

Patience works with a Doll

LAWRENCE Hogg is never one to rush into things.

The 68-year-old Hogg didn't get involved in greyhound racing until 1995 when he decided to give local Townsville trainer Brad Belford a hand. When Belford's work commitments got too much, Hogg took over the training of his small team.

It is the patience that Hogg displays that has worked wonders with Yo Yo's Doll (Yo Yo's Boy-True Favourite) recent winner of the Cairns Winter Cup.

She ran a smart 32.14 to down Tropical Native with her litter and kennelmate My Favourite Boy in third. It was her fifth win from 25 starts but she has run 11 placings in her career.

Humphries, who owns Group 1 winner and now Victorian-based stud dog Waterview Star, bought Yo Yo's Doll and My Favourite Boy as pups and had them reared in Brisbane.

Hogg got the pair after breaking in back in May last year but did not start them until November.

"I'm 68 and retired so I have plenty of time to put into these dogs," said Hogg.

"I knew they would come good with time and that's how it has worked out. Both of them look like they need more ground though."

Hogg also did the early education with Humphries smart Bushland Boy, but it was wisely decided to send him south to race in Victoria where Bushland Boy

has been a prolific winner.

"Yo Yo's Doll was one of the top chances in the Young Guns final that kept getting washed out in Cairns some months ago," said Hogg.

Winter Cup (544m) Cairns

1 YO YO'S DOLL \$3.50
(Yo Yo's Boy-True Favourite)

Owner: Darren Humphries

Trainer: Lawrence Hogg

2 TROPICAL NATIVE \$8
(World Title-Infertesimal)

3 MY FAVOURITE BOY \$8
(Yo Yo's Boy-True Favourite)

Others: 4 Toni Jo \$4,

5 Gary's Miss \$2,

6 Canny Cruiser \$3,

7 Blue Tanist \$10,

8 Flaming Angel \$5.

Time: 32.14.