

The Tararua Tailwagger

Term 2 2025

Message from the Club President:

Who can believe term 2 is over and done already? And we were very lucky with the weather, not too many wet nights.

This issue I'd like to start with a huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to Robyn Bland and her boy Tripp who gained their Obedience Champion status recently. Well done team. Robyn and Tripp are Tararua's fourth obedience champion combination.

Even though it is dark in the mornings and at night, we've had our shortest day/longest night so hopefully soon the days start to get longer. Don't forget to stay safe and be seen when out walking with your dog/s.

In May a small group of very busy club members (and non-club member volunteers) pulled together a very successful Dogs NZ scent work trial. The numbers were huge and the event took a lot of advanced planning. Thank you to all who pulled this together and to those who volunteered to help over the weekend. It was most appreciated.

Once again, thank you must go to our band of hearty instructors who came out each week to help you with deepening your relationship with your dog and working on some new skills.

Also, we must thank our sponsors VitaPet for their generous donation of dog treats and foods that were including in our class packs and handed out on grading night.

Keep up the good work and we look forward to seeing many of you and your four-legged friends back again for Term 3.

Cheers,
Anthea



Term Dates for 2025

Term 1 (at Ashhurst)
21 Jan – 18 March

Term 2 (at Longburn)
29 April – 17 June

Term 3 (at Longburn)
15 July – 9 Sept

Term 4 (at Ashhurst)
7 Oct – 2 Dec

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.

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Club Member Results



OBEDIENCE



Jenny and Wicked's second win!!
Big Test A duo now!!

Jenny Dickinson and Wicked

10.05.2025 Taupo DTC Show 2, 2nd Novice
18.05.2025 Napier DTC, 1st Novice

Jenny and Wicked have 2 qualifying wins
and now progress to Test A!!!

Uvana Chadwick and Epic

17.05.2025 Napier DTC, 5th Test B
18.05.2025 Napier DTC, 1st Test B
31.05.2025 Gisborne DTC, 1st Test B
01.06.2025 Gisborne DTC, 1st Test B and Top Dog

Uvana and Epic now 4 qualifying Test B wins so
are now progress into Test C!!



Uvana and Epic's 4th qualifying
win!! Good luck in Test C!!



Monique and Echo's first win in
Beginners!!

Monique Connelly and Echo

10.05.2025 Taupo DTC Show 1, 4th Beginners
11.05.2025 Taupo DTC Show 3, 3rd Beginners
17.05.2025 Napier DTC, 1st Beginners
18.05.2025 Napier DTC, 3rd Beginners
25.05.2025 Titahi Bay COB Ribbon Trial, 5th Novice
21.06.2025 Upper Hutt DTC, 4th Beginners
22.06.2025 Upper Hutt DTC, 3rd Beginners

Tanya Emms and Drive

26.04.2024 Eastern Bay of Plenty DOC, 3rd Test C
10.05.2025 Taupo DTC Show 2, 3rd Test C
21.06.2025 Upper Hutt DTC, 4th Test C
22.06.2025 Upper Hutt DTC, 2nd Test C (Challenge)



Tanya and Drive 2nd and
another Challenge Certificate



Brigid and Token win Test A on
Saturday at Upper Hutt!!

Robyn Bland and Tripp

31.05.2025 Gisborne DTC, 3rd Test C (Challenge)

Robyn Bland and Era

31.05.2025 Gisborne DTC, 3rd Test B
01.06.2025 Gisborne DTC, 2nd Test B

Brigid Allen and Token

11.05.2025 Taupo DTC Show 3, 1st Test A
21.06.2025 Upper Hutt DTC, 1st Test A

Danielle Irving and Reign

21.06.2025 Upper Hutt DTC, 3rd Novice
22.06.2025 Upper Hutt DTC, 1st Novice

Danielle Irving and Vinny

22.06.2025 Upper Hutt DTC, 2nd Beginners



Danielle and Reign's 1st Novice
win!! Beautiful round to watch





Ally and Skye 1st place Advanced A!

RALLY-O

Allyka Hanks and Skye

17.05.2025 Napier DTC, Novice B qualifier, 3rd Place

18.05.2025 Napier DTC, Novice B qualifier

18.05.2025 Napier DTC, Advanced A qualifier, 1st Place

Jess Lane and Eva

25.05.2025 Titahi Bay COB, Advanced A 3rd Place

WORKING TRIALS

Leesa Burns and Lyric

31.05.2025 Central Working Trials Club

TDX qualification, Highest qualifier, Best Leash Track

02.06.2025 Central Working Trials Club

TD qualification, Best Leash Track, Easton Memorial Cup

21.06.2025 Northern Working Trials Club

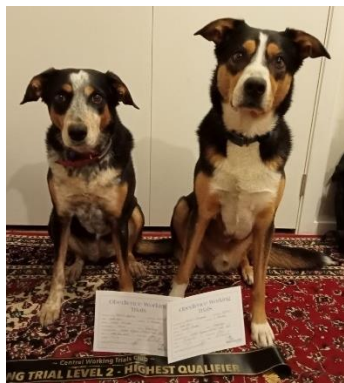
TDX qualification, Highest qualifier, Best Leash Track,
Best Free Track, Best Hard Surface

