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EDITORIAL

by Karen de Wit



Spring is in the air—I know this because I see blossoms and daffodils and because I mowed our lawn today!

Christchurch had an earthquake, John Key has an early warning device called his sister, and we shared in the wonder of nature that could create such devastation, make railways lines look like squiggles on a page, bridges look drunk, roads look like stairways, and windows and walls and bricks go tumbling down! Amazing there were no deaths, but I guess most people were asleep, different story if it had happened middle of a working day I imagine. Hope you are all Ok and do not have too much damage to clean up. Our son Jono had arranged to go home to CHCH for a Hockey final but apparently the pitches are so bad they doubt they will be playing it at all—lots of mini volcanoes all over the pitches. He missed the earthquake as he was in Wellington—seems strange doesn't it, but went off today to experience the aftershocks and prospect of no Uni for a week while they check out all the buildings.

This month also the rain just kept falling, we live on top of a hill but the water level still got too high and the whole place sounded like mush when you walked on it. A pack of dogs running around doesn't help, and the pups have gotten used to regular baths, especially Finn who has the nickname of Filthy Finn!!! Here's hoping for settled weather from now on, less rain, more sunshine and NO earthquakes. Dee starts competing in agility this month—I am looking forward very much to that!



Top Ärf Report—by Kim Orlando-Reep.

Rotorua and Tauranga Jumpers Champ weekend

I think I can say that the first day of Rotorua's August jumpers event was held under some of the most unpleasant climatic conditions I've experienced – in New Zealand anyway (and that includes some of North Shore's) It started quite promisingly with dry conditions underfoot, but as the day progressed it got colder and wetter and then later in the afternoon a sneaky cold wind got up. It was the kind of day that made you realise why agility and masochism are synonymous.

It was the first champ event I had been to since the splits and with good entries it wasn't difficult to fit in running 3 dogs, and I was extremely grateful that the continuous action decreased the chances of being found dead from hyperthermia. Judges Alan Rohde, John Muir and Fiona Hodgson built some interesting courses which I personally enjoyed running and the day ran smoothly until the ADX which was run last in appalling conditions and failing light. I must admit to scratching from this. Had I been running one of my border collies it wouldn't have been a problem, but I wasn't game to brave another scathing glare of malice and incredulity from Isis the whippet as I tried forcibly to remove her warm jacket and drag her down to the start!

Prize giving, held in the clubrooms, became the entertainment of the day with Lou collecting prizes for most of those still competing outside which made it somewhat difficult to work out who had won what, but more on that later!

Sunday at Tauranga was a great improvement and dawned spring-like and warm with bright sun. There was limited parking on the grounds, but they were in remarkably good condition considering the rain had fallen heavily for over 12 hours.

The organisers had obviously put a lot of thought into running this event under the new rules and started with 2 Jumpers C in adjacent rings with A & B in a 3rd ring and this seemed to work well. Allan and John, this time assisted by Ron Frater, again built some interesting courses which I felt just hit the spot with the degree of difficulty for each level. I especially enjoyed running Alan's Jumpers B which involved circling back and forth across the ring.

Highlights of the day included Ann Kenny trying to teach Cameron to

retrieve a toy from the upper branches of a tree (now that's what I call a challenge) and Lyn Sayers getting thoroughly over excited and spitting his teeth out at a somewhat surprised schnauzer. I was pleased to find that Scud (whom I'm sure was a circus clown in a previous existence) continued to compete even when accompanied by a sheltie in the ring – I assured the apologetic owner that it was very good for his distraction training – he even managed to come home from the weekend with a couple of ribbons, so something must be working.

Prizegiving has become an event in itself with so many prize winners, but I liked Tauranga's idea of lining all sizes up together and good on them for giving 5 ribbons to each height regardless. It was certainly a sheltie weekend with Justine Dale's little Pippi taking out all the C mini classes on Saturday and Janette Davis with Opal from Cambridge (with Justine snapping at her heels!) winning all on Sunday – her birthday – so what a great pressie! Her daughter also won the YKC C class with the same dog in the younger age group. Marie Wales with Coal won 4 Firsts and a 4th in Jumpers B midi, and Carol Bennett had a pretty amazing weekend too with two 1st and 2nd placings on sat in B Mini with her 2 tiny poodles Pico Calamity Kid and Amazin Raisin and a 3rd place in the first event. This was won by another Sheltie, Lou Baker's Kosi, Shelton Time T Reflect who also had a 2nd placing.

Other winners included Heather Warren with Jazz and John Van de Sandt with Bess; Mark Wilson and Julie McConkey with a 1st and 2nd each; and A wins for Keri Neilsen, Charlotte Rundgren and a brilliant run by Fiona Ferrar and Sharkey to win a hotly contested Jumpers 2A, the last event to be held on Sunday. I was especially pleased to see Irene Sealey picking up a second place in Mini C on Sunday with Sapphire, a dog who has definitely benefited from the new height changes. Finishing between 2 very competitive shelties is no mean achievement for a small cocker spaniel.

Team Trials

These were held over the weekend of the 21st/22nd at Te Hihi. Zone 1 Team consists of 3 red border collies and a working dog.

Starters - Heather Warren and Jazz . Novice Craig Owen and Brooke. Intermediate Shirley Hall and Mac and Senior Elaine Rohde and Flare. Three red Border Collies and a working dog.

Congratulations to all – and also to Bevan and Joanne Dale for breeding Mac and Brooke. I hear our Starter dog had two 3rd placings at Taupo – so roll on the NTDA - Go Zone 1!

Central North report—by Mel Mankelow

Rotorua Jumpers

The first show I have been to on my own since Callum was born the weather was shocking it just rained and rained all day. I took Jason's dogs as well as Indi so had 3 dogs to run, thanks to all the Agility aunties that helped me out couldn't have done it without you.

There were some great courses and the judges were great I wouldn't have wanted to be out there in those conditions. The grounds held out well although there were a few people who slipped over in the ring me being one of them. There were also a few people who slipped on the step by the clubrooms hope they are all ok now. Was very pleased with Breeze and Jack managed a ribbon with them both, since the split heights there seems to be a real difference in placings lots of different people in the top spots.

Justine Dale and Pippi had a great day winning C1,2 &3 also Lou both dogs moving up to the next level. Was nice to see Lyn we are very pleased to have him in our area now. There were also some great placings from Amanda Benson & Jim winning Jumpers C1 with Gina & Shine 2nd, Judy Casey & Tui winning C2, Catherine & Breeze winning C3, Trish & Bindi winning B1. Catherine & Fly winning Jumpers A1 with Deb Jackson & Cheeky a very close 2nd who was also 2nd in A2 well done everyone.

The highlight of the day (for everyone apart from me) was as I was leaving the grounds I managed to drop my front wheel of the van of the retaining wall by the club rooms how it happened I will never know, within 5 mins I think the pics were all over Facebook thanks Amanda, well after a while of thinking my rescuers Malcom, Dyson and Martin had worked out an escape plan, It was decided they would jack the wheel up level with the step and I would drive forward onto it, what a mission it was and I really didn't want to be the one driving but with great instruction from Natasha I moved it onto the step and then they built the step up and I finally drove out. Thanks to Amanda & Charlotte who entertained Callum who was by then very tired and wanted to go home. I think the Zone 2 mascot was used to entertain him. Thanks to everyone who helped and got me and more importantly the van out in one piece. I decided to wait until I got home to tell Jason what I had done he was not impressed when he saw the pictures. I was very glad he didn't see the real thing.

