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On their morning e-bike commute in Wellington: Miniature Dachshunds Iggy and Clove (Gold Dollar of Markwell and Essare Seaside Summer). Vee Hensman notes that the Basil Bikes bike crate, with harness and homebrew weather cover, has been a game-changer! She says they do all the dog things: Obedience through the Wellington Canine Obedience Club, a little CGC, breed shows and some Fundays held by The Dachshund Club in Tawa. Their favourite place to walk is the Wellington's Botanical Gardens. According to Vee notes many Wellington shops and establishments are becoming dog-friendly: you might spot the group at the Garage Project cellar door, any plant shops or Bunnings.



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From the President...



As we approach the Annual Conference of Delegates (24 June), I would urge all members to make themselves aware of the issues to be discussed and to make their feelings known to their representatives. There are a number of items that will affect the long-term future of our club and only vigorous debate will ensure the right decisions are made.

The 'Take the Lead' program developed by the Agility Committee and endorsed by Executive Council is now in motion. This scheme is aimed at positive promotion of good sportsmanship and a more friendly atmosphere at all dog events. Please take the time to look around your next event and nominate those members who go the extra mile to encourage and to help their fellows. Good people need to be recognised and acknowledged.

As more breeds move towards establishing a LRL (Litter Registration Limitation) process it is heartening to note the positive reaction we are receiving from those outside bodies that may influence the government's perception of our sport and activities. If your breed hasn't yet looked at a LRL, please do. It's important that breeders and clubs decide our future, not some outside group.

Finally, after COVID-19 interrupted the process, vets are about to be trained in the RFG (Respiratory Functional Grading) system. Rhea Hurley, our Canine Health & Welfare Officer, has worked hard to bring the scheme in fruition.

June will see four vet training courses across the country which will enable breeders of those brachycephalic breeds to test their dogs.

We are indebted to the Royal Kennel Club and Cambridge University for their assistance and support. 🐾

Brian Harris

President

Strong people don't put others down... They lift them up.

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CANINE CORNER

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Old Friends Senior Dog Sanctuary



In designated areas of the PAWvillions, you will meet dogs who are 'people or dog selective.' One such dog was Iris, a nine-year-old Pit Bull. Sally says, "There are many people in these parts who bring bull breeds into this world, do damage, and then leave us to pick up the pieces."

The sanctuary is also home to dogs with physical disabilities. Henry, for example, had to have both of his eyes removed due to glaucoma. He spends his days sleeping, happy for visitors to pay him attention so long as he is not expected to get up. A Greyhound cross named Savannah suffers from the condition of megaesophagus and needs to be fed sitting up in a bailey chair. She's one dog who will be a lifelong resident at the sanctuary because of her special care needs.

Old Friends also makes special arrangements for "bonded pairs" — dogs who share a special relationship and should not be separated. One such pair is Otis, a Pug, and Rosie, a Chihuahua (see main photo).

Tucked away in mid-Tennessee in the town of Mount Juliet is the world's largest senior-specific dog sanctuary dedicated to the care and rehoming of older dogs.

The Old Friends Senior Dog Sanctuary (ofsds.org) was founded in 2010 at the home of Zina and Michael Goodin. The growing need saw the sanctuary move a couple of times thanks, in part, to unfriendly neighbours and zoning restrictions, moving into its purpose-built compound in 2021.

The PAWvillions, as it is known, has its own veterinary clinic, physical therapy and fitness area, kennels with outdoor exercises yards, a commercial-grade laundry, and a walking trail. The sanctuary is home to 120 senior dogs with another 500 having found their forever home in the sanctuary's Geezer Guardians programme.

The dogs brought to Mount Juliet are those deemed nearly or fully 'unadoptable' because of age, disability, behavioural problems, or illness but who are able to enjoy a quality of life with the right care. Through donations, Old Friends provides the cover and cost of all medical care and prescription medications and supplements. Forever fosters (Geezer Guardians) must live within a 100-mile radius of the sanctuary and have the obligation to provide food, enrichment and love for their Geezer.

Tours of the facility are available on selected days and times; my tour guide, Sally, is an experienced Old Friends volunteer who lives a stone's throw up the road from the facility. She explains that the State of Tennessee does not have any regulations for the neutering of dogs with no requirements for dog licensing. This leads to a large population of homeless dogs; some dogs will live on the streets for their entire lives while abandonment of older dogs when their health or behavioural needs become challenging is also common.

Many rescue groups in the southern states of the US, including Tennessee, transport shelter dogs to shelters in the north, where animal control regulations have reduced the number of homeless dogs. Old Friends does its part by taking the older dogs.

