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Thanks to Susie Londer for this trio of Beagle girls, l-r: Dusty, Sophie, Mila (Brooklane Look at Me I Am Mila). Susie always gives her Beagles an early morning walk, usually on the beach. They love posing on anything as they always get a treat! Also, Susie says, don't believe you can't train a Beagle to come back when you call them: hers do! Dusty (12) was a rescue that weighed a whopping 21kg: she now is a healthy 11kg. Sophie passed away December 2021, and Mila is 11. Dusty and Mila are avid Dogs NZ Scent Work competitors.





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## From the President...

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy new year.

2024 will bring some exciting and major changes within our club. Our Canine Health & Welfare Officer, Rhea Hurley, has tended her resignation. Rhea's legacy will be the implementation of the Respiratory Function

Grading scheme for brachycephalic dogs. This is an important step forward for the health of pure-bred dogs in New Zealand and world-wide. We wish Rhea success with her future business activities. Also resigning is our Treasurer, Clive Phillips. Clive has been a huge asset to Executive Council during his tenure. Clive's ability to manage the funds of our club and meet the expectations of EC have been significant and greatly appreciated. The club will reap the benefit of Clive's knowledge for years to come. To you both, thank you.

During January, I along with Executive Councillor Martin Hewitt had the great pleasure to attend the Junior Dog Training camp held at Woodend Christian Camp just outside Christchurch. What an amazing group of youngsters were taking part and obviously having a wonderful time. Well done to the organizers.

Also in January, I had the very sad honour to represent Dogs New Zealand at the memorial service for Life Member and recipient of the Breeder Hall of Fame award, Dianne Tyssen. The service was a celebration of a life well lived. Loved by so many, Dianne's accomplishments are too many to list here. My thanks to Beth Warman and John Green for their recollections of this amazing lady.

As we move into a new year expect some changes as we endeavour to bring the club into the 21st century. Some may find the changes hard to accept but remember everything we do is with the survival of the club and the pure-bred dog in mind. 🐾

Brian Harris

President

**The price of doing the same old thing is far higher than the price of change.**

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## Dogs in the dictionary

'A dog is a man's best friend.'

According to the Oxford English Dictionary, "In the oldest proverbs and phrases dogs are rarely depicted as faithful or as man's best friend, but as vicious, ravening, or watchful". Beginning in the 18th century, and gaining ground in the 19th century, by the 20th century language and attitudes towards dogs had shifted in recognition of their love and companionship.

In this column, I look at some of the more familiar dog-related phrases and idioms which are in use today.

Valentine's Day will soon be upon us. Is it a case of 'puppy love'? Puppy love is an infatuation often associated with childhood or early adolescence.

Since we are in the heat of summer, what about 'dog days', an expression that refers to the hottest weather which zaps our energy, making it harder to work and exercise. In the northern hemisphere, this adage has been expanded to refer to the dog days of August, when summer heat combines with peak humidity.



Let sleeping dogs lie - greyhounds are known for sleep startle.

Now that we are back from summer holidays, think of the person in your office who just won't let go of a subject or point of view. You can describe them as 'like a dog with a bone', referring to the possessiveness and resource guarding of a dog with a bone or other precious treat.


Had a tough day at work or play? You are 'dog tired'. With the average dog sleeping between 12 and 14 hours per day, our dogs often seem tired and in need of sleep.

Had a good night's sleep? You've 'slept like a dog', a phrase that pays homage to the ability of our dogs to sleep anywhere, anytime, and often deeply.

Following on from that, 'let sleeping dogs lie'. Many dogs, especially greyhounds, are known for their ability to sleep startle, awaking suddenly from sleep with an aggressive growl and gnashing of teeth. If you caution someone to let sleeping dogs lie, you are warning them not to interfere or disturb a situation because they are likely to cause trouble.

If you are a top performer in your field, you 'run with the big dogs'. An extended version is that 'if you can't run with the big dogs, you'd better stay on the porch', meaning if you know you don't have the skills or talent to compete with the best in the field, it is best not to enter the competition in the first place.

