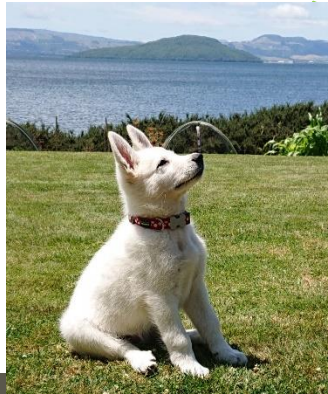


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Rotorua Dog Training Club



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

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Can you help to clean please? Sat 14th, 1.30
Bring bucket and cloths

We are cleaning prior to painting the interior upstairs.

Thank you to those who have Paid the 2021-22 year membership subs.

Subs were due on 1st April.

We would love you to continue being a financial

member, supporting the club and accessing training and/or competing opportunities.

Only \$70 individual membership

\$95 family membership

Please pay the membership subscription fees into the RDOC club account 38-9017-0289569-00 and include your name and "subs" Ref.

Dear Members,

These last couple of months have seen the committee meetings as well as a couple of extra meetings held. One was a brainstorming session to assist with strategic planning and the other a meeting for the trainers. Both were productive. More info on those next time.

Summary of last two months committee meetings –

*Working with Lakes District council on proposal to change the interior of the building, to increase the leased area to incorporate a covered training area, remodelling of the staircase, allowing campervans on site for competitions.

All these are able to be progressed and the committee will work on them.

*Options being explored to enable a membership data base to be developed as the system is not ideal for ensuring it is current.

*Tidying up the upstairs of the club rooms – this is going to have a make over with a clean, fresh paint, curtains and chairs. ASSISTANCE TO CLEAN AND PAINT PLEASE 😊

*New agility equipment purchased. Application to be made for CG Basic equipment. A new gate to be made and purchased for CGC training.

*Development of a survey monkey which can electronically send out feedback forms to participants at the end of term. This anonymous survey correlates the information.

*Our building and roof have been cleaned and sprayed.

*Invites to the Animal Control team at the council to observe some training and meet committee.

*Library has had lots of new additions and an update. Thank you Heather.

*Newsletters produced bi-monthly and including Bio's on committee members along with an article each time on one of the codes i.e. Rally-O, Agility, Obedience

*Fun Day planning for 14th November with demonstrations, have a go opportunities, games and a Sausage Sizzle. Everyone will be invited to join in the fun and games or just watch.

*New Fire Extinguishers, First Aid kits and non-slip edges to the stairs have been purchased

*Safety Management Policy written and posted on web page and in clubrooms

*Discussion on show planning

*Insurance for building renewed and increased to appropriate level

*Inside training option in Hamurana made available for trainers wishing to use it. Not large enough for agility

*All the other usual activities of the committee to ensure the club functions.

Wishing you fun dog times,

Kim,

New Logo needed.....

Following the AGM's decision to change the name to Rotorua Dog Training Club, there is a need to update the club branding and logo.

The original logo was an image of a dog wearing a graduation cap and holding a diploma, surrounded by the name of the club (see below) In the spirit of retaining the history of the club, minimising change and retaining a visible link between the old and the new, club members have been looking at options for an updated club logo.

A proposed logo has been put forward for consultation, this has captured the original dogs head and graduation cap, and is surrounded by the new name of the club. The colour would remain the same as the current one as would the club clothing. The committee invites feedback on this design and welcomes suggested alternative designs.



Let us know your thoughts! If you have an idea, please email it to the club – a simple pencil drawing to outline the idea is fine. We would also like to hear if you like the proposed logo. Email the club until end of August on rdocsec@gmail.com

Did you know???

Did you know there is a product called Flee Flea? Its all natural and was developed by vets. It is sprinkled on the food daily to keep the fleas at bay. Check out their web site, www.fleeflea.co.nz. They say:

Flee Flea is an all-natural flea deterrent and nutritional supplement high in vitamins and minerals. Proudly New Zealand made, Flee Flea is free from chemicals and genetically engineered ingredients and has been used by animal lovers throughout New Zealand for nearly 30 years.

If you are after some probiotics for your dog, Farmlands has a couple of options. I use Pet Brew and have found it cleared up the itchy tummy of my boy.

Lets take a look at OBEDIENCE.....

Contributed by Dianne Western

Hi. My name is Dianne Western and I have belonged to the Rotorua Dog Obedience Club since 2006. I compete with 3 dogs. One in Test A one in Test B and one in Test C. I'm going to try and tell you a little about Competition Obedience.

