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Looking fresh as daisies, here are two of Lynn Cummings's tricolour Shetland Sheepdogs from her Edenmist kennel: Tallis (two-year-old boy, Ch Edenmist Dark and Deadly) and Zelda (three-year-old girl, Ch Edenmist Deadly Nightshade). 🐾



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## From the President...

As 2024's dog shows and competitions get under way, it's a good time to reflect on how we treat one another at these events. The 'Take the Lead' programme encourages members to respect each other and to recognise those that take an extra step to make our events more welcoming to all.



I am a great fan of the programme and would actively encourage all clubs to seek nominations to recognise those who make our shows and competitions something that we all want to participate in. It's so easy to do. A packet of post-it stickers that people can write the name of the person they wish to nominate and a short message saying why the person should be recognised, then attached to a window or wall where everyone can see. Clubs then send the list to Dogs New Zealand for actioning. It's a nice way of saying thank you to those 'good' people among us. Give it a go at your next event.

Since COVID-19, we have seen our members looking for more ways to interact with their dogs. This has resulted in Scent Work, Canine Good Citizen and Rally-O receiving great support. Some of our older members will remember it was common for Obedience events to be held at the same time as All Breeds shows; it used to be a requirement of Dog Training regulations. Recent changes to the regulations now mean that an All Breeds club can hold two Obedience and two Rally-O events each year at a time that suits them and is approved by the relevant Dog Training Committee regional representative for inclusion on the regional calendar. Already we are seeing some clubs investigating how this can be achieved.

There has been quite a bit of discussion on social media around the lateness of February's *NZ Dog World*. Show secretaries are reminded of the need to get show schedules in on time.

During February I had the opportunity to attend the Purina Pro Plan marketing conference at Terrace Downs in Canterbury. It was a chance to thank the Pro Plan team for their support over the last four years, during a particularly difficult period, and to discuss with them our future plans for Dogs NZ. 🐾

Brian Harris  
President

**Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.**

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## When your dog has cancer...

Your vet enters the treatment room and says, "I'm sorry but it is cancer." Your heart drops and your head spins.

As your vet outlines options, it all sounds so technical and full of jargon. It is important at this point to take a deep breath, try not to panic, and to get as much information from your vet as possible as a starting point. Unless your dog's health condition is precarious, most owners have a little time to decide about treatment.

Always ask your vet how advanced the cancer is, their experience in treating that type of cancer, and for a prognosis. If no treatment is pursued, how long does your dog have before quality of life is affected and a euthanasia decision must be made?

When considering treatments, owners will want to understand the side effects and the costs and how long the treatment is expected to prolong life before quality of life deteriorates.

Perhaps one of the most confusing things for owners is to understand the statistics that are quoted with a cancer diagnosis. For example, if your vet says that a likely survival range is 6-18 months, a realistic expectation would be about 9-12 months. If you are lucky and your dog responds well to treatment, you might get 18 months or more of quality time. Sadly, though, some dogs may not respond well. There's no way to predict with more certainty; everyone wants to hope for the best.

Talking through the diagnosis and doing some of their own homework and research helps many owners reach a treatment decision. When researching on the internet, it is best to stick with reputable institutions such as teaching hospitals and research institutes rather than companies wanting to sell you a 'miracle' supplement. Integrative therapies, such as nutrition and herbal medicine, can be used alongside traditional veterinary medications (but not in place of them).

In October 2023, Marj was told that Jess, (*pictured*) her 13 -and-a-half-year-old Springer Spaniel, was suffering from prostate cancer.

"My first reaction was to look for as much information as I could get, which quickly overwhelmed me; I didn't know what to do first. As a client of The Balanced Dog and a pupil at one of your Cooking for Dogs classes I asked for advice about recommended foods for dogs with cancer. I also consulted a naturopath who gave me advice on supplements and Chinese herbs.

"My vet has been great and incredibly supportive of using integrative therapies. She prescribed Jess medication including drugs for protection of his gut; and we decided to continue with his monthly Synovan injections to help with his arthritis."