Tauranga Jumpers

Off to Tauranga Sunday with Jason don't think I will be allowed out alone anymore. The weather was much better even had the sun come out.

Some more great courses and a double YKC always good to see the young kids out there, they had some great runs Joe & Icon winning both 12 and over and Michaela doing well with Fizz & Scandal, Caitlin ran Brink for the first time and had some great runs with her. Also a special mention to Paige Davis her dog Opal

ran out of the ring 3 times in the first YKC then she won the second one.

Some more great results from the weekend were Justine & Pippi a place in every jumpers C, Lyn with a win in Jumpers B with Jayme, Una with a great run with Kwali winning Jumpers B1, Jason winning Jumpers B3 with Jack and Lou winning Jumpers B1 with Tess also Catherine Harty & Breeze winning Jumpers C3 that dog is doing some great stuff. The show ran really well at the end before prize giving I gave out the Zone 2 NALA ribbons. There are always so many ribbons for the ex Zone 2 well done everyone who got into the top 50 keep up the good work so I have just as many to give out next year. Also well done to the YKC link kids they all now have their ribbons and this year there are lots more entered for the link.

Must say a big well done to Clare Wellington & Razz who won 5 out of the 6 B Jumpers over the two shows.

Team Trials

The team trials were held at Taupo as normal there were bigger numbers this year and they seemed to run well even though we had lots of rain. Well done to everyone who entered and a big well done to our great team.

Starters : Ross McBeth & Count

Novice : Debbie McFarlane & Thanx

Intermediate : Daryl Hogg & Eye C

Senior : Chelsea Marriner & Quest

PROFILE.

Name: Una Forrester

Age: early 50's

Club: Eastern Bay of Plenty Dog Obedience Club

When did you first start doing

Agility: Tokoroa Champ Show
January 2004

What attracted you to Agility:

Jo was already competing so I was going to the shows anyway. Then Kwali, who Jo bred, came along and we became a team.

What is your favourite show and why: Any NDTA, because of the standard of competition against dogs from all over New Zealand.

How many dogs have you done agility with and what success have you had with them:

3 Belgian Shepherd (Groenendael)s: Bellshill Koala-Bear ADX (Kwali) – Senior dog; Bellshill Kourt Jester JD (Joker) – Senior; Bellshill Kwila Kate (Kwila) – Starters & Novice (Intermediate & Jumpers B at Ribbon Trials)

What have been the high and low points in your agility career to date:



High Points – Kwali winning Starters at Taupo NDTA 2005 over 166 dogs.
 Joker winning Jumpers C on our first attempt at the class at Tokoroa January 2009 over 151 dogs

Kwila winning Top Starters Dog at Tokoroa January 2010

Kwila winning Top Starters Dog & Joker winning Top Novice Dog at Tauranga/ Mount Maunganui March 2010

Any clear rounds with Kwali

Low Points - None

What other hobbies/ Interests do you have:

Who has time for other hobbies/interests

What are you likes and dislikes in Agility:

Likes: Flowing, challenging courses

Prizegivings in the daylight

Fancy ribbons for First place winners

Dislikes: Callboards without handler names

People with one dog who move on the running order

Non-chipped – slippery and dangerous contact gear

Lower North Report

- by Karen de Wit & Sandra Mohekey

This is Sandra your roving - or should that be rover? - reporter writing on the two triple jumpers held in Rotorua and Tauranga on August 7th and 8th. Both shows are great ones to go to - well run and with a nice atmosphere and splits in all but Jumpers A, so I strongly urge other Zone 3ites to make the trip next year.

We traveled up on the Friday with Nicola still in recovery mode from the flu (she had been so bad I had to run Pixie in the rain at Kapiti, but since we got a ribbon for third in Jumpers C it wasn't as traumatic an experience as it might have been. Of course, Pixie might think differently!) We were desperately hoping the weather wasn't going to be as wet as predicted but although the rain held off its force for a while it was eventually a day to dampen everything except our spirits.

There were a few CRs amongst the Zone 3 people: Paul had quite a few, Nicola had 2 with Pixie and Gee had one with Dealt - but only Nicola's and Paul's eventuated. After 10 minutes we gave up looking for Gee's amongst the crowd - people were getting their ribbons upstairs to avoid the rain - because we were dripping too much on everyone else's certificates. If your CR was damp, sorry, that may have been me! That brings up the question - if a judge claps a run and it appears on the board but no certificate appears - is it clear? Sort of a tree in the forest thing, but next day Gee asked Cam to let her know if they find it, so with Cam on the case the question may soon have an answer! Cheers to the team of Rotorua club members and their judges for keeping things going so well despite the weather - luckily the even worse rain the weekend before at Kapiti had prepared us Zone 3s for it! The courses I ran were all challenging in a fun way, rather than

in a mean way.

On Sunday there was a later start and a much finer day. And yes, the famous carrot cake was in the canteen! This was the most successful day for us Zone 3s with Jude and Tuppence taking a well earned 2nd place in Jumpers C and Nicola gaining two more CRs, including a fourth in Jumpers C. This meant she achieved her goal of 4 CRs over a weekend – now she wants 5. Dealt and Gee got a CR they could take home. After resigning myself to having a training weekend Niko got CRs in all his Bs and came away with a 5th, 3rd and 2nd.

Another great thing about the weekend was catching up with people we don't see so often, including sisters Ann and Lis – Teal is Niko's little litter sister - and that strange woman who called me a cow because she thought Niko's run was faster than hers – it wasn't but I will get you next time Debbie! It was nice to see Lyn looking settled in his new zone, although as Nicola pointed out it felt weird seeing him in Taupo's colours. Perhaps he is feeling the loss too as he gained a special mention at prizegiving for dropping something on a course and having to go back and collect it after his run – not so unusual except what he lost was his false teeth. Tauranga is another well run show – and it was great the way they lined up all the prizewinners from mini to maxi so we could see the top 15. It has more attendees than Rotorua, which was interesting to note. Maybe a local could tell us why? We are really looking forward to next year and hope more Zone 3s will join us.

Other events during the month of August was the teams trials, Feilding's Jumpers event and DAWGs ribbon trial. The ribbon trial was held indoors which is always a bonus even with all the pillars. Poor Toonie (Chris Ross's Sheltie) wasn't looking where he was going and banged into a pillar quite hard instead of going into a tunnel, he had blood in his mouth and a sore leg, but nothing appeared broken and lets hope he is up and running again. No splits this time. Rebecca Sidwell and I did the judging and I was impressed with the Elementary people most of whom got round the course and did a good job of it too with lots of clear rounds—well done!!

Travelled to Feilding for the Jumpers and we had a team practice the day before so another full agility weekend this time of the year and not too bad weatherwise! The grass was a bit sparse in the rings and a couple of people ended up on their backsides but no serious injuries! Would really like to see the classes split a bit more, especially as so many of the old maxis are now jumping midi, leaving all us old maxis trying to foot it with them over bigger jumps. I actually wonder if the maxi dogs shouldn't just be jumping the midi height too—certainly seems to be a big difference in the effort and style of jump required even though the difference between the two jump height is only a hand width.

