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

RESULTS –

Rally-O

In June, Ann McSweeney's Katy was awarded the NZ Kennel Club/Dogs New Zealand title Rally-O Champion.



In early August, Mary Browne, with Monty, and Ann McSweeney, with Katy, entered the NZ Association of Rally-O annual Rally Expo in Feilding. Five trials were held over the weekend – two in "standard" Rally, three in Zoom (a high-speed version of rally that has no sit or down exercises), and three in Handy Dog (combining agility and obedience exercises).

Mary and Monty qualified in a total of seven classes and placed first in Zoom Advanced and second in Handy Dog Advanced..

Ann and Katy came away with five clear rounds and first placings in Rally Excellent, Zoom Excellent (twice) and Handy Dog Advanced (twice) and have now achieved their Handy Dog Advanced title.

CGC – Ya Ya and Emily achieved Foundation and Bonze in CGC

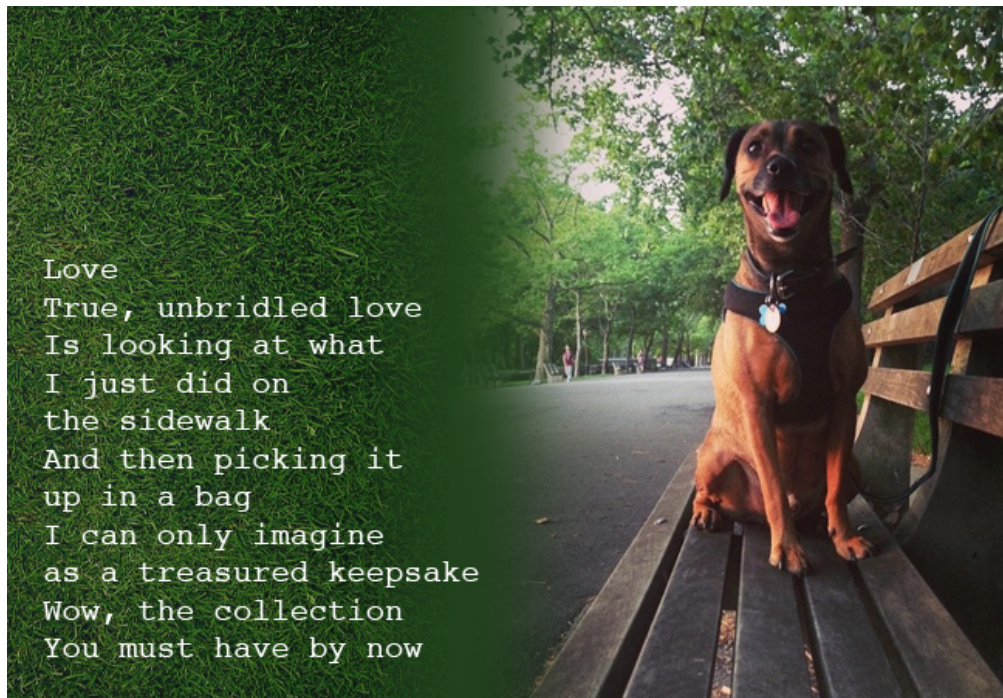
AGILITY – Judy Moody and Brew got their first clear round in a Novice event at Taupo Agility show in August. Peter Franz and Teak did well in both Tauranga and Hamilton shows scoring a 4th in seniors in both competitions.



Did I do well mum?



TRUE LOVE FROM A DOG'S PERSPECTIVE!!



This might bring a tear to the eye but a lovely prayer.

A Dog's Prayer

Treat me kindly, my beloved master, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of me.

Do not break my spirit with a stick, for though I should lick your hand between the blows, your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me the things you would have me do.



Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail when your footstep falls upon my waiting ear.

When it is cold and wet, please take me inside... for I am now a domesticated animal, no longer used to bitter elements... and I ask no greater glory than the privilege of sitting at your feet beside the hearth... though had you no home, I would rather follow you through ice and snow than rest upon the softest pillow in the warmest home in all the land... for you are my god... and I am your devoted worshiper.

Keep my pan filled with fresh water, for although I should not reproach you were it dry, I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst. Feed me clean food, that I may stay well, to romp

and play and do your bidding, to walk by your side, and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life, should your life be in danger.

And, beloved master, should the Great Master see fit to deprive me of my health or sight, do not turn me away from you. Rather hold me gently in your arms as skilled hands grant me the merciful boon of eternal rest...and I will leave you knowing with the last breath I drew, my fate was ever safest in your hands.

--Beth Norman Harris

Was sent this article by someone but cannot remember who but thought it might be of interest to our members.

It's a DOG, not a soft toy!

You text and drive but have never had an accident; does that mean you never will? Your dog has never bitten: does that mean it never will?

