



# The Tararua Tailwagger

April 2023

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Term 1 started with lovely summer weather, but as is quite often the way in term 1, we've had a mixed bag of weather (including delaying training by a week early on for Cyclone Gabrielle, which meant being affected by daylight savings and the lack of light for the final two weeks of term). I'd like to thank all our instructors who volunteered to take a class this term and have turned up rain or shine to help you build your relationship with your dog and teach you how to train your dog.

In February, the club held our annual Rally Obedience championship show weekend. Thank you to all those who helped in the lead up to the show and over the weekend. As always, it was a very busy weekend and a big shout out must go to Rally Show Secretary and Show Manager Nerolie for pulling it all together.

Due to the show being very close to Cyclone Gabrielle the club donated the funds received from the raffle and sale of dog treats. This year, instead of holding an obedience ribbon trial, we held a training ring with proceeds going to the Central Region NDTA fund (with help from other members of the Central Region). Thank you to the club members who helped with the training ring too.

At the AGM in March, a number of the previous committee stepped down for 2023. I'd like to thank Karin, Jen, Patricia and Chris for their service to the club. It was my pleasure to announce two club members had been granted life membership (in recognition of their service to the club), congratulations Robyn and Owen. It was also great at the AGM to have the 2022 club trophies presented to a number of club members (and their dogs) for a variety of disciplines.

Currently the club are in the process of arranging (with the help of Liz from the CGC class) a CGC assessment for 29th April at Ashhurst. We will also run obedience, scent work, and rally-O training rings on the same day.

Christine (our scent instructor) has been busy organising the club's first Scentwork Trial (being held in conjunction with Feilding Dog Training Club) at Manfield on 13th and 14th May.

I hope you have enjoyed learning how to train your dog this term (and deepened you and your dog's relationship while doing it). Enrolments for Term 2 will open on 12th April (a link will be added to the club's FB page and website on that date). As always, availability of classes will be dependent on available instructor numbers so please submit your application early.

Now that the days are shorter, please take extra precautions when out with your dog to make sure you and your dog can be seen.

Stay safe,

Anthea

## Your committee

President: Anthea F.

Vice President: Meredith P.

Secretary: Sue C.

Treasurer: Nerolie M.

Senior instructor: Cushla F.

Publicity Officer: Elizaveta T.

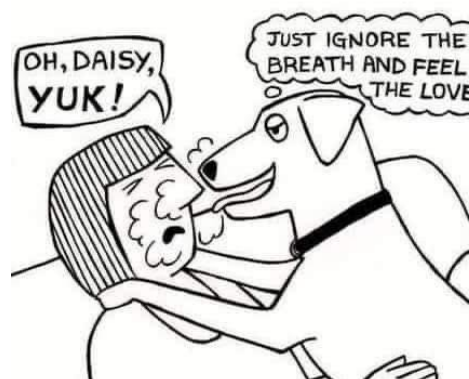
Club captain: Dorothy C.

Enrolment Officer: Elizaveta T.

**Members:** Jess L., Monique C., Owen M., Tanya E.

**Non Committee:**

Trophy Steward: Uvana C.



## Term dates for 2023

**Term 1 (at Ashhurst)**  
7.02.23 – 4.04.23

**Term 2 (at Longburn)**  
2.05.23 – 27.06.23

**Term 3 (at Longburn)**  
18.07.23 – 12.09.23

**Term 4 (at Ashhurst)**  
3.10.23 – 28.11.23

## 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.**



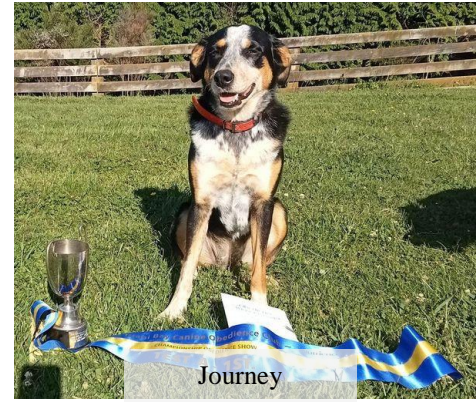
# CLUB MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