Teams trails were held in Wanganui, thanks to all the Club members for their help, it was great! We had lots of entries and some really close competition, with the actual winners in doubt until the final runs. In Starters and Novice we even had to have a rerun as two dogs were tied on the same points. The team is

Starters—Kevin Burnette and Jig

Novice—Sandra Mohekey and Niko

Intermediate—Jenny Benson and Shade

Senior—Peter de Wit and Quick

Canterbury Tails by Sue McKee

Waimak Ribbon Trial 7 August

I wasn't here for this one. Rob and I arrived back from our big trip that day and the weather was cool but not raining, always a bonus to get away without rain at this time of year. Martin Trimble officiated with Louise Jamieson having a go at judging Elementary A & B. From the results it looks like no clears in Jumpers A, and only two in Senior. Classes split were Jumpers C only, and Intermediate was won by a mini in an unsplit class, Kathryn Snook and Izzy. In fact there were a healthy number of minis sprinkled throughout the non-split classes, especially taking into account the ratio of minis competing.

CCATS Ribbon Trial 14 August

This one I was here for, and although the ground was very boggy the rain held off. Some nice courses put together by our judges Martin Trimble and Graeme Lawson, although I was very out of practice and couldn't manage to get round any of them! This was the first event I've been at since the new heights and it will take some getting used to seeing many of the dogs jumping so much lower now that they've all been remeasured, and to get an idea of what now constitutes a midi or a mini. Looking at the running board it appears that the micro/mini numbers are preventing the splits (at least on this particular day) as there were a lot of maxis and midis but not enough micro/minis to split, although Jumpers C was. Anne Godfrey with her mad dog Stella pulled off a clear round in Midi Jumpers C and got a 1st placing. Jumpers A produced no clear rounds, must have been a tricky course, Martin! I have no ambition to be in Jumpers A looking at some of the courses that they have to run. Jumpers B was won by a mini (Trixie the Pocket Rocket) in an unsplit class and in the unsplit Starters minis took out the first two placings, Leanah Magon and Jezebel and Emma Wilding and Bikkie (both YKC handlers also!). South Island minis are awesome!

The raffle was a big success with the ladies, constituting mainly hair and make-up products, but Paul Beswick did seem very keen to get some lipstick on, kindly lent to him by Lisa Duff. After gaining a 2nd placing with Puzzle he then thanked Graeme, the judge, by planting a nice kiss on his left cheek. This is what happens when you go away, Mia!!

HZ4 Mini Assembly and Jumpersx4, 28 & 29 August

Another very enjoyable event. Great courses all weekend by our judges Graeme Lawson, Irene Lock and Carole Logan. Have to feel sorry for Judge Graeme who had been on night shift Friday night then judging duties all Saturday and night shift again on Saturday night. Luckily no contacts to judge! This was a com-

bined event in conjunction with Waimak, CCOC, CCATS and Selwyn, with all clubs in HZ4 allocated a job to do during the process. But of course behind the scenes there had been a lot of organising going on beforehand and thanks to all the people involved in that. The event was held at CCOC's grounds at Birmingham Drive, which was really an inspired choice as these grounds are probably the best in wet conditions, there was no mud even when it drizzled on Sunday, plenty of parking and big spaces to run dogs. The weather gods overall were very kind to us, with bad weather forecast that didn't really eventuate, in fact Saturday was quite sunny and relatively warm. Sunday was a bit of a cold one but it didn't rain heavily until we'd all packed up and gone home. The classes were split here in C only, which gave us 22 dogs in mini/micro, 36 in midi and 47 in maxi. One criticism which impacted on several competitors and I heard some disgruntlement around the ringside was that ribbons only went to 3rd in the split classes. Don't know what the norm is elsewhere, but perhaps 10% of the entries is more appropriate, which would mean 4 or 5 in maxi, 3 or 4 in midi and 3 in micro/mini. It really was only the maxi dogs that missed out on ribbons, as they were appropriate for all the other height groups, so maybe complaints will go unnoticed. I for one was someone who missed out on a 4th place ribbon with my new dog Rez, which would have given him his first ribbon at a champ event, with 47 dogs in maxi I thought that was probably deserving of a ribbon, especially as there were only 22 dogs in micro/mini with the same amount of ribbons awarded. Food for thought and I don't know if this is going to become the norm in split classes. It wasn't that long ago that ribbons only went to 3rd in "normal" unsplit agility but it has become customary to give out ribbons to 10% of entries and is a very simple mathematical equation which seems to make sense to most people. Paradoxically jumpers B, which was unsplit and had 41 dogs in it, awarded ribbons to 5th, which is 10% of entries.

Jumpers B is still dragging the chain down here on splits, with the micros/minis being the ones that are determining whether a class is split or not. There will be some micros/minis coming up through the ranks and joining the B group from C shortly, but we need probably 7 more to make a split, and that will then deplete the stocks of micros/minis competing in C which may cause that to become an unsplit class. I really don't think that we will gain 7 or 8 "new to the sport" micros/minis anytime soon. Watching the midis competing over the weekend I am more and more convinced that the height that maxis are jumping needs to be urgently looked at. With the super midis now jumping so much lower how about something for the big dogs who are generally heavier to start with? I feel sorry also for the remaining small midi group competing against these super midis.

However, onto what the Mini-Assembly is all about - a clash of the clubs - with Martin Trimble officiating and setting out some nice courses that seemed appropriate for the class. I have to say I've seen some shockers at these Mini-Assembly events but these seemed to be "doable" with the right amount of challenge provided for each level. Waimak proved to be the superior club this year, well done Waimak. In the last few years allcomers teams have been allowed to have a go also and this was won this year by the Growlers. Then it was time to announce the team to go to the NDTA to represent HZ4 and this comprises: Ro-

selle Bremmers and Quiz (Starters), Heather Broomhall and Zeta (Novice), Natasha Neame and Tricot (Intermediate) and Lisa Duff and Zoom (Senior), three midis and a maxi, all experienced handlers with great dogs so I'm sure they will give the other teams a good run for their money. Congratulations everyone.

See ya next month,

Sue, Teezsa, Rez and Switch

Central Bark by Linley Barrett

Nelson Dog Training Club Ribbon Trial 7th August

This was our first taste of the new height classes. None of us got too lost and we turned up in the correct height class J. Ribbons trials are a pretty small affair in our part of the country, just a single standard Agility for August. Rebecca Sidwell came and judged for us. I am trying to remember back that far but I do remember there was lots of positive feedback about her courses. There was a no show from Nick and Tarsh from over the hill so this left some ribbons for the taking by others. Sandra G took some back over the hill with her though, winning Starters with Heidi and taking Elementary A with Shia. Well done to her and it is great to see her back competing more often! Weather was grotty and piddled on us lightly most of the day. Just after we packed up the heavens broke and we left the poor Obedience folk to it.

Blenheim Canine Training Club Ribbon Trial 8th August

We left about 6.30am to head over the hill with the doom of more rain forecast - the very wet and muddy June champ event still fresh in our minds. We were greeted by a beautiful sunny day! Can't remember much of the results sorry but the Blenheim guys had quite a few new recruits giving it a go. Some of them were quite big dogs and also some little fellas.

CCATS Jumpers X 4 and Zone 4 Mini Assembly 28th & 29th August

Running the Jumpers events was heaps of fun and I personally felt like I had some good runs with both my dogs in the C and the B. Two of us from Nelson managed to get our JD titles over this weekend - Kliff and I gaining 10 CRCs in B and Linda Mortimer and Chai winning two of the Midi C Jumpers. You may think this is no big deal but it was to us as Jumpers events have taken a while to get going in the top half of the South. Also being from an isolated area and usually involving a 5-hour drive we have to pick the events we go to carefully. The new Midis dominated most of the results and it was quite apparent even in the splits. I thought I would appreciate the split classes but coming away from the weekend I much preferred running the B with Kliff that was not split. After all the Jumpers events was our annual Mini-assembly which is always a lot of fun. This went to Waimak this year. Congrats to our Zone 4 representatives for the

NDTA. Definitely a FAST collection!

