

TAIERI CANINE TRAINING CLUB NEWSLETTER JULY 2018

Welcome to the 6th Newsletter.....

Hope everyone is enjoying the cold weather & inside winter training.



Reminders

Weave pole straps are available for purchase. These straps are \$30 and are used to create the correct spacing between poles when using “stick in the ground” weave poles at home. If you wish to purchase a strap please contact Teresa Walker. (Agility Coordinator).

Wing Jump advertising. This is available for anyone or business that wants to advertise on our jumps for \$150 per set of wings.



ATTENTION

To avoid queues at registration time please pre-enter online and then pay on the day. Online entries don't commit you to attending the Ribbon Trial, they can be deleted (it is easier to delete entries than add new entries on the day). If you wish to make unofficial entries please email Rae (raeleckie@gmail.com) so she can add them.

Entering an Agility/Jumpers Ribbon Trial



Does your dog have a permanent agility number? **No**

Has your dog been measured? **Yes**

You can now enter a Ribbon Trial. Talk to your trainer about the classes that would be suitable for you to enter.

These include:

Elementary – a simple course of 10 to 15 obstacles, which are the easiest for the dog to master.

Elementary B is for any handler who has never placed 1st-3rd in a standard agility class at a Ribbon Trial or Champ Show whereas

Elementary A is for handlers who don't meet the criteria for Elementary B but have a new dog who hasn't placed 1st-3rd in a standard agility class.

Starters - a reasonably simple course of 13 to 18 obstacles, which will always include a set of 12 weave poles.

Novice - a slightly more complex course of 15 to 18 obstacles, including weave poles and "contact equipment" (raised obstacles which the dog must run over, touching the "contacts" at the entry and exit of the obstacle).

****** A dog may compete in two of the above levels at a time. In order to compete in a higher level a dog must qualify out of each level through a combination of class wins, placings and/or Agility Dog qualifications.

Jumpers C - a reasonably simple course of 15 to 18 obstacles, consisting only of jumping obstacles and tunnels.

Also

Apply for a permanent agility number from <http://www.dogagility.org.nz/register.html> You can enter a Ribbon Trial without a Permanent Number but it makes a Show Secretary's life a lot easier if you have one. It also means you can pre-enter online through <http://www.dogagility.org.nz/admin/eventinfo.html> if the club is offering online entries. This alleviates long queues forming on the morning of a Ribbon Trial. You can also view results from the agility website

Arrange to have your dog measured at your club or local event. Information for measuring (this includes useful tips for getting your dog ready to be measured and a link to a list of registered measurers) is available at <http://www.dogagility.org.nz/measuring%20dogs.html>

Remember that these people are all volunteers so don't leave it until the last minute to organise for your dog to be measured.





Taieri Canine Training Club

Agility Ribbon Trial

Sunday 15 July 2018

Otago Equestrian Centre – 179 Dukes Road Mosgiel

Running Order:

Elementary B, Elementary A, Starters, Novice, Intermediate, Senior

Entries from: 8.00 am

Course Walk: 8.45 am

Judging commences: 9.00 am

Judges:

Teresa Walker: Elem A, Elem B,

Jess Tansey: Starters, Novice, Intermediate, Senior

All Classes: \$3.00 each

BBQ available from 11.30 – 1.30 pm

Non-competitive entries allowed but limited to one extra class per dog (maximum of 3 runs)

Enter online at <http://www.dogagility.org.nz/admin/eventinfo.html> by 13th July and pay on the day or email Rae – tctc.showsec@gmail.com for unofficial entries or if you do not yet have a permanent number for your dog.

Note:

- You do not need to be a member of the NZKC to compete at Ribbon Trials.
- Once a class has started running no more entries will be accepted.
- We would appreciate if you have your entry form filled out before stepping up to the table to enter.
- Correct change is appreciated.

Elementary B: Open to new handlers who are handling new dogs. A new handler is defined as the handler never having won an Elementary on a clear round, placed 1st to 3rd in any other standard agility class on a clear round or attained the title of AD or JD with any dog. Open to dogs that have never won an Elementary class on a clear round, placed 1st to 3rd in any other standard agility class on a clear round or attained the title of AD or JD. (Dogs winning Elementary B on a clear round are eligible for Elementary A).

