WORKSHOP FEEDBACK

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2014 Conference

- Phases of development in puppies (best practice/ early development for work)
- Positive reinforcement in livestock herding
- First aid in remote areas
- Informative overview of all sectors (as per Cunnington/greyhounds this conference)
- Clarity on end points for dogs in different sectors and options available for career change (e.g. ADF)

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- Nutrition (incl. snacking/feeding for working dogs) and Hydration for optimal performance
- Selection and recruitment (best practice/standardise)
- Canine sports physiology
- Response to greyhound inquiry/revisit 12 mths on
- More presence from farm sector

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Research

- Kennel management/design (facility vs home vs free ranging vs paddock / single vs group) – what is optimal?

- Ways of sharing data among groups for mutual/industry benefit (e.g. genetic analysis)

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- Further development of cognition/learning theory applications/motivation research (e.g. comparing types of positive reinforcement)

- Activity budgets and nutrition requirements

- Social needs of dogs (livestock guardian dogs)

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Changes to legislation/practices to improve working dog welfare/productivity

- Clarifying duty of care
- Transportation of/accessibility for dogs
- Educating stakeholders on laws/unifying legislation across states
- Greyhound industry transparency
- Higher level of resources committed to policing/enforcement

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Year 2 activities

- Special interest groups (breeding, etc.)
- Identifying working dog best practice (collate via website)
- Consultation, planning for development and further working dog trainer education resources (ASQA)

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Australian Government
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

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"Giving working dogs a new start."

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This is just the beginning

- Post-conference feedback via online form
- Extending the opportunity for workshop input via e-newsletter (help us engage others from your sector, from other sectors, from all sectors!)
- We thank you for being open to sharing, networking and learning – we've learned so much from you!