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This year's Christmas canine was photographed by Cherie Palmer. Raven (Tamsam Painted Black) was co-bred and is co-owned by Pat Plimmer who says what better subject to show the spirit of Christmas than a smooth fox terrier with its lively expression, who is affectionate, energetic, playful and the ideal family companion.



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## From the President...

This month I am writing my 50th President's message for *NZ Dog World*.

In the period covered by these reports, Dogs New Zealand has changed considerably. Most brought on by circumstances beyond our control, none more consequential than COVID-19. COVID forced us to look at the finances of our club, our judging system, the management of the club and our standing in the community. As a result, many changes have been made. Not all have been accepted with open arms but all have been made with the greater good of the membership in mind. Executive Council has had to make some hard calls and I am very proud of all councillors for making the necessary calls.

One particular innovation has seen a number of breeds adopt Litter Registration Limitations schemes and this month we see three more breeds join the list. Congratulations to the Miniature Poodle and Staffordshire Bull Terrier breeders and exhibitors for their courage and foresight. Joining them will be the American Hairless Terrier, a breed new to New Zealand. As new breeds are accepted into Dogs NZ LRLs are written for the breed, establishing a sound base for future breeding. Many more breeds are in the process of adopting LRLs. Is your breed among them?

Exciting news for the Agility Committee with the adoption of regulations for Hoopers, a new form of Agility without jumps that makes the sport ideal for the larger breeds and older dogs. Check out the criteria; it may be the new sport for you and your best friend.

2024 will see the Purina Pro Plan National Dog Show at the Manfeild venue in Feilding and plans are already being developed to make it a special show. Start making your plans to be part of the celebration of all things dog related.

The first FCI CACIB show for 2024 will be hosted by the Ruahine Kennel Association, in association with Dogs NZ at Manfeild in April. The second will be in Christchurch in August. Already four New Zealand dogs have had their CIB (International Beauty Champion) approved by FCI. We look forward to seeing many more joining them.

Finally, may the festive season be joyous for you all. 🐾

Brian Harris

President

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# CANINE CORNER

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## Playing around with AI

Writing an original column each month for this magazine has become part of my regular work routine; I started writing for *NZ Dog World* in December 2010.

I don't use AI (Artificial Intelligence) to write my columns, but I decided this month to play around with AI to create images of my Greyhound, Sox. Sox is a fawn Greyhound who loves getting attention and pats from everyone he meets. He is also the spokesdog for my dog massage and rehab practice, The Balanced Dog.

I'm very pleased with the results.

Here are the instructions for creating AI-generated images of your dog:

1. Go to **[www.bing.com/create](https://www.bing.com/create)**
2. Login in with your Microsoft account or create one.
3. Insert prompt in the box, for example: A Pixar-inspired image of (dog's name). Then describe your dog's personality and appearance.
4. Select 'Create'
5. Wait a moment for your images.
6. Download if you wish to save them.
7. Have fun this holiday season! 🐾

*Photos created with AI on 6 November 2023.*



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## White Swiss Shepherd Success

On page 26 of the November issues of NZ Dog World, in the Purina Pro Plan National Dog Show report, T Lawrence's Bouvier Des Flandres CH FLANDRESFARM NT M' FRST RODEO is shown as having won 4th Best of Group in the Working Dogs group. This entry actually won Best Junior in Group. Working Dog 4th Best of Group for the NDS was NZ CH IRON WILL VON KING'S SILBERTAL (IMP-GER), a White Swiss Shepherd Dog owned by N Sperling, as shown below.



## Dogs New Zealand

wishes all its members a safe and  
happy holiday.

**Our last day of business before  
Christmas will be  
Thursday 21 December 2023  
and the office will re-open in the new  
year on  
Monday 8 January 2024.**





# FCI World Championship Lure Coursing & CSS World Winner Lure Coursing

Kristianstad, Sweden, 29 June – 2 July, 2023



**Carole Tipler, our lure coursing correspondent, travelled in June to attend this year's FCI World Championship Lure Coursing & CSS World Winner Lure Coursing event, hosted by the Svenska Kennelklubben and Svenska Vinthundklubben (Swedish Kennel and Sighthound Clubs) in Kristianstad.**

Jonny Hedberg was the World Coursing Championships 2023 Head judge. It took three years of planning and I can attest that it was an amazing event. Let me share with you some of the things Jonny wrote for the catalogue:

