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AGILITY THIS MONTH

By **Karen de wit**

New website.

We have set up a website on webs where you can access all the courses and magazines as well as information relating to NALA. A member ship form will also soon be able to be filed using this site. The website is www.agilitylink.webs.com

Apologies from the team about the results and website issues, we hope **Kate Butler** will have them all fixed soon. www.nala.org.nz will hopefully be reinstated as the place to input results.

NZDAC 2018

The NZ Dog Agility Champs for 2018 are being held at Manfield in Feilding. Rewind to another NZDAC at Feilding when Obedience and Agility were still combined – same weekend, same venue. Now it's a completely different time of the year. This year we thoroughly enjoyed going to NDOA in Christchurch over Easter and it does seem a shame that agility didn't take up the march option – but guess that chicken has flown the coop!!

Good luck to all going to NZDAC and hopefully all runs smoothly for the organisers.

GRANTS.

Last chance to apply for grants – the grant application period closes October 15th Form on website www.agilitylink.webs.com

DOG BISCUITS



Salmon Crack....great training treat

Approx 500g tinned salmon**

2 eggs

2 cups flour**** (****you can use any type of flour.)

** I have used canned tuna and tuna/salmon mix.

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 160C degrees.

Open a can of pink salmon. Don't drain.

Put salmon and its juices into a large mixing bowl. Crack and add two eggs. Flake salmon and mix it with the eggs. Take the flour and mix it into the salmon/egg mixture. You don't have to be precise with the flour and may add more or less than recommended. You will want a consistency that will flatten without sticking, too wet, or crumbling, too dry but its not really a biggie.

Spray a baking sheet with no-stick cooking spray and dump the dough mixture onto the sheet. Sprinkle some flour on top of the dough and flour your hands to keep the dough from sticking to your hands as you press it flat.

Press the dough out flat until it is about 1/4 inch thick. If you want it more moist, you can make it thicker.

If you want it crunchier, you can make it thinner. You don't need to make perfect corners as this will later be broken into small treats. Just flatten it out into any old shape. Place the cookie sheet in the center of the oven.

Let it cook for 25-35 minutes, depending on whether you prefer moister treats or crunchier treats. Remove from the oven. Use a spatula to lift off of the cookie sheet before cooling, otherwise it may stick to your cookie sheet. You can let it cool on a rack or in the cookie sheet. Once cooled, divide the Salmon Crack into desired portions, bag and freeze..

Freeze and use as needed. No need to thaw unless you wish.

The Agility Instructor – By Bud Houston.

