



*Your quarterly dog club update: all the latest on the dogs, people, events and happenings at Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club.*



What have we been up to over Summer? Well...

We had our annual Championship Obedience show in January and even though the weather didn't play ball - resulting in some last minute scratchings - everyone enjoyed the day. The baking, as usual, was outstanding (see pics below). Despite the meteorological challenges, the show was well run and Facebook showed a lot of our club members being very successful. Huge thanks to the organisers and helpers.

Frequent visitors to club will be pleased to know that both the cracked toilet and the sticky toilet door have now been fixed, and the locks have been changed to make them easier to use - no more getting stuck in the loo!

Speaking of getting things fixed, following a 122km wind at the end of last year that saw our weather station fly off the roof, it has now been replaced and I'm happy to report, is still in situ, despite our December winds. The information this provides for our trainers that don't live in the area has been a real asset in deciding whether classes need to be cancelled.

The weather we have been having is fantastic for weed growing and unfortunately for the first time in 10 years we have an outbreak of biddy-bids at the grounds. You can help – if you find any on your dogs please *don't* just pull them off and drop them (to grow back into healthy plants), please put them in the rubbish bin. Do keep an eye out on our Facebook page because we will be having a “weed night” before the

end of daylight saving, to swap the big weeds with grass seed - we would love YOUR help - bring a weed tool if you have one and come and join the fun.

Our temporary fence that divides Areas 3 and 4 and gives us another fully enclosed training space has been a raving success and so will now remain a permanent fixture.

We have been in negotiations around our new lease with PCC since 2022 but after some lengthy discussions and consultations with lawyers, we are finally on the home straight to having something signed. As well as substantial changes to *all* PCC leases, and of course the various acts and bylaws that apply to us on reserve land, we also have some special constraints as Ngāti Toa Domain is considered a highly significant historic and cultural site. We have worked hard to ensure that this new lease will aim to protect those interests and obligations, while still allowing us to function as a not-for-profit, volunteer, community club.

I hope everyone is enjoying their training and ends up with a dog that's more fun to be with. Karen and I are lucky enough to look after the puppy classes and it's quite noticeable the change in dogs from the start of the term to the end, and the increased confidence and calmness in the owners. But it's even more satisfying to recognise them in 2-3 terms' time, sitting Domestic 2,3 or 4 assessments or seeing their photos on Facebook getting qualifications and places in competitions. One of the best ways to bond with a dog is training. Thanks to everyone who makes that training possible.

*Craig Prattley, TBCOC President*

Vicky Disbury's gingerbread doghouses and bone cookies at the TBCOC Championship Show





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As well as our committee members, we have a great group of instructors and members who keep our club running, who we would like to introduce you to, so every Lamppost we will publish a profile of one or more of our members and their lovely dogs so that you can get to know your pack.....

Jenny Greer judging (left)



### ***Jenny Greer***

My life's journey through Dog Obedience (now known as Dog Sports) sends me back in time. However, when you start to look back into history, it brings back many memories over the past years.

My dog sport journey started in the late 1970's at Titahi Bay Obedience Club. Training was more orientated towards competing, a vast difference from today. I continued training my dogs, teaching, stewarding and became a New Zealand Kennel Club Judge from Beginners (1994) – Test C (2001). Along the way you also get roped into holding positions on club committee (still current).

Domestic Obedience has changed since I first started training a German Shepherd known as (*Dutchess*) starting at a domestic level. One thing comes to mind - there was no such thing as cancellation of training, regardless of the wind, rain and cold, we just got wet. Stays, were talked about at length back then, just as they are still hot topic today. Indoor arenas were only for big events. "Glamping" at trials was in the form of Tents, Caravans, billets, or Motels - no such thing as Glamper/ Camper Vans. Clothing, gummies and



Driza-bone coats were the order of the day (heavy and smelt of oil). Wet weather gear of today is brilliant!!

Training was learned from old school trainers (oh, the knowledge), and with *Dutchess* I observed all sorts of different training methodologies and techniques. Through the years training has developed to the greater good for our beloved dogs, taking from classes what is relevant to you and your dog – happy days.

A swap of breed to Border Collies became my next venture and the Obedience side was always to the fore with fun excursions like flying to Christchurch for snow training at Mount Hutt. One of my dogs - *Crocket* - even ended up playing the dog in the musical *Annie*. And *Combo* became a Team Dog at the NDTA. Both dogs competed at Test C level.

