



KiwiDogAgility

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Agility Ribbon Trials

Ribbon Trials are a great way for new people to be introduced to the sport of agility. They are run in a much less formal way than Championship events, the main difference being that entries will be taken on the day.

You do need to know how tall your dog is so that you know what height grade to enter. This may be done on the day before competition begins, and some Clubs will organise for it to be done at Club prior to competing.

You do not need to apply for a permanent number at this stage, although you will if you wish to compete in Championship events.

See the table below for list of upcoming ribbon trials. Go to www.dogagility.org.nz for more information.

What do people like about Ribbon Trials?

- Entering on the day.
- Nice relaxed atmosphere.
- Putting your own numbers on the running board (They do in Upper Hutt and Christchurch anyway!).
- Not having to go if the weather is grotty!
- Having new people along, helping them, and encouraging them – helping them walk courses, teaching them a whole new side of agility.
- Not having to be so organised (as at a Championship event).
- Resting between runs.
- Running 1 ring at a time if entries/time allows.
- Prize giving where lots attend and newbies get ribbons and/or clear rounds and are cheered and encouraged.
- Stopping for a short lunch break if possible.
- Trying things with your dog that you maybe wouldn't at a Champ event.
- A range of events on offer such as elementary classes and games or novelty events like tunnellers.
- Learn the rules around agility and what happens at events without being rushed.
- Good food.
- An opportunity for new judges to officiate and learn the game.
- Lots of helpers, especially if it's one ring.



Up and Coming Agility Ribbon Trial Dates

MONTH	CLUB
MAY	
10 May	North Taranaki
17/18 May	Rotorua
24 May	Mt Maunganui
24 May	Otago
25 May	Tauranga
JUNE	
7 June	Counties
8 June	North Shore
14 June	Canterbury Canine Obedience Club
21 June	Tokoroa
29 June	Canterbury
JULY	
5 July	Nelson
5 July	Wanganui
6 July	Blenheim
12 July	Akarana
13 July	Manukau
AUGUST	
2 August	Nelson
2 August	Waimakarere
3 August	Hawera
3 August	Blenheim
3 August	Mid Canterbury
9 August	Canterbury Canine Agility Training School
23 August	Dog Agility Wellington Group (DAWG)
23 August	Taupo
SEPTEMBER	
6 September	Mangawhai
7 September	Whangarei
13 September	Huntly
13 September	Napier
13 September	Taiari
14 September	Hawkes Bay

Tunnellers class at a ribbon trial in Wellington

Zone Three Annual Awards

The annual prize-giving for Zone 3 was done at the recent Upper Hutt DTS agility event. Thank-you to the Agility Committee for providing the ribbons for winners and runner-ups. The recipients for the most points in championship events were:

DISCIPLINE			POINTS
AGILITY			
Starters/Noice	1st	Helen Carter/Dart – micro	42
	2nd	Stacie Clark/Rusty – mini	42
Novice/Intermediate	1st	Noeline Wagener/Diva – mini	81
	2nd	Lorraine Hazelwood/Bella – maxi	41
Intermediate/Senior	1st	Peter de Wit/Quick – midi	175
	2nd	Aprille McGee/Smarty – mini	135
JUMPERS			
	1st	Peter de Wit/Quick – midi	71
	2nd	Aprille McGee/Smarty – mini	71
SMALL			
	1st	Aprille McGee/Smarty – mini	206
	2nd	Kim Nicol/Lulu – mini	159



From left: Helen Carter and Dart, Peter de Wit and Quick, Aprille McGee and Smarty. Top: Stacey Clark and Rusty



From left clockwise: Bella emerges from the tunnel, Quick in action, Dart in the tunnel, Lulu completing the jump