In terms of nutrition, a low carbohydrate, high protein kibble is the cornerstone of Jess' diet with Marj cooking up lots of mixed green vegetables including kale, spinach, green beans, cauliflower, and broccoli. Shiitake mushrooms have recently been added, too.

Marj has organised Jess' medication into a daily pill organiser; her parents provide Jess with day care so he is never left unsupervised.



She devotes time each week to buying and cooking his vegetable mixtures and feeding these with food and in lick mats and other food toys. Smaller meals work best for Jess. At the time of writing, Jess is doing very well with a great appetite and interest in twice-daily walks.

An owner knows their dog best. It is also perfectly acceptable to consider your own lifestyle and personal circumstances in a cancer treatment decision. Treatments can be expensive and time-consuming; what is manageable for some may not be for others.

If treatment is not an option for your dog, most dogs are prescribed pain medications and prednisone for palliative care. Other management in the home might include special foods and hand-feeding, open access to outdoor areas, the use of incontinence pads, and substituting long walks with enrichment activities. 

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# 138th Annual Conference of Delegates

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Notice is hereby given that the 2024 Annual Conference of Delegates of Dogs New Zealand is to be held as follows:

**Date:** Saturday, 29 June 2024

**Venue:** Level 4, Members Lounge,  
Sky Stadium, 105 Waterloo  
Quay, Wellington

**Time:** 10:00am

### Further information and dates:

**12 April, 2024** Closing date for remits, recommendations, discussion papers and nominations for four Executive Council roles (2 North Island & 2 South Island).

**15 April, 2024** Voting documents sent to eligible clubs for Executive Council roles (if required).

**14 May 2024** Voting closes for Executive Council roles (if required).

**28 May, 2023** Yearbook and 2023 ACOD minutes posted to clubs (to include remits, recommendations, and discussion papers).

Relevant clubs (to include Agility & Obedience clubs) are encouraged to schedule meetings in a timely fashion to discuss voting for Executive Council roles (if required — post 19 April) and the remits, recommendations and discussion papers as lodged and set out in the yearbook (post 28 May). 🐾

Steven Thompson  
Director Secretary







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## A Perfect Match:

### Canine Good Citizen & Canine Friends Pet Therapy

Emily McGowan, Rotorua

For me, Dogs New Zealand's Canine Good Citizen programme ([dogsnz.org.nz/cgc/cgc-home](http://dogsnz.org.nz/cgc/cgc-home)) started with my previous dog Yiayia. She was anti-social but I wanted to involve her with something worthwhile during her retirement. With training, understanding and support she gained CGC Foundation and Bronze

at the ripe old age of 15 years.

