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Our autumnal photo of 3-and-a-half-year-old Bullmastiff Hudson (CH Kugel Von Hudson) at Masterton's Henley Lake was supplied by owner Vicki Lackner. He was bred by Cheryl & Ken Lichtwark of Putaruru, who have bred Bullmastiffs in New Zealand for over 30 years. Hudson is one of the last of the dogs from their kennel - Kugel - being shown today, and recently won Reserve of Group at New Plymouth and BIS at Tauranga in 2022.



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From the President...



As we approach the Annual Conference of Delegates (24 June 2023), I want to stress how important this year's conference will be to the future of Dogs New Zealand. Apart from the usual election of Vice Presidents we will have some very important discussions around the future of dog events in the Lower North Island and the future venue for the annual conference.

I want to thank you for your support in re-electing me to the post of President. This club is enormously important to me and I will continue to work for the benefit of all our members. Stephen Meredith and Fiona Hodgson, two very hard-working EC members, have been re-elected unopposed for a further two years as North Island delegates. This year we see four highly qualified candidates standing in the South Island for the two vacant positions. It is the duty of every club across the country to vote. Make sure your club has its say.

In April, I was informed by Ray Greer that for health reasons he has decided to step down as president of the New Zealand Dog Judges Association. Ray is a past president of Dogs NZ and his knowledge and understanding of the dog world in this country has been a huge asset to NZDJA. Ray has made an enormous contribution to Dogs New Zealand over many years and this was recognised by his life membership of NZKC. But none of this would have been possible without the support of his wife Lee and their family. On behalf of Dogs NZ, we wish Ray a successful outcome to his treatment.

Another very successful FCI CACIB show — our fourth — was held in Christchurch on Easter Monday. A number of dogs will now have qualified for their CIB title with many more on the cusp of doing so. The next CACIB show will also be held in Christchurch, on 6 August. Start making your plans to join us there.

Remember, the criteria for a CIB title in New Zealand is four CACIB certificates under judges from three different countries. For this purpose, the North and South Islands are treated as separate countries, and at least one CACIB must be awarded in each island. 🐾

Brian Harris
President

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imagine that it never happened before.

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CANINE CORNER

by Kathleen Crisley, CSMT, CTMT, SCMT

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Training service dogs

Smoky Mountain Service Dogs (SMSD) trains mobility assistance service dogs for veterans with physical disabilities. Their program is the only accredited program by Assistance Dogs International (ADI, assistancedogsinternational.org) in the state of Tennessee, and one of only 125 in the USA. (Mobility Dogs, mobilitydogs.co.nz, is New Zealand's ADI affiliate.)

I recently toured the Smoky Mountain facility and spoke with Heather Wilkerson, Program Manager.

"It takes two years and \$22,000 to train a single service dog, involving 1,800 hours of professional dog training. For this reason, we aim to invest 95 cents of every dollar into the care and training of the dogs. We do not employ administrative staff; our volunteers and supporters are essential to our success."

Labrador and Golden Retrievers are the breeds of choice, sourced primarily from a network of reputable breeders.

Founded in 2011 with a business plan created for them by the University of Tennessee, SMSD custom trains mobility assistance service dogs specific to a veteran's needs. The dogs are provided entirely free of charge to the veteran with even food provided at no cost for the life of the dog.

SMSD accepts applications from veterans who live within a 350-mile



radius of its facility; veterans that are matched with a service dog must return each year for an annual re-assessment and catch-up. SMSD serves the entire state of Tennessee and portions of Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, and Virginia. The distinctive green coat of a Smoky Mountain Service Dog is well-recognised in these areas.

A regional service area allows trainers to work extensively with the veteran/canine teams throughout the training process with additional support provided after the team goes home. Trainers will undertake home visits and meet-and-greets as part of the matching process.

