

# Rotorua Dog Training Club

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

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- Agility Ribbon Trial 14<sup>th</sup> May
- AGM 30<sup>th</sup> April @ 3.30pm



Dear Members,

The club committee has commenced the process of freshening up the club rooms. The wall prep for painting has been done, the paint colour chosen and a small team arranged to do the painting. Replacement chairs have also been purchased along with fresh curtains. The photos from the walls are all being scanned to be placed on our web site.

Canine Good Citizen classes now have a new gate (thank you to Jo and Steve Klein) to practice with, the thistles got sprayed in the grounds and planning and quote work has commenced to make our toilets a more attractive place to enter!

The ongoing damage inflicted by vandals to our light control boxes, will hopefully be avoided with the plastic boxes being replaced with metal ones. This will be completed in the next month. In this last year, the club has sustained damage to the lock, the outside tap, control boxes and had windows smashed.

On a brighter note, I hope you have noticed the fabulous new sign writing and logo on the club rooms. The trainers now all have club shirts to wear and we are purchasing logos to enable shirts with the old logo on them to still be used. If you have an older shirt and wish to sew a new logo on, please email the club and let us know.

Our AGM is coming up on the 30<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm and will be held outside. A back up date of 1<sup>st</sup> May in case of wet weather.

**SUBS ARE DUE -pay before the AGM it is \$60. Pay after and its \$70.**

Lastly a HUGE thank you to all the volunteers for the Agility, the Obedience and the Rally-O Championship shows which the club has hosted in the last few months. Without the willing support of club members, these would not be able to take place.

Regardless of how long you have been a part of the club, we invite everyone to contribute through volunteering. No experience is needed and it is a fun way to watch and learn about the many aspects of dog training. So next time you see a call out for volunteers, maybe give it a go for a couple of hours 😊

Kim Poynter,

Editor and President

Thank You Volunteers

# RALLY-O SHOW SUMMARY



*Figure 1 Ann McSweeney with Katy*

The Club's annual Rally-O Championship Show was held on the weekend of 26-27 March at the Club's grounds. In previous years we have run a double show (2 trials) in conjunction with the Obedience Champ show in January; but this year, by running it separately, we were able to have three trials – two on Saturday and one on Sunday.

Our judges were Ann Davis (Auckland) and Sheelah Stevens (Porirua), and competitors came from as far as Whangarei and Whanganui, bringing with them dogs of many different breeds.

Highlights for RDTC members entered in the trial included:

- Kim Poynter and Ricco, in their first ever rally trial, taking out 3<sup>rd</sup>, then 2<sup>nd</sup>, then 1<sup>st</sup> place in the three Novice A tests, and earning their Rally Novice title;
- Maree Boreham and Bess - 1<sup>st</sup> place in Advanced B2 on 100 points;
- Sue Gillon and Paint earning their first qualifying certificate in Advanced A3 on 97 points;
- Ann McSweeney and Katy – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Advanced B3 on 100 points, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Excellent B3 on 99 points.

Special thanks go to the great team of helpers who set up the rings and equipment, checked-in competitors, manned the stop-watches and the call-boards, and recorded the results.



*Figure 2 Kim Poynter and Ricco, Novice A*



*Figure 3 Sue Gillon 1st place in Rally-O Advanced*

Article submitted by Dianne Western -

Rotorua Dog Obedience Championship Show February 2022 held at Rerewhakaaitu Domain 91 Ash Pit Road.

*I know that the club has changed its name to Rotorua Dog Training Club but being in the club since 2006 it's still the old name. Yes, times are changing but we should never forget the past. In June 2010 the club investigated my local Domain by the lake for the Championship show in Jan. 2011. It was a wet and dreary day. The fall leaves were everywhere, wet and crunchy under foot. Jeanette and the crew saw past that. I was amazed that they took so keenly to it. The 40ks out of town, I thought would put them off. The fact that I'd driven that road for 11 years to my job made it nothing to me. I think it was the lake right next door, so good to just take the dog and go for a swim on a hot January summer's day. The large flat field and the trees for shade for stays. Did I mention the facilities. Showers, toilets, kitchen, and a hall. So, 2011 was the 1<sup>st</sup> show at Lake Rerewhakaaitu Domain with tents and campervans. In 2012 we had our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary show. With Nicky Hale from England Judging and taking seminars. There were big entries 42 in Novice. 33 in Test A, 27 in Test B and 36 in Test C. I've still got the catalogue.*

