

The Tararua Tailwagger

May 2023

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In this issue, we report on two events:

- (1) Canine Good Citizen assessment
- (2) Dogs NZ Scent Work trial.

You will also find the updates on the results from the most recent competitions and some of our members' most inspiring stories.

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

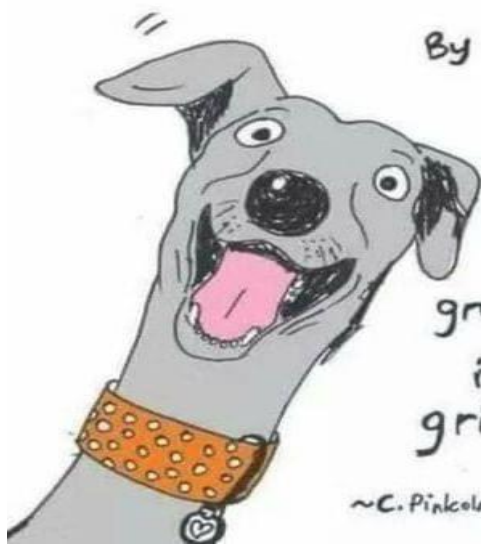
Our Longburn facility is in Ngaire Street (first turn on the right after the railway overbridge)

Class times

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

Classes last for 30-45 minutes.

"Dogs are the magicians of the universe.



By their presence alone, they can transform grumpy people into grinning people"

~C. Pinkola Estes

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.



CLUB MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

OBEDIENCE & WORKING TRIALS:

Uvana & Epic 16.04.23 Wanganui DTC, Test A, 4th place

Uvana & Mia 16.04.23 Wanganui DTC, Test C, 5th place

Tanya & Drive 16.04.23 Wanganui DTC Test B 1st
21.05.23 Napier DTC, Test B, 1st place

With these (and previous) results, Drive has now got the Obedience Test B title, congratulations, team!



Tanya & Drive



Renee & Beau

Renee & Beau 16.04.23 Wanganui DTC, Novice, 1st place
22.04.23 North Taranaki DTC, Novice, 2nd place
28.04.23 Manukau DTC, Novice, 4th place
21.05.23 Napier DTC, Novice, 2nd place

With these (and previous) results, Beau has now got the Obedience Novice title, congratulations, team!

Monique and Echo 15.04.23 Wanganui DTC, Elementary 2, 1st place
20.05.23 Napier DTC, Elementary 1, 2nd place
28.05.24 Titahi Bay, Elementary 1, 1st Place



Monique & Echo

RALLY-O



Jess & Eva

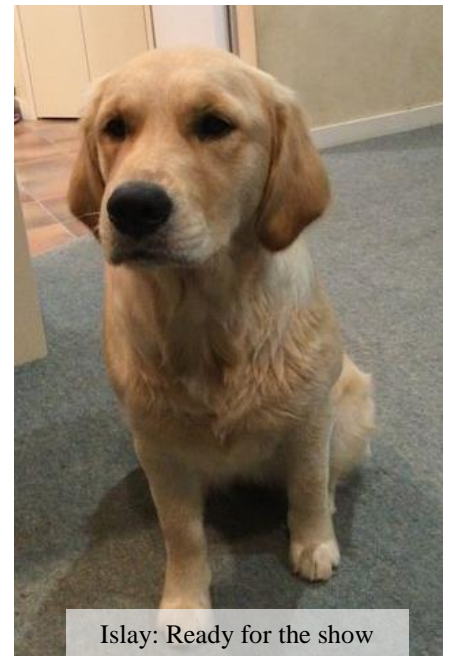
Jess & Eva 28.05.23 Titahi Bay OC,
qualified as Novice B



