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EDITORIAL
by Karen de Wit



Autumn is well and truly here, and although the temperatures have not dropped too much yet, the wet weather has arrived and the lawn is very soft. Muddy footprints have returned and I am reminded why it is not a good idea to let your dogs jump up on you!! Finn uses me like a trampoline especially in the mornings—it is lucky I don't have an office job or I would have to change into something decent when I got to work!!

Over April we had some great contrasts in our dog events from the Horowhenua event (with hardly any duck poo this time which was a relief) to the South Rangitikei ribbon trial over Easter weekend (which was really well supported with the biggest line to enter I have ever seen at any local event!) as well as NZARO Rally at Wanganui with the first “airing” of the proposed Handy dog signs, and finally the national Dog Show at Feilding. This year the weather man decided that Feilding would get more than its fair share of rain in April, so the event was held Friday/Saturday at Timona Park and then shifted to Manfeild Sunday. I thoroughly enjoyed the first two days, the weather was good and just about everyone pitched in and gave Mike a hand running the event. Although personally clear rounds eluded me, there were plenty who had a great weekends and one of those was Natasha & Jonty who celebrated by achieving their Ag Gr Ch!

On the home front the pups continue to make progress towards their agility debut in October, OMG that is getting soooooo close! Have had fun experimenting with different methods of getting the contacts, I have decided that asking the dog to do something that goes against its nature is pointless (Sorry Tana it took me too long to understand that stopping was the LAST THING you wanted to do and a running Aframe contact suits you just fine) so after a few experiments I hope that what we are doing now is something they like, and will do consistently in the ring! Will let you know! In the meantime I hope you get time to do agility in between the raindrops. Have fun!

Top Ärf Report—by Kim Orlando-Reep.

WAG April 2/3

Wag definitely benefited from moving its event to the beginning of April, with good weather and entries and enjoyable courses. I managed to persuade my partner Tim to come along and scime, as he's done for the last 15 years for so....there's always some discussion about the comparative merits of running around in circles for 35 seconds with a dog at your heels (if you're lucky) compared with walking miles over challenging terrain, trying to hit a tiny ball into a minuscule hole from a great distance with a thin stick (I think it's called questioning your religious beliefs).

It's always interesting to have courses built by out of town judges, and in this case it was Teresa Ford and Carl Ranford, who together with "locals" Allan Rohde and Fiona Hodgson kept us entertained over the weekend. Several combinations had multiple wins including Vicki Wilson, who had a really memorable two days with Blitzen winning all three of the Novice Maxi classes. Not bad for a pound dog! Charlotte Rundgren and Gun picked up 2 Intermediates, and Chelsea cleaned up the 3 senior classes, with Elaine Rohde and Windi hot on her heels. However, Elaine and Windi won the First Intermediate. - just in front of Chelsea. Even Spider performed well having transformed from her previous default persona – 5 faults, fastest time (Surprising what a little bit of training can do...)

Kawerau April 16/17

Despite being at the back end of nowhere, Kawerau is a most popular venue and shows are always well supported and exceedingly well run, despite the club's small number of active members, some of whom seemed to work tirelessly for the whole weekend. Great to see so many members from other clubs helping out and the show running so smoothly, although with Tina Mitchell as show manager, it wouldn't dare do anything else! The grounds are close to the centre of town, so handy for New World – should you find yourself short of provisions (or alcohol) but the outstanding benefit is the wonderful free pools almost next door.

Arriving on Friday in beautiful weather did not prepare anyone for Saturday's rain, which had been forecast, but there's always the hope that the forecasters have got it wrong. The best moment on Saturday was undoubtedly sinking into the blissful heat of the hottest of the pools, washing away the mud, cold and copious amount of dog hairs and slobber and putting the (agility) world to rights.....

Sunday dawned warm and dry – great for drying all those wet clothes...The rain also caused a glitch with the timers, necessitating Sunday's scrimmer to lurk in the middle of the ring holding the con-

sole.....good distraction training for the dogs. The judges set some interesting and enjoyable courses, I especially enjoyed the 3 Intermediates, although the last, judged by Keri Neilsen, seemed to cause a few problems despite appearing deceptively simple. It was great to catch up with Heather Drewett from Christchurch who always proves that it's possible to look interesting and elegant while judging and running dogs - (something I'll never achieve!) Martin Bush's courses frequently involve being creative with tunnels and he achieved this in the last Novice and Jumpers C 2, both of which were fun to run. Jumpers C produced some blistering runs, including the winning one for Eduard Hampsters dog Tiba. He also got 2nd in Starters 3, a brilliant debut for a lovely young heading dog. Christine Wallace, who beat him with Dallas, also won Jumpers C1 Maxi and had a 2nd placing. Cambridge are in fine form at the moment with Mark Wilson picking up a first and the Jeffries/Cameron contingent winning Jumpers B and Novice with Millie and Pearl, and Alice in the money with Ace. Not sure what Zone she's from, but a dog which has obviously benefited from the splits is Kate Last's mini cocker spaniel Gunn, who picked up no less than 5 firsts in the Starters, Novice and C Jumpers. Chelsea dominated Senior (just for a change) <G> but congratulations to Nick Chester on winning his first challenge with Edge.

Counties Easter Show

Ever since I joined Counties I've been impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment put into the club by all the members, many of whom who work quietly behind the scenes (like Breakie – and others too numerous to mention) With plenty of helpers it does make it easier to run shows, but there's still a huge workload especially running extra classes like tunnellers, YKC and Dash for Cash. With Easter occurring later, the weather wasn't quite as warm, but fortunately the storms which swept the North Island waited until Monday, which I think exceptionally good organisation!

Highlights included "Dash for Cash" sponsored by Roger Van Heunen who designed and judged 3 original courses, keeping handlers on their toes. The final is always a nailbiter with the other classes stopping to showcase the final 25 rounds and the result not known until the very end.

The YKC was well supported and there were some talented performances from children just starting to compete, some of them sons and daughters of well known suspects, having their first run. Difficult to say who enjoyed it more – the children or their parents! I'm pleased they have their own class; now I don't have to suffer being beaten by pyjama cases I have no wish to be further damaged psychologically by being relegated to obscurity in a line up of 7 year olds.

By far the most enjoyable and exciting event of the weekend was the Tunnellers held after Prize giving on Saturday and so well supported that it went on long after dark. I suspect that some handlers were fuelled by a little more than a teatime snack and a slurp of beverage....but this event always brings some interesting dogs out of the woodwork as it caters for all, including the very young and the very old (dogs I mean, not handlers) There were some spectacular performances, too many to mention, but it was enjoyed by all - competitors and spectators alike.

