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Talking Start lines.

by Karen de Wit.

This topic is fresh in my mind after spending a weekend judging agility, and watching people with unreliable lead-outs struggle on the course. The first jump pole often came down, the dog circled and missed the second obstacle as it returned to the handler (losing time, gaining a refusal or worse), the handlers failed to gain a head-start on their dogs and made mistakes further down the track. I also believe that having a nice reliable lead-out can reflect on the dog's ability to have a steady seesaw, a weave decal, and good contact performances.

So how do you gain a reliable start line? Many dogs come to their first event with a good start line, but each time they run it gets weaker and weaker until it doesn't exist. **The first rule of thumb is – don't allow the dog to be rewarded when it breaks its lead-out.** Once is an anomaly, twice means you have to do something about it!! The more they do it, the greater is the chance it will do it again. We don't want that!!

For most dogs the reward is to do the gear, so if we say "Oi, stop right there, lets do another lead-out" and actually stop the dog and restart (whether its back to the beginning or where they are at #2 etc the point is to make sure they get the message that they cant keep going if they start early.

The second rule of thumb is – Proofing!! Make sure your dog only breaks the lead-out when you ask it to – ie. A verbal cue. Dogs are experts at interpreting our body language and for many

the moment you slow down they are gone – even before you turn and lift your arm! You need to proof all the body language that you can think of, including running, stopping, turning, swinging arms etc. Additionally proof anything that could go on around the lead-out – ropes, other dogs, a lead runner, buckets, tossing leads, etc etc.

The third rule of thumb is – reward your dog when they break when you say so. You need a word that is unique to normal life (so don't use OK, good, go etc) – and “break” is a good one. Choose your own.

So you can break the teaching of a lead-out into two parts, the staying and the going!

The going. Teaching your dog to “go” when you say the word involves firstly the use of toys and/or food for the dog to go to. It shouldn't rely on any body language by the handler. The dog should focus ahead when you present it with the start-line procedure, and be steady until you give the cue at which point it should run forward in the direction you have presented to it.

The staying. You can practice the stay anywhere and everywhere so that the general concept of staying put when told becomes a concept the dog understands. Make sure that in general life you do not weaken the skill by asking the dog to stay and then letting it move if when it feels like it (for example when sending them to their mat or bed.). You can vary the reward for staying by rewarding BEHIND the dog as well as in front!

If you want help training better lead-outs, get in touch. I'm based in North Canterbury.

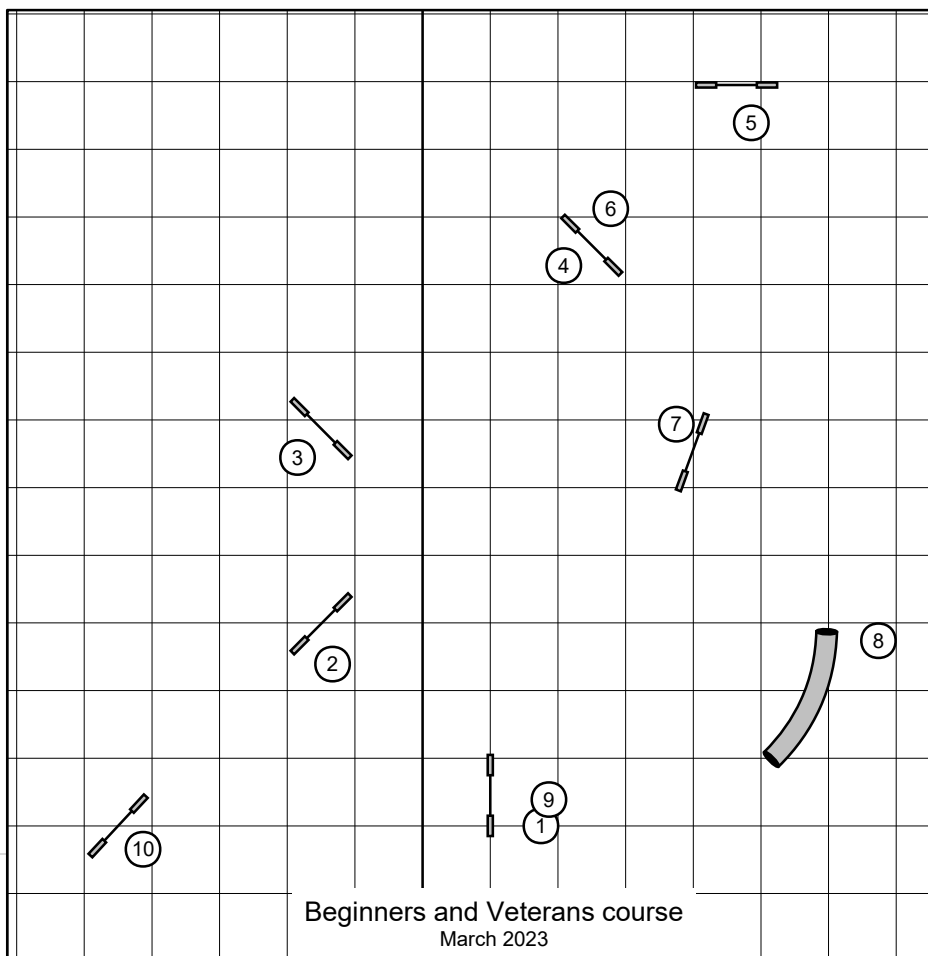
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March Game - Blackjack