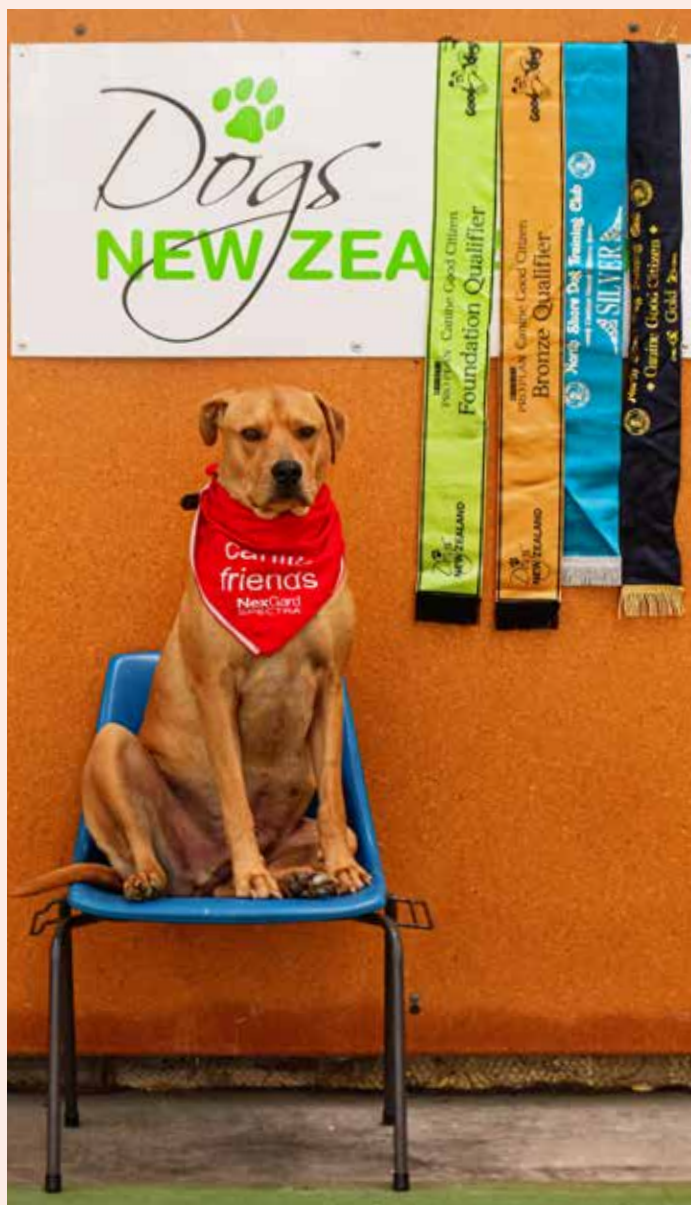
When I adopted Burt as a puppy I knew the importance of socialisation. This included meeting people at Animates, the vet clinic, for regular weight checks and at AGMs at Rotorua Dog Training Club. In fact, pretty much everywhere I went, Burt went too. We met people out in public, dog walkers, people with disabilities: I threw it all at him as I didn't want him to have the same issues as Yiayia (who I loved dearly). But, being a Huntaway/Labrador mix, I was quite confident I wouldn't.

Because I have exposed him to many people, places and situations, I believe he is the best dog he can be. He gained CGC Foundation and Bronze last April at Taupo Dog Training Club and went on to achieve Silver and Gold at North Shore Dog Training Club last December.

I believe CGC is all about having nice manners, being social and a good dog in many different places. Of course, it also means being a responsible dog owner with knowledge of local council dog ownership bylaws.

Last year, Burt and I were accepted as members of Canine Friends Pet Therapy and are regular visitors at a care village. The CGC programme aligns very well with what is expected of a Canine Friends dog: seeing people in their own environment and being comfortable in different settings.

I am pleased we gained CGC Gold and can continue this social engagement and behaviour through our Canine Friends visits. 🐾



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



# Junior Dog Training

Supplied by Gala Emmerton

Junior Dog Training Chair: Nicole Wilkinson



## JDT Camp 2024

From Queenstown to the northern tip in Whangarei, 37 young handlers set off on an exciting adventure to the 2024 Junior Dog Training Camp, held this year at Christchurch's Wooden Camp on 15-19 January. Ranging in age from six to 19, these campers were passionate about dog training and brought immense enthusiasm to the camp. A variety of dogs attended, including Border Collies, Heading Dogs, Spitz, Golden Retrievers, a Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Bearded Collies, Spaniels, and more.

Six teams were fiercely competing to earn every point possible during camp. Whether mastering Agility or Obedience, or nailing team tasks such as restrained recalls or the loose leash water challenge, they all chased victory. In the end, it was The Crocs who conquered with their fancy footwork, super-entertaining video and great team work.

JDT campers got to experience many things this year such as...

- The details of training dog sledding
- Agility training for all levels of competition
- Hoopers — New Zealand's up-and-coming sport
- An encounter with a New Zealand Customs dog, detecting \$20,000 of shredded US money
- Canine conditioning and how to warm up your dog before a show
- Water balloon fights and water slides for the people
- Team challenges such as archery, zip-lining and shooting a slug gun (all with adult supervision)



When we asked our awesome JDT handlers about their favourite parts of camp they were raving on about a lot of different things!

**Jade & Oakley** - Meeting a whole bunch of people who loved dog sports too!

**Gracie & Sonic:** Making new friends, meeting new people and trying new things! Essentially a lot of new!

**Jess & Zoom:** Playing Werewolf with Carl.

**Sophia & Marley:** The relay race!

**Kate & Zoom:** I liked the mini training sessions with Lisa and Stephanie, so everyone could have a taste of how to do Hoopers, free shaping, proper warm up and cool downs, and canine fitness.