Assistance Dogs International accreditation serves as endorsement of, and commitment to, high standards. The accreditation process evaluates a range of criteria including:

- Administration of all program operations
- Fair and ethical treatment of clients
- Humane training methods for the dogs
- Proper healthcare for the dogs
- Safety and cleanliness of the training facility
- Criteria for screening suitability of both dogs and clients
- Criteria for matching dogs and clients
- Compliance with all legal regulations
- Proper training and evaluation of owner-trained assistance dog teams

Like most animal charities, SMSD started with a small facility. It took ten years to raise the funds for its current 18-kennel facility with impressive dedicated areas for grooming and training.

When a veteran dies, their family have a say in what happens to the service dog. Within the past year, the program lost two of its veterans. In one case, the dog was reaching its retirement age and so it remained with the family. In the other case, the dog was re-deployed with the full support of the deceased veteran's family. 🐾



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137th Annual Conference of Delegates

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Notice is hereby given that the 2023 Annual Conference of Delegates of Dogs New Zealand is to be held as follows:

Date: Saturday, 24 June 2023

Venue: Icon Room, Te Papa,
55 Cable Street, Wellington

Time: 10:00am

Further information and dates:

12 May 2023 Voting closes for South Island Executive Council roles.

25 May 2023 Yearbook and 2022 minutes posted to clubs (to include remits, recommendations, and discussion papers).

Relevant clubs (to include Agility and Obedience clubs) are encouraged to schedule meetings in a timely fashion to discuss voting for Executive Council roles (if required, post-14 April 2023) and the remits, recommendations and discussion papers as lodged and set out in the yearbook (post-25 May 2023). 🐾

Steven Thompson
Director Secretary



Results: Dogs New Zealand FCI All Breeds CACIB Show, Christchurch



The ferries were all broken down, the weather forecast was hell on legs and there was so much misinformation going around about the qualification levels for a FCI CIB Champion, that it was amazing that we got more than six dogs at the fourth Dogs New Zealand FCI All Breeds CACIB Show in Christchurch, held on Easter Monday, 10 April!

However, thanks to our loyal Northern supporters, who ran the gauntlet of the ferries, gulped and paid the extortionate flight prices, braved the weather and didn't believe all the misinformation, we sourced an entry of just over 300 dogs.

The North Canterbury Kennel Association put together a 'bi-partisan' group to organize the show but the NCKA touch was apparent with the rings decorated by Tony Fox and although cold, the rain held off until after the show, which finished at a timely mid-afternoon allowing everyone to get on the road at a decent time.

Thank you all for the nice comments about the presentation of the critiques. It is quite surprising the number that were not picked up but these are now available from Sue Conner at head office.

Best in Show was ably judged by Mr Gopi Krishnan from Malaysia, who is a member of the A20 (Oceania) Board of the FCI. Congratulations to you all and particular congratulations to all our new home-grown FCI CIB Champions (pending recognition)! -🐾

Lesley Chalmers,

North Canterbury Kennel Association

All photographs by Corsair.





10 April 2023 Dogs NZ FCI All Breeds CACIB Show Results

Judges: Nicole Harrison, Gopi Krishnan, Tanya McDonald, Katrina Santas, Lance Wright, Caroline Yates

Best in Show 1st NZ CH & Aust Sup CH Karakush Happy Little Vegemite (Amp-Aust) AI (K Magnus & L Gibson), Beagle.

Best in Show 2nd CH Lobelia Gangsta Boo At Bramble (P Graham), Bull Terrier.

Best in Show 3rd Triscrole Winta's Princess (T Andrews), Whippet.

Best in Show 4th CH Chic Choix Dream A Little Dream Of Me (imp-Fin) (A Ancell & D Gilchrist), Lhasa Apso.

Baby Puppy in Show Dachsford So You Thought (K Hardwick), Dachshund Standard.

Puppy in Show Zipadedoda Secret Agent (J Price & J Jeffrey & G Price), Bichon Frise. *(No photo available.)*

Junior in Show Brynroi All Masked Up (A Ancell), Lhasa Apso.

