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EDITORIAL

As I am writing this we are in the grips of our usual August weather – rain and more rain!! We live in a rainforest here in the valley, a drought is when it doesn't rain for a week, and we have few problems with hard grounds or no water, in fact it would be an ideal place to run the biggest dairy farm in NZ!!

Our indoor training this year has gone well, otherwise we would be having to make the call every week – do we or don't we have training!!

We are having an Open day next month, send wishes for fine weather!! We intend to showcase all that our club offers and hope to get a few new members from that.

In the meantime hope you all keep as warm and dry as possible whilst still doing things with your dogs, mine certainly LOVE the mud!!

from Karen de Wit, NALA Editor.

Handler: You are going too fast! Listen to me!

Dog: No, I got this!

Handler: You don't even know where we are going!

Dog: GOING FAST!!

From "Things dog handlers say"

NALA LIBRARY.

We have a great collection of books and DVDs in the NALA library.

If you are new to agility competitions, why not borrow the book “Course Analysis for Agility Handlers Stuart Mah”.



Do you have problems **getting nervous** before your runs and need some help quelling those nerves (especially with Team trials and NZDAC coming up)? Get the book by Christine Smith, “Your Secret Coach”.

Those with agility issues related to their **dogs general behaviour** could read “Ruff Love” by Susan Garrett. It has some great ideas for developing rules and boundaries for dogs who get too much for doing too little and need some balance. DVD “In FOCUS Crying for Control” is also worth a watch.



If you want to work on your dog’s **jumping**

we have a number of books and DVDs to help with that. Try “The Clothier Natural Jumping Method”, by Suzanne Clothier, “Jumping from A to Z” by Christine Zink. DVD Success with

One Jump 2-DVD Set, Foundation Jumping 4-DVD Set, Foundation Training for Agility 3-DVD Set, or “Developing Jumping Skills” by Linda Mecklenberg.

NEW puppy? Read “Building Blocks for Performance” or “Shaping Success” by Susan Garrett or “Excellerated Learning” by Pamela Reid. On VHS - Puppy Love - Raise your dog the Clicker way. DVD “Agility Foundation Training “ and “Crate Games for Self-Contro I& Motivation”

We also have a range of Greg Derrett video and DVDs.

Special topics.



CONTACTS DVDS.

4 on the Floor

Contacts: Bridging the Gap Between Training&Competition
Reliable Running A-frames

WEAVE.

2x2 Weave Training

Agility Fix It, Contacts&Weave Poles
World Class Weaves

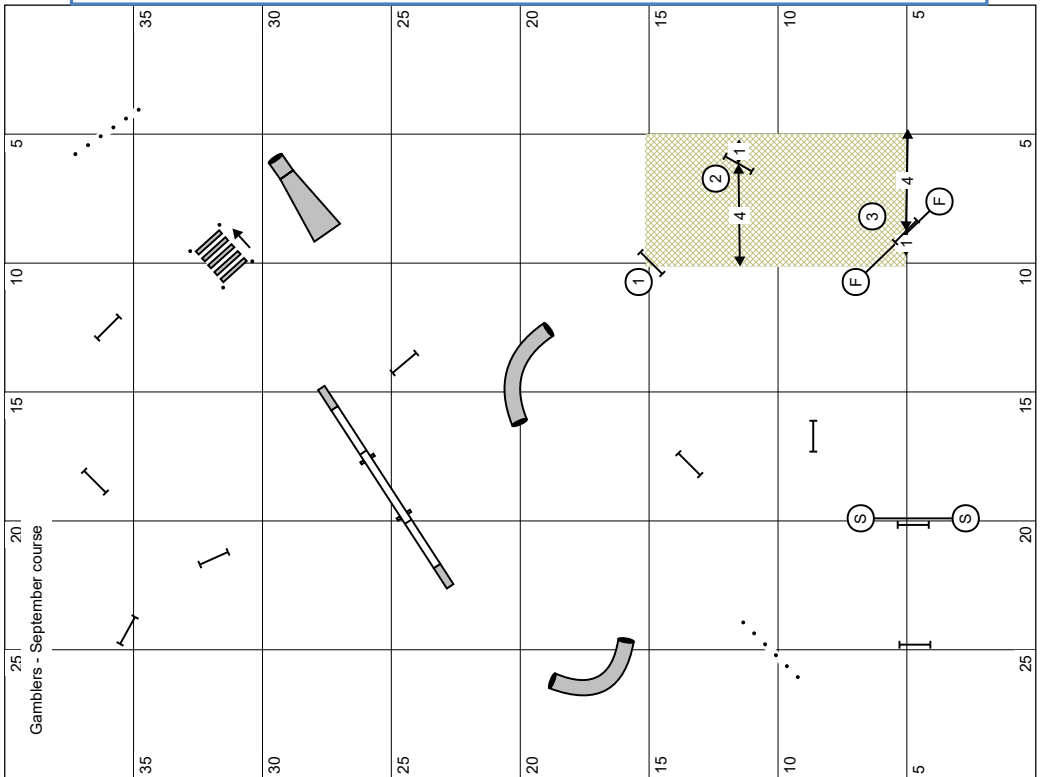
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GAMES COURSE #4- Gamblers

Gonna try the Games???

