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### From the President...

The Purina Pro Plan 2024 National Dog Show has proven to be a great success.

With 19 judges from seven different countries officiating, it was truly an international event we can all be proud of.

Our National and Prelude judges Peggy Gutierrez-Otero, Antonio Oliveira, Rita Sayara, Doug Bowe, Jill Brooker and from Dog Training Bernadette Thomson, Sue Richardson and Fiona Scott, were professional, kind and friendly while attending to their assignments.

Our major sponsors Purina Pro Plan and PD Insurance had large teams in attendance over the week highlighting the importance of the event on the national calendar.

A National Dog Show doesn't happen without a large team of volunteers. I'm not going to name them, they know who they are, and I don't want to miss anyone. When the call went out for those willing to step up and run our national show, they didn't hesitate and with a limited time frame to work with they did an amazing job. Working alongside the committee were a number of Executive Councillors, also all volunteers. To you all, thank you so much.

With the coming of summer, the shows and events around the country ramp up. Please take the time to help and encourage our new members. One kind word can do wonders.

Brian Harris President

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# **CANINE CORNER**

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## **Dogs in the Bible**

With the arrival of spring, churches around New Zealand will soon convene their annual blessing services for animals. These services are often scheduled around the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of the Environment and Animals. This day, 4 October, is also now widely considered to be World Animal Day.

For this column, I decided to investigate the Bible and how dogs are depicted in it. There are many references to dogs, in metaphor and otherwise, in the Bible:

**Proverbs 26:11** As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly.

**Proverbs 26:17** He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.

**Deuteronomy 23:18** Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

**Exodus 11:7** But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that

the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.

**2 Samuel 9:8** And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am?

**2 Samuel 16:9** Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head.

**1 Samuel 17:43** And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

**Ecclesiastes 9:4** For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

The only breed of dog specifically mentioned in the Bible by name is the Greyhound. It appears in **Proverbs 30:29-31** (King James Version): There be three things which do well, yea, Which are comely in going; A lion, which is strongest among beasts and Turneth not away from any; A greyhound; A he-goat also. \*



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# **Ringside Thoughts** FCI Shows: Love them or hate them?

I recently attended my first FCI show as an exhibitor. I have judged FCI shows overseas, but the opportunity to attend as an exhibitor had eluded me until recently. I have enjoyed judging the FCI system so I was curious to see how my experience as an exhibitor panned out, but more on that later.

Firstly, a little bit of background. FCI is the acronym for Fédération Cynologique Internationale. Cynology is the study of matters related to canines or domestic dogs, so essentially it is the International Canine Federation. FCI was founded in 1911 and the motto on the banner of their 100-anniversary logo is 'For Dogs Worldwide'. It currently has 98 members and contract partners including New Zealand, Australia, nearly all of Europe (including Ireland), Asia and South America plus South Africa. Most of these countries are full members of FCI. However, others, such as Australia and New Zealand, are associate members. This membership ensures that our pedigrees and judges are mutually recognised by all the FCI member countries and as associate members we are required to hold just two FCI sanctioned CACIB (Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté) shows per year. Then there are countries such as the UK, Canada and USA which are not members of FCI but have a long-standing agreement for mutual recognition of pedigrees and judges.

FCI shows in NZ aren't gaining in popularity as I thought they would. So many of our exhibitors want a critique on their dog and want to understand judges' decisions and yet when we are given this opportunity, we aren't flocking to take advantage of it. Is it the lack of opportunities to convert that CACIB into an International title? Is it the use of NZ judges for many of the shows or the requirement for the judges to judge to the FCI breed Standard? Is it because we only critique Best of Breed? Or are the different age classes, different judging processes and different groups just too hard for exhibitors to get used to?

