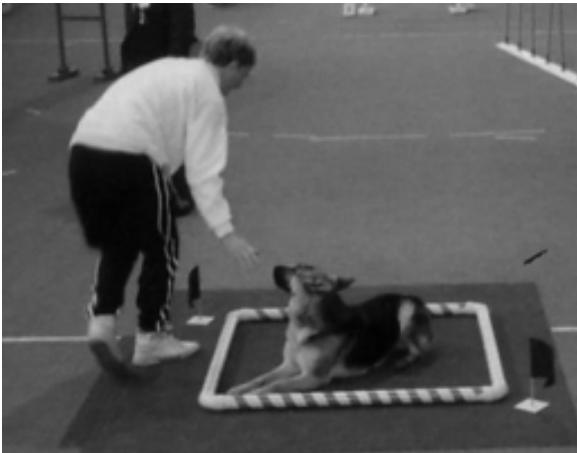


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**Photo front page:** Peter de Wit and his GSD Sarah, in the pausebox, National Dog Show, ~1989



## EDITORIAL

**by Karen de Wit**



What a great weekend we have just had. The weather was not as bad as feared from reading long range forecast, which always helps to lighten the mood. All of the courses were open and fast, with some handling requirements which I both did and did not meet (as you do!).

It was great in that two people who have worked hard with dogs gained that final requirements and were made up to Agility Champions—Kevin and Antz on Saturday and Jenny and Shade on Sunday. It is always delightful to be able to give a good pat on the back to people for a job well done. However, it did not end there because the NAC semis were also held and the quality of the teams who ran for this was great. Starters was a real test of speed as almost all the dogs were very accurate, and the little schnauzer of Lyn's and the larger heading dog of Sandra were the eventual victors. Open was a good challenge for all handlers, with more faults and DQs than the starters rounds, and eventually Pete came through with both dogs gaining clear rounds in the final round, I could not have been any prouder if I had wanted to be

Competition aside the weekend was terrific because of the companionship of fellow agiliteers. It always amazes me how far people will often travel to events, and I call Lou a local now as she is there at most of our local events. There are others too, who come from faraway & it is always great to catch up with them and their news, both the good and the not so good.

We has terrific accommodation, a roaring REAL fire, and a fabulous Bacon, eggs, tomato and mushrooms breakfast with juice and a cuppa tea! A couple of calls from the kids and a video call later on Sunday night. What more could you want on Mothers Day!

And then later in the day, a road trip to see a puppy which I took home—Speedee girl of Putara (pictured right in the Puppy pen). She is named after Dee, mother of our wonderful Ascki. Dee died recently aged 17 years! She is related to some really good agility dogs so here's hoping! Anyway, I am looking forward to training a puppy again after having done so 8 years ago with Tana! How time flies!!



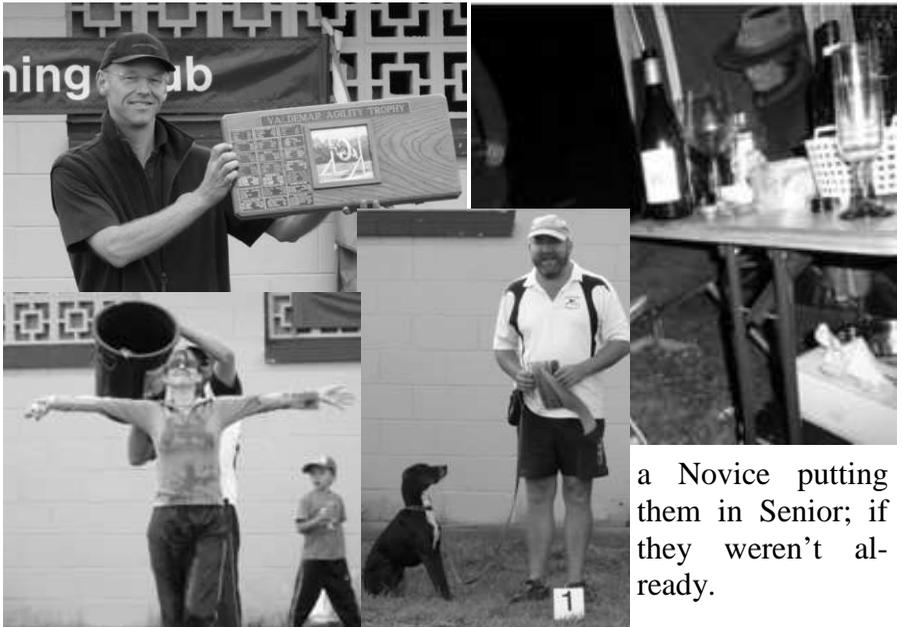
## ~ NALA REPORTS ~

### Top 'Arf report – by Ann Kenny

I pulled up last year's April report for some inspiration. Somehow it seems that last year in April there was not very much to report on. This year is a completely different story – indeed it has been so busy that my resolution of doing a bit after every show sailed off in the blue yonder to return only now.

The first weekend was Rotorua Champ. Of course the Kennys attended this show, but for the life of me I can't quite remember how it went. We were camping in our caravan, with our awning up. I seem to remember a large number of bottles being stored in the front of the caravan for recycling on the return home, but not much else. Perhaps Mel will be able to remember; though I can't even remember if she was there – I know she has been very unwell and do hope she is feeling better by and by these days. I know a lot of people did well; I can't even remember if the Kennys or the Ropers or any of the Whangarei people did well. Very frustrating that. Forgettery is working well this month.

The following weekend was the Counties weekend. Now I can't FORGET that weekend. It sticks in my memory for quite a number of things (which might be why Rotorua has unfortunately faded a bit). (1) the last minute change of venue; (2) the amount of work put in by the Counties club members to make the new venue semi-habitable and usable for a show; (3) the sheer numbers of people that can actually fit in our awning; (4) putting our name down for a puppy from Kim Orlando-Reep's bitch Spider; (5) celebrating that fact; (6) The aforementioned Kim O-R falling asleep despite the amount of noise and numbers of people in our awning; (7) being accused of drinking a lot when clearing up all the bottles the following morning; (8) having yet another Damn Fine Time; (9) Hudson winning Starters – and thus out of it; and last but not most certainly not least (10) Keri Neilson getting her final Challenge/Win to make Rain (Relko Let it Rain) up to Champion and the grace with which she took the soaking (and Kim celebrating the fact that it was the first dog she had bred to be made up). Marilyn and Roxy also won



a Novice putting them in Senior; if they weren't already.

The Zone 1 awards were also handed out that weekend. I know that Elaine Rohde walked away with a couple of trophies – probably top maxi and top dog overall or something like that. Marie Wales and MJ got top Midi, with Benji coming third (though sorry I can't remember the runner up Midi) and Tess Bayley getting the top Mini dog and I think top Starters dog. At this point I am hastily going through the photos I took very quickly as I just *knew* I wouldn't get the bits of paper or an e-mail off of Alan S. J Counties won the Top Club in Zone 1, with WAG coming second this time, but I have to say that a **THIRD** placing for Whangarei really has made us all up. Realistically we will never have a hope of beating the great Counties and WAG teams, but coming third over all the other Auckland clubs and Cambridge really felt like a feather in the cap for all of us.

So, the Counties Easter Weekend was yet another mighty fine weekend of fun, hilarity, frustration, excitement (being really pleased on behalf of Counties for finding a home virtually of their own), meeting more new people, being a really bad handler on behalf of my own poor dog (again) and generally just having a really cruisy time. I felt really proud of our agility community in how

they all pulled together to wish Counties all the best in their new digs, and did their best to conserve the water, as there really was only a very small tank.