*Now I bet you're wondering why I write about a past show when I'm supposed to be writing about this last one. Hopefully not the last one. The numbers have fallen in Obedience not because it's boring. That it is not. There are numerous reasons for the falling numbers, here's just a few. Petrol was \$1.40/per l back then and is now \$2.80/per l. People have other priorities like paying the mortgage for the roof over their head. Feeding their kids and getting them into a sport. Just getting old. People used to billet others then the favour was paid back when it was needed. But at this show you were a long way from anywhere so tenting campervan or caravan was the go. This show has become so popular that it's booked for the day before and the day after by competitors. Basically, a big holiday and they come from the South Is (Dunedin and Christchurch no less) too for this show. Even though there is no shop or petrol station in sight for 25ks. And guess what agility have their show there too.*

*Times have changed. Entries and catalogues are online. We used to have to bank cheques. Lots of cheques. Club members used to put up the rings and now there are many hands from the campers who put up and take down the rings. This year we had no kitchen. With Covid restrictions, this is not possible and something that I think will carry on. Yes, the judges and stewards were fed, and they didn't mind their subway, pita pit and home-made Pavlova on a paper plate. Smart ah no dishes. I think it's about working smarter not harder. The rubbish bins were back and placed in one place. And the campers carted their rubbish to them without a word of complaint. The playground gate was locked. No more people walking their dogs though that.*

*As usual with Jeanette as the show manager it ran like clockwork. The feedback I got from competitors and their different camps was good but dismayed at the thought of it going back to town grounds. I'll not go into that because it's not gonna happen. We managed with a small crew and with competitors help. We were under the 100 covid limit. We had a gate keeper to check on the vax certs and give out those all-important wrist bands. We socially distanced and stayed relatively in our bubbles. We still had our ribbons to 5<sup>th</sup>. We still fed our judges and stewards. We wore our masks in stays. We wore our masks generally everywhere except when we were competing in the ring. The public just weren't there except at the far end of the lake beach area. The dogs still got their swim as did any human that wanted to go in. And the North shore bubble still had their knees up, cos they were all sitting down. I do think they went to bed earlier than usual. Oh, and did I mention the quiet mornings as the sun came up over the lake. Better not say anymore cos you'll all want to come next year.*

*So, a big thank you from me for anything anyone did to make this show happen.*

*From me, Just one of the team.*

*Dianne*

# An Ode to our RDTC lil champ, Odie

Oh, our little dog champion Odie,  
Our fearless and entertaining explorer,  
With a propensity when working to sometimes ignore her,  
A scruffy scamp of a pup, with an unknown past,  
A lover of chicken, hotdogs, and running in grass.

Odie came in 2011, to teach his mum to behave,  
Some separation anxiety he disclosed his brainwave,  
“A fear that seems to ground her next to my mat,  
When I take a just detour while coming back,  
After all, what stands behind those trees over yonder,  
Is it not my explorer’s obligation to ponder?”

Odie joined our small cohort of eight,  
Committed to teaching our owners to wait,  
Many friendships are formed, both human and dogs,  
Classes, shows, shared walks create strong bonds.

O’ft the years, many a story to tell,  
Of Odie, and his wonderful sense of smell.  
A hot summers night, the racecourse we went,  
The CGC class working hard towards our next event.



Time for some recalls, Alison decrees,  
The class takes shade nearby some trees,  
Mats out, final command, please stay, dog stay,  
You must trust him, Fiona, Alison’s says,  
A good boy he has been, tonight you have seen,  
That he can do as he is asked, this we have gleaned.  
Alas, 3 steps from the finish, a foul wind blows past Odie’s nose,

A rabbit! Duty calls! This task I must depose,



Gone like the wind, into the night,  
Odie his nose to the ground takes flight.  
Leaping to action, hotdogs to the ready,  
The class spreads out, surrounding him steady,  
No time for a hotdog feast, with rabbits to be found,  
Odie keeps us fit, covering the whole course ground.  
A fright is required! His mum hides behind the tree,  
Oh no, Odie recalls, mum panics when alone is she,  
Rabbit discarded, he trots back to ensure she is safe and sound,  
Ready to go home, dreams of catching the furry rabbit not found.