Veteran in Show CH Clan-Abby NZ-Royal-Dream (X Tang & Y Jin & P Vos & J Vos-Butler), Border Collie.



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Manawatu Members Visiting Libraries

Supplied by Vicky Graham, President



In 2019 we received an invitation from the Children's Program Coordinator at Palmerston North Library with a view to becoming involved. After an initial meeting we were invited to attend the children's section as 'mystery guests'. Four member/dog teams attended. The children and parents loved this extra dimension library staff introduced to help the young readers become more active with their reading. This then became a regular event with a mix of large and small dogs.

The staff pay extra attention to having books about dogs and other animals. Some children prefer to sit and watch others reading to our dogs, but inevitably these children ask to read to the dogs during our next visit. Some visits are specifically dog-focused and the children loved our Dalmatian member Arlo and Golden Retriever member Thumpa, both who appear in storybooks. Often sessions will end with question time on the care and responsibilities of owning a dog.

Since 2019 we have been regular visitors at Palmerston North Library during the school holidays in a quiet designated area. Our visits usually last up to one hour. Unfortunately Covid put a stop to these but we're back into gear in 2022, with two suburban libraries joining our list of venues. Our first visit back was publicised in local newspapers and radio. Te Patikiki Community Library was included towards the end of last year.

We visit these libraries with a small number of suitable dogs, depending on the area made available. These visits have now led to regular weekly reading sessions at City, Roslyn and Awapuni Libraries in a program called 'Stories Unleashed' which provides

one-on-one reading opportunities with each child, by appointment. Each of these sessions lasts around 15 minutes.

Here is some feedback we've received:

"The children really enjoy the novelty of the story time with a dog and the dog enjoys the pats and attention too."

"Who thought of this wonderful idea? What a great program."

"Library pairs with Canine Friends to provide kids with 'magical moments,'" wrote Sonya Holm for *The Guardian* newspaper.

"It's all about getting our children back into reading books and enjoying the process and wanting them to read more." 🐾

Ann Evans,

Manawatu Liaison Officer



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

Lure Coursing New Zealand

Supplied by Carole Tipler



South Island Hound Club

Our club's lure coursing event on 2 April 2023 drew another very good attendance, as we steadily grow our systems and fine tune the Field Crew roles. Once again, we were well supported by long-serving committee and members, plus a big handful of newcomers. We also had the luxury of two new members to the committee: welcome, Noelene and Leone.

Perhaps attempting to hold a Ribbon Parade on the same day was a bit ambitious in hindsight. However, we still managed a very pleasant one with judge Land Tang officiating and Claire Fodie stewarding. I say ambitious because the lure coursing is so popular, and it needs to continue all day so that the dogs get enough runs.

The exciting news on the day was the addition of our new lure machine which goes forwards and backwards. This made it easier for the driver to re-engage some less confident dogs if they lost sight of the lure, and get them going again. Also of course it sped up the process of getting ready for the next runner immensely!

A big thank you to Top Flight Hound for their generous donations of treats and food product to distribute throughout the day. Thank you also to those who supported our sausage sizzle and raffles. Welcome to new members who joined on the day, and thanks to those who travelled all the way from Dunedin. All going well, our next event will be 4 June (King's Birthday).

The field on the day consisted of 17 Whippets, two Afghan Hounds, two Borzoi, one LH Dachshund, two MS Dachshunds, one Portuguese Podengo Pequeno, two Lurchers, one Australian Shepherd, two Border Collie, one Italian Greyhound, one Staffordshire Bull Terrier, two Springer Spaniels, one Fox Terrier cross and one Dachshund cross. 🐾

Fiona Watson
South Island Hound Club



Hibiscus Coast Dog Training Club

Auckland clubs have had a huge backlog of dogs on their waitlists for training over the past couple of years due to the massive problems faced by the region during the COVID-19 lockdowns. Even after lockdowns, restrictions meant that for nearly two years training could not get fully underway, shows were cancelled, and CGC assessments were put on hold.

