



KiwiDogAgility

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Putting the IT into Agility

In 2010 I took over control of updating the website and what a job that was. Susan Tansey did an amazing job before me and I knew nothing about how it worked. But I set off on a journey that would eventually get us to a point of being a bit more technological in this day in age of computers.

Lyn Sayers had the grand plan of having our own system that we could monitor all results and placings and even managed to get the NZKC to commit to \$25k to help build it. With this idea in mind we set about deciding on a system that we could control and managed to get an agreement by the AC to allow a system that would give every dog a number that would be easy to remember and fairly short.

We developed the Permanent Number system that was eventually made compulsory. Then for a while nothing really happened. In the later part of 2010 I had a grand idea while I was making some forms for the website that I would try and do something clever and see if there was a way people could fill in an online form and see if I could retrieve the information in an excel spreadsheet. I did some tests and was able to generate something that was incredibly labour intensive for me but was willing to give it a go.

I had worked with Kirstin Graves and Dannie Cameron-Jefferies to work out a Ribbon Trial spreadsheet based program that worked quite well. This was used for about 2 years and quite a few clubs were sold on the idea. The competitor found it very simple to use, entering their info and ticking some boxes. The show secretaries were still having to manually enter the info into the agility program and for me setting up each page meant a few hours of coding and fluffing around with links and new pages. After a while it was decided that it could be used for Champ events and we started to do this.

In May 2012 I mentioned to Peter deWit about the possibility of moving our website to a new system that could mean pre formatted forms and widgets rather than intense coding. Pete had a look into it and did some research and we started looking into it and moving bits and bobs into the new system. I am sure he had to recode them plenty to suit our needs.

First was to make the registry complete with good information, then create an easier way to enter shows than my very time consuming system. I think Pete really enjoyed sinking his teeth into this project and I will be forever grateful for the work he put in because over time he has saved me countless hours in front of a computer.

The new online entry system was excellent and a major improvement from what I could ever come up with. It was first used in September 2012 at North Taranaki and Lou Baker was the first competitor to enter

using this new system. In the early stages the competitors found it great but the show secs still had to manually enter all the information into their programs. The next step was to obviously hook the entry system into the program that recorded the results. This was done in April 2013 year and the event secretaries were pretty grateful.

As part of the grand plan the next step had to be along the lines of exporting the results into a format that could be recorded, searched and added to for the dogs competing life. And guess what, this is now done!! You can search your dog and depending on the events you have attended you can look at your results online. I imagine that in time the AC will decide to make it a requirement for all results from Champ Events to be uploaded in a particular way so all clubs even those that use a different online system can be checked. This way the website will be even more of a one stop shop for every thing agility, including checking all of your dogs competing history.

Together we have moved or rather pushed agility from a completely manual system to a partial electronic system to a user friendly, complete all in one computer/online system that nearly every club is using.



Results Search

Select a Competition: [v] Class Name: [v] Permanent Nbr: [v] K219 Search date: [v]