The grid contains the following obstacles:

- A vertical pole with three rungs on the left side.
- A horizontal beam with two rungs on the right side.
- Two diagonal saws in the upper right quadrant.
- Two diagonal saws in the middle of the grid.
- A horizontal beam with two rungs in the lower middle.
- Two curved barriers on the left and right sides.
- A vertical beam with two rungs and circles labeled 'S' at the top and bottom.
- A diagonal beam with two rungs and circles labeled 'F' at both ends.
- A horizontal beam with three rungs in the lower middle.
- A diagonal saw in the bottom right.

Blackjack Course
 The aim is to get 21 points in as short a time as possible.
 Start jump with zero at start and 1 during course.
 Finish jump worth zero and ends the game.

BLACKJACK– How to play the Game

Blackjack is a game which is drawn from the popular gambling card game. It involves strategy and teamwork, and the ability to recalculate should things go wrong. The aim of the game is for the dog and handler combination to accumulate 21 points in as short a time as possible.

The handler must start on the start obstacle, decide their own course and complete the obstacles correctly until 21 points have been collected, and then finish the course. Obstacles may be taken in any order and from either direction, with the obvious exception of the seesaw . Obstacles may not be done back to back.

Each obstacle is given a points value and the judge will call out the points for each obstacle after it has been correctly negotiated. If an obstacle is not scored the judge will call “No”. The obstacles on the course are allocated points: Hurdles - 1pt, tunnels, Spread Jumps, Long jump & hoop, - 3pts, Contact Obstacles or 6 weave poles - 5 pts, Weave (12 poles) and combination obstacles -7pts