## OBEDIENCE & WORKING TRIALS:

**Cushla & Journey** 13.01.23 Titahi Bay DTC, Test A, 1<sup>st</sup> place

**Uvana & Epic**

14.01.23 Titahi Bay DTC, Test A, 1<sup>st</sup> place  
 11.02.23 Kapiti DTC, Test A, 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
 12.02.23 Kapiti DTC, Test A, 5<sup>th</sup> place  
 25.02.23 Horowhenua DTC, Test A, 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 11.03.23 Feilding DTC, Test A, 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
 18.03.23 Wairarapa DTC, Test A, 4<sup>th</sup> place  
 19.03.23 Wairarapa DTC, Test A, 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
 01.04.23 Avalon DTC, Test A, 4<sup>th</sup> place



**Uvana & Mia**

12.02.23 Kapiti DTC, Test C, 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
 19.03.23 Wairarapa DTC, Test C, 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 01.04.23 Avalon DTC, Test C, 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 02.04.23 Avalon DTC, Test C, 1<sup>st</sup> place

**Tanya & Drive**

13.11.22 Taupo DTC, Test B, 1<sup>st</sup> place  
 19.11.22 Hawera DTC, Test B, 1<sup>st</sup> place



Tanya & Drive

**Robyn & Tripp** 11.02.23 Kapiti DTC, Test C, 1<sup>st</sup> place  
 18.03.23 Wairarapa DTC, Test C, 4<sup>th</sup> place

**Renee & Beau** 14.01.23 Titahi Bay DTC, Novice, 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 26.01.23 Horowhenua DTC, Novice, 3<sup>rd</sup> place

## FIRST TIME COMPETITORS: OBEDIENCE

**Monique and Echo** 14.01.23 Titahi Bay DTC, Elementary 1, 5<sup>th</sup>  
 12.03.23 Feilding DTC, Elementary 2, 5<sup>th</sup> place

**Diane & Mac** 12.03.23 Feilding DTC, Elementary 1, 1<sup>st</sup> place

**Pat & Shadow** 12.02.23 Kapiti DTC, Elementary 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
 26.02.23 Horowhenua DTC, Elementary 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> place

**Liza & Vega** 14.01.23 Titahi Bay DTC, Elementary 1, 1<sup>st</sup> place



Uvana & Mia



Diane & Mac



Patricia & Shadow



Monique & Echo



Liza & Vega



## RALLY-O

### Renee & Beau

19.02.23 Tararua Allbreeds DTC, Excellent B 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
20.02.23 Tararua Allbreeds DTC, Advanced B 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Excellent B 2<sup>nd</sup> place;  
gained RAE (Rally Advanced Excellent) title  
25.02.23 Horowhenua DTC, Excellent B 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
26.01.23 Horowhenua DTC, Excellent B 2<sup>nd</sup> place

### Jess & Eva

26.02.23 Horowhenua DTC, Novice B, 3<sup>rd</sup> place

### Ruth & Eli

20.02.23 Tararua Allbreeds DTC, Novice A, 2<sup>nd</sup> place



Jess & Eva



Beau



Ruth & Eli

## BREED SHOW RESULTS

### Meredith & Nevis

#### 22.01.23 Manawatu Kennel Association

Show 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Best NZ Breed of Breed

Show 2: 1<sup>st</sup> Best NZ Bred of Breed

#### 23.01.23 Whanganui Kennel Society

Show 1: 2nd in NZ Bred Bitch class

Show 2: 2nd in NZ Bred Bitch class

#### 18/19.03.23, New Plymouth Kennel Centre

Show 1: 1<sup>st</sup> NZ Bred Bitch

Show 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> NZ Bred Bitch

#### 18.03.23 Taranaki Gundog Show

1<sup>st</sup> NZ Bred Bitch

### Meredith & Islay

#### 22.01.23 Manawatu Kennel Association

Show 1: 3rd in Puppy Bitch class

#### 18/19.03.23 New Plymouth Kennel Centre

Show 2: 2nd in Puppy Bitch class

#### 18.03.23 Taranaki Gundog Show

1<sup>st</sup> Puppy of Breed (beating 5 other Puppies)

