

The Tararua Tailwagger

Term 3 2025

Message from the Club President:

Who can believe Term 3 is over and done already and we're leaping towards Spring? This term we weren't quite as lucky with the weather and had a couple of wet nights.

This issue, I'd like to start with a huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to Tanya Emms and her dog Drive who recently gained their Obedience Champion status. Well done team. Tanya and Drive are Tararua's fifth obedience champion combination. Tanya was made up Tararua's second obedience champion, Legend.

Back in late July, five of the club's instructors attended a Domestic Dog Training Conference arranged by Dogs NZ. The conference ran over two very full days and was a great opportunity for those of us who attended to catch up with instructor's from around the country and also to brush up on our knowledge. Of particular interest for me was a reminder on just how much quality/uninterrupted sleep your dog needs. Did you know puppies under 6 months need between 16 and 20 hours a day? Adolescents (between 6 months and 3 years) need 14 - 16 hours a day, adult dogs (over 3 years) need 12 - 14 hours a day, and senior dogs may need 14 - 18 hours per day.

In late August the club held its 75th Championship Obedience Show at Manfield. This was the first time we have run a triple show (and an indoor show at Manfield). A HUGE thank you to all who helped with this show. It was great to have so many of the committee and advanced class students come along and help out. We really appreciated the help from you all.

I'm looking forward to the longer Spring days however don't forget to stay safe and be seen when out walking with your dog/s.

Again, this issue I'd like to thank our instructors who came out each week to help you with your bond with your dog and showed you how to work on some new skills.

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 back again for Term 4. Don't forget we will be at Ashhurst for Term 4 and Term 1.

Cheers, Anthea

President – Anthea Finlayson

Vice President – Meredith Pitcher

Secretary – Sue Cooper

Treasurer – Tanya Emms

Senior Instructor – Cushla Fitzwater

Club Captain – Jess Lane

Webmaster and Enrolment Officer – Liza Tarasova

Publicity Officer and Trophy Steward – Monique Connelly

Committee Members – Nerolie Morrison, Jade Scarrett, Robyn Hanks, Tania Habrle



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.

Contact Us

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Club Member Results



OBEDIENCE



Leesa and Lyric 2nd on some great points!

Leesa Burns and Lyric

23.08.2025 Tararua Allbreeds DTC, 2nd Test A
23.08.2025 Tararua Allbreeds DTC, 5th Test A
20.09.2025 South Rangitikei DTC, 2nd Test A



Tanya Emms and Drive

23.08.2025 Tararua Allbreeds DTC, 4th Test C
21.09.2025 South Rangitikei DTC, 1st Test C (Challenge)

Tanya and Drive are now Obedience Champions!!

Monique Connolly and Echo

27.07.2025 Central Region Benefit Show, 2nd Beginners
23.08.2025 Tararua Allbreeds DTC, 4th Beginners
06.09.2025 Horowhenua ODT, 2nd Beginners
07.09.2025 Horowhenua ODT, 2nd Beginners, Top Beginners Dog
20.09.2025 South Rangitikei DTC, 3rd Beginners

Tanya and Drive 1st and now Obedience Champs!



Monique and Echo 2nd place and Top Beginners Dog

Danielle Irving and Reign

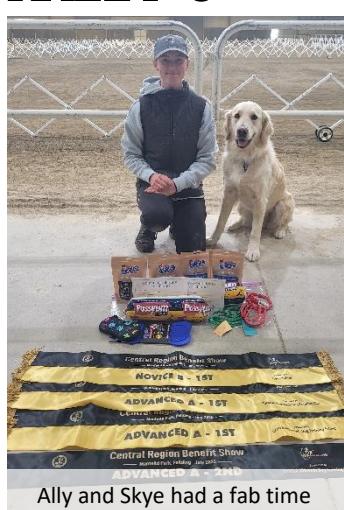
23.08.2025 Tararua Allbreeds DTC, 4th Novice
24.08.2025 Tararua Allbreeds DTC, 4th Novice
06.09.2025 Horowhenua ODT, 1st Novice
07.09.2025 Horowhenua ODT, 1st Novice, Top Novice Dog
20.09.2025 Nelson DTC, 1st Novice

Danielle and Reign now have 2 qualifying wins in Novice so are big Test A pair now!!



Danielle and Reign 1st place and Top Novice Dog

RALLY-O



Ally and Skye had a fab time

Allyka Hanks and Skye

26.07.2025 Central Region Benefit Show 1, Advanced A qualifier, 2nd place
26.07.2025 Central Region Benefit Show 2, Advanced A qualifier, 1st place
27.07.2025 Central Region Benefit Show 3, Novice B qualifier, 1st place
27.07.2025 Central Region Benefit Show 3, Advanced A qualifier, 1st place

Ally and Skye now have their RA title.

Ally and Skye have also been selected as the reserve to represent the Central Region in Advanced Rally-O at the NDTA in Auckland on Labour Weekend.