When you start in Obedience there are 6 classes to compete in. Elementary, Beginners, Novice, Test A, Test B, Test C. The 1st level is Elementary. You are in the ring with your dog competing against like level competitors. Anyone who had won out of that class can't come back into Elementary with that dog. And no one who has won out of Beginners with any dog can come back to elementary or Beginners. It would be best to get someone to help train you. I.e. give you instruction on what and how to go about training for going in the ring. What got me into Obedience was watching a Test C handler do Distance control with her dog. Then I started to learn about the sport.

The elementary course has 4 parts to it. Heel work. Recall. Sit stay. And down stay. Each part has its own points allocated to it.

The 1st exercise is heel work. It is a short heel work course where the handler starts with the dog by the handlers left leg at a sit. You can talk to your dog as much as you like but you can't touch your dog. It is desirable that the dog is close to your leg at the sit and throughout the course except in recall and stays. The steward will give you instructions to follow. They are. Are you ready? Forward, about turn, and right turn Halt.

Recalls are where you leave you dog in a sit or a down and walk away. Handler halts and about turns on stewards commands. On stewards command you call your dog to present in a sit in front of you.

Stays are all in together. Also you are facing your dog once having waked the distance that the steward says. About 6 to 10 steps. You are lined up in a line. There has to be 1.5meters between each dog. On stewards commands you have you dog sitting. Stewards command are all dogs sitting, are you ready leave your dog. Halt about turn and wait the 30 sec. On stewards command return to you dog. Here you circle your dog back to the heel work position and steward will say exercise finished. Same for down stays. During their stays you aren't allowed to talk to your dog.

So that all seems a lot but it can be done with patience and training. Oh did I mention that you aren't allowed food or toys in the ring.

If you are interested then let the club know and did I mention the pretty ribbons and prizes that are from 1st to 5th. Lovely memories.

I have had 13 years of competing having got two dogs Test C Qualified. I have travelled all over the country both in the North Is and the South. Represented the club and the Northern Region at National Dog Obedience Assembly in the team's 3 times This a completion that is between regions. North Central and South. I was in a winning team one year... I have won at the National Dog Show in Novice and gained highest % points in obedience at that show. Yes I have trained hard with my dogs but it's a great hobby and you make many friends. With that I leave you wanting to know more, I hope.



[The committee would love to hear from you if you are keen to train your dog in an Obedience class.](#)

INTRODUCING MORE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.....

Hi, I am Peter Franz, and I am the treasurer for the club. My journey with dogs began as a kid when we got our first family dog. Unfortunately there were not many clubs in Germany at that time which offered help with training dogs, so this first dog was a bit wasted on us, i.e. with better knowledge we could have trained her so much better. I realized that when my mother got her second dog while I was at uni; she was awesome to train when I came home on weekends and I realized just how much fun you can have with a well trained dog.

When my wife Sonia and I moved to New Zealand we did not have a dog for a while but in 2009 we got our first and second Shetland Sheepdogs, Kane (who sadly passed away far too young) and Teak. I first joined the Upper Hutt club for some basic training and saw them doing agility training, which I thought was great for bonding with your dog. So when we moved up to Rotorua we joined the club here and started agility, just with the thought of having a nice bonding time with our dogs. Jo Klein was training us at the time and she physically dragged me to the first dog shows, on which I was not too keen at that stage, thinking we wouldn't be good enough for serious competition. The dogs started winning ribbons right away, and I have been bitten by the agility bug since then.

Teak over his 12 years of life has now won many ribbons and is still going well though we need to face the fact of retirement soonish. We have a younger dog, Tex, who is keen as mustard on agility to the point where he completely loses his head over having such a blast in the ring.

I found club life can be challenging at times, with so many people having slightly different interests and preferences. However at the end of the day we all love dogs and want to have fun with our four legged companions. The club offers something for everyone and so I am volunteering my time there so that people can have fun and enjoy life with their dogs.



Treasurer of the club, Peter Franz

Vice President of the club, Ann MSweeney

I'm originally from Wellington where I was a government operations advisor (petroleum and minerals). I moved to Rotorua in semi-retirement at the end of 2001 with my third German Shorthaired Pointer, a puppy named Holly. We joined the club soon after and were initially involved in conformation (breed) showing until Holly gained her Ch title, but then became more interested in obedience trials. I brought Rally-O into the club at the very beginning of its introduction to New Zealand, and Holly was the first RDTC dog (and first GSP in New Zealand) to gain her Rally Excellent title, which was the highest level at that time. Rally-O is my main interest; although I am also enjoying scent work and plan to do more of this - outside interests too numerous to mention. My ten-year-old GSP Katy has her Rally-O Champion title, and my young dog Break has her Rally Novice title. I'm a Life Member of RDTC, Rally-O trainer, previous 'domestic dogs' trainer, and committee member, served several years as Obedience Training Coordinator, and am currently Vice President.