### Jade & Ruger

#### 22.1.23 Manawatu Kennel Association

Show 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Neutered Best Dog class

1<sup>st</sup> Neutered Challenge Dog class

1<sup>st</sup> Neutered Best of Breed class

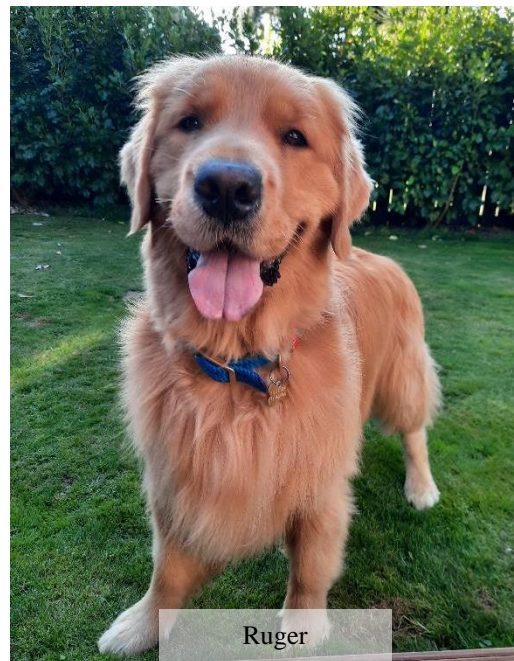
1<sup>st</sup> Dog in Class

Show 2: 1<sup>st</sup> Neutered Best Dog class

1<sup>st</sup> Neutered Challenge Dog class

1<sup>st</sup> Neutered Best of Breed class

1<sup>st</sup> Dog in Class



Ruger



## SCENT WORK

### Christine & Lani

25.02.23 Noseworx SSANZ trial (Rotorua), Intermediate qualifier  
26.02.23 Noseworx SSANZ trial (Rotorua), Intermediate qualifier  
01.04.23 North Taranaki DTC (Okato), Intermediate qualifier  
02.04.23 North Taranaki DTC (Okato), Exterior search award

### Chris & Jess

04.03.23 Horowhenua ODTT SSANZ trial, Novice qualifier  
05.03.23 Horowhenua ODTT SSANZ trial, Novice qualifier

### Patricia & Sugar

04.03.23 Horowhenua ODTT SSANZ trial, Novice qualifier  
01.04.23 North Taranaki DTC (Okato), Novice qualifier (best time)  
02.04.23 North Taranaki DTC (Okato), Novice qualifier, Exterior search award

### Liza & Vega

05.03.23 Horowhenua ODTT SSANZ trial, Novice qualifier (best time)

### Liza & Saoirse

01.04.23 North Taranaki DTC (Okato), Novice qualifier



Christine & Lani

Patricia & Sugar

Liza & Saoirse



**Brunswarick Desperado Points Cup:**

**Quesan Hot Fudge Trophy – highest points Novice:**

**The Critter Cup – for Working trials:**

**Angus of Belabi Rally-O Trophy:**

**TADTC Most Improved Handler & Dog:**

**TADTC Most Improved Dog:**

Tanya & Drive

Cushla & Esky

Cushla & Esky

Renee & Beau

Liza & Vega

Tonka





# Tararua Allbreeds Dog Training Club



A big **THANK YOU** to our Judges,  
Competitors, & Helpers  
for their participation, help & support at  
our Rally-O Championship shows  
held 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Thank you to **PET ESSENTIALS** Palmerston North!  
Your continuing support is very much appreciated

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Novice A



Novice B



Advanced A



Advanced B



Excellent A



Encore



Excellent B



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Novice A



Novice B



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## Members' stories

We have seen a considerable increase in the interest in Scent Work classes. Indeed, it is a fun sport, and it is very pleasing to see the achievements of our club members. Chris and Jess had a great result during the Horowhenua Scent Sports Association trial in the beginning of March, qualifying twice as Novice. We asked Chris to share her thoughts on her scent training experience. This is what she told Tailwagger:



Chris & Jess: Qualified!

