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Terms of endearment...

I love dogs and, since this is the magazine of Dogs New Zealand, I think I am in good company.

We form deep emotional connections to our dogs. As members of the family and a source of companionship beyond compare, it's a natural extension of this relationship when we begin to use words and phrases that express our affection for our dogs.

Terms of endearment vary according to location, heritage and culture and, thanks to a world that is increasingly connected through technology and travel, you aren't limited to your own ancestry when talking to your dog. Terms of endearment from across the globe include:

France:

- Mon bébé = my baby
- Mon lapin = my bunny
- Doudou = a soft toy or comfort object

Germany:

- Mausi = little mouse
- Schmuser = cuddler
- Fellnase = fur nose

Italy:

- Amore = love
- Cucciolo = big puppy
- Patatino = little potato

Russian:

- Malysh = baby
- Zaika = bunny
- Solnyshko = sunshine

Spain:

- Gordito = little fatty
- Peludo = furry
- Mi bebé = my baby

Yiddish:

- Bubala = sweetheart, darling
- Boychik = little boy or lad
- Sheynkaytle = little beauty



I have also found that terms of endearment change and develop over my dog's lifetime.

In Sox's case — pictured above — here is the development of his name since he joined me in March 2022:

- Sox
- Mr Sox
- The Fantastic Mr Sox
- Soxy
- Foxy Soxy
- Soxilicious
- Bubala
- BUBALA!!!
- Mommy's little baby bubala

What do you call your dog when no one's listening? I'd love to see a photo of your dog and your terms of endearment.

Send yours via email to info@balanceddog.co.nz. 🐾

From the new President...

Thank you to the clubs that nominated me, and to everyone who voted for me in the recent elections for President of Dogs New Zealand's Executive Council. To have been asked to stand by so many people and then supported so strongly in the voting is very humbling. When I stood down from my previous terms as president I didn't expect to return to the office, but here I am, and I commit to doing my best to serve you and your dogs for as long as I am here.

Sadly, I must start by acknowledging the death on 16 June of Teresa Treweek in Nelson. Teresa was a wonderful person, an example to us all of an indomitable spirit and total dedication to our sport. She was always cheerful and positive, in the face of circumstances that few people could bear at all, let alone as well as she did. I know that I speak for all of you when I say that our hearts go out to her family also, not just for their loss, but in recognition of the way they stepped up so bravely and put in such effort over so many years to support the daughter and sister they loved. We are all poorer for not having Teresa with us now.

We have some important issues facing us in the immediate future. The constitution review is no doubt the biggest, and it is progressing well in the capable hands of the appointed committee. Please take an interest in their work and be sure to participate in the elections for the new committees in due course. I know there have been comments in some quarters about 'the same old faces' ending up in leadership roles, but the process being rolled out is designed to ensure that all members have input into the decisions about who will be in key positions when the new structure is bedded in. Calls for nominations and then a democratic vote will take place in the new year. Decisions about whose faces are around the new committee tables lie entirely with you.

The question of a lower North Island venue must be settled at ACOD 2026. Watch for a series of articles in this magazine that will spell out the situations relating to freehold options, options on leased land, and possible alternatives. There will also be an explanation of the costs and practical considerations involved in owning and operating a venue, especially one that must be shared with other users. Any option that involves putting a building on leased land also requires very serious thought. The article series, which we are still developing, will run until January or February, leaving you with four or five months once you understand all the wrinkles, to consider all the implications and discuss within your clubs, ready to take part in the making of decisions next year. The first articles are in this issue.

Regarding communication, I want to say that this is my highest priority. The dog world is bedevilled by rumour and wild speculation that is of no use to anyone in trying to maintain healthy relationships and get things done. Facebook is, I believe,



unsuitable for anything more than notifying its users about events. Discussion is too easily hijacked or derailed, and pages can too easily become echo chambers for the noisiest factions, at the expense of the moderate majority. I will rely on *NZ Dog World*, the weekly DOG-iE News, and my blog for communication. Please use them and make *NZ Dog World* and the blog two-way. Write letters to the editor, respond to what I say on the blog or raise your own questions. Democracy only works if the people make it work.