The advantages of a purpose-built facility are many. Because the sanctuary cares for many dogs who have health conditions, having an on-site veterinary clinic with a staff vet means not only a cost savings but also more rapid medical care. The sanctuary's medicine cabinet is also impressive, with labelled shelves for each dog. Full-time staff prepare meals for the dogs along with their oral medications. Preparation, feeding and cleaning is a four-hour exercise, twice per day.

Floor cleaning is always a challenge in a kennel environment; the PAWvillions are equipped with plumbing connections in the walls of each block. Simply attach a hose to the high-pressure connection and turn it on to wash down the floors, which have been designed to self-drain and dry. No more sponge mops and slippery floor hazards for people and dogs, and much cleaner floors.

Although new compared to some animal rescue organisations, Old Friends has a following of 1.7 million people on Facebook which continues to grow thanks, in part, to the free *Old Friends Dog Game*, downloadable from the Apple Store and Google Play. Programmed by Runaway, a Dunedin-based game developer and publisher, players create their own sanctuary and care and rehabilitate older dogs.

The Old Friends mission is summed up in a single sentence:

We do not concern ourselves with the quantity of time that they have left, rather the quality of the life that we can provide them for that time. 🐾



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We prefer to receive papers by email, as PDFs or Word documents. Executive Council meetings & deadlines for all reports and correspondence are as follows:

2023 Meetings

Closing dates

22 July	4:00pm Friday 23 June
16-17 September	4:00pm Friday 25 August
25-26 November	4:00pm Friday 27 October

Late papers will not be accepted.

An Indoor Dog Sports Venue for the Lower North Island

The Manfeild Park Decision

Dogs New Zealand Executive Council at its April 2023 meeting reviewed the three venue proposals presented by the Lower North Island Venue Working Group and have decided to enter into a five-year preferential hire arrangement with Manfeild Park Trust, to hold dog shows in the Manfeild Arena starting in 2024.

Executive Council believes the Manfeild option best meets its desired outcome of providing an indoor venue that meets the regional clubs' desire for an appropriate venue in a timely manner and secures the future financial sustainability of Dogs NZ by avoiding ongoing operational cost burdens.

The Review Process

The three proposals (which are detailed on P.20 of the April NZ Dog World) were reviewed by the Capital & Expenditure Committee (CapEx) and the Risk, Audit & Finance Committee (RAF) who each provided a report to Executive Council which was included with the full proposal documentation provided by the Lower North Island Venue Working Group.

The Director Secretary also included a Decision Making Framework discussion paper for the Executive Council review of the three proposals. The document covered such issues as:

- The original brief to the Working Group
- What does the 10 Year Strategy say on venue investment and does the projects meet our strategic priorities?
- Key membership need we are trying to meet
- How does any decision affect Dogs NZ Long term financial stability?
- Key questions when consider each proposal
- What are our options if we decided not to immediately build our own venue?

CAPEX Recommendation

The recommendation from the CAPEX Committee was that the Manfeild proposal is the best suited to the foreseeable needs of those clubs and groups most likely to be using any indoor venue in the lower North Island.

The keys drivers for this recommendation are:

- It is a no risk financial option as it does not require any significant capital or operational expenditure.
- Manfeild provides the opportunity to prove, or disprove, the need for a Dogs NZ owned facility.
- As a facility it meets all the requirements for a multipurpose

Dog show venue that suits all our major dog sports.

- Manfeild has the potential to allow for a staged development should that need be proven, ie show office, powered camping sites, additional covered arena.
- Negates the need for any significant ongoing management input from user clubs.
- Is available to accept dogs show bookings for the 2024 Show Calendar year.

RAF Report

The RAF report did not make a specific recommendation to Executive Council on a preferred project but instead focused on the process and key risks that EC need to consider before making a decision.

Some key issues identified in the report for Executive Council to consider before making a decision included:

- Is the ideal facility a national facility, a regional facility, or a shared club facility?
- Is the demand proven and can it be quantified to the extent that dependable financial forecasts can be prepared with a level of confidence?
- Who will be responsible for the governance, management, and upkeep of the facility?

When accessing risk the report noted that unless there was more work done on proving club demand, only the Manfeild proposal currently fits an acceptable financial risk profile.

What happens next?

With a decision made by Executive Council to enter into a five-year agreement with Manfeild Trust the next steps are:

- Negotiation with Manfeild Trust on a five year hire deal
- Commitments from clubs on 2024 show bookings (including hire subsidies).
- Confirmation of 2024 pencil bookings with Manfeild Trust
- Acquisitions of additional show equipment in FY24-25

It is important for members to note that agreement with Manfeild Trust is a venue hire arrangement, not a lease arrangement. Dogs NZ will only hire the venue on show dates that clubs commit to. We have no ongoing financial exposure to Manfeild Trust.

