

The Tararua Tailwagger

Term 4 2025

Message from the Club President:

As always seems to happen at this time of year, the weeks have rushed by and Summer is upon us (the last couple of weeks of term felt more like summer). Don't forget to keep your dog's cool on the hot days and avoid walking during the heat of the day (and avoid leaving them in the car if the air conditioning isn't running).

Once again, a big thanks to our instructors who volunteered their time and took classes this term.

2026 has been a successful year for many of our club members who compete in a variety of dog sports, from Competitive Obedience, Rally O, Scentwork, Working Trials to Conformation. Well done to you all.

Special **CONGRATULATIONS** this issue go to Leesa and her clever girly Lyric who became a Working Trial Grand Champion. Lyric is Leesa's second Working Trial Grand Champion (and I believe Leesa is the first person in the country to have two dogs achieve this title). As with any dog sport training a lot of effort and travel went into this title. Well done ladies, your persistence paid off. An awesome achievement from an awesome team.

I'd like to acknowledge our sponsors VitaPet for their very generous sponsorship throughout the year. Our Junior and Basic students this year were lucky to receive some VitaPet food for their dogs and our Intermediate and Advanced students received VitaPet treats.

Also, a big thank you to the club members who have contributed in other ways as well this year, from being on the committee, to helping arrange shows and scent trials, to doing weed spraying and maintenance work at Longburn and to those who came along and helped out at events throughout the year. It was all appreciated and helped spread the workload.

Have a lovely and safe festive season and we look forward to welcoming many of you back in late January for training at Ashhurst.

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



Monique and Echo's first qualifying win



Tanya and Drive won a run off for the win!



Colleen and Paddy's first win in Novice



Danielle and Reign 5th at the NDTA in Novice

OBEDIENCE

Jenny Dickinson and Wicked

01.11.2025 Taupo Dog Training Club, Test A 1st
02.11.2025 Taupo Dog Training Club, Test A 1st
22.11.2025 Hamilton Dog Obedience Club, Show 1 Test A 1st
22.11.2025 Hamilton Dog Obedience Club, Show 2 Test A 1st



Wicked placed first in Test A, twice in one day!!

Monique Connolly and Echo

04.10.2025 Hawkes Bay Dog Training Club, Beginners 3rd
05.10.2025 Hawkes Bay Dog Training Club, Beginners 3rd
27.10.2025 National Dog Training Assembly, Beginners 5th
02.11.2025 Taupo Dog Training Club, Beginners 2nd
15.11.2025 Hawera Dog Training Association, Show 1 Beginners 5th
15.11.2025 Hawera Dog Training Association, Show 2 Beginners 1st
16.11.2025 Hawera Dog Training Association, Beginners 2nd
29.11.2025 Wellington Canine Obedience Club, Beginners 3rd
30.11.2025 Wellington Canine Obedience Club, Beginners 1st



Monique and Echo's first qualifying win

Tanya Emms and Drive

04.10.2025 Hawkes Bay Dog Training Club, Test C 4th
15.11.2025 Hawera Dog Training Association, Test C 1st (Challenge)
29.11.2025 Wellington Canine Obedience Club, Test C 1st (Challenge)
30.11.2025 Wellington Canine Obedience Club, Test C 5th



Tanya and Drive won a run off for the win!

Allyka Hanks and Skye

15.11.2025 Hawera Dog Training Association, Beginners 2nd

Colleen Hoy and Paddy

04.10.2025 Hawkes Bay Dog Training Club, Novice 3rd
05.10.2025 Hawkes Bay Dog Training Club, Novice 5th
01.11.2025 Taupo Dog Training Club, Novice 1st
22.11.2025 Hamilton Dog Obedience Club, Novice 2nd



Colleen and Paddy's first win in Novice

Robyn Bland and Tripp

25.10.2025 National Dog Training Assembly, Test C 6th

Robyn Bland and Era

05.10.2025 Hawkes Bay Dog Training Club, Test B 3rd
27.10.2025 National Dog Training Assembly, Test B 7th
01.11.2025 Taupo Dog Training Club, Test B 1st
02.11.2025 Taupo Dog Training Club, Test B 1st

Robyn and Era also gained Top Dog at the Taupo Dog Training Club show with two qualifying wins.

Danielle Irving and Reign

04.10.2025 Hawkes Bay Dog Training Club, Test A 4th
05.10.2025 Hawkes Bay Dog Training Club, Test A 5th
25.10.2025 National Dog Training Assembly, Novice 5th
15.11.2025 Hawera Dog Training Association, Test A 4th



Danielle and Reign 5th at the NDTA in Novice

Leesa Burns and Lyric

24.10.2025 National Dog Training Assembly, Test A 3rd
25.10.2025 National Dog Training Assembly, Test A 2nd

With two fabulous placings, Leesa and Lyric won Top Test A Dog at the National Dog Training Assembly!!!