If you want to take part in the games class please send a request to kpdewit@xtra.co.nz and you will receive a standard results sheet and scrim sheets to use.

Results must include a dogs permanent number if it has one.



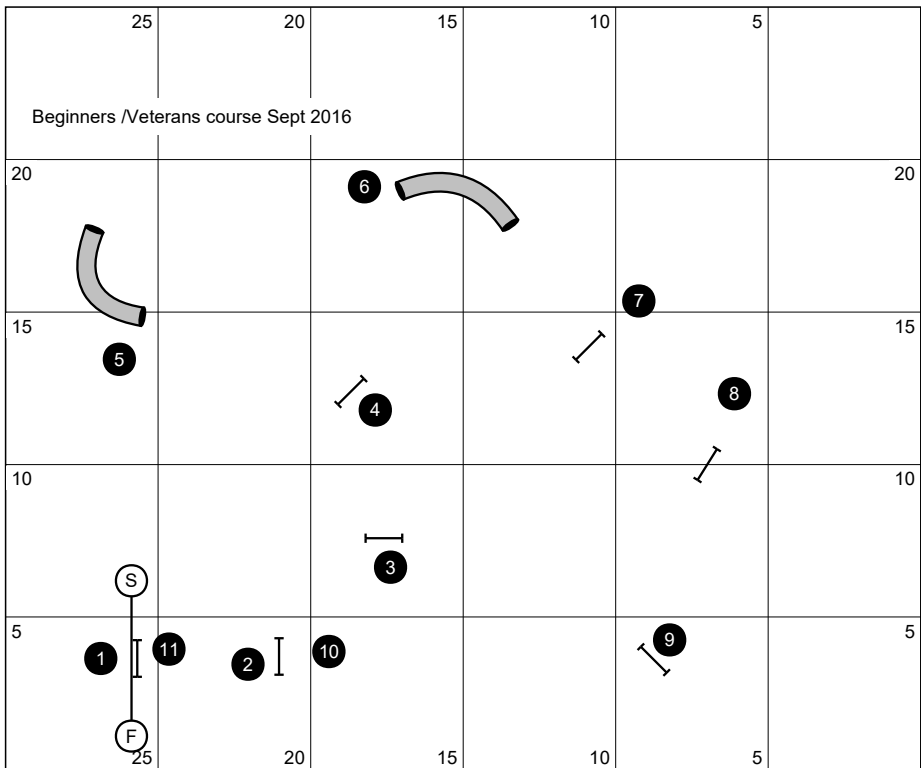
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Beginners & Vets course

VETERANS RESULTS. Sandra Mohekey has kindly offered to coordinate these results for the year. Sandra can be reached on

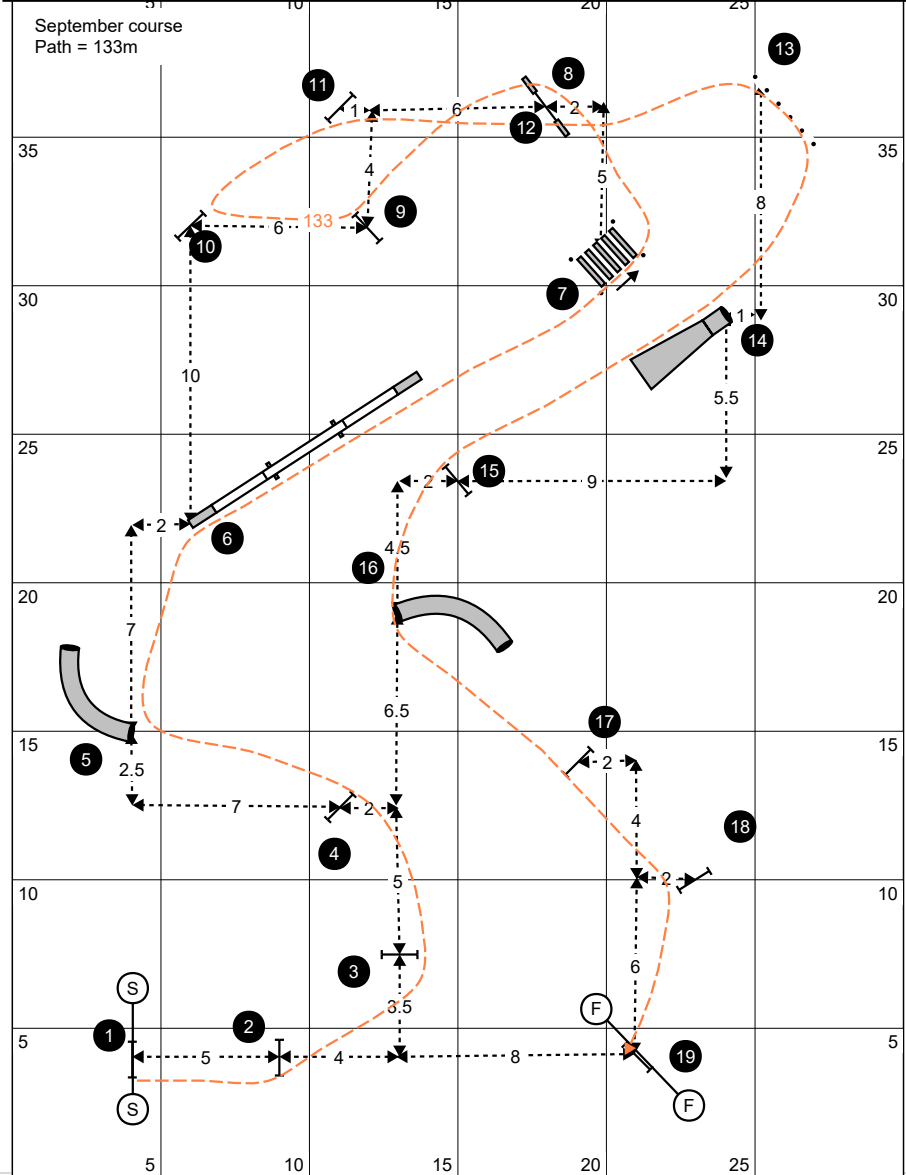
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September Course