At shows now I can always be found in the kitchen and for the last 10 years I have also been responsible for getting together all of the prizes for the Champ Shows.



Then there was Dude (back yard special)...no formal class training but he was the life of any dog excursion.

Life is a journey and we cross paths for a reason, my 'why' is that thing we all have in common; our beloved dogs.



- Term 1 began on 27/28 January, 2025 with Puppy classes starting on 20/21 January.
- **Graduation** for Term 1 will be 17/18 March.
- Our next **CGB Assessment** (Canine Good Basics) is 24/25 March. It is open to anyone who has passed Dom 2. [Email us](#) to register for a place. Once you have passed your CGB you can go straight into CGC Foundation.

- **Enrolment** for Term 2 2025 opens 8pm, 10 April - pop it in your diary!
- **TBCOC Rally-O Show (triple show)** - 24/25 May 2025.
- **TBCOC Scentwork Trial** - 9 August 2025.
- Don't forget, all enrolment, start and graduation dates are on the [Important Dates](#) page of our website.



Again, over the last few months again, our members and their dogs have had considerable success in a various tests and trials and continue to have fun! Our own club has held its Championship show over this time as well.

Our Competition classes continue to be popular at the Beginners' levels and new handlers are continuing to join our competitors at the shows, with great success at Elementary level as well as Beginners.

### ***Competition Obedience***

Competition Obedience has 5 levels starting at Beginners, going through Novice to Tests A, B and C – Test C being the most senior. Many shows also have an Elementary class which is a lead in to Beginners.

#### **NDTA Show 1, Christchurch, 26 October**

Jane Gunn & Tosca, 1<sup>st</sup> Novice

#### **NDTA Show 3, Christchurch, 28 October**

Lynette Bell & Charlie, 3<sup>rd</sup> Novice

Jane Gunn & Tosca, 7<sup>th</sup> Novice

#### **Taupo Champ Show 1, 9 November**

Angelique Aamodt & Orix, 3<sup>rd</sup> Test A

#### **Taupo Champ Show Day 2, 10 November**

Geoff Collins & Inka, 4<sup>th</sup> Novice

Cheryl Dickson & Juno, 1<sup>st</sup> Test B

#### **Hawera DTC Champ Show 1, 16 November**

Stephanie McAlister & Frost, 3<sup>rd</sup> Beginners

Jane Gunn & Tosca, 2<sup>nd</sup> Novice

Geoff Collins & Inka, 5<sup>th</sup> Novice

Angelique Aamodt & Orix, 4<sup>th</sup> Test A

Cheryl Dickson & Juno, 1<sup>st</sup> Test B

Irene Kilford & Robbie, 3<sup>rd</sup> Test C

#### **Hawera DTC Champ Show 2, 16 November**

Stephanie McAlister & Frost, 3<sup>rd</sup> Beginners

Jane Gunn & Tosca, 1<sup>st</sup> Novice

Lynette Bell & Charlie, 4<sup>th</sup> Novice

Angelique Aamodt & Orix, 3<sup>rd</sup> Test A

Cheryl Dickson & Juno, 2<sup>nd</sup> Test B

#### **Hawera DTC, Champ Show 3, 17 November**

Lynette Bell & Charlie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Novice  
Geoff Collins & Inka, 4<sup>th</sup> Novice  
Angelique Aamodt & Orix, 2<sup>nd</sup> Test A  
Cheryl Dickson & Juno, 2<sup>nd</sup> Test B  
Irene Kilford & Robbie, 3<sup>rd</sup> Test C

**Wellington Canine Ribbon Trial, 30 November**

David Oliver & Wally, 4<sup>th</sup> Intro New Handler  
Stephanie McAlister & Frost, 3<sup>rd</sup> Beginners  
Lynette Bell & Charlie, 3<sup>rd</sup> Novice  
Stephanie McAlister & Frost, 5<sup>th</sup> Novice

**Upper Hutt Champ Show 1, 7 December**

Lynette Bell & Charlie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Novice  
Irene Kilford & Macy, 1<sup>st</sup> Test C

**Upper Hutt Champ Show 2, 8 December**

Lynette Bell & Charlie, 3<sup>rd</sup> Novice  
Vicky Disbury & Fenric, 5<sup>th</sup> Novice  
Irene Kilford & Macy, 5<sup>th</sup> Test C

**Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Show 1, 11<sup>th</sup> January**

Stephanie McAlister & Frost, 5<sup>th</sup> Beginners  
Rosemary Mortimer & Hector, 2<sup>nd</sup> Test C  
Irene Kilford & Robbie, 4<sup>th</sup> Test C

**Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Show 2, 11<sup>th</sup> January**

Vicky Disbury & Fenric, 3<sup>rd</sup> Novice  
Lynette Bell & Charlie, 5<sup>th</sup> Novice  
Angelique Aamodt & Orix, 2<sup>nd</sup> Test A  
Jane Gunn & Tosca, 3<sup>rd</sup> Test A  
Rosemary Mortimer & Hector, 2<sup>nd</sup> Test C  
Cheryl Dickson & Juno, 5<sup>th</sup> Test C

**Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Show 3, 12<sup>th</sup> January**

Erin McKenzie & Harley, 1<sup>st</sup> Beginners  
Stephanie McAlister & Frost, 3<sup>rd</sup> Beginners



Alison Chapman & Rosa, 5<sup>th</sup> Beginners

Vicky Disbury & Fenric, 2<sup>nd</sup> Novice

Jane Gunn & Tosca, 1<sup>st</sup> Test A

### **Rotorua Obedience champ Show 1, 25th January**

Irene Kilford & Macy, 5<sup>th</sup> Test C

TBCOC Championship Show



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### ***Rally Obedience (Rally-O) Champ Shows***

Rally-O has 7 levels – Novice A&B, Advanced A&B and Excellent A&B, as well as Encore which is a course designed with no sits (very good for older dogs). Competitors earn Qualifying Certificates to move up a level and to gain titles.

**South Rangitikei Show, 22 September**

Erin McKenzie & Harley, Qualifying Certificate, Novice B

### **NDTA, Christchurch, 25 – 28 October**

#### **Prelude Show**

Erin McKenzie & Harley, Qualifying Certificate Novice B

#### **Show 1**

Erin McKenzie & Harley, 4<sup>th</sup> in Novice B

Jan McKenzie & Geordie, Qualifying Certificate in Rally Encore

#### **Show 2**

Erin McKenzie & Harley, 1<sup>st</sup> Advanced A (100/100)

Jan McKenzie & Geordie, Qualifying Certificate in Rally Encore for Encore Bronze Title

#### **Show 3**

Jan McKenzie & Geordie, Qualifying Certificate in Rally Encore (100/100)

### **Hawera DTC Show 3, 17 November**

Irene Kilford & Macy, 1<sup>st</sup> in Rally Advanced A

### **Central All Breeds, NZARO Show, 23 November**

Erin McKenzie & Harley, highest qualifier in Standard Foundation and Zoom Foundation; and a Qualifier in Zoom Standard (100/100 in all)

Zoe Henderson and Suzy, Qualifier in Standard Foundation and Standard Novice (100/100 & 95/100 respectively)

### ***Scent Work (Dogs NZ and SSANZ)***

In Scentwork and Nosework Trials the prime goal is for dogs to gain Qualifying Certificates for finding the Search Odours in a certain amount of time. Within the Dog's NZ code, dogs can win ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places but these are based on speed; and within all codes, there are also Judges Awards which are awarded when teams have caught the Judge's eye for some particular attribute of the search – these are also more valued than a placing. So, like Rally-O it is the Qualifying Certificate that is the prime aim of the game. In SSANZ Nosework, the process for gaining qualifying certificates to move up levels is a little different to that of DNZ but our members really enjoy both codes and appreciate the time people put in to organise, help and judge at all of these trials.

### ***K9 Scent Seekers, SSANZ Novice, 14 October***

#### **Novice Qualifiers– Container, Interior, Exterior & Vehicle**

Louise Norris & Abby 4/4 for Qualifying Certificate

## ***Horowhenua, DNZ Scentwork Trials 30 Nov/1<sup>st</sup> Dec***

### **Day 1**

Kat Thorstrand-Mitchell & Opal, Novice Containers A & B, Exterior, and Interior  
Sue Paterson & Lani, Novice Interior and Exterior  
Sharon Wray & Roxy, Novice Interior, Exterior, Vehicle & Containers A & B  
Anna Hunt & Moxie, Novice Interior, Exterior, Vehicle & Containers A & B  
Erin McKenzie & Harley, Novice Interior, Vehicle & Containers A & B  
Jan Voss & Halley, Novice Exterior & Advanced Vehicle  
Jan Voss & Pearl, Novice Vehicle & Interior  
Jan McKenzie & Poppy, Novice Interior & Advanced Exterior  
Jan McKenzie & Geordie, Novice Exterior  
Jan McKenzie & Solitaire, Novice Vehicle & Containers A & B  
Louise Norris & Abby, Novice Interior, Exterior, Vehicle & Containers A & B