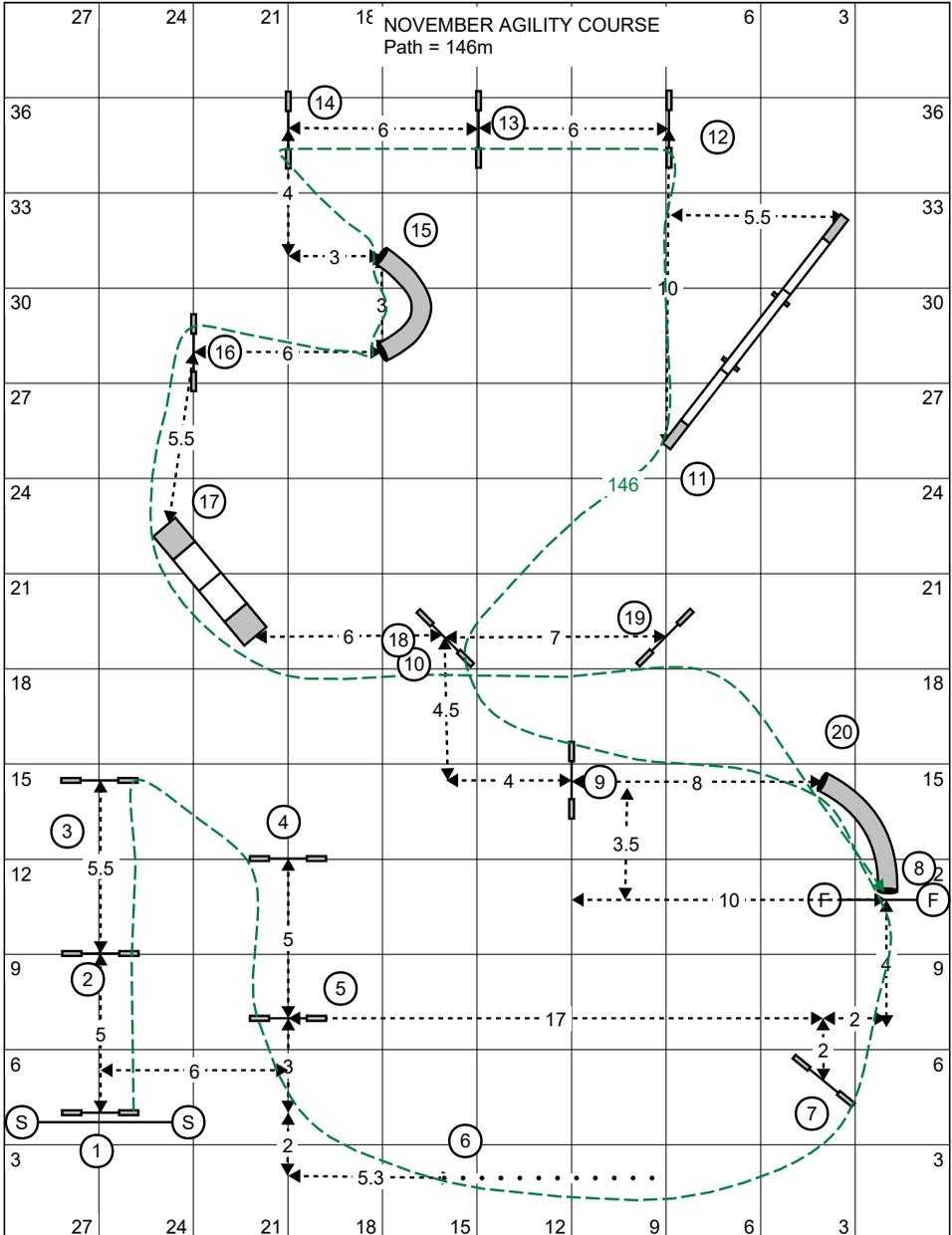
- Care about your students. Learn their names. Don't bullshit them. They come to you for instruction, so be honest. Be mindful that you know your students in a narrow context – they may contend with drama and tragedy in their own lives of which you are unaware. Always inquire about dogs and family members who have been ill or injured.
- You don't know everything; don't even pretend.
- Learn some good jokes. At all costs avoid jokes having to do with dead babies. Smile occasionally and laugh often. Always apologize for being stupid. Don't express extreme political views to your students. Remember that they come to class to chat and socialize not to hear you lecture; so when you must address the class to take a teaching moment, interrupt politely, be brief, and let them get back to chatting and socializing.
- Pay attention to their progress.
- Socialize with their dogs; and give them treats out of your own hand.
- If you must set them back to repeat a class, allow it to be their idea and praise them for being prudent and clever dog trainers.
- Give everyone equal value. Allow everyone equal time on the floor. Don't try to fix everything at once; it's okay to take the long view. Try to be clever about finding just the right thing to fix or help with.
- Don't forget to get them signed up for the next session of classes early; they won't take it as nagging or selling, but will feel that you honestly care about them.
- Leave your prejudices about certain breeds of dogs at home.

- Remind your students from time to time that agility is just a game. Remind yourself from time to time that agility is just a game.
- Prepare for every class that you teach. Feel free to state objectives and offer handling advice and remedy; but remember ultimately that they come to get out on the floor working their dogs not to hear you lecture
- Be humble about your own accomplishments; but ask your students for their brags every week. Don't be afraid to cheer for your students and encourage them to cheer for each other. Remember that nobody absolutely nobody wants to use up class time listening to you brag about your past accomplishments.
- Be a student of the game. Celebrate graduations.
- Be consistent in your training advice. Remember that teaching is a game of repetition. An adult must hear a thing 28 times before it finally sinks in. You have no choice but to be patient; tearing out your hair only loses you your hair.
- Never chastise a student angrily. You can make fun of a student in a jovial way, but only if you really did have fun with it and only if you are prepared to help your student with your training genius.
- Teach with games whenever possible. Follow current trends in the sport; collect course maps and study video.
- Introduce new students to your classes. Welcome back students who have been away for awhile. Remember that everyone wants and deserves basic respect. Always address or speak of other instructors in front of your students with fundamental respect. Keep in mind that some of your students are actually smarter than you and have more education. It might be possible that some of your students are a lot smarter than you and actually have less education. It doesn't pay to be pompous. Be skilful with students who interrupt, or disrupt, or undermine.