Path = 133m



Christchurch's first pet-friendly hotel ready to open

DAVID WALKER/FAIRFAX NZ

Fino Hotel and Suites is the first Christchurch hotel that allows guests to bring their pets with them.



Pets are set to stay alongside their owners at a newly refurbished Christchurch hotel, the first of its kind in the rebuilding central city.

Fino Hotel and Suites will open its doors to guests both two-legged and four on Friday.

Hotel manager Dilan de Silva said his family dog Jason inspired the unique accommodation solution. "When we are travelling as a family, what often holds us back is having to accommodate for the dog, but if we had a hotel where we could take him, I would jump at that opportunity." He said they "can't wait to welcome some pampered pets through the doors. We believe people holidaying in New Zealand with their pets have been missing out and we are now filling the gap."

The building, located opposite the Christchurch Town Hall on Kilmore St, went through a \$15 million refurbishment as well as earthquake strengthening. Of the 48 apartment suites and four penthouse suites, three suites will be reserved for guests with pets in tow. "We have selected a number of rooms which will work better for pets and have easier access to the carpark."

De Silva said pet suites came equipped with water bowls, dog beds and kitty litter, as well as specialised cleaning once guests had left. "The rooms will be on a separate cleaning schedule to the rest of the hotel, to make sure any fur is cleaned up in time for the next guest." Dog walking services and dog sitting would be available soon. Both cats and dogs were welcome, but dogs on the Christchurch City Council "menacing dogs" list were not allowed, as well as dogs weighing over 40 kilograms.

Signs for September

- 1 - Serpentine Weave once (no 24)
- 2 - About Turn (no8)
- 3 - Call Front Finish Right (no 13)
- 4 - Spiral Right Dog on Outside (no 21)
- 5 - Call Front Finish Left (no 14)
- 6 - 270 Right (no 9)
- 7 - Halt Down (no 4)
- 8- Straight Figure 8 weave twice (no 23)
- 9 - Labyrinth entering left to right
- 10 - Left About Turn (no 29)
- 11 - About turn right
- 12 - 1, 2, 3 steps forward (no 25)
- 13 - Halt Down Walk Around Dog (no 31)

NZ police dogs are being outfitted with new stab-proof vests.

All 130 of New Zealand's police patrol dogs will soon be equipped with a stab-resistant harnesses, which may also carry cameras or GPS units.