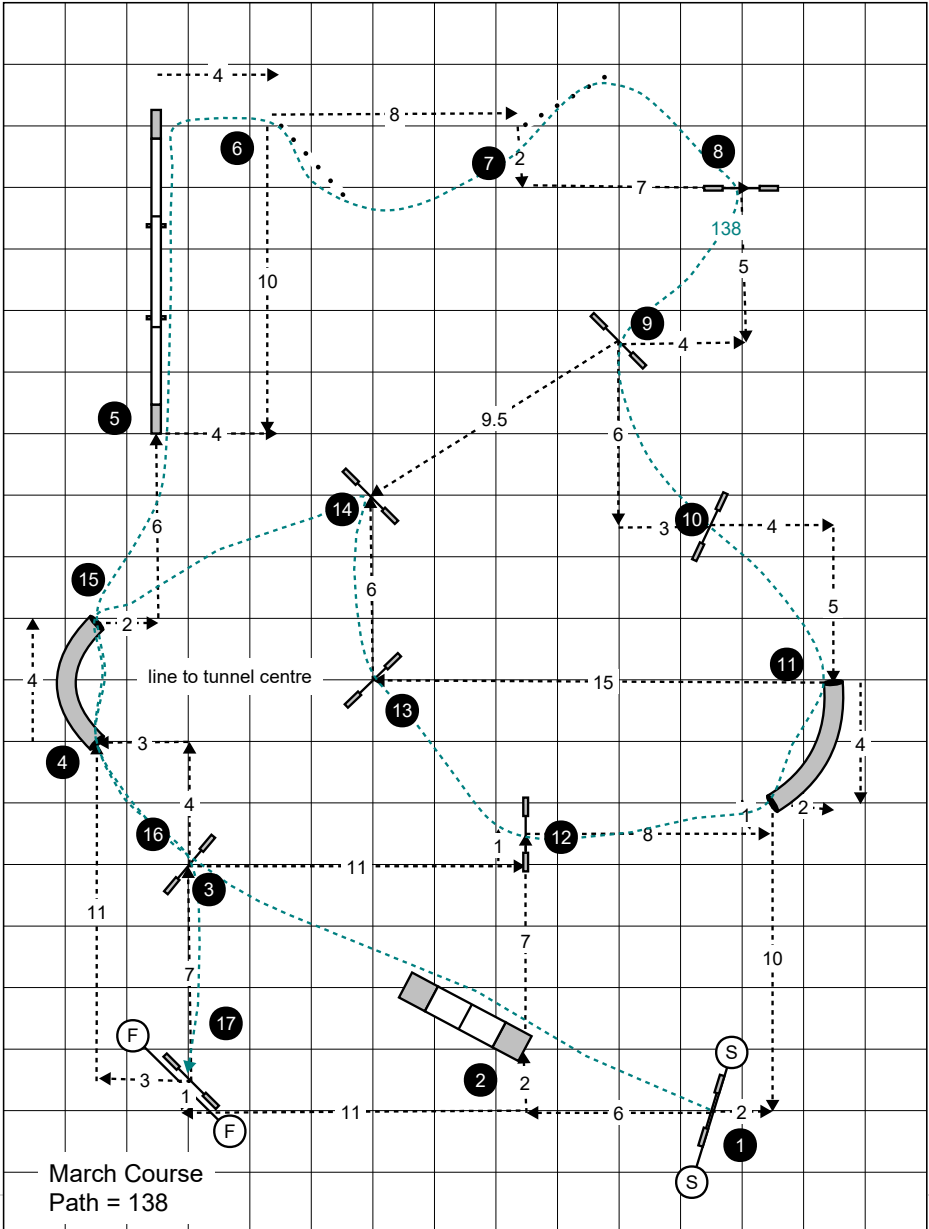
SCORING. Each obstacle can be scored a maximum of twice, with further attempts not scoring.. Bars are not replaced during the round and those jumps cannot be scored. If during the round the dog takes the denoted finish obstacle, the run is ended and the dog is credited with the points gained up to that time.

JUDGING. Refusals are not judged in Blackjack. Missed contacts and knocked rails result in that obstacle not being scored. Errors in the weave are not faulted however the weaves must be completed correctly in order to be scored.

The winner of the class is the dog which accumulates 21 points in the shortest time.