Talking to exhibitors at the recent weekend of shows, all of these were offered as reasons for the lack of take up for FCI. Plus, many didn't see any value in a CACIB and earning an International Champion title. But the most common reason is the higher-thannormal entry fee. At \$25, it is quite a bit higher than our regular show entry fees and I would expect this had quite an impact on exhibitors' decisions whether or not to enter, or the number of entries submitted. Interestingly, the high entry fee by world

on exhibitors' decisions whether or not to enter, or the number of entries submitted. Interestingly, though, \$25 isn't a high entry fee by world Standards and if our entry fees had kept up with inflation over the last 30 or so years, then our normal entry fees would be higher than this anyway. But, would you pay that if you were able to get a NZ challenge alongside your CACIB as they do in Australia? Would you pay that if every dog received a meaningful critique? How much value would you place on the critique and the CACIB?

Every FCI show I have judged is modified slightly. At the most recent one the critiques were a tick box form. I would have preferred to ÓJ

have written my critiques out in full, but I understand that was being trialled to overcome the problem of judges who aren't competent with their critiquing. The feedback given to the club was welcomed and I expect a hybrid version will eventuate. It appears that too many judges are not competent with critique writing and clearly this is something that is challenging for our judges if they are not doing it regularly. Not all countries offer a critique and that includes Australia. Plus, over the Tasman, the Australian Challenge Certificate was on offer as well. One of the advantages of this is that it isn't necessarily awarded to the same dog; ie., the CC may go to a dog under 15 months and the CACIB to a dog over 15 months. While that isn't a common occurrence, it does happen and it obviously works as the show I judged attracted a good entry of quality dogs.

Back to my recent experience as an exhibitor. The show attracted a small but quality entry and a 'normal' benefit show was held on the same weekend. I was surprised at the number of exhibitors who had ventured down from the North Island. Most of the critiques I was privy to were well-written and relevant and our steward was very competent. I've always liked judging the group 1, 2, 3, 4 system, even at non FCI shows, and it was nice to experience it again from an exhibitor's perspective. One of the reasons I like this system is that as a judge you get to award more than just Best and Reserve of Group and as an exhibitor being short-listed often converts to a group placing. Under the 'normal' system, guite often a good dog misses out on an award because it is the same age class as your top two placings. Plus, you don't need to wait around to see if your age class is still available for the "in show" judging, and that means you are free to hit the road if you have a distance to travel home after the show. I'm not a fan of baby puppies being in the challenge line up and the FCI system only allows dogs over 15 months who are graded excellent to be eligible for the CACIB. If you are in a class with multiple dogs, the FCI grading system allows for an assessment of your dog even if you are not placed in the top three in the class. For me, these are all positives of the FCI system.

FCI shows are here to stay whether we like it or not, and I'm not for one minute suggesting that I would promote a change to FCI for all shows. However, I do believe that it is a good opportunity for us to

experience a different style of show with some benefits for both the exhibitors and the judges. The agreement requires us to hold two shows each year and I understand that the first FCI A20 show is planned for next year. We need this arrangement with FCI to allow us to continue to import and export our dogs to FCI partner countries (including Australia), for us to bring judges to NZ from Australia and other FCI member countries, and for our judges to officiate in member countries as well. Can you imagine the consequences if we didn't have that option? I expect it really would be the end of conformation dog showing as we know it.

Happy showing. 😤

# **Rally-O Success Story**

#### Jaunty (Rally-O Gr Ch. Speyside Full Circle to Moorfield CDX TCQ RAE10)

Well, first point of interest is "How was his pedigree name arrived at?"

Speyside is Pat Munro's kennel name and Moorfield my own kennel name. Pat got her first Golden Retriever from me 50 years ago; that was Moorfield Dwayne (Glen). He went on to become a dual Show and Obedience Champion. Helen Scott also got a Golden from that same litter, Moorfield Delwyn. Both these dogs represented Zone 4 at the National Obedience Champs. Then I got my last Golden, Jaunty, who was by my Ridge (dual Show and Obedience Champion) from Pat. Fifty years of friendship for Pat, Helen and myself. I might add that Margaret Hean and I go back to Goldens from 1973 and her bitch also represented Zone 4 in Obedience. Wow! This to me is what makes breeding worthwhile.