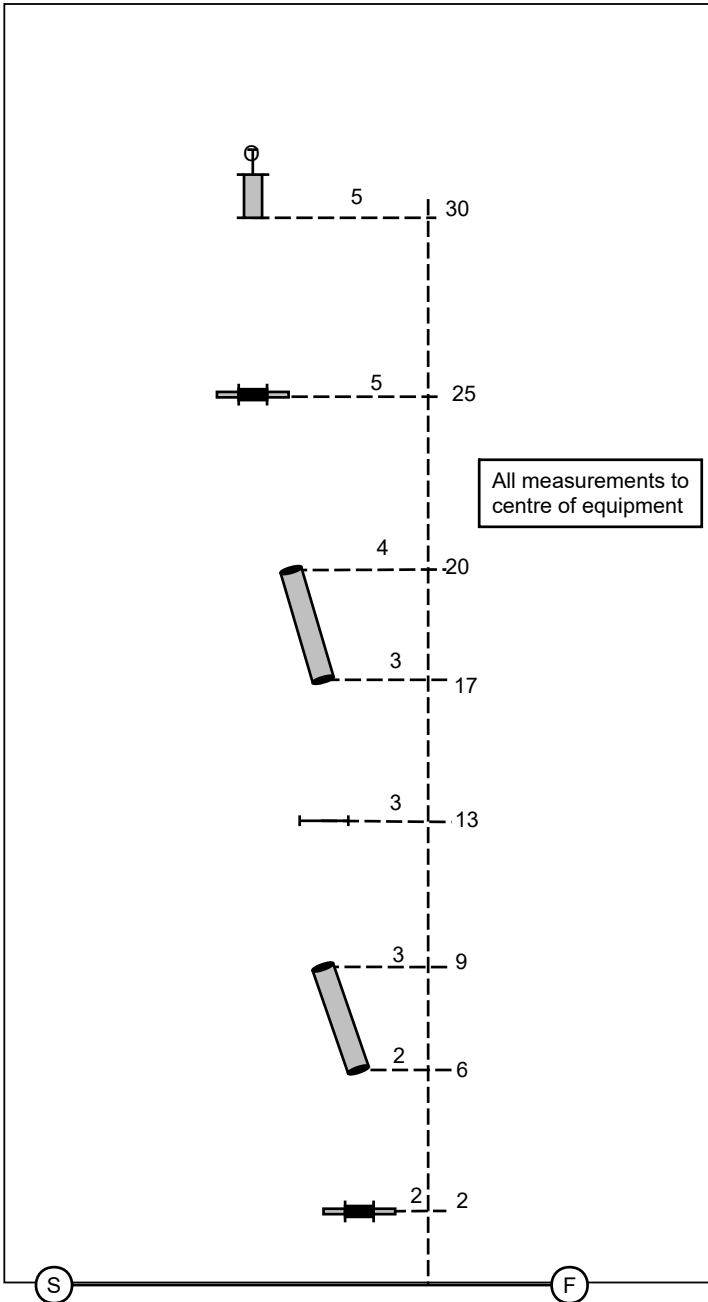
The "Mako" cordura fabric harness featured two panels of layered polymer to protect from stabbing or slashing. Police said this was comparable to the protection that their body armour provided to officers.



Senior Sergeant Mark Davidson said the harness provided "100 per cent more physical protection than dogs have at the moment."

FLYGILITY.

STANDARD FLYGILITY
COURSE (S026)
Raewyn Saville September 2016



RESULTS.

AGILITY June/July Club Teams.

Division 1

1	Mangawhai	Mist ADXB JDX RN Meg JDX RN FD Speed JD RN	Erin BALL Annette FLANNAGAN Erin BALL	19.608 20.888 22.574	63.070
2	Central HB	Fickle ADX JDX Loose ADX SNB Fly ADXG JDX	Ngaire O'ROURKE Kim LOYE Catherine HARTY	20.808 21.771 23.997	66.576
3	Blenheim 1	Trico ADXG JAS S Q ADX JD Finn ADX JDX	Natasha NEAME Sheryl VINCENT Sandra GOODWIN	21.982 22.283 22.476	66.741
4	East BOP	Joy ADXB JDX Tayghen JDX Airik	Tina MITCHELL Martin BUSH Joanne ALLAN	19.330 25.120 26.970	71.420
5	Mt Maunganui 1	Wish Myer ADX JDX Beta ADXG JAX	Deb JACKSON Frazer DELAMERE Deb JACKSON	23.452 24.532 25.296	73.280
6	Cambridge	Millie AD JDX Rocky ADXG JDB F AG CH Ernie ADX	Graeme JEFFERIES Paul NEEDHAM Graeme JEFFERIES	20.677 26.729 29.230	76.636
7	Upper Hutt 1	Mono JDX Finn ADXG JDX JA Feergus ADXB JDB	Jane O'CALLAGHAN Karen de WIT Anne PACKER	20.031 24.850 32.961	77.842
8	Wairarapa	Rusty ADXG SNX J Brazil ADX JDX PhamTim	Stacie CLARK Dianne REID Ana WORKMAN	22.458 23.122 33.677	79.257
9	Counties	Mac ADXG JDX Piper AD JDX	Shirley HALL Nicole BEAUMONT	21.454 30.854	87.154

	Peaches ADXG JAB	Chris CHARLTON	34.846	
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Division2

1	CCATS	Daisy Pipi JDX CH Finch	Megan LOUGHRIDGE Sandra MCHUGH Sandra MCHUGH	22.306 26.190 27.245	75.741
2	Selwyn	Mouse JDX Jock ADXB JD Yin JD	Tim CONOLLY Carole LOGAN Annie SAIL	24.336 25.382 29.501	79.219
3	Hawkes Bay	Abby ADXG JDX SN Kaizer ADXB JDX Risk	Lex CLARE Jane WEBLEY Jessica PAYNE	23.571 27.167 29.315	80.053
4	Nelson 2	Lia JDX Maggie AD JDX Gerry JD	Nartarsha GORRIE Lola ANDERSON Sarah COLE	21.695 28.406 30.461	80.562
5	Sth Canterbury	Ziggy ADXG JDG J Bella JD Penney ADXG JDX	Jenny D'ARCY Jenny D'ARCY Jenny D'ARCY	26.907 29.272 34.421	90.600
6	Akarana	Danny ADX JDX Pipi ADXB JDX Piper ADX	Earle DENNIS Lynette PEARCE Rosemarie BAKER	22.868 31.494 36.495	90.857
7	Mt Maunganui 2	Geeva AD JD Casey JDX Tia Maria	Frazer DELAMERE Yvonne KENNY Yvonne KENNY	28.880 34.473 37.547	100.900