I was in two minds about running my Ridgeback Sabik, as she has a warped sense of

humour and it had been a very long day running 4 dogs. However, I was pleasantly surprised, as after having good look inside the entrance to the first tunnel to see if there were any lions lurking within (thus getting D'd) she proceeded to go round clear – greatly helped by the fact that her size slowed her down sufficiently for me to keep up! And talking of warped senses of humour and coming out of the woodwork – the judge was one of my favourites – the inimitable Alan Willox. We were treated to a large variety of judges over the weekend. With Keri Neilsen (replacing Beth Oliver) John Muir and Katherine Spicer, we also had a couple from out of the area, Carole Logan and Graeme Lawson (who very nearly got sent home with a puppy <G>)

Difficult to mention everyone with all the splits, but Paddy Ashley (Countieees) had a great weekend with Zipp, and Chris Richardson, who was in charge of the scoring and produced the amazing revolving results screens, also found time to win a Novice Maxi with King. Annette Flannagan with Lace picked up her first Challenge with the only clear in Senior 1, and more Ohutu success with Jinny Gailey dominated the placings with 4th to 6th inclusive and 3rd to 6th inclusive in 2 Novice Midis. Keri Neilsen won both Jumpers A and Senior 2 with Rain in between judging 3 classes. Cambridge continued it's successes with the Wilsons and Jeffries families both recording wins, and Lou Baker had 2 wins in Intermediate mini.

Prizegiving highlight was the number of ribbons awarded in Starters, Novice and Jumpers C – with some interesting expressions on the faces of some competitors who thought they're bombed out! Also Top Dog ribbons for all levels donated by the ribbon makers. Deb Jackson won the Dash for Cash – with Rosemary Baker's Border Terrier highest finishing Starter dog.

Lower North Report-by Sandra Mohekey

Saturday 16th April – Wellington Hurri-canines Flygility

This fly tournament with an NZARO add on was held at Noeline and Sharon's place at Otaki. The location was lovely; it was the first time I'd been to the Wagener Residence and I admired the convenient location, just a short drive to the outlet shops! But after a "sun block required" morning the afternoon weather was rather dampening. And one had to constantly be wary of stepping in a poodle, no, maybe I mean puddle. Actually the grounds held up well despite the steadily falling rain and, as always, the show went on. Those who could visited the café/garage often to shelter and buy some of the nice cooking on offer or a raffle ticket. The competition was fierce with some go hard northerners down to offer some new challenges. Rebecca's dogs ran off against each other in the pairs finals – a good position to be in as she was going to win whatever happened. In the end Rebecca and Seeka with Ana and Blast beat Rebecca and Mya with Rae and Song.

In Beginners in the first race big black hairy maybe-flatcoat Eddie ran off against big black hairy definite-flatcoat Edon and Edon managed to keep the jumps up despite

her enthusiastically erratic jumping style. I was happy that she was enjoying herself as her hips aren't good enough for agility and she hates not being able to play that game any more. Niko has also started fly and the way he screams on the start line is really funny to see – especially since he still works silently in agility. Elaine's Merlin made his points total up to 20, he just needs a few more Intermediate points for his FD. Ana and her better half George had an incredibly successful first tournament – they even had to run off against each other. We all admired Blast's excitement at the box; he did a reasonably complete flip. In the end Ana and Blast won Beginners whilst Ana and Smudge were semi-finalists. Darn multiple dog owners! George and Mr Gee were semi-finalists in both Intermediate and Advanced. I'm sure these teams will be back for more!

Friday April – South Rangitikei Ribbon

The Good Friday timing, warm weather and ADX on offer made for a very busy day for the club. There was even a split in C! It was also a long day, despite running two rings and having some nestled courses. Thank you to all those who helped us set up and run rings, and a special thank you to Penny, Mike and Robin who helped us at the results table to write-up certificates when our human computer was over-whelmed by the task. A pleasing number of people went home with ADX certificates, including Rod with his last and me with my first. It was lovely to see so many new dogs in the ring; including Louise's and Angela's. Penny had her new puppy at the show and she and Pulse had a lovely game, despite the size difference! I had a go at judging elementary and according to Wendy, who was screaming, I made a few interesting hand signals. When she asked what they meant I explained they were "Go away you annoying biting insects!" and "Gosh it's hot, I think I'm sweating under my hat. Yes, I am." Wonder if they'll catch on? Wonder if I'll ever be allowed to judge again? A big thank you to Sharon and Noeline for helping me set up elementary. Also thanks to Lloyd for his great photos which accompany this article.

As the Nationals have only just finished – a couple of hours ago as I write this - I won't include them this time. Quite frankly I'm exhausted! However, if you want to see some great pictures go to Avalon@avalonpics.com.





HOGAN

Aged: 13 years 8 months.

On a sadder note, amongst the agility dogs we have farewelled lately was Nicola Hanratty's amazing German Shepherd "Hogan". Hogan was at one time a world record holder for his breed in the weave pole challenge and was, especially considering his size, incredibly fast

around an agility ring. He won out of Novice on his home club grounds when he was ten - those damn contacts! He loved agility so much he would run with anyone- and he didn't have a wait! The main danger of running him was stopping; if you did he ran back to you barking madly and trying to grab your clothes. This was enough to ensure most people didn't stop! He was popular with both handlers and dogs.

He was never an Agility Champion but certainly thought he was—he never even got an A towards ADX, and was lucky to get past obstacle 2!! Career highlights were any clear round—he retired with a whole 20!! But he was the coolest dog in the world. We will all miss him. RIP Hogan.

2011 World Agility Open championships, May 13-15.

For those who cannot attend in person, there will be posting running orders, courses, and results on the WAO website as the event happens. These details will be provided in real time; that is; you will have access to the courses at the same time they are given to the competitors.

Go <http://www.worldagilityopen.com/> and select Results from the menu on the left.

If you would like to watch the action on your computer, there will be livestreaming video available during the event, and on-demand video available both during the event and after the event.

Canterbury Tails by Sue McKee, Teezsa, Rez and Switch

Orari 2nd & 3rd April 2011

A lot of HZ4'ers travelled to this event, always popular due to its location in the paddocks at Orari, amongst the sheep poo and this year there was a bit of stubble on the ground. I thought my old dog had had a stroke on the Saturday, as she was walking very strangely, only to make a miraculous recovery once she got home, so can only assume that the stubble was hurting her feet. I did hear a number of competitors saying that their dogs were feeling the rough-cut stubble, never mind, they did cope. The humans all had a wonderful time with several camping out or in campervans. No jumpers at this event, maybe next year.

