

# The Tararua Tailwagger

**Term 2 2024**

## **Message from the Club President:**

I hope those who attending training during term term you have enjoyed working with their dog. The closer we got to winter the more the weather became a bit mixed but I do appreciate our instructors and students for turning up to train regardless of the cold and wet.

This has again been a busy time for club members with a lot of behind the scenes work goes into planning classes, and club events.

In mid May the club held a two day Dogs NZ scent work trial (in conjunction with Feilding Dog Training Club). The number of entries was very pleasing and it was great to see so many of our own club members get a chance to compete. Thank you very much to a very small group of club members who pulled together this trial and worked tirelessly over the weekend to make it run so well. Congratulations to our club members who qualified in their searches.

Also, excitingly Leesa and Lyric achieved their Working Trials Champion title in late March. Congratulations ladies on this great achievement.

We look forward to welcoming many of you back to training for Term 3 at Longburn starting on 2nd July. Details of when enrolments will open will be sent out.

As we are all now possibly walking our dogs in the dark (before/after work), don't forget to make sure you are visible to motorists (eg consider a high vis vest for you and your dogs, flashing lights etc).

Over the winter months I do enjoy doing a bit more of my training indoors so consider some quick games and working on tricks (eg 3 - 5 minutes max at a time) to help break up the long dark evenings.

Anthea Finlayson  
Tararua Allbreeds Dog Training Club President

## **Term Dates for 2024**

Term 1 (at Ashhurst)  
23 Jan – 19 March

Term 2 (at Longburn)  
16 April – 11 June

Term 3 (at Longburn)  
2 July – 27 Aug

Term 4 (at Ashhurst)  
1 Oct – 26 Nov

## **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 (from 6 to 7pm).  
Classes last for 30-45 minutes.

## **Contact Us**

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## **Your 2024 Committee:**

**President** – Anthea Finlayson

**Vice President** – Meredith Pitcher

**Secretary** – Sue Cooper

**Treasurer** – Nerolie Morrison

**Senior Instructor** – Cushla Fitzwater

**Club Captain** – Jess Lane

**Webmaster and Enrolment Officer** – Liza Tarasova

**Publicity Officer and Trophy Steward** – Monique Connelly

**Committee Members** – Tanya Emms and Jade Scarrett



# Club Member Results



## OBEDIENCE

**Uvana Chadwick and Epic** 07.04.2024 Whanganui DTC, 3<sup>rd</sup> Test A  
13.04.2024 Avalon DTC, 4<sup>th</sup> Test A  
20.04.2024 North Taranaki DTC, 5<sup>th</sup> Test A  
21.04.2024 North Taranaki DTC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Test A

**Brigid Allen and Token** 12.05.2024 Taupo DTC, 1<sup>st</sup> Test A

**Monique Connelly and Echo** 06.02.2024 Titahi Bay DTC (Ribbon Trial), 5<sup>th</sup> Beginners



Brigid and Token won Test A at Taupo

**Robyn Bland and Era** 06.04.2024 Whanganui DTC, 1<sup>st</sup> Novice  
07.04.2024 Whanganui DTC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Novice  
14.04.2024 Avalon DTC, 4<sup>th</sup> Novice  
20.04.2024 North Taranaki DTC, 4<sup>th</sup> Novice  
11.05.2024 Taupo DTC, 4<sup>th</sup> Novice  
12.05.2024 Taupo DTC, 4<sup>th</sup> Novice  
19.05.2024 Napier DTC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Novice  
02.06.2024 Gisborne DTC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Novice

**Robyn Bland and Tripp** 07.04.2024 Whanganui DTC, 5<sup>th</sup> Test C

**Renee Cornwall and Beau** 07.04.2024 Whanganui DTC, 1<sup>st</sup> Novice  
20.04.2024 North Taranaki DTC, 3<sup>rd</sup> Novice  
21.04.2024 North Taranaki DTC, 1<sup>st</sup> Novice

**Tanya Emms and Drive** 21.04.2024 North Taranaki DTC, 5<sup>th</sup> Test C

## RALLY-O

**Jade Scarrett and Ruger** 26.05.2024 Titahi Bay DTC, Novice B qualifier, 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Renee Cornwall and Beau** 06.04.2024 Whanganui DTC, Advanced B qualifier, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
06.04.2024 Whanganui DTC, Excellent B qualifier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
18.04.2024 Napier DTC, Excellent B qualifier, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
19.04.2024 Napier DTC, Excellent B qualifier, 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Monique Connelly and Echo** 06.04.2024 Whanganui DTC, Novice A qualifier, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place