Having said that, I'm not a one-man band. Executive Council is my team. We are all committed to being open and transparent, and welcoming your input, so don't cut your councillors out of the loop. They want to hear from you too and will ensure that you hear of everything that goes on around the council table. Don't hesitate to approach any of us personally or use email or phone for one-on-one contact.

Publishing deadlines mean that I've written this column somewhat fraudulently, because I'm not really the president for three more weeks. They also mean that I can't give you a link to my blog because it doesn't exist yet but the link will have been widely circulated by the time you read this. Pat and I will be overseas for most of August and September, returning just in time for the Purina Pro Plan National Dog Show, so I may be less accessible than I would have liked, but the trip was locked and loaded before I agreed to stand for president. Rest assured that I'll be working for you while I'm away though, meeting with some of FCI's Executive at the World Dog Show and the leadership of kennel clubs in some of the countries we'll be visiting.

We have an exciting time ahead of us. Let's get on with it! 🐾

Owen Dance
President

A look at the Austr

“What kind of dogs are they?” or “Did your German Shepherd have puppies?” These are common questions that we still field since our ownership of Australian Terriers. Here in the far south of New Zealand, not many people have come across the breed — including us, before we saw them in a dog breed book. They looked very much like a beloved mixed-breed Terrier we had recently lost to old age.

So, when looking for a similar-sized dog to help heal our hearts, we decided to find a registered Australian Terrier, with a mind towards possible breeding. As happens, we found an available puppy from a litter listed on the Dogs New Zealand website and we were on our way with our first Blue and Tan. We now have three registered Australian Terriers and are absolute devotees of the breed with its smart, spirited nature and abilities. We hope to produce a litter soon, but even if we don't, a shout-out for these little dogs with big hearts is well overdue.

There are respected Australian Terrier kennels throughout the country, so you should be able to find a breeder who can put you on the wait list for a lovely pup. Be it for future breeding, showing, Agility, Scent Work, rodent destroying, or as a guard dog and loyal family pet, reputable breeders are always happy to help and advise.

Online searches about the breed are also valuable. Reading the history of how the Australian Terrier breed developed is

enlightening, and it gives you some idea of how they may have been officially under-rated at times in the early years of the breed formation. They were finally given the honour of being called the Australian Terrier in 1909. From then on, the spread of the now officially-named breed around the globe was inevitable, even via India, an established trade route from Australia. The little dogs travelled with their owners or as companion animals to the Australian horses valued and purchased by the Maharajas. From India to the United Kingdom, home of their many Terrier breed predecessors, then further afield to Europe and the United States. New Zealand would have had early access to them by proximity, but showing them here didn't happen until the early 1950s.

Australian Terriers come in two main colour ways. Blue and Tan, or varied shades of Red. Very early on in Australia, there were factions that supported one or the other colour but eventually the two colour ways merged and either became acceptable.

Thankfully, we have no snakes in New Zealand but the Australian Terriers' ancestor's agile jump and twirl to get behind a snake and grab it by the back of the neck was a sought-after attribute in the early settlement of Australia. Many children going in to the shrubbery to retrieve a lost ball would have had their lives saved by such a pet. This distinctive leap is instinctual in most Australian Terriers today, as can be seen in play. Sadly, combined with their drive to chase prey, many are killed by venomous snakes.

Luckily, we have different games we can play with our Australian Terriers that encourage their clever minds, quick responses and tenacious temperaments. Aussies excel at doing things with their humans, from Agility and Rally-O to Hoopers. Along these lines, climbing is also something that Australian Terriers are exceptionally good at. It starts with couches, chairs, tables, people's shoulders and heads, basically anything that gets them higher than anyone else. Their balance is amazing.