### **Day 2**

Sharon Wray & Poppy, Novice Interior, Exterior, Vehicle & Container A  
Erin McKenzie & Harley, Novice Interior, Vehicle & Container A  
Anna Hunt & Moxie, Novice Interior, Exterior, Vehicle & Containers A & B  
Jan McKenzie & Poppy, Advanced Exterior  
Jan McKenzie & Geordie, Novice Interior and Exterior  
Jan McKenzie & Solitaire, Novice Vehicle  
Louise Norris & Abby, Novice Interior, Exterior, Vehicle & Container A

## ***Nelson DTC Scentwork Trial, 1 December***

### **Show 1**

Laura Yate and Noah, Novice Exterior, Interior & Vehicle

### **Show 2**

Laura Yate and Noah, Novice Exterior, Vehicle, & Container B

## **There were 9 titles gained over this weekend, to be ratified by DNZ.....**

Erin McKenzie & Harley – SN, NCS & NVS

Jan Voss & Halley – NES

Jan Voss & Pearl – NVS & NIS

Jan McKenzie & Poppy – NIS, to complete all Novice titles/awards

Jan McKenzie & Geordie SN & NES

## ***Tararua DTC, SSANZ Novice and Buried Hides Trials, 4 January 2025***

### **Novice – Container, Interior, Exterior & Vehicle and Novice and Intermediate Buried Hides**

Aimee cotter & Nyx, 3/4 and a qualifier in Buried Sand

Alison Chapman & Rosa, 4/4. This 5<sup>th</sup> qualifier means a permanent move to Intermediate. Also, fastest qualifier for Container, Interior & Exterior, plus highest overall qualifier for Novice. Also, a qualifier in Buried Water

Anna Hunt & Moxie, 4/4 and her 5<sup>th</sup> Qualifier means a permanent jump to

Intermediate. Also, a Qualifier in Buried Sand

Erin McKenzie & Rosie, 4/4 for a Novice Title and Judges choice award for Vehicle Search

Erin McKenzie & Harley, qualified in Buried Sand & Water and highest qualifier in Water

Julia Quickenden & Murph 2/4

Jan McKenzie & Solitaire, 4/4 and a permanent jump up to Intermediate

Nigel Sylva & Colin plus a Judges Choice Award

Sharon Wray & Poppy, 3/4

Zoe Henderson & Suzy, 4/4 for a Qualifying Certificate

### ***ACE DTC, SSANZ Novice, Intermediate and Advanced Trials, 25/26***

#### ***January***

#### **Novice Day 1 – Container, Vehicle, Exterior, Interior**

Julia Quickenden & Murph 4/4 for Qualifying Certificate and Judges Choice award for Vehicle Search

Alannah Knapp & Breeze, 4/4 for Qualifying Certificate

Mark Douglas & Floki, 3/4 and Judges Choice for Exterior Search

Sam Alcorn & Toru, 2/4

Sharon Wray & Poppy, 4/4 for Qualifying Certificate

Erin McKenzie & Harley, 3/4

#### **Intermediate Day 1 – Container, Vehicle, Exterior, Interior**

Claudia Samitz & Sol, 4/4 for Qualifying Certificate

Antonia Allum & Cairo, 3/4 & Judges Choice Award for Container Search

Jan McKenzie & Geordie, 3/4

Laura Yate & Noah 3/4

#### **Novice Day 2 – Container, Vehicle, Exterior, Interior**

Julia Quickenden & Murph, 3/4

Mark Douglas & Floki, 3/4 and Judges Choice award for Exterior Search

Vicky Disbury & Freya, 3/4

Sharon Wray & Roxy 4/4 & Qualifying Certificate

Alannah Knapp & Breeze, 4/4 & Runner Up Highest Qualifier

#### **Advanced Day 2 – 8 Hides over the 4 Searches (Container, Vehicle, Exterior, Interior)**

Claudia Samitz & Sol, 7/8

Jan McKenzie & Poppy, 7/8

Antonia Allum & Cairo, 7/8 plus Fastest Qualifier in Vehicle Search

Social time in between searches at Horowhenua DNZ Trial. Jan McKenzie (at back),  
left to right Erin McKenzie, Sharon Wray, Louise Norris, Anna Hunt



