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# EDITORIAL

Heading towards winter, so what do you do as far as agility is concerned?

We don't have agility classes outdoors over the winter. We have found it a real hassle to try to identify those nights when we can train and those when the rain just keeps coming down, and let everyone know in time!

We are lucky in our area to have a local Riding for Disabled building that we can hire for a reasonable fee. It is a 25 x 35m arena with a sand/rubber chip mix, which is a nice soft surface, if a little dirty!! We are also lucky that the RDA let us store the equipment there over the winter which makes set up easy each week. Equipment cannot be pegged so we take sandbags to hold it down. Our weave has quite a broad base so that sits quite well in the sand.

**Remember that these courses are due for completion by end of JULY. That means you should be able to pick a day/morning/afternoon when it is pleasant enough to go down to club and have a go at it all!**

Last month our Club members combined NALA RallyO and agility together, running them both on the same day. It seemed to work quite well so we will do it again this month.

Enjoy the courses and articles contained within and see you next month,  
from Karen de Wit, NALA Editor.

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# JUNE/JULY- GAMES COURSE #2

## GAMBLERS

Gamblers is similar to Blackjack, which we played last month, in that there is a points accumulation period at the start of the game. Unlike Blackjack, where you are trying to get 21 points exactly, in Gamblers you are trying to get as many points as possible in 30 seconds or so.

At the end of the PAP, which is marked by a whistle/horn, you have to go and attempt a gamble, which is basically a distance challenge. The handler cannot go over a specified line, whilst the dog negotiates the obstacles on the other side of the line.

The aim is to formulate a plan where you finish the PAP at about the start of the gamble. To do this you need to know how many obstacles you can do in 30 seconds. On average you might take 30 seconds to complete a Novice course – which means you can do approx. 18 obstacles in that time. However if you do two weaves that will mean you can do less than 18 obstacles.

Enjoy playing this game - You have until end July to get results in.

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*Gonna try the Games???*

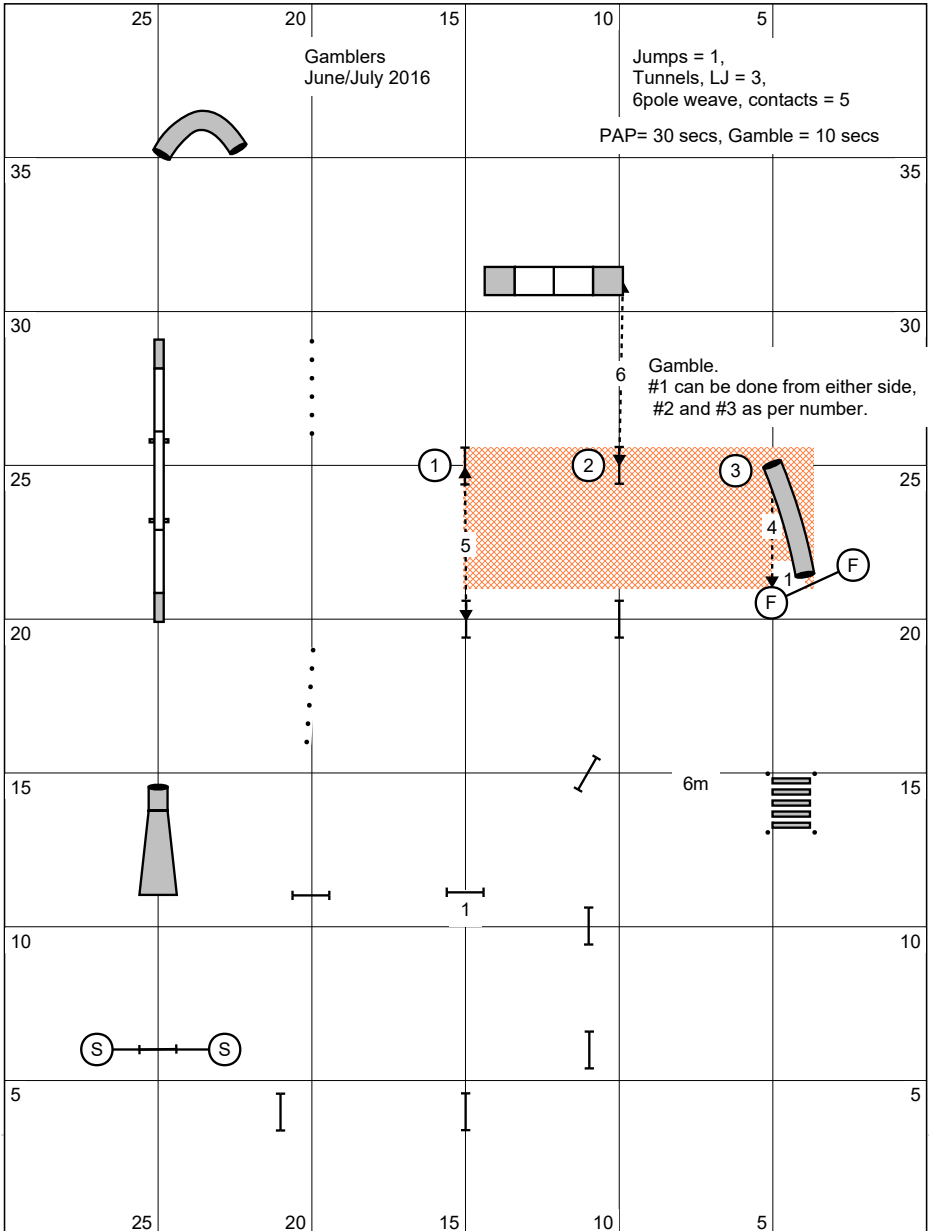
*If you want to take part in the games class please send a request to [kpde Witt@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kpde Witt@xtra.co.nz) and you will receive a standard results sheet and scrim sheets to use.*