The following weekend we traipsed down to Kawerau for the first time. We were warned that it gets pretty darn cold there; apparently last year there was a frost so thick it looked like snow. Well this year was different; quite warm really and I ran in my new Teva

## ACTION FROM EBOP.

Dozers all weekend (thanks for the tip Alan) and had no trouble with my feet at all.



The EBOP venue was beautiful. I often saw people looking up dreamily and indeed I did it myself. With Mt Abercrombie looming up very close and very dark green on one side, and the big forest stretching up and away over hills on the other side, one might think it would feel a bit oppressive and closed in. But at that time of year it is picture post-card gorgeous. The air on the ground was still, but clearly 40 or 50 feet up there was a slight breeze sending little flakes of poplar gold floating to the ground like snowflakes and contrasting with the dark green hills. One corner of the grounds was covered in a gold and brown carpet to the point where looking at it from a distance I thought the obstacles were quite hard to discern; however it would seem that dogs see colour differently to what we do and I don't think they had any more trouble with that ring than any other.

There is a gorgeous river walk there,

and at this time of year the path is covered in autumn leaves. The dogs didn't wait to be invited to race up and down the track or into the water (ours can make an awful racket), but there were times when Nigel, Rebecca and I seemed to be throwing toys and bits for more than our 6 and her 2. There were a pair of Goldies that would just arrive with a big splash and a distant "INCOMING" heard from behind and various collies and working dogs would join in the rowdie fun, till eventually their handlers' shouts and whistles just barely seeped through the waterlogged ears and brains. At one time I recall counting over 14 dogs joining in the fun. What pleased me most was our formerly aggressive dog Zilke couldn't have given a toot cahoot about who was there, as long as she could dig in the mud on the edge. She had a ball and all of the dogs would come back with BIG smiles on their faces.

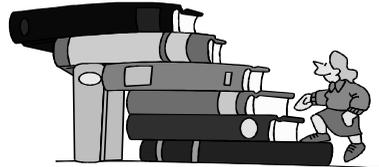
I don't remember who won what there; no one was made up to Champion that I remember, but the prizes were nice and different. My dogs are still munching their way through a box of Chollies that Taragh won, and some that I bought (they only ever get such things as a real treat; consequently their prizes last an awful long time).

The following Sunday it was back down to WAG. Nice to do just one day and be able to leisurely make the journey through Auckland. Azzie and Holly won Starters with a certain Rohde protégé nipping at her heels. It is nice too, to see Dianne Stephens back with a dog, albeit not a Huntaway – I guess nothing could ever replace dear old noisy Wag, her previous dog. It's been a long time

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away from Agility for Dianne, although I think she's been kicking around with the obedience lot in between times, but Turbo's doing really well for her and he picked up a couple of placings at WAG.

Della from Mangawhai was the one to watch though. She left the grounds somewhere up around on Cloud 9; I reckon Jinnie should have sky-hooked her to the bumper and towed her home, lest she float away. She won Novice with Dodge, and also qualified for the Starters NAC finals in Wellington – although at the time she had absolutely no idea what it was she had qualified for. She has now been educated.

Come to think of it, those Mangawhai folk are doing very well indeed. Young Erin came a very close second to Della in that Novice run. Nice of the kids to let the adults win for a change, ay Erin and Hayley. Marilyn also won again with Roxy in Jumpers C, putting them out and into B too now.

The following weekend it was May all of a sudden. Four out of Four weekends away from home in April and the grass growing like it was Spring all over again. It's starting to look really ragged around the edges; especially as I took a bit of time over Easter to get out on the new super duper engine driven sprayer and managed to annihilate all the edges around the block including all the grass growing up and around the fences. Oh well, it'll look as green as ever in spring – or before.

It was our own show first up in May so that's 5 weekends in a row away from home. Then I discover that the weekend after that North Shore are doing a double banger, double day Canine Good Citizen Assessment extravaganza, which I would really like to take Ash down to. We'll see if I've got the energy at the end of the week. It's a busy week at work; the conveyancing contracts are picking up quite a bit and with all the other side work we've taken on in the leaner months it's looking super hectic, I suppose I can count on a bonus this year??? Yeah Right.

## Central Report - by Mel Mankelow

### Rotorua Champ Show

Well my first show back only as a spectator but so good to see everyone, a big thank you to everyone who sent there regards much appreciated. The day started a bit chilly but soon warmed up, we had some great runs this weekend with some good results.

Some of the results from the weekend were Kathryn Martin and her new dog Volt winning Starters 2 & 3 Intermediate dog already. Kathleen Graham and Andy winning Novice 1 & 2 to move her into Senior, then also winning Intermediate 1 with Dash and getting a place in Senior she was on a roll this weekend. Also some great placings from Liz & Teal, Michelle Scooter & Ali, Sue Anderson and her young dog Cookie, Natasha & Sage, Una & kwila, Ian & Betsy and Petra & Bode.

Some of the best runs of the weekend had to be Deb Jackson getting another challenge with Cheeky not long before we will be wetting her I think. Also some outstanding results from Bev Pocock & Shylo getting placed in all her classes to take out top dog of the weekend, and also taking home the Slate Starters trophy for the first year.

Was nice to see a south Island judge up to judge brining us some different courses, thanks David even got a souvenir to take home.

### Counties Easter Champ

The Easter weekend arrived and off to the counties show we went as normal the weather was a bit showery on Sat but there were still some good runs. Bev Pocock in the placings again with Sylo and Deb Jackson had a great weekend again with Cheeky another challenge under her belt plus some placings and also a win in intermediate, Jan also picking up a challenge with JJ as well as Dyson & Scandal. Natasha and Sage almost winning Novice with a great run and Jason coming 4<sup>th</sup> with Jack. Trish Bush getting 3<sup>rd</sup> with Bindi in Intermediate.

The Dash for Cash is always a highlight of the Counties show and the final was great to watch the winner was Dyson & Rumur with an amazing tumble in the middle of the run, he got up kept going to

win by a second, 2<sup>nd</sup> was Jan & JJ 3<sup>rd</sup> Jason & Bailey. Well done and yes the fall was recorded.

The highlight of the weekend of the weekend was Keri Neilson making Rain up to Agility Champion very exciting and she took the soaking well even though it was freezing and her so called friend got a quick bucket in first.

Was also good to see the young handler class that I believe Clare Horncastle organized it was won by Caitlin Frater & Ziggy but all the kids did really well hope to see more of these classes in the future.

### EBOP Champ

This was a busy weekend for us we had a house full of people and dogs was great fun.

Was really good having four rings set up, we had lots of great comments about our gear which was great. And the wing jumps seemed to go down well made the courses look great.

Some good results for the weekend, Bev & Shylo again with some fantastic placings and Shelly & Jaz coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in Starters and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Novice. Sue & Cookie also getting 5<sup>th</sup> in Starters, Kim Taylor & Luca getting 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> in Starters, Shelly Clark & Tully also picking up some placings. The mini dogs were on fire this weekend Christine Gabb & Tehlulah getting 3<sup>rd</sup> in Novice and Justine & Pippi coming 7<sup>th</sup>. Also a new young competitor from the Mount Stephanie McCarty getting placed in two of the Starters. Chelsea did a great job this weekend with all her dogs but especially Spy she is coming on really well. Not bad for a dog with no drive !!!! and Sue Willis getting some good places with Tonic. Bev Pocock took out the top Starters dog again with Shylo with runner up top dog Kim Taylor & Luca, Top Novice was Charlotte & Gun runner up Christine Gabb & Tehlulah, top Intermediate dog Chelsea & Spy , runner up Sue & Tonic & Chelsea & Bree, Top Senior dog Chelsea & Bree, runner up Elaine & Rocket. Top Dog was Chelsea & Bree with runner up Bev & Shylo.