Remember that if you excel in your field, you might be the 'top dog'; the leader of the pack who is the most powerful in your group.

And, finally, since we have many competitors in Dogs New Zealand, let us remember that 'every dog has its day', which has come to mean that everyone in their lifetime has a moment of glory. Some are lucky enough to have more than one... 



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## WE WANT YOUR STORIES!

If your club has a significant anniversary, one of your dogs hits a milestone, your kennel produces a champ or a champion litter then we want to hear from you!

We are always happy to hear about your breed, your experience and insights on the show ring and dog sports in general.

We don't need masses of text — pictures say a thousand words! — so be sure to share your story with us at [magazine@dogsnz.org.nz](mailto:magazine@dogsnz.org.nz).



# Ringside Thoughts

## Where are the volunteers?

by Lavina Diamanti

Happy New Year and welcome to what I plan to be a regular page. This column is about things that happen in the world of dog showing. Thank you to everyone who took the time to encourage me to start writing again for *NZ Dog World*. I hope you all had a pleasant Christmas and New Year and managed to spend some quality time with family and friends.

It was during a lunch break at a recent show where I was judging when the conversation turned to clubs, committees and committee numbers. One of the officials engaged in the conversation at this recent show is the secretary for an All Breeds club and she shared with us the ages of her current committee. My rough calculation put the average age at nearly 80 years old — yes, almost 80! This particular club has tried to recruit new committee members to no avail. This got me thinking about clubs in this situation and where they will be in 10 or even five years time. Dogs New Zealand has identified that there are challenges ahead and a working group has been formed to look at this, but part of the solution could come from within our members, and it's called volunteering.

Volunteering seems to have become a thing of the past. And it's not just with dog shows, and is across the board with many organisations. Gone are the days when there were more members wanting to be on the committee than the constitution allowed, and the committee members were voted on. Does that ever happen

today? Many clubs are made up of a mere handful of members and not surprisingly, they are also the full committee.

So where is the succession plan? Who is going to run these clubs in the future? Sadly, few are putting their hands up and as our membership declines, so does our base of volunteers. It is now common to see a secretary run several clubs. Most probably they do it because there is no-one else to take over and they don't want to see the club fail, but each of these amazing people has a limit as to how much they can do and for how long.

But it is not only at club level. Some years there was no vote for positions at Executive level either. Reading the article in the November *NZ Dog World* on the history of the Agility Committee highlights a similar issue with that sport as well. Volunteering at this level gives one the opportunity to be a part of the solution, to have a voice and to bring those ideas, which are so often talked about around the dinner table after a show, to fruition (or to permanently squash them!). Yes, at this level it is hard work, but hard work is the basis for any organisation.

There are a whole lot of reasons why members aren't keen to put their hand up to volunteer, and I've heard them all before. But mostly we are just happy to leave it all to someone else. What happens when 'someone else' no longer exists? What happens when we no longer have the committees to run the shows? Who will run the shows? Will we expect them to be run by Dogs NZ or an independent third party who will run it as a business? If this is the case, it will come at a cost, and that cost will be passed on to the exhibitor. So that begs the question: How much are you prepared to pay on top of your current entry fee, so you don't have to be a volunteer? And don't think there won't be a cost, because if someone has to do the work, and if they are a paid employee or running it as a business, then that cost will be passed on to the exhibitors either via show levies, increased entry fees, or increased annual membership fees.

Then there are the handful of freehold and leasehold properties owned by All Breed clubs around the country. How will these clubs maintain these grounds when we no longer have enough volunteers? How will they raise the funds required to pay someone to maintain their grounds? Property ownership for these clubs is a huge annual cost and ongoing fundraising and manpower is required to keep them looking good so we can enjoy them when they hold a show. Plus, we have the Dogs NZ properties which also have a core base of volunteers keeping these venues looking great and functioning well.

So here is a thought. According to Dogs NZ information, we currently have 5,140 members across all codes. There are 283 clubs of various status across conformation and other disciplines. If every member gave just one hour of their time each month, then every club would have, on average, 218 hours of volunteer time per year. And yes, some of us have done our fair share, I won't deny that, but if you have never been on a committee then I encourage you to give something back to the sport we all love and think about volunteering and investing in the future of our hobby.