My last Goldie Jaunty has been such a pleasure. He obtained his CDX TCQ Rally-O Ch and Rally-O Gr Ch titles. Where to next? Why did I set myself what I thought was an impossible task?

Maybe because I'm me: I'm 86, have had heart and kidney problems and when Jaunty got his Gr Rally-O Ch title I thought "Well, what's next?" So I set myself an impossible dream, to achieve RAE10 - Rally Advanced Excellent 10. I knew it would be no problem for the dog but this was just a goal to keep me going and to socialise with all the wonderful Rally-O competitors. Let's look at it realistically: it is the equivalent of a double Gr Ch.

So let's go back to the beginning. I, like so many other Obedience competitors, thought Rally-O was for failures. Ha ha ha! I was the biggest retard handler for about three to four years and I have many people to thank for getting me off this level, although I still revert now and again.

I got Jaunty through to TCQ (Test C Qualifying) and had been placed on challenge points but had to give up Obedience because of my inability to run fast pace. So I instead concentrated on Rally-O — but what was left and what was

right? Remember to pause any time you walk around your dog (Thanks Ruth), remember eight follows seven, not 10 or 11 or whatever. So here we were in our biggest wake up call: read the signs, follow the course, Miriam. Remember, remember, remember.

I'll be honest, the only reason I succeeded was because my dog didn't make many mistakes and I had my friends Helen and Fiona Scott and Lucy and Mel from Selwyn Dog Training Club keeping me up to scratch and, of course, Ruth Thorburn, who kept impressing on me that I had an Obedience dog that was sensitive to every body movement so I needed to stand up straight. People just don't realize



how dogs respond to body movement, signals, tone of voice and so on.

So how did I finally achieve this RAE10, through the help of all my



fellow competitors. My health has not been all that great recently and my fellow competitors went about making it easier for me:

- Saving a car park close to the ring for me.
- Getting my number and my cups of tea.
- Encouragement, encouragement, encouragement.
- Offering to toilet and give my dog a run.

So all you other oldies, don't give up. I am fortunate that I have a wonderful dog in Jaunty and wonderful friends.

What next? I can tell you this: Jaunty doesn't care how many RAE titles he has. The only things Jaunty is interested in is his treat box at the end of his round and being out and about at Rally-O events with Mum and his friends. Whose ego is satisfied? Yes, mine.

Thank you all. 😤

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### **Around the regions**

Dogs helping people

pet therapy

Vicki Graham, President

As part of our ongoing series focussing Liaison Officers and Support Teams around the regions, this month we feature our teams in Hawkes Bay: Kate Austin in Hastings, Chris Partridge in the south, Leanne Harkness and Jan Dickson in Napier. 🖄

#### Leanne Harkness with Sam & Toby - Napier

After seven years as my school's PTA Chairperson, I started thinking about another volunteer role. I found Canine Friends Pet Therapy online and enquired how to join. As there wasn't a Liaison Officer in Napier I put my hand up for that too.

I was keen to start visiting with our family dog, Sam, a Border Collie/ Heading Dog cross so drove over to Taupo to meet Vicky Graham for an assessment. Sam and I haven't looked back since starting visiting rest homes in Napier in May 2022.

When Toby, a Fox Terrier cross, joined our family I started his training early and on his first birthday he passed his assessment. I visit Princess Alexandra rest home and hospital weekly, alternating visits with Sam and Toby. My 17-year-old daughter, Lauren, tagged along in her school holidays and then joined as a member. She loves being able to utilise her dog training skills in a different environment and also logs the hours as part of the community service component for her Duke of Edinburgh award.

Sam and Toby love the visiting and many residents enquire about their weekend competitions. I have visited a sight-impaired gentleman who didn't speak English; he would hold my dog in his arms and sing to him until they both fell asleep. It is so rewarding bringing that amount of joy to someone's day.