22.06.2025 Northern Working Trials Club

TDX qualification, Highest qualifier, Best Leash Track,
Best Free Track, Best Hard Surface



Lyric's trophy and ribbon haul including the Easton Memorial Cup for best qualifying score over the three levels



Cushla Fitzwater and Journey

04.05.2025 Horowhenua Dog Training Club Working Trial

Best WD Track

29.06.2025 Central Working Trials Club

TT2A pass, Highest Qualifier

Cushla Fitzwater and Esky

29.06.2025 Central Working Trials Club

TT2B pass

BREED

Bryan Scarrett and Flint (Ch Glenord We Didnt Start Th Fire)

26.04.2025 Manawatu Kennel Association

Show 1: Junior of Breed

Show 2: Reserve Junior of Breed

31.05.2025 Wellington Ladies Kennel Association

Show 1: Junior of Breed, Reserve Challenge Dog

Show 2: Best of Breed, Junior of Breed, Challenge Dog

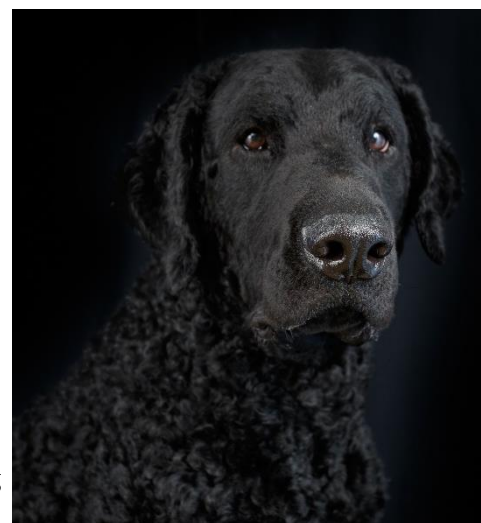
01.06.2025 Wellington Ladies Kennel Association

Show 3: Best of Breed, Junior of Breed, Challenge Dog

Show 4: Reserve Best of Breed, Junior of Breed, Reserve Challenge Dog

31.05.2025 The Gundog Society - Junior of Breed, Reserve Challenge Dog

01.06.2025 The Gundog Society - Best of Breed, Junior of Breed, Challenge Dog



Flint is now a breed champion!!
Congratulations!!



Christine and Lani hard at work on a container search

SCENT

Christine Scott and Lani

20/21.06.2025 Gisborne Dog Training Club,
Excellent Containers, Excellent Interior, Excellent
Exterior, Excellent Vehicle, Merit Award for
Excellent Vehicle



Elizaveta Tarasova and Saoirse

10.05.2025 Tararua Allbreeds DTC, Novice Exterior,
Advanced Containers

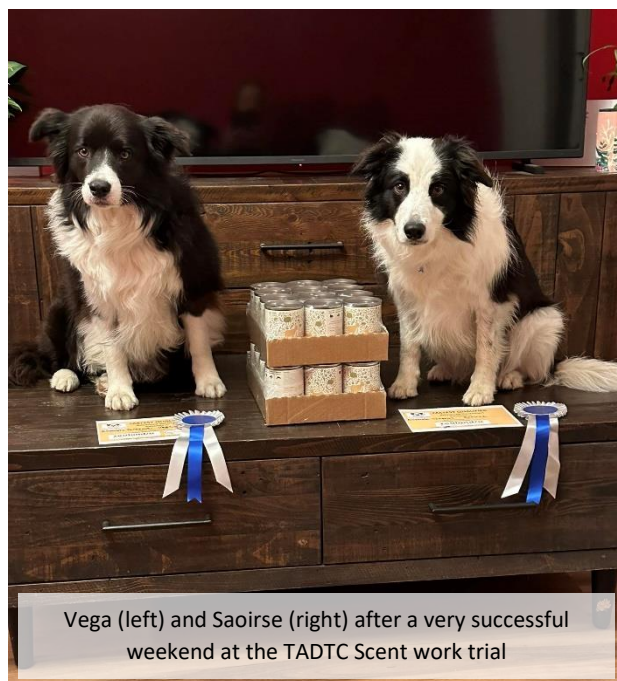
11.05.2025 Tararua Allbreeds DTC, Novice Exterior,
Advanced Containers, Novice Interior, Fastest Advanced
Containers Award

Upper Hutt Scentwork Trial: Novice Interior X2,
Advanced Containers X2.

Elizaveta Tarasova and Vega

10.05.2025 Tararua Allbreeds DTC, Advanced Interior,
Advanced Exterior, Advanced Vehicle, Fastest Advanced
Vehicle Award

11.05.2025 Tararua Allbreeds DTC, Advanced Interior,
Advanced Exterior, Advanced Vehicle
Upper Hutt Scentwork Trial: Advanced Interior X2,
Advanced Vehicle, Advanced Exterior, Excellent
Containers. Judge's Merit Award for Excellent containers.