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Path = 138m



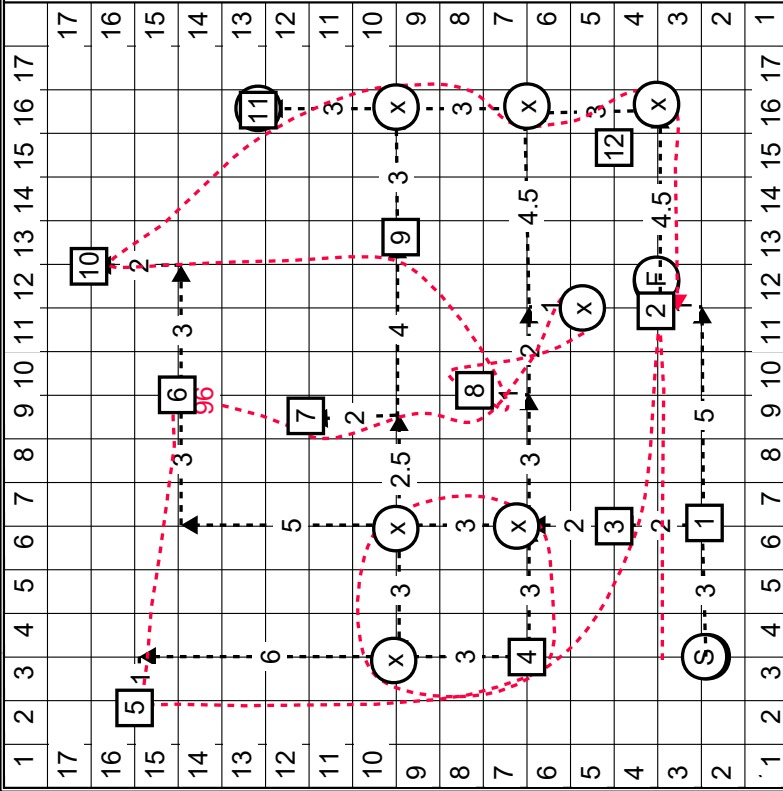
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March Rally-O

Path = 96m

1. Call front finish right halt (15)
2. About u turn (8)
3. halt down walk around (31)
4. circle right (N2,33)
5. 270 left (10)
6. Right turn (5)
7. Moving sidestep right (20)
8. offset figure 8 (N1,32)
- 9 call front finish right forward (13)
10. left about(29)
11. serpentine weave once (24)
12. call front finish left forward (14)



LADDER??

It would be cool to add some handy dog obstacles to our courses. Does your club have a ladder? Would you like one but don't have anyone to make one? Here's a great offer from Cherie Picking. She is based in the Wellington area.



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Cherie Picking

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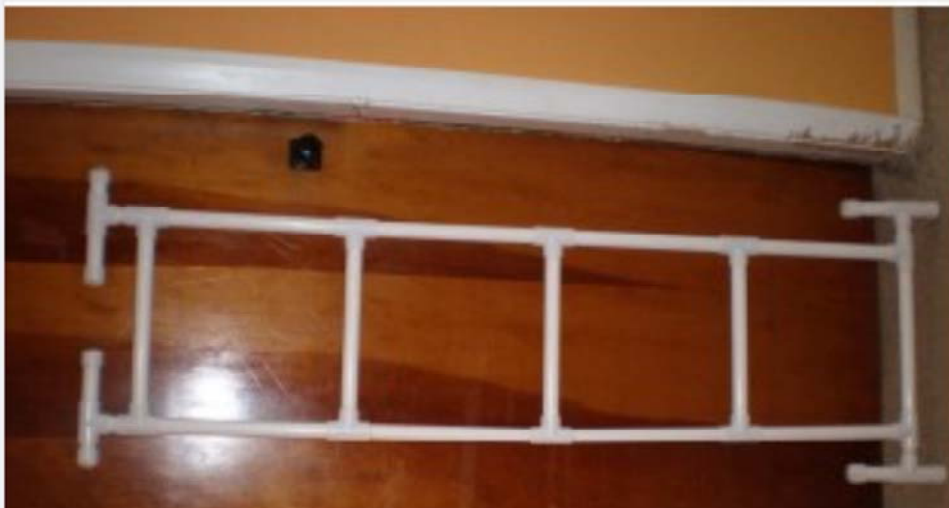
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - HANDY LADDERS

Are there any clubs or individuals interested in purchasing a ladder for Handy Dog (NZARO/Rally Link)?