The agreement with Manfeild Trust will also allow the option for future onsite developments such as a Dogs NZ Club House (with show manager / judges meeting rooms) or even a dedicated dog sports arena if we believe that member demand warrants such investment. 🐾

Q&A: Moving to Manfeild

How will All Breed clubs show dates be accommodated at Manfeild?

Due to Manfeild having to accommodate a number of bookings from external users, it has not been possible to secure identical dates at Manfeild that our All Breed clubs have traditionally been allocated. What we have endeavored to do is accommodate club show weekends as close as we can to traditional dates but some compromises will have to be made as happened under COVID-19 restrictions when a number of Lower North Island clubs moved to alternate dates.

Dogs New Zealand has developed a comprehensive five-year alternative show calendar program which, subject to confirmation with the various clubs, includes a number of weekends for All Breed Championship and Open Shows. Dogs NZ will continue to work with these clubs to find suitable dates at Manfeild, bearing in mind that there are limitations on date availability due to existing event bookings.

The revised calendar will commence from the 2024 show year and new dates for Manfeild venue shows will be published in *NZ Dog World*.

How will breed and specialty clubs book a show at Manfeild?

For breed and group clubs that wish to use the Manfeild facilities they will need to collaborate with All Breed clubs and to run their shows alongside these club dates. The venue facilities provide ample area for these clubs to secure ring space within the All Breed show and they have the option to hold evening shows on the same weekend.

This arrangement is consistent with how most clubs currently operate. Provision has not been made for stand-alone clubs to utilise the indoor facilities under the subsidy arrangements.

What about Agility and Dog Training Championship Shows?

Agility and Dog Training clubs that wish to hold indoor or outdoor shows at Manfeild will have the opportunity to book dates within the constraints of the Manfeild event calendar. These bookings will be coordinated by Dogs NZ National Office and published in *NZ Dog World*.

How will the subsidy work?

Because Manfeild is a modern event facility that charges commercial hire rates, it became apparent that the cost of hiring the necessary facilities would be prohibitive for our clubs.

Therefore, Executive Council has agreed that clubs would pay a rental fee that was equivalent to the hire fees charged to hire our Purina Pro Plan Exhibition Centre at Ardmore.

Clubs that use the Manfeild arrangements will be required to pay the identical hire fees Auckland clubs pay to use Ardmore. Under the agreed arrangements, Dogs NZ will pay Manfeild the full hire fees and invoice the user clubs directly the subsidised amount. The subsidy will vary depending upon the show format each club selects. These charges will be:

- All Breeds club holding a single Championship Show, \$1265 per day
- All Breeds club holding a double Championship Show, \$1900 per day
- Agility shows, \$700 per day
- Dog Training shows, \$700 per day

How will the venue arrangements actually work?

Manfeild will nominate a member of their management staff who will be the direct contact of clubs that book the facilities. Contact

details of this person will be published on the Dogs NZ website in due course.

The agreement with Manfeild will provide clubs with the same level of set-up as is currently available at Ardmore using the indoor expandable barriers. Manfeild staff will set up the rings, lay out the required equipment, remove rubbish and provide cleaning of toilets and facilities, and put away the equipment at the completion of the shows. The equipment will be stored in our containers, located at the Manfeild facilities, and includes all items necessary to manage and run a Championship Show. This includes secretaries' tables, judging tables, folding tables, mops and buckets, and placing stands.

Included in the hire agreement is the ability for a club to access the venue on the day before the club's show, to decorate the venue according to each club's unique assets and sponsor requirements. The agreed arrangement has been developed to enable clubs to enjoy a walk-in/walk-out facility. The use of the venue's sound system is included in the clubs' hire agreements.

The Manfeild venue is considerably larger than our Ardmore venue. The ring space, covered in lime basecourse, measures 80m x 45m. This area is surrounded by a concreted space on three sides measuring 10-15m on two sides and a 45m x 12m concreted area at the southern end of the facility. Collectively the arena venue measures 91m x 73.5m.

The map over the page shows a complete floor plan of the indoor venue with full dimensions. By comparison, the Ardmore indoor venue has total dimensions of 52m x 48m. The hire agreement



The New Zealand Kennel Club **Eukanuba**

2009 National Dog Show

1st - 6th October 2009, Manfeild Park, Feilding

If you haven't already entered the National Dog Show, it will now cost you extra!