*"One thing I have learned during the three years of planning of this championship is that a world championship lure coursing really is a serious project. It requires time, commitment, enthusiasm, patience and knowledge. ...details ranging from selecting the venue down to colours of taping have been thoroughly discussed. Appointing the judges to the different breeds and fields is an important task for the Head judge. The Rule Book strictly requires that each dog must be judged by six different judges from six different countries. This, together with the changing input from the different countries, makes the task somewhat tricky. ...The track layouts have been discussed several times in the WCC steering team. In a WCC we really need to have track layouts revealing the dogs' lure coursing capabilities. As an additional measure we will have six experienced judges walk the tracks to fine tune the lay out. We will also have several test runs on each track. I hope this will give well-balanced tracks that judges and pilots like... The very basic statement for Lure Coursing is: "Lure Coursing must be fun for both owners and dogs!" For the dogs I think it is inherent in their mind — they love it. For the owners perhaps a reminder sometimes is in place. This is a hobby, something we do on our free time because we like it and we love to see our dogs run. I think it is wise that our lure coursing stays a nice friendly hobby where we can meet and have fun together."*

So it was that I arrived in Sweden in time to attend the Saluki European Congress on 26 June. This was followed by two Saluki Specialist Shows on the 27-28 June, held in Kristianstad. The speakers at the Congress were Mary Parker from the UK, Dagmar Hintzenberg-Freisleben from Germany and Wendy Duggan from USA. There was a great international attendance but I got the prize for having travelled the furthest!

The Congress was interesting and it was a treat to see lots of beautiful Salukis at the subsequent shows. The highlight for me was when Best in Show for the first Saluki Specialty Show was awarded to a lovely sound boy, Scharwassim Fayek Al-Shen, which was sired by a dog of my breeding! The fact that he is considered one of the top coursing Salukis in Sweden for the year was a double bonus.

I had a lovely time catching up on old friends and acquaintances. It was truly an international event and it was sad to have to say goodbye to these wonderful people who had made the journey.

And then the World Championship Lure Coursing event began, a very busy four days. The event's web page, [wcc2023.svvk.se](http://wcc2023.svvk.se), has the full catalogue and schedule. Entries were from Germany (120), Czech Republic (105), Sweden (100), Finland (70), Switzerland (52), Poland (43), Netherlands (37), Norway (35), Denmark (32), Italy (31), Belgium (27), Hungary (24), Lithuania (23), Austria (23), UK (22), France (19), Estonia (10), Slovakia (9), Ukraine (7), Latvia (6), Slovenia (4), and Serbia (1). Total hounds entered was 809, represented by Borzoi, Chart Polski (Polish Greyhound), Deerhound, Podenco Canario, Podenco Ibicenco (Ibizan Hound), Irish Wolfhound, Afghan, Azawakh, Pharaoh Hound, Saluki, Magyar Agar, Greyhound, Galgo Espanol (Spanish Greyhound), Whippet, Cirneco dell'Etna, Italian Sighthound, and Sloughi.

Can you imagine seeing so many fabulous different hounds, all eager to enjoy their purpose in life (well, to make believe...), to chase, to capture, to provide dinner for their human family?

I met some amazing hound breeds that I had never seen before (including some that aren't seen in New Zealand). I watched handlers walking as many as seven Azawakhs, all perfectly well behaved, and also a big group of Deerhounds. Whippets were the biggest group of hounds entered and on the Friday two fields were specifically set aside for their runs.

I was lucky to be able to spend time with Per Nordahl who is one of Europe's senior coursing judges (and who came to New Zealand a few years ago to help us with our Sighthound Field Coursing Club). He was a mine of information and cheerfully talked about the intricacies of the courses being run. (*That's Per in the last photo in this article, with his sculptures set up in front of the stage.*) I went hunting for someone taking photographs and was lucky to find Marcel Nussbaumer from Switzerland who happily shared some of the photographs he took during the four days' event. The judges in the fields were situated so they could see the entire course. They had a chair and a small tent each. The Lure Operator was positioned high on a stand where he could see the entire course. He had three machines just in case one failed. The Huntmaster was positioned at the beginning of the course and the gallery was spread around the best view points happily





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# Dogs on the catwalk

Supplied by Leanne Gibson, Secretary

**Canine Friends Pet Therapy has 600 pet therapy dogs visiting in 30 regions at rest homes, hospitals and hospices. We often work with the staff in these facilities to run special events or to celebrate special occasions. We'd like to share our most recent event, a Doggy Fashion Show in the Manawatu.**



Over 60 residents attended from the Ranfurly and Nelson Residential Care Centres to see 11 of our Canine Friends teams strut their stuff.