I hope you answered "No" to both. We can manipulate statistics to suit what we want to believe, but that's cold comfort when somebody suffers because of our behaviour. In her book "Dogs Bite: But Balloons and Slippers Are More Dangerous" Janis Bradley writes "Dogs are dangerous. And they are more dangerous to children than to adults. Not as dangerous of course, as kitchen utensils, drapery cords, five-gallon water buckets, horses, or cows. Not nearly as dangerous as playground equipment, swimming pools, skateboards, or bikes. And not remotely as dangerous as family, friends, guns or cars. Here's the reality. Dogs almost never kill people. A child is more likely to die choking on a marble or a balloon and an adult is more likely to die in a bedroom slipper related accident."

Note the perspective. She admits dogs are dangerous (not as dangerous as many other things, but dangerous nevertheless). Yet so many dog owners just can't seem to get their heads around this. If a dog has teeth - it can bite. Most won't. Even if they do they will probably do little harm, but believing any dog 'will never bite' is wishful thinking.

We seem to accept that horses bite and kick, cats scratch and bite, but dogs are expected to be model citizens. What's with that?

Do you ever get angry? Have you ever yelled in anger? Broken something? Hit somebody? Have you ever been so afraid you were prepared to do anything to escape? That happens to dogs too.

When somebody brags their kid can do 'anything' to the dog - I start to feel a little aggressive myself! What are the parents teaching that child? What are they asking that dog to tolerate?

I believe there will be many warning signals that nobody recognizes. In fact when the dog growls (an excellent warning!) the owners often PUNISH it. What a brilliant way to shut

down a warning system. Now what? The dog knows not to growl, so on that one day when the dog finally announces – “Actually, I’ve REALLY had enough now!” We hear, “It bit him - out of the blue!”

Alternatively, the long suffering family dog might keep tolerating the child’s antics, but nobody else’s dogs will. Again, we get a bite ‘out of the blue’.

We don’t want our dogs feeling they need to growl - but I’d take a growl over a bite any day of the week. Look at the CAUSE of the growl. Prevent the situation happening and get help from a skilled positive reinforcement trainer to help the dog feel more comfortable in that context. (Force training will add stress to a risky situation.)

Have you ever had a bad day where things just kept going wrong? You kept it together until the end of the day, then went home and exploded over something small. That’s ‘trigger stacking’. You can cope with one, maybe two challenges, but each new event adds to your stress. Eventually you lose the plot. That happens with dogs too. Let’s say a dog is uncomfortable around children, around food or the food bowl, and when it is tied up. (Unfortunately the owners may have missed all these signs).

Enter stage left- a child carrying food. The dog is tied up. How many triggers do you see? How safe is that dog right now?

Dogs have numerous signals of anxiety and discomfort. Many owners don’t see them or misinterpret what they see. For example dogs wag their tails in a variety of ways and not all wagging is friendly. A dog used to your children is socialized to them and them alone. Some may also accept other children, but many won’t. Older or younger children are different again.

The ACC figures of 12,000 ‘attacks’ from 500,000 dogs is 2.4% of all dogs. I wonder about that emotional word ‘attack’. I picture an ongoing assault, not a quick nip. I’m glad Nick Smith is investigating further.

US figures from 2007 showed that 50% of bites were in the dog’s home and 77% of bites were by known dogs. This ‘known dog syndrome’ has been supported by statistics for many years. So considering the changing of laws to further restrict the public movement of the hundreds of thousands dogs not involved in bites, is really concerning. That said, owners need to wake up and realize that any dog, even their ‘nice’ dog has sharp teeth in its head. I have trained my dogs to largely ignore people in public and I think most people are quite pleased about that. Dogs rushing up to every person or every dog they see, are a complete nuisance. Allowing them to do that is not ‘responsible ownership’ because it shows no respect for the rights of others.

To be an excellent owner, we owe it to our dogs to learn about dog behaviour. To be an excellent owner we owe it to our friends, family and the public to socialize our dogs well and give others space to enjoy themselves without risk. To be an excellent owner we owe it to our children to teach them care and respect for dogs.

Occasionally a dog may be very easy to rear and train, but that's rare. If you really want a fabulous, well socialized companionable pet of ANY breed - expect to put in a lot of work educating yourself and the dog in a wide range of situations. Even then, things may not go according to plan. Take nothing for granted, teach yourself well, teach the kid well, teach the dog well: and take no chances. It will be good for everybody!

THIS MONTHS FUNNIES

Tyrone was having trouble in school. His teacher was always yelling at him, "You're driving me crazy, Tyrone, can't you learn anything!!?"



One day Tyrone's mother came to school to check on how he was doing. The teacher told her honestly, that her son was simply a disaster, getting very low marks, and that she had never seen such a stupid boy in her entire teaching career.

The mom was so shocked at the feedback that she withdrew her son from school and moved out of Detroit, relocating to Cleveland

25 years later, the teacher was diagnosed with an almost incurable cardiac disease. All the doctors strongly advised her to have open heart surgery, which only one surgeon at the Cleveland Clinic could perform. Left with no other options, the teacher decided to have the operation, which was remarkably successful.

When she opened her eyes after the surgery she saw a handsome young doctor smiling down at her. She wanted to thank him, but could not talk. Her face started to turn blue, she raised her hand, trying to tell him something but quickly died.

