



## Lure Coursing Fun

Lure coursing is a performance event developed in the early '70s by sighthound fanciers who hunted jack-rabbits in the open field, which risked the harm caused by barbed wire fencing. They invented lure coursing as a safer, more controlled sport for sighthounds that would recreate the physical requirements of open field coursing, allowing them to continue testing the functional abilities of their

sighthounds. Lure coursing aims to preserve and develop the coursing skills inherent in the sighthounds and to demonstrate that they can perform the functions for which they were originally bred. The hounds chase plastic bags on a course laid out to simulate escaping game. The plastic bags are pulled around on a nylon string course, propelled by a hand controlled motor.

Want to know more? You can! Although this is short notice, you can go on Sunday October 30, 2005 at 4pm, behind the Jack Russell Area, at the Bill Spilstead Complex for Canine Affairs, 44 Luddenham Road Erskine Park. The day is being run by the Afghan Hound Club of NSW and all people and all breeds are welcome! The cost will be \$4 for the first run \$3 subsequent runs. Your dog can run with another or by himself.

Things you'll need...Strong collar and lead, Water bowl, Poop bags, Money for entry, Sensible footwear, what ever will help you catch your dog after their run eg. squeaky toy, food, tug toy, something for shade - hat, umbrella, shade tent.

A plate of something yummy to join in the communal luncheon

Need to know more? Call Susan Cilia on 96080661/0416045610

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There is now also a lurecoursingsydney group at Yahoo! Groups, a free, easy-to-use email group service. To start sending messages to members of this group, simply send email to lurecoursingsydney@yahoogroups.com.au  
**MODERATOR, LURECOURINGSYDNEY**



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FONDATION **30** MILLIONS D'AMIS  
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### Against the use of live dogs as bait to catch sharks off La Réunion Island !

If you want to gather more names for the petition, please download the document at:

[www.30millionsdamis.fr/FR/Petition/Petition\\_ile\\_reunion\\_UK.htm](http://www.30millionsdamis.fr/FR/Petition/Petition_ile_reunion_UK.htm)

Many thanks to send the complete petition after marking to:  
**Fondation 30 Millions d'Amis - 75402 Paris Cedex 08.**

#### Sign the petition on line

To Mr François BAROIN, Minister of Overseas Territories,

*I associate my name with that of Fondation 30 Millions d'Amis to ask you to put an end to the acts of cruelty perpetrated towards many stray dogs on the island of La Réunion, these dogs being used as living bait for shark fishing.*

To the best of our ability, this is NOT a fake picture and we apologise for publishing it as it will cause distress to all. Personally I feel ill everytime I look at it.

The photos and the accompanying petition were sent to us by Karl Donvil, founder of the World Dog Press Association, with the intent to spread awareness of this barbaric and unforgivable cruelty that is happening in the French Island of Reunion.

I know our thousands of readers will want to join the protest, so please, if you are unable to use the internet, take the time to write by regular mail to the address supplied. We MUST register a huge volume of disgust from "our" world. And the RSPCA worries about our breeders docking tails?



## DETECTION DOGS

Bomb detection dogs are not a new concept; however recent world events have brought them into prominence. We have spent many years developing a national capability to service the forthcoming requirements we believe Australia will experience, "Terrorism".

Some of the key areas of development to date are: Quality Assurance (currently implementing), staff training for safe handling and use of explosives, shot firers course, insurance, from the ground up a training and boarding complex to support Detector Dogs Australia (approximately \$600K, Member ISEE International Society of Explosive Engineers, Forensics division and so on. We have without doubt developed a solid foundation to what, in our eyes, is a critical factor in support of Australia's domestic security.

Detector Dogs Australia (DDA) is a fully operational division of a Company, which is engaged in the procurement, and execution of a wide range of security services throughout Australia. We, as a supplier of trained dogs, have been successfully and actively operating nationally and internationally for nearly 35 years. We continue to supply trained dogs to the international market for many purposes including narcotic and bomb detection, or more precisely the components (approx 19000 ingredients) that make up an explosive device, (power gel HMX, semtex PETN, gun powder etc). Our staff and handlers generally come from a military or policing background and, along with the ongoing in-house training, form a professional K-9 unit offering prevention as the best form of defence.

Although bomb detection dogs are high on the list of notoriety, DDA trains for all targets, ie "Target X". We as a K9 facility search

unit are only limited by imagination; Target X can be anywhere, any time. All creation consists of molecules and atoms that eventually break down and when this happens, those molecules and atoms omit an odour - that's Target X. DDA also offers, as a support to our K9 detection teams, a handler support team. These teams are trained in the selection of expected and traditional target locations.

We have recently and successfully completed our 2005 annual team certification with the National Police Canine Association. DDA is the only full facility canine search unit in Australia able to offer such transparency of our detection capabilities.

The selection of the right dogs is as critical as the selection of handler team members. We look at approximately 300 dogs to choose one and receive as many calls for employment before approving an applicant to begin the 14-week training course. DDA selects young willing dogs of any and mixed breeds. Our handlers get some strange looks when their uniform appearance is that of a Special Operation Police Member and then we bring out a Poodle cross or Cocker Spaniel or the like; most people expect to see German Shepherds or Rottweilers.

We are an equal opportunity employer with some restriction on females to international deployments; apart from the obvious danger attached to the work, there are some countries we cannot deploy a female operative. With national and international capabilities, DDA is a rapid deployment emergency management prevention and safety K9 unit. We accept assignments from the concerned parent requiring DDA to complete a narcotic sweep of a private residence to international Governments requesting short and/or long-term deployments.

**NEVILLE WILLIAMS**  
**Detector Dogs Australia**