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

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# June/July 2016

## Gamblers course



# June/July 2016

## Beginners & Vets course

### VETERANS RESULTS.

Sandra Mohekey has kindly offered to coordinate these results for the year. Sandra says:

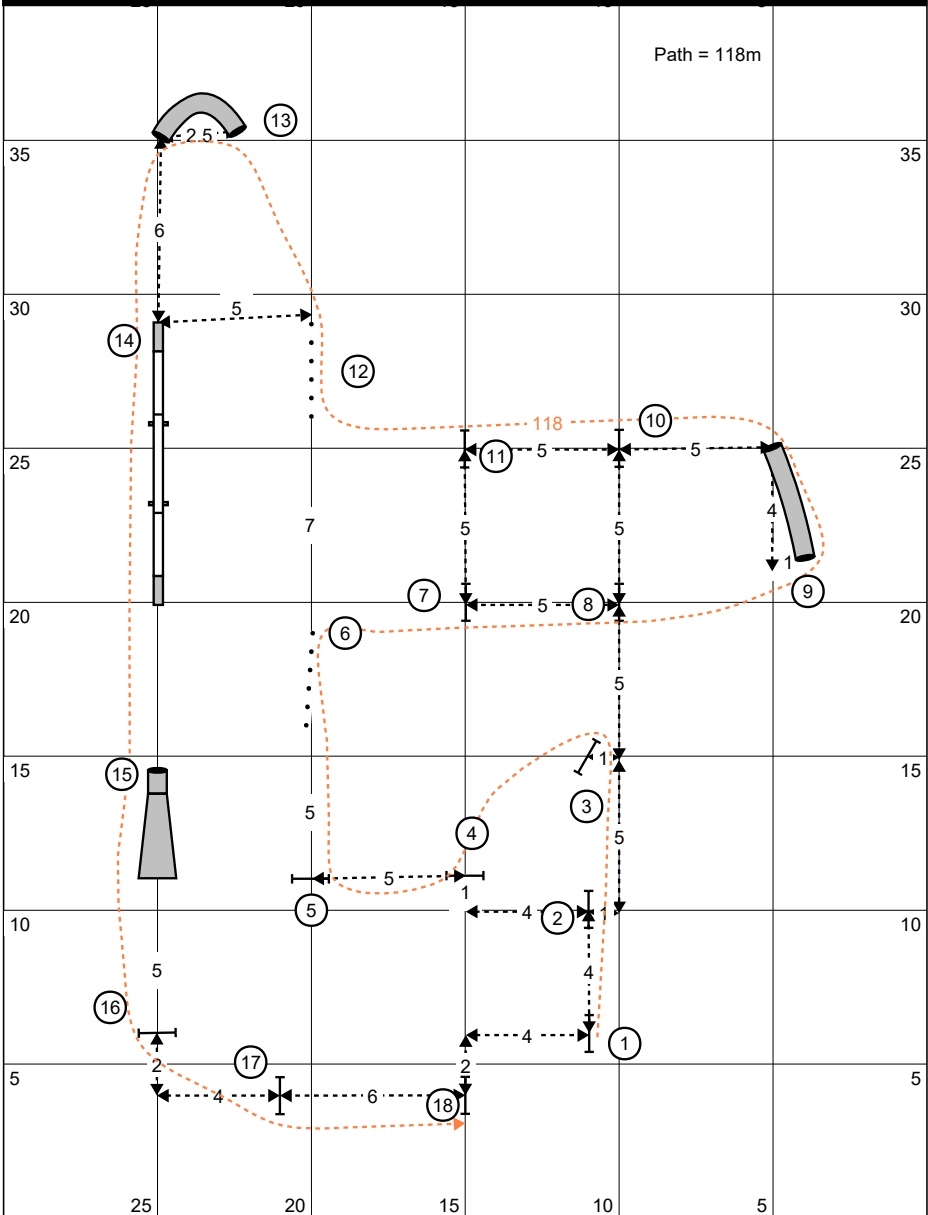
I have set up a spreadsheet to which club reps who have emailed results to Karen in the last while have access. An invitation has been sent out to you via googledocs. Please enter last month's (April) and this month's (May) in the appropriate slots. If you have not received an email and have veterans' results for me then share your email with me and I will add you. Any gaps in dogs' ages etc also need to be filled in. Cheers, Sandra