Elementary A: Open to any handler with a dog that has never won an Elementary A class on a clear round, placed 1st to 3rd in any other standard agility class on a clear round or attained the title of AD or JD.

HOW DOES YOUR DOG BECOME A CHAMPION?



Challenge Certificates

Dogs earn challenge certificates in Senior and Jumpers A for a clear round with in the QCT (qualifying course time). The number of challenges to be awarded in a class is dependent on the number of dogs pre-entered in that class as follows:

1-14 dogs entered – no challenges

15-24 dogs entered –1 challenge

25-74 dogs entered –2 challenges

75-124 dogs entered –3 challenges

125-174 dogs entered –4 challenges

175+ dogs entered –one additional challenge for every additional 50 dogs entered .These challenge certificates contribute to a dog obtaining agility or jumpers titles.

Agility Champion (Ag.Ch)

Win six Agility Challenge Certificates (at least one must be a first place) under three different judges and obtain at least ten clear round certificates in senior classes at Championship Agility Events and qualify ADX

Agility Grand Champion (Ag.Gr.Ch)

Win 20 Agility Challenge Certificates (at least ten of which are for first place) And qualify ADX GOLD

Jumpers Champion (J.Ch)

Win eight Jumpers Challenge Certificates (at least two of which are a first place) under three different judges and obtain at least ten clear round certificates in Grade A classes at Championship Jumpers Events and qualify JDX

Jumpers Grand Champion (J.Gr.Ch)

Win 20 Jumpers Challenge Certificates (at least ten of which are for first place)



Profile of Jolene Lynn – Hi all I am Jolene Lynn and I commenced the role of Secretary for TCTC this year. I currently have three dogs, although I keep telling my husband we have room for more. Wag is a Huntaway Cross who is 3.5yrs (we think). Teddy aka Edward Andrew (long story there) is a Border Collie – 13 yrs, and Murphy a Maltese Tibetan Spaniel cross – 8 yrs.

My dog sports journey is a relatively new one which began with Wag. Having a lifestyle property and losing our retired old huntaway, my husband Mike was on the lookout for another dog to help around the property - I wasn't quite ready to move on. After much searching, Mike came across a young huntaway that was a fantastic yard, and handy dog that needed a new home. So along came Wag.

Wag adjusted nicely to the pet/working dog environment, getting out amongst the cows and sheep and then settling down with the family at night. He has such a lovely nature and is very eager to learn.

With this boy having so much energy and willingness, I decided it would be great for him to do some obedience and agility. Having the pleasure of working with the lovely Vicky Fox, I approached her and before we knew it, we were fronting up to our first foundation class.

Wow, what a shock! My lovely boy decided that actually, he did not like other dogs around him whilst on lead. He was quite reactive and would just stand there and bark like mad. But throw him the back of a ute with 8 other dogs to go work – no dramas there at all.

We persevered with the foundation class, working at the back of the hall away from others and this continued for some time. Once we got through some of the basics, the very kind Krissy Luyten took us under her wing. This led to a lot of assistance and support from all the senior obedience girls who let us train with them. Their continued encouragement and reassurance that Wag's barking was good distraction practice for them, helped me to continue on and not give up.

To build on from this, we started hanging around the outskirts of the agility training, working on our distraction and slowly trying to get closer and closer. After Sallie Remon watched Wag launch me across the grass as a Samoyed went past, a Halti went on and we started doing some one on one training. Sallie has spent an incredible amount of time and energy and shown so much patience with us both. When I say both, I mean both, as I am more of a challenge to her at times than Wag is, and honestly at times, I would have just given up if it wasn't for the support of these ladies.

Wag and I have come such a long way and it's been a real journey. Our most recent adventure has been dog sledding and doing the bikejor. This has been fantastic for Wag, he gets to run his heart out and I don't have to try to shut his barking down. The Southern Regions Sled Dog Club is full of amazing people who are so supportive, encouraging and willing to help anyone have a go and get started.

The greatest thing I have gained from dog sports over the last couple of years, is all the amazing people we have met who have shown such kindness to welcome a 'newbie' in. It can be intimidating and quite daunting. I have named a few but there are so many more I could mention.

Thank you all from Wag and I.