Down South report—by Elaine Pearce

Southland Dog Training Club held their champ show on 14/15th August. Slightly slushy ground conditions but at least the weather from above was kind. Thanks to Cam List and Carol Logan for some lovely courses.

Louise Marsh had a great round with her young dog in Senior 1 to take 1st and her first challenge (I think). Hot on her heels was Vicky Fox's Gem handled by Sallie Remon with another great challenge and 2nd.

Rae Evans young dog Bounce, 'bounced' (sorry that was awful) his way to take 1st in Starters 1 and 2 so is now into Intermediate.

The other show for the month was South Canterbury Dog Training Club and other than the results the only thing I have to go on is the following from Carolyn Parr's email to the list.

"Thanks to Roy Thorndycraft and Sallie Remon for their lovely, flowing courses and standing out in the freezing cold for two days!!!"

I see Rose Lock and Blitzm had a first in Southland and a first in South Canterbury in Novice so must be dangerously close to going into Seniors if she is not already. Mary Rose and Marley had a 1st in Novice 1 so must also be out of Novice or terribly close.

*I have decided to relinquish this monthly report. My life has changed a lot lately and unfortunately other things are now taking priority and I only attend the Southland, Taieri and Otago shows so South Canterbury is always missing out.
Is there anyone who is prepared to take this on?*

AGILITY MOST IMPROVED THIS MONTH

**Chelsea Marriner and Shift from Rotorua, a
leap from 398 to 3rd!
WELL DONE!**

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DVD review – Contacts: Bridge the Gap

By Darryl Jewiss

This DVD is presented by Rachel Sanders. It's not designed the teach contacts, but is for proofing contacts. Mainly aimed at release work, so more specific to stopped contacts.

Rachel goes through the type of releases; quick, early, self and a total absence of a stop. She then show her four handling manoeuvres; running past, front cross, a push past and run-stop-run. It then looks at Verbal release cues and moves onto release work on the flat. Once this proofed in the four positions at different speeds Rachel adds the obstacle, bouncing the dog from the side near the end. We then move to the whole obstacle with a run.

Rachel then goes through troubleshooting, this was the most enlightening for me, rather than do the whole dog walk or bouncing to position she break it down further. If the problem was a self release, we do a release on the flat and then carry on. This made it easier for my dog to work out what went wrong, and stopped the crawl onto position that we often get when they are not sure.

This DVD was well presented, it kept on topic, and didn't muck around. I recommend this DVD for anyone who has problems in the ring with slow contacts or self releasing at the end. It's also good for anyone who has trained a stopped contact and wants to proof it for competitions.

TRAINING SPOT.

TOYS and FOOD in AGILITY

by Karen de Wit

Using Toys and Food to lure dogs.

In Agility, especially in a class situation, the introduction of the dogs to new obstacles is frequently done by use of a lure. ie. a toy or food is held in front of the dog to cause the dog to follow the toy/food/hand and perform the obstacle. This is a good way to introduce new obstacles, but the use of the toy and the food as a lure must be stopped very soon in the teaching process or the dog's performance comes to rely on the presence of the food or toy, ie. If the toy or food is not present then the behaviour declines or stops. The toy or food have become a bribe. If the bribe is not present the behaviour does not occur, or is of poor quality.

You want to use the lure of food, toy and even the hand in front of the nose for as short a time as possible, and replace them with a verbal or visual cue/command.

Food and Toys are rewards.

Food and toys should however, be used as rewards. Rewards appear once the behaviour has been performed to the required level. The behaviour should be marked by a clicker. Then the reward is given. The behaviour the handler requires changes as the dog learns the obstacle, with the expectations increasing as the dog shows it understands each level. In this way the dog is rewarded for increasingly good performances, and so overall its performance on that obstacle improves.

Do not always have the toy or food on your body. Break off an exercise and run to the edge of the training area and get out the food, or tug with the toy. This will make the food or toy even more rewarding!

When to use Food or toys.

Ideally I recommend using food for slow precise behaviours eg. beginnings of contact performance, and toys for faster behaviours requiring the dog to move away from the handler eg. distance work, back crosses etc. Toys can also be introduced once the dog has learnt the basic skill, as a way of increasing the hype and distractions therefore making the job slightly harder to perform.

How food and toys work.



The production of food causes the production of saliva and the initiation of parasympathetic nerve pathways. These initiate blood flow to the digestive organs, start digestion and other basic bodily activities, which are generally more stationary and low key. Toys are used to simulate the chase which causes the production of adrenaline and the initiation of the sympathetic nerve path-

ways. This causes increased blood flow to the muscles and lungs and heart and dilation of pupils. Toys tend to excite dogs actively much more than food will do.

Food does not cause production of adrenaline (the flight, fright, fight hormone), that is produced in dogs by the promise of the chase, provided only by toys (or a rabbit!)

So next time you get out the food or the toy, ask yourself,

- Am I using this as a bribe? (If so, put it away)
- Am I using this to reward a good performance? (In this case... go for it!).

What if your dog does not like toys?

You can teach your dog to like toys. It takes a little bit of time but is well worth it. One way is to pick a toy that can be filled with food. The dog will, in all likelihood interact with the toy because it contains food. If the dog sniffs it then click and open the toy to give the dog a piece of food. As the dog becomes more interested you raise your standards, asking for far greater interactions, such as using the teeth, picking it up, shaking it or trying to open it up, tugging with it etc.

A second way is use the “jealous factor”. Get yourself a nice toy and put it in a drawer. Every day, multi times a day get it out of the drawer, act thrilled that it is there and play with it yourself, toss it up in the air etc. Then put it away. After a few days you should find your dog is interested. Show him the toy but don’t let him have it, play with it yourself then put it away! Next time let him sniff it, maybe mouth it, and as time goes on you can “share” it with your dog. After a while you should have a dog that wants your toy!

Once you have a dog happy to play with one toy then introduce others, he should love to play with you whatever you offer!



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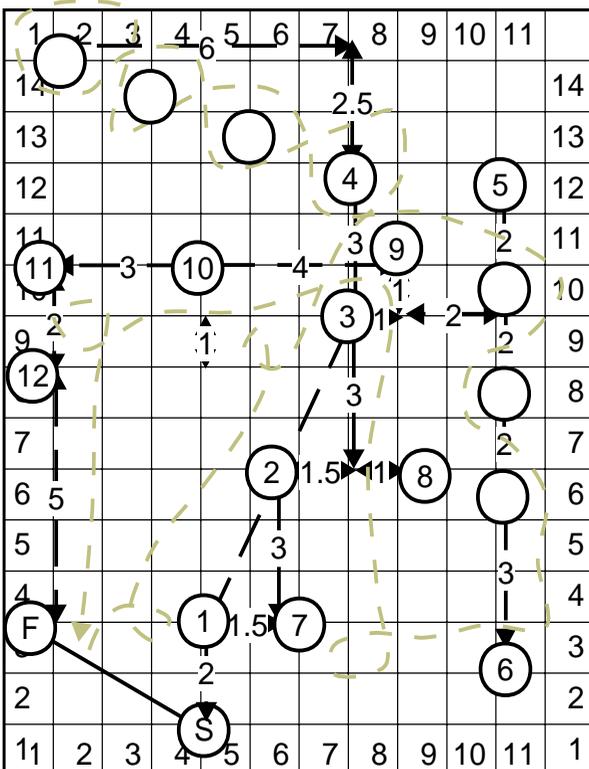
This month you will need 8 cones/buckets for the weave exercises.