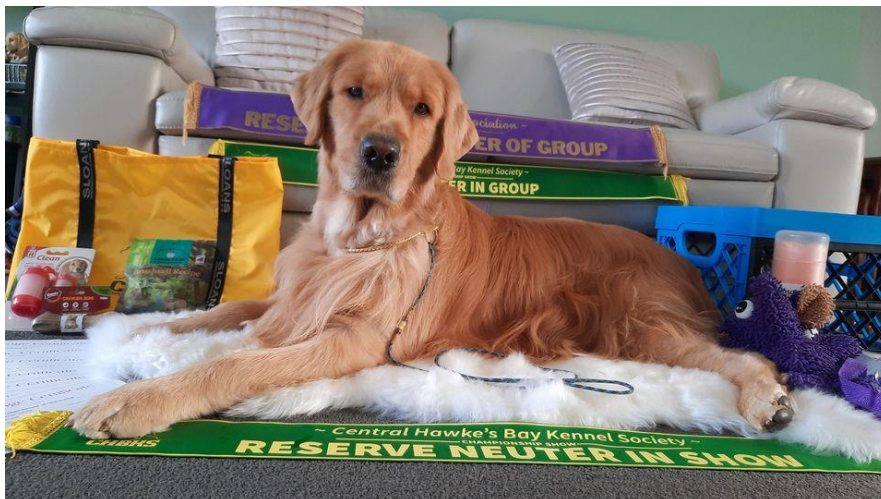
BREED SHOW RESULTS

Meredith & Islay **6.05.23 Central Hawkes Bay Kennel Society**
Championship show: 1st in class
Championship show: Puppy of Breed
Open show: 2nd in class
Open show: Reserve Best Bitch

Jade & Ruger **15.04.23 Central Hawkes Bay Kennel Society**
Show 1: 1st Neutered Best Dog class
1st Neutered Challenge Dog class
1st Neutered Best of Breed class
1st Dog in Class
1st Neutered Reserve of Show
1st Neutered Best of Group
15.04.23 Ruahine Kennel Association
Show 1: 1st Neutered Best Dog class
1st Neutered Challenge Dog class
1st Neutered Best of Breed class
1st Neutered Reserve of Group
1st Dog in Class

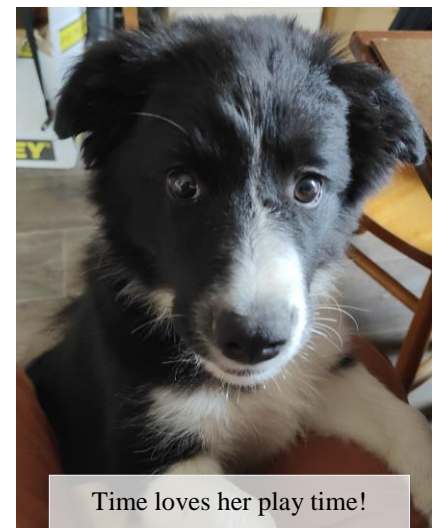


Islay: Ready for the show



Ruger enjoys his new toys after all his hard work in the shows

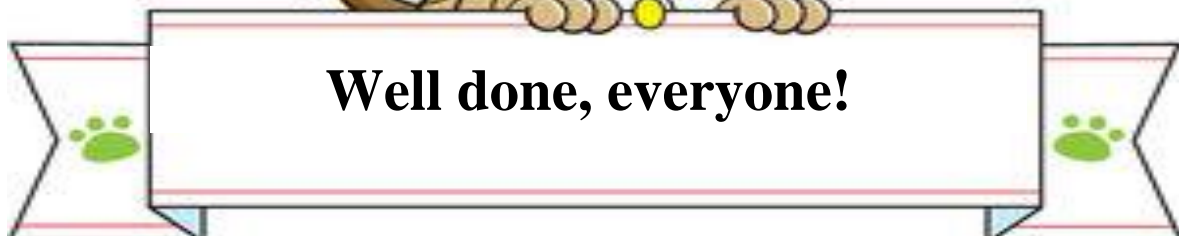
Robyn & Time **22.04.23 Manawatu Kennel Association**
Championship show: Best Baby Puppy
Championship show: Reserve of Breed



Time loves her play time!



