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### Front Cover

Turning 10 next Valentine's Day, German Shepherd Dog Simi (Schicksal By God Im Gorgeous) takes our cover this month. Schicksal Kennel's Rona Todd says Simi is the oldest of her dogs and has two of her children from different litters. She has had 32 puppies, almost all of which have become members of families with children of all ages. She has a puppy in Osaka, Japan, and one recently moved to Perth with her family. Simi loves going for walks and swims at the Rakaia River. She has a great love of life and also loves hogging the couch for snoozes. The first to jump out of the ute for a walk, she is always out in front of the other dogs. She is also a great tracker, and has a sister who is a fully qualified tracker in cadavers, searching in mountain terrain and anywhere she is trained to go. 🐾



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## Pheromones: non-verbal communication

Dogs excel at non-verbal communication. However, when we use this term, most people think of reading a dog's body language since many educational resources focus on this characteristic of living with dogs.

One aspect of non-verbal communication which is not as readily discussed is pheromones, the invisible and odourless chemicals secreted by the body which trigger a species-specific response. A cat's pheromones will not 'work' on your dog, but your dog will almost certainly be able to communicate with other dogs both in and outside of your household through pheromone detection.

Pheromones are detected by the dog's vomeronasal organ, commonly referred to as Jacobson's organ, which is located inside the nasal cavity of the head. You can't see this organ in the living dog; MRI imaging describes the organ's size and shape (MRI Features of the Vomeronasal Organ in Dogs (*Canis Familiaris*), *Frontiers in Veterinary Science*, 24 March 2020).

There are different types of pheromones, each with a specific purpose:

- Sex pheromones influence mating behaviours
- Maternal pheromones are emitted by a lactating bitch to soothe her puppies
- Fear and stress pheromones, which a fearful or stressed dog will emit and which are then detected by other dogs. This is one reason why veterinary clinics can be the source of great stress to your dog, even if they have never visited the clinic before!
- Appeasement pheromones, emitted to tell other dogs that the dog is not a threat and is friendly

Areas of pheromone secretion include:

- The facial, perianal and genital areas, for social status or dominance
- Legs and the perianal area, to indicate alarm
- Legs, perianal area and in urine and faeces, for marking purposes



- The perianal area and genitals, for sexual communication
- The mammary glands, for appeasement of puppies

Once a pheromone has been identified through chemistry, synthetic versions of the chemicals can be produced. If you have used Adaptil (which used to be marketed as DAP) on your dog for Guy Fawkes night or other stressful situations, you've used the synthetic version of dog appeasing pheromone. ([www.adaptil.com/nz](http://www.adaptil.com/nz))

For obvious reasons, most study of pheromones has occurred in the appeasement area because of the interest in managing stress in our dogs. Since pheromones are not a drug and are species-specific, they are considered safe for use around humans and pets of other species in the household. 🐾

If you are based in Christchurch or will be in town on Saturday, 7 December 2024, please join us for our Christmas dog walk, carol sing, and market — this event is 100% dog-friendly for well-behaved dogs and their owners.

The event takes place at St Paul's Anglican Church in Papanui and starts with a dog walk at 10:00am followed by carol singing in the church. The market hall will remain open until 3:00pm.



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# Around the regions: Manawatu

As part of our ongoing series focussing Liaison Officers and Support Teams around the regions, this month we meet our two dedicated Liaison Officers who cover the Manawatu area. 🐾

Kaye Harkness and I work together, liaising with all the rest homes in the greater region. Kaye oversees our visits to Palmerston North Hospital and I cover our reporting and arranging events.

We are both involved with libraries. Kaye organises our 'Reading Unleashed' programmes in primary schools, where individual children read to our dogs. I organise programmes in six public libraries during the school holidays with small groups of children each reading to a dog assigned to them.

Kaye joined Canine Friends Pet Therapy in October 2018 with her two delightful Miniature Longhair Dachshunds, Zara and Mocha, then just a year old. She became Liaison Officer in 2019 and has worked hard to build our membership (now 53), with all rest homes in Palmerston North enjoying visits from at least one member/dog team. She has developed a great relationship with Diversional Therapists and nurses in the facilities. We are very proud of her work at Palmerston North Hospital where she organises monthly rosters for 27 members visiting 13 wards, two clinics, five offices and three waiting areas.

When a member is unable to meet their visiting time, she will cover this, often being at the hospital four days a week. She often has difficulty leaving the hospital as she is frequently stopped by staff requesting visits to additional wards and clinics.

