



KiwiDogAgility

Top Clubs

Best Club Competition - Finalists



Tauranga Dog Training Club - We love dogs

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We run awesome shows and proved we can move them at a drop of a hat, with great organisation and efficiency.

An example of this year was that whilst at the Rotoura Jumpers on Saturday we had to make a decision to change our venue on the Sunday for our Jumpers to the Mount Pony Club grounds. This was due to bad weather and the council putting new restrictions on parking. With quick discussion with the Mount then all our available members and it was all on. Armed with a cell ph calls to members at home to help arrange, poo bins, toilets, notification on the web site and the list. All done between runs! We also organised a truck to move all our gear, and a generator for the secretary. Not going straight home from Rotoura we all stopped at our club and loaded all the gear on to the Truck ready for the morning. The show was a great success due to the great team we have and the good repour that we have with the Mount Club.

We have done various demonstrations promoting Agility and safety around dogs, for the SPCA and the YMCA. We also did a demo for the Brookfield Kindergarten, which they have made a CD for us.

Although we are not that computer literate (dogs are our thing) we have a Website and a Face book page to help keep members informed and promote our club to potential new members. We have made a business card and put these along with a flyer into vets and pet shops etc. People can take the card home and look us up on the internet.

Counties Dog Training Club

As a club Counties is very supportive of the community and takes great pride in helping schools out on their agricultural days by providing a judge for the school pet competition. The club also contributes on a monthly basis to the local community newspaper.

Club members are very proud of their club and take no prompting to support fellow club members whilst walking courses and at prizegivings (always very vocally).

Members readily attend working bees with the intention of upgrading the new grounds and building. Trees have been planted, buildings painted, a kitchen installed and currently a new wooden floor is being laid. Surrounding clubs now line up to hire the club grounds and building for their shows.

As an indication of the atmosphere of the club, the partner of one member readily mans the canteen at all of our shows and returns the profit from that canteen back to the club.

The quality of the instructing is top grade, probably no better example of this would be the team that represented Zone 1 at the 2012 NZDAC which was made up entirely of Counties members. Not only that though, but the club did an exemplary job of running their ring at the 2012 NZDAC. (see attached note of thanks from the organisers).

At shows hosted by our neighbouring clubs the strength of the club is demonstrated by the number of members who volunteer to assist that club.

The club is very proud of the fact that it has it's own website which is administered by club members.

For many years now Counties has run training classes for the public to encourage dog owners to learn how to control and socialise their animals properly. These classes are always well attended and many go on to become active, sometimes competing, club members. This also has proven to be a fund raising venture for the club providing finances for upgrading gear etc.

Counties is very proud to have supported worthy charities such as the Christchurch SPCA during the earthquake when a substantial donation was made to them. Another dog activity that Counties has supported with a substantial donation is The Hearing Dog Association.

OH! Forgot to mention the one thing that keeps bringing the members back time and again, THE CHOCOLATE CAKE!

Mount Maunganui Dog Training Club (Inc)

We would like to tell you a little bit about our club. We may not be the largest and may not have the most members, but we very proud of what we are and what we have achieved.

We aren't just a club for those wanting to compete as we have a lot of people who just love to have a night out with their dogs without any pressure to go further than a relaxing fun evening. However, people not wishing to compete and have completed our Puppy Training/Socialisation and Basic Control courses, are still encouraged to continue on and take advantage of our excellent system of training which allows handlers to work through a series of courses covering everything from clicker training, Control play where they learn their foundation skills, pre-agility and then as they attain the required skills, on up to Senior level. Everyone receives certificates on completing each level and there are lots of cups and trophies to be worked for over the year.

We often find that once a person starts on agility training they can easily get hooked up to the point where they want to have a try in competitions. Any new competitor is looked after really well leading up to the first time out and beyond that. The club helps with completing entries etc. and also fully supports the handler on the day they compete and continues to help out where ever they can. This help mainly comes from a very dedicated group of Instructors who are competing with their own dogs, but never mind watching over someone in the ring for the first time.

These same Instructors do an amazing job of training at club level, giving up a lot of their own training time to do so. Some have been with the club for a long time and will still be there for a long time to come. We never have a job to make up a committee and usually have more than we need looking to join in.

Another thing we try to do as much of as possible is to go out into the community to show people our dogs and how to care for and respect animals. We visit rest homes, schools and anywhere we are invited, taking some equipment to show dogs working and also have club members for anyone with questions.

We can't really say enough about our super club and we continue to grow and improve with all the new people joining us.



Akarana Dog Training Club

We are a friendly club with a big heart. We are based in Mt Albert Auckland and have over 65 financial members and 3 life members. Akarana Dog Training Club was established in 1961 and last year we celebrated our 50th anniversary with a Championship Show. We run two shows a year, a ribbon show and a championship show. Each year the number of entrants increases and we always receive positive feedback from competitors.

Our committee is filled with dedicated people who are always willing to listen to all members and enact change. Our instructors are experienced dog handlers, who compete in dog sports themselves. They freely give their time to teach the sport they love to anyone who would like to learn. We don't forget about our trainers though and have a schedule to ensure that they don't get overworked. We also get external expert trainers to come and teach our advanced agility classes. We have three groups of Agility members, beginners; non-competing; and competing.

We try and have a large contingent of Akarana members at all the North Island shows and encourage our members to wear our Club uniform so that everyone knows what awesome people we have at Akarana. We bring a gazebo so that all our members can sit together and support each other. We always make sure our new competing members know what they need to do and more experienced handlers will walk the courses with them to discuss strategy.

As part of giving back to the community we run beginner Obedience classes for local dog-owners throughout the year. We see this as an important responsibility and a way to encourage good canine citizens. There is such a demand that our classes are always fully booked and we have to keep waitlists.



DAWG has just celebrated its 25th Anniversary and has over the years achieved a number of firsts in agility. The club is currently in very good spirits. This is demonstrated by seeing a steady number of new handlers joining our ranks and great team efforts during events.

Some current and past statistics include

- We've had around 50 dogs complete foundation level training this year (including those from this term, but not including those that didn't come or dropped out.)
- We can have up to 80 dogs on any given training night, with around 10 instructors needed each term.
- We run 2 terms of Flygility each year. This term we have 28 dogs training with 6 instructors with a waitlist to start next term.
- We have had 6 dogs get Agility Grand champion when their handlers were DAWG members, and 13 Agility champions.
- We have 2 Jumpers champs & one Jumpers Grand champion.
- We have 3 Flygility Grand champions and 7 Fly champions.
- Aprille McGee & Paige were the first to get to ADX silver & gold.
- Peter de Wit and C were first to achieve Jumpers champion.