A late fee of \$25.00 is now needed to enter the show. Entries will be taken up til the 17th August 2009. Entries received in the office by the 17th will be included. Entries received in the office after the 17th will be returned. Entries received on 21/22/23 August post marked the 17th will be returned. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Baby Puppy Registration Applied For
To enter under this regulation a full registration application must be lodged with the New Zealand Kennel Club at the date of submitting the entry.

World Challenge
If you have recently had a Best in Show, you may have already received your invite to compete in this prestigious event. Entries close Monday 31st August 2009.

Entries
Entries must be either made online at www.nzkc.org.nz or on the NEW National Dog Show Official Entry Form ONLY. The new entry form is available online or you can contact the office and we will send them out to you. The forms are FREE. These forms are only to be used for this National Dog Show and no other shows. You can use this form to enter the same dog in one or several events.

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To enter under this regulation a full registration application must be lodged with the New Zealand Kennel Club at the date of submitting the entry.

Satellite Shows
In the schedule section of this magazine, see the array of Satellite Shows that will be running in conjunction with the National Dog Show. Enter now!!

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Manfeild Park has hosted nation Dogs New Zealand/NZKC events in previous years — such as the National Dog Show in 2009.



includes internal toilet facilities, on both levels of the facility, and the use of the mezzanine floor seating and viewing areas.

What facilities are available to accommodate show officials, judges and catering?

In addition to the ring and ringside equipment the venue hire arrangements includes the cost of power, consumables, a judges' and officials' room on the mezzanine floor, and the use of their commercial kitchen for the preparation of meals, should the club not wish to use the available caterers.

The venue has arrangements with a range of commercial catering providers, and they will arrange for a variety of food vans and a coffee service provider as agreed with the hiring club for their public catering arrangements. The site has a commercial kitchen that clubs wishing to undertake their own catering can use. However, clubs that wish to use the venue caterers can arrange for their food requirements to be provided for on repayment. These costs would be the responsibility of this club.

What arrangements exist for motorhomes and dogs?

The site has significant available space for certified self-contained

motorhomes. Camping is not permitted. However, there is considerable accommodation available within the Feilding area and nearby locations. Aligned to the indoor venue there are 21 powered sites (\$15 per day) and unlimited unpowered sites (\$10 per day). Manfeild will invoice Dogs NZ directly for the motorhome sites each club requires.

The site has parking spaces to accommodate 608 vehicles and each user club will be required to manage the booking of these sites directly since Manfeild management will not look after these bookings. Should a club wish to offset their cost of operation by elevating the charges for campervan spaces,

each club will have the ability to set their own pricing of these sites and to retain revenue above the set charge fees. Dogs *can* be housed within the confines of the motorhomes area.

The complex has available external showers and toilet facilities that clubs can elect to rent for an additional cost. Clubs that elect to provide these as a service to the motorhome fraternity will be required to pay for these and make these arrangements directly with Manfeild management.

Manfeild has a huge open area that is used by the community as an off-leash dog park. Members attending our events at the Manfeild site will be able to exercise their dogs in this area.

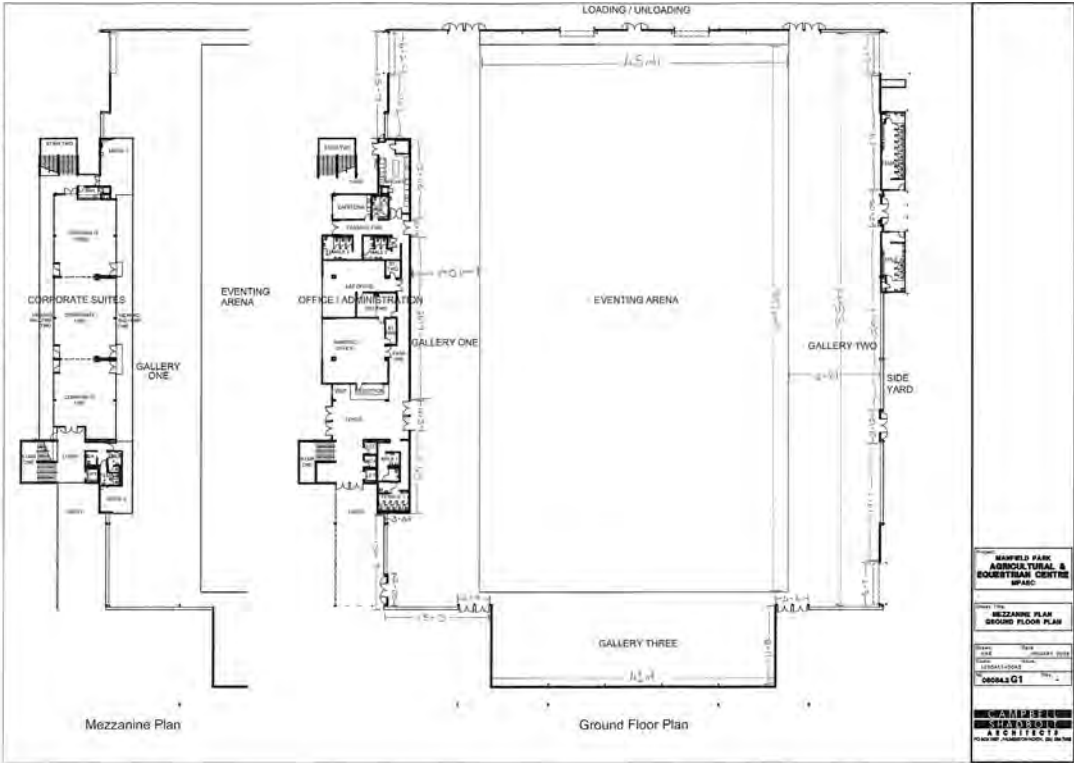
Can clubs elect to hold an outdoor show at the Manfeild site?