Nice early finish Sunday which was great for people having to travel home.

WAG Champ. We headed off to Wag on Sunday just for the day

weather wasn't looking great but the rain held off for most of the day. The NAC semi finals ran first was great to watch. There were big num-

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**Chad and Tina Wells from Hawera, a leap from 348 to 20th!  
WELL DONE!**

bers for a one day show, but the classes ran well and the Wag team were great getting the courses up really quickly. The Intermediate course went down well with 3 of the dogs in the placings having there first Intermediate run. Jason & Jack, Kathryn Martin & Volt and Tiffany Brown & Kyla. Some of the other placings were Ron & Brink 2<sup>nd</sup> & Wave 4<sup>th</sup>, Jason & Bailey 6<sup>th</sup>.

Some other people in the placings were Holly Jeffares winning Starters with Fast Az, Sue and Cookie getting 4<sup>th</sup> in Starters. Jocelyn & Chase getting 3<sup>rd</sup> in Novice. Sue Conner & Duke getting 4<sup>th</sup> in Novice. Deb Jackson ran Jody and managed to get a 4<sup>th</sup> in Senior with Ngaire & Sweeny coming 6<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn Lambert and Roxy winning Jumpers C winning her into Jumpers B, and Rebecca Mora getting her first clear round in 3 years with a 2<sup>nd</sup> in jumpers. Chelsea winning Intermediate, senior and Jumpers with Quest.

Well that's all for this month will report on Horowhenua next report as I have had no results. It has been brought to my attention that I may be missing some people's results from my report if this is the case please feel free to Email me and let me know.

**Lower North Report - by Peter de Wit**

I went to two competitions during the month, both of them single day ribbon events. That was a quiet month! The first was during Easter at Wanganui and the second was the DAWG competition in Wellington.

The attraction of the Wanganui event was an AD and a NAC heat, so we packed into the "bus" and off we went. The "bus" being an old, old van, that we borrowed into which we packed 6 people and 5

dogs! Don't ask me about the results, I can remember that Ann Packer was clear in AD. As usual, the Wanganui club ran a fun event, and the catering is the best!

The DAWG ribbon competition was the first in our area to run Gamblers and Snooker as official competitions. Being Grade C everyone was in the same class, and nearly everyone entered, giving them a good go. In these classes, instead of there being clear round certificates, Qualifying certificates are awarded if the required number of points are gained by the team. It was great that several Qualifying Certificates were awarded. A highlight was that my Quick gained her second win in the snookers class and also a gained a qualifying certificate in gamblers, and became the first dog to graduate into Grade B for Games. I would like to point out that once again Karen ran Quick and won, something she is making a habit of. Well done to DAWG for giving it a go.

## **YKC Camp**

Held during the last week in April, a whole bunch of kids camped at the Palm Grove Holiday Camp in Paraparaumu just north of Wellington. I arrived for the agility sessions early, it looked like there was white stuff on the ground (frost not snow!) and blue skies above.

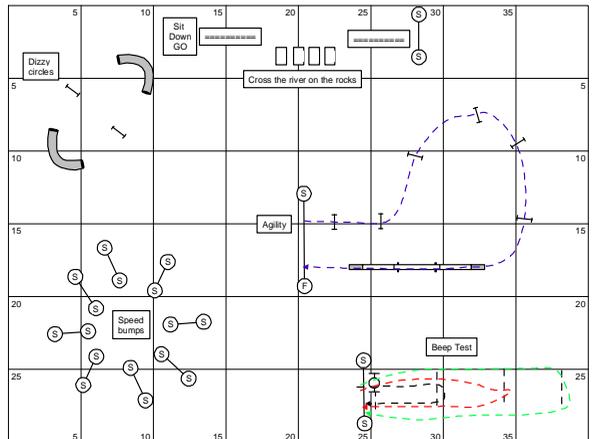
My job was to organise an agility training session for 25 kids all at the same time! The general rule with kids is divide and conquer, so we divided into teams and with the help of Nevenka, Sally, Christine, and Darryl the kids were off training on the exercises that had been set for them,

- The Dizzy Circle
- Crossing the river
- Speed bumps
- The beep test and,
- The agility course!

The kids were great at giving everything a go. Several were running dogs they had never seen before, which made things interest-



ing. Once everyone had trained on each exercise, we ran some knockout races to warm everyone up for morning tea.



After morning tea, we held the RELAY. The team captains chose one kid for each exercise. The teams were judged on accuracy, style and speed. Everyone gave it a go and looked like they enjoyed the relay and really loved the prizes, lollies.

For the rest of the week, well it was not all about dogs, there was the ropes course, the water slide, and the wearable arts and lip-sync competitions.

At the end of April, I headed off to Melbourne to attend an agility seminar held by Rhonda Carter from the USA. I saw Rhonda compete very successfully 3 years ago at the world champs in Holland so it was an easy decision to go to her seminar. The seminar was over 3 days, held in a RDA “barn”, and since I was in Aussie it rained and was very cold. But that did not detract from the fact I was learning a good number of interesting and different ideas about agility handling and training from Rhonda. I will certainly be trying some of them out on my dogs.

That’s it for April, into May and winter training under lights.

## **Northern South report** **by Sue McKee and Linley Barrett**

### **Canterbury Tails**

#### **SCDTC Champ Event 4 & 5 April 2009**

This is the weekend everyone usually heads out to the country at Orari for a fun weekend amongst the sheep poo, but sadly this year the host club decided not to hold it there, but rather at their club-grounds. However, the weather was glorious which made up for the disappointment many of us felt at not being at Orari. From HZ4 Sandra McHugh and her mini schnauzer Grace picked up a third in Starters and Trish de Hahn and Billie came 5th - great to see. Kathryn Snook continued on her winning way, with her mini schnauzer youngster Bree picking up a 1st in Novice1 followed by Robyn Sanders & Henery, while Lisa & Zoom won Intermediate 1 and Michael & Macca won Senior 1. On Sunday Kathryn Snook and her mini schnauzer Izzy won Senior2 - only four clear rounds in this one.

Not sure who won the Intermediate, Novice or Starters of these two as I saw my chance to leave, one of the advantages of not going clear is that you get to leave early! However before I left I was able to watch Natasha Coulter being well and truly dunked after gaining that last challenge with her wee mini powder puff Jonty. It just

goes to show that it isn't the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog, and Jonty sure has plenty of spirit and edge. Good on you, Natasha.

### **CCATS Champ Event 11 & 12 April 2009 Easter**

Once again a lovely weekend weather-wise, we really have been spoilt lately. A long day on the Saturday with those in Intermediate having to guts it out all day, well done to Kathryn Snook and mini schnauzer Izzy for winning yet another senior (senior 1), with a very stoked Heather Drewett and Zammi getting the second bluey **Zammi's first challenge yay!**

Good to see some different people and dogs up on the podium with Natasha Neame & Tequila, Gordon Setter, taking 3rd place and Meredith

Evans & Cilla 4th. Novice 1 was taken out by Jan Koortse and his new dog Jess, Intermediate 1 won by Lisa Duff & Zoom, as was Senior 2, with Kathryn Snook coming in 2nd. Lisa Duff & Zoom continued on their winning way on Sunday with wins in Intermediate 2, Senior 3 and Intermediate 3. The Duff/Johnson family also had the good fortune to draw out the winning dog in the sweepstakes for Novice 3, which was Jane Norton and her little fluffball white poodle, Theo and to top it all off Phil & Jet were second to Lisa in Intermediate 3 which was a blast with traps set by Gary Nilsson in which the dogs enjoyed themselves immensely. I know of one young lady who was very proud to get her first clear round at a champion show, well done Jessica Tansey with Sting - way to go Jess. Last but definitely not least, go Linda Mortimer and her tricolour chocolate border collie Chai, for taking out Starters 3 in spectacular style, taking 7 seconds off her nearest opponent with a brilliant run, in which I don't think judge Barbara Rusbridge had time to blink or breathe.



