



# The Tararua Tailwagger

July 2022

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear club members,

It has been a wet and chilly term, but we have continued through in all but the worst conditions.

There were a few challenges we had to deal with including some bad weather, COVID, and, most recently, Kennel cough has been affecting a few of our class participants. Thank you to all of you for being patient, responsible and following good practices.

It is a good idea to check whether your dog's vaccinations are up to date. Please, bear in mind that the kennel cough vaccine is effective for a shorter period of time than the core vaccines. It is also extra to the routine core vaccines, so you have to ask your vet for it. It is recommended that you get your dog a booster shot every 6 months if you take your dog to places where other dogs frequently mingle.

We are hoping that Term 3 will have better weather, but if not, remember your wet weather gear and winter woollies on dog club night.

Don't forget to enrol online for Term 3 early. Places will be limited in some classes because we have limited instructors available. The updated enrolment form can be found on our website (<https://dogtraining.org.nz/newcomers/>) and on our Facebook group page. We also request that you email your completed enrolment form together with the photo/scan of your vaccination record to [tadtc@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:tadtc@yahoo.co.nz) with the subject "Term 3 enrolment".

As a non-profit organization, we are very grateful for the support of our sponsors: Superior Petfood <sup>Co</sup>, Pet Essentials, Phoenix Foods, Mighty Mix Dog Food, and Midhurst Kennels and Cattery.

Whakapau kaha,  
Jen

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Trophy Steward: Uvana C.



## Term dates for 2022

Term 1 (at Ashhurst)  
8.01.22 – 5.04.22

Term 2 (at Longburn)  
3.05.22 – 28.06.22

**Term 3 (at Longburn)**  
**19.07.22 – 13.09.22**

Term 4 (at Ashhurst)  
4.10.22 – 29.11.22

## Location of training

In Ashhurst we train at the Manawatu Canine Centre grounds, accessed through the carpark on Cambridge Avenue

Our Longburn facility is in Ngaire Street (first turn on the right after the railway overbridge)

## Class times

Classes times will be given out on the first night of term.

Classes last for 30-45 minutes.



# CLUB MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

## OBEDIENCE & WORKING TRIALS:

### Uvana & Epic

24.04.22 North Taranaki Dog Training Club  
Test A – 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
21.05.22 Napier Dog Training Club  
Test A – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
22.05.22 Napier Dog Training Club  
Test A – 1<sup>st</sup> place

### Cushla & Esky

05.06.22 Central Working Trials Club  
UDX (Utility Dog Excellent) qualification (331.5/350 points)

### Leesa & Lyric

05.06.22 Central Working Trials Club  
WDX (Working Dog Excellent) qualification

### Tanya & Drive

29.01.22 Rotorua, Novice – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
30.01.22 Rotorua, Novice – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
9.04.22 Wanganui Dog Training Club, Test A – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
4.06.22 Nelson Dog Training Club, Test A – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
5.06.22 Nelson Dog Training Club, Test A – 3<sup>rd</sup> place

### Brigid & Freya

21.05.22 Napier Dog Training Club  
Test B – 3<sup>rd</sup> place

### Renee & Beau

19.03.22 Wairarapa Dog Training Club, Novice – 4<sup>th</sup> place  
22.05.22 Napier Dog Training Club, Novice – 4<sup>th</sup> place

### Jade & Ruger

29.05.22 Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club  
Beginners, 5<sup>th</sup> place

## RALLY-O:

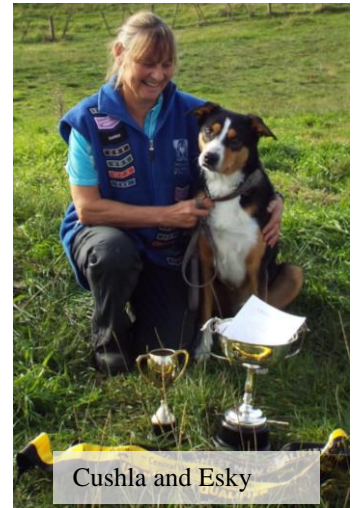
### Renee & Beau

3.04.22 Christchurch Dog Training Club,  
Advanced B, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Excellent B, 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Excellent B, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Encore (full points), Top Dog  
10.04.22 Wanganui Dog Training Club, Excellent B, 1<sup>st</sup> place  
24.04.22 North Taranaki Dog Training Club,  
Advanced B 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Excellent B 1<sup>st</sup> place