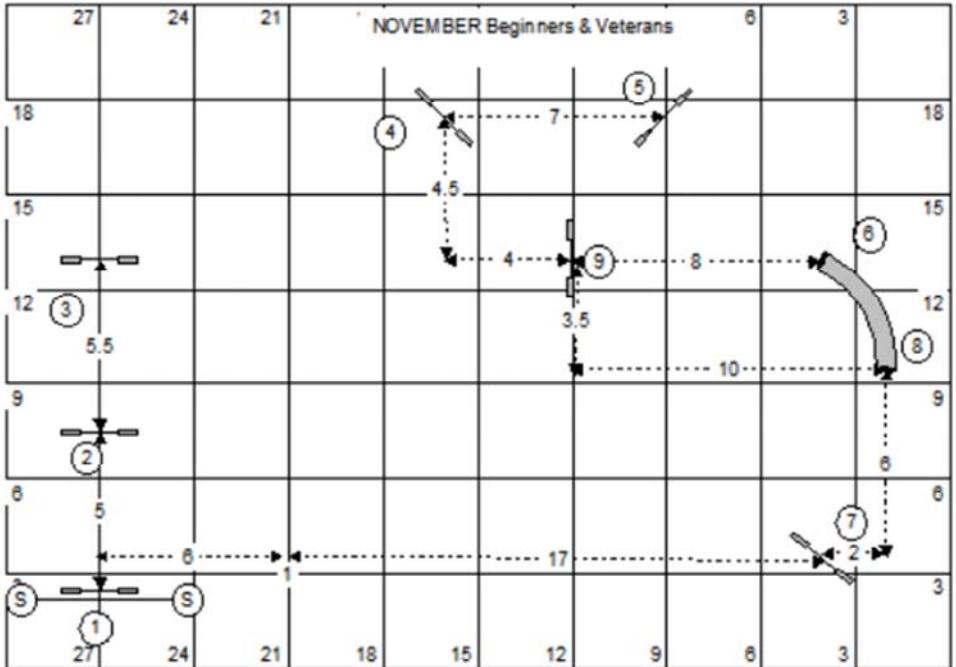
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November 2018

Path length = 146m



November Beginners/Veterans



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JUMPERS PAIRS RESULTS- SEPTEMBER.

