

# DWD ROOKIES



PRACTICE in trial conditions,  
PROOF your dog to the venue,  
TRY OUT a new routine, or  
Just have FUN with your dog!

9<sup>th</sup> August 2026 *(entries close 2<sup>nd</sup> August)*

*Where:* Virginia Community Centre Hall, 934 Old Port Wakefield Road, Virginia.

*When:* Following the completion of the Double DWD Competitions.

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# Dances With Dogs *ROOKIES* ?



## What & Why

*Rookies* is not a *Dogs Australia* event, but it is where the Club relaxes the DWD Rules a bit, so you can work on improving both your dog's & your DWD skills.

Things are set up like a competition, but there is no scoring or awards – so no pressure! You can treat it just like a competition to see where you are at with your routine, or just as a training session with food or motivators.

Each handler will have up to 5 minutes in the ring (including set-up). Entries are \$10 for members (\$15 for non-members). Costume is optional & props don't have to be "dressed". Dogs may be on-lead.



## When & Where

On the 9th August, there is a Double DWD Competition at the Virginia Hall, which should finish around 1pm-ish (it will depend how many entries are received). Once the competition is finished there will be a 30-minute lunch break when we will do *Rookies Music Checks*. Once lunch is finished there will be the Competition presentations & when over the *Rookies* routines will commence (probably around 2pm-ish).



## How

Entries on Top Dog (<https://www.topdogevents.com.au/trials/xxxx>) & close Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

While *Rookies* is not judged, there will be the 2 division (*FS* & *HTM*) & the 4 classes (*Starters* to *Advanced*) to enter. These are just a guide, as you should be at some level in your training – if not, just enter as *Freestyle Starters*. All dogs will still have the 5 minutes of ring time.

On the Top Dog trial page you can download a more detailed *Schedule* of the event, as well as copy of the Club's *DWD Rookies Guidelines*.