Selwyn Dog Training Club 16/17 April 2011

Brr, it turned cold - after an almost tropical week of sunshine and warm temperatures, the southerly came up from way down there and brought us some rain. The last run on Sunday - Starters - was extremely unpleasant for runners/call stewards etc and poor Steve Chester our judge who had to stand out in it. The rest of the weekend the drizzle came along off and on, but late on Sunday the southerly really came to town and blew and the temperature dropped considerably. Heaps of awesome runs in this event, with Jade Kelly and Kip (Young Gun) and Glenn Ziarno and Crystal and Roselle Bremmers and Quiz (not so young guns) moving up to Jumpers A. So many good runs, too many to name, nice courses although Steve's intermediate from what I recall was a wee bit tricky and caused mainly Eliminations.

I must mention the ladies in the clubhouse at this event, cheerfully making soup, scones and other niceties, always friendly and cheerful. We really enjoyed the hot food and the freshly made scones were a real winner. You guys are unsung heroes, thank you!

Yours truly managed a 3rd placing in Jumpers C with my youngster unfortunately not a split class, although it had been the day before, otherwise that would have been a win for me as I was the first Maxi home, bit of a bummer as it was all due to the too few minis/micros, not the numbers in midi and maxi. Not sure how to get around this problem, as it really is luck as to whether you get a split or not dependent on those small dogs and so many have now graduated during the early days when there were splits in C, and none are coming on stream to replace them ... best get me a little dog!

CCATS Easter Weekend 23/24 April

Crikey, it was hot. We weren't really expecting to need to take the cool coats for the dogs and tee-shirts and shorts for the humans but we did need them. Lovely courses by our judges Irene Lock, Martin Trimble and Nick Chester, the ones I did were great and very appropriate for the level. Helen Lappin was at the helm keeping the show running and she did a marvellous job with early finishes both days. An awesome raffle as seems to have become the norm for the CCATS event with lots of Easter eggs and cosmetics. The prizes had a component of Easter eggs also and

pretty coloured ribbons. Some classes were split and others not, dependent on the number in the Mini/micro class with Jumpers C on day one split and not on the second day. I did notice the line-up in the second unsplit Jumpers C was made up of midis and minis with not a maxi in sight until 7th place I think.

Central Bark By Linley Barrett, Kliff & Fluke

Nelson Ribbon Trial - 30th April

Weather gods were on our side, almost a little too much. Most of us were down to tee-shirts and it got very hot in the afternoon. Joanne Rennell came to judge for us and she did a wonderful job of stacking the courses, so changeovers were very quick with little effort required. Small numbers in the Senior event due to some unable to attend because of the Nationals etc. Nic and Tarsh from Blenheim absent as well. Senior went to Kliff and I, Intermediate to Jo Rushbrooke and little Sky. Mini Maggie and Lola Anderson – Novice and Starters went to Dru and Jen Calder (Go Flatcoats!).

Great Jumpers courses. With no Tarsh (yes our numero uno A dog) there was no JA, but C and B were great fun to run. Always like the jumpers courses, it gives the dogs a chance to have a good run in places. JB went to Kliff and I and Karen Dunlea and Duke won the JC. Congrats to Lizzi Gillard and Eva for getting a 3rd placing. Eva's first ribbon I think.

Elementary A went to another (but not as fuzzy) Beardie, Vinnie (Anita Pearless) and the B level to Leslie Herrick and wee Carlie (West Highland White).

Just heard the sad news that we have lost one of our 'originals'. Chris Henderson lost her lovely Huntaway Jess. An honest girl that we used to swear knew how to count the numbers around the course! She saved Chrissie's butt on so many occasions that it became standard practice to tease Chris about. Thinking of you at this sad time.

Blenheim Ribbon Trial – 1st May

Thanks to Sandra for sending me the details. Sheryl won Starters with her young boy Q and also ran Jane's goldie oldie, Diva (who was left behind while Jane took the younger ones to the nationals). After running to find Dad in her first run she came 2nd to Linda M and Chai in Novice. Steph and Missy had a great day winning Intermediate and JB. Linda Humphries and Rocco had a fantastic round winning JC much to her delight. Tarsh and Trico took the Senior.

Off to Mid Canty at the weekend. Let's hope the weather is kind!



TRANSFERRING YOUR TRAINING INTO COMPETITION.

By Fiona Hodgson

An issue with a training method or its execution shows up reasonably early as a lack of understanding of the behaviour under all circumstances. A dog which for example weaves really well and independently at home but won't/can't in the ring is not showing a lack of understanding of the weave but rather has not sufficiently been shown that the behaviour should be given every time and under every circumstance when presented with that piece of gear.

It all comes back to DASH – the 4 building blocks of a behaviour (Desire, Accuracy, Speed, Habitat). If the training has not been built around varying the H through the training, it becomes locked to a specific place/area/type of footing/handler movement/handler verbals/handler attitude etc.

The habitat of the training needs to be proofed firstly at home, with the obstacle moved around into different places and different orientations and then "taken on the road". (eg park/training grounds/beach you name it)

Diagnosing an issue with a ring only behaviour usually involves a

history of dog and handler altering their behaviours based on the performance of the other until the ring behaviour from both bears little resemblance to that at home in training.

Here's an example (but the H missing pieces can take on many faces):

Dog's first weave in the ring – he makes an error (as they do – no biggie there).

Handler brings the dog back but instead of then letting the dog weave the way he has been taught is suddenly in his face or cheerleading or much closer to the dog than previously. Ideally of course, he would have done this stuff in training and the dog won't mind but if the handler has always been really quiet and confident in training and is suddenly moving/saying/doing different things, then the picture suddenly looks very very different to the dog. Dog then goes well heck, I thought it was the same piece of equipment but you don't usually do that so it can't be – some will cope anyway, some will throw themselves at it in an attempt to be correct and some will just

cop out and throw their hands up because they don't understand now.

Their reaction will depend on their temperament and how much time has been spent letting the dog know that errors are just learning and its ok to keep trying. This set of circumstances can go on for weeks and weeks – further convincing the dog that this equipment bears no resemblance to the one we train at home.

The handler is now of course convinced the dog is "ringwise" with the weaves. The simple truth is however, that somewhere along the way, the lack of focus on the whole training concept (DASH) has left a hole in the dog's understanding and that the cycle needs to be broken, the dog taken back and the hole filled in before the poor ring behaviour becomes engrained.

Video analysis of the handler and dog both in training and comparing that performance with the actions and results in the ring is a very valuable tool.