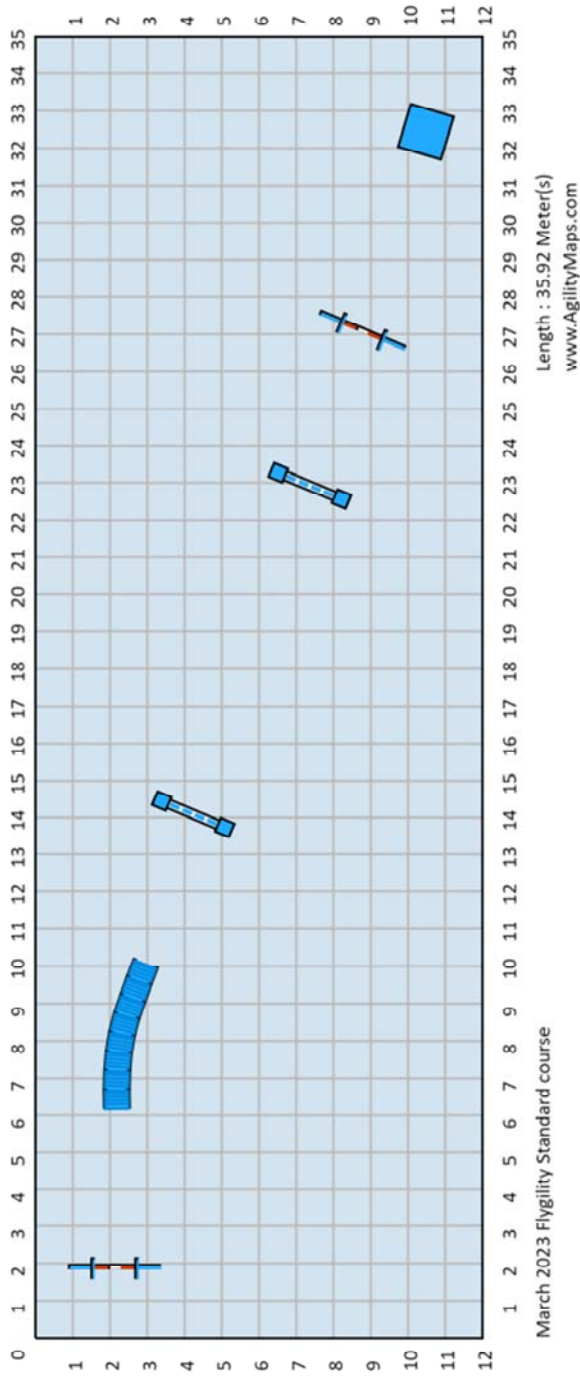
I made a number a few years ago and the most cost effective way was using 25mm electrical conduit (like we use for weave poles) for the piping and conduit joints. If there is enough interest I could look into making more.

Last time the cost per ladder was \$60. I am expecting that due to increases in material costs these might cost between \$80-\$100 now. Once I know how many people are interested I can price them up (making in bulk ends up cheaper) - and will confirm costs and orders before starting production.

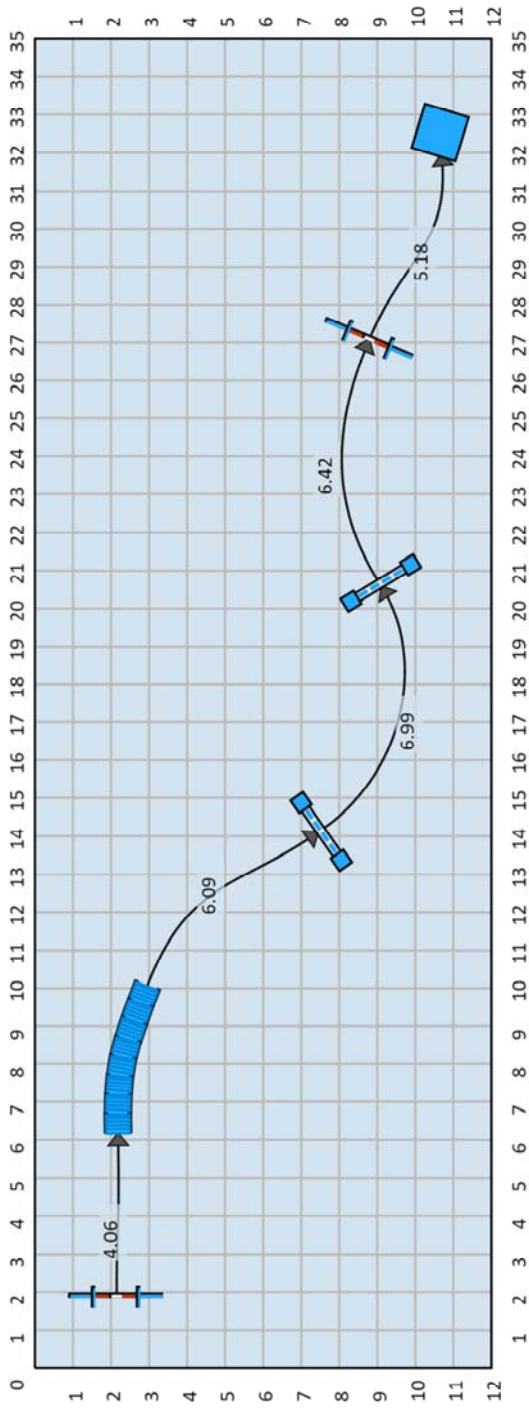
If you would like one, please comment below



