



KiwiDogAgility

On Saturday 25 March DAWG gave a small exhibit of agility at the Greenacres School "Mad Hatters" gala in Tawa, Wellington. We were on the bottom field and despite the lure of bouncy slides and the fire service's demo of an exploding kitchen – there was only ever a small flow of spectators. While we didn't have large numbers of spectators, we managed to be great doggie-ambassadors with much patting and introducing of kids and dogs. A couple of kids got to run Buddy (Kat Bayne's heading dog). Dixie (Yorkie) and Polly (Poodle) were a hit with many little girls. Also on show were Beau the Huntaway cross, Skye and Chico the Border Collies, and two puppies were available for patting – Bolt (a Foxy/Beagle cross) and Morse (another heading dog). Dixie and Beau were temporarily brought out of retirement to show the young ones how it is done.

We demonstrated a few trick basics (hand targets, leg weaves, spins) as well as running fast over a couple of short 10 obstacle courses (jumps and tunnels). We were a last minute stand in for the Titahi Bay Obedience Club who were going to demonstrate Rally-O, but had to pull out due to a conflict. Feedback from the school was that the agility was much more interesting!

The warmth of the day took us all by surprise, and we had to borrow a bucket of water from the fire service. We did our thing for nearly two hours and then took home some very tired dogs. They all coped marvellously despite the constant loud hailer and music – and occasional explosion from the fire service!