Sandra can be reached on: Sandra Mohekey (runaone@cheerful.com)

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# June/July 2016 course

Path length = 118m





# *Flygility*

*By Raewyn Saville*

IT'S AGM TIME.

Yes it is that time again when all the Activity and Hobby Clubs have their AGM's so that they meet the needs of the Incorporated Societies Act and their own Constitutions by advising the general public that they have collected money and spent money and run the Group for the benefit of their Members and with all funds being used to advance the Club's objectives. I am one of those lucky souls who really don't mind AGMs or meetings generally.

Especially when it is about subjects that are dear to my heart and Dog Training is one of those things. The first thing that comes to mind with AGMs is that the Committee and the Officers of the Club have spent twelve months battling away meeting the needs of the Club with next to no recognition of the time they dedicate to the job. It is a challenge in these busy times to find the opportunity to actually train your dog, without volunteering to do the hard yards and run the Club. So I think the first thing that should happen at AGMs is that an ordinary Club Member should stand up and thank those who have served out their year and worked for the Club and made it possible for that Club to achieve another year of operation. There should then be a standing ovation by the rest of the attendees. Getting people to stand for the Committee and Officers of the Club is probably the most difficult part of running any voluntary organisation. Most people don't think they are capable of doing it, and most Clubs do not mentor people to work alongside the current Officers so that there is an ongoing group of people ready to step up and move the Club ahead. No one individual or group should be the leaders continuously for years on end without any fresh blood coming into

the decision making arena.

When I am involved with AGMs I like to keep the General Business of the Club out of it. AGMs are not the place for individuals to air their gripes. They are designed to make the Executive of the Club tell the members what has happened during the past year, to show a set of accounts and to make it possible for individual members to question those reports and accounts. A simple majority vote allows the business to be passed. Then we have the Election of Officers. Now really this should be organised as to who is standing for what, prior to the AGM via a written proposal and seconder from within the membership. But as so often happens, there is a need to take nominations from the floor. I have known AGMs to be held up for ages because nobody comes forward even when the membership knows that a particular Office Holder is retiring from the job. We also have a need to look at any proper submissions for changes to rules and constitution that have been organised for discussions and perhaps change/inclusion of new stuff. This can be a bit time consuming, but if it is looking like turning into a bun fight then it needs to be put in the hands of a group who volunteer to investigate and rewrite the options. Make sure the people who vocally disagree are in this new Group set up especially to look at the changes. Then make a date for a Special General Meeting to deal with this issue alone. If you love the sport you do or whatever clubs you belong to, at some point you have to put your hand up and do your share of running that organisation. If you don't then who will? What will become of your Sport or Hobby? Volunteer to do it. Be on the Committee find out what makes the Club tick. You will learn a lot, you will be esteemed by your fellow Committee members and welcomed on board the team.