Have fun!!

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1. 360 right (11)
2. Halt sit down (4)
3. 360 left (12)
4. Straight figure of eight weave twice (23)
5. Serpentine weave once (24)
6. right turn (5)
7. 270 left turn (10)
8. Halt sit (3)
9. Left turn (6)
10. Call dog front finish left forward (14)
11. 270 right turn (9)
12. Halt 123 steps forward (25)

RALLY RESULTS—AUGUST.

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|----|----------------|--|-------|---------|
| 1 | Mt Maunganui | Fiona Goodall & Promise, Fiona Goodall & Holly, Anne Proctor & Silke | 100.0 | 230.180 |
| 2 | Wairarapa | Melanie Wyse & Toby, Robin Gemmill & Col, Rachel Walford & Roxy | 100.0 | 232.000 |
| 3 | Wanganui | Meg Hansford & Musca, Betsy Gleeson & Flint, Betsy Gleeson & Suede | 100.0 | 232.340 |
| 4 | Central ADTS | Jan Voss & Pippa, Jan Voss & Buzz, Jane O'Callaghan & Scuba | 100.0 | 244.190 |
| 5 | Feilding | Linda Guinness & Diesel, Elise Marriott & Fat Albert, Linda Guinness & Sambuca | 100.0 | 257.110 |
| 6 | Canterbury COC | Leanne McTear & Millie, Jane McBride & Fanta, Vivienne Good & Gemma | 100.0 | 275.540 |
| 7 | Cambridge | Christine Nielsen & Co, Christine Nielsen & Pete, Graeme Jefferies & Pearl | 100.0 | 278.370 |
| 8 | Hawkes Bay | Bobby Dickerson & Aruba, Robyn Fargher & Leo, Pam Broockie & Gilly | 99.7 | 270.567 |
| 9 | Selwyn | Janine Johnston & Leroy, Kelly Walker & Maddie, Sue Neale & Flynn | 99.3 | 219.470 |
| 10 | Otaki | Fiona Brown & Muffin, Noeline Wagener & Rumba, Noeline Wagener & Diva, | 99.0 | 250.380 |
| 11 | North Taranaki | Paula Roberston & Skye, Laurel Austin & Linden, Paula Roberston & Jazz | 99.0 | 276.980 |
| 12 | Norwest | Maree Green & Ted, Elle Booth & Jones, Karen Smith & Zoe | 98.7 | 283.580 |
| 13 | Hawera | Carol Galliers & Kimba, Jo Moody & TedE, Carol Galliers & Reece | 97.7 | 302.950 |
| 14 | Central HB | Beverley Thomson & Topaz, Olwyn Johnston & Boss, Shirley Parker & Bess | 97.0 | 337.990 |
| 15 | Tokoroa | Gina Boreham & Drift, Gina Boreham & Skye, Maree Boreham & Honey | 95.3 | 299.590 |
| 16 | WAG | Susan McKay & Phantom, Fiona Ferrar & Sharky, Susan McKay & Shakira | 95.3 | 255.060 |

ON PAWS COMPETITION

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First correct answer will win a ON PAWS cap, and every one who responds will go in to a draw at the end of the year to win an ON PAWS jump.

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Email: kpdewit@xtra.co.nz with subject line—LINK competition by the end of the month.

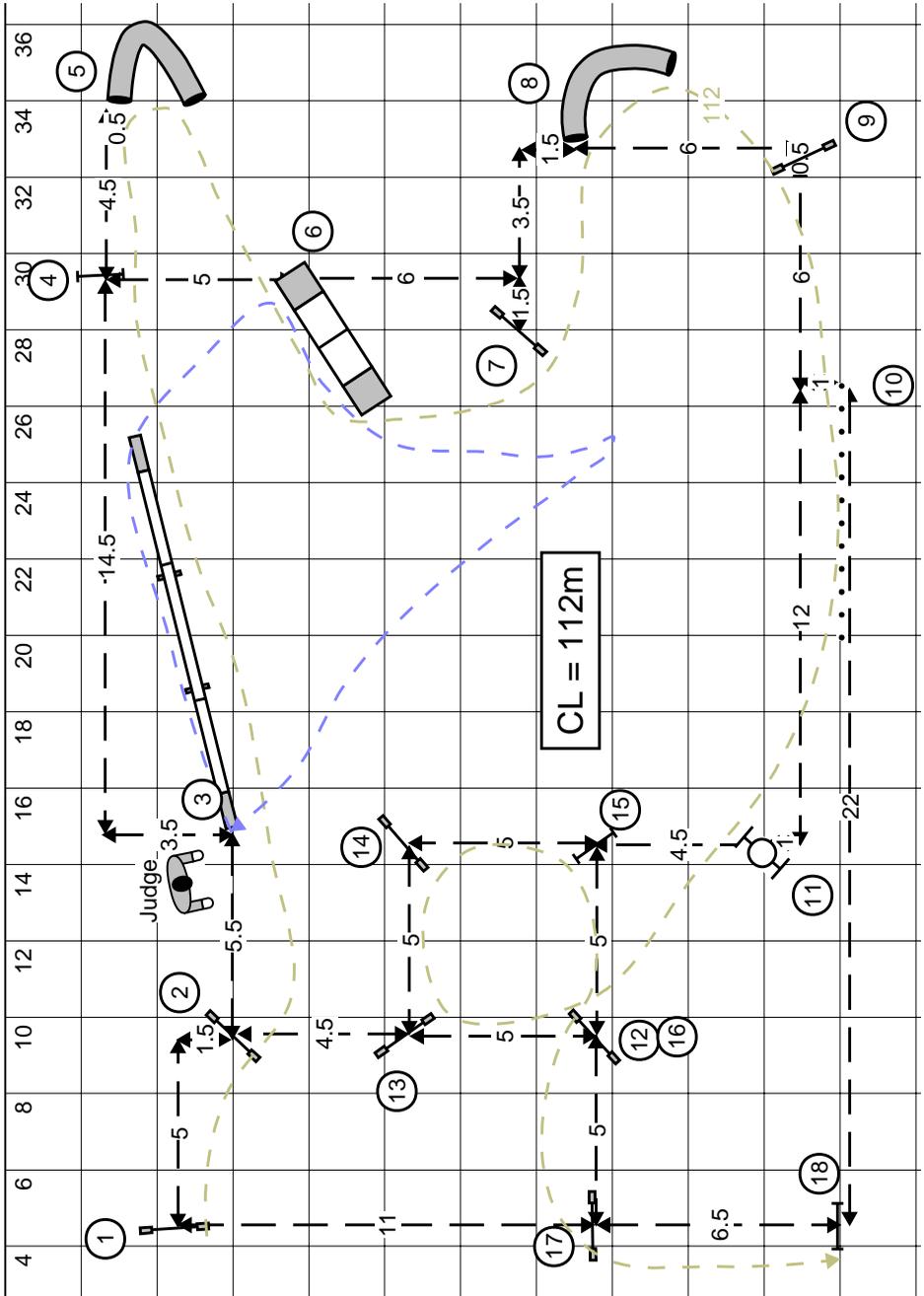


LAST MONTH'S WINNER: Bev Mauncer of Tairua who used to be a Wairarapa Club member. Your cap will be on its way to you shortly.



