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### From the President...

The 2023 Purina Pro Plan National Dog Show was held at our Ardmore venue in Auckland for the second year in a row. It was hard to imagine that this year's show could match the 2022 event, but match it it did.



The show committee lead by Stephen Meredith and Jill Brooker did an amazing job. Supported by the Ardmore committee, they staged a week of shows that will long be remembered. Our thanks go to Purina Pro Plan and PD Insurance for their generous sponsorship and to all the supporting sponsors. Without the many sponsors that supported all the shows over the week the National wouldn't have been the success it surely was.

Our international panel was very complementary of the venue, the organisation, the dogs and the sportsmanship of the exhibitors.

As the festive season approaches, may I on behalf of Executive Council pay a special tribute to our hard-working office staff for all their efforts on our behalf over the past year. Our staff, many of whom have been with us for decades, go well beyond the expected to bring you a service that many countries around the world envy.

Finally on behalf of Louise and myself, may the holiday period be festive and relaxing. May you, whatever your faith, get the opportunity to spend time with friends, family and of course your dogs and to reflect how lucky we are with all the issues overseas that we live in such a wonderful country.

> Brian Harris President

Some days are better than others, but every day can be the best day of your life by giving thanks.

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# **CANINE CORNER**

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# **Getting out with your dog**



On Sunday, 1 October 2023, I was lucky enough to be at the start/finish line of the 4 Paws Marathon. I have sponsored this event since its inception and watched it grow in popularity and reach despite two years when the event felt the impact of COVID-19 restrictions.

This year, a record 521 humans and 379 dogs entered, choosing to either walk or run 2.4km, 5km, 10km, 16km, half marathon, 32.2km or the full marathon distance.

Organiser Dr John Molloy is an avid runner. He and his wife Courtney would often undertake training runs with the family's dogs and

felt it was unfair that the dogs could not join in on race days. John, a sports medicine physician, created the event to celebrate 'exercise as medicine' which rewards participation, rather than winning times.

Each runner and dog receive a finisher's medal, colour-coded for the length of their walk/run:

- Orange: 2.4km
- Yellow: 5km
- Red: 10km
- Purple: 16km
- Blue: 21km
- Pink: 32.2km
- Green: 42km

This is easily my favourite event of the year: so many happy faces both human and canine pass through

our massage tent (see above). The weather, which was incredibly blustery in the days prior to the event, calmed to give us a sunny and warm spring day.

If you are not located in Christchurch, now is the perfect time to plan a visit for October 2024 so you can participate in the event's sixth year. Training plans for canines are published on the 4 Paws website, **4pawsmarathon.co.nz**.

See opposite for another report of this growing annual event.



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### Black Hawk 4Paws Marathon **Celebrates 5th Anniversary** with Record Turnout



The fifth Black Hawk 4 Paws Marathon, held on 1 October at Bottle Lake Forest, Christchurch, saw a fantastic turnout, celebrating exercise with our furry best friends. The event featured a fun run (or walk) through beautiful Bottle Lake Forest and along Christchurch beaches. Inspired by passionate Sport and Exercise Doctor Dr John Molloy, 4Paws Marathon celebrates the role of exercise as medicine and the bond between humans and dogs.

Participants could choose from various distances (2.4km, 5km, 10km, 16km, half marathon, 32.2km, and marathon) making the event suitable for all ages and fitness levels.

The day began very early with set-up, and the venue buzzed all day with excited pet parents and their dogs. People and dogs of all shapes and sizes came together, each with their unique style. Fun facts:

- 522 participants (196 in the 5km, 152 in the 10km, 42 in the 16km, 66 in the half marathon, 16 in the 32km, 27 in the marathon, and 23 in the 2.4km Rascal's run).
- All received goody bags, including Black Hawk's new Healthy Benefits Joint and Muscle sample and Red Seal products for humans.
- Poppi Molloy (5 years) with Mabel (Italian Water dog) was the youngest human, and there were dogs as young as 9 months taking part.
- Walter (Spoodle, 13 years) was the oldest dog.
- Bill, 71, completed the marathon without a dog.
- A visually impaired lady and her dog Raven represented Assistance Dogs NZ in the half marathon.
- Finisher medals were awarded to all humans and dogs.
- Special dog-friendly ice cream awaited everyone at the finish line.
- A 'couples massage' for humans and their dogs was available after the race.
- Visit www.sportsplits.com/races/4-paws-marathon-2023 for full race results.