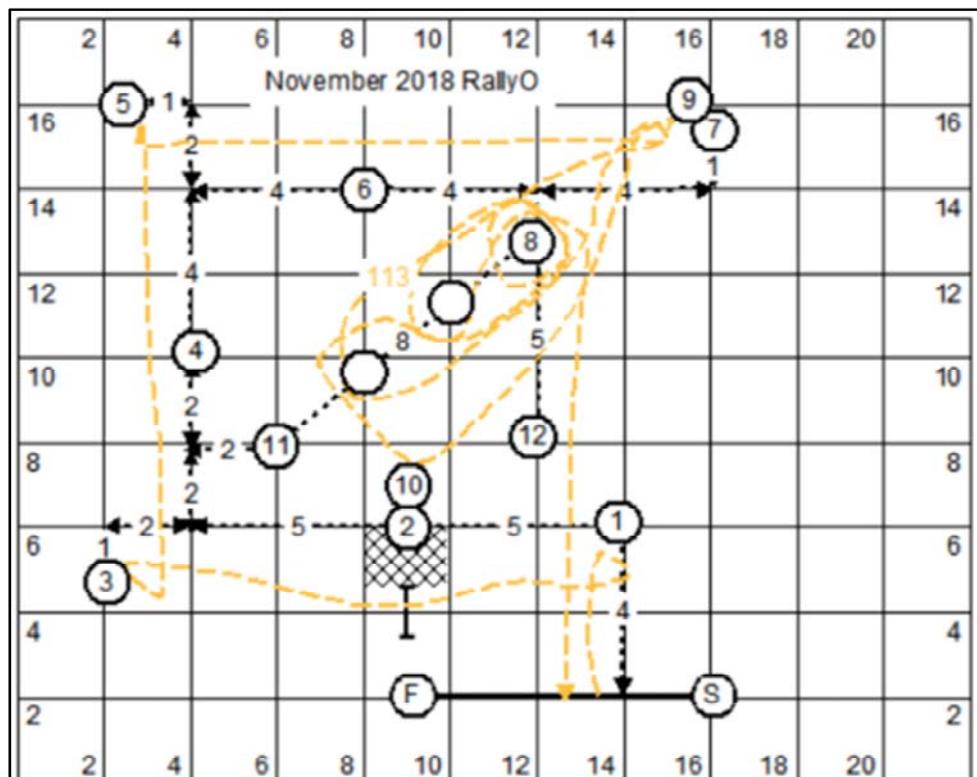
Top 10 in each height

	MAXI				
1	Edge	Sue Whitwell	EBOP	0	30.41
2	Ali	Pete de Wit	UHDC	0	32.023
3	Maz	Jorja Mulholland	UHDC	0	33.219
4	Cash	Wayne Turner	UHDC	0	34.271
5	Charlie	Nikki Watson	Wanganui	0	37.56
6	Soda	Jacky Carbin	Hawke's Bay DTC	0	40.89
7	Rogue	Trish Bush	EBOP	0	41.34
8	Maestro	Joanne Allan	EBOP	0	46.35
9	Zinc	Karen de Wit	UHDC	5	31.874
10	Mono	jane O'Callghan	UHDC	5	32
	MEDIUM				
1	Joy	Tina Mitchell	EBOP	0	30.41
2	Rider	Margaret Lilley	UHDC	0	33.219
3	Tink	Jane Ocallaghan	UHDC	0	34.081
4	Misty	Chrissy Harris	Hawke's Bay DTC	0	37.115
5	Ray	Anneke Lilley	UHDC	5	31.874
6	Taco	Darren Lilley	UHDC	5	32
7	Rojo	Malcolm Ward	Mt Maunganui DTC	5	32.65
8	Lace	Chrissy Harris	Hawke's Bay DTC	10	33.544
9	Stacey	Wayne turner	UHDC	10	33.833
10	Tera	Nikki Watson	Wanganui	10	41.88
	SMALL				
1	Holly	Jane Aukett	UHDC	0	32.023
2	Fergus	Anne Packer	UHDC	0	34.081
3	Billie	Kim Nicol	UHDC	0	34.271
4	Scallywag	Jackie Olley	Hawke's Bay DTC	0	37.115
5	CHINO	MATILDA vanRIJNBERK	NSDTC	0	37.558
6	LOLA	FLORENCE PURVES	NSDTC	0	37.558
7	Mikie	Bill Stewart	Wanganui	0	37.56
8	Shuffle	Robyn Fargher	Hawke's Bay DTC	0	40.890
9	Dazzle	Alison Derbyshire	EBOP	0	41.34
10	Milly	Alison Derbyshire	EBOP	0	46.35

Full results at <https://agilitylink.webs.com/agility>

New Zealand Association of Rally-O

Oct 2018



STANDARD RALLY

1. 270 right
2. Halt sit walk around (pause)
3. 270 left
4. call front finish right halt
5. 270 left
6. call front finish left halt
7. left about turn
8. spiral right dog on outside
9. u turn left
10. right turn
11. serpentine weave once
12. sit down walk around

CHALLENGE. (Off lead)

1. 270 right (9)
2. Send over jump (34) 1m exclusion zone as shown
3. 270 left
4. call front finish right halt
5. 270 left
6. Halt-call dog front finish left (42)
7. left about turn
8. spiral right dog on outside
9. u turn left
10. right turn
11. serpentine weave once
12. double left about turn (256)