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Beginners - Under 11's

| Plc | Name | Dogs Name | Club | Time |
|-----|---------------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | Skyla Paterson | Cassie | U/Hutt | 17.96 |
| 2 | Megan Jones | Tess | Waimak | 19.37 |
| 2 | Paige Davis | Opal | Cambridge | 19.37 |
| 3 | Antonia Vole-Packer | Jed | U/Hutt | 25.50 |
| 4 | Molly Thompson | Reiba | Waimak | 28.52 |
| 5 | Jess Mortimer | Kaz | Nelson | 32.81 |
| 6 | Zane Paterson | Tana | U/Hutt | 34.84 |
| 7 | Nicole Davis | Amber | North/Taranaki | 39.28 |
| 8 | Jess Mortimer | Kola | Nelson | 41.40 |
| 9 | Brittnee Johnston | Indi | Waimak | 46.74 |
| 10 | Nicole Davis | Scarlett | North/Taranaki | 555 |
| 10 | Logan Heywood | Roko | Nelson | 555 |
| 10 | Paige Aukett | Kite | U/Hutt | 555 |

Beginners 12years

| Plc | Name | Dogs Name | Club | Time |
|-----|------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------|
| 1 | Zina Gota | Jacqui | Tauranga | 17.26 |
| 2 | Joshua Anderson | Beau | H/Bay | 25.33 |
| 3 | Amy Forrest | Sooty | Otaki K9 | 28.13 |
| 4 | Zina Gota | Feebie | Tauranga | 30.80 |
| 5 | Dylan Anderson | Rocky | H/Bay | 37.75 |
| 6 | Monique Gainsborough-Warning | Flint | North Shore | 70.88 |
| 7 | Joshua Anderson | Rumble | H/Bay | 555 |
| 7 | Anton Jewiss | Kiltie | U/Hutt | 555 |
| 7 | Anton Jewiss | Ruby | U/Hutt | 555 |
| 7 | Gareth Brouwer | Jackson | Waimak | 555 |
| 7 | Danielle Stevens | Finn | CHB | 555 |
| 7 | Danielle Stevens | Pepsi | CHB | 555 |
| 7 | Monique Gainsborough-Warning | Blitzel | North Shore | 555 |

Experienced - 8-11 years

| Plc | Name | Dogs Name | Club | Time |
|------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | Hayley Rohde | Knight | Counties | 20.76 |
| 2 | Caitlin Frater | Ziggy | WAG | 25.90 |
| 3 | Hayley Rohde | Rocket | Counties | 28.34 |

Experienced - 12-15 years

| Plc | Name | Dogs Name | Club | Time |
|------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | Emma Trimble | Milli | Waimak | 32.40 |
| 2 | Megan Loughridge | Cassie | Waimak | 32.56 |
| 3 | Megan Loughridge | Charley | Waimak | 36.73 |
| 4 | James Trimble | Simba | Waimak | 43.00 |
| 5 | Lauren Homer | Zac | Mount | 51.29 |
| 6 | Tom Kelly | Rai | Waimak | 53.99 |
| 7 | Amy Hodgenboom | Molly | CHB | 59.65 |
| 8 | Joe Tompsett | Katie | Cambridge | 555 |
| 8 | James Trimble | Flash | Waimak | 555 |
| 8 | Jade Kelly | Jess | Waimak | 555 |
| 8 | Jade Kelly | Kip | Waimak | 555 |

Experienced - 16-20 years

| Plc | Name | Dogs Name | Club | Time |
|------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | Chelsea Marriner | Shift | Rotorua | 20.71 |
| 2 | Chelsea Marriner | Flash | Rotorua | 22.25 |
| 3 | Chelsea Marriner | Quest | Rotorua | 22.28 |
| 4 | Chelsea Marriner | Spy | Rotorua | 23.09 |
| 5 | Chris Moody | Flash | Hawera | 33.96 |
| 6 | Bridee Manning | Tully | Tauranga | 34.21 |
| 7 | Chelsea Marriner | Ike | Rotorua | 40.31 |

AGILITY CLUB COMPETITION

DIVISION ONE

| | | | | | |
|----|------------------|---|--|----------------------------|---------|
| 1 | Rotorua 1 | Shift Rumur AgCh FDCh Flash | Chelsea Marriner Dyson Beasley Chelsea Marriner | 20.710 21.590 22.250 | 64.550 |
| 2 | Mt Maunganui 1 | Breeze Jack J J Cricket | Jason Hughes Jason Hughes Jan Murden | 20.680 22.230 22.315 | 65.225 |
| 3 | Waimak 1 | GrAgCh Zoom FD Jet Zac | Lisa Duff Phil Johnson Bruce Wilson | 21.169 22.942 24.390 | 68.501 |
| 4 | Otago 1 | AgGrCh Jax AgGrCh Pete AgCh ADX Jess | David Cook Anne Bevin Lisa Cross | 22.516 23.047 23.367 | 68.930 |
| 5 | WAG 1 | Phantom ADX Bronze Ziggy Jynx | Susan McKay Trisha Franklyn Joanne Small | 21.579 25.905 28.358 | 75.842 |
| 6 | North Taranaki 1 | Sonic Spice AD Jet | Jenny Laird Nadene Hoskins Maree Butterworth | 23.837 26.132 26.995 | 76.964 |
| 7 | Cambridge | AgCh Blake ADXG JDX Kosima ADXG, JDX Asta ADX | Julie McConkey Lou Baker Tarah Hunt | 22.810 26.900 27.530 | 77.240 |
| 8 | Wanganui 1 | AgGrCh Pippa ADXG Seka Jenna ADX-G | Mark Barrett Bill Stewart Bronwyn Morgan | 23.540 26.560 27.620 | 77.720 |
| 9 | East BOP | Bindi ADX Robbie ADXG Kwali ADX | Trish Bush Tina Mitchell Una Forrester | 22.780 23.880 32.940 | 79.600 |
| 10 | Nelson 1 | Taya Lilly ADX Tessa Mae | Christine Henderson Hadassa Koessler Dot Parsons | 22.188 26.904 34.337 | 83.429 |
| 11 | Upper Hutt | AgCh Cassie AgGrCh C QuickMagic | Nevenka Paterson Peter de Wit Peter de Wit | 25.988 37.757 38.299 | 102.044 |

DIVISION TWO

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|----|----------------|----------------|--------------------|--------|---------|
| 1 | Napier | Jazzy | Kristina Beresford | 19.710 | 68.530 |
| | | Andie | Kathleen Graham | 24.010 | |
| | | Dash | Kathleen Graham | 24.810 | |
| 2 | Counties | Knight FDX JDX | Hayley Rohde | 20.763 | 70.843 |
| | | Roxy | Marilyn Lambert | 23.031 | |
| | | Bess | John van de Sandt | 27.049 | |
| 3 | Central HB | Emma | Christine Harber | 23.022 | 75.650 |
| | | Taz | Kim Loye | 23.500 | |
| | | Digger ADX | Jill Payne | 29.128 | |
| 4 | Sth Canterbury | Jonty | Natasha Coulter | 24.430 | 76.356 |
| | | Travis | Natasha Coulter | 25.944 | |
| | | Qwest ADXG | Graeme Parr | 25.982 | |
| 5 | Taupo | Tonic | Sue Willis | 21.442 | 79.851 |
| | | Quest | Sue Willis | 28.868 | |
| | | Tehlulah | Carole Gabb | 29.541 | |
| 6 | Blenheim | Tricot | Natasha Neame | 23.814 | 80.256 |
| | | Brok | Sheryl Vincent | 28.113 | |
| | | Mistique | Stephanie Hayes | 28.329 | |
| 7 | Taieri | Kellie | Richard Powley | 25.370 | 80.560 |
| | | Bob | Don Leckie | 27.070 | |
| | | Cheyenne | Rosalie Lock | 28.120 | |
| 8 | Whangarei | Meg | Christine Fifield | 25.150 | 82.490 |
| | | Zito ADXB | Rebecca Roper | 28.000 | |
| | | Hudson | Nigel Kenny | 29.340 | |
| 9 | Hawkes Bay 2 | EyeC | Daryl Hogg | 23.626 | 89.737 |
| | | Ch'lee | Jane Webley | 31.502 | |
| | | Gypsy ADXG | Robyn Fargher | 34.609 | |
| 10 | CCATS | Phoenix | Margaret McBeth | 26.993 | 94.753 |
| | | Trixie | Dot Mote | 32.740 | |
| | | Grace | Sandra McHugh | 35.020 | |
| 11 | Southland | Kyte | Rae Evans | 34.664 | 107.018 |
| | | Ellie | Glenyse Pearse | 35.349 | |
| | | Flirt | Glenyse Pearse | 37.005 | |