The well-organised event showcased an incredible atmosphere, camaraderie, and heartwarming stories from those feeding Black Hawk dog food, and keen interest from those who weren't yet.

For those in the South Island or anywhere in New Zealand, mark your calendar for Sunday 6 October, 2024 and be part of this fantastic family day for both two-legged and four-legged family members. \*\*





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# Unusual Canine Friends – making Friends

Supplied by Leanne Gibson, Secretary

Canine Friends has 600 pet therapy dogs visiting facilities in 30 regions. We thought we would share some of our more unusual dogs with you and why their owners think they make such great Canine Friends. If you would like to share your wonderful, unique, well-behaved dog with people in rest homes, hospitals, or hospices, check out our website, www.caninefriends.org.nz.



#### Phoenix, Akita

The Akita is a large, powerful dog breed that originated in Japan. The breed is known for its loyalty, courage, and independence. Akitas are typically white, brown, or brindle with a thick, double weather-resistant coat.

Dorothy tells us that Phoenix makes a good pet therapy dog because she is calm, sensitive, and empathetic. When not visiting, Phoenix loves nothing more than catching up with her human and doggy friends and family.



This ancient breed, native to Asia Minor, is also known as the Turkish Guard Dog. It protected flocks and served as a shepherd's companion.

Joanne says Arku is very calm and gentle and adores people. He's big enough to put his head on the bed and no-one has to bend down to pat him. He really loves his visits. When not visiting Arku loves playing tug with his wee 4kg Bichon/Jack Russell-X sister Kenai,



chasing the bunnies off the back lawn, and swimming.



#### **Rosie, Tibetan Spaniel**

Blunt-faced and expressive, the Tibetan Spaniel is a small, active breed with a happy disposition and a playful personality.

Bex says that Rosie is two years old and has a lovely, sweet nature like a little old lady. When not visiting, she loves being out on the farm with the sheep.



#### Sasha, Borzoi

Native to Russia, Borzois are large hounds with deep chests, narrow limbs, and smooth, long fur. A dignified dog bred as regal members of the Russian aristocracy, the Borzoi has long been considered one of the most beautiful breeds. Borzois are affectionate and loyal family pets that possess both strength and style.

Doreen tells us that Sasha visits war veterans and being a tall dog it's easy

for residents in bed to see her. They also visit the dementia ward where the residents look forward to seeing her. Sasha's favourite activities, when not visiting, are chasing rabbits and sleeping.

#### **Bob, Swedish Vallhund**

The long and low Swedish Vallhund, a Viking dog of ancient legend, is a smart and sociable herder with dense coat and boundless energy. These rugged cattle dogs are known for their zest for life, unique vocalizations, and cheerful demeanour.

When visiting, Helen says Bob just loves being the centre of attention and getting lots of pats and scratches. His favourite activity is eating followed by catching balls.





Supplied by Rosemarie Baker, rjbagility2020@gmail.com

# A Brief History of the **Dogs NZ Agility Committee**

Nothing makes you feel quite so old as being asked to write a short history of something, given you were there at the start. The worst part is that I was the fresh young face on the original Agility Committee and am now the grizzled veteran! The truth is that the Agility Committee (AC) has only been around for 16 years but has served competitors incredibly well in this time, and without question, advanced the sport in ways that simply would not have happened under the model that it replaced. Nick Chester - member of the 1st, 4th and 7th Agility Committees.

The Agility Committee was first established in 2007 following a decision by Dogs New Zealand to give Agility and Obedience their own voices and decision-making ability. Prior to this, both were included together in a dog training committee but it became clear in the mid-noughties that the needs and aspirations of each code were changing and needed separate representation and governance models. This decision to have a separate committee was hard fought for by key people in the sport and everyone who has followed has benefitted greatly from their advocacy.