**Charlie & Molly:** The demonstrations and the training.

A big 'thank you' to everyone that makes this camp achievable every year. JDT is the future of dog sports in Aotearoa so we are very grateful for your support. All these beautiful photos are by the amazing **Brya Ingram Photography**.

Head over to our Instagram page — [@juniordogtrainingnz](https://www.instagram.com/juniordogtrainingnz) — to stay up to date with all things JDT. 🐾





# Lure Coursing: A summer's day in the Canterbury countryside



Along with most of the regulars, today's event (21 January 2024) also attracted additional Whippet entries, both locals, and Craig Powley's from the North Island here on holiday, whose dogs took to the chase with gusto. But it was a day for the big hounds to show off. John and

Janet Vuleta's Afghans, Krista and Mark Cattanaach's Wolfhounds, Sally and Ross Greenwood's Rhodesian Ridgebacks, and, for the first time, SIHC member Maree Willets and friends with several Deerhounds (*a brace pictured right*). All of these dogs ran superbly and it takes your breath away to see them stretching out enjoying themselves. The young Saluki had some first time fun too.

It was a warm sunny day with people and dogs keeping cool under the trees. The sausage sizzle and drinks were great as usual. Warm welcome to our latest Lure Coursing Committee member Sally Greenwood who hit the ground running by taking entries on the day. We wish to thank Janet for making a beautiful blue coursing slip lead which was especially for the raffle. Also, a raffle donation all the way from USA equipment supplier Tally-Go. Claire made another fabulous lemon cake. The whole crew ran a very smooth meeting and it was enjoyed by all involved.

These following dogs have today also qualified for a judged meeting. Our non-competitive, fun events will continue as usual for everyone.

## Non-Sighthounds

Stella (Nick Rowley), Springer Spaniel

## Sighthounds

Goose (Joel Balmer), Whippet

Margot (Krista Cattanaach), Irish Wolfhound

Lela (Krista Cattanaach), Irish Wolfhound

Jobe (Jane Gruet), Deerhound

Bede (Jane Gruet), Deerhound

CH Dachlah Dont Stop Believin At Shenkhan (Craig & Merle Powley), Whippet



Kana-Ka Hum'n A Tune Is Ezzee At Shenkhan (Craig Powley), Whippet

Kana-Ka Wych Tune To Hum at Tynchewick (F Watson & C Jordan & M Reynolds), Whippet

Kana-Ka Just Keepa Hum'n (J Newton-Williams), Whippet

Kana- Ka Caught Hum'n Church (J Newton-Williams), Whippet 🐾

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# Raising your Agility puppy



It is great for Agility to see so many puppies at shows, confirming the future of our sport. Wouldn't it be wonderful if, with this future, we didn't have reactive dogs, dogs that become over-aroused, dogs that run away from their handlers, dogs that chase other dogs? All of these behaviours should be possible to avoid with the raising of your puppy.

From the day your puppy arrives home, your preparation for Agility begins. Although actual Agility is many months away, the foundations should already be starting.

The first thing to do is play. All puppies will play naturally, and it is up to you to embrace this and strengthen your puppy's play drive. You need to be the most important thing in your puppy's life and the best way to build this relationship is through play, no excuses! Play, play, play! Long before the puppy has had its vaccinations and can leave your home, you can proof your play around your

own property. Once the puppy is playing confidently, move the play to all parts of your house and then to all parts of the garden. Play with the vacuum cleaner on, play by the tumble dryer and the lawnmower, play around your other dogs. Then take the puppy to friends' houses and play in *their* gardens.

Environmental socialisation can also start long before your puppy is fully vaccinated. Car rides every day, trips to cafés or shops, a walk down the high street, visits to school or kindy. Take your puppy to shows as soon as you can; even if puppy is not fully vaccinated, you can set up a puppy pen with a tarpaulin and newspaper so puppy doesn't go on the ground but most importantly, you can carry your puppy around the show, getting them used to the environment, meeting people of all different ages, especially children. Play with your puppy in their pen at the show. You are getting your puppy comfortable in the environment that you will later on want them to perform at their best in.