Maggie Burling and Riker

26.07.2025 Central Region Benefit Show 2, Novice A qualifier, 1st place

Jess Lane and Eva

26.07.2025 Central Region Benefit Show 1, Advanced A qualifier, 3rd place

Jade Scarrett and Rugar

26.07.2025 Central Region Benefit, Advanced B qualifier
06.09.2025 Horowhenua ODT, Advanced B qualifier





WORKING & TRACKING TRIALS

Leesa Burns and Lyric

14.09.2025 Horowhenua ODT, TD qualification

Leesa and Lyric have been selected to represent the Central Region for TD Trial at the NDTA. Best of luck!

Cushla Fitzwater and Journey

09.08.2025 Central Working Trials Club, WDX qualification and Highest Qualifier

Cushla Fitzwater and Esky

30.08.2025 Obedience Trials Association, TT2A pass

31.08.2025 Obedience Trials Association, TT2A pass



Cushla and Journey on their WD track

SCENTWORK



Bob with his ribbon haul

Paul Dunham and Bob

05.07.2025 Horowhenua ODT, Qualified in Novice Containers A & B, Interior, Exterior, and Vehicle.

06.07.2025 Horowhenua ODT, Qualified in Novice Containers A & B, Interior (and Fastest Search), and Exterior.

12.07.2025 ACE, Qualified in Novice Trial, Fastest Novice Container, and Highest Overall Novice Qualifier

09.08.2025 Titahi Bay COC, Qualified in Novice Interior (and Judges Choice), Vehicle, Advanced Containers (and Judges Choice), and Exterior.

Michelle Herbert and Tommy

05.07.2025 Horowhenua ODT, Qualified in Novice Containers A & B, Exterior and Vehicle.

09.08.2025 Titahi Bay COC, Qualified in Novice Exterior, Vehicle, and Containers A & B.

Maggie Burling and Riker

05.07.2025 Horowhenua ODT, Qualified in Novice Containers A & B, Interior, Exterior, and Vehicle.

06.07.2025 Horowhenua ODT, Qualified in Novice Containers A & B, Interior (and Judge's Choice), Exterior, and Vehicle.

09.08.2025 Titahi Bay COC, Qualified in Novice Exterior, Vehicle and Containers A.

Christine Scott and Lani

05.07.2025 Horowhenua ODT, Qualified in Excellent Exterior (and Judges Choice) and Vehicle (and Fastest Search)

Elizaveta Tarasova and Vega

05.07.2025 Horowhenua ODT, Qualified in Excellent Containers and Exterior

11.07.2025 Confident Canines, Qualified in Intermediate Sand (and Highest Qualifier) and Water (and Highest Qualifier)

12.07.2025 ACE, Qualified in Advanced Trial

Elizaveta Tarasova and Saoirse

05.07.2025 Horowhenua ODT, Qualified in Advanced Interior, Exterior, and Vehicle.

11.07.2025 Confident Canines, Qualified in Novice Sand Buried Hides (and Highest Qualifier)



Vega and Saoirse, Top Qualifiers





BREED

Bryan Scarrett and Flint (Glenord We Didn't Start The Fire)

13.07.2025 Wairarapa Kennel Association, Best of Breed, Junior of Breed
09.08.2025 Pencarrow Kennel Association
Show 1: Junior of Breed
Show 2: Junior of Breed
10.08.2025 Show 3: Best of Breed, Junior of Breed, Challenge Dog
Show 4: Reserve Best of Breed, Junior of Breed, Reserve Challenge Dog
31.08.2025 Central Hawkes Bay Kennel Association
1st in Best Mover > 12 months, 2nd in Champion Stakes, 2nd in Adult Handler



Neut Ch Glenaic Riding Shotgun OS CGCG RNB

Jade Scarrett and Ruger (Glenaic Riding Shotgun)

09.08.2025 Pencarrow Kennel Association
Show 1: Neutered Best of Breed, Neutered Best Dog, Neutered Challenge Dog
Show 2: Neutered Best of Breed, Neutered Best Dog, Neutered Challenge Dog
10.08.2025 Show 3: Neutered Best of Breed, Neutered Best Dog, Neutered Challenge Dog
Show 4: Neutered Best of Breed, Neutered Best Dog, Neutered Challenge Dog
31.08.2025 Waipukarua Kennel Association Ribbon Trial, 1st in Champion Stakes

Jade Scarrett and Loche (Speyside Royal Salute (AI))

13.07.2025 Wairarapa Kennel Association Ribbon Parade, Baby Puppy of Group.
13.07.2025 Wairarapa Kennel Association Open Show, Reserve Baby Dog Puppy
09.08.2025 Pencarrow Kennel Association
Show 1: Reserve Baby Puppy Dog of Breed
Show 2: Baby Puppy Dog of Breed
10.08.2025 Show 3: Reserve Baby Puppy Dog of Breed
Show 4: Reserve Baby Puppy Dog of Breed
31.08.2025 Waipukarua Kennel Association Ribbon Parade, Reserve Baby Dog Puppy



Speyside Royal Salute (AI)



*Congratulations to everyone for
their achievements!*



75th Anniversary Show

On the 24th and 25th of August, we held our 75th show. This is an amazing milestone for the club to reach. Here is a bit of history that was researched for the show:

The first meeting regarding forming an all-breed club was held on the September 9th, 1979. There had been murmurings about separating from Manawatu Kennel Association to an all-breed club for dog training. There was an unsuccessful special general meeting held on December 12th, 1979, in an attempt to get the club formed. The inaugural AGM was held March 27th, 1980. Correspondence from Rosemary Cleator was sent afterwards, confirming TADTC was recognised as a club. Marie Stewart helped set up club and came up with the name Tararua Allbreeds Dog Training Club.



