



Promoting responsible, enjoyable canine companionship through positive training from pets to competition

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Dear Members,

Welcome to all the new members who have joined the club in Term 1 and welcome back to those back for more classes and fun times developing and strengthening the bond with your dog. Its also an opportunity when there are shows being held locally, to lend a hand for a few hours. Its great to watch the dogs competing, and wondering if your pup might do that one day.

We live in uncertain times where the goal posts seem to change position rapidly. Rather than getting stressed about it, we just need to go with it, be flexible and adapt. Who knows what the next couple of months will bring. If there are any changes to plans, the club will post this on the facebook site and email as not everyone is a FB user.

The Rally-O show is coming up on the 26th and 27th March at the club grounds. Ann has some words of encouragement in her article.

The Agility show on the 2nd and 3rd April at the club grounds needs some helpers! – no experience necessary. This is a great way to give a little back to the club and its fun! We need a few hours in the kitchen, people to stand up the jumps when they get knocked down, people to take the dog leads from the start to the finish of the round etc. You get to watch the action and help too 😊

If you are interested in being a time keeper(scribe) for agility, the club needs a few more for the locally held shows from time to time. We are having a training session to learn how to do it so let us know if you are up for it!

If you are able to spare a few hours to give back to the club for any of the requests above, we would love to hear from you.

Email Louise, our Secretary on rotoruaogtraining@gmail.com

The Obedience show at Rerewhakaaitu was another successful event with beautiful weather. Check out the summary in this newsletter.

Kim Poynter,
Editor and President

OBEDIENCE SHOW SUMMARY

The annual RDTc obedience championship show was held on the long weekend at Rerewhakaaitu Domain 29th – 31st January 2022

This year was a show for succession, with a number of winners moving on to new tests because of their work this weekend.

Test B is going to be full in 2022 with Lynda Loader & Cowboy, Liz Kirkman & Finn, Karen Sadler & Smash all moving up to Test B because of RDTc wins! In other tests, Rosalind & Mystic move up to Test C, Tanya Emms & Drive move into Test A, and Hugo McLean & Oakley now a novice dog and winner of the **Sylvia Bow & Jenny Thompson RDTc memorial trophy** for top dog of the show.



RDTc members due to covid restrictions, spent a lot of time helping, and not so much competing this year, so results from our own club were limited with Dianne Western & Royal placing 4th in Test A on Sunday.



As usual the weather put on a spectacular show with long hot days designed to complement the venue with the lake a short hop over the fence! What an awesome weekend to spend with friends in such an amazing venue. Swims were enjoyed and our annual Water-ball tournament played to the usual high level of competition.



Thanks to the club members who volunteered their time, you are the glue that brings this show together. Thanks to Peter and Jo for keeping us all fed, to Dawn for her amazing smelling hands and frantic scribbling in the stay ring. To Terri and Dianne for their ring expertise – stewarding, planning, and executing. To Fiona for being available to do whatever comes up, and for your willingness to float in the lake for an hour for our entertainment! To Jeanette, for being the best show manager imaginable – you bring all of us together, and somehow turn it into a show that makes sense. To the judges and stewards.

To every single person who came to our show, scanned in and masked up, thank you. Wearing a mask in that heat was super uncomfortable but everyone did it and I'm so grateful that everyone was so accommodating and gracious doing it.


Bring on 2023 :)

Ginny.

Editors Note: Thank you to Ginny for all the time she has given to be the big job of being Show Secretary.

**Why you should STOP saying NO.
No is not a behavior.
So how can dogs perform it?
Dogs don't generalize well, they do best
with specific behaviors that have been
reinforced.**

**Use cues, don't
make your dog
confused, stop
saying "NO".
~ Drayton Michaels, CTC**



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Reasons To Avoid Leash Corrections

Especially With Collars and Head Halters



Leash pressure, especially in the form of a leash pop/jerk, can be very painful for a dog, similar to whiplash in humans.



Critical damage can occur in the spinal chord, thyroid gland, trachea, etc. Dogs on collars often cough/choke. Head halters can also be painful on a dog's muzzle, which is extremely sensitive.



Tension in the leash can become a cue that something scary is about to happen, like seeing another dog, causing our dog to react.



Pulling a dog in one direction causes the dog to pull in the opposite direction. This is referred to as 'opposition reflex.'



Popping/jerking/pulling the leash does NOT teach our dogs to walk with us, on a loose leash.



Rally-O with Ann – SHOW COMING UP!!

Term 1 Rally-O classes started for Beginners on Saturday 12th February (11am), and for Competition Novice/Advanced/Excellent on Tuesday 8th February (2.30 and 3.30 starts).

North Island Rally-O trials also start up again in February, after a long break. The first will be at Kawerau on 26 and 27 February.

Rotorua DTC will run a triple (ie three trials) event on the weekend of 26 and 27 March. The schedule was published in the December/January issue of Dog World, or can be printed from the NZ Dogs website. Entries close on 3 March.