'Free shaping' behaviours is a great way to get your puppy to understand how to learn, for example: 'sit in a box'; 'down on a mat'; and 'feet on a perch'. Teach these behaviours at home first, then move them to different areas of the house and garden as you did with your play.

As soon as your puppy is vaccinated, environmental socialisation is all on. Offer a new experience every day, and play in all those environments. No matter what is going on, your puppy should play and engage with you. You can simulate exciting environments by taking the puppy to local playing fields when a football game is on or near a children's park. Keep the puppy on a long line to be safe.

Your puppy needs to play in all these situations. A supermarket car park, near high traffic areas, any noises that you can get the puppy to ignore, while playing with you, will help them to be able to cope with anything. Do not give up with play at any point and bribe with food: move further away from the distraction until you are at a point where the puppy will happily play with the toy then gradually decrease the distance.

Remember puppies have very short attention spans so keep all these play sessions short and fun.

You can then take your basic free-shaped behaviours such as sitting in a box or lying down on a mat, along with your play, to as many different situations as possible, including Agility shows. Your puppy understanding how to learn in these environments simulates the end result of asking for Agility behaviours. If you have someone to help, practice restrained recalls in all situations too.

Dog clubs are a vital part of these early months. Private trainers are awesome but cannot replicate being in a situation where dogs are running and training, often several dogs at a time in different segments/classes. There are dogs watching that are barking or playing with their owners and the situation is similar to that of a





# Canine Good Citizen

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## Bay of Islands Canine Association

*I have been putting the CGC pages together for quite a few years now and would 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)). Thanks to all those hard-working secretaries and CGC workers who have put in extra time to give me wonderful reports of their assessments and provided the photos. 🐾*

Sally Fenton

Our club was started over 35 years ago by a couple of German Shepherd Dog enthusiasts. The club has survived and progressed, operating in many locations and dabbling in various disciplines, but was, for many years, primarily a breed club. In the last five years, we have been training other disciplines including Obedience, Rally-O, all levels of Canine Good Citizen, and breed show training.

Late November was busy for us. On 19 November, we held a Canine Good Citizen assessment day, and the following weekend, 26 November, a community open day hosting a Scruffs parade, Rally-O Fun competition and a Ribbon Parade for breed competitors.

On both days, there was a great turn-out of members, supporters, and helpers carrying out all the tasks to make assessments, shows,

and parades happen, even when the competition differed from their discipline. It was great to see everyone enjoying being around and involved with people and their dogs.

### Canine Good Citizen Assessment Day

A special thanks to Sue Howe, our main CGC assessor, who travelled up from Auckland for the assessment, with Jill Northcoat assisting in Silver and Gold.

CGC Silver and Gold started in Kawakawa, on the main street outside the famous Hundertwasser toilets. The teams had the additional distraction challenge of a train going down the main street! We continued in and around the Te Hononga Hundertwasser Memorial Park.





# 2023 Top 20 Competition Winner

Chris Kelly &

OB CH VALDORAN SHEEZA ZUMA CDXS TCQCDXG TCQ

*The Top Obedience dog award for 2023 goes to Chris Kenny and her Border Collie, Ob Gr Ch Valdoran Sheeza Zuma CDXS TCQ. Congratulations to Chris and Zuma for this achievement, and for Zuma recently being made up to up to an Obedience Grand Champion at the age of four. Thanks to sponsor Purina Pro Plan for their generous prize.*



I first started competition Obedience with Monti, my Brittany. I managed to get Monti to Test C and he achieved one challenge before I retired him.

Along the way I learned a lot about training in general plus I gained a better knowledge of competition Obedience.

Then along came my lovely wee Border Collie Zuma from Clive and Lyn Bushell's Valdoran kennel. I named her Valdoran Sheeza Zuma because of her high energy and speed.

Apart from being a lovely companion she has always been exceptionally keen to work.

She was so quick to learn new tasks that I had to make sure I didn't teach her anything incorrectly as she would take a while to swap to the correct way.