The idea was developed by the Ranfurly diversional therapist Tracey along with the CFPT Manawatu team led by Kaye Harkness and Ann Evans.

Each dog modelled three separate outfits with the last outfit celebrating Halloween. Crowd favourites were Maddie as a black witch on her broomstick, Saffy as a bumblebee and Ryder as Count Dracula.

As each dog sashayed down the catwalk, Tracey (the DT and MC) gave the audience the name and breed of each dog and a fun fact about them.

Dogs and residents enjoyed themselves immensely. At the end of the fashion show, all dogs were presented with doggy bags (decorated by the residents) containing some yummy dog treats.

Tracey, the diversional therapist said: "It was so much fun and so many residents enjoyed it. Its still the talk of Ranfurly. What a wonderful Paw Parade".

Liz, the diversional therapist from Nelson Street said: "Thanks so much! It was really great fun."

Canine Friends is a group of volunteers who love sharing their pet dogs with people who can't have one. If you want to know more, please check out our website or Facebook page. 🐾



If you and your dog would like to join us, please visit: [www.caninefriends.org.nz](http://www.caninefriends.org.nz)



# Junior Dog Handling

## Junior Dog Handling Final 2023



The Purina Pro Plan National Dog Show at Purina Pro Plan Auckland Exhibition centre was the venue for this year's Junior Dog Handling final. Each of the 10 contestants, all of whom had won a heat during the year, were ready to compete for the biggest prize in our dog show world. This competition does not judge the physical attributes of the dog but the handler's ability to handle and present the dog to the three officiating judges. This year's judges were Kristin O'Malley from Adelaide, Deborah Jacques from Queensland and a previous two-time JDH winner, Amy Bray from Waikato.

The generous sponsorship from Purina Pro Plan enables the annual winner to travel to Birmingham, England to compete in the International Junior Handler Final at the most famous dog show in the world: Crufts.

PD Pet Insurance also sponsored gift bags for each contestant and prizes for the place-getters. Our regular compere Martin Hewitt kept the audience informed as the finalists were put through their paces. Keeping the nerves under control and the show running was the special task of our stewards Sonia Nicholson, Brett Burrows and Charly Houtos. Thanks also to the members that provided extra swap dogs and helpers at the event along with the ten clubs that hosted heats throughout the year. 🐾

Congratulation to the 2023 1st place winner and representing New Zealand at Crufts 2024, Jacob Ashwell. 🐾

*Lynley Bray*

*Photos Paula Pollard*



Top to bottom: Jacob Ashwell, 1st place; Paige Judson, 2nd place; Ruby Hogg, 3rd place





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# CANINE CHRISTMAS

## DO'S AND DON'TS



With summer now here, many of us can look forward to spending more time with family, both human and furry. Whether this translates as social gatherings, gifts, feasts and getaways or simply not following an itinerary, it's a period of the year that can present more opportunities for dogs to get themselves into a pickle.

However, astute pet owners can alleviate a whole host of potential doggy dangers by keeping tabs on their companions and pre-empting certain summer dangers.

PD Insurance rounds up some top canine considerations for the festive season.

### Do keep a watchful eye around decorations

- **Tinsel and baubles:** Curious canines may turn decorations into dental dilemmas or, worse, tasty tangles.
- **Christmas lights:** A shocking experience awaits those who nibble on these electrifying accessories.
- **Sparklers and fireworks:** As well as being off the charts for our pets, who have incredibly powerful senses, these also contain poisonous ingredients.
- **Poinsettia, pine needles, holly, and mistletoe:** This iconic collection of decorative Christmas plants are sadly all poisonous to pets when ingested.

- **Gift wrap and ribbons:** Wrapping paper, ribbons and bubble wrap pose a myriad of risks from entanglement and choking hazards to accidental ingestion.
- **Candles:** Pets may mistake them for a midnight snack, but essential oils and petrochemicals aren't on the menu – don't light their curiosity.

### Do use a dog friendly sunscreen

Dogs, regardless of their fur colour or length, can get sunburnt, and those with fair fur and shorter coats are more susceptible. Hairless dogs are at the highest risk of severe sunburn.

To protect your pet, consider dog-specific sunscreen, avoid midday sun exposure and use breathable dog jackets (if these are needed at all?!). Never use human sunscreen on dogs as it can harm their skin.

By heading off doggy sunburn, you'll save them from potential fever, peeling, itching, blisters and infection.