**Liza Tarasova and Saoirse** 06.04.2024 Whanganui DTC, Novice B qualifier  
07.04.2024 Whanganui DTC, Novice B qualifier

**Liza Tarasova and Vega** 06.04.2024 Whanganui DTC, Novice B qualifier  
07.04.2024 Whanganui DTC, Novice B qualifier  
26.05.2024 Titahi Bay DTC Show 1, Novice B qualifier  
26.05.2024 Titahi Bay DTC Show 2, Novice B qualifier



Ruger back in action after some time off from an injury





## WORKING TRIALS

**Renee Cornwall and Beau**

05.05.2024 Central Working Trials Club, TD Best Hard Surface Track  
06.05.2024 Central Working Trials Club, TD qualification, Best Free Track, Highest Qualifier, Highest New Qualifier  
02.06.2024 Central Working Trials Club, TD Best Hard Surface Track

**Cushla Fitzwater and Journey**

01.06.2024 Central Working Trials Club, WD Best Track

**Cushla Fitzwater and Esky**

02.06.2024 Central Working Trials Club, WD Best Track

**Leesa Burns and Lyric**

05.05.2024 Central Working Trials Club, TD qualification, Best Leash Track, Highest Qualifier  
06.05.2024 Central Working Trials Club, TD qualification, Best Leash Track  
01.06.2024 Central Working Trials Club, TDX qualification, Best Hard Surface Track, Highest Qualifier



## SCENT WORK

**Liza Tarasova and Vega**

11.05.24 TADTC/Feilding Scentwork Trial qualified in Novie Exterior, Novice Vehicle, and Advanced Containers  
12.05.24 TADTC/Feilding Scentwork Trial qualified in Advanced Containers



**Christine Scott and Lani**

11.05.24 TADTC/Feilding Scentwork Trial qualified in Advanced Containers (and Judges Choice), Advanced Vehicle (fastest dog), and Advanced Exterior.  
12.05.24 TADTC/Feilding Scentwork Trial qualified in Advanced Containers (and Judges Choice)  
01.06.2024 K9 Kitea Scent SSANZ Scentwork Trial qualified in Advanced Vehicle (and Top dog) and Advanced Container (and Top Dog)

**Patricia Sauermann-Wehde and Hix**

11.05.24 TADTC/Feilding Scentwork Trial qualified in Novie Exterior, Novice Vehicle, and Advanced Containers  
01.06.2024 K9 Kitea Scent SSANZ Scentwork Trial qualified in Intermediate (and Highest Qualifier), Intermediate Exterior (and Fastest Dog), Intermediate Interior (and Fastest Dog), and Intermediate Container (and judges choice).

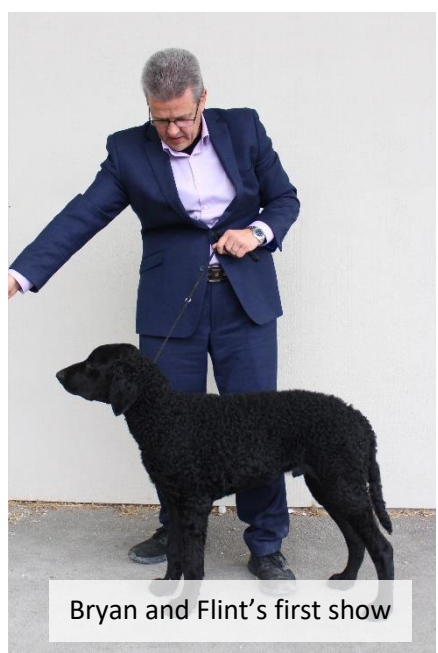
**Patricia Sauermann-Wehde and Sugar**

11.05.24 TADTC/Feilding Scentwork Trial qualified in Novie Exterior (and Fastest Dog), Novice Vehicle (and Fastest Dog), and Novie Interior (and Fastest Dog).  
01.06.2024 K9 Kitea Scent SSANZ Scentwork Trial qualified in Advanced and received judges choice

## BREED

**Robyn Bland and Era**

23.03.2024 Wairoa Kennel Association Show 1, Best Intermediate Dog and Best Intermediate of Breed  
23.03.2024 Wairoa Kennel Association Show 2, Best Intermediate Dog and Best Intermediate of Breed  
24.03.2024 Napier Kennel Centre Show 1, Best Intermediate Dog and Best Intermediate of Breed  
24.03.2024 Napier Kennel Centre Show 2, Best Intermediate Dog and Best Intermediate of Breed