“My son bought me a black labradoodle pup (Jess) after my retirement to keep me busy. Jess and I joined TADTC when she was 6 months old and completed Basic and Intermediate classes before joining CGC classes to continue her training to give her more confidence and independence. When she gained her Gold CGC qualification she wasn't going to become an Obedience dog with her drive to always walk faster than me.

When Christine offered Scent Work training, where the dog leads the work and the owner follows, trying not to impede the search, I was keen to try it. The dogs thoroughly enjoy the searches – motivated of course by the food rewards they earn when they find the scent.

Recently, on our first scent trials at Levin over 2 days, we gained 2 Novice Nosework Trial Certificates.”

We wish Chris and Jess all the best for the upcoming trials!

While things seem easy with this sport, a lot of training and knowledge is involved, and even then, things may become unpredictable during the trial. Our Scent Work instructor, Christine, shares her experience of participating in trials with Lani, our Club's top qualified dog.

“After 4 qualifications as Novice in SSANZ trials, it was time to move Lani up to Intermediate with a change of odour from clove bud to birch and no room for error across the 4 elements (plus bigger more complex search areas).

At our first Intermediate trial in Wellington (run by ACE) we got 1 false alert at the vehicle search (now 2 vehicles) with the wind carrying the odour from the wheel well through to the front of the vehicle.

Our next 2 trials were at Rerewhakaaiti (Rotorua) where she didn't miss a beat and we came home with 2 qualifications.

On the first weekend in April, North Taranaki DTC hosted their first SSANZ trial which they held at the Okato school. On the second day, a breeze moving across the buckets in the container search plus windows pulling the odour resulted in Lani alerting on a neighbouring container where the odour was collecting. We weren't the only team caught out!! From there it was onto the wood work room with 16-20 large square wooden work tables and lots of windows. This proved an interesting challenge with a few

teams timing out. I chose to work Lani off lead which may not have been the best thing to do as we perhaps could have done a better planned search on lead. However, she worked hard and located the odour in 2min 35 sec with just 25 seconds to spare. The car and trailer set about 5m apart proved no problem, then it was onto the exterior search which was under the verandah outside class rooms. She climbed the seats to reach the odour in this one – didn't bother with the steps and virtually laid across the door stopper where the odour vessel was located. We earned a judge's choice award for this search. So although we didn't qualify on the Sunday we did qualify Saturday and she now has her Intermediate title and we can move up to Advanced if we wish (we can have up to 5 qualifications at Intermediate before we have to move up to advanced).”



Lani enjoying a break after all those searches



## Time for that new family member

*Tailwagger* received a request for some helpful guidelines for getting a new puppy. We asked one of our Club members, Robyn, who has more than 20 years of experience in breeding dogs to put together some suggestions and recommendations. We are sure that these will be very useful.

“Has the time arrived when you are after a new family member? What should you be looking out for to ensure that your new member is right for you?

The first critical point is not to rush your decision. Getting the right fit is more important than buying the first cute pup you see. They will be with you for generally between 10 and 15 years so it’s important you get it right.

The next thing that it is very important to consider is exactly what you want your pup for, i.e. family pet, a running buddy or possibly for competitions. There is no point getting a very energetic breed if all you are after is a family pet.