### Don't leave your dog in the car

Yes, we've all heard it and, yes, we all know not to leave dogs in parked cars. But a gentle recap never did any dog any harm, so let's remind ourselves what can happen when dogs are left to heat up in parked cars.

A small increase in a dog's body temperature can lead to heatstroke. An outdoor temperature of 25°C can quickly escalate close to 40°C or more inside the car. This can cause brain damage and death as dogs can only briefly tolerate body temperatures around 41°C.

### **Do keep festive food dangers away**

Not only do dogs love doing everything we humans do, but one could make a strong argument they'd love to be human too. Despite this, they can't eat everything we do.

The statement is especially true of festive foods like onions, garlic and chives, which in turn means gravy. Grapes and raisins - meaning mince pies and Christmas cake - are off the list too! Then there's your caffeine, chocolate and xylitol which are absolute no-goes. And we'd better mention seasonal stone fruits like cherries, plums and peaches. Corn cobs and certain nuts that can be too fatty or toxic, like macadamia nuts, also need to be stored safely. This isn't an exhaustive list, but it's a good place to start.

If you're wondering whether dogs can eat cooked turkey, chicken and beef, the answer is yes. Provided it's skinless, boneless and isn't seasoned with the likes of onion and garlic or drenched in oil. Further on meat, it's best to steer clear of treating pets with more than a taste of salty, fatty Christmas pork, sausages and ham.

### **Don't be lax on water safety**

With mercury rising, don't be tempted to give dogs free reign around swimming pools, lakes, dams, rivers and beaches - our canine buddies should always be supervised. Kit them up in a doggy lifejacket because riptides, or a lack of footing in a pool or other waterway can be a serious drowning risk.

A near drowning can cause secondary (or delayed) drowning up to three days after the original incident. Also beware of sand impaction from your dog swallowing too much sand (i.e: from retrieving sandy toys) or ingesting toxic algae, sea urchins, sea slugs, jellyfish, sea lice, blue bottles and puffer fish. Accidental ingestion is a very common pet insurance claim.

### **Do give the gift of pet insurance**

Speaking of festive season safety tips, do head over to Dogs NZ Pet Insurance by [pd.co.nz](http://pd.co.nz) for low-cost, high-value pet insurance cover.

As dog owners, even if we have a list of dos and don'ts, life still happens, and dogs will be dogs. While you can plan ahead, accidents and injuries are a natural part of life. That's why you should seriously consider having a safety net in place for those unplanned events, with pet insurance.

That way if your dog devours your Christmas chocolates or eats your new Santa socks you can focus on them rather than the potential costs as you whisk them to the vet.

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## 2023 NDTA Results



National Dog Training Assembly 2023 has come and gone. Wow, what a week!

The weather was beautiful (only one hour of rain all weekend), the catering was great, the social function was a blast, the judges and stewards were lovely, as were the competitors. The shiny floors did not cause the issues that some people had been worried about. In fact, the venue worked out really well in all aspects.

And the Central Region team. What can I say? You guys rock! Everyone put in so much effort to have things run like clockwork. A slightly later finish of the Rally-O ring on Saturday was rectified by adding an extra ring so all rings finished at similar times for the rest of the weekend.

We mixed the presentations up so that all codes were involved right through, so everyone got a chance to see who had done well in the other codes.

It was good to be able to include, for the first time at NDTA, Scent Work, along with Working Trials, Obedience, Rally-O, CD Trials and Paws N Music. It made a full five days.

We appreciated having sponsors' representatives Miranda Stevens (Purina Pro Plan) and Jacqui Whelan (PD Insurance) attend on Saturday. I hope you enjoyed your day. It was also good that Fiona Hodgson from the Executive Council and Steven Thompson, Dogs NZ Director/Secretary, were able to attend over the weekend.

Twelve of our Central Region clubs supplied the most amazing raffles, which provided a healthy contribution to our running costs. Congratulations also to all those who did well in the competitions

over the weekend, and congratulations to the winners of the team events: Obedience, Southern Region; Rally-O, Southern Region; and Working Trials, Central Region.

I want to say a special thank you to the members of the NDTA 2023 committee:

Stephen Harris: The man of many a hats: show secretary, catalogue co-ordinator, commentator, joint Obedience manager, key holder (Sunday night was a 2:00am lockup and a 6:30am open!).

Irma Harris: Treasurer, Paws N Music manager and much more.

Bill Moffat: Joint Obedience manager.