Well done, everyone!





TARAURUA ALLBREEDS DOG TRAINING CLUB
ASSESSMENT DAY 29TH APRIL
Based on the report prepared by Liz Owen, Organiser, TADTC



Canine Good Citizen is a National Certification programme for every day owners with the purpose of ensuring that our favourite companion, the dog, can be a respected member of the community because it is trained and conditioned to act with good manners in the home, in public, and in the presence of other dogs.

Our Club is a recognized CGC training provider, and the current specifications used for the national certification are based on the course Canine Good Manners, which was developed in our Club back in the 90s. The course was based on Canine Good Citizen programmes from the UK and USA and three similar programs from Australia (Note: at this time the New Zealand Kennel Club (Dogs New Zealand) did not have a Canine Good Citizen

program). Our instructors made some alterations and some additions to better suit the concept of the course to New Zealand. In 1999 we started offering the course and it was very popular. Other clubs bought the course off us, and we also gave it to the NZKC, who made a few alterations and added a few things to pad it out and called it Canine Good Citizen that we know now.

The 29th April turned out to be a beautiful, perfect day for CGC. The sun shone with a veil of high cloud while the wind took the day off. Three assessors were contracted for the day. A big thanks to our assessors Irma Harris, Stephen Harris and Jan Voss for accepting and travelling to help us support our participants in their move to advance in Canine Good Citizen.

We headed straight into the assessments after briefings to assessors, helpers and participants. Foundation participants were put through their paces. This included grooming and inspection by the assessor, food manners including stopping the dogs in front of someone eating chippies, recall, meeting a stranger, meeting a stranger who pats the dog, walking through a group of strange people, with people on bikes and an umbrella and chatting, simple walking and directional tasks, meeting a stranger with a dog and walking through a gate. This was followed by supervised separation and a tie up on a lead. A very busy level. Out of the 5 entries, 4 passed. For the bronze participants, the assessment included being tied on a lead, handler out of sight, food manners, control around getting in and out of vehicles, distractions and a walk on the lead, and staying still and returning to the handler when called. Of the 4 participants for this, all 4 passed.

Silver participants had more challenging tasks to perform. These included the dog being examined by the assessor with the handler at a distance, the dog returning to the handler while distractions were there, advanced vehicle control including getting in the car, out of the car and while the vehicle is moving, accepting being touched by a stranger, calm and controlled behaviour in a busy public area including walking, staying in one place, accepting being touched by a stranger, and staying still and returning to the handler. There were 8 entries in this with 6 passing.



Finally, Gold. In this level, dogs walked beside the handler without a lead, were sent to a known article and had to stay there. There was parked vehicle control (with into the car and out of the car control), as well as leaving the dogs there while there were distractions outside the vehicle. Other tasks included dogs picking up a dropped item and returning it to their handler, another person walking their dog in a public area with distractions, then the handler walking their dog in a public area with distractions, stopping their dog in the public area. There were 6 entries in Gold with 4 passing.

CGC is about participation and the learning that goes along with that, for both the dog and handler. Passing though, is a big bonus for all the hard work done through the year. This is what success is all about. Well done to all those who passed.



Member success stories

In this issue, we asked our CGC qualifiers to tell their dog training stories. Thank you to Ruth, Liz, and Jade for sharing the insights into their CGC journeys with us.