RALLY-O TEAM RESULTS – September Standard

Plc	Club	Team	Score	Time
1	Wanganui DTC	Christine Warren & Poppy, Christine Warren & Charlie, Glenn Armitage & Buddy	100.0	245.920
2	Upper Hutt	Jane Aukett & Holly, Karen de Wit & Dee, Peter de Wit & Sequel	100.0	257.224
3	Central ADTS	Sonia Calvert & Sputnik, Jan Voss & Halley, Jan Voss & Maple	100.0	260.440
4	Wairarapa	Nicky Detheridge-Davies & Rufus, Stacie Clark & Jay, Nicky Detheridge-Davies & Pipi	100	280.5
5	Hawkes Bay	Chrissy Harris & Misty, Lorraine Lennox & Jantsee, Jackie Olley & Scallywag	100.0	281.074
6	Canterbury COC	Helen Scott & Mac, Kelly Walker & Gael, Kelly Walker & Kep	100.0	286.840
7	Sunshine Whk	Diane Rau & Jet, Diane Rau & Pearl, Helen Barnes & Cookie	100.0	308.660
8	Norwest	Sarah Ridley & Keara, Karen Smith & Alfie, Marion Lines & Sam	100.0	340.620
9	DAWG	Liz Barlow & Polly, Wendy Osmond & Pip, Marian Holman & Chai	99.3	292.250

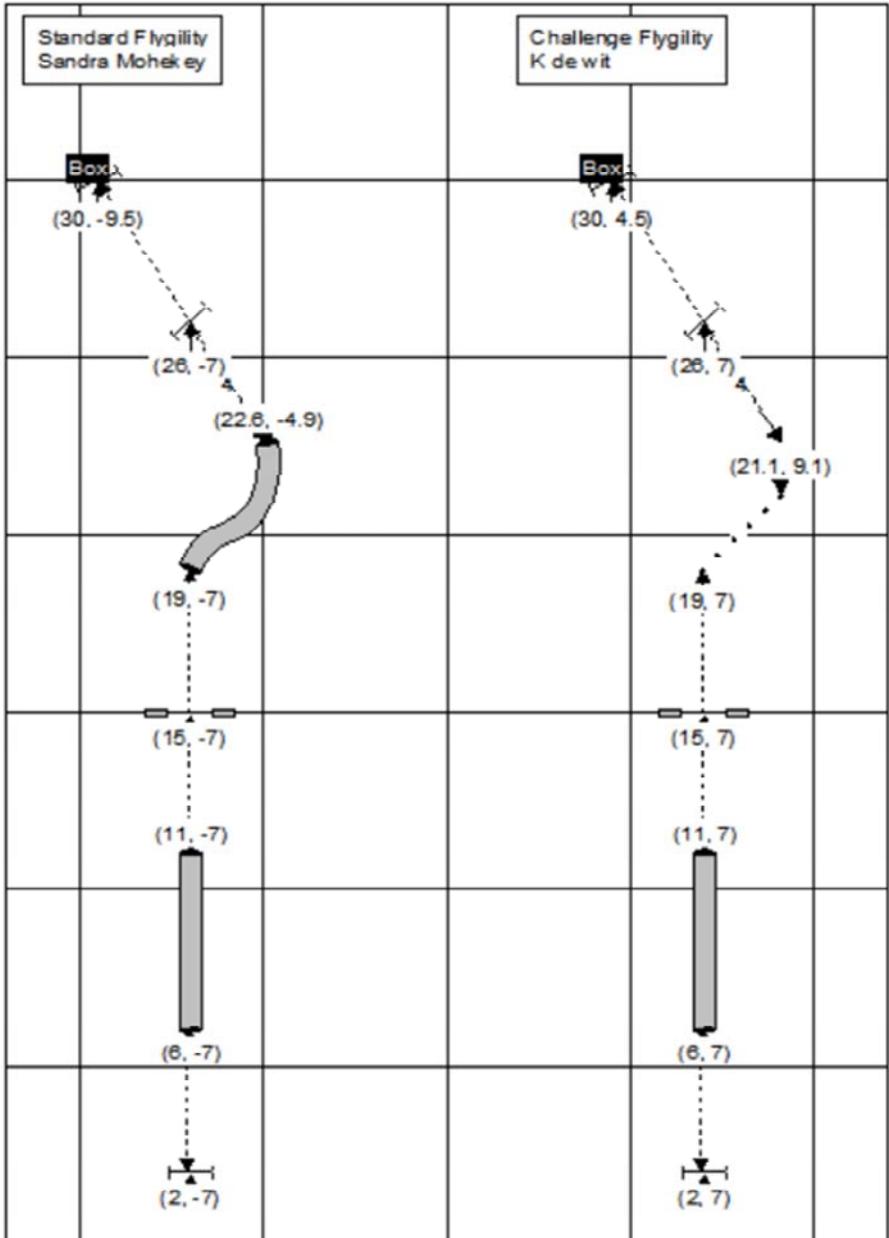
RALLY-O TEAM RESULTS – September Challenge

