

Rotorua Dog Training Club



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

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Subs for the year are due 1st April please. Save yourself \$10 and pay before the AGM.

New members who joined the club from Term 4 in 2022 do not need to pay the membership sub until next year. Use your name and Membership as the reference please.

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How much fun and play did you have with your dog today? Remember play is just as important as training. The dog will probably tell you it's the most important!

Dear Members,

SUBS ARE DUE -\$60 if you pay before the AGM. Pay after and its \$70. See the schedule at the end of the newsletter for further details.

- AGM – this will be coming up soon so have a think about whether you could spare a little time to assist on committee or with one of the other admin tasks needed to keep the club running smoothly. If you would like to know a little more about the options, please drop me a line via the club email. We would love to hear from you as many hands make light work..... which brings me to.....
- A huge shout out to all the new Domestic Dog Trainers stepping up to the mark to volunteer for the club. The Domestic Dog 101 new curriculum commences in term 2 as a trial. We also have more trainers for Domestic Dog 102 and look forward to starting up 103 Hobby class in term 3 or 4.
- 103/ Hobby class is aimed at those who want to continue to do something with their dog each week but not to compete in a code. This will be ideal for those senior dogs and those who have successfully completed 101 and 102 but want another option to continue. The emphasis will be on fun, new skills and variety. The suggested topics so far include: distance cues, retrieve, emergency stops, send outs, close heels and turns, walking backwards, off lead work and recall, tricks, proofing behaviours in more distracting environments, extended out of sight stays, to name a few.
- The extra two Rally-O classes are going well and were commenced in Term 1 due to demand for an entry level. There is a whisper that there may be another Rally-O show later in the year where all those learning the code will be able to have a go.
- Building update: the estimate for possible changes to the bottom story following the receipt of the plans has come in at \$80-90,000. This will be a topic for the AGM to gauge support for continuing the journey or not.
- AGM – once the accounts are reviewed, a date will be set giving 4 weeks notice in writing which will be advertised.
- The incorporated society rules are changing soon and the club will need to have a special meeting later in the year to deal with that.
- If you have some basic computer skills and would like to assist the club in some way, the bi-monthly newsletter could be perfect! The articles are submitted and need a couple of hours every second month to put it together. Let me know if you could do this.

Grateful thanks to all those who assist to make the wheels turn.

Kim Poynter. President and Editor

Rotorua Dog Training Club Rally-O Champ Show

Our 2023 Rally-O Championship Show was held on 25-26 March at the Club grounds. We ran two full trials each day - a total of 24 classes over the weekend, catering for everyone from beginners to experienced handlers and dogs. Overall there were about 160 entries.

RDTTC members were entered in:

Novice A - where Jesse Charters and Enzo (Racing in the Rain) gained qualifying certificates in their two rounds on Sunday for 3rd and 1st placings (this one on a near-perfect 99 points). Kimberley Lemon and Archie placed 3rd in three of their rounds.

Novice B - Hana Crengle and Tah: Qualifying Certificates in all four of their rounds, including a 1st place (99 points); and 3rd (97 points); so Tah now has his Rally Novice title.

Advanced A - Kim Poynter and Ricco: two 1st placings (98 and 97 points) - they now need just one more qualifying certificate to complete their Rally Advanced title.

Advanced B - Sue Gillon and Paint: achieved qualifying certificates in three of their rounds, including one on full 100 points.

Excellent A - Hana and Denim a 1st place (98).

Special thanks go to club members who helped with setting up and taking down the rings and equipment, recording results and writing up the qualifying certificates, and acting as call stewards and time keepers... we couldn't do it without you.

Ann McSweeney

Head of Rally-O

Editors Note: Huge thank you for Ann for her work in making the show happen. It went off without a hitch 😊





Rotorua Dog Training Club Championship Show – a Show Managers Perspective

The weekend of 1st and 2nd of April was our annual Championship Agility and Jumpers Show. This show is held at Rerewhakaaitu and is a highlight of the agility calendar. Planning for this show starts in about September. What many see as a two day event takes at least six months to plan and many hours are spent making sure everything will run smoothly.

