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# 2018 BRISBANE DOG LOVERS SHOW RETURNS WITH FIRST EVER COMMON WOOF GAMES



**Sat 3 & Sun 4 Nov**  
Brisbane Showgrounds  
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The Gold Coast just staged the Commonwealth Games but the biggest coup in 2018 is that the Brisbane Dog Lovers Show has secured the first ever COMMON WOOF GAMES this November 3rd and 4th.

Taking place at the **Brisbane Showgrounds**, the GAMES will see a plethora of pooches representing four countries that will compete in K9-fusion sports including: Dog Socca, Basketball, Vault, Barrel Racing, Discus, Javelin Weave, Mini-Dog Hurdles and **Rodney Gooch** will showcase his height defying **4 Paws Sports Team** to really wow the crowds. The COMMON WOOF GAMES commence with a spectacular **Opening Ceremony Extravaganza**, hosted by **Dr Katrina Warren, Kelly Gill and The Wonderdogs** and victorious canines will be presented with their medals as part of the **Official Closing Ceremony** in the **Royal Canin Arena** at the end of each day.

The outdoor forecourt will play host to the pool and aquatic divisions of the COMMON WOOF GAMES with the splash-tastic crowd favourite the **Black Hawk DockDogs**. Pooches of all shapes, sizes and abilities will take part in various Big Air, Rapid Relay, Speed Retrieve, Extreme Vertical and Dueling Dogs pool-based events with massive crowds expected to cheer on their favourite furry pawthletes in the splash-zone (BYO raincoat and broolly!).

As if cheering on 4-legged champions wasn't enough, visitors will also discover everything they need to know for a healthier, happier dog with free educational talks on the all new **Pet Circle Stage** from some of Australia's most popular celebrity vets. **Those Two Girls, Lise and Sarah** from **The HIT Network's** national breakfast radio show will MC the Pet Circle Stage to welcome some of the pet industry's biggest names whilst hosting crowd Q&As over the weekend. Brisbane local and **Bondi Vet's newest addition, Alex Hynes**, will be taking to the stage to provide a host of useful advice for your canine including *what to do for your dog in a range of common emergency situations* with time for her fans to answer their most pressing pet questions.



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HIT 105



DR KATRINA WARREN,  
KELLY GILL & THE WONDERDOGS



BLACKHAWK  
DOCKDOGS



DR HARRY COOPER

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Brisbane's much-loved vet **Dr Harry Cooper** is joining the Brisbane line-up for the first time to provide *tips on how to choose the right breed for your home and lifestyle and how to solve the most common dog health problems*. **Dr Katrina Warren & Kelly Gill** will also present *easy tricks you can teach your dog at home and how to give your dog a happy and enriched life* followed by a meet and greet and the chance to get up-close-and-paw-sonal with **The Wonderdogs**. Dr Carla Paszkowski & Dr Teagan Lever from the **Pet Circle vet team** will take to the stage to *sniff out the truth and bust common dog myths*.

Every homeless dog deserves the opportunity to find a loving, well-suited home for life and the Dog Lovers Show **Founder & CEO, Jason Humphris**, remains committed to using the show as a platform to help rehome hundreds of canines in need this year. Jason said, "we have introduced an all new **Dog Adoption Stage** that will provide an opportunity for rescue groups to get up and talk about adoption, outline what's really involved and help to connect loving, well-suited homes to the countless dogs Brisbane shelters currently have available for adoption. We have also provided free expo stands to over 30 rescue shelters in the **Dog Adoption Zone**, so visitors can meet dozens of beautiful dogs looking for a home, learn how to start the process and gather advice from genuine experts. Our goal is to empty all the pounds taking part over the weekend within one month after the show!"

Visitors can also meet, interact with and snap a selfie with some of the biggest 'K9 Stars of Instagram' in the **Insta-Pooch Zone!** Watch these K9 celebrities walk the red carpet, take part in media interviews and interact with adoring fans - it's one of the must-see attractions at the 2018 show!

Dog devotees will delight in the diverse range of hounds at the Show this year with **over 400 canines** representing **more than 100 breeds** bounding into the Show. From **Basenjis to Beagles, Bernese Mountain Dogs and Bulldogs, Rhodesian Ridgebacks and Rottweilers**, there truly is a pooch to pat for everyone in the **Breed Showcase**. For all those burning questions head to the **Ask-A-Breeder Stage** presented by **DOGS Queensland** as over 20 reputable breeders talk about the temperament, grooming routines, exercise & nutrition requirements of their dogs.

There is ample opportunity to get licked, loved and slobbered on in the **Pat-A-Pooch Zone**, where the young and young at heart can lounge on giant beanbags and meet breeds of all shapes and sizes, including puppies, rescue dogs, service and therapy dogs. Head to the Bow Wow Meow **Pawfect Match Zone** where there are over 50 large information posters on a wide variety of breeds and a special survey to help you find the right dog for your home and lifestyle.

It's also a rare opportunity for dog owners to stock up for the entire year with over 150 Exhibitors and stacks of exclusive show specials and free samples. It's like a giant supermarket for K9-tragics including Dog friendly accommodation, beds, clothing, pet doors, food, funeral services, grooming, insurance, kennels, leads, collars, photographers, retailers, technology, toys, trainers, travel services, treats, vets, walkers, flea, tick & worming products plus more! It's the ideal place to fill up your K9's stocking for the festive season!

Kids will also get to transform into the pooch of their choice with **free face painting** and an interactive **funny photo wall** and some of Brisbane's most delicious **food trucks** will be rolling into the show across the weekend to fuel a fantastic fur-filled fun day out.

## EVENT INFORMATION

LOCATION: Royal International Convention Centre, Brisbane Showgrounds

DATES: Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 November 2018

TIMES: 9:30am - 5:00pm daily

TICKETS: [dogloversshow.com.au/Brisbane](http://dogloversshow.com.au/Brisbane)

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