Intermediate	Class	Result	Dog
Hullerica Dog Obstacle Club Champ 4/5-5-2013	Intermediate 3 HES SCT: 49 CL: 149 Paul Taylor	Place: 2 Faults: 0 Time: 28.20 m/s: 5.00	K219 Oakdown Karen de V
Upper Hutt Dog Training School Champ 2/3-5-2013	Intermediate 3 HES SCT: 53 CL: 105 Martin Trench	Place: 6 Faults: 5 Time: 22.45 m/s: 4.93	K219 Oakdown Karen de V
Heather Bush Training Club Champ 2/3-5-2013	Intermediate 2 HES SCT: 52 CL: 137 Peter de Wit	Place: 6 Faults: 5 Time: 24.89 m/s: 4.49	K219 Oakdown Karen de V
Upper Hutt Dog Training School Champ 9 2013	Intermediate 1 HES SCT: 50 CL: 150 Wyn Macdonald	Place: 7 Faults: 5 Time: 30.87 m/s: 3.90	K219 Oakdown Karen de V
Kapiti Dog Training Club March 9 2013	Intermediate 2 HES SCT: 52 CL: 100 Rakyn Fargher	Place: 9 Faults: 5 Time: 22.06 m/s: 4.90	K219 Oakdown Karen de V
Hullerica Dog Obstacle Club Champ 4/5-5-2013	Intermediate 1 HES SCT: 49 CL: 149 Dannor Oudhof	Place: 9 Faults: 5 Time: 28.43 m/s: 4.44	K219 Oakdown Karen de V
Dog Agility Wellington Group Champ 13/14-5-2013	Intermediate 3 HES SCT: 49 CL: 174 Heather Oudhof	Place: 10 Faults: 5 Time: 22.54 m/s: 4.35	K219 Oakdown Karen de V
Upper Hutt Dog Training School Champ 2/3-5-2013	Intermediate 2 HES SCT: 57 CL: 130 Nico Chamber	Place: 13 Faults: 5 Time: 41.42 m/s: 4.46	K219 Oakdown Karen de V
Heather Bush Training Club Champ 2/3-5-2013	Intermediate 3 HES SCT: 50 CL: 150 Ailan Rodin	Place: 13 Faults: 5 Time: 36.20 m/s: 3.87	K219 Oakdown Karen de V
Dog Agility Wellington Group Champ 13/14-5-2013	Intermediate 2 HES SCT: 54 CL: 133 Belle 231	Place: 18 Faults: 10 Time: 34.13 m/s: 4.46	K219 Oakdown Karen de V

Please enter your email address:

Owner/Handler Name: [v]
Owner/Handler NZKC Number: [v]

Contact Address: [v]

Contact Phone: [v]
Handler's Club: [v]
Other Club not shown above: [v]

Alternate Handler name and NZKC Number: [v]

Dog's Registered Name: [v]
Dog's Per Name: [v]
Dog's NZKC Number: [v]
Dog's Permanent Number: (if you have one) eg: OB1234 or 08765-2011
Dog's Date of Birth: [v]

Dog Height: [v]
Dog's actual height in mm: [v]
Dog's Breed: [v]
Which Classes would you like to enter? (Just check the boxes!!)

Stayers 1
 Novice 1
 Intermediate 1
 Senior 1

Stayers 2
 Novice 2
 Intermediate 2
 Senior 2

Do not use commas!
Only fill in if handler different to Owner
Full Name of Dog incl all titles
eg: OB1234 or 08765-2011
eg: F123
Do not put the letter 'e' in front of the number

Competition name	Club	Event	Class	Place	Faults	Time	Score
Upper Hutt Dog Training School	Upper Hutt Dog Training School	Intermediate 3 HES	SCT: 53 CL: 105	6	5	22.45	4.93
Heather Bush Training Club	Heather Bush Training Club	Intermediate 2 HES	SCT: 52 CL: 137	6	5	24.89	4.49
Upper Hutt Dog Training School	Upper Hutt Dog Training School	Intermediate 1 HES	SCT: 50 CL: 150	7	5	30.87	3.90
Kapiti Dog Training Club	Kapiti Dog Training Club	Intermediate 2 HES	SCT: 52 CL: 100	9	5	22.06	4.90
Hullerica Dog Obstacle Club	Hullerica Dog Obstacle Club	Intermediate 1 HES	SCT: 49 CL: 149	9	5	28.43	4.44
Dog Agility Wellington Group	Dog Agility Wellington Group	Intermediate 3 HES	SCT: 49 CL: 174	10	5	22.54	4.35
Upper Hutt Dog Training School	Upper Hutt Dog Training School	Intermediate 2 HES	SCT: 57 CL: 130	13	5	41.42	4.46
Heather Bush Training Club	Heather Bush Training Club	Intermediate 3 HES	SCT: 50 CL: 150	13	5	36.20	3.87
Dog Agility Wellington Group	Dog Agility Wellington Group	Intermediate 2 HES	SCT: 54 CL: 133	18	10	34.13	4.46