Bryan and Flint's first show

**Meredith Pitcher and Nevis**

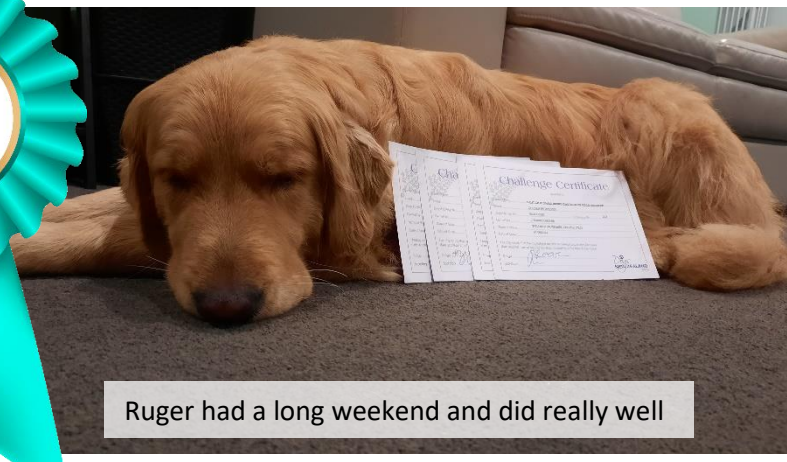
- 01.06.24** Wellington Kennel Show 1 (handled by Monique), Best Neuter Bitch of Breed and Best Neuter of Breed  
Wellington Kennel Show 2, (handled by Monique), Best Neuter Bitch of Breed and Reserve Neuter of Breed
- 02.06.24** Wellington Ladies Kennel Show 1, Best Neuter Bitch of Breed and Best Neuter of Breed  
Wellington Ladies Kennel Show 2, Best Neuter Bitch of Breed and Reserve Neuter of Breed

**Bryan Scarrett and Flint**

- 20.04.2024** Ruahine Kennel Association Show 1, Reserve Best Baby Puppy Dog of Breed  
Ruahine Kennel Association Show 2, Best Baby Puppy Dog of Breed, Best Baby Puppy of Breed and Reserve Challenge Dog of Breed
- 02.06.2024** Wellington Ladies Kennel Association Show 1, Best Puppy Dog of Breed, Best Puppy of Breed, Reserve Challenge Dog of Breed, and Reserve Best of Breed.  
Wellington Ladies Kennel Association Show 2 Best Puppy Dog of Breed, Best Puppy of Breed, Reserve Challenge Dog of Breed, and Reserve Best of Breed.

**Jade Scarrett and Ruger**

- 01.06.2024** Wellington Kennel Centre Show 1, Best Neutered Dog of Breed, Best Neutered Challenge Dog of Breed, Reserve Best Neutered of Breed  
Wellington Kennel Centre Show 2, Best Neutered Dog of Breed, Best Neutered Challenge Dog of Breed, Best Neutered of Breed
- 02.06.2024** Wellington Ladies Kennel Association Show 1, Best Neutered Dog of Breed, Best Neutered Challenge Dog of Breed, Reserve Best Neutered of Breed  
Wellington Ladies Kennel Association Show 2, Best Neutered Dog of Breed, Best Neutered Challenge Dog of Breed, Best Neutered of Breed



Ruger had a long weekend and did really well





# Tararua Scentwork Trial



On the 11 and 12th May Tararua Allbreeds Dog Training Club and Feilding Dog Training Club held a scentwork trial which attracted participants from all over Lower North Island. With 87 teams doing a total of 300+ individual searches, this was a large competition and kept the organizers, judges, stewards, and helpers busy over the weekend.

The trial was held at Manfeild on Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Advanced Interior, Exterior, and Vehicle searches were held at Goldpine, our venue sponsor. We received a lot of positive feedback on the selection of the venues from the judges and the participants. The searches at Goldpine were challenging but fun!



The weather was great, and everyone could enjoy some quiet time between searches catching up with friends, having a delightful toastie and/or a drink from the Hello Sunshine food truck, or getting a new toy for their furry friend from Enriched Canines.

We would like to thank our generous sponsors. Zealandia provided products for welcome packs as well as providing awards for the special awards which are Fastest Qualifier, Judges Choice, and Judges Merit. If you would like to check out their full range of products, please visit their website: <https://www.zealandiapets.com/> We also thank our venue sponsor: Goldpine, and the manager Paula for letting us use their venue and being there to help us set up at a very early hour.