Beau enjoying the  
accolades

### Marie-Claire & Cassie

5.06.22 Auckland German Shepherd Club  
Elementary 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> place



Cushla and Esky



Drive feeling proud



Marie-Claire and Cassie

## **BREED SHOW QUALIFICATIONS:**

### **Mey (Benlea Casablanca)**

- 16.04.22 Kapi-Mana Kennel Society Open Show, Best Baby Puppy of Breed
- 16.04.22 Hutt Valley Kennel Open Show, Best Baby Puppy of Breed
- 14.05.22 Wairoa Kennel Championship, Best Puppy of the Breed
- 14.05.22 Wairoa Kennel Open Show, Best Puppy of the Group

### **Dewi (Torvall Daniel My Brother)**

16.4.22 Hutt Valley Kennel Centre & Kapi-Mana Kennel Society Open Shows

Show 1: Best New Zealand Bred of Breed Swedish Vallhund,  
Best Dog of Breed Swedish Vallhund  
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Show 2: Best New Zealand Bred of Breed Swedish Vallhund  
Best Dog of Breed Swedish Vallhund  
Best of Breed Swedish Vallhund  
Best New Zealand Bred of Working Dog Group



## **CGC RESULTS:**

### **07.05.22 Tararua Allbreeds Dog Training Club, Ashhurst**

#### Club Members that qualified for CGC Foundation:

- Lise and Baxter
- Vicki and Paulie
- Marie and Mila
- Jen and Rajah
- Kiliana and Vedette



#### Club Members that qualified for CGC Bronze:

- Vicki and Paulie
- Kiliana and Vedette
- Dorothy and Coco



### **28.05.22 Kapiti Dog Training Club**

#### Club Members that qualified for CGC Bronze:

- Marie Williams with Mila



## Club's success stories

In this issue of our newsletter, we are presenting two stories. The first one is told by Odin (recorded by Lauren, his pack leader), and the second one is told by Ruth, who shares hers and her pooch's Eli journey. If you want to know what options there are for you after you have completed Intermediate Obedience, you will be interested to know about Competition Obedience and Rally-O classes.

### Odin

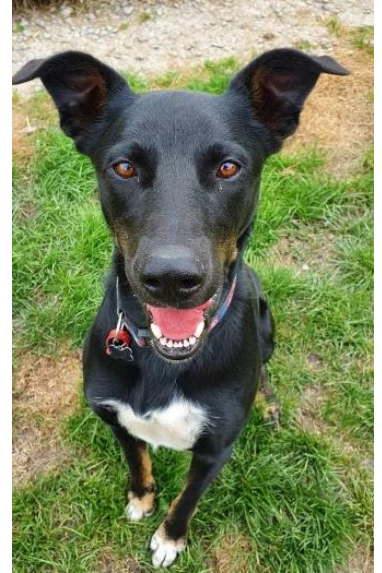
Hi, my name is Odin, and I am a Bearded Collie X Heading Dog. I take after my Heading Dog father and have bundles of energy and a big brain which means I need to keep busy.

I have grown up in this club as I started in Junior class when I was just 12 weeks old. I made some friends and was the most improved pup, which was a big surprise to my pack leader as she thinks there is a lot to improve on.

I progressed successfully through Basic and Intermediate where I learned to sit, stay, lay down, heel, be tied up, and get confident with different objects and surfaces. I then joined the social class for a term where we played different games and did scent work which was fun as I got lots of treats!

I can be anxious and reactive, so you have probably heard from me before. If I'm barking, it is likely because I'm nervous and wary, or I got a fright. When I know all is okay, I am okay again. All classes have been super beneficial as I mature and learn how to please my pack leader, and my pack leader learns tips and tricks to help me be a good boy.

In Term 1, I began Competition Obedience because I need to exercise my big brain as much as I need to run around. This class has been fun and I learn to follow my pack leader's every move whether we are moving forward, sideways, around in circles, or backwards. I'm not ready to compete and don't know when or if I will, so don't let the name Competition deter you. Maybe one day in the future, I can have a go at competing but for now I will keep learning.



