## Dogmatic - Newsletter of Hawke's Bay Dog Training Club Inc.

## Greetings,

Welcome to the first issue of Dogmatic for 2023. I'm sure everyone noticed that the year got off with a hiss and a roar. The hiss being the almost constant rain and the roar being Cyclone Gabrielle. In all seriousness, our hearts go out to everyone affected by either, especially Gabrielle.

Everyone seems to all be walking around with their fingers crossed that things will return to normal (whatever that now is).

Nonetheless, we're all pretty hardy and so keen to do our "thing" be it Scent work, Agility, Flygility, Rally-O, CGC or Obedience that we have pretty much got on with it. Though some are being a little shy providing their results for Dogmatic. And in case you didn't know, wherever possible results are also posted on our page on Facebook, as soon after the event as I can wheedle them out of people.

What's coming up? Our "Jumpers" (no contact equipment or weaves) show is on 22/23 April, it's being held at Napier DTC grounds, Sandy Road, Meeanee. With Dee looking for new recruits to join the agility group - it might be a good idea to come down and have a look. You never know it may be just the thing for you and your dog!

For those who missed the Christmas break-up page 13 has a fair bit of information regarding Awards achieved and of course the Raffle winners.

Our Financial year ends on 31 March, and I will be sending out invoices for subs. If any of your contact details have changed - please, please, please email me with your current details. NB All fees are remaining the same - so this must be about the only place you're not being asked for more!

Have lots of fun training and competing with you dogs.

## Cheers <br> Jackie



Club Dates 2022/23
Annual General Meeting
Held - 19 July 2022

## Term Dates

As term dates for Agility and Obedience may differ, they are now provided in their respective sections.

Xmas break-up
Wednesday 14th December 2022

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Dogmatic is also posted on our website -
www.hbdogtrainingclub.co.nz.


## President's Report

Welcome back for all our club members and a special welcome to the new trainers and handlers.

Hasn't it been a strange start to the year weather wise and with Gabrielle making herself known? It was very sad to see so much destruction with lives lost and properties ruined. I don't think any of us had any idea what havoc the cyclone would cause and the damage the river and slash would make after the banks burst!

HUHA (Helping You Help Animals) is doing an amazing job down at the Racecourse looking after lost and displaced pets. It has grown since the first night I was there and now it's like a well organised small village. It was really nice to see our own club members suppling necessary products as well some of you offering to give the team a break and walk the dogs for them.

It is with great sadness; I am advising that Chrissy has stepped down from taking the CGC classes. Our Club and I would like to acknowledge and thank Chrissy for all her hard work and effort over the years taking this class. Chrissy has left this class in the very capable hands of Karen and Kay; these ladies will carry on the great work achieved.

For new club members it's easy to make the mistake that we are only an Obedience class club. We have a lot of different types of classes available so it's just a case of talking with one of the instructors for more information on each activity, which include:

- Agility
- Canine Good Citizen (CGC)
- Flygility
- Obedience
- Rally-O
- Scent Work

There is always something going on down at the Club grounds.
In April we will be running the first of our many shows. This year kicks off with the Jumpers Champ Show (Agility) being held on 22/23 April. And in July with our new Agility Games show combining Agility with games, again well worth coming on down and checking it out. All Welcome!

Until next time

Dionne Robinson
PRESIDENT


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## Agility Report

Hi members,
What an interesting and scary time it has been with the cyclone business, I hope everyone, and their four-legged friends are safe and well. Training has been disrupted, and the Napier show was cancelled.

The Zone 3 clubs decided to get together and throw a Benefit show on the same weekend with all proceeds to be split between the four Hawkes Bay Clubs. Members are very much looking forward to competing and getting back to normality. The committee will be voting on how to spend these proceeds to benefit the community, if you have any ideas you wish to put forward, please get in touch.

Changes are afoot with the training classes with an exciting new programme which will benefit members of the competition class and newly graduating foundation classmates. We will be calling very shortly for a fresh set of recruits to join the new Agility Foundation class, so if you have a dog over 1 year old who has been through our domestic obedience class and are interested in learning the amazing world of agility, please get in touch with myself or your current trainer.

The Hawkes Bay/Napier combined jumpers show is running 22/23 April at the Napier Club's premises on Sandy Road. We always welcome additional helpers or spectators feel free to stop by.