Division3

1	Huntly	Teal ADXB JDX Goofy Quilla JDX CCH	Kim ORLANDO-REEP Helena KOPER Kim ORLANDO-REEP	24.110 29.320 29.750	83.180
2	Blenheim 3	Peppy Rebel JD Mindy	Gillie SMITH Sandra GOODWIN Jennifer EVEREST	25.689 29.800 37.246	92.735

3	Canterbury COC	Sno	Robyn SANDERS	25.207	103.073
		Zoe	Adrienne MASON	38.554	
		Wouldhe	Robyn SANDERS	39.312	
4	Tauranga 3	Kobi ADXG JDG SN	Jocelyn JENSEN	27.059	113.638
		Cricket ADX JD	Cherie SAUNDERS	34.683	
		Harley ADX JDX F	Gail FRANCIS	51.896	

Division4

1	South Rangitikei	Niko ADXG JDX	Sandra MOHEKEY	24.340	86.550
		Blaze ADX JDX	Lynda CUMMINS	24.680	
		Fya ADXB JDX	Lynda CUMMINS	37.530	
2	Hawera 4	Grace	Sandra BANKS	26.941	89.860
		Fran	Linda SMITH	30.148	
		Belle JD	Judy TOWERS	32.771	
3	Upper Hutt 4	Thane	Jorja MULHOLLAND	24.991	90.544
		Bobbie ADX JDX R	Paige AUKETT	30.221	
		Taco	Darren LILLEY	35.332	
4	Dog Sport Rotorua	Jessie James JD	Christine LONGTON	33.220	104.220
		Meg	Katie DOUTHETT	33.250	
		Boo AD	Raewyn SAVILLE	37.750	
5	Norwest	Pippa ADXB JD RN	Colleen LAUDER	33.639	119.571
		Toby AD JD RA	Colleen LAUDER	37.802	
		Barra	Eva CADARIO	48.130	
6	Nelson 4	Tia AD	Emma EGGERS	34.836	129.848
		Remi	Emma EGGERS	45.590	
		Fleur CGCS AD JD	Suzanne GILBERT	49.422	
7	Tauranga 4	Oliver	Kate AUDAS	45.469	140.037
		Heidi	Helen FABLING	46.169	
		Chilli ADXB JD	Bernice SHEARMAN	48.399	
8	CHB Orange Roughies	Tilly	Rhys TIDSWELL	38.646	140.261
		Willow	Julie GOODWIN	50.087	
		Black Lace JD	Jo-Anne STEED	51.528	

9	APGSDL	Riecher CGCG UDX Nicki OADE	45.970	185.540
		Prue Iryll FINDLAY	55.520	
		Jesse Ian HYDE	84.050	

FLYGILITY June/July Standard course.

Plc Team	Total	Dog	Handler
1 wairarapa 1	35.081	Blast ADXG	Ana WORKMAN
		Brazil ADX JDX	Dianne REID
		Tasman ADXG JDX	Sharleen DRUMMOND
2 Top DAWG	35.576	Seeka ADXG JDX J	Rebecca SIDWELL
		Rebel	Joanne KILMISTER
		Zephyr CGCG ADXG	Marian HOLMAN
3 Hawkes Bay 1	35.860	Jana ADX JDX RA	Dot JANSSEN
		QuBa ADXS JDX	Colleen O'CONNOR
		Roxy ADX	Campbell LIST
4	36.120	River ADX JDX RA	Sue NEALE
		Jock ADXB JD	Carole LOGAN
		Chynah ADXG CDX	Sue NEALE
5 Counties	36.679	Flick ADXG TCQ J	Allan ROHDE
Border Collies		Mac ADXG JDX	Shirley HALL
		Yogi CDXS RN	Louise van MEYGAARDEN
6 North Shore	37.190	Bracken ADX CDXS	Sheeran JOHNSON
		Chica ADXB JD FD	Barbara CONNAUGHTON
		FD GrCh Dash	Kay UNGEMUTH
7 Ball fighters	37.630	Niko ADXG JDX	Sandra MOHEKEY
		Fd CH Echo	Nichola COLE
		Finn CDX RN	Barbara JAMES
8 Norwest 1	37.710	Keara CGCB	Sarah RIDLEY
		Solo ADX JDX	Sonja ROSEN
		Tripp	Samantha REDMOND
9 Counties	38.490	FdCh Chloe	Shirley HALL
Knock it Down		Jag JD	Elaine ROHDE
		FD CH Quick JD	Margaret ANDERSON
10 Feildabull	38.910	FdCh Pulse	Sandra MOHEKEY
		Shadow FDX	Nichola COLE
		Shaylar CDXS RN	Barbara JAMES