Scent Work and competition work are also fun activities to do with the inquisitive Aussie. Perhaps urban search and rescue would be a good calling for an intrepid Aussie, finding lost animals or humans in smaller areas and spaces that are not suitable for larger tracker dogs.

Showing Australian Terriers at Conformation shows is also rewarding, for both owner and dog. It is vitally important for the



Left: Aussies make excellent guard and alert dogs. Stryker (US import aka NZ Champion Rahnas Outbackred Lightnin') has caught a glimpse of a possible intruder. (Photo J Barnes)

Right: Freddie (Montana It's A Kinda Magic) reflecting the many breed standards with his colouring, alertness, strength of jaw and stature. (Photo courtesy of Nicole Adams and Kayla Herriot Photography)

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The Beginners Guide to...

NZDAC



Zone 4 show their support for their Interzone Team. Photo: Brya Ingram Photography

If you are new to Agility, or maybe not-so-new but have never been to the annual NZDAC, you might be wondering what it's all about: NZDAC is the New Zealand Dog Agility Championships, which you might also hear it referred to as 'DAC'. Now that all sounds pretty high-level stuff! 'Championships' must mean only the top dog and handler teams can enter, right? Wrong! NZDAC is open to dogs and handlers of all levels: if you are ready to enter Champ shows, you can enter NZDAC.

The best way to describe NZDAC is as a normal Agility Champ show on steroids. There are more classes, bigger entries, some special extra events and it's held over four days instead of the usual two.

There are still the same levels of Agility and Jumpers competition, including Starters and Jumpers C, which means that anyone can enter, whatever grade your dog is in. The great thing about NZDAC is that the fun is also amplified: there are lots of stalls with great stuff to buy for your dog, the ribbons are super-fancy, there is cool merchandise, and you get the opportunity to watch some of the best dog and handler teams compete.

NZDAC is always held at Labour Weekend (24-27 October this year) but is never held in the same place year-on-year, with the event rotating around the five geographical 'Agility Zones' (more on that later). This year the event is being hosted by Zone 5 (lower South Island) and is being held in Cromwell.

The event is the highlight of the Agility calendar in NZ and competitors travel from far and wide to attend, with many people making the trip a holiday, stopping somewhere along the way for a break, attending one of the pre-DAC shows and/or bringing their families along with them.

Special events at NZDAC

There are a number of classes held at NZDAC that you won't see at a regular competition. Often these classes are held as stand-alone events so everyone can watch the action!

- **Champion of Champions Classes**

Two 'Champ of Champs' classes are held — Agility and Jumpers. Watching Champ of Champs is a great opportunity to see some of the best dog and handler teams in the country battle it out for bragging rights and be crowned Champion of Champions.



All Breeds Dog Training Club: 70th Anniversary Show



At its Easter show this year (19-20 April), All Breeds Dog Training Club celebrated its 70th Anniversary by holding a triple Obedience Show and Rally-O Championship Show at the Purina Pro Plan Auckland Exhibition Centre. To capture the moment, on Saturday 19 April 2025 competitors, judges and stewards alike dressed in 1970s outfits.

All Breeds Dog Training Club was formed in 1955 by the late Gerry and Daphne Randall with training commencing at the Greenlane showgrounds (now the ASB Showgrounds). In 1974 the club acquired the land at Captain Springs Road in Onehunga, where it currently trains, and our clubrooms were built shortly thereafter by the late Bob Pitt, one of All Breeds Dog Training Club's life members. Over the years the club has steadily made improvements to the site and reclaimed more land by the creek for the increasing number of attendees.

Before the commencement of the anniversary shows, the Committee held a welcome attended by some of the club's life members. A few speeches were given and Life Member and retired Obedience judge Diana Sheehan cut the birthday cake. All competitors were given

a gift bag with their entries along with cake and a glass of wine. At lunch time, an Easter treasure hunt was organized where teams searched the Ardmore grounds for clues with the team completing all the clues in the shortest time being the winners.