Sue is somewhere under this torrent of water!

## Selwyn Dog Training Club, 18/19 April

Once again a good weekend weatherwise, as we all headed towards the mountains the cloud lifted. Another sheep poo paradise at Kirwee Domain, with plenty of room to run the dogs. Thanks to Carole Logan for supplying the results for this, as I carefully wrote down all the placings and then the dog ate the piece of paper they were on. Good on you, Teezsa. Dot Mote and her wee spoodle Doogle got a 1st in Starters2. Doogle has shown some real speed in the runs I've seen him in lately, and is very cute into the bargain. Michael Barrett & Flick got a 1st in Intermediate with Anne & Tui 2nd. Lisa



YKC PHOTOS.

Top: Danielle Guiver and Poppy,  
 Above and below left Jonathan Savage and Kaz,  
 Right: Jonathan Savage and Kobe



Duff and Zoom and Jet were in form and gained a 1st and 2nd in Senior on Saturday and managed to do the same in Intermediate on Sunday. Other HZ4 placings went to Jess & Jade in 2nd in Starters and another 1st placing for Kathryn Snook and Bree in Novice2. Dean Machen took out 1st place in Senior 3 with yours truly 2nd. The NAC semifinals were held with the Starters heat on Saturday and it was great to watch, with the Blenheimites Natasha Neame with the speedy beagle Bella, and Jane Norton & Tiffany the small white poodle getting through to the finals in Wellington.

On Sunday the Open NAC semi-finals were held and the finalists are Lisa Duff and Zoom and Bruce Wilson and Zac. Huge congratulations to all the finalists and go HZ4.

On a personal note, Selwyn Dog Training Club will always be remembered for the day I finally got that last challenge to make Teezsa, my crazy very spasmodic Vizsla a champion. Thanks guys for the wetting. It hasn't been an easy road for us, and there were many occasions when I thought it was never going to happen. To all the friends that consoled me when I got a 3rd placing and kept telling me it was going to happen one day, you were right! And I am more than happy to admit I was wrong and that good things come to those who wait J

### **OCTC 25/26 April**

A small contingent of us travelled down to this event. Weather freezing on Saturday, boiling hot on Sunday. Congrats once again to Kathryn Snook and her mini schnauzers Izzy and Bree for taking a lot of the placings, reflecting in her dog top award with Izzy.

Who says mini dogs don't cut it with the big guys?

That's it from me this month. Phew, hopefully May will be a bit quieter on the agility front with just Leeston and the Taieri indoor to cover from the HZ4 perspective.

Sue McKee, Teezsa & Rez

### **Central Bark**

Firstly congrats to our new Agility Champs!!! All your hard work has paid off. It is cool to see different breeds getting the titles. I am guessing Katherine S and Izzy won't be far off Grand too!

## **CCATS Champ Event 11 & 12 April 2009 Easter**

I did make this one and I think Sue has mostly covered everyone but I will have to add that Hadassa K and Lilly featured in the placings a lot too.

## **Nelson DTC/Blenheim CTC Ribbon Trials – 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April**

Jan Koortse came up from ChCh to judge for Nelson and Blenheim. Nelson was a day of many firsts. First Jumpers event, first YKC event and first time Jan has judged at Nelson. Poppies were worn by many as Nelson ended up clashing with ANZAC – err I think we used to call this our ‘May’ Ribbon trial? Somehow it has ended up getting into April.

Jan put on some real fast fun blat courses that in the upper levels had some tricky off course traps if you were not onto it, requiring you to wind your dog back down again in parts, only to take off again full speed.

*Standard Classes* - Starters went to brand new kids on the block, Lucy Pritchard and her mini Border Collie X Spaniel, Molly. Lucy and Molly have only just graduated out of Kathy K and my Beginners class and it was the first time she had entered Starters. An amazing feat! Grant Pearce and his GSD, Crocket in second with Lola Anderson and cute little Maggie (Irish Terrier) taking the third spot.

Novice went to Dot Parsons and Tessa Mae and she took the third spot with her other dog Jaydee. With Grant and Crocket in 2nd. Intermediate and Senior went to me and the Kliffman with Nic and Speed on our heels in 2nd for both. One of which he ended up running three times! The timer kept failing on him. He was heard muttering ‘And I still didn’t win the blinkin thing’.

**Elementary 1 and 2** was judged by Lola Anderson. Chris Paris and Tyla took the E1 out – all their hard work has paid off, with Lucy P and Molly 2nd and Simone Cooke and her Belgium Shepherd, Kyla (another new Beginners class graduate) took 3rd.

E2 – Went to Linda Mortimer and Edge who finally got a clear to win it fair and square. Though we are all starting to wonder if Edge has been renamed ‘Plonker’, cos that’s all Linda affectionately calls him.

**Jumpers & YKC**– Our very first Jumpers C was quite a large class for a Ribbon Trial. It also had the YKC class at the end of each height. Jumpers C was ‘Beagled’ well and truly by Natasha Neame and Bella. Grant and Crocket (yes in 2nd again) came next with Jen ‘Go the Flatcoats’ Calder and Echo in third.

Unfortunately our under 8 entrant in the YKC was eliminated but Jonathon Savage and midi kangaroo Kobe won the 12-15 years. Hadassa Koessler and Lilly won the 16 years and over group. The looks of glee on the younger kids faces as they were running was pretty cute.

A bit of ribbing at prize giving with two of the blokes, Grant and Nic getting fed up with 2nd and being called the ‘Bridesmaids’. Jumpers B and Nic was finally renamed the Bride winning within a split second of his better half Natasha with Tricot, with Kliff and I coming a few seconds later in third.

Over the hill the next day and yes, I could not make it. I had to work and get up at 4am. At least if I went to Blenheim I would have got a wee sleep in to 6am at least. But I sent a little birdie to come back with the results for me.

Starters went to Liz Murray and Merlot (another go the Flatcoats person), 2nd was Lola Anderson and Maggie and 3rd Jane Evans and Tui. Novice was Dot Parsons and Tessa Mae (gonna be in Senior soon?), 2nd Jane Norton and poodle power Theodore, 3rd Linda Mortimer and Chai. Intermediate – 1st Jane Norton and Theo, 2nd Dot Parsons and Tessa Mae, 3rd Dot Parsons and Jaydee. Go Dot! Had a very successful weekend all in all. Senior – 1st Natasha Neame and Tricot, 2nd Lola Anderson and Morgan, 3rd Natasha Neame and Tequila.

**Elementary 2** was 1st Jane Evans and Tui, 2nd Wendy Champion and Aspen.

That’s all from us for the month. I will be off to visit the ‘Mid Cantabrians’ at the beginning of May. At the end of May is Nelson and Blenheim’s Queen’s Birthday show. Nelson will be holding its first ‘Champ’ Jumpers. Another first.

Till next time, Linley, Cheyzany, Kliffman and Flukester.

## Southern "Arf Report" - by Elaine Pearce

The only event I have any information for is the Otago Canine Training Clubs. I stole the following from Brian Swanney's email to the NZ Agility list. Hope he does not mind. He writes so well he really should be the reporter for the lower South (yeh right says Brian).

"On a gloriously warm and sunny day at Forrester Park while much of the rest of the country may have been getting a bit soggy...folks here were unexpectedly rummaging for their sunscreen again!!!

