

AUSDS Inc. President's Report 2016/2017

Once again, I am privileged and honoured to report on the yearly activities of the Australian Utility Stock Dog Society Inc. "Fostering Excellence in Breeding Practical 'Utility' Stock Dogs" is such a great challenge. The Society's foundation blocks are solid, with the Aim, Purpose and Objectives progressing at a pleasing and achievable rate.

So much has happened during the last 12 months including three enjoyable 'Try-Out' days at; Mike Deppeler and Jude Houghton's property at Condah Vic.; Lynda Gedde's property at Maindample Vic.; and Andrew and Wendy Newell's property at Woorndoo Vic. Such events are critical in formulating a proposed official trial later on this year.

A warm welcome is extended to new Members; Pam Vickery, Jeff Glover and Lawson Gulliver; and appreciation is extended to newly appointed Secretary, Lesleigh Wright, and Treasurer Pam Vickery.

I thank the Committee for being so zealous with activities – following is a list of achievements:

AUSDS Inc. Dog Register (and Rules)

AUSDS Inc. Trial Rules

AUSDS Inc. Assessments and Evaluations for Practical 'Utility' Stock Dogs

AUSDS Inc. Judging

Guidelines

Website www.ausds.org

Public Liability Insurance

AUSDS Inc. Template for Trial Courses and Scoring

AUSDS Inc. Score Cards

Email address info@ausds.org

Fees set for; Dog Registration, Dog Transfer, Stud prefix Registration, Trial protests, Memberships etc.

AUSDS Inc. Dog Registration Application form

AUSDS Inc. Dog Transfer forms

Delegates appointed for the Domestic Animal Amendment (Puppy Farm and Pet Shop) Bill 2016

AUSDS Inc. joined as a member of the Australian Federation for Livestock Working Dogs(AFLWD)

AUSDS Inc. Dog Lease Agreement form

AUSDS Inc. Dog Certificate of Registration

AUSDS Inc. Dog Pedigree

form

AUSDS Inc. Dog Service Certificate

AUSDS Inc. Stud Prefix Application form

How AUSDS Inc. Trials are Run and Conducted

AUSDS Inc. Group Obstacles

The Committee has also adopted and confirmed:

Another Trial Rule to curtail any viciousness towards sheep (public accountability)

Foundation Issues can only be changed or finalised by an 'absolute majority' of the Committee

AUSDS Inc. Strategies 3. the word 'allocating' was changed to 'giving' for differentiation

AUSDS Inc. Template and AUSDS Inc. Score Cards have been amended by various degrees Judging of Society Trials to persist with allocating/giving points for accreditations (as is in place)

However, not all things go to plan. Two foundation Committee Members were unable to continue in their role, and the Society miss both Lauren Hooper and Mike Deppeler's valued opinions and contribution. Thanks to Andrew Newell for fulfilling a vacancy and to Lauren for her short term fulfilment.

I consider that 2016/2017 has been extremely productive for the Society and is excitingly close to offering purpose and stability to those stock and stock dog men and women who depend on livestock working dogs for their livelihood. With confidence, the Society should continue towards a successful future.

We must always be mindful – the Society is for the *betterment of the working stock dog*.

With Respect,

(Rod Cavanagh) 27/7/2017