Oh, Odie of the unconventional.

Not one for the known, tried, and true,

Odie was fond of finding things new.

He attempted conventional for a trial,

Obedience classes were fun for a while,

A few wins in the ring, elementary is ticked,

Entertainment a plenty, the rules are less strict.

A day in the ring, halfway through Odie is twitching,

Up for a win, about turn is called, oh no my bottom is itching!

This win so close to my grasp, I do not want to concede,

The rules, be flexible, Judge Jenni I plead.

The turn is still made, while gravity fails,

His bottom to the ground, simultaneously itching his tail,

Points sadly it seems still lost in execution,

For Judge Jenni the moment lives on in memory of the solution.





To RDTC he brought adventures unknown, new events to be made,  
Odie was always out there, looking for new games to be played.  
He brought pooch racing excitement to the fold,  
And the beauty of running into the wind for the bold.

Winner of the 2015 Terrier Trot,  
Odie taught us the value of finding your spot.  
He brought his skills back, a new class was started,  
To take on the great pooch racing we departed,  
This time Odie took part in the rescue dog run,  
Pipped at the post, by a whippet which won.



Never one to suffer a loss, Odie rallied,  
And found a new place for his skills to be valued.  
The nose of prodigal proportions called to its time,  
This time a lead kept on, to keep his mother in line.  
They took on the scent class when this was posed  
And finally, mum learned to explore with her nose.

Many years of companionship, exploration, and fun,  
Odie we will all miss you, now you've had your home run.  
We thank you for the years of joy you have brought,  
For the many happy memories and the tricks, to us you have taught.  
Run far, and run free, with friends gone before you,  
Our lil champ Odie – the fearless and entertaining explorer.

Contributed by Ginny Peacock

# Tuna Loaf for healthy treats

By Jamie Shanks

## MAKE IT IN JUST 10 MINUTES

**Editors Note:** This is a great recipe as it makes a firm and easily handled treat. My dog loves it and its super easy to make.

2 tins of tuna in oil (use the oil/water).

Add two eggs

Add 160g (5½ oz) of flour

Add 1 crushed garlic clove or 1 small teaspoon of chopped garlic

Mix everything together to form a thick paste-like consistency.



Spread into a microwave-safe container. This is a typical 1.1L size available at every supermarket.

Lay lid slightly ajar on top and cook for 4 minutes, rest for 1, then cook for another minute.

It's very hot once cooked, so tap out of container and leave to cool on a wire rack.

Once cooled slice up

And put the treats in a container.



Have a taste test with the dog, fridge what you will use in a few days and freeze the rest.

**How to store**

As a general guide if meat protein is present in recipe, then it will last around 3 to 5 days stored in a cool place. If it has second class protein in it e.g. cheese, lentils, eggs, etc, then they will store for about 10 days in a cool place. You can use cake tins lined with baking paper – greaseproof. If there is no meat or second-class proteins present, then it will last around 3 weeks before they go soft like human biscuits.

[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.](#)

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**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

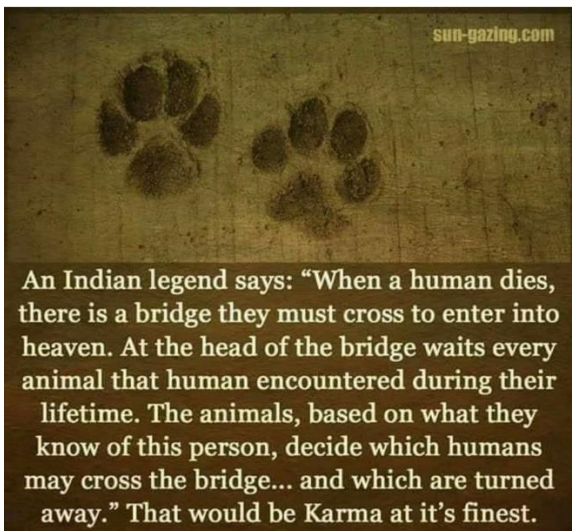
*Fees for all financial members attending classes each term is \$25.00*

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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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