Hibiscus Coast Dog Training Club's CGC Assessment Day on 1 April thankfully went ahead despite several training sessions in February having to be cancelled due to the ongoing storms and cyclone. The heavens opened on the evening of one of our final sessions

in March and the rain continued the whole evening. This did not thwart the handlers who all turned up and worked enthusiastically with their dogs.

Our assessment day was hugely successful with 45 entries, 19 passes in Foundation, 19 passes in Bronze and six at Silver level.

Huge thanks to Barbara McDonald and Sue Howe, our two assessors. They had a very big day, continuing cheerfully into the afternoon despite the rain arriving just as the Silver Assessment was about to begin. 🐾

Jill Parsons



Preparing for practical exams

by Lavina Diamanti

Congratulations to those who were successful with their theory exam passes. Now the hard work begins to nail those practical exams.

The theory exam is a test of your knowledge of the breed standards, the practical exam is a test on how you apply that knowledge. Study for the practical is quite different to study for the theory. In my experience the theory exam required finding ways to cement the breed information into my memory. I used many different methods but I found my time was my saviour, time studying to really understand the breed standards. The practical on the other hand, required practice verbalising decisions and drilling down on the form and function of the breeds along with the important historical points that help make each breed what it is.

Practical exam time can be incredibly nerve wracking. You are in the ring with 3 examiners who are watching your every move as you judge your allocated dogs. They will be assessing how you run your ring, how you communicate with the exhibitors and the steward plus the suitability of your attire. Once you have judged a few breeds they will start asking you questions. They want to know how well you know each breed standard and how you applied that to the dogs you judged. They will expect you to be able to justify your decisions based on that knowledge. They will also expect you to know the history of each breed and its relative form and function. They will also expect you to be able to critique the dogs. Some candidates find nerves their friend, a bit like a stage performer, others struggle with the pressure. Regardless of which category you fall into, preparation is the key to a successful exam.

The following are some tips to help you in your preparations to be successful on examination day:

- Don't leave your preparation until the last minute, if you haven't already started, do it today.
- Set the goal to achieve a good pass, the examiners are looking for better than average!
- Identify the breeds you will be most likely to get in your exam. Entries at shows in the area will give you an indication. Concentrate on these to begin with.
- Research each breed. Where did it originate? What was its purpose? What other breeds were used to develop this breed? Has it changed and if so why?
- Research other similar breeds. For example, the Terriers from the Scottish Highlands or the various Spaniels. What is similar about them and what makes them different? Why?
- Understand the form and function of each breed. Why does a

breed have the characteristics it does? What are the hallmarks of the breed? How do those characteristics tie into the job it was bred for?

- Make sure you know your anatomy and canine terminology.
- Now start practicing applying your knowledge. Find videos on YouTube of these breeds being judged. Judge them yourself based on what you see. Verbalise your decisions — and I mean really verbalise. Talk it through out loud, not just in your mind. Better still, have a mentor with you so they can question you on your decisions.
- Print off photos of dogs from the internet. Place them in order and again verbalise your decisions. Check your standards for specific terminology. You don't need to use the exact words, but you do need to understand their meaning.
- Practice critiquing dogs, nose to tail. Make sure you verbalise what you see and not just quote from the standard.

On exam day itself:

- Make sure you are well presented. Dress as if you are judging a championship show, smart but comfortable.
- Arrive in plenty of time. You don't want to be rushing.
- Your turn for the ring — judge with confidence. Try to ignore the examiners and just get on with judging the dogs.
- The examiners' role is to test your knowledge. Answer all questions honestly. If you don't know the answer, say you don't know. If you forgot to check something, don't pretend you did. The examiners will know that you didn't!
- Make sure your answers are meaningful. Remember: What, How and Why. **What** do you know about the breed; **How** does that knowledge apply to the dogs in front of you; and **Why** did you place them the way you did?
- Because you have done so much practice, your words will flow.