Some extra things can happen at AGMs because you have a fair bunch of your members together. A decent amount of snack food with a cup of tea, coffee or a cold drink, supplied by the Club prior to the meeting is a nice touch. If you do it well and it is free it tends to get bums on seat. Using that time while people are having a cuppa together to do the presentation of Trophies and prizes for the year also helps to warm people up to the sit down event.

After the AGM which should take between twenty minutes and half an hour, I like to run a General Meeting to plan the year ahead and listen to the gripes and sit the newly elected Executive/Committee members next to the outgoing individual/s and use it as a positive start to the new Club Year.

Which brings me to the AGM most on my mind at the moment...

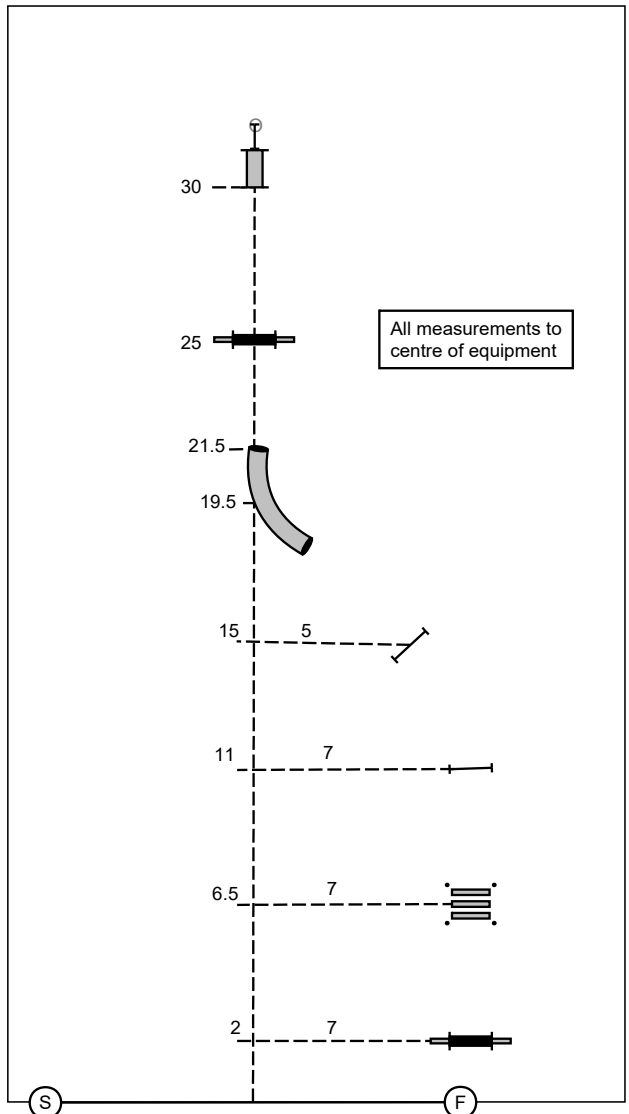
NEW ZEALAND FLYGILITY DOG ASSOCIATION (NZFDA) AGM will be held at the Dog Sports Rotorua Two Day event 30th 31st July.

The AGM will be held in the Dog Sports Clubrooms at Paradise Valley on Saturday evening 30th July