Cheers
Dee


## Our Agility Events

22 / 23 April 2023
Hawke's Bay \& Napier Jumpers Champ Show (CJE) Venue: Napier DTC
Sandy Road, Meeanee

8 / 9 July 2023 - NEW SHOW!!<br>Agility Games Weekend Venue: Napier DTC Sandy Road, Meeanee

2 / 3 September 2023
Agility Ribbon Trials (ART)
Venue: Napier DTC
Sandy Road, Meeanee
Napier DTC - Saturday
HBDTC - Sunday
18/ 19 November 2023
Agility Champ Show (CAE)
Venue: Farndon Park Clive

## Other Agility

20 / 23 October 2023
New Zealand Dog Agility Championship (NZDAC)
Venue: Morrinsville
Agility Co-ordinator Dee Ockey

- 0273537294


## Show Secretary Robyn Fargher <br> - 0272233539

## Agility Terms 2023

Term 1-24 Jan - 4 Apr
Term 2-25 Apr - 13 Jun
Term 3-18 Jul-12 Sept
Term 4-4 Oct - 12 Dec

## Obedience Report

This term started well with the Puppies Class and Domestic 1 Class having completely full attendance... until Gabrielle came along and changed everything.

Unfortunately, some people had to pull out of classes due to the cyclone and are hoping to return next term once things get back to a little more normal for them. We wish them all the best.

I seem to have a really wide range of breeds to work with this term, which as an instructor, is always something I need to be aware of. What works for one dog or puppy may not necessarily be right for the next. I really enjoy the challenge this gives me and fits right into the saying: you can't fit a round peg in a square hole.

Training is about repetition and consistency and rewards. Just a little bit done at home in our everyday life is an easy way to start. You don't need to go out and do formal training. It's better to train every day for a few minutes than with a once-a-week blitz as all this does is reduce your chance of success as they loose interest pretty quickly.

Hallways and lounges are the best place to start off with as they have less distractions than outside.

As trainers, when taking a class, we often notice that many people don't have enough rewards or give enough rewards to their dogs. How can you give them immediate positive reinforcement for all the good work they have just done, if you are fluffing around looking for the treat? The goldmine opportunity just slipped you by.

Remember to be better prepared with lots of treats as you are best to reward with 20 small pieces than 1 large piece. This instantly makes the dog feel the reward has been a great jackpot.

I would like to finish by personally thanking Maria, Heather, Karen and Kay for stepping up again and helping out with our obedience classes.

Have fun with your dogs, they truly are amazing creatures

## Cheers

## Dionne

## Our Obedience Event

8 / 9 October 2022
Championship Obedience Test (COT)
Venue: Napier DTC
Sandy Road Meeanee

## Other Obedience

Date to be advised
National Dog Obedience
Assembly (NDOA)
Venue: To be advised
Obedience Coordinator and Show Test Secretary
Dionne Robinson

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## Obedience Terms

## 2023 Terms

1-8 Feb - 5 Apr
2-26 Apr-21 Jun
3-19 Jul - 13 Sep
4-11 Oct - 6 Dec

## Rally-O Report by Robyn Fargher

Rally-O continues to be popular with some of our club members. It can be a useful skill to help your dog's focus and it is relatively easy to achieve some success in this sport.

We normally meet two Mondays a month with the Rally-O link course being run at the beginning of the month.

NZARO members are now eligible to earn Versatility Titles for gaining qualifying scores in their NALA Rally-O runs. Members need to achieve a score of 90 or above in their link runs to qualify. Versatility Novice ( 6 scores 90 or above with one score 95 or above) and Versatility Novice - Bronze (VNB) (9 scores 90 or above with one score 95 or above)

To see who achieved these, turn to the Awards on page 11.

## Well done all!

Feel free to come along and have a look to see what is involved. Email me at rfargherk9s@gmail.com if you wish to be added to our Rally-O email list.

## ScentWork Report by Maria Noanoa

Hi our scentwork classes keep going up and up.
At the moment, it's a mixed bag as I think a lot of people have been affected by cyclone gabe. I hope everybody is alright and coping. A lot of people are in limbo, waiting to see what is going to happen to their houses. Thinking of you all.

Levin held the last Scent trial. I failed. Chris Ross passed her Novice both days. Dionne passed her intermediate but as a non-competitor. Jonna missed her Intermediate the first day but passed on the second day. Well done you guys.

We do have a few newbies started and their dogs have picked it up so fast. It was really good to see. I hope they keep it up as the dogs loved it. We do need different venues to practice in so if you have any ideas please let me know.