Good luck. 🐾

Important Dates

1 July 2023	Judges' Seminar, Auckland
2 July 2023	NZDJA AGM, Auckland
15-16 July 2023	North Island Practicals
29-30 July 2023	South Island Practicals



Crufts 2023

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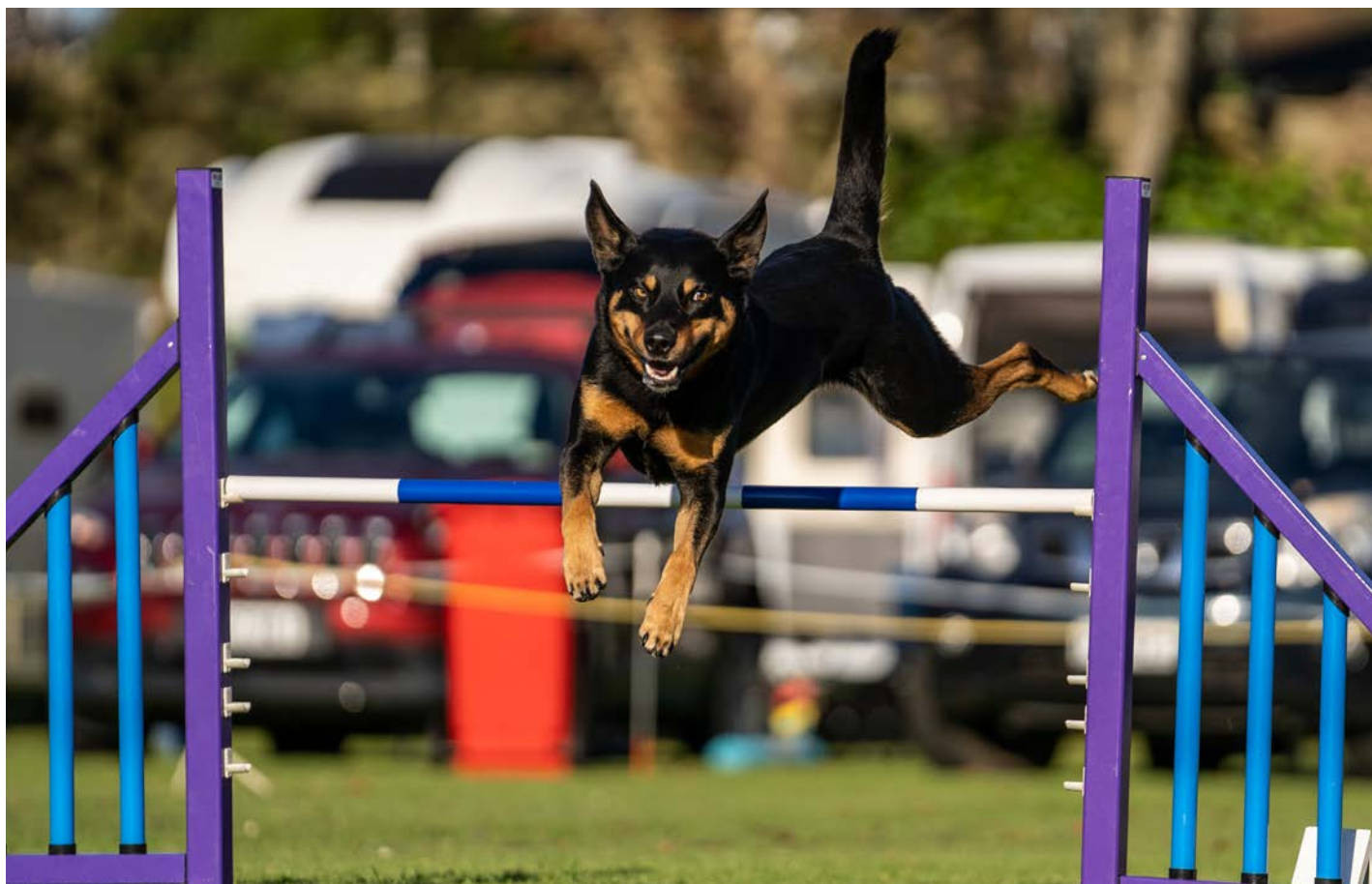
Agility

Did You Know?