WORKING & TRACKING TRIALS

Leesa Burns and Lyric

22.10.2025 National Dog Training Assembly, TDX, Highest Qualifier, Best Leash Track

With this last TDX being over 480 points out of 500, Leesa and Lyric got their last qualification to become a Working Trials Grand Champion!!

WT GR CH Krystalmoon Torque 'N Lyric's UDX WDX TDX TT2 CDX



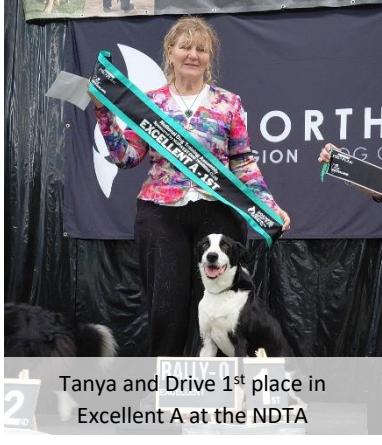
Leesa and Lyric with their Highest Qualifier and Best Leash Track

Cushla Fitzwater and Journey

30.11.2025 Central Working Trials Club, Tracking Trial TT2B qualification

Cushla Fitzwater and Esky

30.11.2025 Central Working Trials Club, Tracking Trial TT3A qualification



2 Tanya and Drive 1st place in Excellent A at the NDTA

RALLY-O

Tanya Emms and Drive

27.10.2025 National Dog Training Assembly, Excellent A 1st

SCENTWORK

Christine Scott and Lani

23.11.2025 Horowhenua DTC, Qualified in Excellent Exterior, Interior, Vehicle, Containers (Fastest Time and Judges Choice)

01.12.2025 Wairarapa DTC, Qualified in Excellent Exterior (and Judges Choice), Interior, Vehicle, and Containers

Lani has now moved up to the Masters level.



Lani with her ribbon, food, and qualifying certificates

BREED

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

17.10.2025 Taupo Kennel Association, Reserve of Group, Best of Breed, Best Dog of Breed, Junior of Breed

18.10.2025 Taupo Kennel Association

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

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

08.11.2025 Hutt Valley Kennel Centre

Show 1: Reserve Best of Breed, Reserve Challenge Dog, Junior of Breed

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

09.11.2025 Kapi-Mana Kennel Society

Show 1: Junior of Breed

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

29.11.2025 East Coast Ladies Kennel Association, Best of Breed,

Challenge Dog of Breed, Intermediate of Breed

30.11.2025 East Coast Ladies Kennel Association, Best of Breed,

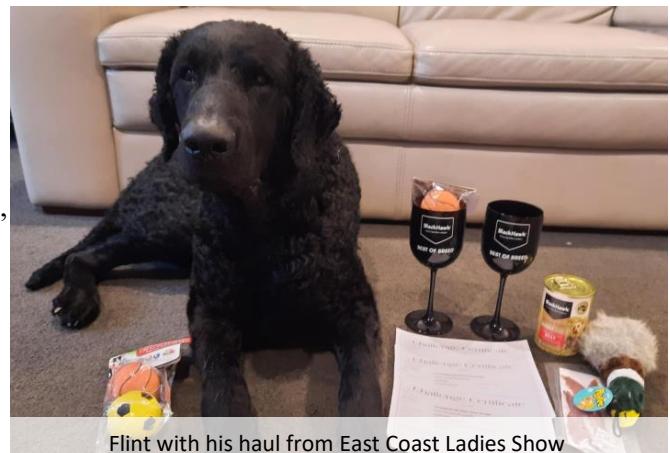
Challenge Dog of Breed, Intermediate of Breed

06.12.2025 Wairarapa Kennel Association

Show 1: Reserve Best of Breed, Reserve Challenge Dog, Intermediate of Breed

Show 2: Intermediate of Breed

07.12.2025 Show 3: Best of Breed, Challenge Dog of Breed, Intermediate of Breed



Flint with his haul from East Coast Ladies Show





Jade Scarrett and Lochie (Speyside Royal Salute)

17.10.2025 Taupo Kennel Association, Third in Puppy Dog of Breed
18.10.2025 Taupo Kennel Association
Show 2: Second in Puppy Dog of Breed
Show 3: Second in Puppy Dog of Breed
07.11.2025 Central Golden Retriever Club, Best Puppy in Show
08.11.2025 Hutt Valley Kennel Centre
Show 1: Third in Puppy Dog of Breed
Show 2: Third in Puppy Dog of Breed
09.11.2025 Kapi-Mana Kennel Society
Show 1: Second in Puppy Dog of Breed
Show 2: Third in Puppy Dog of Breed
28.11.2025 East Coast Ladies Kennel Association, 3rd Parent and Progeny Stakes, 2nd Puppy Stakes
29.11.2025 East Coast Ladies Kennel Association, Puppy Dog of Breed
30.11.2025 East Coast Ladies Kennel Association, Puppy Dog of Breed, Puppy of Breed
06.12.2025 Wairarapa Kennel Association
Show 1: Puppy Dog of Breed
Show 2: Second in Puppy Dog of Breed
07.12.2025 Show 3: Second in Puppy Dog of Breed
07.12.2025 Central Golden Retriever Club, Minor Puppy in Show