1	Wanganui DTC	Christine Warren & Charlie, Glenn Armitage & Buddy, Barbara James & Finn	100.0	240.940
2	Upper Hutt	Karen de Wit & Dee, Peter de Wit & Sequel, Jane Aukett & Holly	100.0	260.224
3	Hawkes Bay	Lorraine Lennox & Jantsee, Chrissy Harris & Lace, Jackie Olley & Scallywag	100.0	281.425
4	Canterbury COC	Helen Scott & Mac, Helen Scott & Harry, Kelly Walker & Gael	100.0	292.370
5	Sunshine Whk	Helen Barnes & Cookie, Diane Rau & Pearl, Maria van Beek & Buddy	99.0	318.980
6	Wairarapa	Stacie Clark & Jay, Robin Gemmill & Birdie, Donna Garrity & Mack	98.7	278.260
7	DAWG	Liz Barlow & Polly, Wendy Osmond & Pip, Wendy Osmond & Gunnar	94.7	305.700

Our first challenge rally course was well supported, with more than 90 dogs having a go. The next one is in this magazine, course to be run during November.

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Flygility courses



First Ladies of Fly

A new team took leadership of the national flygility association at the AGM held at Bulls in 2017 (there was a bit of a time lag and they actually took full charge in October) and since they were re-elected this year at Rotorua I thought some of you might like to know something about them and about the changes that have occurred and will occur in flygility. If you aren't interested, or you already know it all, feel free to jump this report.

Last year, when no one else expressed an interest in taking on the work load involved in the fly secretary position Nichola Cole and Lynda Cummins decided to take it on as a tag team; Nichola as secretary and Lynda as treasurer. Both of them have been members of the flygility group since 2011. They were attending a rallyo competition at Noeline Wagoner's place and saw the flygility tournament which was also on and that was it – they wanted to learn to fly.

Nichola lives outside Feilding and has four dogs: Pepsi, her mini, is now mostly retired from fly; Shadow, her second oldest fur child, is still competing and working towards his Grand Champion title; Echo, her maxi, is already a Grand Champ; and Meggie, her youngest, is a very fast heading dog and moving rapidly towards Grand – get the pun? A lot of Nichola's time has been taken up with organising plaques and certificates for us. Her current jobs to hand are getting a new more user friendly website done and up-dating all the points. She has already up-dated the database of courses so that only legal courses are in it and she asks people to shrae any legal courses so she can put them on the database. Send them to her as the flygility secretary.

Lynda lives outside Feilding and has five dogs: Chloe who has retired due to her age but is a champ; Pippi who has retired because she far prefers doing farmwork with "dad"(Lynda says she is not really her dog any more); Fya who has been recovering from an injury but is working towards Grand ; Blaze a

fast red BC who has gained his Grand title in fly; and baby Byrne the BC who is already out of Beginners at fly. When I asked Lynda what I should say about her role she said “Nothing.” That answer was going to make this report quite short and even less interesting than it is but after a silence she added that she is: “Mrs Moneybags and in charge of all things to do with finance.” Lynda is happy to report that all things financial are pretty much under control in terms of the banking and that the membership lists are up to date.

At the last AGM one significant rule change that was passed affects those of you designing courses for training or tournaments – namely that there be 4 metres between obstacles, not 3 ½. The 4 metres is measured from the closest points of each obstacle, not from the middle as it is with agility. This rule comes into effect at the start of September and it will be reflected in the courses we set in Nala. I say “we” because when Karen twisted my arm I said I would do all the writing but two others above offered to help set courses so I did not have to do that on my own. So if you feel tempted to criticise the courses make sure we share the blame. Also, feel free to share any courses you may design.