DIVISION THREE

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|----|----------------|---|--|----------------------------|---------|
| 1 | Wanganui 3 | Shaylar FD Heydoh Flick | Barbara James Jonna Gibson Jenny Benson | 26.030 26.750 27.500 | 80.280 |
| 2 | Mt Maunganui 3 | Jazz Teal Silke | Shelley Stewart Elisabeth Proctor Anne Proctor | 24.557 27.442 28.611 | 80.610 |
| 3 | North Shore 3A | Lucy Quinn Ted-E-Bear ADX | Hayley Webb Tess Bayly Doreen Webb | 23.872 27.482 30.199 | 81.553 |
| 4 | Horowhenua | AgCh Phanta ADXG Ashley ADXS Flip | Heather Smith Penny Nalder Sharyn Sutton | 22.146 26.748 33.791 | 82.685 |
| 5 | Tauranga 3 | BreezADX Co ADXG Gemma ADX | Jocelyn Jensen Christine Nielsen Helen Fabling | 23.810 28.530 33.225 | 85.565 |
| 6 | Mid Canterbury | Paddy Mo Tess | Bernadette Thompson Caroline Sinclair Tui Clucas | 25.130 31.290 36.200 | 92.620 |
| 7 | Sth Rangitikei | Pollyanna Niko Shandy | Rod Pearce Sandra Mohekey Liz Tolhurst | 29.370 30.910 35.460 | 95.740 |
| 8 | Wairarapa | AgGrCh India Zephyr ADX Roxy | Dianne Reid Karen Bealing Stacie Clark | 21.770 34.690 41.080 | 97.540 |
| 9 | WAG 3 | Momo Lacey Lexie | Stacy Hobson Melanie Held Michelle Martin | 25.827 33.525 38.753 | 98.105 |
| 10 | North Shore 3B | Peggy Lily Jesse | Alison Swinyard Elaine Maisey Sian Luckie | 28.974 31.843 39.830 | 100.647 |
| 11 | Akarana | Branson Skooter ADX Axl | Brigid Slykerman Brigid Slykerman Gaye Manson | 32.780 33.410 38.944 | 105.134 |

DIVISION FOUR

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|----|----------------------|---|---|----------------------------|---------|
| 1 | Waimak 4 | Quiz Ash Milly | Roselle Bremmers Annie Sail Emma Trimble | 26.524 31.999 32.502 | 91.025 |
| 2 | Otaki K9s | Hunter AD FD Kashi ADXaS FDX Smarty | Diane Miller Diane Miller Aprille McGee | 28.030 31.530 32.000 | 91.560 |
| 3 | Canterbury COC | Foe Tiza Angel | Meredith Evans Robyn Sanders Gay Bouterey | 31.571 36.379 37.080 | 105.030 |
| 4 | Tauranga 4A | Chase AD Tulli Cindy | Jocelyn Jensen Shelley Clark Geoff Gillies | 31.795 34.214 42.473 | 108.482 |
| 5 | Hawkes Bay 4A | Leo Ringo Chip | Robyn Fargher Dot Janssen Peggy Scott | 32.169 35.590 43.217 | 110.976 |
| 6 | Tokoroa | Jim AD Ben AD Shine | Amanda Benson Amanda Benson Gina Boreham | 29.820 40.130 49.220 | 119.170 |
| 7 | Norwest | Bella Zoe Rowan | Colleen Lauder Karen Smith Bruce Ronald | 39.121 40.031 41.939 | 121.091 |
| 8 | Hawera | Tori Kimba Vinnie | Debbie Towler Carol Galliers Vivienne Pert | 36.750 39.900 48.600 | 125.250 |
| 9 | Nth Taranaki 4 | Mak Amber Scarlet | Isa Christianson Denise Davis Denise Davis | 44.443 45.074 45.988 | 135.505 |
| 10 | Tauranga 4B | Wilbur Harley Faber | Kate Audas Helen Fabling Kate Audas | 39.675 44.000 55.861 | 139.536 |
| 11 | Dog Sport Rotorua | Boo FD Lucy Bobby | Raewyn Saville Rosslyn Prichard Jeff Parker | 42.720 48.150 52.690 | 143.560 |

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|----|------------------------|------------------------|--|----------------------------|---------|
| 12 | CHB Orange Roughies | Toby Storm Betty | Duncan Renner Christine Harber Claudia Mason | 38.945 56.971 58.189 | 154.105 |
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Flygility results—standard course

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|----|------------------------------------|--------|--|--|
| 1 | Sulphur City Slickers (Rotorua) | 27.500 | AgCh FDCh Flash Shift AgGrCh FDCh Quest | Chelsea Marriner Chelsea Marriner Chelsea Marriner |
| 2 | Counties Knight Riders | 29.156 | FDCH Risky ADX Knight FDX JDX Mac | Ngairé O'Rourke Allan Rohde Shirley Hall |
| 3 | WAG | 29.500 | Phantom Sharky ADX FD Baxter | Susan McKay Fiona Ferrar Michelle Hodges |
| 4 | Waimak 1 | 29.593 | AG CH Tui AgCh Teezsa FD ADX Tee | Anne Godfrey Sue McKee Lisa Duff |
| 5 | Rotovegas Rebels (Rotorua) | 29.720 | Ike FDX Spy AD JD FD McLeod | Chelsea Marriner Chelsea Marriner Paula Nixon |
| 6 | Counties Kissers | 29.767 | AgCh FDCh Kiss Jewel Jess | Allan Rohde Allan Harrison Joan Holyoake |
| 7 | CHB 1 | 30.160 | Fly Emma Taz | Catherine Harty Christine Harber Kim Loye |
| 8 | Counties Sky Jumpers | 31.307 | Skye King Coal | Joan Holyoake Chris Richardson Marie Wales |
| 9 | Counties Crunchies | 31.383 | Abbey-Gail Tip ADXB, FD AgGrCh FDCh Rocket JDX | Chris Richardson Margaret Anderson Allan Rohde |
| 10 | Hawkes Bay 1 | 31.835 | Ch'lee Ringo Sheeba ADXG | Jane Webley Dot Janssen Campbell List |
| 11 | North Shore 1 | 32.000 | WT CH FD CH Laddie Dash Missy | Sheeran Johnson Kay Ungemuth Diane Davenport |
| 12 | Mighty Mounties | 33.660 | Cheeky Cookie Indy | Deb Jackson Sue Andresen Mel Mankelow |
| 13 | Wanganui Goldens | 34.210 | FDCH Jordy ADX Pippi Peanut | Barbara James Jonna Gibson Richard Steele |