Our first club logo (left) made shortly after the club was officially established. It adorned club clothing and was put on the obedience championship show catalogues.



The second club logo (right) was drawn by life member Tanya Emms. This new logo was created in 1997 and is still in use today.

Through the many years, the club has grown and evolved, members coming and going. The best way to describe the club was said by life member Tanya Emms, "TADTC continues to have a positive culture supporting and encouraging members to achieve goals no matter what they may be."



Left Picture: The amazing cake made by Village Cakes, Bakes, and Catering

Right Picture: Life members, left to right: Owen Morrison, Nerolie Morrison, Sue Cooper, Tanya Emms, Joyce Duggan, Jean McNabb, Warren Duggan, Anthea Finlyason, and Cushla Fitzwater.

I want to express the clubs thanks to all the Club Members who helped at the show and in the lead up to the show. We could not do this without you.

We also cannot go without thanking our amazing sponsor, Superior Pet Food. They have been providing us with sponsorship product for a few years now and are incredibly generous.



Member's Story



Meredith's golden retriever Islay recently had a litter of puppies and has also gone through a medical battle with a grass seed. This story is a reminder for everyone to be vigilant with regards to grass seeds and especially barley grass.

On 4th March, Islay was confirmed to have puppies on board! At that visit to the vet, a small swelling on her right flank was noted. Just eight days later, she was lame and swelling now extended into her leg, foot and mammary glands. An urgent ultrasound was done and a foreign body was suspected. Over the coming weeks as Islay got larger, the abscess was drained regularly with painkillers and antibiotics given, being mindful of the eleven growing pups. On 7th April, Islay gave birth to not 11 but 13 beautiful pups all by herself but the swelling continued to necessitate drainage and more antibiotics and painkillers until the pups could be weaned and an operation performed.



Unfortunately, Islay became unwell and with the swelling now quite enlarged, a local vet inserted a needle which produced pus-filled fluid. It was now an abscess. Day surgery was scheduled with the pups being now 3.5 weeks old. Unfortunately, no foreign body was able to be located so the pocket which contained the abscess was thoroughly cleaned out and stitched up. When the pups were just 6 weeks old, Islay became very unwell and I took over the pups from Islay. She was then referred to Massey for an urgent assessment, CT scan and probable surgery.

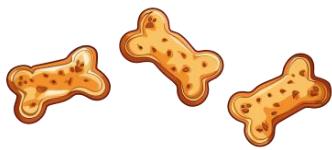
The vet was suspicious that Islay had ingested or inhaled a barley grass seed at some point and that it had travelled through her body to get near to the right flank and then gone inwards. He told us that he knew of a case where a barley grass seed had reached the animal's spine and it died before surgery could be performed. So, Islay stayed at Massey.



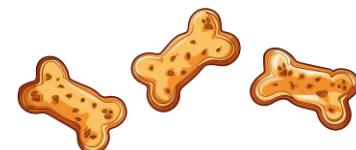
After looking at the CT scan and seeing a foreign body which appeared to be in a muscle near the spine, the vet elected to go in through Islay's abdomen. He found nothing so 24 staples were inserted and he went in again through the previous incision on the right flank and found a barley grass seed finally which was inserted into a muscle. Another 8 or so staples and she was able to be woken up! Islay couldn't go back to her pups so she went home to her other part owners Pat house. I, along with some great helpers, finished raising the pups. Islay is now back to normal (albeit bald as a badger) but she is back running and swimming and rough housing with her favourite buddy Vino.



Treat Recipe



Plain Dog Biscuits



Ingredients:

1 Egg
300gm Wholemeal flour
150ml Stock

Process:

1. Combine all ingredients.
2. Knead for 3 minutes
3. Roll out to 1cm thick and cut into shapes or roll into balls
4. Bake at 170°C for 20 mins or until golden brown.
5. Store in the fridge (or can be frozen)



Have a go!



Paws On



This game is engaging physically and mentally. It's a stimulating exercise you can do with your dog. This game helps with attention, loose lead walking, and building your relationship. You will need some food/treats and an object safe to put paws on e.g. book, yoga block, step or block of wood.

Step 1. Place the object on the ground and any step towards it reward (yes and treat). Place/throw food away from the object.
(Some dogs may put a paw on it straight away, reward for this and continue)

Step 2. Wait for your dog to choose to return back to the item and reward.

Step 3. Continue to reward as the dog gets closer to the object or until they put a paw on it. Then reward by throwing a treat away.

Step 4. Begin to lengthen the time between rewards (start with 2-5 secs), encouraging them to stay with feet on object (adding) duration.

Once they become confident, you can take this game to other places. It can help your dog build confidence in unfamiliar places. It can also be a good rainy-day game.

Have fun and keep sessions under 3 minutes.

