



Kiwi Dog Agility



Cams list

Hi everyone,

The AC had another meeting in March and there are a few items I wish to let you know about, and some updated progress reports. Firstly a big welcome to Steve Chester to the committee, he replaces Kirstin Graves. Thank you Kirstin for all your hard work and efforts.

Regulations

There will be some minor adjustments to the regulations from 1 July 2012. But no major rule changes!! We will be adjusting the regulations around new judges to make it easier for them to organise probationary appointments. Helping them with the timing etc. We are also introducing a small change to the regulation that covers handlers with disabilities. We feel this should be a bit more open and allow for the ability to look at each situation on a case by case basis, rather than trying to make a regulation that fits each different request we may encounter.

Measuring

It has been really great to hear of a number of Clubs who have added – “Stand still and be measured” – to their Foundation agility class programme. This makes it really easy for the measurers to get an accurate measure of the dog because they stand straight and still!! Of course it also makes it easy for the dog and the owner because the stress level is zero! So, we encourage all clubs to add this to their

agility training and well done to the Clubs who already have!! Clubs can purchase the sticks from Lyn Sayers. However please remind club members that any measures done during these informal training sessions are not official.

Agility Online Entries

Clubs may now accept entries using an online entry method for Champ Events or Ribbon Trials. We are making an effort to make this process easier online. It will be easier for those competitors who have registered for their permanent number as well. The only thing to remember if doing online entries is to make sure the payment happens before the close off date! If your club wishes to partake in online entries for either your Champ Event or Ribbon Trial please let me know.

Nationals

This year agility at the Nationals will be in the form of a display which will be done before the “Best of Show”. This will be showcase to the public what we can do and see if we can generate some interest. Next year we will be looking at bringing back a full agility competition and will let you know the format it may take. At this stage thoughts are to have a ‘National’ Competition that handlers need to qualify for. But we are still planning and are only in the early stages of the thought process. BUT if anyone has some really good ideas about what we can do at the Nationals please let me know!!

Communication

We have many forms of communication from the AC to all of you - Facebook, Twitter, this report, the website, and occasionally on the Yahoo Group Email. If you want immediate updates the best place to get it is on Facebook or Twitter. When our website is updated an



NZ Agility Committee’s Plan on a Page

To provide premier leadership of the sport of agility through consultation with members and planned implementation of new strategies while maintaining a strong financial and member base.

Our target is: To make agility available to all New Zealand dog owners We believe in...

- Maximising safety
- Promoting our sport
- Effective communication
- Keeping the sport enjoyable
- Utilising Technology

This committee’s focus is... To promote excellence and demonstrate commitment that benefits the agility community

To do this we will:

Communicate
and consult
with the agility
community

Actively work to
improve dog and
competitor
Safety

Celebrate and
recognise
contributions to
the sport

Spend
appropriately
on the sport

Investigate
innovative use of
Technologies to
enhance the sport



alert is put on our Facebook pages and a "Tweet" is sent out to the followers. Eventually the message gets through to the Yahoo Group but this is not our preferred medium.

For the Facebook page - <http://www.facebook.com/nzagcom> and click "like". For the Facebooks profile - <http://www.facebook.com/groups/nzkacstuff/>, you may have to ask to join.

Twitter profile to follow - @NZKCAC

New Zealand Dog Agility Competition (NZDAC)

The most exciting agility event of the year, the 2012 NZDACs will be held in Zone 1 in Cambridge at the Leamington Rugby Club grounds. The committee (Marie Wales, Tarah Hunt, Allan Rohde, Graeme Jeffries and Kirstin Graves) have been working hard to organise this event. The schedule includes 3x Ag, 3x Jump, AD, ADX, Champ of Champs, YKC and the YKC finals (tbc), agility finals, jumpers finals and of course the Interzone team event. There will also be Flygility beginners, intermediate, advanced, senior and teams. Our judges will be the fantastic Campbell List (me), Fiona Hodgson, Heather Drewett, John Muir, Graeme Lawson, Nick Chester, Paul Remon and Roy Thorndycraft. If you want to keep up with details as they are announced, Facebook is the best option. Ask to join the NZ Dog Agility Championship 2012 group if you haven't already. Otherwise our website www.nzdac.org.nz has details, but we are slower to update that.

Right now we are looking for sponsors for the event. There are a wide range of sponsorship options, if you know a business or person that would be interested, email Kirstin.graves@xtra.co.nz for a proposal detailing the sponsorship options. Otherwise, if you would like to sponsor a class for \$150, please also contact Kirstin. The more sponsorship we get, the better we can make this event, so please help us out here. We will advertise some more accommodation options shortly, but there will be camping on site, and we are also looking into seeing if we can have caravans for hire on site. All social events will also be on site. If anyone has any contacts, information or some manpower that will help us organise this event, please contact one of the committee members, especially if you are part of zone one. This is going to be an excellent event and we are looking forward to hosting you all!

Come and be "Challenged" in Cambridge, the home of "Champions"!

Heights Review

The survey has now closed and the heights subcommittee are now ploughing through the results and will release a summary document shortly. They will hopefully have a meeting before the next AC meeting in May and come to us with some recommendations which we will send out to all of you for more feedback.,

Permanent Numbers

There is a survey circulating at the moment on whether we should keep the Permanent Number System and make it compulsory. Over 1350 dogs already have a permanent number and they are still rolling in. If the feedback from everyone, or at least a large majority is positive, then we may look at making them compulsory next year. We would still need to confirm the finer details of when people must apply for their dog's number. At 18 months? 2 years once the final measurement has been done?? Will there be a period of grace to allow people time to get it after that? This is something to think about. If the system is



working there is no real reason to do it by halves and have some done and others not? The link to the survey is on the main page on the dog agility website. But get in quick as it closes 8 April!!

Calendars

The 1st draft of the 2013 Agility Calendar is now available on the website. Thanks to Kirstin for getting this ready. <http://www.dogagility.org.nz/calendar.html>

Kate Butler has taken over the big responsibility of handling the annual calendars so please send any requests through to her.

Equipment

There is still some sub-standard equipment being used out there and clubs that are using it for events probably know it shouldn't be. If you think something doesn't look safe please bring it to the attention of the event committee, the judge or even get in contact with an AC member and we will organise someone to have a look at it and see if it should pass the Certificate of Fitness.

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