If something's wrong with a ring performance only – it is almost never an issue with the dog and almost always comes back to a

lack of or a hole in, the training somewhere along the line.

Making the mental leap to evaluating everything your dog gives you in the ring against your training and proofing, means that every time you step into the ring you have the opportunity to take whatever you get and use it in your future training to improve things.

Rather than "babysitting" contacts and weave entrances, you are suddenly handling them as you do at home. You aren't being "careful" but are pushing and testing everything you are doing and constantly stretching the boundaries to discover what your dog understands.

Every run becomes an evaluation of where things are up to and a step on the ladder. Awards/Wins/Prizes and clear rounds become an enjoyable and much more frequent byproduct of that attitude and the lack of them does not define your enjoyment of your day. If you are a trainer even when you're winning, then losing fades away and the drive to improve will bring the results most of us are so desperately searching for.

The second however, you lost

sight of the end goal and babysit things in order to gain that little piece of ribbon or cardboard, you will be limiting yourself and your dog to a tangible goal oriented performances which will be so much lower than it otherwise could have been.

Follow the DASH, challenge your training and handling, train out the holes and proof your strengths and the rewards will follow.....

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by Darryl Jewiss

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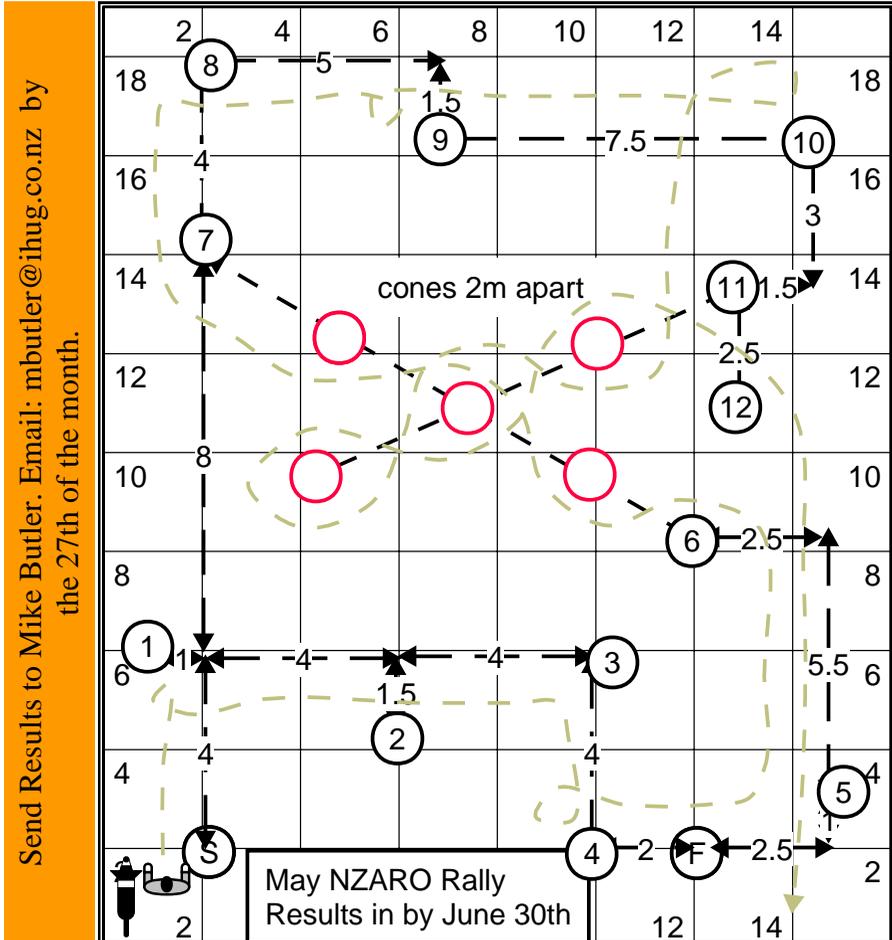
Christine was so pleased to read that two litter mates got first and 2nd in RallyO Indv overall in the Nala Link - Aimee's Beau and and her Co are litter mates.

Christine tells us their story, “We are very pleased as although we are competing at different clubs it is nice to see the results. Both these puppies plus 3 other of their litter mates and their mother were going to be shot by a farmer - the mother was 7months old and the puppies about 5 weeks we think. I rescued them all the mother being a black and white B/C semi long haired and Beau being a Chocolate and white and Co (short for Co-Incidental CDX Silver, UDX,WDX,ADXG, CGCG, RN, JD, FDX) being a Chocolate Tri colour, and the 3 other pups were black and white same as the mother. The fathers of these pups we never knew –may have been a heading type dog or one of many other farm dogs from God knows where!!!! Some people think that Co is a Sibe-board!

I found excellent homes for the Mum (once I got her spayed and got some weight on her) and the Black and white pups also got great homes and I still hear from their owners occasionally.