Happy showing. 🐾





# Young Dog Showing

Supplied by Margaret Wilson, YDS Chairperson

## A New Season for YDS



The next generation East Coast Ladies Kennel Association.

The new season for the Young Dog Showing competition is off to a terrific start. Most of our heats are well-supported and it is wonderful to see some new juniors entering this competition.

We have some helpful hints for beginners in our junior website section: click the 'Juniors' tab at the top of Dogs New Zealand's home page ([www.dogsnz.org.nz](http://www.dogsnz.org.nz)). The heat calendar for the first half of the year is also in the same location but check our Facebook page for any last-minute changes; search for 'Young Dog Showing Conformation Official'.

Congratulations to our first group who have qualified for the national finals in September, being held at the Purina Pro Plan National Dog Show at Manfeild Park. Remember: in a YDS heat, we place from 1st to 5th and if the placegetters ahead of you have already qualified then you are a finalist as well. This allows everyone to keep competing and practising their skills throughout the year. Watch out for the new YDS training classes. At shows which do not have a competition heat, some highly talented handlers will be offering training and tips. This will probably occur after group judging but check Facebook, ask me at [jetsunlabs@gmail.com](mailto:jetsunlabs@gmail.com), or contact your regional coordinator — Kelly Te Reo, Debbie Hull,

Elza Maulder or Susan van der Pol — to ask about training sessions.

Huge thanks to our show photographers who make their YDS photos available free of charge. This month's stunning pics were taken by Kirstie Bain at the East Coast Ladies Kennel Association show.

As always, we are indebted to the clubs that make time for our future breeders and exhibitors. Thank you Waimakariri, Wellington Ladies, Taupo, Pencarrow, Eastern Bay Of Plenty, East Coast Ladies and Wairarapa Kennel Associations, Canterbury Junior Kennel Society and South Taranaki Kennel Centre. 🐾



Placegetters 8-11 years, above; Placegetters 12-15 years, below.



### Qualifiers from October to December 2023

#### 5-7 year olds

Kezia Goddard  
Riahn Tipene Williams  
Hunter Meyer  
Kyle Austin  
Wyatt Bray-Oneil  
Lockie Marden  
Jonathon Machin

#### 8-11 year olds

Beau Price  
Arvia Caldwell-Limmer  
Miley-Skye Brandt  
Sophie McCarrison  
Lottie Ryan  
Cassandra McQueen  
Joshua Machin

#### 12-15 year olds

Sophie Black  
Anya Coombs  
Elay Brandt  
Georgia Calman  
Eilish Kempthorne  
Ruby Hogg  
Paige Ashwell  
Sophia Monson  
Lila Hammond

#### 16-20 year olds

Mackenzie Stevens  
Danielle King  
Paige Judson  
Alexis Maulder  
Reegan Tock  
Jessica Langridge



# Junior Dog Training

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## JDT Camp 2024 preview!

Check out this sneak peak of JDT Camp 2024! The kids and dogs had a blast — a full report will appear next issue. Thanks to Brya Ingram Photography for the photos.



**JDT**  
Junior Dog Training







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# Reducing the Physical Workload

Tired of moving heavy dog Agility equipment?

Would you like to relieve your club members of the burden of shifting heavy equipment when moving it at every training session and event?

Let's get wheels rolling! But before you rush in and spend thousands of dollars on state-of-the-art equipment, take a moment to consider a few things. It's time to deal with the elephant in the room: the tunnel sand bags. Here's a little math.

The ideal weight for each tunnel sandbag would be between 12-15kg. So, on the low end, a pair of tunnel sand bags equals 24kg. A five-metre rigid tunnel requires an optimum of five sets of tunnel sand bags, which equals 120kg.

An Agility ring would have on average three rigid tunnels, each with five sets of tunnel sand bags, a total of 360kg.