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## Ruth and Eli

I've been asked to write a bit of a story on our journey into Rally-O so here goes!

I have had my little American Staffy Eli for eight years now – he was a rescue from a little animal shelter that closed its door suddenly. I had met him earlier when he had a badly broken leg, and I appreciated how calm and sweet he was then. Despite never having had a dog before I jumped at the chance to adopt him when I discovered his plight a few weeks later!

The challenge was then on to find something that this naughty, energetic 7-month old pup could do. I started training him to do a variety of tricks which he learned extremely fast, but he needed more. We enrolled in a training class at another club which went very badly and so I decided to just train him at home. I taught him everything I could get my hands on – carting, sledding,

modified scent work / indicating, retrieving, many, many tricks.... As well as some really good manners and obedience. He has helped me to socialise and train over 30 foster dogs from the pound too. I felt like I had run out of things to teach this dog, but also worried that we wouldn't fit into any classes or competitions. I am happy to say that I discovered how wrong I was when we joined TABDTC last year.

Rally-O appealed as it was to me an extension of training all the tricks and fun things, which my dog loves; with the relatively informal vibe which allows me to verbally encourage him. Rally is definitely challenging when you go into the details and we have learned a lot of new commands such as sending him around a pole, "stand," sidestep and a variety of other fun little tricks. The signs took me a wee while to get the hang of and I am sure the other members of our group will corroborate that I get lost on the courses still and make more mistakes than my dog, but it is all fun! I have really enjoyed the relaxed and supportive vibe of our little group – nicknamed "The Coffee Club" and the excellent tutors who each impart different perspectives and tips/tricks. I like that it is a sport you could be really serious about, or just do it for a bit of fun. I was encouraged to enter Eli into our first ever competition after our first term of Rally and we placed 3<sup>rd</sup> (despite the pouring rain).

I strongly recommend giving Rally a go. It is great for a dog's mind and not too taxing on their body – so suitable for older dogs and for any breed. It is suitable for the less able bodied owners too!



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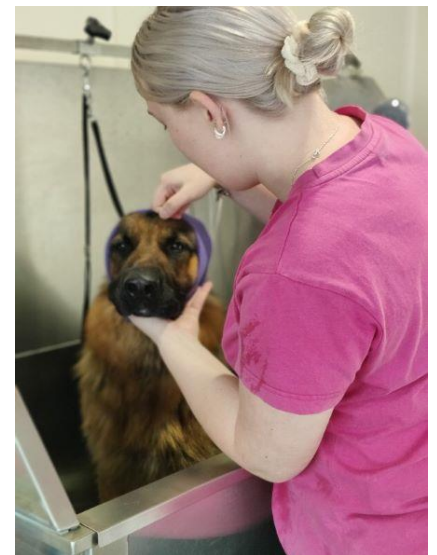
We have a small, dedicated team that works alongside us to provide a comfortable, safe, enriching, and secure environment for your pets. We love what we do and every pet receives individual attention and cuddles. Our vision is to provide a quality service and we look after your pets as we would like our own to be cared for.

We offer a range of services and aim to be a one stop shop for your animal care needs. We offer boarding services for cats and dogs, daycare and dog grooming services. If you are like most well trained pet owners, leaving your beloved family member in someone else's care can be difficult. We are happy to offer viewings of our premises and answer any questions you may have.

During play and exercise time dogs are matched up by size, age, playing style and temperament. Play groups are small and monitored. We also cater for less social dogs who prefer their own space. Dogs are treated as individuals and the team works hard to ensure they have fun and are as relaxed as possible. Our Facebook page is regularly updated so feel free to have a look to see what we get up to.

We feed our overnight guests twice a day and use BlackHawk food. This is a high-quality premium food, and we have used it with great results. If you prefer not to change your pet's diet or they have a special diet, we are happy to use the food you provide. We use treats during the day and are firm believers in providing lots of positive enforcement.

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## Recipe to try: DOG TREAT STICKS

(sampled and approved by Anthea's basic and intermediate classes)

You'll need equal weights of raw mince and raw kumara (e.g. 250 grams of each).