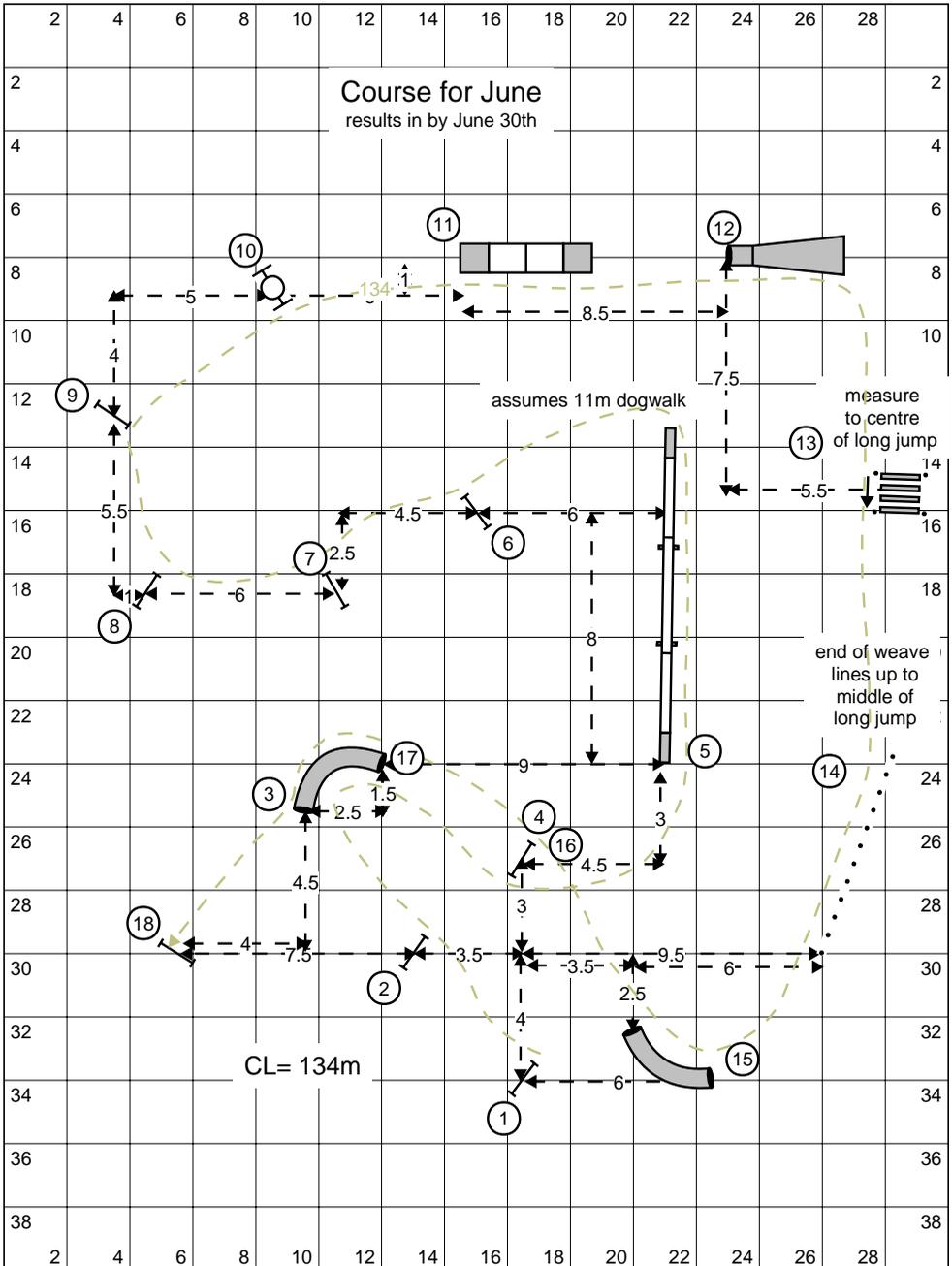
I was going to keep Beau and was tempted to rehome Co, but Co had bonded so well with one of our Grandson's that made the decision for me. Aimee was keen on the pups so I decided that she would be a super home for Beau so Aimee took him. Sadly he ended up with elbow problems, but that can be Aimee's story!!! My boy Pete ended up 4th, pretty good for a nearly 12 year old dog who was also going to be put down because of issues he had! So I am extremely proud of the three of them!!!



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NZYKC AGILITY LINK



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Beginners - Under 11's

1	Jess Mortimer	Kola	Nelson	14.81
2	Paige Aukett	Bobby	U/Hutt	17.84
3	Nicole Davis	Scarlett	N/Taranak	19.02
4	Nicole Davis	Amber	N/Taranak	19.75
5	Christopher Johnstc Flynn		N/Taranak	21.14
6	Christopher Johnstc Sasha		N/Taranak	555

Beginners - 12years over

1	Dylan Anderson	Sam	CHB	11.09
2	Dylan Anderson	Rocky	CHB	13.48
3	Zina Gota	Feebee	Tauraunga	18.49
4	Zina Gota	Jacqui	Tauraunga	20.77
5	Dylan Anderson	Jasmine	CHB	555
5	Zina Gota	Tully	Tauraunga	555
5	Anton Jewiss	Ruby, Kiltie	U/Hutt	555

Experienced - 8-11 years

1	Erin Ball	Claire	Mangawha:	22.75
2	Erin Ball	Trish	Mangawha:	30.00
3	Jayden Hishon	Scooty	Tauranga	31.31
4	Erin Ball	Mist	Mangawha:	58.00

Experienced - 12-15 years

1	Lauren Homer	Zac	Tauraunga	32.50
2	Lauren Homer	Tessie	Tauraunga	63.95
3	Lauren Homer	Bella	Tauraunga	555

Experienced - 16-20 years

1	Chelsea Marriner	Shift	Rotorua	20.19
2	Chelsea Marriner	Quest	Rotorua	20.59
3	Chelsea Marriner	Spy	Rotorua	30.00
4	Chelsea Marriner	Flash	Rotorua	37.31
5	Amy Hoogenboom	Molly	CHB	555
5	Danielle Stevens	Pepsi	CHB	555

RULES for NALA/NZYKC Junior Handler Competition 2011-2012.

NALA and NZKC Young Kennel Club (NZ YKC) are once again this year offering two forms of competition for youngsters:-

Experienced—for Juniors who run a dog on the monthly Link course.

Beginners—for Juniors who run a dog on the Beginners Link course.

The competition will be run over 11 months with the best 8 runs counting towards the annual awards. The course will be nested within the monthly Link course (so the adults don't have too much extra work to do!) Awards will be provided by NZYKC at the end of the year for NZYKC members.

Eligibility (handlers):

Any junior handler can run the course. If the handler wants their results published they must be a member of either NALA or NZYKC. To be eligible for the end of year awards (provided by NZYKC) handlers **MUST** become a member of NZYKC. Handlers can give-it-a-go for 3 months and if they join at the 3rd month, then all previous 3 runs will be counted. **To join NZYKC:** For details contact: Nevenka Paterson
NOTE: Juniors can only receive one NZYKC award. Eligibility for the NALA awards is unaffected.

Age levels: Experienced: 8 – 11 years, 12- 15 years, 16 – 20 years
Beginners – 11 years and under, over 11 years.