The Manfeild facility has a very large outdoor space that is suitable for clubs wishing to hold an outdoor show. This area has outdoor toilet facilities and sufficient space and our own ring equipment to set-up eight outdoor rings. The equipment that Dogs NZ will procure and store on the site will provide the equipment clubs would need to hold an outdoor show, including a secretary's large gazebo with sides. Individual ring gazebos have not been included.

The area earmarked for an outdoor show also has both powered and unpowered campervan sites. The cost to hire the outdoor venue is \$500 plus GST per day. If clubs wish to use the outdoor venue the subsidy arrangements would not apply.

Should a club wish to charge members for gazebo spaces they will be able to retain the sales revenue. However, the campervan sites will be charged at the venue rates advised above and be payable to Manfeild management.

Clubs would also be able to request Manfeild staff to arrange the ring and show set-up, although this would require the payment of the staff hours at the agreed rate which is currently \$35 per hour. 🐾





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Sharing Canine Cheer in the Corporate World

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The demand for our Auckland members to visit corporates has stepped up recently and they haven't disappointed.

A lovely group of four member/dog teams visited the tenants in the ANZ Centre last month. Here is what member Caroleen had to say:

"Our Canine Friends had such a warm, friendly and pawfect visit at the ANZ Centre in the CBD today. We were warmly greeted by Josh, the hospitality manager who requested our company. He kindly arranged parking and morning coffee for us. Our group comprised Lara with Charlie (Pug), Catherine with Neville (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel), Sharron with Teddy (Spaniel X) and myself with Nami (Shih Tzu X).

"We met at mid-day in the lobby and were quickly surrounded by small groups of the staff keen to interact with our dogs. We enjoyed chatting about the work we do and were proud of how our dogs behaved and received lovely comments such as:

"What a great stress reliever;

"I have been waiting all morning for this;

"I'm running late for a meeting but this is so much better and a great excuse for being late;

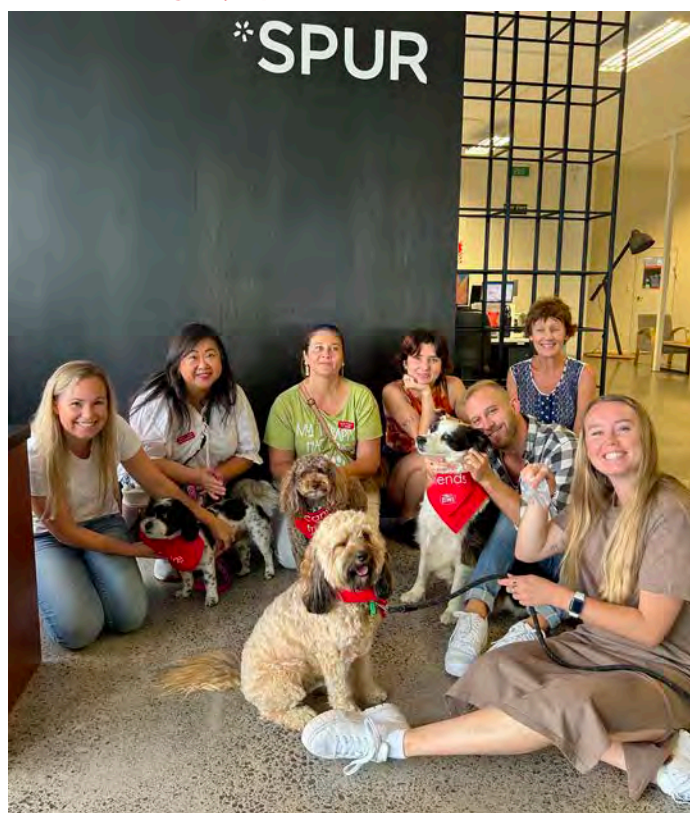
"Do I really have to go back to work?"