For myself (Ann Evans), living rurally in the Rangitikei area I wasn't sure if I could join Canine Friends but submitted an application in 2008, only to receive a phone call from our late founder Eileen Curry who said "there must be some sort of facility near you". And, as always, she was right. Thus began a wonderful journey for myself



Kaye with Zara and Mocha

and my family of Golden Retrievers. Unfortunately this area didn't have a Liaison Officer so Eileen's guidance set me on the right path.

My first visits were in Taihape and Hunterville and after these facilities closed, I ventured further afield to Feilding's Ranfurly Rest Home, where I still visit fortnightly. After another call from Eileen, I started visiting Whanganui each month for several years, stopping at Marton's Edale Rest Home on the way back. Things ramped up when I took on the Liaison Officer role for Levin, Whanganui and Manawatu Rural. A little later, I joined the committee and then stepped into the President's role, which was very enjoyable.

Selling our Ohingaiti farm to become lifestyle farmers just outside Dannevirke required a change to my visiting. These days I still travel many kilometres, being told Dannevirke is the Manawatu! I visit Feilding and Palmerston North Hospital.

I have now owned six Golden Retrievers who have all been wonderful Canine Friends and I still hold a great passion for what we achieve by sharing our dogs with those in need.

Kaye and I work very well together and have developed the greater Manawatu region to work efficiently and effectively. We make group visits to celebrate St Patrick's Day, Daffodil Day and, of course, Christmas time, to name a few significant events. We are frequently asked to attend public events such as the NZ Rural Games, A&P Shows and Rural Days.

Our rest homes are very important to us and our group visits happen at least once a week. We maintain good communication with staff at all our facilities and believe our good rapport is due to this and our regular visits.

Ann Evans



Ann with Paddington, Lillibet & Madison





**Supreme Gundog Winner** Pointer: Gr Ch & Am Gnd Ch Chesterhope Master of T Arts

# Gundog Extravaganza

For only the second time in New Zealand, a Gundog Extravaganza show weekend — taking place on 27-29 September 2024 — was conducted at our Purina Pro Plan Auckland Exhibition Centre. The event, initially conceived by Waitemata Gundog Club, saw three other Gundog clubs join Waitemata Gundog Club to host four Gundog Group shows over one weekend with Taranaki Gundog Club, East Coast Gundog Club and Bay of Plenty Gundog clubs all bringing their shows to our Ardmore venue. Alongside these shows were supporting breed specialty shows from Continental Gundog Club, The Golden Retriever Club, Auckland Spaniel Club and The Labrador Club. The first show commenced on Friday afternoon and the events concluded with the Supreme Gundog and Supreme Puppy awards on Sunday afternoon. In addition to the eight Championship Shows there was a Breeders Teams contest and a parade of Veterans, both conducted during the lunch break on Saturday. The Veterans Parade drew an incredible entry of 17 veteran Gundogs.

From the outset it was clear that those participating were intent on making the most of the socialisation opportunities with the opportunity to catch-up with old and formerly active Gundog

enthusiasts, who all took the time to catch-up and to scrutinise the dogs that were on display in the various rings. Each club engaged their own judges and stewards. However, to ensure that each of the shows could run smoothly the committee of Waitemata Gundog club managed the scheduling for each club. We were fortunate to bring five Gundog experts as our judging panel including David Bell (UK) – Irish Setters, Sylvia Power (VIC) – Labradors, Jennifer Millard (UK) – Welsh Springer Spaniels, Keith Robinson (NSW) – Lagotto Romagnolo and Julie Wills (VIC) – Hungarian Vizsla.

To cap off the weekend, a contest of all the Best in Show winners was judged to select the Supreme Gundog winner and another to select the Supreme Puppy winner. The judges for each of these contests were randomly drawn immediately prior to the contest from the pool of judges from the weekend. During the initial discussions it was agreed that each club would add \$1 per entry to fund the cash pool for the Supreme and Puppy winners, with each of these winners collecting 50 percent of the total prize pool.

During the initial planning discussions, it was felt with drawing together all these clubs into a single weekend that current members



**Supreme Gundog Winners**

# Pet Puppy or Show Puppy:

## Understanding the difference

When it comes to choosing a puppy, many prospective owners question the difference between a pet puppy and a show puppy. The reality is, there is essentially no difference. I write from the viewpoint of a breeder of Boston Terriers, but most of the points raised below are relatable to a majority of pedigree breeds.

As a breeder, the investment required to raise every puppy — regardless of whether they are destined as a pet for companionship or show dog for competition — is the same.

If a prospective owner thinks that requesting a pet puppy means they'll receive a discount, it's crucial for them to understand that this is not the case in most situations. Every puppy is raised as a cherished family member first and foremost.