Eligibility (dogs):

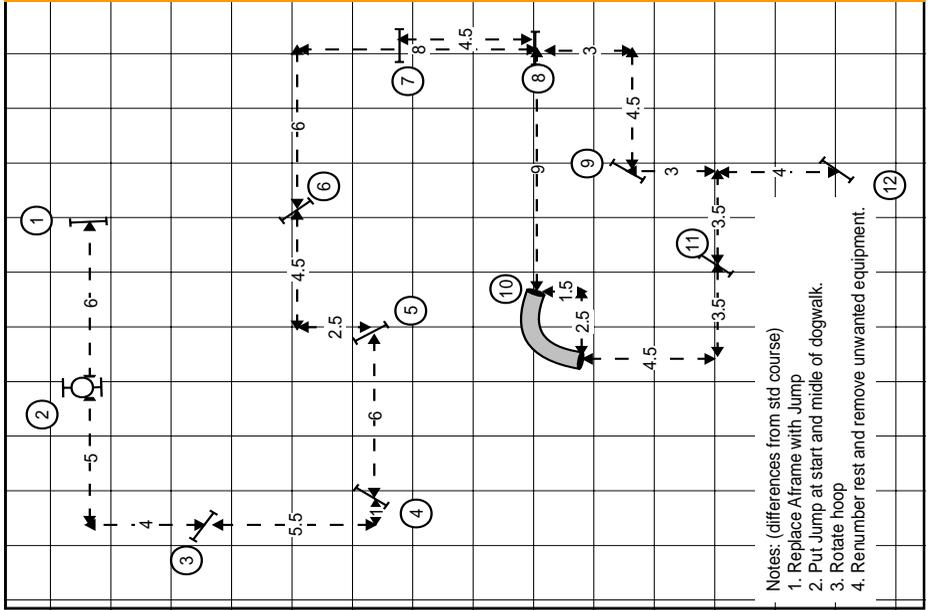
All dogs are eligible for both categories – Beginners and Advanced. A dog may run the Beginners course up to two times in any month, however it must be with a different handler. A dog may also run both the Beginner and normal monthly Link course, however it must be with different handlers.

RESULTS. Please send to Nevenka Paterson : Handler details (Noting if the competitor is a NZYKC member or NALA member), dog details, results (time and faults)

CONTACT Email: Nevenka@xtra.co.nz

BEGINNERS LINK COURSE for JUNE

Results in by June 30th



Congratulations to all the final winners for 2010-2011 YKC Link. Another great year for all that ran this event.

NZYKC/NALA Juniors end of year results

Beginners - Under 11's

- 1 Skyla Paterson Cassie U/Hutt
- 2 Paige Davis Opal Cambridge
- 3 Jess Mortimer Kola Nelson
- 4 Paige Aukett Kite U/Hutt

Beginners 12 years and older

- 1 Danielle Stevens Finn CHB
- 2 Anton Jewiss Kiltie U/Hutt
- 3 Dylan Anderson Rocky H/Bay

Experienced - 8-11 years

- 1 Hayley Rohde Knight Counties
- 2 Erin Ball Claire Mangawhai
- 3 Jayden Hishon Scooty Mount
- 4

Experienced - 12-15 years

- 1 Joe Tompsett Katie Cambridge
- 2 Lauren Homer Zac Mount
- 3 Emma Trimble Milli
- 4 Waimak

Experienced - 16-20 years

- 1 Chelsea Mairner Quest Rotorua

AGILITY CLUB COMPETITION DIVISION ONE

1	Rotorua 1	FDCh Shift ADX JDX	Chelsea Marriner	20.190	62.940
		AgGrCh FDGrCh JCh	Chelsea Marriner	20.590	
		Quest CDX			
		Zip	Amanda McKennie	22.160	
2	Mt Maunganui 1	Cheeky	Deb Jackson	22.405	73.937
		Sage	Natasha Kenny	23.780	
		Shiloh	Bev Pocock	27.752	
3	Top DAWG	FDGRCh AgCh Mya	Rebecca Sidwell	20.714	74.479
		ADXG JDX			
		FDGRCh AgCH Seeka	Rebecca Sidwell	22.692	
		ADX S JDX			
		Eva ADX S	Marian Holman	31.073	
4	Sth Canterbury	Jonty	Natasha Coulter	22.739	75.467
		Chase	Alana Robertson	25.341	
		Benji	Bronwyn Rumble	27.387	
5	Counties	AgGrCh ObCh Flare FDX	Hayley Rohde	25.288	79.387
		TCQ JDX			
		MJ	Marie Wales	25.490	
		Freddy	Anna Snell	28.609	
6	Waimak 1	Tee	Phil Johnson	22.773	82.676
		Rogue	Graeme Lawson	26.950	
		Wilco	Bruce Wilson	32.953	
7	WAG 1	Kyla	Tiffany Brown	24.447	86.710
		ADX Bronze JD Ziggy	Trisha Franklyn	27.270	
		Breeze	Joanne Small	34.993	
8	Upper Hutt	Dee	Karen de Wit	21.362	87.507
		Jed ADX FDX	Anne Packer	32.744	
		AgGrCh Tana	Karen de Wit	33.401	
9	North Taranaki 1	Jet	Maree Butterworth	24.148	90.478
		Sonic	Jenny Laird	29.923	
		Breeze	Rae Mayhead	36.407	
10	Otago 1	AgGrCh Kay J	Anne Cook	27.336	95.564
		AgGrCh Jax	David Cook	33.736	
		AgCh ADX JDX Jess	Lisa Cross	34.492	

DIVISION TWO

Plc	Team	Dog	Breed	Handler	Score	Total>
1	Taieri	Vino	BC	Louise Marsh	20.340	69.720
		Bob	Boxer	Don Leckie	24.220	
		Blitz	Sibord	Rosalie Lock	25.160	
2	Nelson 2	Taya	Kelpie.X	Christine Henderson	22.158	78.489
		Kliff ADXB	BC X Smithfield	Linley Barrett	25.199	
		Lilly ADX	BC x	Hadassa Koessler	31.132	
3	Hawkes Bay 2	Samson	Doberman	Colleen O'Connor	23.629	94.126
		Sheeba ADXG	Kelpie.X	Campbell List	31.081	
		Polly	Kelpie	Annette Hildesheim	39.416	
4	Mt Maunganui 2	Cookie	Heading Dog	Sue Andresen	27.692	97.900
		Teal	BC/Heading	Elisabeth Proctor	29.991	
		Khia	Border Collie	Anne Proctor	40.217	
5	CCATS	Sam	Cocker Spaniel	Dot Mote	32.179	99.034
		Eve	Schnauzer	Jane Rickerby	32.372	
		Zara ADXB JD	King Charles x Poodle	Leannah Magon	34.483	
6	Taupo	Tehlulah ADXG JD	Toy Poodle	Christine Gabb	28.811	100.477
		Siri	Toy Poodle	Christine Gabb	35.034	
		Millie	Bichon/Poodle	Lynn Edwards	36.632	
7	Mid Canterbury	Harley	BC	Caroline Sinclair	31.170	109.510
		Tess ADX	Lab	Tui Clucas	32.160	
		Bud	Labrador	Tui Clucas	46.180	
8	Blenheim	Speed AD	GSD	Nic Furby	29.047	118.616
		Heidi	BC	Sandra Goodwin	34.855	
		Tia	Labrador	Karina Greenall	54.714	

AGILITY MOST IMPROVED THIS MONTH
Jet and Maree Butterworth from North
Taranaki, a leap of 269!
WELL DONE!

