WORKSHOP FEEDBACK

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CONFERENCE ELVES

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)
2014 Conference

- 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

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)
Research

• 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)

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
Working Dog Alliance

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)

Join our network
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!