***Congratulations to everyone for
their achievements!***

TADTC Scent Work Trial

Our third DogsNZ Scent Work Trial at Manfeild Park was our biggest yet, held on the 10th and 11th of May. Thanks to the incredible effort of the planning and organizing team, and spirit of our club members and volunteers this trial ran smoothly. Entries filled within days, a testament to the growing enthusiasm for scent work.



Big congratulations to Paul and Bob (left), Michelle and Tommy (right), and Maggie and Riker, who only began training last year and have already made their mark with fantastic performances in Novice. It's inspiring to see new teams stepping up with such confidence!



We celebrated standout results from our more experienced members: Christine and Lani impressed in both Advanced and Excellent, while Lucy and Cino and Elizaveta and Vega showed great teamwork in Advanced. Back in Novice, Lucy and Lilly and Elizaveta and Saoirse turned in strong, focused runs. Your consistency and teamwork really stood out.



With over 530 searches across all levels, the weekend was full-on, but ran like clockwork thanks to our brilliant organisers and volunteers. A heartfelt thank you to the judges, helpers, and our entire club. Additionally, we appreciated the support of scent work enthusiasts from Feilding and Horowhenua Dog Training Clubs (Patricia, Janine, and Wendy). The camaraderie, teamwork, and good humour on display made it an event to remember.

A massive thank you to our very generous sponsor Zealandia. If you would like to know more about their products you can find their info on our [Tararua Recommends](#) page or visit their website [here](#).



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Training continues fortnightly

Beginner and experienced sniffers are welcome. Talk to your instructor for more info.

Looking ahead

Our next trial is coming autumn 2026.

Want to get more involved?

We're always looking for helping hands—timers, scribes, stewards, and behind-the-scenes support.



Member's Story



Robyn and Tripp have been a team for a number of years and have recently achieved Obedience champion status. This is an amazing achievement which they have worked extremely hard for. Here is what Robyn said:



Making Tripp up to an Obedience Champion was a very exciting moment for me his handler and took several years of training and competing. Tripp is a 7-year-old Golden Retriever, and I was lucky enough to own his dad Lucas (Speyside Winter Spark TCQ) and I also have his nephew, Era (Blairsgold End of an Era).

Training Tripp has always been fun. He is a very enthusiastic boy, always giving me his all and at times giving me his own variations on any exercise (which can make you laugh). He also, when training new exercises will attempt to guess what it is you are asking of him. Tripp especially enjoys heelwork, and his joy is obvious to people when they are watching and for me as his handler. When he was younger, I had to be very controlled with the speed I walked during heelwork as he was always pushing me to move faster. Training has involved going to different dog training seminars and having online lessons with an overseas trainer. I have some of them to thank for the help they gave me in my journey to making Tripp up.

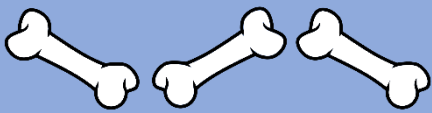
I also have my training and camping buddies to thank for the times they kept me motivated when things weren't always going to plan. Training a dog is not always easy, it has its ups and its downs but seeing them enjoy themselves and the bond it builds with your dog makes it very worthwhile. The little wins we get ourselves when something that we have been working really hard on finally come right in the ring. The cream on the cake, so to speak, are the ribbons you can gain when your dog is working well, or at least better than those you are competing against and of course the friends you meet on the way.

Tripp and I are going to continue on our journey of training and competing in the ring. We look forward to our weekend shows and meeting new people or in Tripps case going to new places with new smells.



Congratulations Robyn and Ob Ch Blairsgold Southern Tripp TCQ





Treat Recipe



Bacon Treats



Ingredients:

125g bacon
2 eggs
150g gluten free flour
Water to thin

Process:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C.
2. Blend bacon and eggs
3. Add flour, stir in enough to make a thin batter
4. Spread over a baking mat silicon mould
5. Bake for at least 8 mins (can be up to 15mins)

I used a pyramid cooking mat, you can get them for \$4 dollars from Temu



Have a go!



STACK OF BOXES

This game will boost your dog's confidence, encourage problem solving, help with reactivity to noise/environmental issues. All you will need is some tasty food/treats and some cardboard boxes.



1. Make sure the dog is ok with scatter-feeding/eating off the floor.
2. Build your stack of boxes. Be creative and include spaces to go over, under, on, and through. Scatter some food/treats among the boxes.
3. Allow the dog to investigate on there on terms. Keep throwing more food without them noticing.
4. Observe your dog carefully. Make sure they are comfortable and confident. If they are not, take some boxes away. Keep it fun and low pressure.
5. When your dog is comfortable, you can add more boxes and other items such as bottles and other containers. You can put rocks in bottles to make noise to help desensitise.

