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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***

RESULTS –

Eunice Brothers and Ranger are currently sitting 10th on the top 20 list which is featured in the NZ Dog World Magazine. Well done Eunice and Ranger.



THIS MONTHS FUNNIES

After a meeting several days ago, I couldn't find my keys. I quickly gave myself a personal "TSA Pat Down."

They weren't in my pockets. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving my keys in the car's ignition. He's afraid that the car could be stolen. As I looked around the parking lot, I realized he was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.



Then I made the most difficult call of all to my husband: "I left my keys in the car, and it's been stolen."

There was a moment of silence. I thought the call had been disconnected, but then I heard his voice. "Are you kidding me?" he barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was my turn to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me."

He retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this cop that I didn't steal your car!"



My father was completely lost in the kitchen and never ate unless someone prepared a meal for him. When Mother was ill, however, he volunteered to go to the supermarket for her. She sent him off with a carefully numbered list of seven items.

Dad returned shortly, very proud of himself, and proceeded to unpack the grocery bags. He had one bag of sugar, two dozen eggs, three hams, four boxes of detergent, five boxes of crackers, six eggplants, and seven green peppers.

THE STORY OF KERMIT

By Robin Harland



Those who have been to the Club house recently will have noticed Kermit, captive in a box. On his arrival via Jim Coburn, an ex-member and ex-Treasurer and ex-custodian of Kermit, it was apparent that lots of people don't know about Kermit, or even about the tradition of mascots and Zones etc. So here is the story of Our Kermit, again, and why he is to be mounted with pride on our Club house wall.

Once upon a time our Dog Training world consisted of Obedience only and the country was divided into five Zones. A fierce but mainly friendly rivalry existed between said Zones, particularly at NDOA time. Zones competed then, as the Regions do now, to win the Teams Competition every year and used whatever methods (mostly legal) they could to ensure success. No real team could possibly travel around without a Zone colour and some sort of mascot and many and varied were those that arrived at the NDOA

destination each year.

In 1985 the NDOA was held here in Rotorua at the Sportsdrome. This involved all the bells and whistles that go with such an event and being one of the secretaries, along with Lyn Windelborne. I found the weekend fraught with many happenings as such weekends are. Lyn in a rare spare moment leading up to the big event, decided that as our Zone's colour at that time was green Kermit would be an appropriate mascot for our Team. So the search was on for a pattern to make him. Of course none existed, and although there is probably a fierce copyright held in a locked vault somewhere to prevent anyone making anything remotely like him, I was bullied and coerced into inventing him using Lyn's niece's glove puppet for a pattern. And so Kermit came to Zone Two as its mascot. A position he held unchallenged and with great dignity and enthusiasm for 24 years. He helped us win the cup that year in spite of Zone Three tearing his leg off, necessitating a trip to the hotel foyer in search of a needle and thread to restore his dignity. When the Zone Colours changed to jade and navy of course we only had to make him a uniform to match the new uniforms and he was up front as always, looking spunky just like his team. He went on to serve the Zone faithfully at Assemblies until the Zones were disbanded in favour of the Regional system now operating. When he was sadly made redundant from his Zone Two position.

During his long and active career, Kermit travelled from Auckland to Bluff officiating at every Assembly between. He had his photo taken beside Frog Rock somewhere inland in Zone Four and in the snow somewhere further inland in Zone Five. In the august in the company of mascots from Zones One and Three when we pinched them, as well as in many other places and situations, some of them compromising to be sure, during his travels. He reigned supreme as the oldest 'living' mascot in the country. The other Zones for some reason changing theirs from time to time. Although Zone One eventually followed us in settling their preference on their Kat and Zone Three finally chose Wat's Dog to represent them.

Such was Kermit's perceived threat to the welfare of the other Zones that guarding him against unwanted attentions at Assemblies was an extremely hazardous occupation. Particularly from the malicious intentions of Zone One who saw him (and us) as a serious threat. Although Mascot Guard Duty was never listed among Team Responsibilities and Requirements, it should have been, with his designated guard being in turn supplied with a military escort.