"Our visit also gave those who don't own a dog the opportunity to experience the non-judgemental affection a dog provides — this makes these visits special."

Josh followed up with his own feedback:

"I just want to pass on my thanks again for your members giving up their time to bring their dogs into the offices. Once again, the tenants have been over the moon to have these special guests which is all I could ask for — adding a little delight to their busy corporate days. I have already received emails asking when you will be returning."

Staff Well-being Day, Spur



Catherine and Sharron were joined by Eamonn with Moxey (Cavoodle) and Sandra with Tilly (Border Collie) for a visit to Spur, a marketing agency in Kingsland, Auckland.

Again, our members quickly realised how their dogs helped the staff relax and feel at ease. The management acknowledged regular visits would definitely boost staff morale.

Our national committee thanks our members for taking time out to share their dogs in this way. 🐾

If you and your dog would like to join us, please visit: www.caninefriends.org.nz

Auckland Pet & Animal Expo 2023



We attended the Pet & Animal Expo in Auckland on 29-30 April 2023, along with Dogs New Zealand member volunteers and their dogs.

There was an amazing turn-out and our pedigree dog friends were a great draw card to the Dogs New Zealand stand. We were lucky to get have a brilliant give-away of a Eufy Pet Wi-Fi Camera.

All of this meant we had some brilliant conversations about the benefits of owning a registered pedigree dog and the value of club

training, from CGC to dog sports.

It was a well-spent weekend, and we look forward to the next opportunity to share what Dogs New Zealand does.

Thanks again to our member doggie friends and their owners that helped during the weekend and to PD Insurance for supporting us.

Rhea Hurley
Canine Health & Welfare Officer



Taupo Dog Training Club

Taupo Dog Training Club held a CGC Assessment on Saturday 22 April 2023 at their club grounds. The day was grey and wet but didn't seem to dampen the spirits of those seeking to gain a qualification with their dogs, or indeed the assessors and helpers alike.

We had eager participants coming from as far afield as Kerikeri in the North, to Foxton, Palmerston North and Hunterville in the South. It was also really nice to see a variety of dog breeds too, including a Leonburger, a Jack Russell Terrier x Papillon, a Swedish Valhund and a Cairn Terrier. Our assessors were Bev Binney for Foundation and Bronze and Vicky Graham for Silver and Gold.

We kicked off at 9:00am with Foundation: 10 handlers and their dogs were put through their paces, either outside in the rain or sitting in the club rooms answering the necessary 10 questions before heading outside for their practical assessment. Of this group, seven passed, with some going on to try for Bronze. All those who sat Bronze passed which was great to see.

Following a lunch break, we headed off to assess Silver and Gold. We had seven for Silver, all of whom passed, and five for Gold, with four getting through.

We finished up in the early evening, in the dark, but everyone seemed really pleased with how they had fared. We could not have done it without the helpers and volunteers who gave up their time on a wet Saturday to help out, so a big thank you to one and all. 🐾



Agility

East Coast Agility Clubs Benefit Show

Supplied by Rosemarie Baker, rjbagility2020@gmail.com

When I was first asked to write an article about this benefit show, I was initially reluctant but on reconsideration, I thought it was a great opportunity to acknowledge and thank the entire Agility community, and associated others, whose support and generosity raised just over \$24,000 for four East Coast clubs. What an amazing demonstration of fellowship for the trauma they were experiencing and would continue to face for months to come.

The morning of 18 March, when Cyclone Gabriel was hammering the East Coast, Napier Dog Training Club decided to cancel their March show. No-one had had any contact with Gisborne, and we were concerned about the damage the cyclone was wreaking on homes, businesses, and Agility clubs. We all know how expensive Agility gear can be, so our first thoughts were to raise funds to help clubs to keep operating once this dreadful weather event subsided.

I initially reached out to Wayne Turner, Carl Ranford and Clint Banks, with the idea of running a benefit show on Napier's cancelled weekend and they were on board from the start. Within hours, Cherie Picking, Renee James, Sheryl Mitchinson, Libby Ellery, and Robyn Fargher had joined the team and a committee was formed.