A huge thank you to our judges, stewards, and helpers. It was a very busy time, and we really appreciate all your hard work to make this trial a great learning experience for our participants.

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# Member's Story



*Leesa and Lyric have been a team since Leesa breed her in 2018 from her dog. Since then they have been working towards Working Trials status and recently achieved it. Here is what Leesa has to say about her journey with Lyric.*



Lyric started life as a boy, as I was smitten with boy dogs. However, when this little girl showed up, she had me second guessing my initial choice. She changed my mind and I'm so glad she did. Lyric has a "Do stuff, Do anything, Do it now" attitude and it has brought much fun and laughter to my life.

In June 2020 Lyric began competing and attended a Tracking Trials (TT) in Linton and qualified TT1A both days. It was safe to say tracking was in her genes. She attended her first Utility Dog (UD) trial in August, we thought we had trained well, but alas the competition pointed out our areas where we needed some work.

We continued to train and during March and June 2021, we gained our two UDX qualifications. After the June trial I thought that I might be able to teach what was needed for Working Dog (WD) trials and enter her in the Queen's Birthday Trial. First day out to training and she squeezed under the gate and came up lame. Turns out she had partially torn her left hind cruciate. It was instead cage rest, surgery on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, then rehab, and small walks on the lead.

Our future with Working Trials was under a cloud given that we would have to negotiate completing the jumps in WD, which are a pretty big ask for a knee held in place with fishing line! But Lyric recovered fully and gained her two WDX's in April and May of 2022. No more jumping required.

Six beautiful puppies arrived in September 2022 and when they were 9 weeks old we attended her first Tracking Dog (TD) Trial where she qualified with a very respectable TD qualification. Next up was the April TD in Central where she amazingly qualified TDX both days.

After her 2 TDX qualifications all that was needed was her Companion Dog Excellence (CDX) and then she would be awarded the Working Trials Champion title. I got my A into G and entered the CD Trial at Horowhenua on Easter Friday and gained it with ease. Talk about stressful though, I don't think a CD has ever held so much importance to me as that one did!

This journey with Lyric has been interesting, exciting and totally rewarding. She has accomplished so much in a short time given the setbacks of Covid lockdowns, cruciate surgery, and motherhood. I love her spunk, her spirit, her determination, her desire to work, and her true loyalty. Our next goal is to attain 5 more TDX qualifications to get to Working Trials Grand Champion.

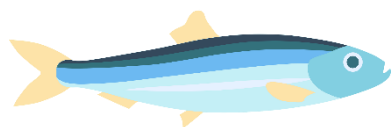


**Congratulations Leesa and WT CH Krystalmoon  
Torque 'N Lyric's UDX WDX TDX TT2 CDX**

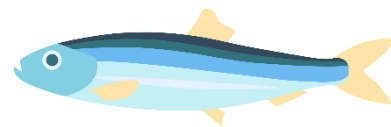




# Treat Recipe



## Salmon Fudge



### Ingredients:

- 2 cans of salmon
- 2 eggs
- 1 ½ C quick cook oats
- 1 piece fresh ginger

### Process:

1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees Celsius.
2. Put salmon, eggs, and ½ cup of oats into a bowl.
3. Grind remaining oats into flour.
4. Grate ginger.
5. Mash all together.
6. Cover a baking tray with baking paper and use your hands to flatten mix to approximately 6mm thick.
7. Bake for 30 mins
8. Cut into strips or pieces
9. Store in a container in the fridge



## Have a go!

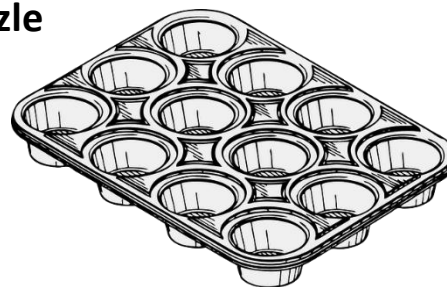


*Here is an idea for a game you can play with your dog.*

### Muffin Tin Puzzle

You'll need:

- Muffin tray
- Tennis balls (or other)
- Treats (any kind that can fit in a muffin tray)



Step 1 – Put some treats into the muffin tray

Step 2 – Place tennis balls in the hole covering the treat

Step 3 – Place in on the ground and watch them figure out how to get the treat out

Step 4 – Once they have the idea, you can fill only a few of the holes so they have to use their nose to figure out which has the treats.

This will mentally tire them out as they will be required to use their nose and also problem solve.