The Napier team of 18 members visits dog lovers in 13 rest homes and a dementia unit each week. We have collaborated with the Napier City Council Library team in a Reading to Dogs programme. These are held at Taradale Library with a 15-minute slot for each



child.

Our team members come with a diverse range of skills and backgrounds, including nurses, therapists, mental health nurses and retired teachers. We all get together each year to celebrate Canine Friends founder Eileen Curry and to talk about special moments during our visiting.

Volunteering for Canine Friends is the best combination of giving back and spending quality time with our beloved dogs.



#### Kate Austin & Bayley - Hastings

I joined Canine Friends Pet Therapy after a traumatic farm accident four years ago. Bayley helped me through this difficult time and I wanted to share his love with others. I became the Hastings Liaison Officer six months ago and began regular visits to Hawkes Bay Hospital, a rest home and the Hawkes Bay Regional Prison on a fortnightly basis.

Obviously these are three quite different environments but the enjoyment the people feel is the same — a gentle and nonjudgemental interaction with a friendly dog does wonders to help brighten a day.

Together with our Assessor, Daryl Olsen, we are building a strong team of members to fly the Canine Friends flag in Hastings.

# Junior Dwg Handling Junior Dog Handling National Final 2024



This competition showcases our talented junior handlers and gives the winner of the final the opportunity to represent New Zealand on the world stage at Crufts Dog Show in Birmingham, England, in 2025. Many thanks to our principal sponsor Purina Pro Plan, who along with Dogs New Zealand, provide a travel and accommodation subsidy of \$8,000 for the winner and a chaperone to attend.

The JDH Committee is grateful for the continuing support of Purina Pro Plan, PD Insurance, and the many other businesses and individuals who have supported our junior handlers with product, donations, and the all-important swap dogs over the year and for the final. The clubs who host the heats — both Junior Dog Handling and Young Dog Showing — are another key link to fostering growth and community amongst our juniors. Thank you.

We would also like to acknowledge Jill Brooker for all her work and support as our Executive Council liaison over the years, and a huge thanks to Helen Dupe and Lynley Bray for pulling all the heats together and an immense amount of hard work behind the scenes.

Many thanks to Martin Hewitt for providing his usual excellent commentating services for the final, and a special thank you to our

Dogs NZ President Brian Harris for stepping in as a last-minute replacement judge.

Finally, a massive thank you to the parents, family and friends of our junior handlers. Your enthusiasm, commitment and support provides a hugely important support network for the future of our sport, and the conduct and great sportsmanship of this year's finalists is a real credit to you all.

So, down to the competition! Each finalist had to win one of 10 hotly contested qualifying heats around the country to be able to compete in the final. Scoring for the competition is split over five categories — Dress, Interview, Handling in Class Group, Handling Dog of Choice, and Handling 2nd Dog — with the resulting points being a score out of 100. The final brings in an additional two judges, making the final score out of 300.

We had nine well-dressed finalists on the day, with nerves settling somewhat after the interviews were completed. All contestants entered the ring together before starting the individual judging with their dog of choice.

Time for the swap dogs, and generally if the contestant has taken in a larger breed, they will get a table breed as their 'swap dog'. Contestants get two minutes to find out how best to show their new dog, before entering the ring to show the judges what a great handler they are. Then back into the ring all together to await the results, as scores get double-checked — and triple-checked! — with such an amazing prize on the line.

Final placings were close with Georgia Calman (above) a worthy winner and earning the right to represent New Zealand at the final at Crufts. Paige Judson came second (below left) and Sophie Black third (below right).

Congratulations again to all of this year's finalists, and good luck to those who will be aiming to qualify for the 2025 final, which will be back in the South Island and in the school holidays.

The last few dates for 2024/2025 JDH heats are being finalised and will be up on the website shortly.