DIVISION THREE

PlcTeam	Dog	Breed	Handler	Score	Total>
1 Mangawhai	Claire	Border Collie	Erin Ball	22.750	88.850
	Trish	BC x	Erin Ball	30.000	
	AD Fern	BC	Jinnie Gailey	36.100	
2 Wairarapa	Jamaica	Border Collie	Dianne Reid	26.890	90.960
	Smudge	Huntaway-BC	Ana Workman	29.900	
	Tasman AD JD	Border Collie X	Sharleen Drummond	34.170	
3 Tauranga 3	Co ADXG FD	BC x	Christine Nielsen	29.792	91.106
	Deci ADXB JD	Heading dog	Marion Pope	29.890	
	Breez ADXS JDXBC		Jocelyn Jensen	31.424	
4 Whangarei	Average Joe	Border Collie X	Bev Winn	30.780	96.410
	Con	Staffy X	Bev Winn	32.530	
	Hudson	Terrier X	Nigel Kenny	33.100	
5 South Rangitikei	Cincinatti	Heading Dog x BC	Wendy Taylor	30.130	97.958
	Fifi ADXB	Terr.X	Silvia Rizzi	32.939	
	Hobson	Cavalier KC Spaniel	Wendy Taylor	34.889	
6 Waimak 3	Stella	BC.X	Anne Godfrey	30.807	111.732
	Quiz	BC	Roselle Bremmers	35.220	
	Doogle	Spoodle	Helen Lappin	45.705	
7 Horowhenua	Ashley ADXG	Welsh Sp	Penny Nalder	30.068	119.406
	Flynn	Boxer	Jenny Purdom	37.775	
	Jen	X breed	Nicola Bell	51.563	
8 Southland	Jake	Lab x	Joanne Rennell	37.875	122.433
	Lulu	Border Collie	Rae Evans	40.198	
	Kyte	BC	Rae Evans	44.360	

DIVISION FOUR

PlcTeam	Dog	Breed	Handler	Score	Total>
1 Otaki K9s	Kashi ADXG FDX JDX	Min Poodle	Diane Miller	26.250	87.230
	Hunter ADX JDX FD	Min Poodle	Diane Miller	27.600	
	Cinders ADXG JDX	Min Poodle	Aprille McGee	33.380	

2	Hawera	Tri ADXB	Sheltie	Michelle Sowerby	28.930	88.430
		Zoe	BC x Foxy	Ian Wooldridge	29.310	
		ADX Bronze FDX Flash	Basenji Foxi Cross	Debbie Towler	30.190	
3	Selwyn	Molly	Lab	Sarah Sharratt	28.500	89.540
		Homer	Foxie x	Penny Hallowes	30.220	
		Caz	Huntaway x	Simon Roydhouse	30.820	
4	Akarana	Indianapolis	Jack Russell	Louise Franklin	25.118	91.850
		Branson	Border Terrier	Brigid Slykerman	28.990	
		Tamalee	Border Terrier	Rosemarie Baker	37.742	
5	Hawkes Bay 4B	Pepper	BC	Heather McGrannachan	28.048	103.033
		Kim		Jacky Carbin	36.198	
		Hi Jinks	Poodle X Bichon	Robyn Fargher	38.787	
6	Tokoroa	Jim ADX	Huntaway	Amanda Benson	25.090	115.000
		Honey	GSD	Maree Boreham	31.340	
		Ben AD	Huntaway SpSp X	Amanda Benson	58.570	
7	Norwest	Bella	BC.X	Colleen Lauder	32.154	128.118
		Jacko	Whippet x	Tracy Hart	46.932	
		FD Teddy	S Wheaton Terrier	Karen Smith	49.032	
8	Otago 4	Benson	Jack Russell	Shayne Oliver	39.394	130.057
		Holly	Huntaway	Michelle Cole	40.628	
		Briar JD	Foxy X Heading Dog	Karen Grant	50.035	
9	North Taranaki 4	Jasper	Dalmatian	Rachel Phillips	35.807	130.208
		Rosie	Border Collie	Patricia Martin	39.665	
		Amber	BC	Denise Davis	54.736	
10	Nelson 4	Molly	BC x Spaniel	Lucy Pritchard	30.483	135.533
		Kite	BC	Diana Martin	46.523	
		Eva	Collie x	Lizzi Gillard	58.527	
11	Dog Sport Rotorua	Lazer	BC	Judy Casey	33.780	142.570
		FD Lucy	Terrier X	Rosslyn Prichard	51.220	
		Delta	BC	Judy Casey	57.570	



Flygility.. by Allan Rohde

I was recently asked a question regarding practice runs in flygility. The rules are quite specific in that one practice run is permitted. But what is a practice run?? Does it mean a first run plus a re-run if the dog fails the first run?? I do not believe it means that. I believe ONE practice run is simply ONE run over the course whether the handler runs with the dog or not. If the handler chooses to run with the dog then they have the ability to correct any mistakes the dog makes along the way. If the handler chooses not to run with the dog and the dog makes a mistake, then they do not get a second chance to correct that mistake.

I have always advised the handlers that I have trained to run with the dog on the practice runs to ensure the dog gets it right the first time. If the dog gets it right the first time, they are more likely to get it right the rest of the time. This is particularly relevant when running the more complicated courses.

And while I am on practice runs, I will also add that a practice run is just that, a practice run. It cannot be counted towards the official results. If the handler chooses to have a practice run then they must complete a timed run immediately afterwards. I know some people do time the practice run but under no circumstance are these times to be used as the official results. The majority of handlers will have a practice run and I take the approach that the first run is the practice run unless the handler states otherwise BEFORE they run it.

