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Rotorua Dog Obedience Club

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

Have you decided?

Term Ones online enrollments **open on 3rd January 2021** with the term commencing on the first week of February.

Have you decided what you would like to have a go at next term with your dog?

Check out the clubs web site

www.rotorudogobedience.org.nz



Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year



Dear Members,
it is almost the Holiday Season again and we have all experienced an unusual year with Covid. That impacted on our dogs as well as us but we hope you are once again enjoying an almost normal life.

One of the things the clubs committee has been focusing on in the last few months, has been making training available for trainers and members who are interested in extending their knowledge.

On 14th February we are fortunate to have Christine Nielsen coming to speak at the club. This is an all day event!

All club members are invited.

Christine Nielsen, from Paeroa is a private trainer for Dogs NZ for the Canine Good Citizen Programme and runs classes for all dog codes. Christine has been involved in most dog sports for nearly 40 years and competed successfully in most codes.

The committee is also planning other professional dog trainers coming to share their expertise.

Planning for the upcoming shows including arranging the judges is keeping some of the committee busy.

Mercury Energy were very generous in providing a \$1200 grant to the club for replacement agility equipment. Our thanks to them for providing these funds.

The Committee thanks you for your support this year and we look forward to seeing you in 2021.



25 Days of December Games

SPIRITDOG Training



Today we will practice "Paws Up".

Beginner dogs, puppies and senior dogs can do Paws Up on low and stable objects such as a curbside, low bench or stepping stool.

Advanced dogs can select small, high and/or unstable objects: maybe a gymnastic ball, fire hydrant or narrow beam.

Try to do Paws Up on at least 5 different objects and share a picture!

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25 Days of December Game



Let's make a treat hunt and work those noses!

Instead of feeding your dog out of a bowl, hide his food in your house (or yard).

Be creative!

Don't just put it all in one place, instead find different hiding spots at different heights (on the floor behind furniture, on low shelves, between your shoes ...).

Especially hiding treats higher up can present a real challenge for our dogs.

Our Club is Hosting



HELPERS NEEDED PLEASE!!!

Come and get involved and give a little time to your club.

This is a great opportunity for newbies to watch some of the North Island's best dogs and their handlers, as well as lots of newcomers

It will also be a chance to meet other members of the Rotorua Club and fellow dog-lovers.

**Rotorua Dog Obedience Club
Championship Obedience, Championship Rally-O, CGC Assessment
Foundation/Bronze**

**Lake Rerewhakaaitu Domain, Ash Pit Rd,
Rotorua
Saturday 30th, Sunday 31st, and Monday 1st
February**

HELPERS NEEDED. Our annual show depends entirely on volunteers!

Starts 8.30am each day, rain or shine!

If you can come along on Saturday, Sunday or Monday we would love to see you. No experience is necessary, the jobs include helping to set up courses, assisting at ringside, kitchen helpers, etc

It's a beautiful setting, next to the lakefront. Camping available. If you cannot be there please consider donating baking to sell in our kitchen

Let Dawn know if you can help out on
On rotoruardogtraining@gmail.com

Christmas Time for Dogs



Christmas left-overs

Christmas food! It's delicious, but there's usually a lot left over, and the scraps often go to the family pet.

- Remove all toothpicks first! If a dog swallows a toothpick, it will probably get a severe gutache and it may die if the toothpick sticks into the stomach or intestine wall.
- Don't feed chicken bones or corn cobs. Cooked bones can splinter and perforate the intestine, and corn cobs can cause obstructions.
- Too much rich food can cause vomiting and diarrhoea
- Don't feed chocolate

Dogs can be poisoned by chocolate.

- Don't give your dog too many chocolate treats, and don't leave chocolate where dogs could steal it.
- Two grams of dark chocolate may be all that is needed to poison a small dog.

Q: *Is there Scent work I can access?*

A: Monthly scentwork training sessions are being held in Awakeri for current financial Club members.
When: On the first Sunday of every month from February. Dogs of any size and age welcome provided CG Basic has been completed.
From beginners to advanced.



Dates to Diary

30th Jan to 1st Feb

Rerewhakaaitu show

14th February- Education day with Christine Nielsen. All invited so make the most of this special opportunity

10-11th April – Agility Show

15th May – Agility Ribbon trial

16th May- Tokoroa Ribbon Trial also at our club grounds

Instructor Helpers

Would you like to learn a bit more, help others and help the club?

The club welcomes those who would like to work with an instructor.

This is a very rewarding role where you work alongside an instructor to assist the class. No previous experience necessary.

It's fun and rewarding.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RACHELLE MURPHY AND TOBY

Who recently passed the Canine Good Citizen Foundation and Bronze.

Well done to both of you!

Peanut Butter Canine Cookies from SPCA

Ingredients:

- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup rolled oats
- 1 egg
- 4 Tablespoons peanut butter
- ½ Cup Mashed Kumara

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees
2. Place flour and oats in a bowl and stir together
3. Slowly mix in the kumara mash, egg and peanut butter
4. Knead dough, adding water if needed, until texture is firm
5. Roll dough until ½ cm thick
6. Cut into squares (or shapes, such as bones, for the more creative!)
7. Place dough pieces on lightly greased baking paper
8. Cook for 20 minutes or until golden and firm

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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)*

Membership renewal:

\$70.00

Family Membership:

\$95.00

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