Ruth & Eli (CGC Gold)

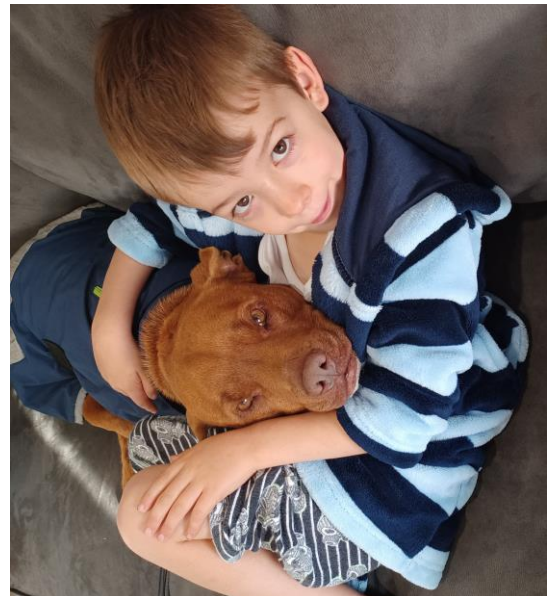
My American Staffy and I will likely be familiar to many around the club, as we have done a few bits and pieces now. I joined the club with the intention of getting Canine Good Citizen, and we have recently achieved our goals. My little dog Eli was a rescue – the only survivor of a litter of pups thrown into a river. When I adopted him in 2014, he was a teenager – a bit naughty, as energetic as a caffeinated raccoon but very willing to please and easy to train. He was my first ever dog after many years as a devout cat lover, and despite my cat beating the heck out of him, he tolerated her well. He has always been a very gentle dog with everyone, and he was very fortunate that when I got him, I was able to take him everywhere to experience a lot of things.

I'm opinionated on training after fostering for a local rescue over the past few years. It is clear how many good dogs are on death row in this country and the main thing that kills them is lack of training. Of the 38 I fostered, 36 were good dogs that went on to be rehomed. My theory with training dogs is a bit similar to training my kids – teach them to be good in public, keep their minds busy and, (more so with dogs) every interaction is training. You are either training intentionally or unintentionally – but your dog is always learning from you! I believe that when a dog trusts you and knows that you are consistently in control of situations, then they will be better able to ignore outside stimulus – whether it be people, commotions, vehicles, novel situations, or other dogs etc.

The number one rule I have is to only reward calm behaviour, to the point of being very firm with anyone who unwittingly risks undoing this training. People have been surprised at times too when I say that I don't let him meet other dogs on leash (e.g. at the club) because it then becomes hard to tell him "no you can't go and meet this dog this time, but you can meet that dog another time." How can he understand what the rule is when it is only sometimes applied?

We made a few rookie mistakes when we first started out back in 2014 – we had less than perfect recall and he approached a couple of on-leash dogs (whoops). After having a leashed Sydney Silkie in a blue puffer jacket hanging from his cheek, he was a bit better at listening to me, and I sharpened up my act too. I do appreciate that members are so respectful of each other's dogs and ask before approaching, as well as keeping their dogs in their own space bubble. It's not because my dog is unfriendly, it is because people and other dogs can undo a lot of training. For our first crack at a CGC assessment we went to Titahi Bay and achieved Foundation and Bronze. The day began with a very intense thunderstorm, and we were all having to cram in under the veranda together with all our dogs. Once the skies cleared, we started around the course followed by the assessor. It was a long day – around 7 hours in total plus travel. For those of you who have not done CGC the most surprising thing to learn I think is that you are being assessed any time you are visible during the whole day.

For the Bronze assessment, we had to demonstrate good behaviour getting in and out of the car. My poor dog looked so relieved to finally get back in the car, and his face was nothing short of devastated when I asked him to hop back out for the assessor. For the final photo Eli was so tired he just lay at my feet. Not because the activities were hard for him, but I think he was bored stiff, and he is an old man who likes a sunny spot on the couch. I have always said that the goal of socialising a dog is to make everything "boring", so the dog retains calm obedience even in really busy places and nothing phases them. Some people near the photographer started jumping up and down and making noises to try to encourage him to look up for the photo, to no avail. Before manually standing him up I laughed and said that we have spent a lifetime teaching him to ignore people doing weird things! I think the steak he had for tea



made it worth it all though, and that dog did not leave the sofa in any substantial way for two full days. He also didn't eat his normal food for six full days, because after having steak, he knew I could do better!