An Agility Working Group established the form and function for an Agility Committee, and the first elections were held in 2007. The structure of the committee has largely remained unchanged since then, with a committee of eight members being elected for a two-year term, with at least two representatives required from each island. The first election was very competitive, with several candidates putting their names forward. The eight successful candidates were by-and-large well-known and experienced members of the community — and all eight were current judges in the sport. Clearly knowing the rules (or at least knowing how to look them up) was seen as a benefit!

The task in front of the first committee was massive. Although there were terms of reference for the how things would work, there was no real precedent in terms of what needed to be done and in what order. Lots of tasks were delegated down to subcommittees, with

each AC person taking on the responsibility for a particular area of interest (judging, regulations, equipment etc). There was a need to address smaller, admin-related issues on the day to day running of the sport, alongside competitor expectation of starting to make bigger structural changes. The first AC ran a wide-reaching survey about potential changes that could be made, from equipment to class structures and graduation systems. The biggest legacy of the initial committee was probably the introduction of jumpers classes, which became official on 1 January, 2009. Its hard to imagine a time before jumpers classes given how popular they have become in the decade and half since, but there were long debates and discussions about how the system would work and how it would interact with the existing agility classes already in place.

The huge amount of work to ensure the sport was working well didn't happen over just one term of the AC and several of the first few committees dealt with setting up systems that we are still using today. The sport has been fortunate that transitions from outgoing committees to new ones have always run very smoothly. And although not every committee election has been contested, there has not yet been a lack of interest to fill the eight committee seats every two years. Each incoming committee has generally overseen their own significant change to the way the sport works. In the 15 years or so since the introduction of the Agility Committee, the following major changes have been seen in the sport:



Schondara Defending Warrior (Sascha), owner Lyn Sayers.



Loki the Trickster (Loki), owner Sharon Bergen.



Dogs are our best friends, but they grow up so fast. It's a hop, skip and a jump from that adorable puppy - filled with zoomies, curiosity and slightly off kilter balance - to our beloved adult dog that joyfully sniffs out scents as they accompany us on morning walks.

A year in the life of a dog goes much quicker than our own, and that's why a healthy mouth and teeth is so important for them. For a dog (or cat), one week with a mouth abscess or broken tooth could be the equivalent of us living with the pain for months.

Just like us, pet's teeth and gums not only need frequent attention in the early years, they need more attention as they mature. PD Pet Insurance gives us a glimpse into what this means and why choosing pet insurance with dental cover can provide the perfect soft landing in times of need.

#### **Preventing and Treating Dental Disease in Dogs and Cats**

Dental disease in dogs and cats is quite common and, unfortunately, pets (cats especially) tend to be good at putting on a brave face and masking the symptoms. Routine vet visits, regular teeth cleaning, which you can do at home, and a healthy diet, tailored for breed, health and age are essential

preventative measures. Beyond that, having pet insurance that includes dental cover can help cover vet treatment costs.

In addition to pain, tooth and bone loss being detrimental side effects for dental issues, the bacteria associated with dental disease such as periodontal (gum) disease can penetrate the bloodstream, resulting in diseases of the kidney, liver and heart.

These can, in turn, have knock on effects ranging from heart failure to obsessive compulsive disorders. Veterinarian and Healthy Pets NZ chair, Dr Cath Watson, notes that "because of the importance of the liver in dealing with toxins within the body, with liver disease we can see toxic effects on the brain which can lead to obsessive behaviours."

#### Is My Dog or Cat Prone?

Given their tendency to gnaw and chew on a range of objects, any dog or cat could accidentally break a tooth. However, all pets are at a higher risk of developing oral health issues as they grow and age. Over and above the natural aging process, which we're all subject to, genetics also play a role, making many dog and cat breeds more prone to developing dental health issues.