Entries for the show close about 5 weeks before the show date, this is so we can confirm the number of dogs in each class, whether the classes will split, how many ribbons to order, the prize money required, whether we need to top up the sponsorship..... the list goes on.

The weekend before the show, the 98 monetary prizes are put into sealed envelopes, labelled and then these are put into labelled bags, ready for each ribbon winner – this makes life on show day a lot easier. We also review each course to determine what gear we need, and how much we need to borrow from club members or other local clubs.



Thursday before the show is all the shopping and baking – gifts for the judges and scribes, food for the kitchen and BBQ, making burgers, coleslaw, slicing onions and baking brownie for the BBQ. All the sponsorship prizes had to be collected and stored.

Friday before the show, all the gear had to be collected from club, with gear loaded into trailers, cars and caravans.

Everything was then transported to Rerewhakaaitu where the rings were set up and the first four courses laid out ready for judges to check. Friday evening the team spent sorting through the 181 ribbons and putting them into the

bags with the prizes.

Each day started early, before sunrise, walking our own dogs. Then setting up timers, gazebos, making sure the judges have measured the courses, checking gear is safe and secured. Making sure the kitchen can open on time, that the daytime helpers are ready to go, the scribes and judges are happy. Saturday evening we set up the first four courses for Sunday.



After the show is time to clean the kitchen, wash down the bathrooms and toilets, pack away all the gear – making sure it goes back to the correct clubs and members, take it all back to the clubrooms and store it tidily in the sheds.

The few days after the event are spent finalising expenses, following up for missing ribbons, dealing with lost property, writing any incident reports, thanking the agility community, and looking at what went well and what didn't, what we can improve for next year.

This year, it was wonderful to see so many of our newer agility handlers helping out and supporting the club. Having more members helping out meant that the organising group could compete with our own dogs, and delegate tasks, resulting in a more relaxed atmosphere.

I am so proud of the club. We had about 20 RDTDC dogs competing, and each one achieved something. Whether this was not running out of the ring or winning their class; each and every one of your dogs did their best – remember, we all take the best dog home at the end of the day!



There are too many people to thank individually but I'd like to extend my personal thanks to everyone who came along, got stuck in, saw a job that needed doing and just did it, whether that was picking up poles or taking a turn in the kitchen. The club needs people like you, thank you.

It is a LOT of hard work running a show this big, but it is also a lot of fun. This show would not have gone ahead without the continuous support and hard work of Gloria Parkinson, Peter Franz, Jo Klein and Emily McLay, and the club truly appreciates your hard work and support.

Wendy Statham, Show Manager.

[Noseworx and K9 Scent Seekers Scentwork Trial](#)

On February 25th -26th some RDTC members attended a SSANZ Scentwork Qualifying Trial at beautiful Lake Rerewhaakaitu.

The weather was lovely, not too hot for the dogs or their handlers.
The Show was lots of fun, the dogs especially loved it!!

For those of you not familiar with this sport, Scent Work is based on the task of working detection dogs, and is a positive, challenging activity that allows dogs to use their strongest natural sense in a way that is fun and engaging. Because it is an exercise that requires the dog to locate an odour (in this case Clove Bud oil and Sweet Birch oil) and communicate this to the handler, it also establishes a building of trust between dog and handler. This sport is a great leveller. All dogs can enjoy, and be successful at Scentwork regardless of age or breed. In Scentwork, we are not competing against each other, just trying to be the best dog/handler team we can be.

The main trial involves 4 searches, an indoor, outdoor, vehicle and container search. Buried hides have the scent hidden under water or sand, a whole new dimension!