Geoff Collins: Who started off as Chairperson, then decided to relinquish some of the role and became Deputy Chairperson. Also responsible for live streaming the Teams event, which was much appreciated by those who couldn't attend in person.

Karen Sadler: Organised the social event.

Cheryl Dickson, Leesa Burns (Working Trials), Vicki Moffat and Katrina Roebuck all filled many roles and contributed in so many ways to make the event happen.

Then we had the various managers: Maria Storey (Rally-O); Lynda Cummins (Scent Work); and Murray Aamodt (Camping).

Well done Central Region — only three years until the next one! 🐾

*Rosemary Cleator,  
Chairperson, NDTA 2023 Organising Committee*





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## NZDAC 2023

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The Zone 1 NZDAC committee initiated the planning process for this years New Zealand Dog Agility Championships over 18 months ago.

Our first task was to find a suitable location for the event. Local committee members suggested Morrinsville Recreation Ground, which turned out to be a fantastic venue with ample space for all our needs. Thank you Matamata-Piako District Council for the use of your grounds. The committee then worked diligently to organise the rest of the event, holding numerous long meetings. At times, it seemed like it would never come together, but everyone stepped up to their assigned tasks with enthusiasm, and all the pieces came together seamlessly.

Alan McClumph served as the MC for the weekend, keeping everyone well informed and entertained. Lara Tompsett and Caitlin Frater did an outstanding job as Show Managers, and at the same time achieved remarkable results with their dogs.

With 373 competitors and 661 dogs, there was plenty of space between the rings. The ring entry system, designed and managed by ShowSec (Diana and Scott Gausden), worked flawlessly. ShowSec has used live results within Zone 1 since 2019 and also for NZDAC 2023. Scott spent several months writing code and two weeks building additional hardware to bring six rings to a broader audience than those ringside. With a team of 15 wonderful scribes, this brought live results for all the classes, live pages for the Interzone Teams and Interclub scoring, as well as a live result overlay from the webcams, so the viewers at home could see the results for the dog they just watched on the screen.

The weather co-operated, with sunny days throughout the event, except for a brief thunderstorm that occurred during the Agility finals. Fortunately, luck was on our side as it cleared in time for the prize-giving.

Zone 1 encompasses the upper North Island down to the Waikato. All our clubs took on a significant amount of work. To manage the rings effectively, we divided the responsibility among attending members, ensuring that each ring had a similar number of personnel to manage the six rings. Everyone noticed how smoothly the rings operated, and the judges rarely needed to pick up dropped rails. The event was only successful with the support of Zone 1 clubs, and we extend our gratitude to them and the many individuals who, though not running dogs, came to offer their assistance.

An event like this wouldn't have been possible without our sponsors and judges. We express our immense gratitude to Purina Pro Plan for their amazing sponsorship, PD Pet



**Agility Champ of Champs:** Denise Ockey and Ruby, judge Carl Ranford



**Jumpers Champ of Champs:** David Cook and Zag. With runner-up Caitlin Frater and Enzyme, judge Martin Bush

*Photographs: Brya Igram Photography.*



# 1st NZ Dachshund National



From humble beginnings and a casual comment at the 2022 National Dog Show arose the first ever New Zealand Dachshund National, a real celebration of our breeds.

To the three Dachshund clubs, both the committees and membership, thank you for believing in our vision and providing the support required to get the ball rolling. The initial financial seeding and the letters of support helped get the show on the road to where we are today.

To my committee, my sincere thanks for the sheer volume of input, the sharing of ideas, the manual labour and creativity; nothing was ever too much trouble for the team.

To the people around the country who have supported us by buying raffle tickets, donating product and prizes, sponsorship, providing the most beautiful rosettes, handcrafted items and goody bag

items, fabulous merchandise, wonderful sponsorship from Pro Plan and Plush Puppy, thank you one and all for everything.

To our exhibitors who supported us with a fabulous entry which far exceeded our expectations, and those of the supporting shows, simply incredible. The camaraderie and sportsmanship around the ring was outstanding, and a big congratulations to you all. Thanks also to our judge, Jeff Horswell of Drakesleat Kennels in the UK.

To all our helpers, officials, supporters we sincerely thank you for making history for Dachshunds in New Zealand.

We did it, team. 🐾

*Lynley Bray, Chairperson*

*1st NZ Dachshund National 2023 Committee*



1st NZ National Dachshund Committee, from left: Lynley Bray, Jeanette Alderson, Raelene Guthrie, Solitaire Robertson, Susan van der Pol, Amy Bray. Absent: Billie Jean Wills, Noelene Hughes.



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