11	Taranaki Harlequins	39.679	Gympie RN Diaz CDXS JD RN Bella ADXB JDX	Laurel AUSTIN Rae MAYHEAD Lynn PILLETTE
12	UHDS 1	40.534	Cash JD Zed Zeba FDX	Wayne TURNER Sharon HASTINGS Wayne TURNER
13	Wairarapa 3	41.393	Fern AD JDX Jamaica ADXG JAB Whizz ADX JD	Caragh BRIGGS Dianne REID Debbie PATERSON
14		42.530	Speed JD RN Belle ADX Razzle ADXS CDX	Erin BALL Carol TAYLOR Annette FLANNAGAN
15	Wairarapa 2	42.555	Milly ADXS JDX PhamTim Rusty ADXG SNX J	Caragh BRIGGS Ana WORKMAN Stacie CLARK
16	Counties Mixed Bunch	47.913	Bolt ADXG JDX JA Knight ADXG JDX Pandaris AD JD	Elaine ROHDE Allan ROHDE Kim ORLANDO-REEP
17		50.280	Orca CGCB Mist ADXB JDX RN Meg JDX RN FD	Lorna CHAPMAN Erin BALL Annette FLANNAGAN
18	Taranaki BeeGees	57.101	Brie JD Dazzle UD Blue JD	Sharon SCHMIDT Laurel AUSTIN Lynn PILLETTE
19	Waimak 1	57.845	Quiz ADXG JDX JA Angel JD Saffy ADXB JD	Roselle BREMMERS Chris KNOWLES Jacki LASSEN
20	CHB Ruffians	59.321	Poppi Jack ADXG JDX FD Taku AD JD	Katrina ALEXANDER Chris ROSS Chris ROSS
21	Dog Sports Rotorua 2	62.520	Bootz Chip Gemma	Christine HUTCHINGS Raewyn SAVILLE Ann HALL
22	Dog Sports Rotorua 1	62.600	Boston Jessie James JD	Sophie Debbie TRIMBACH Christine HUTCHINGS Christine LONGTON
23	UHDS 2	73.100	Jete CGCF Stacey FDX Buddy	Sharon HASTINGS Wayne TURNER Kathryn BAYNE
24	Norwest 2	85.660	Barra	Eva CADARIO

25 Superbulls	87.780	Lass JDX RN Tszeb JD Fagan Gem Tango JD FD	Colleen LAUDER Sonja ROSEN Darius FELL Julia CROUCH Liz TOLHURST
26 Waimak 2	88.579	Toby AD JD Sam AD JD Pebbles ADXB JDB	Angela COOK Angela COOK Leeanne RUSSELL
27 Counties Squeaking Along		92.086 Quilla JDX CCH Sneaky JD	Nate Shirley HALL Kim ORLANDO-REEP Elaine ROHDE
28 Mountain Flyers	95.560	Grace Belle JD Willow	Sandra BANKS Judy TOWERS Sandra BANKS
29 Wairarapa 4	98.254	Daz Sam ADXS JDX Spy	Debbie PATERSON Stacie CLARK Sharleen DRUMMOND
30 Taranaki Hardcore	99.690	Song ADXB CDXG U Zoe ADX JDX Kobe	Rae MAYHEAD Sharon SCHMIDT Jill SORENSEN
31 Hawkes Bay 3	5555.000	Hemi Nitro CGCB Scarlett RN	Gillian PETERSON Gillian PETERSON Dot JANSSEN
31 Hawkes Bay 2	5555.000	Rosie JD Scallywag CGCB Treason JD	Heather McGRANNACHAN Jackie OLLEY Campbell LIST

RALLY-O – June/July

Pl	Club	Team members	Score	Time
1	Mt Maunganui	Fiona Denton & Epic, Fiona Denton & Promise, Anne Proctor & Khia	100.0	240.710
2	Wanganui DTC	Betsy Gleeson & Flint, Betsy Gleeson & Suede, Betsy Gleeson & Trace	100.0	270.330
3	Canterbury COC	Helen Scott & Mac, Helen Scott & Harry, Kelly Walker & Kep	100.0	280.710
4	Norwest DTC	Sarah Ridley & Keara, Rebecca McKay & Cricket, Di Munford & Woody	100.0	282.440
5	Hawkes Bay	John Carbin & Lusi, Peggy Scott & Kimba, Chrissy Harris & Biggie	100.0	284.150
6	Sth Rangitikei DTC	Barbara James & Finn, Barbara James & Shaylar, Barbara James & Gemma	100.0	285.290
7	Central ADTS	Johanna Mennell & Ruby, Rachel Hamilton-Williams & Scout, Jan Voss & Halley	100	288.45
8	Christchurch DTC	Joanne Hammond & Cody, Jessica Blackwood & Apple, Joanne Hammond & Millie	99.3	251.870
9	Wairarapa	Robin Gemmill & Col, Melanie Wyse & Jess, Donna Garrity & Mack	99.3	265.660
10	UHDS	Karen de Wit & Dee, Karen de Wit & Quick, Jane O'Callaghan & Mono	98.7	260.760
11	Sunshine Whk	Trish Funnell & Bryn, Maria van Beek & Buddy, Maria van Beek & Edison	98.67	414.97

PODS- NOT JUST FOR THE DOGS!!