If you wish to find out more contact - Maria 0210628316

Our Rally-O Events -
To be advised

## Rally-O Co-ordinator

Robyn Fargher
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## Our ScentWork Events

To be advised

## ScentWork Coordinator

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## Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Report

Our CGC classes have been training on Wednesday evenings starting at 5.45 pm . We have been to different locations to expose the dogs/handlers to a variety of settings.

CGC have 4 stages Foundation, Bronze, Silver and Gold.
Each of these require dog and handler to show competence at assessment for a pass.

CGC is about teaching good manners to dogs and responsible ownership to their owners.

We use a curriculum from NZ Dogs for each stage which we practice in different locations.

Due to the cyclone impacts our numbers attending have been low, however all that are coming along are making good progress.

Dogs and handlers look forward to and enjoy our weekly training.

Karen Burnham
CGC Co-ordinator


## Flygility Report

The flygility group are getting consistent results with the monthly NALA link competition, our dogs really love doing fly!

We are always on the look out for new people and their dogs to join this fun sport. If you have a fit dog that adores tennis balls and loves to run, this may be the game for you. The dogs run a course 32 metres long with Jumps and tunnels, get a ball out of the flybox and return to the handler.

We compete against the clock in NALA and race agains $\dagger$ other dogs in competitions.

Contact the club if you would like to find out more about flygility.

## Chrissy Harris

## Flygility Co-ordinator

## Flygility Event

Check the NZFDA website for nationwide events. www.flygility.org.nz

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## Vet Report-Nicky Chadwick (Animal Care 2002 Ltd)

## Hip dysplasia in the dog

Hip dysplasia is a common inherited problem in dogs that can also occur in other species. It is primarily a disease of large dogs, but it can be seen in any breed. The hip is a type of joint called a ball and socket joint. There is a close relationship of the femoral head (ball), and the acetabulum (socket), which allows transfer of power from the muscles in the leg, to drive the body forward for maximum strength and speed. The ball rotates freely within the socket, and the bones which are covered by a spongy layer of cartilage, are shaped to perfectly match each other. The joint is surrounded by a fibrous joint capsule and contains lubricating oil (joint fluid) allowing for a smooth gliding motion.

Hip dysplasia is an abnormal development of the joint, causing a laxity (or looseness) of the joint. As the joint develops, the two bones lose contact with each other and the socket becomes too shallow so the joint can subluxate, or partially move out of the socket. With time the bones become more deformed, the surrounding tissue becomes stretched, and the joint becomes progressively unstable and inflamed. The lining cartilage and the bone starts to wear down, and bony spurs start to develop. Inflammation leads to fibrous tissue developing around the joint, pain, muscle damage and progressive osteoarthritis.

## Cause

The cause of hip dysplasia is multifactorial - caused by several genes and several factors. It is definitely an inherited disease but can also be influenced by external factors after the puppy is born. Excessive nutrition, obesity and an unbalanced diet can contribute to its development. In addition, over exercise in young dogs, can cause increased force on the hip joint and microtrauma e.g. jumping, ball chasing, excessive running and can increase the chance of hip dysplasia developing.

## Signs

Not all dogs will show clinical signs at a young age. Some dogs only show signs of pain and discomfort as the joint progressively deteriorates with age, after periods of confinement, or with obesity. Clinical signs range from reluctance to jump, lameness, pain on manual manipulation of the joint, a bunny hopping gait, stiffness when getting up or down, or muscle wastage in the hind quarters.

## Diagnosis

Clinical signs may be suggestive of hip dysplasia, but before a diagnosis is made you must consult your veterinary surgeon. Your vet will need to anaesthetise your dog so he/she is relaxed. Palpation may reveal a degree of hip laxity, but X-rays of the hips is the only real method of diagnosis. The x-ray can show the degree of malformation of the joint and will also highlight the degree of secondary arthritis.


Normal hips


Severe hip dysplasia with deformed joints

## Treatment.

Treatment can be divided into nonsurgical and surgical methods.

Non-surgical - the aim is to alleviate signs and progression of the disease, but the deformity and secondary changes will not change significantly.
i) medication to relieve pain and reduce inflammation e.g. nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs,
opiates, other analgesic drugs (pain killers).
ii) Nutraceuticals - nutritional supplements to help repair cartilage damage and reduce inflammation e.g. glucosamine, chondroitin, omega oils. This can be given as an additional supplement, as a specific diet or an injectable form.
iii) Weight loss - this is probably one of the most important as it decreases weight loading on the joints and helps to decrease inflammation.
iv) Physiotherapy and hydrotherapy this helps to improve joint motion and to build-up the supportive muscles around the hip joint.
v) Warm and soft supportive bedding which support the hip joint whilst resting.
vi) Low impact regular exercise to build muscle strength but minimise trauma. Minimise jumping and high impact exercise such as frisbee throwing etc. If possible, lift your dog into your car or invest in a ramp if this is not possible.