Come and join us for a Winter Fly Event and take part in the AGM

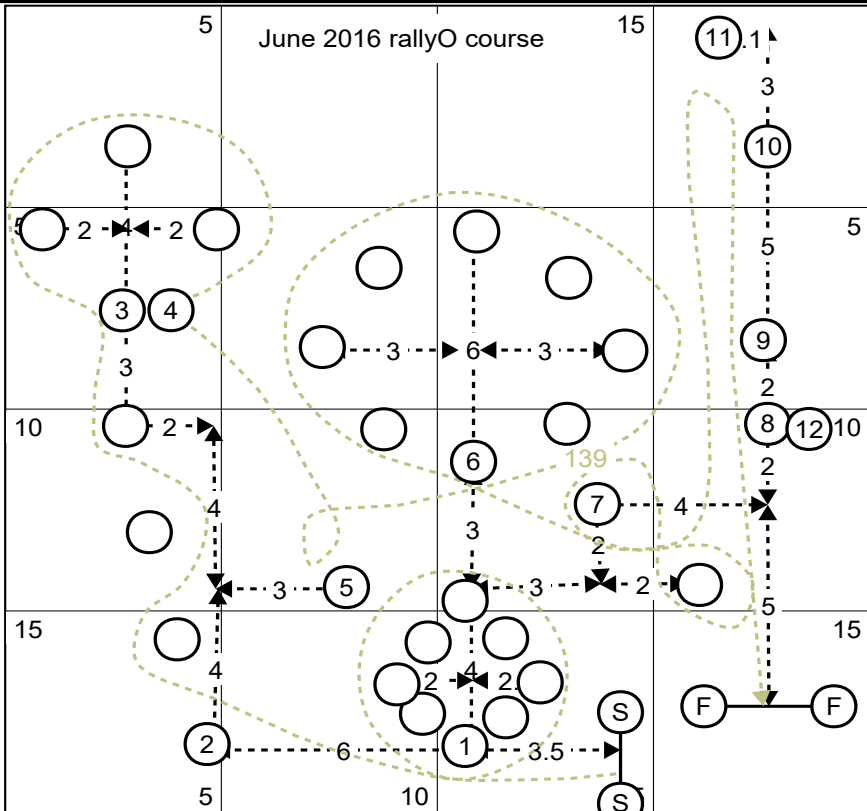
The total Organisation is run by an amazing fella, Allan Rohde - if you haven't heard of him you need to be there.

STANDARD FLYGILITY COURSE  
S024 - JUNE / JULY 2016  
Raewyn Saville



# New Zealand Association of Rally-O

May 2016



1. Circle right dog on outside (N2)
2. serpentine weave once (24)
3. Circle right dog on outside (N2)
4. left about turn (29)
5. 270 right turn (9)
6. circle left dog on inside (N3)
7. Figure of eight (N1)
8. call front finish left forward (14)
9. fast pace
10. normal pace
11. about turn right (7)
12. call front finish right forward (13)

# RESULTS

## RALLY-O

Pl	Club	Team members	Score	Time
1	Mt Maunganui	Fiona Denton & Promise, Anne Proctor & Khia, Sue Andresen & Queen	100.0	275.600
2	Wanganui DTC	Betsy Gleeson & Flint, Betsy Gleeson & Trace, Betsy Gleeson & Suede	100.0	278.250
3	Upper Hutt	Karen De Wit & Dee, Jane Aukett & Holly, Gillian Cruickshank & Sky	100.0	279.125
4	Norwest DTC	Rosalind Walkington & Emma, Rebecca McKay & Cricket, Natalee Cartwright & Sadie	100.0	281.620
5	Sth Rangitikei	Barbara James & Shaylar, Barbara James & Finn, Barbara James & Gemma	100.0	287.740
6	Hawkes Bay	Dot Janssen & Jana, Lorraine Lennox & Jantsee, Peggy Scott & Kimba	100.0	295.851
7	Canterbury COC	Kelly Walker & Gael, Kelly Walker & Kep, Helen Scott & Mac	100.0	299.100
8	Sunshine Whk	Helen Barnes & Cookie, Trish Funnell & Bryn, Maria van Beek & Buddy	100.0	336.520
9	Central ADTS	Jan Voss & Halley, Rachel Hamilton-Williams & Scout, Johanna Mennell & Ruby	99.0	325.300

