation of \$2000 dollars to the RSPCA Cairns Shelter made up from fundraising events held in store and a % of the entry fee on the day. There were also show bags, free food storage tins for all entrants and heaps of lucky door prizes. Special thanks need to go PETstock for organisation of the event, David Wharton from Nestle for help on the day and sponsorship of prizes, Lorraine Lawson for her promotion and belief in the event, all volunteers on the day (including but not limited to Bec Tucker and Rosie Ball) and participants for making the inaugural event a success. This event will only get better every year!



Other Volunteers: Taras Jakubovsky (race director), Kate Bassett, Caitlin (timing), Shane Heath (catering), David von Senden and Jim Cavill (set up/pull down), Sarina Pierce, Jess Suttleworth (rego/recording). Shane won the volunteer lucky draw prize of a \$120 initial consultation with a dietitian from Health Management.

The next Cairns Road Runners event is the Freshie Handicap #1 on 13 October, followed by #2 on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October – which is also our Presentation Night. Enter the events and secure your place at the Presentation Night online via our website.

Overall placing	Full Name	Dog's Name	Time	Size Category	Category placing
<b>5km</b>					
1	Phil Bradshaw	Rex	16:52	Large Dog (25kg+)	1
2	David Valkhoff	Toto	21:15	Medium sized dog (10-25kg)	1
3	Steve Cunningham	Homer	23:26	Large Dog (25kg+)	2
4	Bruce Hansen	Nil	23:31	Nil	1
5	Larry Lawson	Buddy	23:39	Medium sized dog (10-25kg)	2
6	Rhonda Zeylmans	Jake	24:28	Small Dog (less than 10kg)	1
7	Alex Guard	Lopper	27:00	Large Dog (25kg+)	3
8	Katie Osmond	Nil	27:50	Nil	2
9	Chrissy Ratcliffe	Holly	31:40	Large Dog (25kg+)	4

10	Natalie Dixon	Diesel	32:23	Large Dog (25kg+)	5
11	Sarah Griffiths	Oscar	32:43	Medium sized dog (10-25kg)	3
12	David Kearney	Inji	35:45	Medium sized dog (10-25kg)	4
13	Sharon Harwood	Nil	40:38	Nil	3
13	Sherri Soncin	Nil	40:38	Nil	4
14	Belinda Pycroft	Bali	44:15	Large Dog (25kg+)	6
<b>3km</b>					
1	Ella Hargreaves	MACCA	13:34	Small Dog (less than 10kg)	1
2	Paul Taverner	Penny	15:14	Medium sized dog (10-25kg)	1
3	Mark StAmand	Coco	16:59	Small Dog (less than 10kg)	2
4	Tania Mitchell	Nugget	18:24	Medium sized dog (10-25kg)	2
5	David Ryan	Fritz	18:34	Large Dog (25kg+)	1
6	Shell Farkas	Freckle	22:08	Medium sized dog (10-25kg)	3
7	Connor Mitchell	Nugget	24:16	Medium sized dog (10-25kg)	4
8	Adam Peddell	Bear	25:34	Medium sized dog (10-25kg)	5
9	Fatima Borges	Kiara	26:05	Medium sized dog (10-25kg)	6
10	Jane Kahler	Coco	26:07	Small Dog (less than 10kg)	3
11	Don Elmer	Basi	26:22	Large Dog (25kg+)	2
12	Jim Cavill	Xena	28:26	Large Dog (25kg+)	3
12	Lesla Hansen	Xena	28:26	Large Dog (25kg+)	3
13	Lorraine Lawson	Tessa	30:08	Small Dog (less than 10kg)	4
14	Capucine Delort	Knight	38:32	Small Dog (less than 10kg)	5
14	Michael Trott	Zoe	38:32	Small Dog (less than 10kg)	6