'My Messages', a new feature on the AC website has been added below 'My Dogs'.
www.dogagility.org.nz/index.html

We all have goals!

Supplied by Rosemarie Baker, rjbagility2020@gmail.com



Sue Whitwell's Australian Kelpie, Edge, in action. Hayley Rohde Photography.

So, on yet another long trip home from yet another Agility show, I had time to contemplate just how much my life, my aspirations, my expectations have altered over the years.

I can vividly remember walking into the Agility ring for the very first time, with my very first dog and just feeling so terrified. This is an accurate description of the emotion: my hands were shaking, I was possibly going to wet my pants, I was sweaty...

Even then, I knew that it was not a logical way to feel, but the potential for disaster was just so real. I was about to step out in public without any clue as to how my dog might react. Would I stay on my feet? Would I remember where the Elementary course went? Would the group of people I so wanted to be a part of judge me? Mock me? Laugh at me?

Turns out that it is possible to still run a dog, badly, when under duress. My dog is an actual super star — in my eyes anyway — and it didn't matter what he did. He was still my dog and still awesome.

Now I find myself on the rollercoaster of Agility, there will be many tears and much pain, physical and emotional. For better or worse, I am now an Agility addict.

We went from that first outing to just wanting a piece of cardboard, just one. A clear round, the first one of which is also never forgotten.

Next step was the lofty ambition of winning a ribbon, any ribbon, just one. Then wanting to maybe get second...

Then it's the desire to win something, Starters or Jumpers C. I can still remember my dog sending me to tears by just being so awesome and screaming around those courses. A judge once told me in the ring "you really need to stop admiring your dog and concentrate on the course". It was sage advice, but my dog was just so impressive. Well, I thought so.

Up the ranks we go and we are now playing with the flash speedy dogs. The courses are becoming very complex, and clear rounds are not as regular because we need to push our boundaries and speed, which means we are losing some consistency. But I put my big girl knickers on and we do our best.

Then out of the blue, we achieve a challenge. That's big, and there are more tears. We are back to wanting a piece of cardboard more than anything.

Traffic Light Bandana

Dog walk and fun day



Dr Christine Mackenzie,
Picton Veterinary Clinic

The message was: Get out and socialise 'on lead' at the second Traffic Light Bandana Dog Walk and Games, hosted by Picton Vet on 25 March 2023 at Picton Memorial Park.

The colourful bandanas worn by the dogs indicated each dog's feelings or condition, and signals to others to ask before interacting. Enjoy time with your dog in the company of others, while encouraging communication and control at dog parks, and avoiding accidents and altercations.

On the day, 72 dogs from all over Nelson and Marlborough attended. On arrival at the park, each pre-registered dog received a goodie bag, complete with poo bag, dehydrated mussel treat, certificate and their bandana.

Two groups left for a 20-40 minute walk around Picton township. There was plenty of chatter and happy dogs as they strolled along the foreshore and passed the cafes. Returning via the rest homes, residents were out to meet the dogs for cuddles. One resident previously owned a St Bernard so was thrilled to see Ernie and Bentley walk by. 'I think we made her day' was a comment I heard.

We extended the time this year so people could make it a lunch date too. A sausage sizzle, with cupcakes, was put on by the local Papatuanuku Independency Trust, and Hazbeanz coffee and Mrs Whippy provided refreshments.