INTRODUCTION TO RALLY-O

Rally-O is an enjoyable team sport for dogs and their handlers. It uses the basic elements of obedience to negotiate a course with exercises that are guaranteed to challenge handlers and provide a relaxed but stimulating training option for their dogs.

Rally-O is suitable for dogs of all sizes and ages, including dogs that have retired from obedience or agility, or that may have had injuries

A Rally course consists of 10 or more numbered stations, each with a sign showing the exercise that is to be performed at that station. The number of signs and their difficulty increases at each successive level.

Dogs need good basic skills: walking at heel; sit; down; recall; finish. These are combined to produce a variety of exercises, including simple or combination turns, changes of pace, counted step exercises with one or more sits, left and right finishes, and spirals or weaves (worked around cones or other objects). Most dogs need at least two terms of basic obedience training before they are ready to start Rally-O.

Although some Rally-O exercises are similar to Obedience exercises, the requirements for precision are relaxed in Rally – the emphasis is on having the dog working freely alongside the handler.

The objective is to complete all the exercises correctly, and in the right order, whilst maintaining a brisk steady pace, and without incurring obvious handling penalties such as 'tight lead', 'resistance', or 'out of position'.

There are three competition levels: Novice (worked entirely on lead), Advanced and Excellent, and handler/dog teams progress up the grades by achieving three qualifying scores at each level. At Novice level, a qualifying score is 90 or better, out of a possible 100 points.

The following are some examples of Rally-O Novice exercises:



Interested in learning more about Rally?

- The Rotorua Dog Obedience Club's Rally-O Group trains on Tuesdays, from 3pm, during school terms;
- For more information about membership of RDOC/Rally, please contact Ann McSweeney, amcsweeney@xtra.co.nz

The day before Anthony started at a new school, his dad had a meeting with the teacher.

"Anthony has a gambling problem. You'll have to keep an eye on him during class."

"I understand," said the teacher. "I won't let it get out of hand."

The next day, Anthony walked into the classroom and introduced himself to the teacher.

"Good morning! I met your dad yesterday," the teacher said, smiling.



"I bet you \$10 you've got a mole on your bottom," said Anthony.

The teacher smiled, seeing a way to break the gambling habit. She quickly showed Anthony that there was no mole, and he paid her the \$10 without question.

That night, Anthony's dad rang the teacher. "Johnny said he lost a bet with you."

"Yes," said the teacher. "I'm hoping that a few losses will cure the gambling problem."

"Well, you're wrong about that," said the father. "He bet me \$100 this morning that he would see your backside before the day was over."

SPCA Dogs for adoption



My Name is: **Rex**

Breed: **Blue Heeler/ Collie**

Rex is a sweet boy who would make a great companion. He is inquisitive and very sociable but is still a puppy who will need basic training. He would make a lovely addition to an active family or could also be suitable on a farm.

Rex will be desexed, micro-chipped and and treated for fleas and worms vaccinated before her adoption





CGC ASSESSMENT – 23RD SEPTEMBER

We are holding a CGC Assessment on 23rd September, if anyone is interested in entering please contact Julie julienne@xtra.co.nz for an entry form. We are looking for helpers for the day, **absolutely no experience necessary**. We need people to do things as simple as to shake hands with a person, Pat a well behaved dog and stand in a group and talk! If you have any time available, we can find a job that suits. Your support at our events as always is much appreciated. If you are able to help please drop us a line rotoruaadogtraining@gmail.com or give Julie a call 345 4435



CGC ASSESSMENT ROTORUA

When: Saturday 23rd September 2017 10.00am start

Assessors

Gael Sharp – Foundation & Bronze

Bridee Manning – Silver & Gold

Where: Rotorua Dog Obedience Club Grounds
Bennetts Road, Rotorua

Entry Fee: \$30 for first test (prepaid)

\$25 for second test (pay on the day)

Entries Close: 9th September 2017



DogsNZ Domestic Dog Training Seminar

In July Ginny and Jeanette attended the Inaugural DogsNZ (Formerly NZKC) Domestic Dog Training Seminar in Wellington.