To enter these trials, your dog should be registered with NZ Dogs, either on the breed register or the obedience register; and the owner/handler must also be a member of NZ Dogs.

If you have previously done some Rally-O training, and would like to enter the trials, it is not too late to join a class to polish up your skills. Entering a trial on your home ground is a big advantage, with no travel involved. For further information, contact Ann McSweeney amcsweeney@xtra.co.nz

MAKE TRAINING TIME FUN, FAST, SHORT AND FREQUENT – MAKE IT A HAPPY TIME FOR YOU AND YOUR DOG AND BOTH OF YOU WILL WANT TO REPEAT IT.

Entries Close: 3 March 2022

Rotorua Dog Obedience Club

Rally-O Championship Trial (3)

RDTC Grounds, Karenga Park, Rotorua
Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 March 2022

Judging order: **Saturday:** Ring 1 Nov AB1, Adv AB1, Ex AB1;
Ring 2 Ex AB2, Adv AB2, Nov AB2.
Sunday: Ring 1 Nov AB3;
Ring 2 Ex AB3, Adv AB3.

Judging commences: First walk throughs 8:45am both days.

Judges	Show 1	Show 2	Show 3
Ann Davis, Auckland	Event 1		Ex AB3, Adv AB3
Sheelah Stevens, Porirua		Event 2	Nov AB3

Entries to: Online via Dogs NZ website.

Entry fees: \$9 per class.

Payment: Online banking RDTC 38-9017-0289569-000

RDTC reserves the right to change running order or re-allocate judges' rings if necessary.

Camping: TBA.

Prizes and trophies: Ribbons to 3rd In Nov, 1st only in Adv and Ex. Prizes based upon % of entries.

Catalogues: Dogs NZ website.

Catering: Tea and coffee available.

The club has some great books in the library which you can find upstairs in the club rooms. No charge for this members only service.

PRESIDENT: Kim Poynter 021 926 937
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COMMITTEE: Jamie Savage, Sue Williams, Jo Klein, Dawn Williams(Training Co-Ordinator), Julie Cowell, Wendy Statham.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Obedience and Agility Introductory Classes - \$100 (this includes free membership for the balance of the current financial year and does not apply to the agility only beginner obedience classes)

Membership renewal: \$70.00

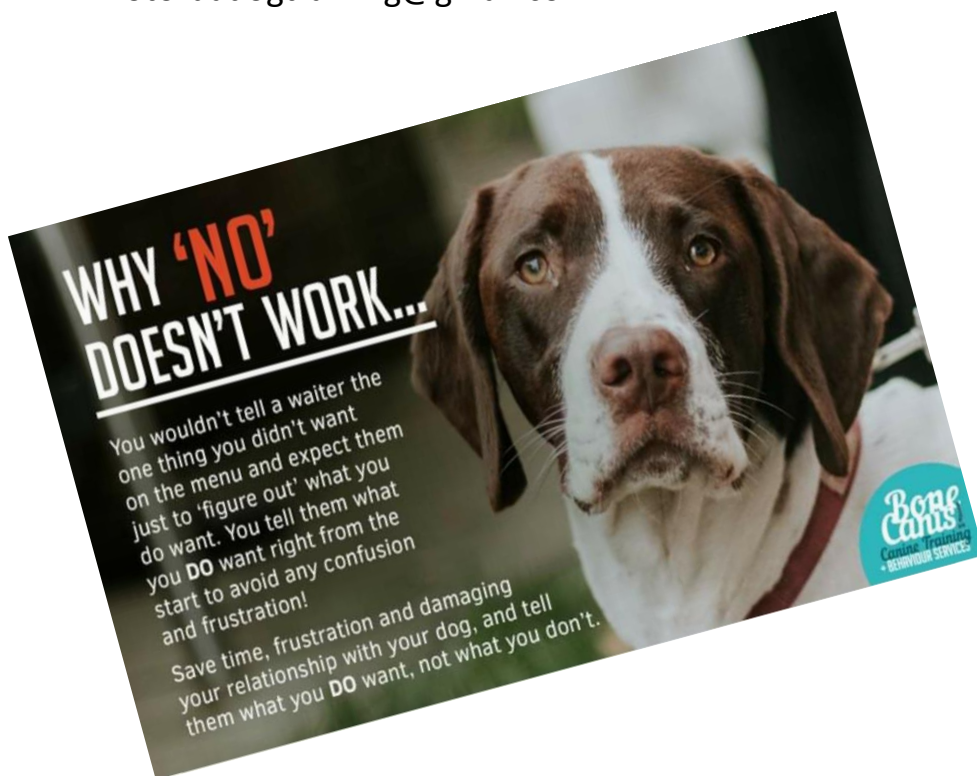
Family Membership: \$95.00

Fees for all financial members attending classes each term is \$25.00

Check out our facebook page under **'Rotorua Dog Training Club'**
And take a look around our website which has lots of information for those starting out with their dog along with copies of newsletters.

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