March 2023 Flygility standard courses



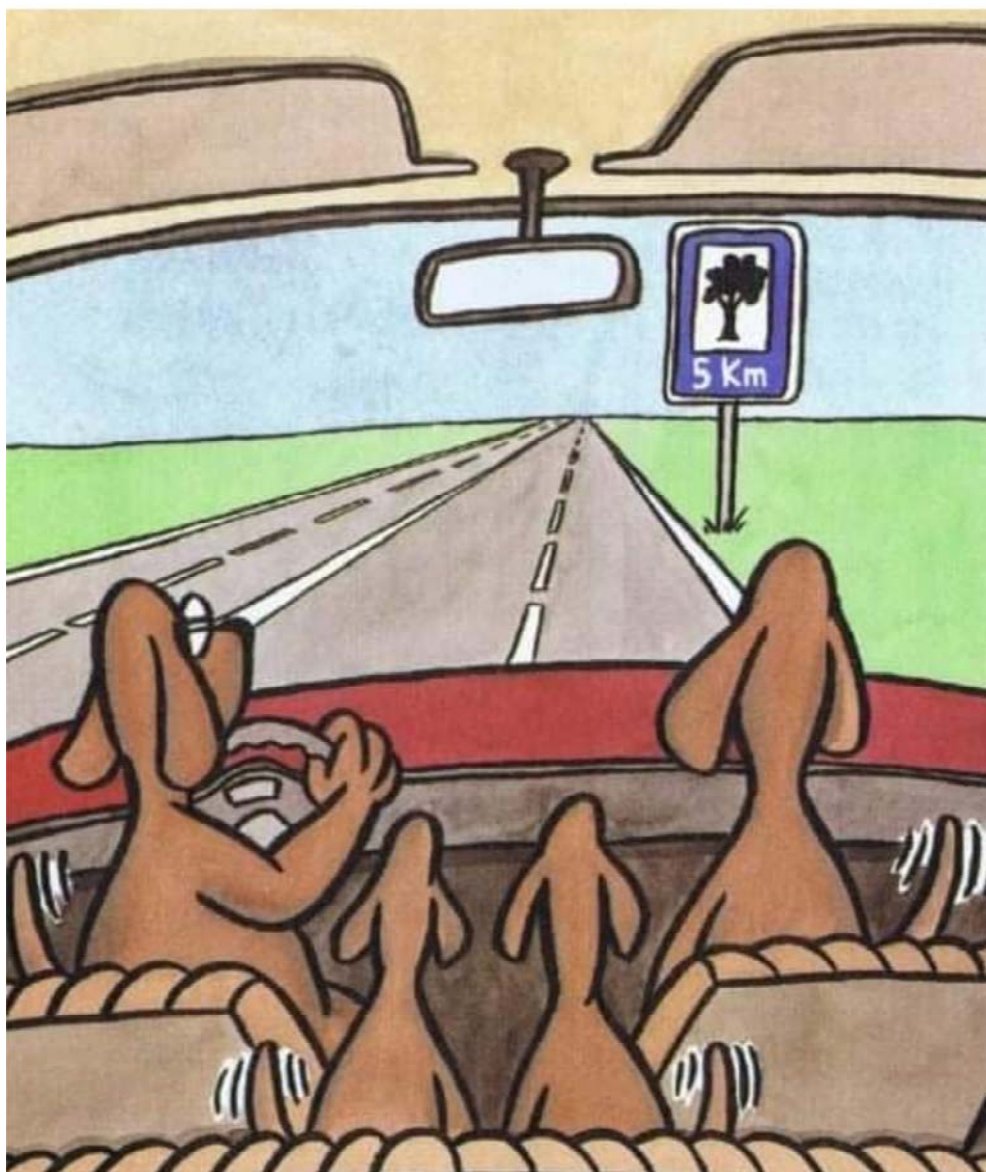
March 2023 Flygility Challenge course



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Toilets and rest area ahead. 🐱😂



RESULTS

Agility Teams – January

Division One

1	Mt Maunganui			
	Moro	Frazer Delamere	16.071	51.697
	Splash	Natasha Hoogstraten	17.194	
	J CH Geeva AD	Frazer Delamere	18.432	
2	Upper Hutt 1			
	Fleck	Erin Mulholland	17.497	55.537
	Tevis	Anne Packer	18.259	
	Smudge	Erin Mulholland	19.781	
3	Cambridge			
	Take	Lara Tompsett	18.69	56.415
	Minx	Christine Lansdaal	18.693	
	Onyx	Toni Joll	19.032	
4	Wairarapa			
	Panda	Joyce Sutton	20.861	65.336
	Pepper	Melanie Wyse	21.936	
	Tio JD	Elaine Herve	22.539	
5	CHB Orange Roughies			
	KC	Kay Griffiths	18.442	67.205
	Jinx	Lynette Sayers	21.741	
	Asti	Kim Loye	27.022	
6	CCATS			
	Maisy	Tyler Cooke	21.33	70.8
	Arnie	Debra Glennie	23.1	
	Teekatoo	Kathryn Snook	26.37	
7	Nelson 1			
	Bob JDX	Linda Humphries	21.894	81.898
	Clancy	Gretchen Rasch	28.303	
	Lia JDX ADX	Nartarsha Gorrie	31.701	
8	Tokoroa			
	Envy	Paul Needham	25.471	102.74
	Vogue ADXG JDX	Paul Needham	36.606	
	Tess	Tracey Trotter	40.658	

Above: Maisy from Canty CATS



