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Gerry Randal, Jenny Thompson, Barbara Bourne, Sylvia Bow

FRIENDS OF THE CLUB

Tom Johnson, Rex Windelborne, Albie Brothers, Jim Coburn

CENTRAL CITY VETS

***Rotorua Dog Obedience Club would like to send a big thank you to
Central City Vets for their ongoing support of our club***

AGM – 18th May 2016 7.00pm

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up again, this is the time when we get together to decide on how we want our club to be governed for the upcoming year. Some of our current committee members are not available



for re-election this year, so I urge you all to consider standing for the committee. Not only is it an unparalleled way to get to know everything that is going on in the club, you get to be hands on in the decisions about how the day to day running happens. The job is not onerous – monthly meetings that we work to keep around 1 hour long, there is coffee and sometimes biscuits! Getting to be involved in the planning and

execution of shows means this is a great opportunity to learn about all the other parts of dog sports and what they do. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to any of our current committee members about it!

President: General overall boss, report to no-one, get to hold the gravel and make rulings from your throne.

Vice President: Wait in the background for the president to flip out, quit, or get murdered by sea monkeys. Take the throne and revert to above job description.



Secretary: Grammar Nazi, prolific emailer, extra points if you are good at complaining or dealing with regional governments. Bossing everyone else around at meetings, ineligible scrawling of conversations. Forget everyone's name.



Treasurer: **Keep an eye on the money.** Take numbers on pieces of paper, rearrange them and put them on different pieces of paper. Control the secretary's paper and ink expenses account. Tell people that they can't spend money they thought they had.

Committee Member: Come up with ideas, strong debating voice, bake bikkies, make decisions, spend money (once you pry it out of the treasurer), create work for the secretary.

BREED OF THE MONTH - GREYHOUND

The greyhound is truly a fast friend! Thousands of years of breeding have resulted in today's greyhound – a gentle, affectionate hound capable of running at breath-taking speed! Intelligent and trainable, quiet and enjoys sleeping.

In Egypt the greyhound was valued highly by the pharaohs for its speed, grace and agility and is featured on engravings inside the pyramids. The breed is also the only dog to be mentioned in the bible. In England in the 10th century, the greyhound was so highly prized that King Howel of Wales made the killing of a greyhound punishable by death.

These days a good racing greyhound may command a high price but unfortunately most of these dogs have little commercial value as soon as their racing days are over.



It has been 7 years since the first adoption of an ex racing greyhound called Rose and since then GAP have helped over 1200 greyhounds hang up their racing vests and settle into a life as a pet. Many greyhounds make the transition from track to couch potato with startling adaptability, however for some it does take a bit longer. The greyhound would traditionally have been a constant companion to their master, therefore these characteristics would have been valued and bred for, while unwanted traits such as aggression have now been bred out almost completely. The gentle and calm nature of the greyhound is notable and this breed has been recommended for “pet therapy”. They don't bark greatly and prefer to use their eyes when speaking to you.

Greyhounds are easy to train as long as you remember the “what's in it for me?” principle. The dog will move heaven and earth for love and affection and sometimes food, but will get easily bored if the exercise seems pointless. Many recently retired greyhounds are confused by the game of “fetch” – you can see them thinking “why should I go and get the ball if you're just going to throw it away again?” Add another dog to the game to give it a racing element and you're onto a winner!

As greyhounds are a sprint animal, it's other great love is sleeping so most well fed pets will be too busy snoozing on the sofa to notice the neighbour's cat entering the garden.



I have owned a greyhound for 6 months and would definitely recommend them to anyone.

For more information on adopting an ex racing greyhound go to:

www.GreyhoundsAsPets.org.nz

Memberships now due 2016-2017 year

A reminder that membership for the upcoming year is due by the end of March. All current memberships (excluding those who have joined since 1/1/16) expire at the end of the current financial year, 31st March 2016. Single memberships are \$70 and family memberships are \$95. There is a \$10 discount on these prices if memberships are paid prior to the Annual General Meeting (*18 May 2016). In order to keep training in Term 2 you need to renew. If you are not sure about the status of your membership please get in touch with Ginny or Fiona.

RESULTS

RALLY-O – Ann McSweeney and Katy gained the final 2 points for their Rally Advanced Excellent qualification at Onehunga on 20th February. After attaining a Rally Excellent qualification, the team (dog and handler) need to get qualifying scores in both Advanced and Excellent classes (at the same trial), ten times, to qualify for RAE.



AGILITY – Peter and his dogs Teak and Kane went to the Mt Manganui Champ show on March 12th and 13th. Teak suffered from a severe bout of bad handleritis. It was Teaks' first time running intermediate courses and the handler (Peter) stuffed it up but Teak still managed to get a ribbon for a 4th place in Novice. Kane collected a good number of clear rounds, with a 3rd and 4th in starters (alas, no ribbons!) a 17th in an unsplit Starters and a 9th in Novice.

OBEDIENCE – Dianne, Eunice and their dogs along with Lexie who is a YKC (Youth) member, went to the EBOP Show on March 5th and 6th. Dianne and Palladium Tana late Edition got 3rd in Novice on Saturday and Eunice and Palladium Ranger at Longroyd, got 3rd in Novice on Saturday. Dianne and Nyala got 4th in Test B also on Saturday. Lexie with Ranger got 5th in Novice on the Sunday and Dianne and Nyala got 3rd in Test B also on the Sunday. Great result from Lexie who is only 12 years old and competing against adults. This is good for the future of our club.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL ROTORUA DOGS AND HANDLERS.