See you ringside! 🛣

Susan van der Pol EC Junior Coordinator







# Junior Dog Training

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# Meet the JDT team

#### Starters: Kade & Nyx

Hi, I'm Kade. I'm 17 and this is my dog Nyx.

I belong to Whangarei Dog Training Association and have been competing for about 18 months now. This is my first time going to DAC so I'm stoked and slightly terrified to be able to represent JDT (Zone 6).





#### Novice: Paige & Ocean

Hello! I'm Paige Yearbury, and together with Ocean, we will be representing Zone 6 novice this year at DAC.

Ocean is my first Agility dog, and the journey has been truly rewarding.

I am thrilled to further our Agility career and hope to share this passion with my kids someday.

#### Intermediate: Caitlin & Bella

Hi, my name is Caitlin, I'm 16 and the owner of the honest and reliable Bella.

Bella's a five-year-old Border Collie, and I got into Agility with her, which we've now been competing in for four years. I am proud to belong to the Cambridge Dog Obedience Club.



#### Senior: Steph & Winnie

Hi, my name is Stephanie Butler, who owns the loud and obnoxious dog called Winnie.

Personally, I have been competing in the sport since I was eight years old, so about 10 years now. However, I have been around Agility my whole life due to my Mum.

I belong to the club Waikato Agility Group, also known as WAG.



# Young Dig Showing Supplied by Margaret Wilson, YDS Chairperson

# **Young Dog Showing National Finals**



Despite some logistical challenges this year, our breed handling finals were well attended, highly contested and amazingly supported by so many sponsors, helpers, parents, and friends. We are especially grateful for the time and expert skills of this year's judges, Solitaire Robertson and Cassidy Slade.

We continue to have the principal sponsor Purina Pro Plan, and the industrious and ever-patient Miranda supporting the kids with merchandise and goodies. PD Pet Insurance also added some merchandise this year, thank you.

Our prizes and gift bags were enhanced by a very generous donation from Leveisha Kennels and put together by Elza Maulder. Thanks Debbie Johnston, and others, for the products that allow us to give a well packed goody bag, to every competitor. Our thanks also to Pat Dance for donating the winners take home trophies.

All finalists also received a smart grooming apron, branded with the YDS Mascot, very kindly organised and donated by Jill Brooker. Prior to judging, we were able to acknowledge the excellent work Jill has done as the Executive Councillor in charge of our junior section. She has now passed that role to Susan Van Der Pol, and we look forward to working with Susan in the coming years.



This year's fabulous ribbons were sponsored by a wonderful group of members and exhibitors. We are also blessed with volunteers, who step up and assist with many tasks. Special thanks to EC member, Martin Hewitt, our regular commentator, who is always calm and efficient even when having to share the microphone.

Alongside running our competition, YDS ran a raffle. A huge shout to the prize sponsors, Elza Maulder, Thorncombe Pet Supplies, Hunterspark Grooming and Showthyme Pet Grooming. Their generous donations, with a small team ticket sellers, Alexis, Toby, Sophie and Jordanlee, and some willing ticket buyers, helps us to fund our activities.

The stars of the show, our fabulous young handlers, once again exhibited excellent sportsmanship and handling skills, thanks to the parents and support crew who get them to the shows, lend them dogs and make sure they are ready to shine. Thanks also to Kirsty Bain, and her photography team, for looking after our young handlers.

Margaret Wilson YDS Chair





# The Results







# **Profiling Our Senior Judges:** Lesley Chalmers

Compiled by Lavina Diamanti



Lesley is well known in the dog show world for her Merthyr Pembroke Corgis, her time on Dogs New Zealand's Executive Council and as NZKC President and also for her time on the board of NZ Dog Judges Association. However, very few probably know much about her experience as an All Breeds judge. We are lucky in New Zealand to have someone of her experience and calibre on our judging panel, and Lesley is always willing to share her knowledge and experience with other judges. I asked Lesley some questions with the intention of transferring to an article but decided to publish as she responded. Here is her story. Enjoy.