Division Two

1	Hawkes Bay							
	Frankie JDX AD	Jacqueline Olley	17.521	59.005				
	Che ADXG JDX GD CGCG	Jacqueline Olley	20.724					
	Chester	Peggy Scott	20.76					
2	Rotorua DTC							
	Dara	Pamela Masters	17.849	59.916				
	Delta	Gloria Parkinson	20.614					
	Holly	Louise Sandford	21.453					
3	DAWG							
	Pip	Wendy Osmond	16.873	66.652				
	Tank	Cherie Picking	22.711					

	Chai	Marian Holman	27.068	
4	Waimak			
	Blitz	Hadassa Koessler	17.986	67.8
	Jinxie	Jackie Lassen	21.643	
	Tara	Jayne Arscott	28.171	
5	East BOP			
	Lucy	Trish Bush	22.53	69.62
	Mztique	Martin Bush	23.31	
	Prada	Una Forrester	23.78	
6	Blenheim 2			
	Joma	Sharon Jordan	19.334	72.546
	Rock It	Gillie Smith	22.705	
	Lou	Sue Gardiner	30.507	
7	Whangarei			
	Harmony	Catherine Brennan	22.294	78.842
	Bilbo ADXB JDX	Anne Cozens	26.847	
	Oaty	Martyn Brennan	29.701	
8	Tauranga 2			
	Zest JDX	Jude Doyle	15.115	79.069
	Snoop Dog AD JDX	Bernice Shearman	23.767	
	Shila	Helen Moorhead	40.187	
9	Whanganui			
	Lucy	Karen Forrest	21.65	81.6
	Reni	Olivia Prescott	29.12	
	Lily	Liz Cresswell	30.83	
10	Dog Sport Rotorua			
	Milly	Julie Sefton	26.03	100.2
	Chip	Raewyn Saville	34.89	
	Bobbie	Saskia Los	39.28	