Prizegiving ACE SSANZ Trial. Colin Sylva (top), Alison Chapman (bottom left), Zoe Henderson (bottom right)







## How many classes do we run?

By the time you are reading this, the term would have already started and we thought you might be curious to know just how many people train at TBCOC. Over 2 nights this term we have **21 classes** with, in total, **160 dogs** and their handlers, which include:

- Two Puppy classes
- Five Domestic 1 classes
- Three Domestic 2
- Two Domestic 3
- One Domestic 4
- Four Competition Obedience classes at various levels
- Two Rally-O – Novice and Advanced
- Two Canine Good Citizen



## Breeds - What's In a Name?

In the last Newsletter, we looked at the attributes of some of the various breeds we see around the Club and elsewhere. This time we are considering how or why some dog breeds are so named.

Many dog breeds are straightforward and easy to understand but some are misleading and others are just plain confusing. Dog names are also a part of our own complex history.

For example, the derivation of the Dalmatian is a puzzle and nobody is quite clear where they originated. Although they are thought to come from the Adriatic coastal region of Dalmatia in Croatia, they are long and well regarded in Britain

as a carriage dog of great endurance; and in North America, they are associated with the fire services, in recognition of the breed's previous service accompanying and clearing the way for horse-drawn fire trucks.

The Australian Shepherd comes from Australia. Or did it? Despite its name it appears to come from the United States – or is this not quite right either? Puria's website states "The Australian Shepherd derived its name from its association with the Basque Shepherd dogs that came to the US from Australia in the 1800's."

Beagles are rumoured to have gained the name from the trumpet-like instrument, the Bugle. However, it sounds nothing like this and the suggestion is that it is derived from the French word "begueule" meaning gaped throat.

Karl Frederich Louis Dobermann, a tax-collector by day but also a night watchman at a dog pound, gave his name to the breed he developed in the 1880's. He sought to breed a protective companion from the dogs available in the pound.

Bloodhounds are supposedly named because they have a pure-bred nobility about them and not because they have an ability to track humans.

There is also an argument about how Boxers got their name. Is it because they used to control cattle in German slaughterhouses called "boxls", or is it because the way the breed stands up and plays with its front paws is akin to the way boxers move?

The Bichon Frisé is derived from French for 'curly-haired small dog. Shih Tzu translates to 'small lion' and Schnauzer translates to 'snout'.

Poodles found their name from the German word for 'puddle'; and Dachshund also comes from the German - for 'Badger Hound'.

It has been agreed that Great Danes are certainly not Danish. But at the other end of the size scale, Chihuahuas are named after the Mexican state bordering the United States, where the breed supposedly originated.

The Cavalier King Charles comes from Charles II. His father was a supporter of the Cavaliers during the English Civil War of 1640-45 but was executed by the Roundheads! When installed on the throne Charles II added Cavalier to this Spaniel breed's name.



### **Keeping tabs on our four-leggeds**

There are all sorts of reasons for using smart collars and GPS trackers for your pets, including:

- Wanting notification if your pooch leaves the property;
- Finding them if they go walkabout;
- Including it as part of your emergency-plan;
- Checking that they are getting enough exercise or sleep;

- You're curious about what your dog gets up to during it's day!

Smart-tech is a great new way to look after your dog's health and wellbeing - showing health statistics (calories burned, steps, hours at rest) - as well as real-time location tracking. Here are [PC Mag's top recommendations for 2025](#).

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## EMAILING US?

When you send an email to us it will be answered by one of the wonderful volunteers from our committee Comms Team. Sometimes this can be a very time-consuming job and it would really make it easier for us and you if when you emailed you give us as much clear information as possible, i.e your first and last name; your dog's name and age, especially if you are wanting to know what level your dog should be enrolled in; what level of training if any, your dog has already had and perhaps its breed or mix; and a clear definition of what you need to know. Then we can get back to you with the information you need as quickly as possible.

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We hope you have enjoyed our new newsletter!

Please email [titahibayobedience@gmail.com](mailto:titahibayobedience@gmail.com) if there is something in particular you would like to see in our next edition.

*See you next quarter,*  
***The Lamppost Editorial Team***

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