Our veteran friends

More than any other animal, dogs share our lives, and that is especially the case for those of us who also participate in sports with our dogs. So I think it is wonderful that as our dogs age there are still opportunities for us to work together, our and our dog’s health permitting. Thank you Karen for establishing the Nala veterans groups. Could you please think about a group for veteran people? If it was along the same lines as the youngsters’ group then we would not have to retire from the main ring in order to compete in

it, we could compete in both just as they do. Twice the competition, twice the rewards. Smiley face.

My oldest dog Niko is old enough to be a veteran but his vet, physio and chiro – who he sees regularly - say he is more than fit enough to carry on competing. As long as he stays well and wants to. “Use it or lose it,” I was told. So he still does what he enjoys, just less of it.

A while ago someone appeared to start a social media thread aimed at forcing us to retire our dogs when they reached a certain age. I didn't comment. I am a bit tired of people dictatorially riding their hobby horses in social media groups so since then I've been removing many from my newsfeed. However plenty of people did comment both ways. I agree with those who used logic and pointed out the impracticalities and injustices of having one rule for all dogs – given they differ so much in breed, lifestyle, fitness, health, history of injury. One rule can't fit all dogs and situations and will result in inequalities, penalising fit, healthy dogs whilst not helping unfit or unhealthy younger ones.

Our dogs differ, just like us. We could equally ask for a ban on all old people. Maybe people should have to stop when they reach sixty. Or fifty. How about forty? Plenty of people have heart attacks in that age range so it would be for their own good. Or maybe people like me who limp should be banned. Or fat people, 'cause we look so unattractive when we run. Or... Hey, novel idea, what about if we trust people and their medical experts to make the right decisions for themselves and their dog families and if we are qualified to comment and have legitimate concerns then how about we discuss them in person in a helpful and friendly way rather than hiding behind social media? Is that idea too extreme? Did I go too far?

Let us move off that topic then and celebrate those individual dogs who let us share their lives. Some people have kindly shared stories about their veteran dogs and here they are...

First up is Barbara James who shares her memories of Jordy.

This is one of the last photos I have of Jordy, when he was awarded a rosette in the Veterans Nala Agility Annual Awards. Jordy was whelped on 5th August 2003 and I picked him up about ten weeks later. He was the friendliest dog I have owned and he made me so proud with all of his accomplishments. He



competed in obedience, where he gained CDX Gold, as well as Rally-O and Agility, but what he loved most of all was Flygility. He earned Flygility Champion status. As he grew older I retired him from all but Veterans Agility for NALA; he so loved being out there and having a go. The hardest thing I have had to do to was let him go; he was such a huge presence in our home. We miss him so much but I bet he's up there having so much fun

running and jumping and chasing balls.

Those of us who met Jordy surely all agree he was a very special boy.

Next up is Linda Mortimer who shares her experiences with Kola. I never met her but she sounds like another dog with the x factor.

Caylith Luvn Kisses (Imp Aust) ADX JD.....Kola

14/02/2004—16/03/2017

(Midi) Chocolate Border Collie



A little brown bundle arrived in Christchurch from Australia May 2004 and attended her first Agility show at CCATS.

Kola was a sensitive wee soul and loved agility. In 2007 Kola produced a lovely litter of 6, the first of the Lindwood family. With her daughter Chai

we travelled to many agility shows up and down NZ.

The Nationals in Christchurch showed up her sensitive side again, Kola was spooked by a Judge wearing a skirt which was flapping in the breeze; nothing would coax her to enter the ring and do agility. A



lot of upbeat fun training over following months and Kola was happy to compete once again, so happy that she thought contacts were the best thing and would travel to the far side of the course to get an A Frame fix then come back and finish the course.

One Weekend in 2011 while away at a show Kola became very ill, she was rushed to a vet and stabilized for a rushed 5 hour trip home to my own vet. Many tests and dollars later, including a week at Massey and bloods sent to USA and no diagnosis was confirmed. We managed with ongoing antibiotics to overcome many respiratory infections including a few bouts of bacterial pneumonia.

Kola managed a few local shows and competed with my granddaughter Jess in YKC events and Beginners Link. We then moved on to Veterans where she managed some placings including top Midi in 2016. Kola had her last Veterans run March 15th 2017 and passed away the following evening....she had finished the season.

I will miss my little chocolate drop but see her antics and spirit living on in all her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren,

Lindwood Border Collies

Linda Mortimer