From the start I was lucky enough to have Hamilton's John and Raewyn Muir help me remotely, since I live at Mount Maunganui. I thought I would enter Zuma in competitions at an early age so they could advise me on any alterations needed.

She moved up the levels at a remarkable rate until Test B and those stand stays! That took a year to correct and in the end the simple solution was a tap on the chest as a command unique to stays.

At this stage I managed to find a group of lovely ladies closer to home to train with. This enabled me to explore a variety of different techniques to improve our work and offered several dogs to practice stays with. We call ourselves the Matatā Pub Club — I wonder why?

Zuma just absolutely loves working in the ring and most judges ask "does she ever do anything slowly", to which my answer is "no, never."

Zuma became an Obedience Champion at age three, Grand Champion at age four, and for 2023 (still age four), Top Obedience Dog. I'm pretty proud of our achievements so far.

We both love Obedience competitions and travel around the North and South Islands picking up competitions along the way. We have made many friends within the Obedience world which makes our competition weekends special for not only Zuma and I but for my support crew of my husband Wayne and retired Monti. 🐾

Chris Kenny



# The Philippine Circuit

18-21 January, 2024, Araneta Center, Manila



Overseas exhibitors, judges and media.

*The now world-famous Philippines Circuit show took place once more in the heart of Manila, with most people attending saying it was 'the best ever...'* Writes Vince Hogan, Editor in Chief of OUR DOGS ([www.ourdogs.co.uk](http://www.ourdogs.co.uk)).

Who would have thought that a show so far away from the USA or mainland Europe would capture the imagination of both judges and exhibitors alike to take its place on many dog peoples bucket list for judging, showing or making a 'road trip' of sorts that could also take in a slice of 'paradise' on a Philippines island after the show.

As ever, the show was populated by many overseas exhibitors including judges, exhibitors and dogs from the USA, Europe with a record number of exhibitors — just over 200 — from outside of the Philippines. As you will read from the judges' comments, people are most impressed by the care and attention to detail that the Philippines Canine Club Inc (PCCI, [www.pcci.org.ph](http://www.pcci.org.ph)) put into taking care of folk. It all starts at the airport where judges, exhibitors, visitors are met, greeted and transported to the show hotel.

Irina Suzuki in American Cocker Spaniels summed things up from an exhibitor's perspective, saying: "We have so much fun on the Philippines Circuit. Always happy to meet old friends and make new friends. Happy to be a part of this spectacular event. Specially thanks for Dinky S Santos, always perfect organisation, super comfortable for exhibitors. Always be in touch and helpful.

"It's not only the biggest Asian dog show event, but also one that

allows people from all over the world to communicate, make new friends and business partners.

"The opportunity to see super dogs and learn a lot of new things. Great location, warm weather, hanging out by the pool in the evenings. Organised documentary support for paperwork for returning with dogs to the country. It all starts with a warm welcome at the airport and escort to the hotel. Looking forward to seeing you next year."

## Manila, Mon Amour

The Circuit is a set of 12 shows which take place over four days at the Araneta Centre, the venue which in 1975 hosted the 'Thrilla in Manila' world title boxing match between Muhammed Ali and Joe Frazier. There is a set of four shows for the South East Asia Shows, then another four for the A20 (the FCI section for Asia Pacific) and then a set of four for the FCI shows. Hence the 12 shows in four days. Plus, the Philippines Derby for dogs bred in the Philippines, to encourage local breeders.

It is a system that appeals to the judges who rotate around the breeds and the shows, so exhibitors get assessed by a cross section of judges.



Best In Show: Day 1



Day 2





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In February Dogs NZ celebrated our one-year partnership anniversary with PD Pet Insurance ([pd.co.nz](https://pd.co.nz)). This marks 12 months of fulfilling some of the kennel club's key goals, including the launch of our very own co-branded pet insurance and breeder partner programme and the incorporation of PD's pet health research and data analysis into the work we do.

We've come a long way together and look forward to what the future holds.