I truly believe my dog knew that the next assessment day for Silver and Gold was important, as he did everything so perfectly. Doing a few terms of Rally-O really helped us for CGC too as it taught me to spruce up our heelwork and really strengthened the working bond that we have. Further proof that Eli "knew" was that when we got home after the assessments, I went into the kitchen and opened the packet of steak. He's never in the kitchen when I am cooking etc. because he never gets given anything. But this day he was next to me, looking at me very expectantly because he knew he had done good, and he knew that steak was his!

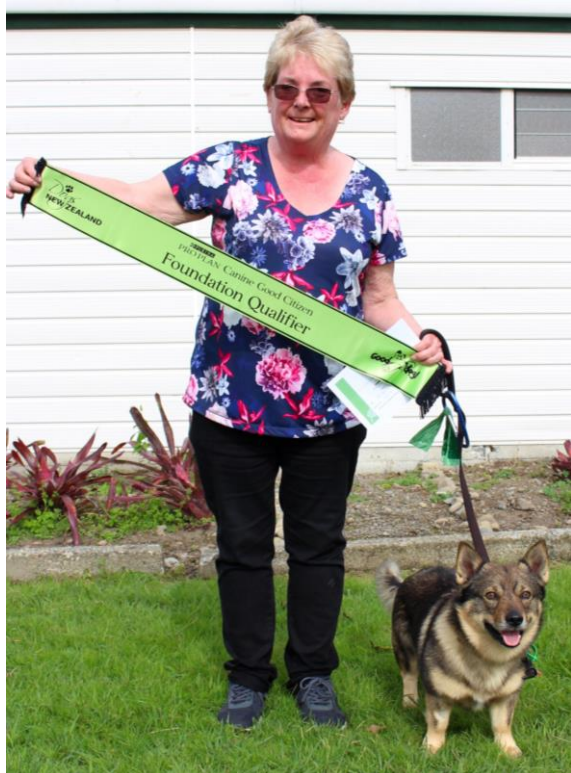
Getting CGC Gold means so much to me, because I have worked so hard to train my dog based on my own principles and to find that they aligned so well with CGC was very validating. He is a very well-behaved dog and to have recognition of that for him is meaningful. So, what next? We are playing around at home with some pointless but fun training – teaching him to "whisper", some positional commands, to hold an object, and I have started some scent training with him. Regardless of what we "officially" do next, you are likely to see us around. The only thing that will have changed is that he will now be allowed to have cuddles with his human friends at the club, because he has earned it!

Liz & Dewi (CGC Foundation)

Dewi started at TADTC in the puppy class, then went through basic class and intermediate before starting on his CGC journey.

Dewi and I have been training in CGC for the last 2 years. Dewi, being a Swedish Vallhund, has a bit of a stubborn streak in him so it has taken him a bit longer for him to be ready to do his foundation level than most dogs. We tried the assessment last year without success. However, it highlighted the areas where I needed to focus him on. Finally, this year he was ready to do his foundation level.

On Saturday 29th April, Dewi and I got ready to sit our CGC Foundation level at TADTC CGC Assessment Day. Dewi and I waited for our turn at the assessment. It didn't seem too long before it was our turn.



We were put through our paces. First up, we had to answer eight questions about the care and responsibility of dogs. We needed to show our registration tag and that we carried a poo bag. I had to show how I examined Dewi and then our Assessor checked him and groomed him with the brush I provided.

Through the assessment we met a range of friendly strangers, one who had a chat with us, one who had a dog with them, another who ate chippies in front of us and the final stranger patted Dewi. We walked around and through a crowd of strangers and distractions and walked through a gate collecting a bag and back again with Dewi remaining by me.

Dewi and I also completed a controlled walk where we were given direction changes and stops while keeping Dewi beside me. We had a recall where Dewi had to come directly to me. Then, we ended with Dewi being tied up while I was in sight, and finally a stranger held Dewi while I went out of sight for several minutes.