### The cost of raising quality puppies

Producing a litter of puppies, regardless of pet or show, involves significant investment:

- **Health Testing:** Thousands of dollars are spent on extensive health testing before breeding any males or females.
- **Registration:** Each puppy is registered as a pedigree dog with Dogs New Zealand, ensuring proper lineage and breed standards.
- **Specialist Eye Certification:** Every puppy undergoes an eight-week eye check to ensure their health.
- **Vaccinations:** Essential for the puppy's early health and well-being.
- **Microchipping:** Each puppy is microchipped and registered on the Companion Animals New Zealand database to protect against loss or theft.
- **Premium Nutrition:** High-quality puppy food is provided for both the puppy and its dam.
- **Lifetime Support:** Breeders offer ongoing advice and support to new owners.
- **Rehoming Policy:** If necessary, owners can return the puppy at any time.

All of this is undertaken to ensure that every puppy is healthy and well-prepared for their new home, regardless of whether they are designated as pets or show dogs.

If the pup is mismarked, or smaller than the others, or has a blue eye and so on, in most situations this does not affect the pup's quality of life. It is still a quality puppy being bought, assuming the buyer has done their due diligence on the breeder.

### The importance of responsible breeding

I am known to harp on about this, but it is so important that prospective owners should conduct thorough due diligence when selecting a puppy. It's essential to work with a breeder who can demonstrate the commitment and care that goes into producing quality puppies. Just as with any valuable investment, 'buyer beware' applies.

A buyer seeking a show puppy or one for breeding purposes should understand that top-quality puppies are rarely handed over without conditions or partnerships. Responsible breeders often retain the best puppies to continue their breeding programmes, which are built on years of dedication and investment.

Either way, a buyer should make sure they build a long-lasting relationship with the breeder since they are there to support you throughout the puppy's life, and that of any others that come after them.

### A legacy of commitment

When we began breeding Boston Terriers, the breed faced numerous challenges. My mother, Tania Colquhoun, devoted her life to producing sound, healthy Bostons, navigating obstacles with determination.

Throughout this journey, she sought to mentor others, sharing her knowledge and passion for the breed. Unfortunately, many newcomers to the breed struggle to grasp the level of commitment required and go off without this incredibly important knowledge and understanding.

Her goal was to cultivate partnerships to ensure the ongoing health and soundness of Boston Terriers, similar to an apprenticeship.

She was an invaluable resource, always eager to discuss her beloved breed. Breeding Bostons is not for the faint-hearted, and it is a sad fact that many who enter this field do not remain.

Choosing a puppy, whether for companionship or show, requires understanding and commitment. As breeders, we strive to raise each puppy to be the best it can be, investing time, effort, and resources into their development.

For those considering a puppy, remember that responsible breeding is about more than just a transaction; it's about fostering a legacy of health, soundness, and love for the breed, regardless of whether it is a pet or showdog. 🐾

*Nicole Harrison*

*Devine & Rossdhu Boston Terriers*







*Canterbury Canine Agility Training Society was very proud to host the New Zealand inaugural Hoopers Championship Show on 1 September 2024 with the tremendous support of the Agility Committee, CCATS Committee, our judges Karen de Wit and Misha Baxter, ring managers Tyler Cooke and Rose Craigie, show secretaries Rieko Ogawa and Pete de Wit, our equipment designers and producers, Rose, myself and Lindsay McKillop who focussed on dog safety and experience, and our many smiling volunteers, working hard and having fun on the day and behind the scenes. The event was a great success socially and financially for the club. For those considering hosting, do it! We look forward to seeing you all next time.*

*Candace Bobier*

*Show Manager, CCATS*

### **Misha Baxter: Hoopers through the eyes of a judge**

When I was asked to judge the inaugural Hoopers show for CCATS I got quite excited, honoured and then a tiny bit disappointed. You see, I have been training Hoopers at home for a while since my eight-year-old Border Collie couldn't do Agility any more, but had amazing skills that we could use in Hoopers. To say he loves this game is an understatement. The problem was that if I agreed to judge, I couldn't run my dog. But then I thought: he won't know. I give him a run at home before and after and he will be a very happy chap.

Designing the courses took me much longer than it takes to design Agility courses, for several reasons. Firstly, I knew that my courses were likely to set an example of what Hoopers courses in NZ might look like for a while and that is what people will start to practice. With that in mind, I started to think what skills handlers might have. I read the regulations several times but nothing pointed to how difficult a course should be. And what is difficult for one handler might be super easy for another. In seeking guidance, I ended up talking to Carl Ranford of Hawera Dog Training Association, which has recently held a Hoopers seminar up in North Island. Thank you, Carl, for your feedback on my courses. I love that about NZ Agility: we are one big family and I never had any issues when asking for guidance as a judge or a competitor.