# AGILITY

## Division 1

1 Cambridge	Pearl AD JDX	Graeme JEFFERIES	19.348	60.477
	Millie ADX	Graeme JEFFERIES	19.441	
	Vogue	Paul NEEDHAM	21.688	
2 Upper Hutt 1	Ali	Peter de WIT	18.541	60.693
	Finn	Karen de WIT	19.309	
	Holly	Jane AUKETT	22.843	
3 Central HB	Breeze	Catherine HARTY	20.124	62.498
	Loose	Kim LOYE	20.951	
	Fly	Catherine HARTY	21.423	
4 Mt Maunganui 1	Wish	Deb JACKSON	21.640	65.786
	Cheeky	Deb JACKSON	21.852	
	Myer JD ADX	Frazer DELAMERE	22.294	
5 Wairarapa	Brazil	Dianne REID	21.327	67.211
	Blast	Ana WORKMAN	22.253	
	Milly	Caragh BRIGGS	23.631	
6 Blenheim 1	Q	Sheryl VINCENT	21.847	67.253
	Ninja	Nic FURBY	22.215	
	Finn	Sandra GOODWIN	23.191	
7 Counties	Buzz ADX S	Chris CHARLTON	20.402	67.344
	Peaches	Chris CHARLTON	23.102	
	Pitch	Anna SNELL	23.840	
8 Mangawhai	Mist JDX ADX	Erin BALL	21.300	67.470
	Claire	Erin BALL	22.097	
	Belle	Carol TAYLOR	24.073	

9 East BOP	Joy JDX ADX	Tina MITCHELL	20.280	73.690
	Jelo	Una FORRESTER	25.410	
	Rogue JDX	Trish BUSH	28.000	

## Division2

1 Mt Maunganui	Geeva	Frazer DELAMERE	18.413	57.243
	Queen	Sue ANDRESEN	19.376	
	Rojo JD	Malcolm WARD	19.454	
2 Hawkes Bay	Roxy	Campbell LIST	18.367	57.807
	QuBa	Colleen O'CONNOR	19.021	
	Scenic	Daryl HOGG	20.419	
3 Selwyn	Kemo	Steve TANSEY	20.892	63.709
	Chynah	Sue NEALE	21.271	
	Radar	Meredith EVANS	21.546	
4 Nelson 2	Lia JDX	Nartarsha GORRIE	21.171	74.477
	Hanna JD	Lizzi GILLARD	25.107	
	Maggie AD JDX	Lola ANDERSON	28.199	
5 CCATS	TCh Baz	Helen LAPPIN	22.580	74.740
	Viper	Kathryn SNOOK	25.790	
	Pippi	Sandra McHUGH	26.370	
6 North Shore	FdCh Bess	Dave SWINYARD	25.255	76.802
	Cassidy	Jacqui WIGMORE	25.527	
	Tua Terminator	Jacqui WIGMORE	26.020	
7 Sth Canterbury	Ziggy	Jenny D'ARCY	27.297	85.285
	Jay	Shelley SISSON	28.957	
	Riki	Kate BUTLER	29.031	

8 Akarana	Molly	William PEARCE	27.370	88.290
	Molly	Tony CRUMP	30.360	
	Belle	Trisha TOAN	30.560	

### Division3

1 Huntly	Teal	Kim ORLANDO-REEP	22.240	72.140
	Ruby	Cherie HANCOCK	24.400	
	Sam	Brenda COLEMAN	25.500	
2 Whangarei	Misty	Barbara PROUT	25.810	81.620
	D'Art	Ann KENNY	27.340	
	Bilbo	Anne COZENS	28.470	
3 Blenheim 3	Rebel	Sandra GOODWIN	28.345	92.315
	Heidi	Sandra GOODWIN	28.751	
	Mindy	Jennifer EVEREST	35.219	
4 Canterbury COC	Sno	Robyn SANDERS	23.143	102.010
	Wouldhe	Robyn SANDERS	38.013	
	Abi	Robyn SANDERS	40.854	
5 Whanganui 3	Mikie	Bill STEWART	33.640	168.670
	Lucy	Bruce LACEY	49.750	
	Molly FD	Bruce LACEY	85.280	

### Division4

1 Upper Hutt 4	Smudge	Erin MULHOLLAND	23.011	81.621
	Taco	Darren LILLEY	24.021	
	Cameo	G CRUICKSHANK	34.589	
2 South Rangitikei	Blaze JDX ADX	Lynda CUMMINS	24.338	84.347
	Shaylar CDX S	Barbara JAMES	29.876	
	Fya JDX ADXB	Lynda CUMMINS	30.133	