Surgical - It is beyond the scope of this article to go into detail but some surgical methods available are:
i) Triple pelvic osteotomy performed in young dogs prior to 10 months of age. This involves surgically cutting the pelvic bones to realign the joints
ii) Total hip replacement. Replacing the affected joint with an artificial one by a specialist surgeon.
iii) Femoral head excision arthroplasty. A salvage procedure to surgically remove the affected ball of the joint so the body forms a fibrous replacement joint. This is more effective in smaller breed dogs and rarely performed in large breeds.

## Prevention

Prevention of hip dysplasia is extremely important, especially with breeding stock as they have the potential to increase the incidence of the disease. Remember that not all dogs will show clinical signs, so xray screening is the only way to determine if dogs have the disease.

There are 2 schemes available to screen your dog for hip dysplasia prior to breeding:
i. PennHIP scheme. The x-ray can only be taken by Penn Hip certified veterinary surgeons and involves taking specialised $x$-rays that highlight laxity (looseness) of the hip joints. This can be performed in dogs as early as 4 months and is considered to be the most accurate at predicting the onset of Hip dysplasia and osteoarthritis.
ii. The Willis scheme or CHEDS (canine hip and elbow dysplasia scheme in Australia). Your dog must be x-rayed under general anaesthesia by your veterinary surgeon, in a standard view with the hips extended. One of a panel of veterinary radiologists, then assesses the x-rays and give the hips a score out of 108. This is
divided into signs of hip deformity and changes consistent with secondary arthritis. A score of 0 means the perfect hip - rarely achieved. An average score for each breed is available, and it is important to only breed from animals with a hip score lower than the breed average. Your dog must be at least 12 months of age to participate in the scheme. This scheme is not available in NZ, so xrays need to be sent to Australia (via the internet) for assessment.

As previously mentioned, a good balanced diet, avoiding excessive feeding, plus controlled exercise during the first year of life or longer, are also extremely important to help prevent this debilitating disease.

## Nicky Chadwick

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## Award Pages

## Congratulations everyone



## A big WELCOME to all our new beginner trainers

We hope that you all gain fun and enjoyment from learning to work together with your dog.

New beginner trainers and their dogs - February 2023

Puppy class
Kristi Hamblin with Secco
Lesly Dodd With Blaze
Nicole Wright with Myles
Jozef Bothmer with Raven
Rebecca Simpson with Gaia
Karen Mora with Lily
Jessica Pierce with Oden

New beginner trainers and their dogs - February 2023

Domestic 1 class
Jodie Hurrey with Mac
Nicole Bewley with Layla
Melissa Brignall-Theyer with Willow
Elizabeth Burn with Ruby
Fiona Cooch with Dembe"
Lyn Richardson with Mate
Ruby Meek with Scout

Robyn Fargher with Pixie


## Christmas Break-Up, 2022

The Christmas break-up is always great fun! This Christmas we had some great games the most popular, as always, was musical mats! The level of hilarity never ceases to amaze me - its absolutely great seeing everyone enjoy themselves.

## Annual prize giving

We also had club prize-giving - so huge congratulations to those who received a "Cup" or a specific mention. Your name and that of your dog will be engraved on the Cups - so don't forget to return them to the Club rooms asap so we can do that. They will then be returned to you to gloat over till just before the Christmas break-up, 2023.

## Obedience:

Beau Cup - Linda Jensen \& Bella
Rice Cup (most improved) Nicole Wright \& Ace
Candy Cup - Kay Glasgow \& Molly

## Rally-O:

Keller Cup - (for the most Gold Certificates) Chrissy Harris with both her dogs - Betty and Lace (the dogs tied)
Jackie Olley \& Frankie - (most improved)

## CGC:

Person of the Year: Kay Glasgow
Tatyana Gis \& Sasha - (most improved)

## Agility:

Mitzi Cup - Peggy Scott \& Barney (most entertaining dog)
Panda Cup - Frances Healey \& Indy (most improved/beginner agility)
Casselle Cup - John Carbin \& Lyric (starters/novice)

HBDTC Cup - Heather McGrannachan \& Sookie (novice/intermediate)
Tess Cup - Dee Ockey \& Ruby (intermediate / senior)
HBDTC Jumpers Cup - Sharon Simonsen \& Dame (all jumpers grades)
QTPI's Games Cup - Jackie Olley \& Che (all games grades).