#### How long have you been involved in dog shows?

Since 1972 — showing my age!

#### What positions have you held?

Almost everything from club committee member up to President of NZKC. Currently President of North Canterbury Kennel Club

#### Breeds owned and /or shown?

Pembroke Corgis and a solitary Norfolk Terrier which I still have a passion for and would love another one, but they are not very smart when it comes to eyeballing a Corgi! Put your money on the Corgi!

#### Any particular dogs you have bred or owned that are significant?

There are many, but the ones I am most proud of are the six generations of Grand/Supreme Champions, plus one that missed a generation.

#### Who were your mentors and how did they influence you?

I was very lucky to have a very active local judges group run by

Annette Buxton. We were just a small group and met monthly at Annette's house, all sitting around on the floor talking about dogs. Nobody was afraid or embarrassed to ask questions and it was a real down-to-earth grounding and sharing of knowledge. It was a do-not-miss monthly occasion. Usually, people would bring dogs and the hands-on experience in a small group where we discussed our opinions was terrific. I am not seeing this done the same way today and it's a jolly shame. Nothing can take the place of hands-on experience! I heard recently a very notable and respected professor say that a student can only be as good as their teacher, and I think that is so true.

#### How long have you been judging?

I awarded my first CCs in 1984. Over the years I have had a fun time particularly on trips with fellow NZers — Ray Greer, Alan Bradshaw, Jocelyn Croad, Graeme Duncan, Gwen Johnson, David Fifield and they have all contributed to my learning curve.

### Lure Coursing NZ: Inaugural Judged Meeting & Seminar

Fiona Watson South Island Hound Club (Inc)

Candycane and Bambi

As noted in Carole Tipler's feature on Swedish Lure Coursing guru Per Nordahl in our August 2024 issue, South Island Hound Club hosted both a Lure Coursing seminar run by Per and a judged meeting on the weekend of 14-15 September. Fiona Watson sent a few words and pictures following the event:

Following on from Carole's comprehensive introduction to Per and Karin Nordahl, I can only say this wonderful couple exceeded our expectations!

They imparted all the knowledge they possibly could to a group keen for information. Clearly a team, they were able to prompt each other and elaborate on answers to questions.

Quite a few myths were exploded! The very reasons for lure coursing were emphasised: to preserve sighthounds as 'fit for purpose' as they always should be, and for all dogs to enjoy.

Particular importance was given to the judging process, and systems, which are very different to dog shows. Trainee LC judge Cherie Burton was taking it all in, and was also mentored the next day in the field by Per and Karin. Afghan enthusiasts in Christchurch and Erin Brown in Queensland, along with Carole, helped to make this visit happen. Doug and Chris Wylie hosted Per and Karin for their time in Christchurch. Many thanks to all!





Per, with Karin on his left, addresses the Lure Coursing Seminar attendees. Leone Friis controlled the technology and Siobhan Watson made coffees.



### Dogs and Humans:



While you can't predict pet accidents, having pet insurance means a safety net should anything go wrong. And ultimately, accidents can and do happen.

For example, we humans tend to talk things out during a confrontation. However, when two dogs get in a row, instead of a stern word or two, things can sometimes end in a bite or two.

Likewise, we might enjoy home decor from afar while our perky pups may try tasting and unintentionally swallowing items not meant for the menu. Unexpected vet visit ahoy!

Needless to say, our dogs sometimes take a different approach to us, but at the heart of it, they're our best friends. They're always there to offer unconditional support and there's lots we can give them in return. Having Dogs NZ Pet Insurance by pd.co.nz can provide our pups with the protection they deserve in their time of need. Another action we can take is to arm ourselves with added knowledge to help mitigate pet dangers. PD Insurance outlines some less expected and often overlooked pet dangers. These are the kind that don't just lurk out there - they tend to be right inside our homes.

#### Moisture

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