When the day came, it felt like any other show: same people, same venue. Just the set-up was so much easier and definitely lighter, with no heavy gear to carry!

I had a good chat with my scribe to make sure she understood the rules and what she needed to write down. It wasn't much: Pass or Fail. Although I believe she couldn't help herself and was writing down the time as well, which wasn't required as it doesn't get recorded.

The majority of the dogs were Agility trained, so for them the course itself wasn't hard to complete. The big difference was the speed these dogs got up to compared to Agility, and the poor handlers were left behind trying to steer the dogs from distance. Personally, I found out that the less I run with my dog the more they listen to my commands. So, distance is good. The same thing was seen in my Distance Challenge course, where those dogs that were too obedient and stuck with the handlers really struggled to complete the distance challenge. On the other hand, some dogs didn't even notice there was someone running and puffing behind them as they found their own way around the course.

I truly enjoyed my day as Hoopers judge, as did the handlers and their dogs. The atmosphere was great, sun was shining, just bliss. I was even able to have a couple of beautiful runs with my special boy at the start of Karen's classes. The only struggle I found was to decide on judge's choices. I have awarded it to dogs or teams that deserved it, but I felt like so many other teams deserved to get my judge's choice as well. I just hope I didn't disappoint anyone by not picking them. I'm happy to say it publicly here: I absolutely love watching teams having fun and being in the moment, cherishing each other company. You all get my judge's choice, be it only imaginary.



# National Dog Show 2024: Obedience & Rally-O

This year, Manfeild Park saw the return of full championship Obedience and Rally-O events to the National Dog Show after being excluded from the 2022 NDS and being limited to invitational events in 2023. We had nearly 100 entries in Obedience and nearly 70 in Rally-O and the events ran very smoothly due to the good work of show manager Sherrie Macintyre and her team.

There were some early starts to ensure we finished in time to fit in

with other events taking place and efficient running of the show meant that we ended up ahead of time each day. Nearly all of the Obedience and Rally-O rounds were streamed using Facebook Live which was very well received by those not able to make it to Manfeild to watch in person.

Congratulations to all the place-getters, especially to Irma Harris with Ob Ch A Good Gollie Hijynx for becoming the 62nd Test C winner at the National Dog Show and to Theresa Friis for winning the Harold Wilson trophy for highest percentage points across all Obedience tests. Thanks also to everyone who entered or assisted with the running of the show and thank you to the NDS organising committee for accommodating our specific requirements.

With the decision by the Executive Council at their meeting in September to restrict future National Dog Shows to championship conformation events only, this year is likely to be the last time Obedience and Rally-O will be held at the NDS. The first National Dog Show was in 1955, and Obedience became part of the show in 1959 when an Obedience demonstration event was held. The first championship Obedience show was held the next year in 1960, with Test C being won by Mr MG Shaw and his dog Cymric The Colonel, and a championship Obedience show has been part of every National Dog Show since then (apart from 2022).

This decision will clearly be very disappointing for many, but we now need to focus on our own annual Dog Training national show: the National Dog Training Assembly. This year, NDTA took place in Christchurch on 23-28 October. Expect a report in these pages next issue. 🐾

*Geoff Collins*

*Chair, Dog Training Committee*





# How to Train A Lure Courser

by Jack Helder



*Thanks to our regular Lure Coursing correspondent Carole Tipler for sending in this piece shared with her some years ago by the late Jack Helder, an American enthusiast and expert in the field of Lure Coursing — and Salukis!*

Lure Coursing isn't for everyone, nor for every sighthound.

In my own case, I have lived with Salukis for 25 years, and have been fortunate enough to have one truly amazing Lure Coursing athlete earn an LCM 4 and a couple of others who have earned their LCM or LCM 2.

On the whole, however, some have been mildly interested in chasing white plastic bags, and others completely bored by it. The fault, dear Brutus, is often our own, to paraphrase Mr Shakespeare.

As we all know, there is no way to make any sighthound do what it doesn't choose to do, and if our Salukis have chosen not to chase a lure, so be it. There is other fun to be had with them.

That being said, watching all sighthounds run gives me joy, and a normally healthy sighthound runs with joy, so Lure Coursing offers both of us opportunities to enjoy ourselves.

I'm convinced that finding a sighthound that will chase an artificial lure with eagerness requires more than luck or the perfect configuration of genetics.