1. Cook the kumara (I left the skin on mine, washed it, cut into chunks then microwaved).



2. Once kumara has cooled a bit, blend to a smooth paste in a food processor.
3. Add raw mince and blend until there are no lumps left and the mix is reasonably smooth.



4. Turn oven on to 150 degrees Celsius.
5. Line a baking tray with baking paper.
6. With wet hands shape approximately walnut size balls of the mix into long thin logs (about 1cm across/high).
7. Try to keep them all an even thickness.
8. Bake for 30 minutes then turn upside down with tongs.
9. Bake for another 30 minutes (or less depending on how crunchy you like them).
10. Store in a sealed container in the fridge for up to a week (otherwise freeze for later).
11. Break into small pieces for training as you go.



**Tips:** Use whatever type of raw mince you have (I've used human grade beef or lamb mince and also chicken pet mince). The colour of kumara doesn't matter either (I've used red, purple and orange kumara so far).

### Benefits of homemade treats

Our dogs depend on us to provide them with healthy food that is full of nutrients and supplements that will help them live their best lives. Good food makes their coats healthier, gives them more energy and boosts their immune systems, helping them to fight off diseases. Being more intentional with your dog's diet can lead to an overall healthier lifestyle, just like it does for us when we are intentional with ours.

One way that you can really make an impact on your dog's nutritional system is through the use of treats. Homemade dog treats don't contain the same amount of preservatives, fats and chemicals that regular store-bought treats contain. This is simply because homemade dog treats don't have to sit in bags on store shelves for weeks at a time, so homemade treats can contain the freshest and most natural ingredients available. These healthier ingredients do more good for your dog's digestive system, and they also contribute to healthier hearts, teeth, gums and fur.



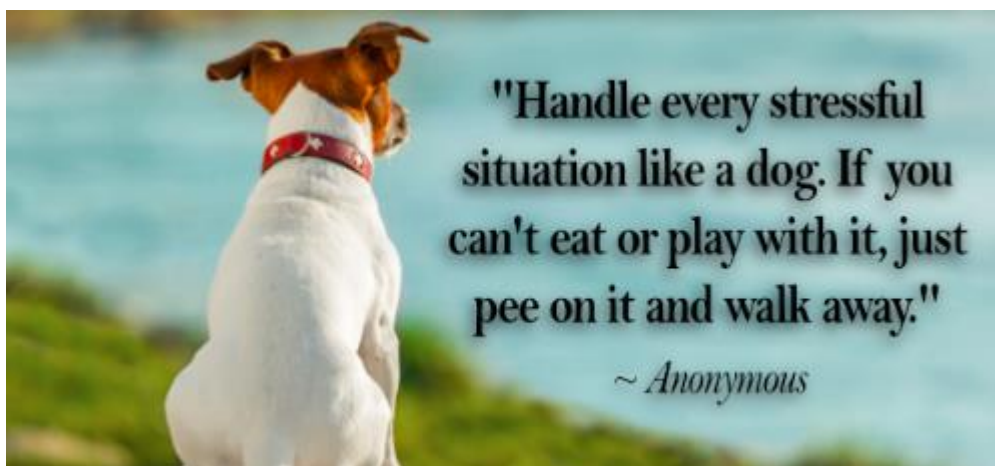
## Game to try: The Which Hand Game



If you've been thinking about teaching your dog some scent work games this is a great game to get you started. The only thing you'll need is some dog treats, and if don't any on hand you can use some chopped up fruits & veggies or make your own homemade dog treats (see Anthea's recipe on the previous page).

### How to Play the Which Hand Game:

1. Sit in front of your dog.
2. Put a treat in one hand and show it to your dog. Then enclose it in your fist.
3. Keeping your hand about 12 inches apart, show both closed hands to your dog.
4. Give your dog the search command.
5. If he sniffs the correct hand, open your hand and give the treat and lots of praise.
6. If he gets it wrong, show him the correct hand, but DO NOT give him the treat. Just try again.
7. Repeat the game, but switch hands.
8. Remember: always give the treat and LOTS of praise when your dog is correct!



***Don't forget to have a chat with your instructor about classes for next term***

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