If your show has two Agility rings with three different courses per day that's 2.16 tonnes on the low end or 2.7 tonnes on the high end to be moved each day at your show. And many clubs run more than two Agility rings.

There is a common saying 'work smarter not harder'. Working smarter sounds appealing, but it's not always straightforward. If you work hard, with the right people you almost always get the job done. To work smarter, you need a deliberate plan and not every plan yields the expected results due to various factors.

It's like when you bake a cake, you can't replace the flour with sugar and hope for the best. Introducing new innovations to your club is similar. You need a process and to choose your new equipment wisely.

Creating a structured process for problem-solving and generating solutions can be immensely beneficial. Here's a basic framework that often works well:

**Identify the Issue:** Clearly define the problem. Work out whether it is a real issue or just a one-off.

**Gather Information:** Collect all relevant data, facts, and information related to the problem. This might involve research, surveys, or discussions with stakeholders. Have a look at what other clubs have done to solve similar problems, both their successes and failures. Sometimes you can learn more from the piece of equipment laying in the back of the gear shed that never gets used than the equipment the club uses all the time.

**Generate Possible Solutions:** Brainstorm various ideas without evaluating them initially. Encourage creativity and diverse perspectives during this phase.

**Evaluate and Select Solutions:** Assess each solution based on feasibility, effectiveness, and alignment with goals. Narrow down the options to the most viable ones.

**Evaluate Solutions:** Consider factors such as feasibility, effectiveness, risks, costs, and benefits.



A Frame Mover



Wing Jump trolley.

*Continued over the page...*



## December assessment catch-up

*I have been putting the CGC pages together for quite a few years now and have enjoyed seeing how different groups complete their assessments in a variety of weathers and conditions. It has also been great to see the variety of dogs and handlers who have been happy and completed with smiles on their faces. However, I would now like to pass the monthly job on to someone who has more time and connections with the dog world. If you are reading this and are keen, or know someone that might be, please get in touch with me ([barsal1945@gmail.com](mailto:barsal1945@gmail.com)).*

*I must thank all the hard-working secretaries and CGC workers who have put in extra time to give me wonderful reports of their assessments and provided the photos. I must also thank the NZ Dog World editor who has helped me put the reports and photos into the magazine and corrected some of my weak computer knowledge. 🐾*

Sally Fenton

## Selwyn Dog Training Club

CGC assessments 2-3 December 2023. Over the weekend there were dogs from Selwyn DTC, Canterbury Canine Obedience Club, North Canterbury DTC, Canterbury Kennel Association and Central Otago.

There was a range of breeds including Border Collies (5), Golden Retrievers (2), German Shepherd Dogs (2), one each of Briard, Whippet, Boxer, Fox Terrier, Labrador Retriever cross, Bearded Collie cross, Greyhound cross, Mastiff cross and Schnoodle.



Silver: Denise Balloch, SDTC, with Mastiff cross Ronald Weasley.

Assessments were held in the Selwyn DTC training area in Rolleston's Foster Park Dog Exercise Area. This provided plenty of space for the assessment with interesting distractions coming from the open dog park. Saturday treated the assessment kindly with nice weather remaining until the conclusion of the Bronze assessment when rain set in. Twelve dogs presented for Foundation on Saturday morning. Of these, seven were successful. Four were from Selwyn DTC, and one each from CCOC, NCDTC and

Central Otago. All seven combinations clearly demonstrated that they were worthy CGC dogs.

Five dogs were unsuccessful. It is disappointing that aggression towards the assessor was the cause of failure for two dogs. Other reasons for dogs being unsuccessful included failure to return to handler, lunging towards person eating, and a poor relationship between handler and dog.

On Sunday, six dogs presented for the Silver assessment with six combinations being successful. 'Stop the dogs' was the downfall of the combination that were unsuccessful.

One dog registered for Gold and was joined by four of the successful silver dogs. Four dogs qualified; the unsuccessful dog did not 'retrieve the article'.

The public area exercises were conducted in Rolleston Square, which was very busy after Black Friday and with a Christmas market operating. This meant that there were plenty of crowds as well as distractions provided by the market. The dogs all remained calm for the exercises in spite of the level of distraction. This was a credit to the handlers.