For example, I know several Whippet owners whose hounds have no passion for the lure, and Whippets were bred to chase it.

In my opinion and experience with Salukis, there is a switch somewhere in almost every sighthound's head that must be tripped at the right moment for them to develop a rage to kill plastic bags. The problem is, no one really knows when that moment is, and it's probably different for every sighthound.

Working with puppies can increase the odds for success. Even if such an effort ultimately doesn't pay off by producing a wonderful coursing sighthound, playing with puppies in any way is a pleasure. With frequent but brief periods of working with puppies, I have

found the likelihood of producing Salukis that will enjoy chasing the lure is very good, as almost daily practice is likely to flip the magic switch, should that switch be inside the pup.

What follows is a bit of lore I've learned in 17 years of Lure Coursing and from others who have been successful in having sighthounds that enjoy Lure Coursing.

First, a disclaimer: Others train sighthounds in somewhat different ways. Some don't train at all, putting their faith in luck. Sometimes they do get lucky.

Even an adult sighthound exposed to Lure Coursing for the first time will occasionally take to it with glee, but this is very, very rare. I must admit there have been times, due to life's pressures and preoccupations, I haven't worked with my puppies at all and the result has been that they have shown only a desultory interest, if any, in the lure.

Training, on the other hand, does seem to work.

How to start with a puppy? Chase games of all kinds are important. Chasing balls and soft toys is enjoyable and fun for youngsters. Many puppies have a strong prey drive once they've found their agility, say 6 to 10 weeks of age, and they are likely to chase anything that moves, bounces, or wiggles.

However, this should be encouraged daily for very brief periods, not to exceed a few seconds, in my opinion. Attention spans are very short at this age, and it's important to keep puppies keen. At the first sign of distraction, stop the game. And it's best to stop while the pup is still eager.

A next step most Lure Coursing hounds enjoy as puppies is chasing a lure tied to the end of a lunge whip, starting at about the age of 10 weeks, and for several times a week, depending on the breed.



# Minimum Health Tests

## LRLs explained

Dogs New Zealand is committed to supporting pedigree dogs and the breeders of registered pedigree dogs through the expansion of Minimum Health Standards — Litter Registration Limitation (LRL) programme. When fully adopted, this programme will assure purchasers of Dogs NZ registered pedigree dogs that the parents of those dogs have been health screened using tests and health schemes that are appropriate to their chosen breed.

The Dogs NZ Canine Health & Welfare Committee (CHWC) is working with a number of progressive breed clubs, breeders and researchers who recognise the importance of retaining the social license to breed and protect pedigree dogs, to develop a list of breed-specific health and welfare considerations.

These considerations include Minimum Health Standards or Litter Registration Limitations (LRLs), which are mandatory requirements applied to the sire and dam of a litter of puppies before the litter can be registered. The 'limitation' is a disease-screening process agreed upon by the breed community, with input from financial registered owners and breeders holding a current Dogs NZ kennel name for the breed in question.

### Why is this important?

Dogs NZ recognises the significance of implementing Minimum Health Standards for pedigree dog breeding because:

- It improves the overall health and welfare of pedigree dogs.
- It demonstrates Dogs NZ breeders' commitment to responsible breeding practices.
- It supports Dogs NZ breeders' social license to operate

within a self-regulatory framework, avoiding the need for external legislation.

- It enhances Dogs NZ breeders' reputation and positions them as preferred suppliers of pedigree puppies.

### What Is a Minimum Health Standard?

A Minimum Health Standard is a basic, compulsory health-testing requirement for the sire and dam of a litter before Dogs NZ will register the puppies. Many responsible breeders will already exceed these minimum requirements.

### Who must follow the Minimum Health Standards?

Once implemented, a Minimum Health Standard is **mandatory** and applies to every future litter registered with Dogs NZ for that breed. In special circumstances, such as use of untested frozen semen, breeders can apply for dispensations through the CHWC, with further appeals possible to the Dogs NZ Executive Council.

### Who can propose a Minimum Health Standard?

Any financial Dogs NZ member with an interest in a breed (including breed clubs, breeders, owners, and interested breed-affiliated members) can propose to have a Minimum Health Standard established for a breed.

### How to propose a Minimum Health Standard






To propose a new Minimum Health Standard, members should write to the Canine Health & Welfare Committee via the Director Secretary at Dogs NZ. The proposal should ideally include the breed-relevant health tests, or may just be a request to the CHWC to assist with the development of the tests, and the names and contact details of the proposers.





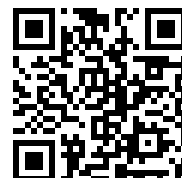


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