## Annual Raffle

This year we tried something different - gift cards instead of cakes and meats. The gift cards were a big hit with members and we also were very lucky to receive support from Countdown (Hastings) - thank you very much Countdown.

1st Prize - Countdown Gift Card value $\$ 150$. Brett Mead
2nd Prize - Countdown Gift Card value $\$ 100$.
Catherine Robertson
3rd Prize - Countdown Gift Card value \$ 50. Ashleigh Shum

# COMPETITION RESULTS 

For the Period 1 November 2022-28 February 2023



## RUMBLES CUP

Donated by Rosemary Wood, Rumbles Cup brings out the best and worst of our Agility members as they each strive to win this prodigious award and make it theirs for the year!

All agility members are eligible to compete and in an attempt to make it a balanced competition, the dogs are grouped according to their status in Jumpers, i.e. Jumpers C, Jumpers B and Jumpers A. This year, for the first time, we've also included a Veterans status (dogs must be 7 years or older and no longer competing). A "draw" is made and the dogs race against their peers to obtain a winner and runner-up for each of the four groups.

After which the grand final is run. The names of the top two dogs from each group are mixed and heats are run until
there is an overall winner and runner-up. And so, the results:

## Veterans

Winner - John Carbin \& Lusi
Runner-up - Gillian Petterson \& Nitro

## Jumpers C

Winner - Heather McGrannanchan \& Radar
Runner-up - Jacky Carbin \& Lyric

## Jumpers B

Winner - Heather McGrannachan \& Sookie Runner-up - Peggy Scott \& Chester

## Jumpers A

Winner - Sharon Simonsen \& Val Runner-up - Dee Ockey \& Ruby

## Grand Final

Winner - Dee Ockey \& Ruby
Runner-up - Heather McGrannachan \&
Sookie

## Central region top dog for 2022 in Novice Rally

We had an amazing year with Tempo and now he is in advance B and excellent A, so much harder but still getting qualifying certificates. Only losing 1 point but enough to push him out of the placings. Tough. Really enjoy working him. He has also now started in Obedience in novice. A bit wobbly in the heelwork as he bounces off my leg but does everything else good so one day you may see us with a placing. He is in novice. Has had 2 shows so it must get better. Maybe if his handler walked better, it would be great.

Lorraine Lennox and Zentwist Max Up the Tempo.


## IMPORTANT HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTICE

Racecourse Management has asked me to remind our members about how their health and safety requirements affect our Club.

The racecourse is a work place so there are potential hazards to be aware of namely tractors, vehicles and racehorses. Because of this the Management have asked that we observe the following rules

- NO dogs or people on the course or in the Grandstand before 11am - as this is the time when there are horses in training.
- All dogs on leads during working hours ( 11 am to 5 pm ) because there are people and tractors working during these hours .

The Management has no problem with Club members exercising their dogs off lead after 5 pm before class but asks for consideration if there are tractors working - no one wants dogs or people injured.

## Always pick up after your dogs and don't forget to take it away with you we don't have a bin service!

We are lucky to have this area to exercise our dogs - please respect it.

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## AGILITY NOTICES

## EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING

Just a reminder to everyone to make sure you assist with getting the agility equipment out and putting in away. Best way to ensure you do remember is to arrive for your class 15 minutes before it's due to start i.e. 5 pm for 5.15 pm for Foundation; and so on. And though we all want to get home - just check before you leave what needs to be put away or moved.

## GEAR BOOK

So we can keep track of the gear, there is a Gear Book hanging up on the notice board, it must be completed by any Agility member who wishes to borrow equipment. Maximum loan time - two weeks. It must be dated, have the name of person borrowing the equipment, the equipment borrowed, signed by borrower and countersigned by a committee member or instructor. Note on occasion it may not be possible to borrow gear as it may be required by us or another club - please don't be offended if your request is refused.
Pet CIIPPERS

## Agility Link

A reminder to club members that we run agility link each month, normally on the first Tuesday of the month. We run all three classes of agility link - Standard Agility, Games, and Veterans.

The club continues to do well in all three classes, but we would love more people to join us.


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