FLYGILITY TEAMS – Standard

1	Taranaki BeeGees			
	Gus AD JDX	Lynn Pillette	28.024	
	Jordie JDX	Janice Aldridge		
	Kez TT1 FD	Angela Sands		
2	Blenheim Brusers			
	Joma	Sharon Jordan	31.07	
	Lou	Sue Gardiner		

	Shadow	Wendy Champion	
3	Upper Hutt Bombers		
	Murphy	Jayden Duff	32.67
	Shelby	Wayne Turner	
	Willow	Meren Curry	
4	Mounties		
	Lizzie FD	Dave Swinyard	33.32
	Kahli JD FD	Mandy Ward	
	Gypsy ADX JDX	Dave Swinyard	
5	Dog Sports Rotorua 1		
	Sophie	Debbie Trimbach	34.32
	Chip	Raewyn Saville	
	Jade	Pam Sharp	
6	Hawkes Bay Central 1		
	Betty	Chrissy Harris	34.84
	Lace JDX CGCG FD	Chrissy Harris	
	Chester	Peggy Scott	
7	Taranaki Hardcore		
	Chloe	Sarah Drummond	35.009
	FDCH Dazzle CDX WDX JD RN	Laurel Austin	
	Stella ADXB JDG	Linda Chandler	
8	Taranaki Blazers		
	Bonnie	Glenys Putt	35.607
	Flint	Wendy Pulman	
	Scooter	Jan Anderson	
9	Taranaki Harlequins		
	Nym	Estelle Low	38.592
	Holly	Sue Harrison	
	Fable	Estelle Low	
10	Dog Sports Rotorua 2		
	Bobbie	Raewyn Saville	41.97
	Koda	Tina Watt	
	Pansy	Raewyn Saville	

Flygility Teams – Challenge

1	Taranaki BeeGees		
	Gus AD JDX	Lynn Pillette	69.409
	Kez TT2	Angela Sands	
	FDCH Dazzle CDX	Laurel Austin	

2 Upper Hutt Bombers

Benji
Murphy
Shelby

Annet Forkink
Jayden Duff
Wayne Turner

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RallyO Teams - Standard

1	RallyO Canty	Sequel Zinc Sasuke	Peter de Wit Karen de Wit Rieko Ogawa	300	04:48.0
2	Whanganui DTC	Asti Rebo Beauden	Rhonda Campbell Rhonda Campbell Barbara James	300	04:56.2
3	Canterbury COC	Jessie Angus Harry	Yolanda Nuberg Fiona Scott Helen Scott	300	05:13.1
4	Hawkes Bay DTC	Lace JDX CGCG FD AD Indy	Chrissy Harris Dionne Robinson	300	05:19.8

		Betty	Chrissy Harris		
5	Hawera DTA	NZ Ch Abby Karrie CH Monty	Carol Galliers Diane Haydon Carol Galliers	300	05:59.8
6	Napier DTC	Sky Secret Dozer	Annabel Busby Annabel Busby Kathleen Graham	297	05:12.5
7	DAWG	Pip Eszty Chai	Wendy Osmond Marian Holman Marian Holman	297	06:11.8
8	Dog Sports Rotorua	Benni Sophie Fae	Debbie Trimbach Debbie Trimbach Saskia Los	295	06:35.2
9	Feilding DTC	Spy Ryder Mea	Christine Robertson Margaret Mearthur Brenna Graham	293	06:47.1
10	CHB RallyO	TeRe Ruby Fusion	Beverly Thomson Karen Hatfull Beverly Thomson	289	06:50.2
11	Blenheim CTC	Missy Arku Lou	Zoe Eld Joanne Worsley Sue Gardiner	288	11:20.0