Another big effort from the OCTC members and a pretty smooth running show overall. Thanks to our judges, Elaine Pearce, Sallie Remon, Teresa Ford and Sara Edwards for their courses and their judging efforts - hope you all enjoyed the atmosphere and of course the yummy offerings from the hard working and renowned cafeteria crew.

The Top Dog award for the weekend went to Schondara Star attraction (Izzy) Kathryn Snook (a mini dog no less EP) with close competition from Picked pepper (Pepper) Caroline Rain (her first time at a Dunedin event), AgGrCh Kaeanda Blue skys the limit (Jax) David Cook.

See you all at our indoor "Hex" Jumpers event in June or indoor Triple CAE in July. (I guess "Hex" is the six way equivalent of Quad????)".

*On a very sad note this also from Brian*

"It is with the heaviest of hearts that I write to tell of the passing of one the characters of Agility. Today I had to make the hard decision to let my beautiful 'gentle' (????) giant go while under anaesthetic. He had been not quite right for a few weeks but always seemed to be recovering and eating again but I had to take him in yesterday and the vet could feel a mass in his abdomen.

Scheduled him for surgery today to check him out and hopefully fix him but sadly he had a tumour on his spleen and more seriously a large and soon to be blocking tumour inside his stomach near the outlet to the intestine. On vet advice it was decided to let him go as

the outlook was pretty short and he was already having trouble keeping food down. He may not have been a great achiever in progressing in agility but certainly one of the happiest, most enthusiastic of large dogs and those who saw him weave 12 or 60 will never forget his drive and his skill.



An enduring memory for many will be the sight of Paul Remon in the competition ring (in his Mr Plumber guise) having to oxy-acetylene weld the metal socket back onto the Taieri weave pole base after an over enthusiastic Qaz passage.

Had his adolescent training not been completely interrupted by other tragedies in my life I have no doubt his talents (and my earlier enthusiasm) would have taken him further, following on from his one 1st place in Starters. He had one other weekend of accuracy at the last ChCh NDTA with 3 placings in the top 5 from the 4 Starter events - I still have no idea where those performances came from :-)

**Goodbye my lovely big black boy. I'll never forget you.**

**Quastille Noir D'Angevin**

**25/10/2000 - 30/04/2009**

Our sincere sympathies to Brian. There is nothing anyone can say at a time like this except that we are thinking of you and remembering Qaz with our own special moments.



Mine would have to be the only time I was asked to run him at an agility event. That was a real education and he was such fun but it was rather like running a very fast miniature pony that had not been clipped for a while. (vbg)





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### YKC Rules for Agility Link

The definition of experienced and beginner is based solely on the handler's level of experience.

**Experienced**—open to NZ YKC members who run a dog on the usual Link course. Experienced = any handler that has handled any dog at an NZKC agility standard class at an NZKC fixture, or any handler that chooses to be in the experienced grade. Handlers can only enter once. A dog can only run the standard Link course once eg. If an adult has run the dog around the Link course, it cannot be run in the Experienced grade.

**Beginners**—open to NZ YKC members who run a dog on the Beginners Link course. Beginners = any handler that has not handled any dog in an NZKC agility standard class at an NZKC fixture or is under the age of 8. Handlers can only enter once. A dog can be entered a maximum of twice under different handlers in the Beginners section. Any agility trained dog irrespective of the level it currently competes in, can be handled in this class. Dogs will compete on obstacles appropriate to their height.

A handler who starts the year in experienced or Beginners grade will stay at that level for the whole competition. A handler who starts the year in a certain age range will stay at that level for the whole competition.

There will be a course available every month, with awards at the end of the year as per the usual Agility Link competition, in age ranges as well as difficulty level, all provided by NZ YKC. The course will be nested within the monthly Link course

Age levels: Experienced – 8-11yrs, 12-15yrs, 16-24yrs.

Beginners – under 8's, 8-11yrs, 12-15yrs, 16-24yrs.

NZYKC link competition finishing on the 31st of March 2010. The results will be calculated as follows: The top 9 runs only will be taken for each competitor, NB. NZYKC members only. NB NZYKC Link forms will also need to be completed cost is \$10per handler. The placings for these 9 runs will then be added together to determine the final lowest scores. Placing will be from 1st to 3rd in each section. NB: if you are running more than ONE dog - You will only receive ONE placing

**Eligibility: Anyone wishing to have their**



**results recorded, and be eligible for the awards MUST become a member of NZYKC and complete the NZYKC Link forms.**

I would like to thank all the juniors who have got their forms into me ASAP, the rules state that you have to become a member of the YKC and also a member of the NEW LINK. I can't take any results until the LINK forms are sent to me via the post. Please note that NALA membership doesn't qualify for this event.

YKC is very thankful the Paw's Agility for their sponsorship for 2008/2009 and will be sponsoring this event again this year. Many thanks from the Young Kennel Club committee.

If you have any questions about this competition please direct to Nevenka Paterson (Nevenka@xtra.co.nz)

RESULTS: April

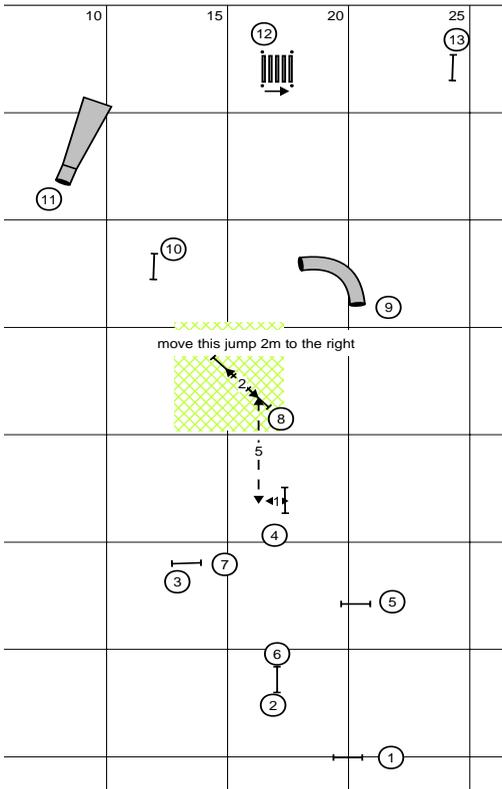
<b>Experienced</b>				<b>Total</b>	<b>Rank</b>
8-11years					
	Kerry Remon	Flicka	Taieri	55.84	1
	Jessica Tansey	Sting	Waimak	61.65	2
12-15years					
	Julia Primrose	Bella	Taupo	43.83	1
	Kris Butterworth	Jet	N/Taranaki	47.14	2
16-24years					
	Chelsea Marriner	Bree	Rotorua	23.41	1
	Chelsea Marriner	Quest	Rotorua	24.32	2
	Chelsea Marriner	Flash	Rotorua	24.38	3
	Hadassa Koessler	Lilly	Nelson	30.18	4
	Chelsea Marriner	Ike	Rotorua	34.44	5
	Lisa-Cheri McKay	Jody	Wag	46.99	6
	Celine Lovejoy	JJ	Napier	47.61	7
	Chris Moody	Laser	Hawera	62.88	8
<b>Beginners</b>					
under 8s				<b>Total</b>	<b>Rank</b>
	Skyla Paterson	Cassie	UH	11.76	1
	Daniel Palsen	Lili	DAWG	13.28	2
	Sian Remon	Flicka	Taieri	14.03	3
	Sian Remon	Jiggy	Taieri	16.22	4
	Teona Stephens	Poppy	Nelson	28.04	5
	Paige Aukett	Paris	UH	37.17	6
8-11years					
	Liam Thomson	Zena	Napier	8.67	1
	Logan Reece-Heyward	Taya	Nelson	10.06	2
	Zane Paterson	Tana	UH	19.24	3
	Jess Mortimer	Poppy	Nelson	27.28	4
	Anton Jewiss	Ruby	UH	70.61	5
12-15years					
	Larissa Cherrie	Gemma	Mount	41.31	1