Balancing Act: Get Fit With a New Fitness Tool and 4 Simple Moves

By Polly Brewster

Balance Pod [strength-training tools](#) are similar to the balance half-balls at the gym, but a smart, spiky design adds extra traction. They're great for building core strength and can make simple yoga poses more challenging. ACE certified trainer, Debi Pillarella, MEd, shows us four simple moves.

Before you get started: *Beginners should begin with the pods arranged dome side up. To make any move more challenging, flip the pod dome side down. To figure out how long you should hold a pose or do a drill, time yourself once—that's your baseline. In the next set, aim to hold the pose 10 percent longer. (So if your baseline was 20 seconds, try for 22 seconds in the next session.) Try to do three sets with a minute rest in between.*

Move 1: Tree Pose

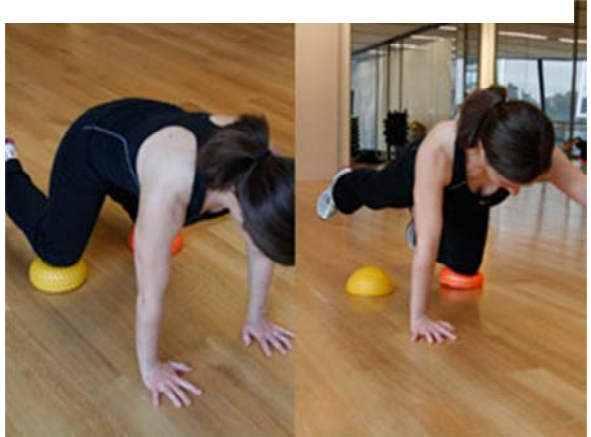


Make this basic yoga pose more challenging by standing on top of a balance pod. Start with your foot positioned just above your ankle. If this placement is too easy, move your foot up to your inner thigh. Once you've mastered this, incorporate your arms: begin with your hands in a prayer position, in front of your

chest; if you want to increase the intensity, lift them above your head. Repeat on other side

Move 2: Alternating Arm & Leg Lifts

Start on all fours, with a pod beneath each knee. Make sure to align your hips directly above your knees and your shoulders above your wrists. Lift your right arm and left leg. Hold for five seconds; return to starting position. Next, lift your left arm and right leg; hold for five seconds.



Move 3: Hopscotch Drill

Set the pods up in a classic hopscotch pattern: one pod, two pods, one, two. Step with your right foot onto the first single pod. Hop with both feet onto next two pods. Then, step onto the next single pod with your left foot, and finish by hopping both feet on to two pods. Jump off; turn around; repeat.



Move 4: Football Drill

Line the pods up in three rows of two in front of you. Then think of high-school football players at practice: You want to imitate that stutter-step thing they do. Start by putting your right foot on the first right pod; quickly move your left foot to the first left pod. Move your right foot to the next right pod, and your left foot quickly to the next left pod; continue until you've completed the rows. Turn around and repeat.



Read more: <http://www.oprah.com/health/Balance-Pod-Exercises-Fitness-Routine-Instructions#ixzz3ne8MkxRN>

On the soapbox

By Raewyn Saville

At last there was enough controversy for someone to respond to an article in this Flygility Column.

Good on you Eva Cadario for actually reading my lighthearted account of time spent with Ian Gray. However, Eva is right the issue of leadership, discipline and punishment is seldom brought to the fore in training dogs for Agility games. As a result we see some pretty terrible displays of behavior by both people and dogs as we travel around the shows, both in the ring and out of it.

I have a very strong idea of what behavior I expect from my dogs, and I have a bunch of very simple techniques that I use to insist that I am the leader. At my 'public' class held on a Saturday at 10a.m. one of the first things I show the handlers is that their dog is already the leader, the dog is pulling on the lead, the dog is going in the direction he wants to go, the dog is not in any way able to listen to the vocal communication being visited upon him, in fact the dog is stressed panting and absolutely doesn't trust a soul in the world. The dog is outside his comfort zone, too close to other dogs and does not have any idea that his handler is there to protect him and to be the boss. Because he does not have a boss or a leader he is very concerned for his safety and bares his teeth, or tries to hide or run away. To make matters worse he actually learned this behavior by going to puppy pre=school at the local vets where he was frightened to death at 10 weeks old being thrust forcibly into the company of a lot of puppies he didn't know. For the last five years of running this class open to the public, I have people look at me in shock that they have scared their young dogs into a pretty mean corner from which some dogs struggle to go forward with confidence.

When I go to agility shows I watch the rings for all the panting salivating dogs and these are the dogs who still lack leadership and who are still much stressed but have now got a whole lot of layers of specific trick behavior put over the top of the stress. Their handlers tell me they are 'just excited'.

Let's go the wonderful CGC manual and have a look at the required behavior of the dogs who are going to pass at any level..... 'The Dog Shows No Interest.' Until I tell my dog what I want from him, he is calm and watching, waiting for my command, otherwise he lies quietly taking no interest or notice of things around him. If he is in his crate, he is quiet, not barking his stupid head off.