The doctor was shocked, wondering what went wrong so suddenly. Then he turned around and saw our friend Tyrone, a janitor in the Clinic, who had accidentally unplugged the life-support equipment in order to connect his vacuum cleaner.

If you thought Tyrone had become a heart-surgeon, there is a high likelihood that you believe in the tooth fairy....

Guy: 'Doctor, my girlfriend is pregnant but we always use protection and the condom never broke. How is it possible?'

Doctor: 'Let me tell you a story. There was once a hunter who always carried a gun wherever he went. One day he took his umbrella instead of his gun and went out. A lion suddenly jumped in front of him. In order to scare the lion, the hunter used the umbrella like a gun, and shot the lion and killed it!'

Guy: 'Nonsense! Someone else must have shot the lion.'

Doctor: 'Good! You understood the story. Next patient, please.'



CLASSES STARTING IN TERM 4

Level 2 Obedience Training starts 17th October (Wednesday) at 6.30pm with Julie

Pet Dog (beginners) Obedience Training starts on 17th October (Wednesday) – 1 class at 6.00pm and 1 class at 6.30pm

Rally-O training starts on 23rd October (Tuesday) at 3.00pm with Ann

Senior Agiliuty starts on 18th October (Thursday) at 6.00pm with Jo

Intermediate Agiltiy starts on 18th October (Thursday) at 6.00pm with Dawn

Beginners Agility starts on 18th October (Thursday) at 5.30pm with Peter

Tracking for Beginners starts on 16th October (Tuesday) at 6.00pm with Sue

Canine Good Citizen (CGC) will be on Saturday afternoons for returning handlers only. There will be no new enrollments for Term 4, these will start again in Term 1 for all levels.

Please make sure that you have enrolled and paid, for any of the above classes before start date.

BLACK HAWKE PET FOOD'S CANINE PET OF THE YEAR AWARD



I decided to nominate Sunny for Pet of the Year award as he is such a great dog and blow me down he won!!

Part of the prize was a trip to Wellington to collect the award. I decided to drive down so that I could take Sunny with me so we packed up the car on the Friday and headed off to Wellington.

It was a very long trip (7 hours) due to traffic and a couple of pit stops for Sunny.

We had accommodation booked for us by Dogs NZ but dogs had to sleep in the car. This was no problem for Sunny who loves being in the car.

I had to report to Dogs NZ on Saturday by 12.30 but we went down early to watch some of the Obedience competition which happened to be the final of Test C. It was very good to watch especially the scenting. One dog couldn't find the cloth that he was supposed to and kept turning and watching his owner hoping for a clue, it was quite comical to watch.

Before our event they had a number of demonstration of the different dog codes. The tracking was excellent to watch as was the dancing dogs.

Peter Dunn came over and introduced himself to us and to show us which ring we were to go into. I was getting quite nervous by this stage as it was quite a warm day and Sunny was panting a bit and I was hoping that he would be okay.

Finally Peter Dunn announced us and gave the audience a bit of information regarding Sunny. We then had to do a circuit of the ring and Sunny was wanting to sniff his way around because as you can imagine there were multiple scents from other dogs and one



young dog had done her business in that ring (much to the mirth of the audience who clapped and cheered). Anyway we managed to make our way around without Sunny embarrassing me or himself. I was so proud of him and the way he behave and everyone who met him were very impressed with his temperament.

We left straight after the show and had a much quicker trip home. He was pleased to see both Bernie and Penny and to sleep in his regular bed.

Championship Obedience Show – 2019

Our annual championship obedience, Rally-O and CGC show is coming up on anniversary weekend – the 26th, 27th and 28th of January, held out at Lake Rerewhakaaitu.



As always this is the time that we ask you to step up and help support our trainers in return for the fantastic work they do teaching our classes all year. The show is a big deal for the club and we need all hands possible on deck to make it run smoothly and to share the load.

Have a chat with any of your trainers or the committee members and we can help you find something to suit.

If you can't get down to club, email us on rotoruaadogtraining@gmail.com and let us know what you are able to help out with.

We are specifically looking for

Stewards for the obedience tests

We are looking for an organised person to take on sorting out the judge's lunch table each day. This would be from approx. 11.00am-2pm each day. Mixing salads, carving meat, dressing tables and generally just making it all work!

We also need people to help out in the main kitchen. There are flexibility around times so don't be put off if you can't do the whole thing, let us know what you CAN do and we will fit you in.

Saturday 11.00am – 2.00pm

Sunday 11.00am – 2.00pm

There are also positions for someone to help in the stay ring and people available for 'hot scenting' Being a scent decoy or 'hot scent' just involves having clean hands, pockets and some patience! No experience necessary.

Finally – if you absolutely can't make it down we appreciate any support in the form of a salad or dessert for lunches or some baking for the main kitchen. Food transport out to the show from Rotorua can be arranged if required.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Obedience and Agility Introductory Classes - \$100 (this includes free membership for the balance of the current financial year)

Membership renewal:	\$70.00
Family Membership:	\$95.00

Fees for all financial members attending classes each term is \$25.00

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