After what seemed like a long wait the results were out, and Dewi and I had passed Foundation Level. We were presented with a sash and a certificate to show we had passed.

Finally, success! Next goal: Bronze!



Jade & Ruger (CGC Gold)

TADTC recently held a CGC assessment, which was great to see. I know that it was organised with not a lot of notice and was good to see all parts of the club working together.



There were many handlers both from Tararua club and also other local clubs that competed on the day. There were some that went on and successfully gained their titles and others including myself that failed the assessment on the day. Congratulations to all that passed it was well deserved and those people that just missed out, keep going. You are on your own journey with your dog, never compare yourself to others' successes/ failures.

Ruger's journey with CGC has been somewhat unstructured. I work shifts and struggled to get to the dog club each week. I have never completed a full term, and it has taken a lot of work outside of club to get the type of behaviour I want from him. I have attended other local clubs for training prior to joining the Tararua club.

Ruger's journey started the day before the first COVID lockdown in 2020. He was an 8-week old pup, and I had huge plans for him, what shows I was going to take him to socialise and also had some annual leave booked to make the most of that critical puppy period. But COVID threw all the plans I'd made out the window.

Ruger is my first pup, I had owned SPCA specials prior to him. So 8-week old Ruger was signed up to zoom training with Karen Sadler at Agrade Animals. Through that, we learnt recalls, name recognition, basic heelwork, and the foundations to creating a well-mannered dog. From there, Ruger went on to compete in breed shows to continue developing his social skills and confidence building. He has recently just gained his neutered champion title.

After building some more confidence in the breed ring, we have gone on to compete in obedience, and he finally did the stays in the ring and won out of Beginners in one weekend. I now have some more training to do to help us achieve more in obedience as Novice is a huge step up.

With regards to CGC, this was something I planned on doing when Ruger was a little older to give him a chance to settle and have those foundation skills. One weekend, I saw that Avalon was holding a CGC assessment and thought to myself "What's the worst that could happen if I entered?". I messaged my friend from the club and asked if I could attend the next day. She advised that they still had slots available. So I printed off the manual and decided that with the sporadic training that we had done, we had covered a lot of exercises. Off we went to Avalon and sat Foundation.

Ruger performed all the exercises and also went on to achieve bronze the same day. We stopped off at the pet shop for a new stuffed duck, and I couldn't be prouder of my COVID pup.

It's great with CGC as you are just working with your dog. There are no winners or losers on the day, we all have the best dogs. Sitting Silver at Tararua proved not be as successful for us as Ruger decided that coming to me was better than staying in his down for the emergency down. This, however, just shows that no matter how many times you practise and train an exercise, a dog will do what a dog will do.

This has created a lot of further learnings for Ruger and me. I have changed a few things to try and make it easier for Ruger to understand what is required. Next stage is to try and resit the test at Kapiti and what will be is what will be. It's nice to have the piece of paper that shows your dog is great, but it is not everything. I know that I have a great, well-rounded dog that I can trust to be off lead at the beach and behave himself.

CGC is something all owners should commit to as it's not about winning, it's about having a dog you can trust in public and around multiple distractions. I could not be prouder of my boy.

N.B. Since the time the story was submitted, Jade and Ruger successfully completed the requirements for CGC Silver and Gold. We congratulate the team on their success and admire their dedication and hard work! Good boy, NEUT CH GLENAIC RIDING SHOTGUN OS CGCG!





TADTC and FDTC Combined Dogs NZ Scentwork Trial (13/14 May), Manfield Park



by Christine Scott



Christine & Lani

The middle of last year, Lynda Cummins from the Feilding Dog Training Club, approached me to see if I would be interested in helping her run a combined TADTC/FDTC Dogs NZ Scent work trial. We had trained together for a couple of years and enjoyed setting up training sessions which created scent puzzles for both our dogs and ourselves. Having a go at organizing a trial seemed to be a logical step and a worthwhile challenge.