With grateful thanks to Tracey Leyston for the photographic memories. 🐾

Margaret Dick

All Breeds Dog Training Committee



Around the regions Wellington & Nelson-Tasman

Margaret Scaife, Nelson-Tasman Liaison Officer

Margaret became our Nelson-Tasman Liaison Officer seven years ago and supports a team of 17 members. She writes:

It has been a joy to assess more Canine Friends applicants and their dogs this year. Nelson-Tasman covers a wide and disparate area, so that co-ordinating our lovely dogs with rest homes, supported living homes, a school (with the Children Reading to Dogs Programme), hospitals and the hospice is sometimes challenging. However, we have dogs of such a variety of breeds and sizes that we can usually find the right fit. 2025 has seen a gorgeous young Leonberger join our team. At only two years old, he has already done great work at the hospice and is loved by all.

To celebrate our Founder's Day this year, we met at The Grape Escape, a reasonably central café with a wonderful outdoor area and a warm welcome for dogs. It was heartwarming to see so many of our dogs together, all delighted to see others... no matter what size or breed! Some of them travelled a long way to be with us which was appreciated.

Margaret with Finley.



Leanne Gibson Wellington Liaison Officer



One of the best things about being a Canine Friends Pet Therapy member in the Wellington region is the variety of pet therapy services we offer: rest homes, hospital and hospice visits, reading programmes at schools and libraries, and visits to helping de-stress university students.

Our 57 dedicated pet therapy teams tell us that volunteering is a deeply

rewarding way to make a meaningful difference in people's lives. It's a chance to share the joy of their dog with others who need it most, while building a strong sense of community and purpose.

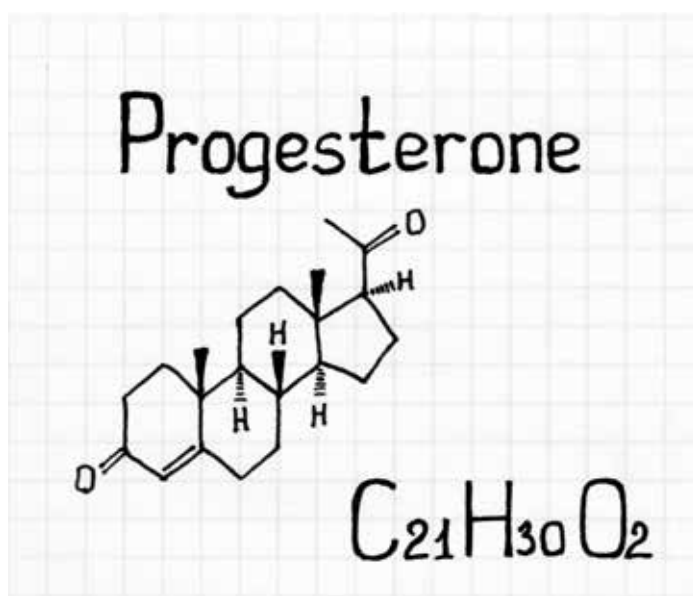
Karen, our Hospital & Hospice Lead, says: "There's nothing quite like watching a patient's face light up when a dog walks into the room. The comfort and calm they bring is truly special."

Annette, our Rest home Placements Officer, assesses and places all new dogs and their owners into the eight rest homes we serve, and shares: "Every visit is a reminder of how powerful a wagging tail and a gentle nuzzle can be. It's joy in its purest form."

Rest home staff report that these visits not only uplift residents emotionally but also encourage social interaction and even physical activity, as some residents are motivated to walk or move just to greet the dog.

Progesterone Supplementation in Bitches

Breeders often ask whether supplementing progesterone during pregnancy can help increase litter size or prevent pregnancy loss. While progesterone is essential to pregnancy maintenance in dogs, its supplementation is rarely needed—and inappropriate use can have serious consequences. This article explains when progesterone supplementation is indicated, what risks are involved, and what the literature tells us about its proper use.



What does progesterone do?