3	Hawera 4	Typhoon	Chris MOODY	23.459	90.813
		Riley	Vivienne PERT	32.181	
		Laddie AD JD	Michelle SOWERBY	35.173	
4	CHB Orange Roughies	Willow	Julie GOODWIN	28.315	93.327
		Black Lace	Jo-Anne STEED	29.404	
		Beau	Rhys TIDSWELL	35.608	
5	Tauranga 4	Oliver	Kate AUDAS	29.255	96.850
		Dottie	Rozie DUNFORD	30.211	
		Fern	Jocelyn JENSEN	37.384	
6	APGSDL	Indi	Nicki OADE	28.010	126.810
		Riecher	Nicki OADE	48.180	
		Prue	Iryll FINDLAY	50.620	
7	Norwest	Pippa	Colleen LAUDER	36.847	140.821
		Lass	Colleen LAUDER	43.986	
		Floyd	Joan McFARLANE	59.988	
8	Dog Sport Rotorua	Boo	Raewyn SAVILLE	39.350	148.690
		Sophie	Debbie TRIMBACH	52.840	
		Tyson	Katie DOUTHETT	56.500	
9	Nelson 4	Bob	Jess ROSS	43.329	149.252
		Peppa	Martin STEYN	44.226	
		Mitzi	Dot PARSONS	61.697	

# FLYGILITY

1	Counties Buzzing Along	30.395	Buzz ADX Silver. Chi FDCH Quick JD	Chris CHARLTON Anna SNELL Margaret ANDERSON
2	Top DAWG	31.309	Rebel Flint Seeka	Joanne KILMISTER Alannah KNAPP Rebecca SIDWELL
3	Hawkes Bay 1	32.066	Misty QuBa Roxy	Chrissy HARRIS Colleen O'CONNOR Campbell LIST
4	Taranaki BeeGees	32.640	Brie Dazzle Blue	Sharon SCHMIDT Laurel AUSTIN Lynn PILLETTE
5	Wairarapa 1	33.115	Brazil Blast Tasman	Dianne REID Ana WORKMAN Sharleen DRUMMOND
6	Mangawhai Flyers	34.190	Meg JD FD Belle Mist JDX ADX	Annette FLANNAGAN Carol TAYLOR Erin BALL
7	Wairarapa 3	35.506	Fern JDX Sam Misty JD FD	Caragh BRIGGS Stacie CLARK Sharleen DRUMMOND
8	Wairarapa 2	36.473	Milly JDX ADX Si PhamTim Rusty	Caragh BRIGGS Ana WORKMAN Stacie CLARK
9	Counties Pitcher Perfect	36.652	Jasper Nifty Nev Pitch	Carol MARRIOTT Marie PEARMAN Anna SNELL
10	North Shore	37.340	FdCh Bess FDX Chica FdGrCh Dash	Dave SWINYARD Barbara CONNAUGHTON Kay UNGEMUTH
11	Hawkes Bay 2	37.661	Hemi Rosie Treason	Gillian PETERSON Heather McGRANNACHAN Campbell LIST
12	Ball fighters	37.810	Fd CH Echo Finn Niko ADXAg JDX	Nichola COLE Barbara JAMES Sandra MOHEKEY