### **Pet Insurance Bridging the Gap in Vet Costs**

PD Insurance and Dogs NZ acknowledge the financial challenges pet owners face with veterinary costs. We also understand the pressures vets are facing because of staff shortages, managing pet owners' expectations, high levels of burnout and costly overheads.

Through our partnership, we strive to bridge this gap by offering free insurance starter cover for breeders to supply new puppies with cost-effective ongoing insurance plans for all kinds of dog (and cat) owners, and by raising awareness of pet health issues through a wide range of public and member-only communication avenues and events.



We understand that knowledge gives people the power to make sound decisions on their pet's health, just as insurance gives people the power to say yes to quality vet treatment for their pet.

Pet insurance in New Zealand is still relatively new, especially when compared to the take-up in several other countries. On the other hand, Dogs NZ is now in its 138th year. Launching Dogs NZ Insurance by [pd.co.nz](https://pd.co.nz), in our first year of partnership, is moving our kennel club forward to better meet the needs of today's dog owners.

### **Breeder Partner Programme**

This initiative with PD, another first for the kennel club, is exclusively available to registered Dogs NZ breeders. This puts breeders in a position to offer their clients four weeks of free starter cover for puppies, which includes \$1,000 of cover in accident and illness protection that's free from waiting periods and any excess payment.

The aim of the insurance side of our Breeder Partner Programme is three-fold:

-  To ensure puppies get the vet care they need timeously and without their owner having to worry about the financial implications. Having pet insurance removes many of the financial concerns associated with vet bills, especially the larger, unexpected ones.
-  To provide a safety net for new puppy owners while they settle young pets in at home, allowing for stress free bonding. Many don't realise the real cost of vet bills until



faced with them - PD's recent survey shows 12% of policyholders had pets euthanised in the past because they didn't have a pet plan so couldn't afford treatment.

“ Some new owners will be getting insurance that otherwise wouldn't have. Having free starter insurance opens their eyes to this safeguard. It gives them an opportunity to learn more and that will hopefully see us having more insured animals. ”

- Rhea Hurley, Outgoing Dogs New Zealand Canine Health and Welfare Officer

🐾 To support the best interests of the ethical dog breeder. We know our breeders put enormous effort into producing and raising healthy litters using best breeding practices like health screening and DNA tests. As a breeder, sending puppies home with free starter cover means fewer concerns over those crucial first few weeks.

### One Year, Multiple Achievements

While it's been just one year, we've achieved many goals with PD Insurance. Together, our mission is to disseminate crucial information on animal health, empowering owners, breeders, vets and other pet industry professionals to provide companion animals with the best possible lives.

Via PD we now have access to vital claims data for dogs and cats across New Zealand. This helps us explore genetic illnesses and many other health conditions affecting pets. We're able to see what trends exist and this can in turn be used to mitigate future issues, by taking a health first approach in our initiatives including the ongoing development of breed health standards and health testing.

PD also shares customer survey data from thousands of pet owners. The information helps us understand the issues pet owners face when raising healthy, happy pets. This extends to issues affecting their relationships with various pet health industry service providers. We get insights into pet owners' firsthand experiences, expectations, wants and needs in working with breeders, vets, trainers, and more.

### News and Events

If you haven't already, then tune into our digital platforms. Along with this monthly magazine, Dogs NZ shares pet health and welfare resources in our weekly Dog-iE newsletters, on our website, and via our Dogs NZ page on PD Insurance's website [pd.co.nz](http://pd.co.nz) that features joint media releases and blog posts.

Also look out for our co-hosted stands at pet events. Last year you may have seen us together at the Auckland Pet Expo where we did giveaways, shared educational material and had meaningful conversations with dog enthusiasts. You may also have seen PD at the Purina Pro Nationals where they sponsored a junior dog handler.

These are only two of last year's events we enjoyed collaborating on; there were plenty across the year and there are plenty more to come.

### PD Insurance and Dogs NZ Supporting Kiwi Pets

Together we're working stronger for breeders, dog owners, vets and the wide range of pet health professionals doing their very best for dogs and cats across New Zealand. Our canine companions no doubt benefit from all of us working together and combining our knowledge to cater to their health, social and psychological needs.

### Speaking of health needs

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