Progesterone, produced by the corpora lutea, is critical for establishing and maintaining pregnancy in the bitch. Unlike some other species, the dog relies entirely on ovarian progesterone throughout gestation; the placenta does not produce progesterone in dogs (Concannon et al., 2001). If circulating levels fall too low (generally considered <6 nmol/L or ~2 ng/mL), pregnancy cannot be maintained (England & Russo, 2006).

What is hypoluteoidism?

Hypoluteoidism (also called luteal insufficiency) is a suspected condition where the corpora lutea fail to produce enough progesterone to support pregnancy. It has been implicated in pregnancy loss around mid-gestation, but true cases are rare (England & Russo, 2006; Günzel-Apel et al., 2006). Before making this diagnosis, other causes of pregnancy loss—such as infection, uterine disease, or chromosomal abnormalities—should be ruled out.

In a case series, bitches with suspected luteal insufficiency were treated with medroxyprogesterone acetate (a synthetic progestin). While pregnancies were maintained, two of the bitches had prolonged gestation and required emergency caesareans, and one foetus showed genital abnormalities (Görlinger et al., 2002).

Do low progesterone levels always indicate a problem?

Not necessarily. A 2021 study by Haimerl et al. evaluated 126 pregnancies and found that many successful pregnancies had progesterone levels below previously established thresholds. In fact, 56 of 98 bitches carried pregnancies to term with mid-pregnancy progesterone levels under 20 ng/mL (64 nmol/L), and some had levels as low as 5 ng/mL (16 nmol/L) without any signs of foetal compromise (Haimerl et al., 2021). This suggests that progesterone supplementation may be overused based on outdated reference ranges.

When Is Supplementation Indicated?

According to current evidence and clinical guidelines, progesterone supplementation should only be considered when:

1. Progesterone levels are confirmed to be falling below 2 ng/mL (6 nmol/L) before term (usually before day 58), and
2. Foetal viability is confirmed via ultrasound (heartbeats present), and

Practical Guidelines

Stage	Progesterone Level	Action
Days 0–30	<20ng/mL (64nmol/L)	Usually safe. Monitor weekly. Only consider intervention if levels drop rapidly (>10ng/mL in five days).
Days 30–45	<5ng/mL (16nmol/L)	Monitor every 48 hours. Confirm foetal viability. Supplementation may be justified if levels fall toward 2ng/mL.
Day 58–65	<1ng/mL (3nmol/L)	Normal pre-labour drop. Do not supplement unless foetal distress is evident

Always use quantitative assays (for example, chemiluminescent immunoassay or RIA), and avoid relying on single measurements. Serial trends are more informative than any one number. Always do this in consultation with your general veterinary practitioner.



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Peace of Mind for Puppies:

A Conversation with PD Insurance's Jacqui Whelan

Dogs New Zealand recently sat down with PD Insurance's Business Development Manager, Jacqui Whelan, to talk about her role with Dogs NZ Insurance and the support she provides pedigree puppies and the breeders who ensure their healthy start in life.

Jacqui's roots in the pet industry run deep, starting at just 15 years old in her local kennels and cattery, she's built a career through roles in retail, vet clinics and account management. "I've been with PD for two and a half years now," she says, "but animals have always been at the centre of my world."

That world is quite literally full of animals: from her two hunting dogs, Cinder and Gin, to three Burmese cats, a formerly feral kitten-turned-housemate, two Kunekune pigs, seven chickens and nine goats—Jacqui lives a fully immersed rural lifestyle.

From her base in Wellington, Jacqui plays a key role in supporting Dogs NZ breeders across the country. She also works closely with Dogs NZ-affiliated obedience and agility clubs, helping to support national events and staying connected to the wider community.

"We have a dedicated breeder partner programme for Dogs NZ breeders," she explains, "and I onboard and support them directly, ensuring they understand how to maximise the benefits available to them."

At the heart of that programme is a simple but powerful offer: **four weeks of free starter cover*** for every puppy going home from a participating Dogs NZ breeder.

“ It gives both the breeder and the new puppy owner peace of mind, ”
- Jacqui




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