Wayne, using his show-running knowledge and expertise, contacted the Agility Committee the same day and had applied for permissions by weekend's end with the initial advert ready by Monday. The AC generously waived their levies. Robyn was coping with the weather when she happily came on board as show secretary.

Thirteen judges were either contacted, or contacted us, offering their services, at no cost: Cam List, Paul Taylor, Keri Neilson, Dave Cook, Libby Ellery, Jinnie Ellery, Sharon Wagener, Carl Ranford, Kevin Burnette, Liz Barlow, Martin Bush, Lloyd Pallesen and Lyn Sayers.

Many non-competing volunteers also put their paws up and gave

up their entire weekends to volunteer for the important scriming roles: Gee Brown, Barbara Ward, Kat Bayne, Nic Roxburgh, Charley Marsh, Tanya Richardson, Dan Mulholland and Cam List. Also on the weekend we had Keighley Calder with results, and Lachie Dassler was untiring and invaluable with prize giving.

Feilding Dog Training Club generously offered their grounds and gear, and we had used of gear hauled from Upper Hutt — thank you, Wayne and Erin Mulholland.

The committee met on Monday evening, and New Zealand's first 8x Jumpers Championship Show was organised. That presented some issues for our software: online entries and judges contract creation all had to be amended to enable an 8X Jumpers. Thank you to those experts that made the amendments, and so quickly.

By this stage we had contacted the four clubs, and knew that none had suffered actual loss or damage of gear, but we also knew that these people — our friends and associates — were suffering traumatic events, destruction, and sadness. It was still vitally important we carry on and raise funds for them to use in whatever way they pleased, as an act of support from us and the community as a whole.

I think it's an important point to reiterate here: there was no onus for the clubs to do anything heroic with these funds. This was about a gesture of goodwill that would make them feel valued and supported.

Everyone worked extremely hard to bring that show to life in just three weeks. The response from the Agility community was overwhelming: 2326 entries in just a few days. And not just entries: Agility people around the country, who knew they couldn't come, immediately started asking if they could make donations, and did.



Junior Dog Training

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Clubs supporting JDT: Cambridge Dog Obedience Club

A lot of clubs do a fantastic job helping and supporting their junior members, whether with training, lending dogs or other support. We are going to shine a spotlight on some of them, starting with Cambridge Dog Obedience Club.



Supporting JDT members is a positive experience, according to Cambridge DOC president Lara Tompsett.

"Honestly, I feel so proud when I see Jess (Tuppen) and Isabella (Humphreys) in the ring, handling like pros," she says. "They have come such a long way, and we, as a club, are happy that we became part of their Agility journey."

Lara and fellow club member (and former JDT Chair) Ceri Tarry helped the girls to get into Agility by loaning them dogs to run in local JDT classes. But Lara wanted to do more when she saw how much potential the girls had.

"I felt that just turning up and running our dogs wasn't going to improve their handling or knowledge of how to work with a dog,

so we told them to come along to the club and join some classes. "That was a year ago now and not only have they progressed in their handling, they have become valuable club members that help out at shows, and we might be getting them to do some instructing pretty soon, too."

Jess and Isabella didn't come from Agility families and only became involved with the world of dog training when Kelly Daniel, their teacher at Rototuna High School, started up a club at school.

Jess runs Liar, and Isabella is running Limit, both Lara's dogs, until her own dog Ellie is old enough to compete.

The support from Lara and Ceri and the whole club has made a huge difference to the girls.

"I am so thankful to Cambridge for everything they have done for me," says Jess. "The whole club really supports JDT people in many ways, one being I do not have a dog of my own, but I train and run with Lara's dog Liar which has been a really fun experience. Lara also lets me run her very good dog Take in some competitions, which has really helped with my handling running a faster dog.

"Many other people in the club have also really supported me, including Ceri, Kim and Briana helping me walk courses and letting me run their dogs. But the whole club is very welcoming and helpful. If I am ever stuck when walking a course at training night lots of people will help me out. They also help by giving all our JDT members \$100 towards JDT camp.

"I have been a part of the Cambridge DOC for about a year now and I am very happy I chose this club."

And it seems the feeling is mutual, with the club awarding both Jess and Isabella the annual Young Junior Member of The Year award last month (see photo leading this article).

"I know that some people might see having kids around as another job to do, and yes, you do need to be prepared to give them some of your time," says Lara. "But the value you get out of it, both as an individual and a club, pays you back in spades, it really does.