A productive weekend was had collaborating with 24 other clubs in New Zealand and learning about how we all go about

things. Kat Martin and Brent Dry were excellent facilitators and both Ginny and Jeanette came back enthused.

A meeting was held in August to share these with the committee and our fantastic trainers and there are some exciting new plans taking shape. Keep an eye on this space!



DYNAMIC DUOS



One of our new initiatives has been to share the successes of our newer members. We have begun a “Dynamic Duo” award in each of our domestic classes, you may have seen these on our Facebook page. Each class we aim to celebrate the achievements of an outstanding team who are working hard at something specific. Keep an eye on our Facebook page weekly, you can see our previous Duo’s on our website under the photo’s tab or click <http://rotoruaadogobedience.org.nz/dynamicduos/>

An old lady phoned the hospital and asked if she could check on a patient.

“I can do that for you,” said the operator. “What’s the name and room number?”

“Bettie Mahoney, room 309,” said the woman.

After placing the woman on hold for a few minutes, the operator returned. “I have good news! Her nurse just told me that Bettie is doing very well and will be discharged on Tuesday.”

“That’s wonderful!” said the woman. “I was so worried. Thank you for your help.”

“Not a problem,” said the operator. “Is Bettie your daughter?”

“No,” said the woman. “I’m Bettie in room 309. No one tells me anything.”



Trick Dog Training

I had the pleasure of sitting in on Chelsea Marriner's Trick dog training class last night. How amazing to watch the skills these dogs have learned in just 3 short weeks! The class offers an array of tricks with an additional 4 or 5 new tricks each week.



The delightful young Rocky and his handler Aine stole the show for me

The tricks build upon each other so by week 4 (this week) the teams were learning tricks that expand upon the ones they learned in Week 1 and 2. The dogs looked like they were having such a great time, and even through the chattering teeth I could see the handlers were taking a lot away from the experience. Thanks to the class for having me along and letting me watch!



Brew showed me his 'roll over' trick for the camera, and excelled in the 'crawl' trick task

Dog Services Rotorua

I find I am often asked by our members for advice about a variety of dog related services, so last month I have approached some local companies to provide some information about the services they provide, and I will publish a group of these each newsletter. The information is self-reported from each company and in no way is RDOC making any judgement as to the quality of any service reported. We hope this will enable our members to have a picture of the services there are in our community for our dogs, and to make contact with these as desired. This month I have focused on groomers, next edition keep an eye out for information about boarding kennels and doggy day care services.

K9 Cuts Ltd. Nicky 0272 536 266 Penney 0274 479 300	We offer everything here from full grooms, mini grooms, baths and deshed treatments. We do offer a VIP service which gives our clients discounted services. We also offer collection and drop off from either Bunnings Rotorua or Elliot park Ngongotaha and day stay at no additional cost. Or clients are welcome to drop off.	 <p><i>K9 Cuts Ltd</i> Nicky Hammond 0272536266 Penney Harris 0274479300 www.k9cutsnz.com</p>
Sparkles Dog Grooming 31 Clyde St Rotorua 0273 194 153 Wendy Mon-Wed 9.30-3pm Thurs-Fri 8.00am-3pm	I am an internationally award winning groomer & Rotorua's only NZGANZ certified Groomer. I groom small -med sized dogs only. I groom from a studio from my home. I have a fb page and a website if more info is needed or I am happy to answer and queries	 <p><i>sparkles</i> Small Dog Grooming Services Phone Wendy 348 6783 or 027 319 4153 www.sparklesdoggrooming.webs.com</p>
Little Angels Dog Grooming 86a White Street Rotorua 07-343 6390	The team at Little Angels Dog Grooming offer friendly and professional pet grooming services to the owners of pets throughout the Rotorua region.	
The Groomers at the SPCA Emma 07 349 2955	No matter what size, shape, mixed breed or pure bred, we believe your pet deserves the very best.	



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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