13 Deputy DAWG	39.285	Sage Zoe Zephyr ADXB JDX	Joanne KILMISTER Joanne KILMISTER Marian HOLMAN
14 Wairarapa 4	39.784	Honey Spy Whizz	Caragh BRIGGS Sharleen DRUMMOND Debbie PATERSON
15 Feildabull	39.910	Shadow FD Shaylar CDX S FDCH Pulse	Nichola COLE Barbara JAMES Sandra MOHEKEY
16 Taranaki Harlequins	39.932	Gympie Diaz Bella	Laurel AUSTIN Rae MAYHEAD Lynn PILLETTE
17 Dog Sports Rotorua 1	40.940	Meg Sophie Boo	Katie DOUTHETT Debbie TRIMBACH Raewyn SAVILLE
18 Hawkes Bay 4	41.305	Jana Scallywag Scarlett	Dot JANSSEN Jackie OLLEY Dot JANSSEN
19 Mountain Flyers	41.480	Grace Willow Jess	Sandra BANKS Sandra BANKS Judy TOWERS
20 CHB Midgets	42.393	Dot Jack AD FD Taku	Jill PAYNE Chris ROSS Chris ROSS
21 Mangawhai 2	43.460	Breeze ADX JDX Speed Razzle AD JD	Annette FLANNAGAN Erin BALL Annette FLANNAGAN
22 Waimak 1	48.533	Pebbles Saffy Ruby	Leeanne RUSSELL Jacki LASSEN Chris KNOWLES
23 Waimak 2	58.650	Quiz ADXG JDX FD Radler Angel	Roselle BREMMERS Anne GODFREY Chris KNOWLES
24 Counties Scooting Along	59.405	Jacques JDX ADX Scooter Shanti AD JD CGC	Marie PEARMAN Sylvia LORD Gabi KUSTER
25 Unforgettabull	77.100	Jordy ADX CDX G Holly Pepsi FD	Barbara JAMES Wendy COLE Nichola COLE
26 Counties Jiggers	83.586	Bolt TCQ	Allan ROHDE

27 Hawkes Bay 3	5555	Bounce Jag Biggie Nitro Pepper	Marie WALES Elaine ROHDE Chrissy HARRIS Gillian PETERSON Heather McGRANNACHAN
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## **Dogs are not wolves by Eva Cadario**

I enjoyed reading Raewyn Saville's article "Keeping up with Ian Gray" in the April 2016 edition of the National Agility Link Association publication. I had no idea that we owe the wonderful sport of flygility to him (and to the adventurous dog who fetched a ball over an A-frame). I was, however, perturbed when I read about their conversation about domination of the dog. The description of the use of "strong rope to forcibly make the dog compliant" has stayed with me.

This was clearly a conversation between two animal enthusiasts, who will have their dogs' best interest at heart. However, intent and outcome are not always the same thing. This publication is being read by people who are actively involved in dog training, and I felt it was important to offer an alternative view on the use of force and the need to "dominate" your dog, so that your readers can access a range of opinions.

In order for this not to come across as merely a personal "opinion piece", I have summarised below the Australian RSPCA's view on dominance training (which can be accessed in full on [http://kb.rspca.org.au/What-is-the-RSPCAs-view-on-dominance-dog-training\\_475.html](http://kb.rspca.org.au/What-is-the-RSPCAs-view-on-dominance-dog-training_475.html)), which appears to have been derived from the findings of modern research:

In recent years, old-fashioned dog training methods that support 'dominance' models of dog behaviour have become popular again. It was thought that wolves live in hierarchical packs with the alpha wolf at the top, and that dogs evolved from wolves and also live in hierarchical

packs and see us (humans) as part of their pack. Dominance theory assumes that most unwanted behaviour is due to the dog trying to be 'dominant' or wanting to be the alpha dog in the pack. Therefore, dominance theory suggests that the way to solve many behavioural problems such as aggression is to establish dominance as pack leader over the dog.

However, many of these assumptions turned out to be incorrect. While wolves and dogs have a common ancestor, dogs are not wolves. What's more, most early research about wolf behaviour was conducted by studying captive wolves. It was these studies that generated the idea of 'packs' with the alpha male at the top of the hierarchy. But more recent studies of wolf groups in the wild show that they tend to live in families. Dominance contests in such family packs are rare and the breeding pair is able to maintain group harmony without aggression.

It is now widely recognised by animal behavioural specialists that dogs that use aggression towards humans or other dogs are not trying to be 'dominant'. Rather, the aggression is usually the result of social confusion, frustration, fear, anxiety or learning.

The 'dominance' model for dog behaviour poses serious dog welfare problems. Aversive training techniques such as 'alpha rolls', staring the dog down or other confrontational methods and punishment can cause fear, pain and distress to dogs. Furthermore, dominance training methods are not scientifically proven to be effective. Aversive methods can harm the relationship and bond between a human and their dog.

The RSPCA's position is that dogs should be trained using programs that are designed to develop and maintain acceptable behaviours using positive reinforcement, and that aversion therapy and physical punishment procedures must not be used in training programs because of the potential for cruelty.



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