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|----|----------------------|--------|--|---|
| 14 | Taranaki Team Tango | 34.470 | Mulga Cloud Breeze | Laurel Austin Patricia Martin Rae Mayhead |
| 15 | Counties Foxy Ladies | 35.381 | Zane Roxy Sweeny | Shirley Hall Marilyn Lambert Ngairé O'Rourke |
| 16 | Counties Whirlwinds | 35.733 | AgCh Windi FDX TCQ Teddy AgGrCh ObCh Flare FDX TCQ | Allan Rohde Marilyn Lambert Elaine Rohde |
| 17 | North Shore 2 | 35.780 | Joe Bracken Bess | Joanne Turner Sheeran Johnson Dave Swinyard |
| 18 | Wanganui Opal | 36.840 | Shaylar FD Heydoh Molly | Barbara James Jonna Gibson Bruce Lacey |
| 19 | Southland 2 | 37.220 | Zara Flynn Bounce | Vickie Robinson Jo Miller Rae Evans |
| 20 | Taranaki JRS | 37.720 | Jade Rosie Song | Jill Sorensen Patricia Martin Rae Mayhead |
| 21 | Nelson 1 | 38.020 | Fluke Split Kliff ADXB | Linley Barrett Kathy Konieczny Linley Barrett |
| 22 | OTAKI 1 | 38.130 | Smarty Lex Diva | Aprille McGee Denise Mundy Noeline Wagener |
| 23 | oodlemunsters | 39.740 | Nie Kimba Reece | Delcie Walkington Carol Galliers Carol Galliers |
| 24 | North Shore 3 | 40.560 | Shiloh Rocky V FdCh Caleb ADX | Claire Vivash Claire Vivash Kay Ungemuth |
| 25 | Counties Keepers | 41.897 | Toby MJ Kees | Karen Forrest Marie Wales Leni Koper |
| 26 | Counties Cousteaus | 44.043 | Todd Jacques Elsa | Nicole Beaumont Marie Pearman Janine Smith |
| 27 | OTAKI 2 | 44.250 | Fancy Ty FDX Floosie | Aprille McGee Denise Mundy Lesley Lygo |
| 28 | RDS team2 | 45.840 | Bobby FD Lucy Finn | Jeff Parker Rosslyn Prichard Dave Knapman |
| 29 | Waimak 2 | 46.355 | Radler | Anne Godfrey |

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| | | Kip Quiz | Jade Kelly Roselle Bremmers |
| 30 | 48.030 | ADX Bronze FDX Flash Jess | Debbie Towler Judy Towers |
| 31 RDS team 1 | 48.740 | Tri ADXB Bailey Chan | Michelle Sowerby Sharon Mear Raewyn Saville |
| 32 Counties Young Guns | 53.835 | Bridie FD Blaze Bolt | Carolyn Mear Marilyn Lambert Elaine Rohde |
| 33 Tga 1 | 54.560 | Chloe Lucky ADX Cindy | Shirley Hall Helen Moorhead Geoff Gillies |
| 34 Wairarapa 1 | 55.630 | Jacqui AgGrCh India Mr Gee | Rusty Jones Dianne Reid George Workman |
| 35 | 56.810 | Tasman Meg Cameron | Sharleen Drummond Christine Fifield Ann Kenny |
| 36 Tga 2 | 60.090 | Ted Tulli Harley | Rebecca Roper Shelley Clark Helen Fabling |
| 37 Counties Lords & Ladies | 65.648 | FeeBee Mandy Tessa | Helen Moorhead Sylvia Lord Karen Forrest |
| 38 Waimak 3 | 67.291 | Goofy Charley Stella | Leni Koper Kathryn Sutton Anne Godfrey |
| 39 Team 3 | 70.280 | Ash Cassie Xena | Annie Sail Joan McFarlane Joan McFarlane |
| 40 Counties Robbers | 78.162 | Zoe Ginny Ben | Karen Smith Leni Koper Karen Forrest |
| 41 Southland 1 | 79.880 | Robbie Zoe Iggy | Nicole Beaumont Vickie Robinson Ingrid Christiaans |
| 42 Wairarapa 2 | 100.840 | Lulu Milly Molly Mandy Sam | Rae Evans Caragh Briggs Stacie Clark |
| 43 Wairarapa 3 | 114.230 | Tessa Blast Smudge | Sharleen Drummond Ana Workman Ana Workman |
| | | Tyson | Ana Workman |



Flygility.. by Allan Rohde

In August the Counties club ran a two day tournament and to cater for the expected numbers had chosen to run two rings at the same time although a bit staggered at times. The month before Tokoroa had done a one tournament operating two rings. Although I did not get to that tournament to see it working first hand, I was told that it went of very well.

The weather wasn't too kind to us on the Saturday and numbers were down on what was expected although they were still good. The two ring scenario seemed to work well on that day. On the Sunday the weather was a little kinder and we had extra entries. Although having two rings available, it did not run quite as well as it did on the Saturday. This was not because of the extra numbers but more to do with the scheduling of events. Intermediate was run first with Advanced scheduled for a staggered start in the second ring. What we had not anticipated, although in hindsight we should have, was that most of the advanced dogs made it through to the final rounds of intermediate making them and their handlers unavailable for advanced. In hindsight we should have run a beginners or elementary alongside intermediate.

Another issue we encountered was with multi dog handlers. Although the dog may have been available, at times the handler was not because they were in the other ring. And in agility you can keep moving a dog down the running order if they are not available but you do not have that much flexibility in flygility with the knock out draws. We would also think twice about a triples event. It took only one dog out of the six not to be there to upset things.

Although there were a few obstacles to overcome, there were definite benefits in having the two rings operating. Even just having the next course ready to go saved a lot of time. And despite the hiccups, we were able to finish with two classes running at the same time. I think that running two rings is going to be a must at more and more tournaments if the organisers do not want to start dropping off events.

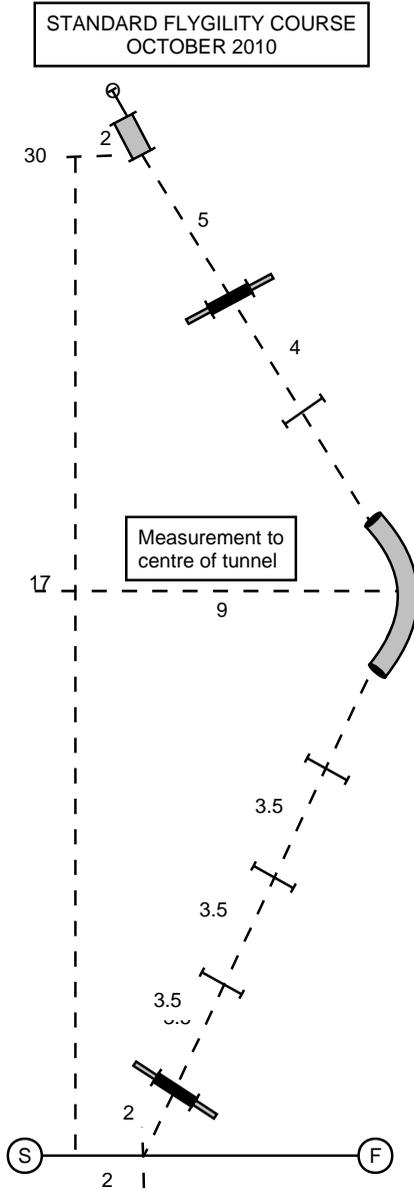
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