Lochie Best Puppy in Show at Central Golden Show



Lochie and Ruger with their haul from East Coast Ladies Show



Lochie and Ruger with their haul from Central Goldie Show 7/12/2025

Jade Scarrett and Ruger (Glenaic Riding Shotgun)

17.10.2025 Taupo Kennel Association, NZ Bred Best of Breed
18.10.2025 Taupo Kennel Association
Show 2: Neutered Best of Breed, Neutered Challenge Dog, Neutered Best Dog
Show 3: Neutered Best of Breed, Neutered Challenge Dog, Neutered Best Dog
08.11.2025 Hutt Valley Kennel Centre
Show 1: Neutered Best of Breed, Neutered Challenge Dog, Neutered Best Dog
Show 2: Neutered Reserve Best of Breed, Neutered Challenge Dog, Neutered Best Dog
09.11.2025 Kapi-Mana Kennel Society
Show 1: Neutered Challenge Dog, Neutered Best Dog
Show 2: Neutered Reserve Best of Breed, Neutered Challenge Dog, Neutered Best Dog
29.11.2025 East Coast Ladies Kennel Association, Neutered Best of Breed, Neutered Challenge Dog, Neutered Best Dog
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Show 1: Neutered Reserve Best of Breed, Neutered Challenge Dog, Neutered Best Dog
Show 2: Neutered Best of Breed, Neutered Challenge Dog, Neutered Best Dog
07.12.2025 Show 3: Neutered Reserve Best of Breed, Neutered Challenge Dog, Neutered Best Dog
07.12.2025 Central Golden Retriever Club, Reserve Neutered of Breed

*Congratulations to everyone for
their achievements!*

Member's Story



On the 21st September, Tanya and Drive got their final Challenge and have now reach Obedience champion status. This takes hard work, dedication, and team work. Here is what Tanya has to say about the journey:



In 2020, after my child left home, I began searching for a puppy to reignite my passion for competitive Obedience, a sport I had stepped away from for some time. In May, friends told me about a little farm dog puppy that had been rescued, and within days I was on the road, driving to Tauranga and then Auckland to begin a new training journey.

I named him Drive, a nod to that long road trip, and even more so to his incredible food and play drive, which was evident from day one. His natural enthusiasm made training a joy, with Drive always eager to engage, play, and learn.

Just over a year later, we were in the ring, steadily progressing through the grades. By the time Drive turned three, we had qualified to compete in Test C. Our first Test C round without the 'training wheels' was a milestone; we earned our first Challenge Certificate with a second-place finish at NDTA 2023.

There were a few more 'bridesmaid' moments, close calls and near wins, along with some classic blond handler errors that knocked us off course. But thanks to the unwavering support and encouragement from my friends and the Dog Training community, we kept going. Every day, I still took home the best dog in my eyes. Finally, as a true team, we achieved the long-awaited First Place Challenge, earning the prestigious title of Obedience Champion.

Coming back to Obedience felt like I'd never left. I reconnected with old friends and have since made many more. I'd also like to acknowledge the incredible volunteers — judges, stewards, show organisers, and trainers — who make our sport possible. Without you, we wouldn't have the opportunities to compete, grow, and celebrate these achievements.

I'm deeply grateful to the talented handlers and trainers who generously share their knowledge to support and grow our sport. It's not always easy, but every moment of effort is worth it when you achieve the title of Obedience Champion.



OB CH SMART DRIVE



Congratulations Tanya and Ob Ch Smart Drive



Treat Recipe



DOG ICE CREAM



Ingredients:

2 Ripe Bananas
1 cup Plain Greek Yoghurt
½ cup Peanut Butter (*xylitol free*)
¼ cup Water

Process:

1. In a blender/food processor, combine bananas, Greek yoghurt, peanut butter, and water.
2. Blend until smooth and creamy
3. Pour mixture into ice cube trays or silicone moulds
4. Freeze for at least 2 hours or until solid
5. Pop out the ice cream cubes and serve to your dog as a treat



Have a go!



Tornado, Thunder, Typhoon

This game is called **Tornado**

Step 1 Grab some of your dog's favourite food

Step 2 Throw a treat out in front of you

Step 3 After your dog eats it and comes back, lead your dog around your body with a treat.

Step 4 Throw the treat out to start the game all over again



You can then add on different variations:

Thunder is a variation when you throw the food in front, then throw the next piece between your legs for your dog to chase. They will go through your legs to get the treat. When they come back through your legs, throw another in front for them to chase.

Typhoon is the most difficult variation. Throw the food in front then as your dog comes back, guide them around one of your legs, then throw a treat for them to go and get. This is a mixture of the two. They are going around one leg instead of the whole body, but they are still going through the middle.



From everyone at Tararua Allbreeds Dog Training Club...

Merry Christmas



Safe Travels



Happy New Year!!!



2026