# BLAST FROM THE PAST.

The July 1990 issue of the Agility Link reported on the first ever NZKC Agility Judges panel which had 41 names on it. The Agility regulations were also official that month and it was observed that a mistake existed in that the hurdle bar was stated as 1.2m maximum instead of 1.2 m minimum. The UK and FCI regulations all stated that “hedges” should be 120cm minimum width. This error in our regulations remained uncorrected until recently. ‘

Scoring of the pausebox was also discussed. Many of you who do agility today will have no idea what a pausebox was. It was a wooden (usually) box on the ground that the dog had to go into and stay for 5 seconds. The rule change allowed for a sit, down or stand position whereas beforehand a down had been usual. It wasn't too many years later that the pausebox was removed from the list of standard obstacles. I remember having to put a dog in it 3 times during a course, it wasn't much fun for the dogs especially when ground conditions were muddy!! These days the remaining obedience-type requirement is only the table down during AD trials

## BEGINNER YKC/NALA Course.



Handling these days is improving all the time with the availability of so many different ideas from the rest of the world via the Internet and various productions. When we started agility it was very much a left handed affair with few handlers able to run their dogs on both sides. Of course it soon became a huge advantage to be able to do so! Comments by the judge in 1990 give an interesting view on handling “Warning: to handlers not minimising hype in urging their dogs on, safe speed requires accuracy and control, the dog must know what it is doing and like anything else with dogs each event with its increasing hazards must ‘jell’ before top speed can be either allowed or expected. Appreciation: of handlers that can command the dog to turn left and right and have the dog immediately alter direction with its eyes alert to take the next obstacle”.

# AGILITY CLUB COMPETITION

## DIVISION ONE

<b>PlcTeam</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Breed</b>	<b>Handler</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Total&gt;</b>
1 Rotorua 1	AgGrCh FDCh Bree	Heading Dog	Chelsea Marriner	23.410	72.110
	AgGrCh FDCh Quest	Working BC	Chelsea Marriner	24.320	
	AgCh FDCh Flash	Heading Dog	Chelsea Marriner	24.380	
2 Upper Hutt	QuickMagic	Heading dog	Peter de Wit	24.411	80.213
	AgCh Cassie	Border Collie	Nevenka Paterson	26.785	
	Jayne	Min Sch	Lyn Sayers	29.017	
3 Wanganui 1	AgCh Pippa ADXS	Hunt.X	Mark Barrett	25.086	82.445
	Josh ADX	Min Schnauzer	Wendy McGhie	27.925	
	Seka		Bill Stewart	29.434	
4 Southland	Skye	BC	Jenna McCabe	25.810	84.020
	Midge ADX	Jack Russell x	Joanne Rennell	25.930	
	Lulu	Border Collie	Rae Evans	32.280	
5 Nelson 1	Taya	Kelpie.X	Christine Henderson	26.703	84.274
	Cloud ADX	BC	Vannessa Machen	27.386	
	Lilly	BC x	Hadassa Koessler	30.185	
6 Mt Maunganui 1	J Cricket	Heading Dog	Jan Murden	26.889	84.386
	AgGrCh Ali	Lab.X	Michelle Burggraaf	28.719	
	Bailey ADX	BC	Mel Mankelow	28.778	
7 Waimak 1	Lace	BC.X	Teresa Ford	26.009	85.728
	Rogue	Border Collie	Graeme Lawson	29.822	
	Wilco	Border Collie	Norma Wilson	29.897	
8 Top DAWG	FDCh Mya ADX	BC.X	Rebecca Sidwell	24.450	93.346
	Misty ADXG FD	Terr.X	Rebecca Sidwell	34.235	
	Rapid ADXB FD	Border Collie	Mike Butler	34.661	
9 Taieri	Gem	Heading Dog	Vicky Fox	28.660	96.530
	Jodie	boxer	Don Leckie	29.370	
	Jiggy	BC	Paul Remon	38.500	
10 WAG 1	Sharky	BC	Fiona Ferrar	26.041	97.886
	AgGrCh Cannon FD	BC	Fiona Ferrar	26.558	
	Jynx	Rigeback.X	Joanne Small	45.287	
11 Cambridge	Rosie	Beardie	Stephanie Holmes	33.150	113.620
	Blake ADXG	Heading Dog	Julie McConkey	38.380	
	Asta AD	BC	Tarah Hunt	42.090	

## DIVISION TWO

<b>PlcTeam</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Breed</b>	<b>Handler</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Total&gt;</b>
1 East BOP	Bindi ADX	Belgian Shepherd	Trish Bush	25.340	81.400
	Robbie ADXG	BC	Tina Mitchell	27.870	
	Bode	Heading Dog	Petra Parkinson	28.190	
2 Otago 2	AgGrCh Jax	BC	David Cook	27.914	84.150
	AgGrCh Pete	BC X	Anne Bevin	28.115	
	AgGrCh Kay J	BC	Anne Bevin	28.121	
3 Hawkes Bay 2	EyeC	Border Collie	Daryl Hogg	26.915	86.437
	Polly	Kelpie	Annette Hildesheim	29.548	
	Sheeba ADXG	Kelpie.X	Campbell List	29.974	
4 Sth Canterbury	Qwest ADXG	BC.X	Graeme Parr	31.741	98.580
	Solo	Border Collie	Natasha Coulter	33.230	
	Amber ADXG	Border Collie	Carolyn Parr	33.609	
5 Tauranga 2	BreezADX	BC	Jocelyn Jensen	30.205	98.713
	Rocky ADX	Sheltie	Bernice Shearman	31.235	
	Lucky ADX	Foxy.X	Helen Moorhead	37.273	
6 Counties	Jodi ADX	pointer X	Eduard Hamster	29.530	101.710
	Jedi	Kelpie	Andrea Whiting	33.560	
	Turbo	Heading Dog	Di Stephens	38.620	
7 CCATS	Bree	Miniature Schnauzer	Kathryn Snook	32.588	103.387
	AgCh Bess ADXG	BC.X	Jo Chapman	35.063	
	Jazz	BC x	Pete Henry	35.736	
8 Central HB	Poppy	Border Collie	Eileen Blake	35.350	122.322
	Xena AD	ACD	Kim Loye	36.522	
	Digger ADX	Aust.C.Dog	Jill Payne	50.450	
9 North Taranaki 2	Razz	Border Collie	Clare Wellington	27.065	124.496
	Sonic		Jenny Laird	37.907	
	Cloud	BC	Patricia Martin	59.524	