Look at that list of things that dogs must never do in CGC. Jump up, bark, growl, mark territory etc. All of those things are stress driven behavior of dogs who do not have a leader. How can I prove to my puppy that I am the leader? This is what I do. (Incidentally I don't believe in exposing my puppy to shows or strange places until they are four months of age as I don't want them to be frightened by environment that they don't understand). At three months when I put a collar and registration tag on my puppy, I attach a length of rope to the collar. I knot it on so that I am handling pup around the neck for longer than it takes to put a dog clip on a collar, I want to slow down my handling practice so I might tie two or three knots just so I am handling my pup at the neck. I will groom his head with my hands at the same time, and his ears, and if he rolls over I will groom his tummy and run my hands up and down his legs, and about now he is over that and about to pierce me with his milk teeth so I quit it. The rope is about two meters long, unless the pup is a toy size in which case it is about one meter and a Great Dane gets a four meter length. While I am with the pup he drags his rope around, it is never left on when I am not with him. He is likely in his crate anyway no rope required. The rope I use has a fiber center and is very soft. My puppies often chew through this rope so I make sure he doesn't swallow bits of it and make a knot to join the two ends. The words I use on a three month old pup are Good Dog, Good Boy, Clever Dog. Plus his name of course. No other words. After a couple of days of my pup dragging his rope around, which, incidentally, I have not picked up in my hands at any time, the only time I use my hands is for knotting and unknitting, I then stand on the rope while he is walking along, not while he is running so that I take his head off and damage his neck, just ambling along and I gently stand on the rope, he stops and spins around and looks at me. I have never met a pup who didn't do this. I then quickly say Good Boy Chippy. Straight away I hop off the rope and off he goes again and then about five minutes later I do it again, he spins around

and this time he sits down. Good Boy Chippy - treat food which I just happen to have in my pocket.

Now I could go on to tell you step by step exactly how I get my puppy unable to take his eyes off me, waiting for my every command. Instead I am in the process of putting small video clips on my Dogsplay Facebook page so that people can get the idea of my training method. The point being that by the time my dog is four months old and I start to take him to odd places and to Dog Club etc, he already trusts me and knows I am the leader. So the leadership issue is solved now we need to move on to discipline.

I have a series of exercises which I call 'Control' which I teach and which hopefully by the time you read this will also be on the Facebook page as a video. This insists on the dog giving me the behavior of a down stay, between my feet, which he must not break. While he is lying there he is calm and serene and knows that I am in control of him. No matter how high the stakes no matter where we are, no matter what the distraction level is, this is the fallback behavior. So I arrive at a new place we go straight into our Control Exercises then my dog knows the rule of control is in place, after a while you don't need to enforce it because the dog just straight away lies down at your feet while waiting for his command, or you can drop him in the field if you can see a dog approaching him. As soon as he drops he is calm and quiet. Because we do the exercises in advance of behavior issues, there are no issues. There is no panting and salivating there is no panic and distraction.



I am in the process of putting small video clips on my Dogsplay Facebook page so that people can get the idea of my training method.



Nobody should ever hurt a dog, Punishment at the level practiced by Human Society should never be used on a dog. It doesn't work, actually it doesn't work on people either but nobody has noticed this yet.

You practice your discipline until you and the dog have it together then you use those exercises when your dog is under stress. When calm descends upon your dog you can go forward with your training in Obedience Agility Fly or whatever fancy tricks you think you want your companion to learn.

What Ian Gray and I did at his home in Hamilton was show each other our method of getting total Control over our dog. Ian with his mesmeric gentle roll over which for the first time, I realised was an exercise practiced between the dog and the handler so that they could totally trust each other. I showed him my Control exercises which exist for exactly the same reason. None of this training work is punishment for some human perceived misdemeanor, the dogs are not depressed or heavy handled, in fact quite the contrary. I grew up with working dogs and the gentle coercion that makes the dog a loyal and honest worker is the only method of training that I understand. Fortunately my dogs agree.

NIKO GRABS TOP FLY HONOURS!

By Sandra Mohekey

Nz's newest Grand Champ Fly is Sir Niko Queen's Champion (already agility champ and ADXa Gold). I am so proud of my boy. Thanks to those who supported me on this journey. He had what he needed by the end of Saturday. Over the weekend he placed in three events also.



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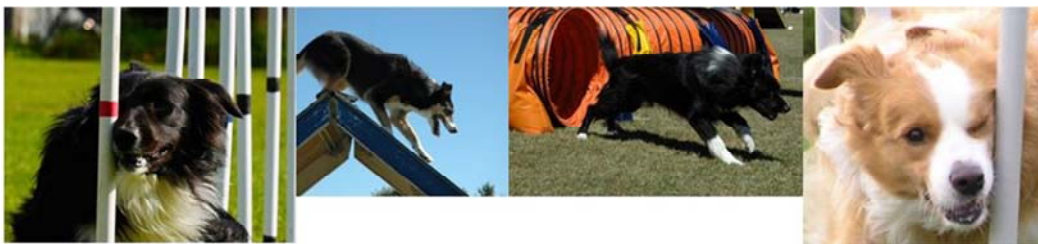
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