Ann McSweeney



Secretary of the club, Louise Sandford

Mauri Ora, I'm Louise Sandford and am currently the club Secretary. I am also a CGC trainer for the club. I spent my teenage years in Rotorua before heading off to Otago University in the early 2000s. I spent 7 years in the South Island before moving to Wellington. After a few adventures overseas I relocated back here in 2017 to work for Scion – the crown research institute. Although I'm trained as a Scientist I have worked in management and operations for over a decade. I hold a number of other committee roles for other community organisations. I've always had a passion for volunteering and care about making a positive impact, I spent a large part of my career working for the Cancer Society of New Zealand as their Research and Policy Manager. Strategy, governance, advocacy, policy & being organised are some of my favourite things!

I love dogs and am fascinated by their behaviour and the incredible bond they can have with their handlers. I really enjoy seeing handlers develop their skills in our CGC basics classes and like to provide a fun environment to learn in. I grew up around working dogs and now have a pet-dog, Holly. Santa's Little Helper is her registered name and she is just over two. We do agility, scent-work and tracking together. I've been really lucky to run fellow committee member, Wendy's dog Willow the Border Collie at a few ribbon trials recently which has helped with my own agility handling skills. Outside of the dog club you'll find me in my garden growing vege & flowers or on the beach with the pooch of course probably playing fetch!





**CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?
MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK
1.30PM ON SATURDAY 14TH AUG
Please bring a bucket and cloth**

Don't YELP! Help

Yelping at puppy biting is outdated advice



Yelping either
1. Increases arousal, making things worse
2. Frightens your puppy

HELP your puppy with
1. Better management
2. Redirecting to appropriate chew items
3. Ensuring needs are met, including rest
4. Teaching an Alternate Behavior, such as, "Kiss, Kiss"

Do No Harm Dog Training Facebook Gr...

**WHY 'NO'
DOESN'T WORK...**

You wouldn't tell a waiter the one thing you didn't want on the menu and expect them just to 'figure out' what you do want. You tell them what you **DO** want right from the start to avoid any confusion and frustration!

Save time, frustration and damaging your relationship with your dog, and tell them what you **DO** want, not what you don't.



**WHAT IS
UNDER-THRESHOLD**

To be successful in any training, we always need to make sure that the dog is in a headspace that will allow for learning to occur. A dog that is too stressed or aroused is classed as **'over-threshold'**.

This happens when a dog is put into a situation they are not ready for too quickly.

For training to work, it needs to be done gradually and the dog should always be **'under-threshold'**. This is not only necessary, it is the only ethical way to train.



Simulated Novice Nosework Test

Sunday 29th August.

403 Hamurana Rd, Rotorua

(Indoor event)

This is for dogs already imprinted on Cedarwood Atlas but others welcome to come along and watch, meet new friends, and see if they like the sport.....and of course bring donation for Vada's.

All Proceeds from this event will go to Vada's Angels Rescue so come along, have some fun, and support this excellent cause.

Judges: Karen Sherborn, Heather Mitchell, Matt Ward, Vivian Arrais

Odour: Cedarwood Atlas

Start Time: 10.30am-competitors to assemble in the car park at 10.15am for a handler briefing and walkthrough.

The Test will consist of 4 indoor searches:

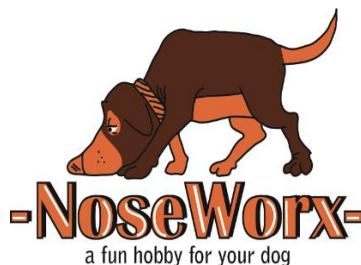
- 1: Indoor Container Search (Fig B)**
- 2: Indoor Room Search**
- 3: Indoor Container Search (Fig A)**
- 4: Indoor Vehicle Search**

There will be 1 hide per search, 4 hides to be found in total. Judging will be done concurrently and no search times will be recorded, prizes will be Judge's choice for each section. Food and videoing is allowed in the search areas. If there is demand, the hides will be moved and another set of searches will be held or those wishing to run a second dog or do it twice.

Cost: \$5 per search per dog.

We will be collecting items for Vada's on the day so if you have any spare food/cash/blankets/towels/wormers or flea treatments etc. bring them along.

Entries to: Sue Williams, suewill@farmside.co.nz, 021 100 2390 by Wed 25th August. Internet banking 153959 0071611 00 please put your name and Vada's as reference



All Welcome, come along and have a go!

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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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 Obedience Club'

And take a look around our website

www.rotoruaogobedience.org.nz

Email for training:

rotoruaogotraining@gmail.com

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