There was a great turn out from RDTC with 9 of us giving it a go.
Sharon Brosnahan, Megan Inglis Davies, Debbie King, Emily McGowan, Heather Mitchell, Kim Poynter, Jamie Savage, Sharnie Trigg and Dawn Williams. (I really hope I haven't missed anyone out, if so I'm sorry)

For some it was their first time at a trial, so well done for giving it a go...and hope you're all hooked!

All teams did some lovely work, learning to trust their dog whilst offering encouragement and guidance.

Kim & Ricco, Heather & Rosie, Debbie & Ryka, Jamie & Max, and Dawn & Peppa all received certificates in the Buried Hides.

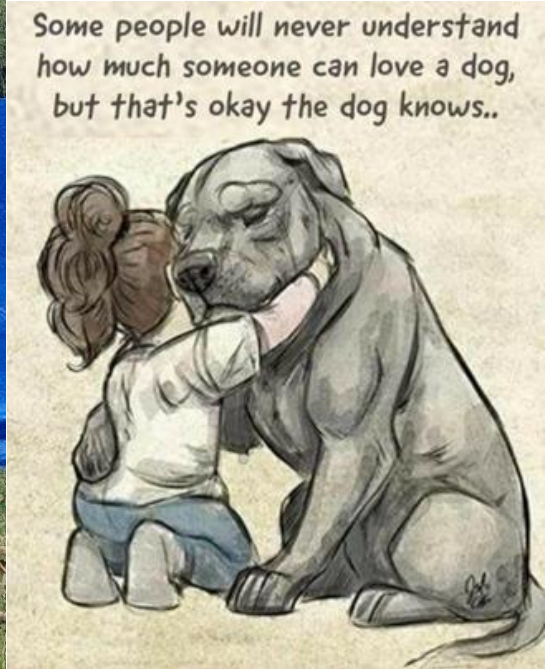
Heather achieved a Qualifying Certificate on Saturday and Debbie, Jamie and Dawn achieved Qualifying Certificates on both days.

Emily and Dawn won a 'Judges Choice' prize and both Jamie (Saturday) and Dawn (Sunday) won Best Novice Rotorua Qualifier.

A big thank you to Noseworx and K9 Scent Seekers for organising this fantastic event. Trial Manager Sue Williams and Admin/Results Kimberlea Lemon did a great job. In addition, K9 Scent Seekers held their first ever novice trial for Buried Hides. Show managers were Gina Reid and Sarah Meanders. It was a lot of work to set up, and their husbands efforts were much appreciated too! Maree Boreham did a brilliant job of arranging sponsorship with a great welcome pack for all competitors and some awesome Judges Prizes! You all helped to make it a relaxed and friendly trial.

Written by Dawn Williams





Rotorua Lakes Council Dog Registration Fees – are you paying too much?

Well – of course, but there are some good discounts to be had....

In 2022/23 (ie the current year) the Registration Fee for an Urban Dog is \$110, and for a Rural Dog \$79.

There is a \$10 discount if the dog is spayed/neutered, and a \$10 discount if the owner is a Superannuitant.

In addition, for Urban Dogs, there is a reduction in the base fee to \$79 if the dog owner has Selected Dog Owner Status. So, if you qualify for all available discounts, that \$110 fee is reduced to a \$59 fee.

There are a number of criteria for obtaining Selected Dog Owner status – most of them concerning having a secure property and providing proper care. A council person will visit to check.

Applications for SDO status must be made before 31 March 2023 to get the reduced rate for the next registration renewal.

What to do: check the information on the council website <https://www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/our-services/animal-control/dogregistration/selected-dog-ownership> and then telephone the council to make an appointment for an inspection.

And if you're not currently getting either or both of the \$10 discounts, and you think you are eligible for them, you should also apply for these before 31 March.

We understand that there will be an increase in the fees for 2023/24, but the amounts are not available yet.

SCHEDULE OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND TRAINING FEES

Introductory Classes for new members - \$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 discounted to \$60 if paid before the Annual General Meeting

Family Membership: \$95.00

Fees for all financial members attending classes each term is \$40.00

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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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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