Next, came more fun with games and prizes. Wendy Reynolds gave an Agility demonstration with her poodles then others had a go. We played old-fashioned games like egg and spoon, water carrying race and musical statues. This meant the handlers and dogs had to work together to achieve results. We catered for seniors and kids in separate races and it was great to see participation from all ages.

During the day Wendy also presented a variety of prizes, like smallest and tallest dog from the line-up, as well as waggiest tail and most drooly dog. By the end of the day everyone had a prize.

We were grateful for the many prizes donated, especially from Black Hawk, and welcomed the support from local organisations and

clients that gave us their time towards organising music/PA, photos and providing safety. I was thrilled to have the presence of Maataa Waka dog control, Padz and Pawz Kennels and Games Marlborough, as well as friends from Blenheim Canine Training Club. Building on the bandred on my dogana awareness this year was community connectivity and all forms of opportunities and education for dog owners. I purposely got a new logo for my Pet Health Awareness.

It was evident by the responses that the event was enjoyed by all. Many dogs slept soundly on the way home and into the evening, and stories were still flying around town the following week. The morning walk allowed barking dogs to settle and people began to relax too. It was a very casual affair in that participants could do as much or little as they wanted. Some just did the walk and watched the games.

Even Murphy (pictured top of the next page), a diabetic dog with impaired vision, participated in the walk and then stood in the line-up with others. It makes me proud to provide an opportunity where even delicate dogs or owners can feel part of an event while getting some activity and pleasure.

The event was an idea of mine following a fun day at Kaikoura A&P show with my dog Holly. Many people had told me their concerns when walking their dogs and with age I seem to be getting more paranoid or protective of my own dog, especially after seeing vicious attacks causing death. I see on average six dog attacks a year at my clinic.

I feel comfortable at dogs shows and Agility events since most owners are respectful of others, but when out in public loose dogs frequently get in Holly's face. I may simply want to take her for a quiet toilet but it is spoilt when people can't keep their dogs away. Many dog owners don't know the law. The big one, which is essentially manners, is that dogs should not injure, endanger, intimidate or distress any person, stock, domestic animal or protected wildlife. Even I learnt a lot researching on the council website for my pet health workshops (www.pethealthawareness.co.nz).

Scent Work:

North Shore/Hibiscus Coast DTCs

by Til van Rijnberk

On 15-16 April two Auckland clubs — Hibiscus Coast Dog Training Club and North Shore Dog Training Club — put on another successful Scent Work Trial. So far, these two clubs have been the only ones organising trials in the top half of the North Island. It is hoped other clubs training Scent Work will also get into organising trials. With the sport becoming more popular, more trials are needed and handlers enjoy working their dogs at different venues.

The added interest and challenge of being at a new venue (Greenhithe Riding for the Disabled Association) was not the only thing organisers and handlers had to deal with though. The very strong wind made it quite difficult to screen off the different search areas to prevent handlers from being able to see what was happening, and also made searching tricky for the dogs.

Each of the two days had just over 200 entries, with around 50 people from as far as Gisborne and Taranaki trialling in all our Novice and Advanced classes. Most of them entered six to eight classes over the two days.

Three new local judges have recently joined the panel and all three were contracted for our event. Jacqueline Lewis from HCDTC and Joanna Upton from NSDTC had judged once before, while for Matilda van Rijnberk from NSDTC it was her first appointment. The other two judges were Karen Magorian from NSDTC and Arend van den Bos from Christchurch. Both Excellent Container classes, on the program for the first time in the top half of the North Island, were judged by Arend van den Bos. The other judges aren't on the Excellent panel yet. Eleven handlers entered and most of them qualified. It won't be long until dog and handler teams move up to this level in some of the other classes as well.

Novice classes are not open for watching, while Advanced and Excellent classes are. Both Excellent classes had about 20 people watching intently and enthusiastically supporting the teams with applause and cheers. In Excellent Container, the dogs have to identify three hides, which could be one to three different odours.