## DIVISION THREE

<b>PlcTeam</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Breed</b>	<b>Handler</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Total&gt;</b>
1 Napier	Jazzy	Crossbreed	Kristina Beresford	30.930	101.080
	Chloe	Min poodle	Diane Boden	32.310	
	Dash	BC	Kathleen Graham	37.840	
2 Horowhenua	Nelson	Greyhound X	Kimberly Burman	29.690	102.200
	Holly ADX S	Staff.X	Sandra Athea	33.600	
	Zara	GSD	Suzie Wheatley	38.910	
3 Taupo	Riven	Kelpie x	Liza Whalley	32.405	104.111
	Quest	BC	Sue Willis	32.514	
	Telulah	Toy Poodle	Christine Gabb	39.192	
4 Whangarei	Toby	BC x	Karen Tipa	33.810	104.150
	Benji	Span.X	Ann Kenny	34.650	
	Zilke ADXS	GSD.X	Nigel Kenny	35.690	
5 Wairarapa	AgGrCh India	Border Collie	Dianne Reid	27.280	104.860
	Tessa	Fox Terrier	Sharleen Drummond	32.130	
	Tasman	Border Collie X	Sharleen Drummond	45.450	
6 Akarana	Kelly ADXG	Min.Poodle	Marie Pearman	33.278	106.732
	Branson	Border Terrier	Brigid Slykerman	35.555	
	Skooter ADX	B.Terr	Brigid Slykerman	37.899	
7 North Shore 3B	Hollie	Border Collie	Cathy Clarkson	35.650	109.500
	Peggy	Spaniel x Poodle	Alison Swinyard	35.900	
	Rocky	BC	Simone O'Meara	37.950	
8 North Shore 3A	Ella ADX	Terrier x	Bruce Anderson	34.460	112.240
	Charlie ADXG	Cav.K.C	Elaine Maisey	37.640	
	FDCH Caleb ADX	BC	Kay Ungemuth	40.140	
9 Hawkes Bay 3	Chip	BC	Peggy Scott	33.324	113.554
	Rocky	Sheltie	Ann Anderson	37.896	
	Ringo	Kelpie	Dot Janssen	42.334	
10 Mid Canterbury	Harley	BC	Caroline Sinclair	38.066	116.721
	Mo	Heading Dog	Caroline Sinclair	38.469	
	Chase	huntaway cross	Alana Laird	40.186	

## DIVISION FOUR

<b>Plc Team</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Breed</b>	<b>Handler</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Total&gt;</b>
1 Hawera	Chelsea AD	BC	Linda Smith	26.570	82.920
	Misty	R.Collie	Jo Moody	27.820	
	Chad	Pointer	Tina Wells	28.530	
2 Canterbury COC	Lexie	BC	Tim Conolly	28.980	99.161
	Cilla	Heading Dog x	Meredith Evans	34.684	
	Loot	Huntaway x	Doug Vaughan	35.497	
3 South Rangitikei	Pollyanna	Sheltie	Rod Pearce	31.560	103.300
	Fifi ADXB	Terr.X	Silvia Rizzi	34.370	
	Radar ADXS	Sheltie	Rod Pearce	37.370	
4 Wanganui 4	Shaylar	Border/heading	Barbara James	32.188	107.677
	Taz	Miniature Poodle	Bronwyn Morgan	33.661	
	Flame	BC	Bronwyn Morgan	41.828	
5 Mt Maunganui 4	Shiloh	HeadingX	Bev Pocock	32.055	112.396
	Scooty	HeadingX	Michelle Burggraaf	32.624	
	Jack	BC	Jason Hughes	47.717	
6 Tauranga 4A	Gemma AD	Lab x	Helen Fabling	36.751	113.243
	Chase	Border Collie X	Jocelyn Jensen	37.826	
	Deci	Heading dog	Marion Pope	38.666	
7 Otaki K9s	Annie	Australian Shepherd	Fiona Brown	35.510	118.010
	Molly ADXG	Min.Poodle	Sharon Wagener	40.480	
	Cinders ADX	Min Poodle	Aprille McGee	42.020	
8 CHB Orange Roughies	Taz	Heading Dog X	Kim Loye	41.370	130.589
	Millie	Sheltie	Eduard Holmes	43.539	
	Finn	Heading Dog X	Jill Payne	45.680	
9 Go DAWG	Jack AD FD	Sheltie	Chris Ross	33.949	131.874
	Beau	Hunterway X Heeler	Kim Paice	38.736	
	Zephyr FD	Vizsla	Marian Holman	59.189	
10 Selwyn	Splash	Bearded Collie x	Aimee Weber	35.690	151.320
	Homer	Foxie x	Penny Hallowes	40.500	
	Flynn	Labrador	Sue Neale	75.130	
11 Tauranga 4B	Floss	BC	Malcolm Ward	43.720	171.690
	Jacqui	heading dog	Rusty Jones	62.725	
	Harley	Lab/Border Collie X	Helen Fabling	65.245	



# Flygility.. by Allan Rohde

A quick return can make the difference between winning and losing a race. I have seen it so many times where a dog is first to the box but returns slowly and ends up losing. First to the box counts for nothing while first to the finish line is everything. Training for fast returns is just as important as training the box. This training will benefit greatly if a strong chase drive has been developed in the dog at an early age. The following is a training tip from the web on returns..

## **The Recall (Return)**

There are many ways in which to teach a dog to recall, the purpose of this article is to introduce the concept of the restrained recall into your training. The restrained recall is used in many ways during Flyball training and competition. If you never train your dog to compete in Flyball it will do no harm to teach all of the elements of the restrained recall, it can do nothing but improve your dogs understanding and provide a further incentive for it to recall faster.

## **Start Training From Day One**

You should start to train your dog or puppy to recall using its name, from the first day it arrives in you home. Recalls must always be a reward based exer-

cise. It is very important to find out what rewards your dog considers to be best. The mistake most owners make is that they give the dog a reward that they prefer to give rather than the reward the dog would prefer to have.

## **Finding the Right Reward**

Every dog is different, some like praise some like games but without doubt most pet dogs like food. To achieve the perfect recall use the reward that suits your dog best. My dogs like playing with a ball, so therefore I use a ball on a rope to reward my dogs when they recall. It is important that the owner controls the reward, by playing with a ball on a rope I can keep possession of the reward and produce it when I decide. The same apply's to food when it is used as a reward, it should be used 'little and often'. Whichever reward you use make sure that your dog know s it's available and NEVER stop using it.

## **Restrained Recalls**

The restrained recall as used in Flyball training is simply a method of someone (called a 'helper') holding the dog while the owner walks away. Then the dog being recalled by the owner from the helper. Do not be surprised when you first try this exercise if the dog try's to pull towards the owner, that is the idea of the exercise. The helper must remain silent and passive, not trying to give the dog commands or

dampen its enthusiasm to get to it's owner.

One important point to remember is to use someone as a helper that your dog knows well and who has held your dog regularly before you ever attempt leave it with them while you walk away. Start training this exercise at home with family and friends holding the dog while you recall it up and down your hall, lounge or garden. How the dog is held for the restrained recalls is important. In Flyball, dogs can only wear flat collars, all types of checking device are banned (even half checks or slip leads).

#### Step 1

Use a friend (the 'helper') to assist you with this exercise. The helper holds the dog with both hands on it's collar, never hold the dog's skin or fur. With a very excitable dog it may be better to hold it's collar with one hand and place the other on its rear quarters to help prevent it jumping up. If the dog is so enthusiastic to get to its owner that it is difficult to hold it then just let go. There is no value in holding at all costs.

Start off the training in familiar surroundings at home, with the dog being held by the helper the owner should walk a few feet away and face the dog. On the owner's command (preferably the dog's name) the helper should release the dog. The dog when released should run at speed towards the owner, who should stand perfectly still and be offering the reward to the dog. The reward is only released when the dog allows the owner to put their hands in the dog's collar.

Progress the training until the dog is successfully recalling at speed over distances of 30 or 40 yards. When this is achieved we can move on to stage two.

#### Step 2

This part of the recall training really speeds the dog's up and you will eventu-

ally achieve an extra burst of speed as the dog returns to you. Start with the dog being held 40 yards away, the owner is facing and calling the dog, a signal is given and the dog is released by the helper. When the dog has run 15 yards the owner turns and starts running away from the dog. This is a real chase and will speed up the dog considerably. Remember that for this system to succeed a reward must be given every time, even if sometimes you just throw a ball when the dog reaches you.