Portraits in Pastel

## NATIONAL **DOG SHOW**

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The Results





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**Best in Show** GR CH LYNTREE COSMIC HALLELUJAH (BEARDED COLLIE) P Brooks



Reserve in Show: CHESTERHOPE RUTHLESS (POINTER) D O'Neill



Best Baby Puppy in Show: SARANGRAVE GRAND THEFT AUTO (BEAGLE) A Ward



Best Intermediate in Show: CH SUEDANKA RECEIVED MY HALO (COCKER SPANIEL) A Calman



Best Puppy in Show: DANUBIA INVICTUS AT ARCON (WHIPPET) C Matheson & M Boor & A Henderson



Best Junior in Show: AUST CH LOWENHYTE NELSON (AI) (IMP) (DACHSHUND (MIN. SMOOTH HAIRED)) R Manning & I Cross

Results and more photos from the 2023 Purina Pro Plan National Dog Show appear on the following pages. All photos by Shirley Rolfe/SupaShots, Paula Pollard Photography and Penny Brooks Photography.



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# **Congratulations JDT Interzone Winners 2023**



Well done Paige and Ocean, Jayden and Murphy, Stephanie and Winnie, and Caitlin and Bella... we are very proud of you all! \*



# Young Dwg Showing

Supplied by Margaret Wilson, YDS Chairperson

## **Dog Showing National Final**

The 2022-2023 season of YDS heats has been a busy one and competition to qualify for the final was hotly contested on many occasions. Our regional co-ordinators have worked consistently to provide many heats in each of the regions, hosted by the wonderful clubs who are able to accommodate us in their busy timetable.

Judge Laura Meagher, from Australia, demonstrated her vast junior handling experience and qualifications with an excellent ring manner and judging skills.

We are very fortunate to have received a generous donation from the Poodle Breeders Club — thank you Tony Healy and Kathy Grinter. This will help us provide events and prizes for our junior members.

This year, all competitors on Finals Night received a stunning water bottle, organised by Kelly Te Reo and branded with our special Y DOG logo.

The National Final was once again generously supported. Thank you to the Dogs New Zealand principal sponsor Purina Pro Plan for their continued support.

We are grateful to all our sub-sponsors and supporters. Your contributions help to make the event special for our contestants. Thank you to: Bluebird, The Warehouse, Jo Croft, Lombaadi Poodles, Brynmor Welsh Springer Spaniels, Kim Atkinson, Ebonn Kennels (Debbie and Lisa), SupaShots, Jeanette Alderson, Dianne Boden and Penny Brooks Photography.

Thanks also to Executive Councillor Martin Hewitt, our master of ceremonies. We appreciate your time and expertise. We are also very fortunate to have wonderful photographs from Shirley Rolfe, SupaShots and Penny Brook Photography.

The 2023-2024 heats began at Wellington Ladies Kennel Association's events on 14 October and we look forward to the continued friendly competition and many qualifiers for the 2024 YDS final at the Purina Pro Plan National Dog Show at Manfeild. This year's NDS is not being held during the school holidays, but we will endeavour to have both the JDH and YDS competitions during the weekend.

Heats in the Upper North Island are coordinated by Kelly Te Reo and Debbie Hull, in the Lower North by Elza Maulder and in the South Island by Susan Van der Pol. The new heat calendar is now on the Juniors section of the Dogs New Zealand website.

#### 1-5 place-getters for 2023



1-5 place-getters, 5-7 Years: Jonathon Machin, Holly Gadsdon, Angeline Kraan-Douds, Paris Macfarlane, Hunter Meyer



1-5 place-getters, 8-11 Years: Georgia Calman, Miley Brandt, Paige Rees, Arvia Caldwell-Limmer, Archie Hyde



1-5 place-getters, 12-15 Years: Paige Ashwell, Kaylin Tebbett, Anya Coombs, Ruby Hogg, Sophie Black



1-5 place-getters, 16-20 Years: Paige Judson, Jacob Ashwell, Mikayla Herrick, Alexis Maulder, Reegan Tock

### 5-7 year olds

Jonathon Machin Holly Gadsdon Angeline Kraan-Douds

Paris Macfarlane

**Hunter Meyer** 

8-11 year olds

Georgia Calman

Miley Brandt

Paige Rees

Arvia Caldwell-Limmer

Archie Hyde

### 12-15 year olds

Paige Ashwell **Kaylin Tebbett** 

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