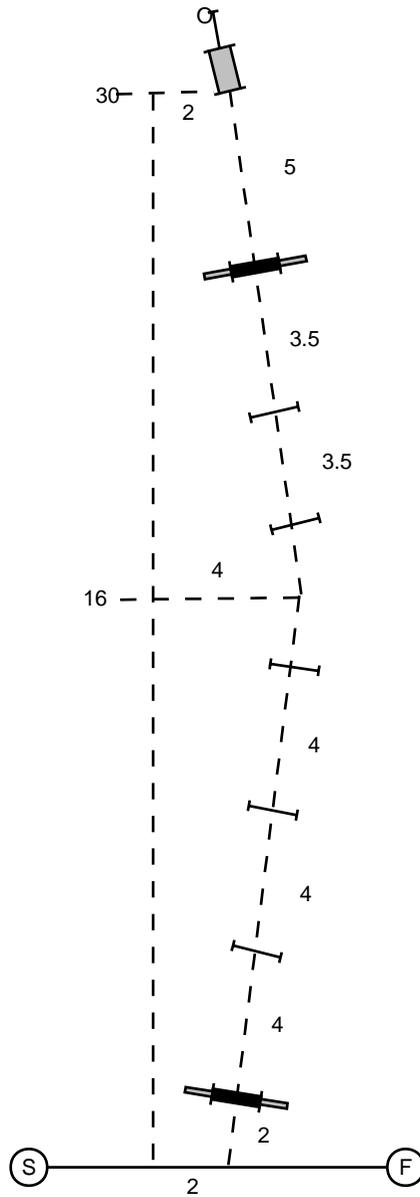
Next Challenge Course – July

The monthly courses can be downloaded from the files section of the NALA group. These can be accessed from the following web address:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NZAgility/files/Flygility/Monthly%20Courses/>

These have been uploaded as PDF documents and you should contact me if you require the courses in a different format.

STANDARD FLYGILITY COURSE
JUNE 2011



Results must be in by 30th June

FLYGILITY STANDARD

Plc	Team	Total	Dog	Handler
1	Sulphur City Slickers (Rotorua)	34.250	AgGrCh FDCh Flash JDX FDCh Shift ADX JDX AgGrCh FDGrCh JCh Quest CDX	Chelsea Marriner Chelsea Marriner Chelsea Marriner
2	Top DAWG	34.659	FDGRCh AgCh Mya ADXG JDX FDGRCh AgCH Seeka ADXS JDX Sputnik	Rebecca Sidwell Rebecca Sidwell Sonia Calvert
3	Counties Jesters	37.320	Coal Jess Mac	Marie Wales Joan Holyoake Shirley Hall
4	Counties Klippers	38.599	Bolt Tip ADXB, FDX AgCh FDCh Kiss	Elaine Rohde Margaret Anderson Allan Rohde
5	Counties Klickers	38.856	Flick Kees AgGrCh FDGrCh Rocket JDX	Allan Rohde Leni Koper Elaine Rohde
6	Wairarapa 1	39.650	Blast AgGrCh India Tasman AD JD	Ana Workman Dianne Reid Sharleen Drummond
7	Taranaki Black n Blue	39.880	Mulga Song Cloud	Laurel Austin Rae Mayhead Patricia Martin
8	Wairarapa 2	40.240	Jamaica Mr Gee Smudge	Dianne Reid George Workman Ana Workman
9	Deputy DAWG	40.516	AgCh Bee ADXS FD JDX Merlin Zephyr FDX	Louise Williams Elaine Herve Marian Holman
10		41.439	GrAgCh Zoom FD Quiz AG CH Tui	Lisa Duff Roselle Bremmers Anne Godfrey
11	Wanganui Goldens	42.160	FDCH Jordy ADX Molly Pippi	Barbara James Bruce Lacey Jonna Gibson
12	Wanganui Opals	42.340	Shaylar FD Yani Heydoh	Barbara James Silvia Rizzi Jonna Gibson
13	Upper Hutt	42.530	Quiz ADXG FDX Jed ADX FDX MAx	Kathryn Bayne Anne Packer Vari Nicholson

14	Counties Charmers	44.720	Charm Robbie Skye	Allan Rohde Nicole Beaumont Joan Holyoake
15	Mount 1	45.030	Cheeky Indy AgCh Nifty	Deb Jackson Mel Mankelow Deb Jackson
16	Tga 1	45.380	Lucky ADX FD JD Deci ADXB JD Tulli AD JD FD	Helen Moorhead Marion Pope Shelley Clark
17	Under DAWG	46.229	Jack AD FD Toonie ADX FDX Cleo FDX	Chris Ross Chris Ross Marian Holman
18	Rotorua dog sports team 1	46.900	FD Lucy Tui Chan	Rosslyn Prichard Judy Casey Raewyn Saville
19	Hawkes Bay 2	48.343	Ch'lee Samson Veesa	Jane Webley Colleen O`Connor Lorraine Lennox
20	Rotorua dog sports Team 2	49.060	Bridie FD FD Midge Bobby	Carolyn Mear Raewyn Saville Jeff Parker
21	Norwest 1	49.560	Boston Chester Jenna	Jessika Simone Joan McFarlane Tracy Hart
22	North Shore 2	50.040	Peggy Rocky V Onyx	Dave Swinyard Claire Vivash Anne Britten
23	Tga 2	51.750	Jade FeeBee JD Cindy	Norm Collison Helen Moorhead Geoff Gillies
24	Blonde Bombshells	51.780	Breeze Jade Rosie	Rae Mayhead Jill Sorensen Patricia Martin
25	Counties Disney Laughs	53.817	AgGrCh ObCh Flare FDX TCQ JDX Goofy AgCh Windi ADX Gold FDX TCQ	Allan Rohde Leni Koper Elaine Rohde
26	Hawera 1	54.750	ADX Bronze FDX Flash Ted Kandie	Debbie Towler Chris Moody Ian Wooldridge
27	Oodlemunsters	57.620	Kimba Reece Nie	Carol Galliers Carol Galliers Delcie Walkington

28Southland 2	62.390	Lulu Fern Skipper	Rae Evans Lynda Lindsay Dawn Barry
29Otago 3	65.670	Pepper JDX AD Jinx AgCh Brock ADXG FD	Lynette Hayde Lisa Cross Elaine Pearce
30Otago 2	69.040	AgGrCh Pete Senna ADXAG Benson	Anne Cook Elaine Pearce Shayne Oliver
31Otago 1	73.610	AgCh ADX JDX Jess AgGrCh Kay J Echo ADX FDX	Lisa Cross Anne Cook Diana O'Kane
32Whangarei Flyers	78.000	Meg Ted Taragh	Christine Fifield Rebecca Roper Ann Kenny
33Otago 1	89.470	Fancy M Smarty JDX	Aprille McGee Sharon Wagener Aprille McGee
34Counties Mini Marvels	5555.000	Ginny Jacques Mandy	Leni Koper Marie Pearman Sylvia Lord
34Counties PJs	5555.000	Chloe FDCH Knight AD JDX Minx FD	Shirley Hall Allan Rohde Margaret Anderson
34Hawkes Bay 1	5555.000	Ringo Roxy Sheeba ADXG	Dot Janssen Campbell List Campbell List
34Rotovegas Rebels (Rotorua)	5555.000	AgCh Spy ADXG FDX JDX McLeod Zoe	Chelsea Marriner Paula Nixon Amanda McKennie

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