



KiwiDogAgility

Best Club Competition

The entries were closely looked at and compared to the set criteria. There was a high standard of entries and it was difficult to pick just three winners.

We were thrilled to select the following: 1st Managwhai \$500, 2nd CHB \$300, 3rd Hawera \$200.

Spot prizes of \$50 will be given to all other clubs who entered.

from Karen de Wit BVSc
on behalf of the Agility committee



mangawhai
dog training club



In the six years that Mangawhai dog training club has been in existence we have had an amazing time, our few members have thrown themselves into the sport and are keen to continue and help it develop. This is a short summary of what makes our club the best and we have attached a few letters from members and stories that have been published in the local and national press.

Our club is very unique and very special in that we do not have an instructor or trainer. We all help each other, we all share ideas and we all love it. We meet on Wednesdays and everyone helps set up gear, chatting about last weekends show triumphs, heartaches and traps. (Which are usually set up) We then all run together, we don't have separate classes, seniors run with beginners, children with adults, old dogs have a play and new dogs get their start.

This creates a feeling of equality and unity which forms friendship and cooperation that carries through to our shows and committee.

Mangawhai santa parade 2009 Mixing with the crowd after the parade



This year our hard working committee secured grants for us to purchase timers for our club. We were able to lend these to the NZDAC for the nationals and this was a neat way for us to help as we were unable to supply much manpower.

We currently have six members regularly competing, even though this isn't many we are usually snapping at the heels of the much larger clubs in our zone on points and we often have a member come back with a top dog trophy for our zone each year, this is even more special as most of our local shows are nearly 2 hours away. As of this year we now have four handlers in senior and two in A jumpers, one of these is also a young kennel club member who won the national LINK competition this year and has already qualified for next year's final. Another of our competitive members is legally blind, last year she achieved CGC gold and AD with her 12 year old Labrador x who back in his day was in training to be her guide dog. For this member to even get to club she relies completely on the generosity of a club member who lives nearby as she can't drive and over the past few years all the club members have willingly gone out of their way to get her to shows.

Whenever our club see a chance to promote the sport of agility we try to participate. Our displays at the Mangawhai Gala Day are viewed by several thousand people each year from all over the country who come to Mangawhai for their Christmas break. This is a busy time for everyone but we feel that promoting at this particular event is helping the national sport, we have found a few people who have approached us here go home and find their local club it's a pleasure to see them at a show with their dogs later on in the year. We also attend some local shows to promote our club, the Mangawhai school gala, and the Paparoa show doing agility demos. Through local promotion we have attracted four new handlers to our club, not a big number but it nearly doubles our agility membership. We can't wait to see them out there. The main objective of our club is to get people active with their dogs we have come to terms with the fact that agility isn't for every handler or dog, our club also run socializing, rally's and CGC training. Members of our club have dispersed themselves around other community committees to ensure that dogs are considered throughout our area, we have helped secure beach and local reserve access as well as walking tracks for dogs. Mangawhai's walking week also accommodate dogs with a few dog friendly walks. 🐾



Central Hawkes Bay

dog training club

One of the smallest agility clubs in New Zealand in terms of membership numbers Central Hawkes Bay Dog Training Club (CHBDTC) is one of the biggest in terms of passion, performance and sheer enthusiasm.

We are the orange club – turn up to any agility competition in central or lower North Island and you'll see the orange team (if you don't see us; you'll hear us!!).

Maintaining safety: We have a policy of replacing all our gear on a cyclical plan. We are proud that, with the exception of our weaves, all our gear is less than 5 years old.

We offer a domestic obedience course which promotes responsible dog ownership so that our CHB community is a safe place to be.

Our foundation class introduces dogs to the fundamentals of agility, including teaching the dog and handler how we measure a dog – we like our measurers to be safe also.

Promoting the Sport: We have a great relationship with our local newspaper and radio station who help us to promote our sport. We also have close liaison with the local SPCA and vet clinics so new dog owners know where they can come for agility training and its precursor – pet level socialisation and obedience. We are actively encouraging children to join YKC and they promote us well.

Effective Communication: We have a newsletter which goes out each term and keeps everyone up to date with what we are up to. Dog Daze, the magazine, is so popular that agility folk from other clubs also ask to be on our mailing list. We keep in touch with our members through phone calls, texts and emails. We have only one night a week of training and we make sure everyone feels a part of the orange team. Our latest communication tool is our Facebook page which is always up to date and followed by many agility folk.

Keep the sport enjoyable: We are solely clicker based training with a huge emphasis on being positive. We work hard to ensure that every one of our members leaves training feeling good about themselves and their dogs. We travel away together, stay together and generally have a very, very good time. Anyone who wins at a Championship event usually volunteers to shout at training and everyone is invited to join in the celebration. We also like to keep up with what is new in agility and so every year we offer members a seminar day or weekend. We bring in someone who is performing at the highest levels with consistent achievement and offer the seminar to all members. We also offer club nights where we look at DVDs. We have an annual club dinner which is always well supported – one occasion to go out in “non-doggy” clothes.

Utilise technology: We have a club laptop, we use Facebook and thanks to Pub Charities we are about to receive two new sets of ribbon electronic timers. We are about to use on line entries for our upcoming ribbon trial and embrace technology where it makes life easier.

We have members, both two and four legged, of all ages, sizes and abilities. Everyone is valued. Not everyone is competitive, and that doesn't matter, however for a club of approximately 25 members we tend to punch above our weight in terms of results.

We are a sharing, caring lot. You'll often see someone running someone else's dog. We'll be there helping set up courses or picking up jumps at shows away from home and if you can't see us – you'll hear us – laughing and enjoying our dogs, each other's company and our sport. 🌸



Hawera

dog training association



We are a small Club that loves Agility Each week we practice with all abilities Jumps, tunnels, A Frames and dog walks too

The courses are made up to stump a few Micros and Minis line up on one side

To practice jumps, rear crosses and strides Midis and maxis get ready to run Their side is contacts and tunnels, its lots of fun!!



The Taranaki Masters we hold each year It brings lots of spectators who laugh and cheer

Competitors come from all around To win a medal with their prized hound

“Dogs Day Out” is our special day for all and sundry to come and parade “Owner and Dog Look Alike” is a sight to see, “Best Trick”, “Best Dog” could go to you or me The public and their dogs have fun



With prizes of dog food going to everyone Agility Demo's people watch in awe Especially weaving and using the seesaw The money we raise we do not keep Each year it goes to a local charity. We perform Agility Demos at local schools The students love it and think its cool When they line up to have their turn, The dogs are great at helping them learn

“Open Day” we hold each year 36 weaves gets a big cheer Tunnellers games and agility courses too Is so much fun and recruits a few



Seminars we hold most years To increase our knowledge and get ideas Our Indoor Show we hold mid year Brings crowds of people from far and near

“Its quality not quantity” one person says “Our Enthusiasm is infectious” another one raves “HDTA is friendly and welcomed us with open arms, they helped us with all aspects of agility, at shows they'd cheer and help where needed – I'm glad I'm at the Club, I feel included”



“Great agility handlers are around to train others in all areas of agility, training to help brand new people to the sport in a positive and helpful manner”

“HDTA is a very friendly co-operative, outgoing Club that offers a variety of training disciplines, in which it provides knowledgeable and experienced instructors in a laid back, helpful environment. Those in the Club put their hearts into it and have a good Club spirit”

We socialise and welcome anyone that comes Please help us out we need more funds. 🌸

(2nd and 3rd have been edited)