### **What should you look for in a breeder:**

- 1) Someone with experience. Ideally someone who has had a few successful litters over a number of years. Hopefully you can see some of these pups as adults.
- 2) Someone who DNA tests their dogs and who will share these test results with you. Some breeds also require hip and elbow x-rays. This ensures that they will not get any of that breeds specific diseases.
- 3) A breeder should ask you lots of questions to ensure you are right for their pups. Avoid anyone who is just happy to let you have a pup if you pay.
- 4) If you can visit the selected breeder and meet the prospective parents. Dad won’t always be available as he may live elsewhere. If a breeder won’t let you meet the mum don’t get a pup as there is often a reason, i.e. temperament.
- 5) Pups should be wormed regularly and have their first vaccination before you get them at 8 weeks (at the earliest). They may also be treated to lice.
- 6) Ideally a breeder will give you a breeder’s booklet telling you about the breed, their requirements and how to meet their needs over the next few months. They should also be available to help you if you have any issues.
- 7) Pups should come with some of the food they have been on and possibly a toy or blanket that the puppy recognises.



Robyn with her dog Panda



Image credit: Monique C.

Importantly **TAKE YOUR TIME** to get the right pup. Remember that the first 12 to 18 months may make you wonder why you got the pup as they firstly go through puppy and then teenage development stages and will frequently become destructive, disobedient troublemakers. This however doesn’t last, and if you have chosen the right breed and done the basic training, this will give you years of devotion and companionship.

Good luck and many happy years with your new family member!”

We always welcome suggestions for topics that interest you. Please don’t be shy to email your questions and requests to [tailwagger.editor@gmail.com](mailto:tailwagger.editor@gmail.com)





## Recipe to try: Peanut butter and banana cookies

(the recipe is adapted from the original recipe published at <https://littlesunnykitchen.com/> )

### Ingredients:

- 3 cups of whole wheat flour (+ some more for rolling out the dough)
- 1 large egg
- 1 cup of creamy peanut butter that does not include xylitol
- 1 banana (mashed)
- ¼ teaspoon of salt
- 1 cup of water or broth

### Steps:

- Preheat the oven to 180 degrees C.
- In a large mixing bowl, combine flour, egg, peanut butter, banana, salt, and water. Beat with a mixer until well combined and have a dough-like consistency.
- Sprinkle some flour on a flat clean surface to roll out the doggie treat mixture. Use a rolling pin to flatten the mixture to about 0.7 cm.
- Using a cookie cutter of your choice, cut out cookies and place them on the baking sheet covered with baking paper leaving at least 2 cm between cookies.
- Bake for 18-20 minutes.
- When done, allow cookies to cool on the sheet for 1 minute then transfer to a cooling rack to cool completely (at least 15 minutes) before serving.
- Store the treats in an airtight container. They will stay fresh for 7-10 days at room temperature.



Image from Little Sunny Kitchen website

## Game to try: Boundary game

**Engaging in physically and mentally stimulating exercise with your dog is a great way to keep them healthy. It also strengthens your bond. Here's a simple game from our instructor Jess (who knows a lot about and loves games) that you can try with your pooch in your free time.**



Little Eva demonstrating how it's done

Helps with reactivity, impulse control and listening to your cues.  
Helps boost confidence, self-control, and calmness.

**You will need:** You + dog + food + a boundary place, e.g. a mat, a (raised) bed, a towel, a platform, etc.

**Step 1:** Start with getting your dog noticing the boundary. Once they move towards it, praise and place a piece of food on the boundary. Release by throwing a piece of food away, then repeat a few times if needed.

**Step 2:** Get your dog to put their front feet on the boundary. Once they do, praise and place a piece of food on the boundary. Release by throwing a piece of food away, then repeat a few times before the dog is comfortable with it.

**Step 3:** Once the dog is comfortable with putting front paws on the boundary, get them to put all four paws on it and reward by placing food on the boundary. Release by tossing the food away.

**Step 4:** Once the dog starts getting on the boundary fluently, add a cue to it (e.g. hop it up).

Remember to keep the play sessions short, max 3 min at a time, and have fun! If your pooch doesn't get to Step 4 in the first session, don't be frustrated, it may take a few game rounds.

**Also, remember to feed the boundary, not the dog!**

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