Agility Event Management

Select an Event: [v] Select an Event

Entry Admin View Summary Event Details Edit Class Details Edit

Download to Excel for a single competition

Classes download People download Entries download

All people, Dogs and Entries (Word) All people, Dogs and Entries (Excel)

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Main Tasks

- Import Entries
- Split Class
- Produce Catalogue
- Results Processing

Between Pete and I we have an excellent working relationship, I have these crazy bright ideas about how I think things should look or could work and he magnificently makes them work. My emails usually start off like, "Hi Pete, I was thinking the other day that..." or "do you think we could do something like...". I am sure the eyes get rolled back every time and a big sigh comes out but then within a few days voilà, we have something new and improved and works extremely well. I also get the fun job to test everything and try and find most of the bugs and we try and get them ironed out before it goes public. I find this exciting to see the new development first and give it a test run!! See the ideas in action!

Other major improvements are having a document uploader made that allowed me to load schedules, catalogues, RT Notices and results to the website with ease. I used to do this manually as well and the time it took was huge. Now I can load in documents within seconds and from nearly anywhere. We also have made separate log in accounts for clubs and secretaries to be able to log into the website and take control of their own events. They can now load their own catalogues, RT Notices and Results. Access their entry information for their own shows and edit, change or remove entries when needed. The calendar or Event Info page is easy to navigate and being able to sign in with an email address and chose your own events is amazing.

Now for the fun part.....What is the future looking like for entries and events the AC is working on for all of you....

- Imagine as a scribe having a tablet on your scribe desk rather than a pile of scribe sheets blowing in the wind.
- Imagine being able to enter the number on tablet screen with the handler and dog name displayed automatically (to check)
- Imagine the electronic timer connected to it.
- Imagine an on screen button for Faults, Refusals, DQ (or E) and a Clear button.
- Imagine as soon as the dog crosses the finish line the result is automatically sent to our website to a page that continually gets refreshed and sorted.
- Imagine standing or sitting ringside and wondering what the results are for the class as soon as the last dog finishes it run or during the class while it is running to see what the times have been, or to check your own time.
- Imagine you had a smart phone and Internet access and could have a look at the results immediately by going to the website!!
- Imagine if you were the show secretary and all the inputting you normally did on your laptop was done for you at the ringside by the scribe.....Wouldn't that be nice? Heading over to your show laptop and everything is already entered. It just needs to be checked and the clear rounds need to be printed.
- Wow, Imagine all of that.....easy it would seem.... Well guess what??

We are running a pilot of this amazing imaginable system in July. Fine tuning it then looking at getting it ready for production. Next steps further down the line could and may include giving the dogs barcodes that can be printed on a call sheet for the scribe, then they only need a small scanner and can scan the number direct into the system, manual entry errors could be reduced by a huge amount. Imagine that...

If you have any other great ideas on how things could be improved then send them to Cam or Pete and nothing to far fetched will be discounted. (assuming its doable!!)



42 seconds

B-bump B-bump B-bump - my heart is all a-flutter,
Its not long before my turn - my legs feel like butter.

I've walked the course so many times
but now I'm stressing, I feel its all gone from my mind.

Where do I stand? rear cross? or run like hell,
I've forgotten the lot, oh blimey Sal!
Lets watch again as people go through,
they make it look easy, what shall I do??

Damn! Havent taken my dog to the toilet.
Where's a tree, must be fast - oh dear!
Its really me that needs a nervous pee!

I'm next in line, must look calm,
give my number, no one sees my sweaty palm.
Dog lined up "WAIT" I plead,
then when I say 'go' my dog goes at lightning speed.

"Up" "Up" "Right" I say,
I'm still nervous and running every which way.
"Through" "Up" "Up" "Tyre" and more,
its going well - can we make it clear?
I'm panicky and still running in fear.

The last obstacle in sight, it's all going good,
my dog is happy - I was hoping that he would.
"Go!" "Go!" "Go!" I yell out loud,
over at last! Oh I am so proud.

My run is done, I can breathe again,
until next time....
why do I put myself through this pain?
I love agility, the people, the show,
to socialise, be with my dog and have fun where we go.

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