Dianne would like to mention that there will be a future litter of Palladium pups later in the year and if anyone is interested in getting one please contact her on 07 3666889. These dogs will be suited to competition Obedience, Agility or just as amazing family pets.



THIS MONTHS FUNNIES



An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests.

First, she wanted to be cremated and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over K-Mart.

“K-Mart?” the preacher exclaimed, “why K-Mart?”

“Then I’ll be sure my daughters will visit me twice a week”

A man goes to the doctor with a swollen foot. After a careful examination, the doctor gives the man a pill big enough to choke a horse.

“I’ll be right back with some water,” the doctor tells him.

The doctor has been gone a while and the man loses patience. He hobbles out to the drinking fountain, forces the pill down his throat and gobbles down water until the pill clears his throat. He hobbles back into the examining room.

Just then the doctor comes back with a bucket of warm water. “OK, after the table dissolves, soak that foot for about 20 minutes.”



The other night I was invited out for a night with “the girls”. I told my husband that I would be home by midnight. “I promise!”

Well the hours passed and the margaritas went down way too easy. Around 3 am, a bit blitzed, I headed home. Just as I got in the door, the cuckoo clock in the hall started up and cuckooed three times. Quickly realising my husband would probably wake up, I cuckooed another nine times. I was really proud of myself for coming up with such a quick-witted solution, even after drinking too much.



The next morning my husband asked me what time I got in and I told him midnight. He didn’t seem disturbed at all. Whew! I got away with that one! Then he said “we need a new cuckoo clock”. When I asked him why, he said, “well last night our clock cuckooed three times, then said “oh crap” cuckooed 4 more times, cleared its throat, cuckooed another 3 times, giggled, cuckooed twice more and then tripped over the cat”.

I felt like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor’s permission to join a fitness club and start exercising.

I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down and perspired for an hour.

But by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.



DOGGIE RECEIPE

SIMPLE SNACKS

- 250ml (1 cup) oatmeal
- 250ml (1 cup) whole wheat flour
- 2 eggs
- 220g (1/2 pound) liver puree



Mix all ingredients in food processor until smooth. Pour and spread into small, greased baking dish and bake for 50 mins at 148 deg C (300 deg F). Turn off heat and allow to cool overnight in oven. Cut and serve.

MEET THE COMMITTEE FEATURE

I am Phil Johnson, one of the current committee members and have the privilege to care for a little dog named Gen. She is a delightful wee creature and the perfect mix of naughty and nice; hence the speedy return to dog obedience classes after a long absence.



I first joined the club as a teenager in the early 70s and have been a member, off and on, since then. The early days were consumed with competitive obedience until family, work and aging dogs intervened. Family pets followed, although it is fair to say that our competition dogs slept on the bed and ate by the table, with forays into agility work and basic obedience as need demanded and time permitted.

Over the years, the club has been a saviour (good advice for naughty dogs), a place to gather (friends, fellow battlers; people from all walks of life working toward the same end - a well behaved dog) and an opportunity to sometimes give something back when time and opportunity permits.

RDOC Championship Agility Show – April 9/10

Rotorua Dog Obedience Clubs annual agility champ show is coming up on the Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th April 16. The show is held at Lake Rerewhakaaitu Domain, Ash Pit Rd, Rotorua. We are after people who are able to help out for a day or even half a day.

There is NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY to help. Jobs we need to fill include the likes of making toasties in the kitchen, picking up knocked jump rails and collecting handlers leads and paperwork. If you are able to help please contact Ginny 027 429 7411 or Dawn 021 255 3722

CGC ASSESSMENT ROTORUA

FOUNDATION AND BRONZE ONLY

When: Saturday 14th May 2016 10.30am start

Assessor: Christine Neilson

**Where: Rotorua Dog Obedience Club Grounds
Bennetts Road, Rotorua**

Entry Fee: \$30 for first test \$25 for second test

Entries Close: 1st May 2016

Entries to: Julie Cowell

28 Chaucer Place

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Email: julienec@xtra.co.nz

Lunch: Tea and coffee supplied

WHAT DOES A WAGGING TAIL MEAN?

Tail wagging is a frequently misinterpreted signal. Most people believe that a wagging tail only means a dog is happy, which of course is often true, but some dogs also wag their tails when aroused, overstimulated and frustrated. You can usually tell the difference by looking at what the rest of the body is doing.



- A confident or aroused dog will hold his tail in the air, allowing scent from the anal glands to circulate more freely and advertise his presence.
- A dog that is wagging his tail but barking with a defensive body posture, tense face, and hard staring eyes is overly aroused and frustrated, which means that he should not be approached.
- A tail that is held low or between the legs signals a lack of confidence, nervousness, or fear.
- A tail that is held high but wagged more slowly means that the dog is assessing a situation.
- A tail that is extended and curved means that the dog is tense and ready to take offensive or defensive action.
- A tail that wags around and around like a helicopter and is accompanied by relaxed fluid body movement and a wiggling bottom signals friendliness and a willingness to engage.
- Research has shown that when a dog sees someone they like, his tail wags more to the right. When he sees an unfamiliar person, his tail wags more to the left. Subtle body language like this is easy to miss.

Victoria Stillwell Positively

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Obedience and Agility Introductory Classes - \$90 (this includes free membership for the balance of the current financial year)

Membership renewal:	\$70.00
Family Membership:	\$90.00

A reminder that all memberships paid before the AGM attract a \$10 discount!

Fees for all financial members attending classes each term is \$20.00

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