"And clubs don't need to put on special classes for kids or anything, just welcome them in and support them. Now we have two young people, along with the other JDT members in our club, who are a real asset and will continue to give back to us." 🐾



Lure Coursing New Zealand

Supplied by Carole Tipler

Judging: Part 3

It really is exciting to hear about the South Island Hound Club's continued successful coursing meets. It sounds like they are all having huge fun and numbers of participants become greater each time the call goes out. Well done! It is so rewarding to read of your enthusiasm.

Regretfully, it seems as though The Sighthound Field Coursing Club no longer exists. Perhaps there might be someone out there that would be prepared to spend the time resurrecting SFCC for the North Island.

This issue I am going to continue the series on the role of judging a lure coursing meet. If you will recall, Part 2 (*NZ Dog World* December 2022/January 2023) discussed the importance of watching the Test Dog as a final test of the viability of the course, the distribution of the necessary judging documentation, making notes, and the overall technique of successful scoring using the 'average' system. And, of course, consistency in judging is an absolute must for every judge.

Now we will look at the actual scoring. Placing of winners shall always be decided on the basis of qualities evidenced by the five categories which contributes towards the overall scoring. I have listed the maximum points allowable as well as a suggested average:

Category	Maximum Points	Suggested Average
Enthusiasm	15	10
Follow	15	10
Speed	25	20
Agility	25	20
Endurance	20	15
Total	100	75

It must be noted that except for arithmetical or blanket colour errors, judges may not change their scores on the official judging form once it has been turned in. However, a judge may change his or her decision (such as excuse, dismiss, disqualify). A judge may not change his or her score or decision after a trial is concluded.

These are some comments from the *American Sighthound Field Association Judges Handbook* which may be of interest:

"I hope speed and agility will be strongly emphasised as that which is to be most highly rewarded by an ASFA Judge — worth half the points and most definitively the deciding factor among good hounds, followed by endurance in the case of a tie in speed and agility. Follow and enthusiasm are simply 'extra' categories used to



Most Excellent!

RO GR CH & RO EN GR CH Miss Stella RAE 11 EP 9

by Shelly Guy



Best not be fooled by lots of letters: at home, Stella is (mostly) affectionately known as Tart Bag. This special little girl spent the first five minutes of life down my bra as I chased her maiden mother, Jemma, through the house trying to convince her that this was her puppy, not an alien creature. The bond was set.

Her first couple of years were spent as a very good cattle dog: she had a great capacity to duck flying cow hooves while finding the most delectable cow pats to roll in.

Returning to Christchurch, we found ourselves off land with no jobs for three Border Collies. After scratching my head as what to do about this, a happy accident found us at a Rally-O training session. It quickly became apparent that this sport was well-suited to all of us. I have a demanding, serious job and I had three dogs, only one of whom had any idea what Obedience and close-heeling was about. The more relaxed, fun, yet challenging, set-up of Rally-O appealed. We were all hooked.

Stella has, well, a unique style, for which read, a sense of humour. Throughout her time in the Rally-O ring she has developed a reputation. Those who have seen her regularly compete will be well-versed with her compulsory rolling on the ground before entering the ring and the excited bouncing that concludes her round. I can not recall a round where I have taken Stella in the ring without dust, dirt, leaves or other such debris attached to her somewhere... She also has a habit of making up her own Rally-O signs, or interpretive Rally-O moves as I call them.

We have experienced everything, from her departing my side to roll on a smelly pee spot and swiftly return to perfectly finish the round, to her adding in a left-hand spin behind my back while executing the double about-turn, stopping in a call front to have a good scratch, to her latest start line move of having a scratch, nibble and then roll, all in the ring, before we even start.

Miss Stubborn has also, on more than one occasion, argued that "the sign doesn't say that: we did *this* last time!" as we undertake a nested Advanced/Excellent course and completely ignored any directions given to her. In short, she's amazingly good fun to run, a reminder that dogs are not machines. A sense of humour is required at all times as you are working with another living being. Her ratbag behaviour extends to home: she is a well-known banana thief and all cupboards and oven doors need to be secure if she's left unattended!

Yet with all her antics, she has still been a regular qualifier in the ring and we find ourselves as the most qualified standard Rally-O pair in the country, having obtained Rally-O Advanced Excellent 11

in South Canterbury in May 2023. Stella is also the first Encore Grand Champion in the country. Encore is her absolute favourite as she can be as zoomy as she wishes with none of this stopping business.

My sincere thanks to all those trainers, judges and friends who have helped us achieve these amazing milestones. When will we stop? When she tells me she's had enough. I don't think there's anybody who's seen her lately that would say she's ready to do that! 🐾



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