Once we had the approval from the committees of the two clubs, we approached the Manawatu A&P Association to book a weekend to hold the trial at Manfield Park in Feilding. From then on, it was all go to sort out which search elements we would hold, where exactly at Manfield we would locate them, who our judges would be, order rosettes for Judges Choice for each search element, put a flier together and clear it all through DogsNZ (it seems like a lot, and it certainly was!).

We decided on two Novice Container A&B searches over the weekend, two Advanced Container searches, as well as a Novice Interior search, Novice Exterior search and Novice Vehicle search. The biggest challenge proved to be making sure that search areas were not visible to participants and making sure that the flow of participants between searches worked. The second big challenge was getting on top of the DogsNZ computer programme for downloading the entries, making up running orders and printing off certificates. Thankfully, Margaret McArthur from FDTC rose to the challenge and did a fantastic job with the admin side.



Novice container A: Pat & Sugar



Novice container B: Liza & Saoirse

Friday afternoon before the trial, we arrived at Manfield to find the carpark area where we planned to conduct some of the searches being sprayed with the herbicide, Amitrole. This meant that we had to do a quick re-plan of our search areas to keep the dogs off the affected area, even though it was probably quite safe.

Fifty-one teams (dog + handler) had registered for our trial with less than a handful scratching. Each team participated in anything

between 1 and 7 searches over the weekend with up to 38 teams taking part in each of the interior, exterior and vehicle searches, 28 in the novice containers and 12 in the advanced containers. This was a total of nearly 200 searches over the weekend!

A big thanks goes to our four judges: Jan Voss, Shiree Brockie, Jo Searle and Jim Wyeth and to our awesome sponsors, Cats and Dogs Dinners who provided us with an amazing array of prizes. They have just opened up a shop in Milson Line.

We had a number of helpers from TADTC: Chris, Dorothy, Uvana, Felicia, Sue and Jean. Thank you so much for your help as it made a big difference to the smooth running of the trial.



Robyn & Heidi: Search completed!





Vehicle search: Renee & Beau

Overall a very successful weekend with lots of positive comments from the participants on the venue and the smooth running of the trial. Lynda and I hope to make this an annual event so keep the second weekend in May free for all your budding scentwork dogs.



Judge's award: Renee & Beau

Club members who took part had a very successful weekend:

Christine & Lani: Advanced Container (2x), Novice interior, Novice vehicle (fastest time)

Elizaveta & Vega: Novice container A&B (fastest container A Saturday), Novice interior and Novice exterior

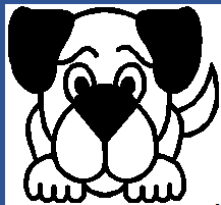
Elizaveta & Saoirse: Novice Container A&B, Novice vehicle

Patricia & Sugar: Novice container A (2x) Novice container B, Novice interior and Novice vehicle

Renee & Beau: Novice container A&B (2x), Novice interior, Novice vehicle (Judges Choice Container A)

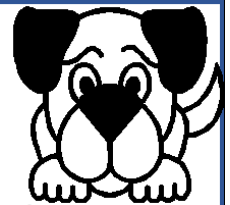
Robyn & Heidi: Novice container A&B, Novice interior and Novice exterior.

If you would like to know more about what scent training involves, come along to the Training Ring and join the taster session.



Tararua Allbreeds Dog Training Club

Scent Work Training Ring



In preparation for the upcoming Dogs NZ Horowhenua Scent Work Trial, we are holding a training ring!



Date: 3rd June
Time: 10 am till 12 pm
Place: Longburn Community Centre, 17 Ngaire Street, Longburn
Odour: cedar wood
Searches: container A & B, interior, exterior, vehicle
Price: \$2 per dog



Tea and coffee will be provided

We will also hold a taster session for those who want to learn about what scent work training involves from 11.30 till 12.00

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