Since Scent Work is a qualifying rather than a competitive sport, there are generally no prizes. The teams have a maximum time to find the hide(s) and the fastest search is on purpose not rewarded, so handlers aren't tempted to rush their dogs. Most trials have a 'Judge's Choice' award, which usually comes with a nice ribbon and some sponsored product. The Judge's Choice and Merit ribbons do not have to be awarded for the best or the fastest search.

On Saturday there was also one Judge's Merit per class and on Sunday there were two. For the Judge's choices, there were bags from Eezapet with product and a discount voucher, Superior Chunky rolls and treats, as well as discount vouchers from essential oils supplier Pure Nature.

Judge Arend van den Bos absolutely loved the trial. "It was an awesome weekend and I would venture to say probably the best Scent Work Trial I have had the immense pleasure of judging at. One of the things I really enjoyed was the enthusiasm of the audience during the Excellent Container searches. I have not seen that before."

Jacqueline Lewis: "I was privileged to judge Containers A and B for Hibiscus Coast DTC on Saturday, and trial on both days with my

dogs. Being able to encourage those new to the sport is an honour, and I salute all who give it a go! Pushing your nerves to one side to concentrate on your dog while managing a lead and trying to remember what to do is no mean feat. However, the rewards are great as you see your dog enjoying themselves."

Joanna Upton: "I am so honoured that North Shore and Hibiscus Coast invited me to judge at this trial, including the opportunity to judge my very first Advanced search. It was a real pleasure to be able to judge at such a special venue that offered some very exciting smells for our dogs. The high-level training really shone through, as the dogs were able to work through the distractions to find the odour. A big congratulations to all the first-time handlers we saw. It looked like you had a great day and we all learned a lot. Can't wait to see you all at future events!"

One of the first-time triallists was Dogs NZ Executive Council member, Agility Committee Vice Chair, and Agility judge and competitor Chris Richardson. Chris only started dabbling in Scent Work a few months ago and had never been to a trial before. He offered to give us a 'newbie quote': "It was a fantastic weekend of bonding and learning how to communicate with my dogs better, and as a newbie I really appreciated the time the judges took to give some guidance on areas I could improve on. Such a friendly atmosphere that is nothing but encouraging for new people." 🐾

For information on all matters to do with Scent Work, visit www.dogsnz.org.nz/scent-work/scent-work. You can also contact Arend van den Bos — arend7@xtra.co.nz — or any other Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee member: www.dogsnz.org.nz/scent-work/about-us.

Photos Grace Matulovich/Paws the Moment. Left-to-right, top-to-bottom:

Boston the Beagle showing off his new hat.

Cassie Parris trialled Melissa Parris' Pug Zee for the first time and they did very well, with Judge's Choice for an Advanced Container search.

Matilda van Rijnberk's Chino at home with his winnings for an Advanced Interior search.

Jerry Yelich O'Connor and her Golden Retriever Meadow were successful in their Novice searches, receiving a couple of Judge's Merits.

Jacqui Kirkland-Purves is very new to Scent Work and both her working Cocker Spaniels Spring (pictured) and Spring's son Woody qualified for all Novice searches, receiving several Judge's Choice and Merit ribbons.

Jill Humphrey's German Shepherd Emmylou got a Judge's Choice ribbon in Advanced Container.

Vicki Hinton's Bearded Collie George with his haul from Judge's Choice in one of the Excellent Container searches.

Jo Wyman-Macer and German Shepherd Dog Reba received several Judge's Choice and merit ribbons.

Flawless and strong indications by Adele Williams' Border Collie Halo in Excellent Container resulted in the Judge's Choice for this class.

Chris Richardson trialled for the first time with his Labradors Cyrus (pictured) and Rocky, receiving a few Judge's Choice and Merit ribbons.

Jill Parson's Golden Retriever Zara received a Judge's Choice ribbon for an Advanced Container search.



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