

Agility

The Christchurch Pet Expo 2017

The Christchurch Pet Expo took place on the weekend of the 29th and 30th of April, and two Christchurch dog agility clubs attended to provide demonstrations of our sport to the general public. Selwyn Dog Training Club exhibited on Saturday, and Canterbury Canine Agility Training Society (CCATS) on Sunday.

CCATS had a half hour time slot with nine dogs participating. We started off with a quick talk about the sport, and got the dogs out to demonstrate the warm up and fitness work essential for agility dogs. We followed that up with a demonstration of the different jump heights using Spel the Schipperke (micro), Bob the Terrier mix (mini), Dice the Border Collie x (medium) and Rocky the Huntaway x (Maxi). After this each dog had a turn negotiating the course while a little story or facts about them were read over the loud speaker.

The crowd enjoyed the action and loved seeing the variety of breeds on offer. After the display, the dogs were walked around the edge of the display area to interact with the crowd, show off their tricks and their handlers had lots of questions to answer about the sport and their dogs.

Big thanks to all that attended.



Emily Tighe with Spel (Schipperke) and Dice (Border Collie/Staffy), Sandra McHigh with Pipi (Mini Poodle) and Finch (Irish Terrier), Jane Rickerby with Molly (Irish Terrier), Leanah Clark with Bob (Border Terrier x Fox Terrier), Billie Fletcher with Elsie (Jack Russell x Heading Dog) and Ping (Portuguese Podengo), Kathryn Snook with Viper and Hawkeye (Miniature Schnauzers), Steve Dehaan and Rocky (Huntaway x)