Ann Coulson of North Canterbury was our contracted Assessor for the weekend. A big thank you to the Team who ran the assessments on Saturday while I was still testing positive for COVID-19.

Lucy Sandford-Reed  
SDTC CGC Co-ordinator



Silver & Gold, left to right: Gary Wulff, Central Otago, with Border Collie Ace; Savannah Wulff, Central Otago, with Border Collie Shade; Berenice Bryan, SDTC, with Schnoodle Leah Remember Me; Leone Friis, CKA, Whippet Tynchewick Sylvan Star (aka Bambi).





# ROYAL CANIN NEW ZEALAND PREMIER *Show Dog of the Year*

After a forced hiatus of three years due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting lack of shows, we were finally able to bring the Royal Canin New Zealand Premier Show Dog of the Year back to the 2023 show calendar. And what a way to finish a huge year of showing than to present New Zealand's cream of the crop to our **three esteemed Australian judges: Kerry Lee from Victoria, Dave Kille from Queensland and Louise Thomas-Van Der Weide from New South Wales.** Keeping it all running smoothly were our valued stewards Richard King, Elaine Feng, Gay Meredith, Rob Ellis, Bob and Rosemary Weaver.

Even though it takes a couple of days it is incredibly special to see the Purina Pro Plan Auckland Exhibition Centre transformed into a Royal Canin spectacle of red and white. We really couldn't ask for a more generous and supportive naming sponsor than the Royal Canin team. Due to not having been able to run the event in 2022, it was decided to make this year's qualifying period 18 months. The 2023 entry is one of the biggest we have seen in years with 70 entrants for Puppy of the Year and 65 entrants for Dog of the Year.

It was an early morning start for the puppies, and it was straight into some serious judging with only a few byes. All results for the morning's judging were kept secret and not even the judges knew who the winners of the first rounds would be. There were a few scratchings in the Dog of the Year, resulting in the draw needing to have a higher number of byes, but interestingly only one of the final four came through from a first round bye.

Thanks to careful management and hard-working judges and stewards, we were able to finish the daytime judging with a few hours to spare to allow everyone to have time to glam up for the evening's event.

To kick off this year's gala evening our wonderful new pet insurance sponsor Pet-n-Sur hosted a generous welcome drink on arrival for all exhibitors and guests and was very well received by all.

Like 2019, the multi-talented Richard King stepped back into the ring to take the microphone as MC and kick off what everyone had come



for, the crowning of the 2023 New Zealand Premier Show Dog and Puppy of the Year.

First up were the puppy contestants, and this year we had a number of newbies that were very excited to be in the big ring. The raising of the red and white paddles by each judge to announce their choices is always exciting. As the night went on, hearing the spectators supporting their favourites was uplifting and it was wonderful to see the fabulous sportsmanship displayed by the exhibitors congratulating each other in the ring.

The puppy judging heat resulted in four randomly drawn rounds to leave us with the final four contestants.

Then it was on to a new addition to the event: the 2023 'best of' awards, nominated online in the months leading up to the event.

Our highly IT-talented Chairman Matt Cosgove, who had put together our whole entry and nomination system this year, took to the mic to announce the inaugural winners for 2023. Part of the nomination form asked 'why?' and it was very special to hear some of the comments submitted.

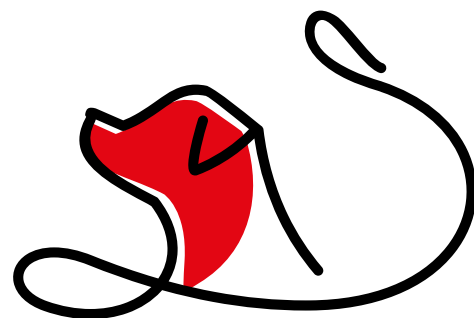
Our All Breed judges were assisted by a talented group of stewards in Richard King, Gaynor Meredith and Elaine Feng (in the ring), with assembly steward Bob Weaver and Rosemary Weaver, and show steward Rob Ellis.





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