

# Rotorua Dog Obedience Club



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

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Dear Members,

By the time you read this, the clubs competition at Rerewhakaaitu will have been held.

Our congratulations to all those who won placings and to the winner of the Sylvia Bow and Jenny Thompsen Memorial Trophy, Karen Salder and Karuz's Eliminator (Smash).

The weather was great although finding shade and keeping cool in the hot afternoons was essential for all. The lake was a welcome relief for many of the dogs and humans! The dogs had a wonderful time playing in the lake after their events and everyone enjoyed the long weekend.

Our grateful thanks to the many people who participated and assisted to make the weekend a success.

Without the many volunteers, the weekend could not occur. Thank you to you all, and especially those who came out to help but were not competing. Your support is appreciated.

A special thanks to the wonderful judges many of whom spent hours in the heat of the sun.

Check out the end of the newsletter for more photos from the weekend.

With the AGM coming up in April, some of you may be interested in contributing to the club by being involved in the governance and direction.

Do you have professional skills that could assist the club with some changes needed to the club rooms? We would love to hear from you if you are a draughtsman, builder, electrician or plumber please.

DogsNZ has recently approved 3 additional CGC Assessors to assist the club. Thanks to Dawn Williams, Kim Poynter and Heather Mitchell.

Congratulations to Mike Bayes and Rikki for passing the CGC Foundation level. Well done to you both.

A reminder that the club is only as strong as the membership and participation. Subs are due soon and your on-going membership is appreciated.

TEAM – Together Everyone Achieves More

**A HUGE thank you to two of our committee members Aine Davis and Saskia Murray who have recently stepped down due to personal commitments. We wish you both all the best for your future endeavours.**

**The club has been fortunate to have Aine and Saskia contribute many hours of volunteer time for the benefit of the club both in instructing classes and other duties.**



Figure 1 Ann McSweeney and Katie competing in Rally-O



Figure 2 Aine Davis and Rocky in Rally-O

The club has an increasing number of members interested in Rally-O. In the next edition of the newsletter, Ann will provide the results of the competition and summary of Rally-O.

He came to the SPCA just before Christmas with an awful wound on his neck from an imbedded collar. He has made a full recovery from the injury but now he needs an experienced foster home to help him overcome his fears.

He has gone from being very afraid to very attached to us (three members of staff) and has now started to jump out of the runs to be with us.

He gets along well with other dogs so I have been taking my dog to keep him company but he is more interested in being with us and still jumps out.

Have you seen the Paw Planet NZ App for your phone? This free app has information on dog friendly accommodation, dog friendly cafes, trainers, groomers, dog walkers, off leash exercise areas and lots more, NZ wide.

## Subs for the year are due please

Dear members,

The financial year ends on the 31st of March and we would like to remind you all that your membership subscription fees are due if you want to continue being a financial club member.

Membership renewal does not need to be done for those new members joining us in Term 1 as your course fee includes membership. Membership renewal will be for everyone who has been a member prior to term 1. While you can renew your membership later on in the year you can make use of the \$10 discount which applies to subscriptions paid before the next AGM in April.

The current membership fees are:

\$70 individual membership (\$60 with discount before AGM)

\$95 family membership (\$85 with discount before AGM)

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

Yours

Peter Franz, Treasurer

### Anzac weekend.....

Training for Instructors, Assistants and those interested in instructing.

Allsorts Dog Trainer, Estelle Leyshon, a passionate dog owner, professional trainer and behaviour advisor will be providing comprehensive training over Anzac weekend with a focus on modern methods of training in a fun, positive way.

This is a once off wonderful opportunity we are fortunate to be getting.

Further details will be advertised soon.

## Tokoroa Dog Training Club Inc

are pleased to announce they are hosting an Official Qualifying

## Dogs NZ Scentwork Trial

20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021.

to be held at Arawa Park, Rotorua Racecourse



Judges: Arend van den Bos, Christchurch  
Sue Williams, Rotorua

Held in accordance with the Dogs NZ Scentwork Regulations, using Essential Cedarwood Atlas Oil.

Trial will consist of four Novice Container Searches, each Judge will use both regulated configurations. Opportunity therefore exists to qualify NSC and be amongst the first dogs in New Zealand to do so.

An indoor and an outdoor container search is planned for each day.

Other search novelty events held after the trials on Saturday.

Commences: 10am Saturday and 9am Sunday – times to be confirmed.

Entry forms are available: <https://www.dogsnz.org.nz/pdfs/sw-entry-form-editable.pdf>  
email to: [tokoroascent2021@gmail.com](mailto:tokoroascent2021@gmail.com)

Entries close 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

Entry fee is \$12.50 per dog, per trial, payable online to the Show Secretary, M Boreham 01 0310 0008905 03.

Entrants will be provided with the catalogue including a running order, via email, before the event.

Visit our Facebook page Tokoroascent2021 for information of our sponsors, of the event and rules that permit the same handler to enter two dogs.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/186572606408401>

### Dates to Diary

*14<sup>th</sup> February - Education day with Christine Nielsen. All invited so make the most of this special opportunity 20-21<sup>st</sup> Feb – Dogs NZ Scentwork Trial*

*10-11<sup>th</sup> April – Agility Show*

*15<sup>th</sup> May – Agility Ribbon trial*

*16<sup>th</sup> May - Tokoroa Ribbon Trial also at our club grounds*

### Don't Forget

**On 14<sup>th</sup> February** we are fortunate to have Christine Nielsen coming to speak at the club. This is an all day event from 10-3pm and **is FREE** for all club members!

**Please bring a plate for a shared lunch**

**Please put on your calendar.**

**Our big agility show at Rerewhakaaitu Domain on 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> April.** It is also a big fundraiser for the club. We need lots of helpers for easy and interesting jobs in the agility rings, helpers to man the kitchen or help with the evening BBQ. And if you can't make it we also need donations of baking for a kitchen or food for the BBQ please.

**Does your dog have a reliable recall?**

**Would you like help to get your recall better?**

A "Reliable Recall" class with Sue Williams will be held at the end of Term One for anyone who would like help to improve their recall. It will be a single topic class and will run for 3 weeks on Monday nights at the club. Watch for the flyer, or email Dawn on [rotoruaadogtraining@gmail.com](mailto:rotoruaadogtraining@gmail.com) to reserve your space.

*Rotorua Dog Obedience Club Championship, Rerewhakaaitu*

*Domain, 30, 31<sup>st</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2021.*



Figure 2 Test C Mon. 2nd place on Challenge points Eunice Brothers and Ranger

Figure 3 Test B Sunday 5th and Monday 4th place Dianne Western and Fleezil.





Figure 4 All the wonderful Judges who all did a great job in the heat



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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.

Check out the awesome free training in the library tab at [Spiritdogtraining.com](http://Spiritdogtraining.com)

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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



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