



# KiwiDogAgility

by Karen de Wit

## Certificate of appreciation

Hi

This is an unusual occasion. I am here to present, on behalf of the Agility Committee, something which has only been presented once before in the history of New Zealand agility.

The Certificate of Appreciation is awarded to people who have given to Agility in multiple ways, even more than the many other volunteers who are essential to agility.

This recipient has been part of New Zealand's Agility scene since its very beginning and is one of the people responsible for Agility existing as it does today.

Since those very early days she has been constantly involved in NZ Agility and in that time has contributed to the sport in a huge number of ways.

She has been a valuable member of many committees, including being Zone 2 rep and a member of the 1st NZKCAC, (a particularly stressful task), has been involved in many training roles and has also been active in promoting better and safer Agility equipment.

She has always been keen on helping and encouraging others in the sport, training all levels of competition and organising seminars and overseas trainers. She wrote one of the very first guides to running an Agility event, a good indicator of the fact that she is prepared to work hard behind the scenes, as well as contributing as a Senior Judge for many years.

She has even brought another generation into the sport.

In short, New Zealand Agility would be much poorer in many ways if not for this person's contribution over the years. She is a very deserving recipient of this Certificate of Appreciation.

Can Fiona Hodgson please come forward & accept this Certificate of Appreciation.

Steve Chester



## Rangiora Vets Open Day Display

The Waimak Dog Training Club (WDTC) was approached to run a display on the day of the grand opening of the new Rangiora Vet Clinic. It was held on 23 March 2014. This was a great opportunity for us to promote the sport of dog agility and attract new people to it, so we gladly accepted.

There were 12 members of the club involved with helping to set up and run the displays. We did three 30-minute displays to keep the crowd entertained throughout the day. It involved a 17 obstacle agility course that could be run by two dogs at once. This meant that the dogs could compete against one another without actually meeting on the course. We also did a flyball segment, a 24 pole weave and some box work.

One of our club members was interviewed by the local radio station in order to promote the club and the sport. It was a nice relaxed atmosphere and enjoyed by all handlers, dogs and spectators.

Between displays we were available to talk to the public and hand out NZKC Committee Agility Promotional Flyers. Our dogs were also there for people to meet and were very popular with the children. Overall, it was a very successful day and we all great time showing off our skills.

We would like to thank the NZKC Agility Committee for granting us the funding in order for us to be part of this event.

C A Campbell

# Swannanoa Fair Display

On 2 March 2014 our club (Waimak Dog Training Club) was asked to perform a display at the Annual Swannanoa Country Fair. It is the main yearly fundraiser for the local school.

We had 12 of our club members involved in this display. The course involved weaves, tyre, flexi tunnel, collapsible tunnel and hurdles. The dogs demonstrated flyball and finished with a 24 pole weave.

It was a lovely sunny day and the display was very well received. It was held in a large arena in the centre of the Swannanoa domain and drew quite a crowd of around 1000 people. The dog

## Agility Committee Update

The full update is available on the website [www.dogagility.org.nz](http://www.dogagility.org.nz)

The Agility Committee has two main areas of focus for the next year. These are:

- Clubs: Each member of the AC is responsible for a group of clubs to improve communication and cooperation between the clubs and the AC. All decisions made by the AC must be measured against the benefit for clubs.
- The equipment certificate of fitness programme (COF) which will begin in June 2014. The aim is to keep competition equipment as safe as possible and to a suitable, consistent standard.

### Clubs

#### Display grants

Clubs have been taking advantage of the display grants. To recognise the many benefits, the AC has decided to increase the grant amount to \$200 per display, starting from April 1st. (and it's no joke)

To receive the grant, all that is required to complete the application form prior to the display and to send in a write-up and some photo afterwards. Contact your local AC rep for details.

#### Training & Seminar Grants

A number of clubs have taken advantage of these grants, and organised some local trainers to assist with improving skills at their Clubs of dogs and handlers.

### Things for competitors

**Measuring dogs** – The work our measurers have been doing has been recognised by adding Measuring clinic payments.

**Agility Games** – These will be introduced shortly at Championship level.

**Split classes** – These can have different judges and courses. A scrimmer can compete in heights for which they have not been the scrimmer.

**Assembly areas** – The assembly area was introduced to improve the safety of the competitive environment for dogs entering the competitive area and when leaving. Having an assembly area is a mandatory requirement. It must be maintained for the duration of an event. Competition should not commence if the assembly area is not set up satisfactorily. It is in everyone's interest to maintain assembly areas so it is everyone's responsibility to make sure they are set up and remain that way. Also, as a courtesy

- Competitors should not fling leads behind them without looking – one or two people have been hit by flying leads lately.
- To avoid stressing dogs in the ring and those waiting for their turn, toys should not be thrown from the finish area.

Non Competitive runs at ribbon trials are allowed at the discretion and rules of the organising club. All hurdles used

agility display is one of the main features of this fair and people were very vocal, cheering, clapping and laughing when our furry friends were showing off.

We had a good response at the end when we were available to speak to, with a lot of people expressing an interest in our sport and taking the NZKC Committee Agility Promotional pamphlets away with them.

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in competition must meet the new regulations for height and width. So far approximately half of the clubs have completed the change over and received the AC subsidy. Revised AD course plans are in use. 'Midi' is to be referred to as 'Medium' at events.

### Competition results

Results for all championship agility and jumpers competitions from the 1st Jan 2014 are recorded on [www.dogagility.org.nz](http://www.dogagility.org.nz). There are three pages on the website that use these results:

- Event Results: all results for a competition
- Dog Results Summary: results for a Dog
- Year to Date League: A bit of fun seeing where your dog stands this year.

### Feedback is required on:

1. Adding extra awards.
2. Measuring ideas.

See the full AC update for further information. Please send your feedback to [nzkcac.feedback@gmail.com](mailto:nzkcac.feedback@gmail.com)

### Regional Club Contacts

We have a great bunch of people that have volunteered for the Agility Committee this term, they all love agility and love talking about it. If you have any question about agility or just want some more information ask these people first, give them a call on the phone and have a chat.

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