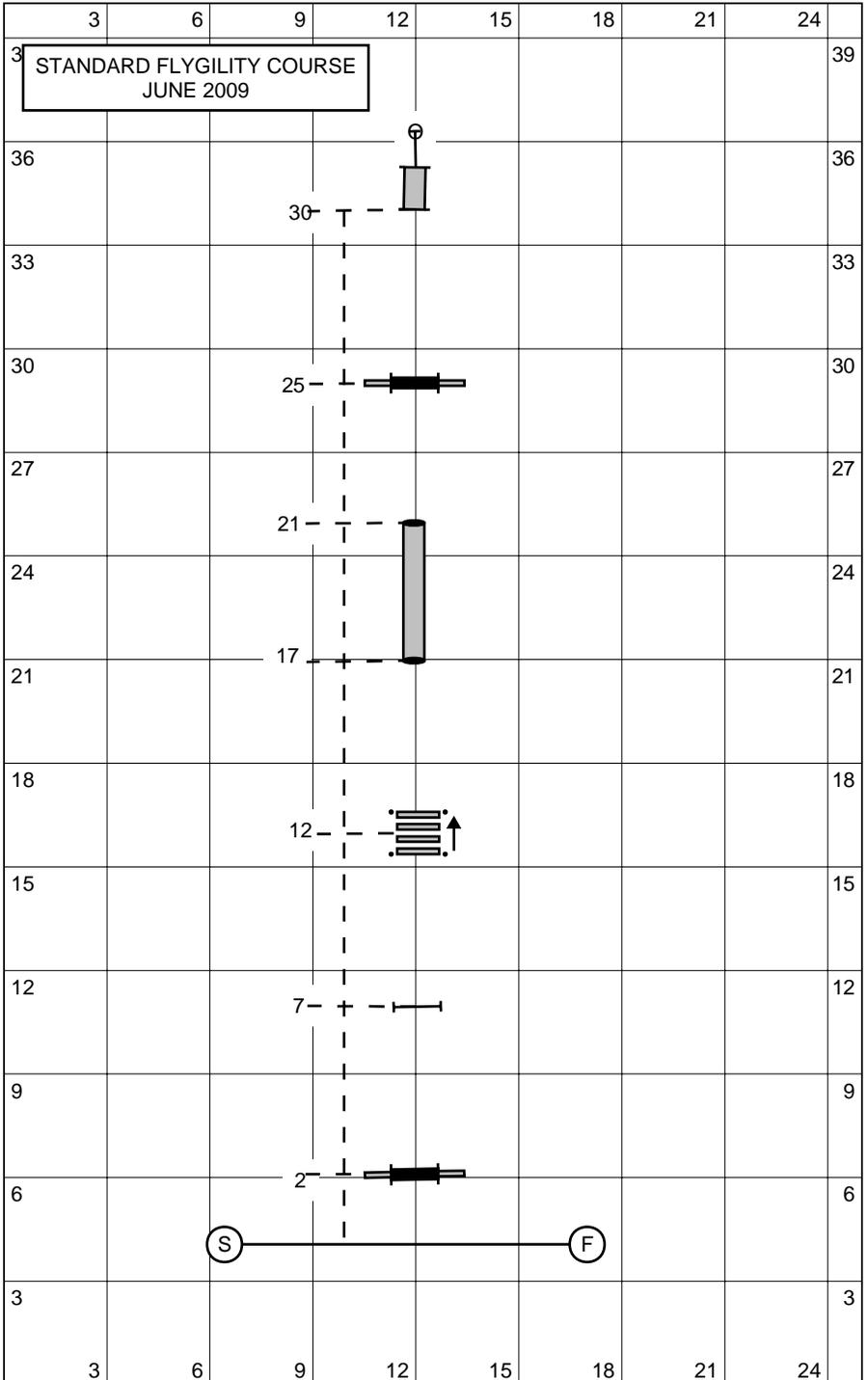
### **Benefits of a Fast Recall**

Whether you decide to train your dog for Flyball or not, every dog owner must have a reliable recall, it could save your dog's life and will often prevent problems occurring. The golden rule for a successful recall is to ensure that the dog sees you as being the provider of the greatest games, the best food and the most fun in every situation.

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/NZAglility/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 Teams Results April 2009

1	Sulphur City Slickers (Rotorua)	32.940	AgGrCh FDCh Bree AgCh FDCh Flash AgGrCh FDCh Quest	Chelsea Marriner Chelsea Marriner Chelsea Marriner
2	Waimak 1	33.656	AG CH Tui Teeza GrAgCh Zoom FD	Anne Godfrey Sue McKee Lisa Duff
3	TOK TOWN	34.500	Skye ADX FD Zoe Shine	Gina Boreham Rebecca Vaughan Gina Boreham
4	Hawkes Bay 1	34.906	Ch'lee Ringo Sheeba ADXG	Jane Webley Dot Janssen Campbell List
5	Mt Maunganui 1	35.630	Cheeky Indy Tip	Deb Jackson Mel Mankelow Sue Andresen
6	Wanganui 2	35.780	Shaylar Ella Heydoh	Barbara James Steve Hessel Jonna Gibson
7	Top DAWG	37.011	Misty ADXG FD AgGrCh Kayne Toad FDX Rapid ADXB FD	Rebecca Sidwell Kate Butler Mike Butler
8	Deputy DAWG	37.677	Midge Cleo FD Quiz ADXG FDX	Louise Williams Marian Holman Kathryn Bayne
9	Wanganui 1	38.250	Jordy FDX ADX Pippi Tammy ADXG FD	Barbara James Jonna Gibson Barbara James
10	Counties Racers	38.780	Cole Risky Roxy	Marie Wales Ngairé O'Rourke Marilyn Lambert
11	Wag 1	39.000	Sharky Tammie ADX Shakira AD	Fiona Ferrar Trisha Jackson Susan McKay
12	Southland 1	41.350	Flirt Jake Zoe	Glenyse Pearse Bob Henderson Vickie Robinson
13	Under DAWG	42.155	Toonie ADX FDX Tudor FD Jack AD FD	Chris Ross Kathryn Bayne Chris Ross
14	norwest 1	42.190	Chester FDCH Caleb ADX Tui FD ADX	Joan McFarlane Kay Ungemuth Diana McKay

15 norwest 2	45.160	Dash Teddy Zoe	Kay Ungemuth Karen Smith Karen Smith
16 taranaki bcs	48.530	Cloud Rosie Amber	Patricia Martin Patricia Martin Denise Davis
17 North Shore 1	49.730	Joe WT CH FD CH Laddie Bracken	Joanne Turner Sheeran Johnson Sheeran Johnson
18 Mad DAWG	50.718	FDCh Mya ADX Seeka FDX AD AgCh Bee ADXS FD	Rebecca Sidwell Rebecca Sidwell Louise Williams
19 Counties Flying Squad	53.440	AgCh Flare ADX Gold FD AgGrCh FDCh Rocket Sweeny	Elaine Rohde Allan Rohde Ngaire O'Rourke
20 Young DAWG	58.108	Cy-4 Cracka FD Zephyr FD	Kathryn Bayne Helen Carter Marian Holman
21 Southland 3	59.660	Skipper Flynn Ralph	Dawn Barry Jo Miller Marie McDonald



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# SIGNATURE GEAR ELECTRONIC TIMING

New Zealanders are renowned for embracing new technology and in the Agility Ring it is certainly no different.

Since the arrival of the first machine in early 2004 there has been a slow but steady stream culminating in a grand total exceeding 25 sets in New Zealand with the Australians lagging well behind with 10 sets so far.

The bulk of units sold in New Zealand were funded through various charities, predominately one of numerous "Pub Charities" with the funds being generated by "Pokies".

Despite recent news coverage about the potential restriction to the number of gaming outlets apparently there is a plentiful supply of funding dependent only on the quality of the application.

If your club is interested in making an application for funding I am happy to make suggestions based around what we know has been successful in the past.

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