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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 –

RDOC Championship 28th January

Jenny Packham & Oscar – 1st Elementary

Nicole Lisle & Sophie – 3rd Elementary

Mary Browne & Monty – 3rd Special
Beginners

Jenny Packham & Oscar – 4th Special
Beginners

Eunice Brothers & Ranger – 3rd Test B

Dianne Western & Monty – 5th Test B

RDOC Championship 29th January

Dawn Williams & Peppa – 1st Elementary

Dawn Williams & Peppa – 1st Special
Beginners

Jenny Packham & Oscar – 2nd Special Beginners

Mary Browne & Monty – 5th Special Beginners

Sonia Whiteman & Luna – 5th Novice

Sonia Whiteman & Chloe – 2nd Test A



Rally-O - RDOC Championship Show 30th January

Congratulations to the following RDOC members who qualified in our NZKC Rally-O Championship test.

Julie Cowell & Sunny – Novice A

Mary Browne & Monty – Advanced A

Ann McSweeney & Katy – Advanced B

Agility- Cambridge 11th & 12th February – Peter and Teak got 5 clear rounds total including Teak's first clear round in Seniors. He won a ribbon for a 4th in Intermediate and snuck in a clear round in ADX, elevating him to ADX-Silver. Well done Teak!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL ROTORUA
DOGS AND HANDLERS.**



Memberships coming due 2017-2018 year

A reminder that membership for the upcoming year is due at the end of March. All current memberships (excluding those who have joined since 1/1/17) expire at the end of the current financial year, 31st March 2017. There is a \$10 discount for memberships paid prior to the Annual General Meeting (*date t.b.c). Single memberships are \$70 (\$60 if prior to AGM) and family memberships are \$95 (\$85 if paid prior to AGM). **Please note due to a slight change in our terms and conditions we will require all renewing members to fill out a membership renewal form.** Please find a membership form attached or download one from our website, forms can be returned to rotoruaadogtraining@gmail.com or PO Box 6226, Whakarewarewa, Rotorua 3042. Alternatively you can pass them along to your trainers.

THIS MONTHS FUNNIES

Even though there as a blizzard raging outside, I made it the half-mile to the bakery, where I asked the owner for six rolls.

‘Your wife must love these rolls,’ he said

“How do you know these are for my wife?” I asked.

“Because I’m pretty sure your mother wouldn’t send you out in weather like this.”



My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30 am this morning, can you believe that, 2:30 am?!! Luckily for him I was still up playing my bagpipes.

RDOC Championship Agility Show – April 1st/2nd – Help needed!

Rotorua Dog Obedience Clubs annual agility champ show is coming up on the Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd April. 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**



Rally-O – N.Z. Masters Games Wanganui 2017 - By Mary Browne

Monty (mini schnauzer) and I competed in these games which were held in Wanganui from 23rd January – 12th February. There were 53 sports involved through the fortnight from Archery to Yachting and Dog Handling was one of these. Ann McSweeney had attended the games previously and suggested that I might like to enter. I am so glad that I did because it was a most enjoyable weekend with really good weather, excellent facilities and helpful and friendly locals.



We had a leisurely drive down on Friday to give us time to pick up our Games Pack from the registration centre, settle into the motel and find the venue for the next day. Our motel was situated by the Wanganui River and Monty and I appreciated our early morning and evening walks along the riverside walk-way.

The Dog Handling section of the Masters Games included all NZARO Rally-O classes:- Standard Rally, Zoom and Handy Dog at all levels – Foundation, Novice, Advanced and Excellent as well as Agility,

Obedience and Cross Country events on the same weekend. The venue was the

Otamatea Reserve which is the home of the Wanganui Dog Obedience Club. Lovely facilities at the reserve with trees that you could park your car under and keep car, contestants and spectators shaded.

All the Obedience and Agility events were held on the Saturday so there was plenty to see before our one Zoom event. I had not seen Agility courses run before and they were excellent entertainment for spectators. Dogs and handlers - all shapes and sizes - going absolutely flat out round the course. On the Sunday morning the Club had set up a Cross Country course which was run before our Rally-O, so I was able to watch the different competitors. It looked like something I would like to try before I noticed that the dog handlers were required to slide down a water slide into a small pond as part of the course. There was a great deal of laughter and squeals as that requirement was met. The excitement was too much for some dogs as they lost their way but most finished and it was hard to decide who had loved the experience more.

Monty has only recently qualified to enter the Advanced category and I did not expect to do anything but gain some experience in the three events we entered. However, I had not taken into account Ann's good training and we finished with one silver medal in Zoom, one gold for Rally-O and one gold for Handy Dog.

Ann and Katy were also competing, and gained gold medals for Zoom and Rally Excellent, and silver medals for Handy Dog Advanced and Special Beginners Obedience.

The weekend was a most rewarding experience and one I would thoroughly recommend.

A reminder with the end of summer to keep an eye out on our Facebook page for information about classes moving inside or cancellations due to wet weather. Notices will be placed on our Facebook page by 5pm, you should also receive a text or email from your trainers to let you know what is happening. If you are unsure get in touch with us.

<https://www.facebook.com/RotoruaDogObedienceClub/>



R.D.O.C. Lending Library

A big thank you to Chelsea Marriner for donating two of her “Code of the Canine” books to the library. These books are a very welcome addition. We have a good mix of subjects now including animal training, heart-warming stories, there are a few books on different breeds plus high country farming. Please enter details in the RED book on the top shelf when borrowing. For Library details, contact Heather on 021 2600041.

This Month's Book Reviews:

Code of the Canine

by Chelsea Marriner

Chelsea has written a great, basic manual on dog behaviour and training. In it she says that dogs basically want a good leader to follow, plenty of exercise, simple rules to live by, food and water and plenty of time spent bonding with the family and playing games and having fun. There is also a good chapter on trouble shooting behavioural issues. She acknowledges that dog training is all about patience, consistency, determination and dedication. This simple guide to understanding how your dog's mind works, why they do what they do and how to get them to play by your rules instead of theirs is a great read and is illustrated with beautiful photographs. A must read for dog owners who want to have a good relationship with their dog.

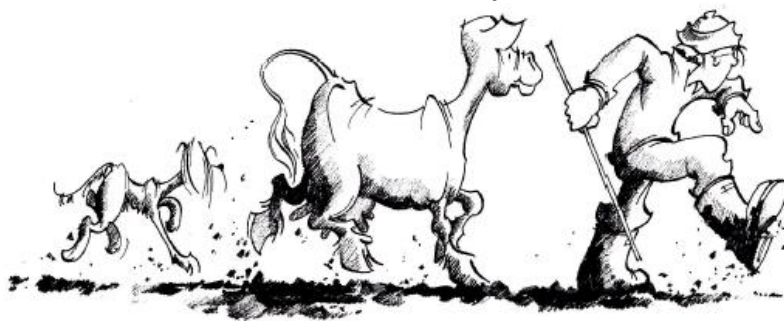


She's a Fair Cow

by Judy Harrison

Great yarns about life on the farm, from calving, fencing, dogs, mad cows, stubborn horses, herd testing, hired help and the ups and downs of country life all told with a sense of humour.

With wonderful illustrations by David Henshaw

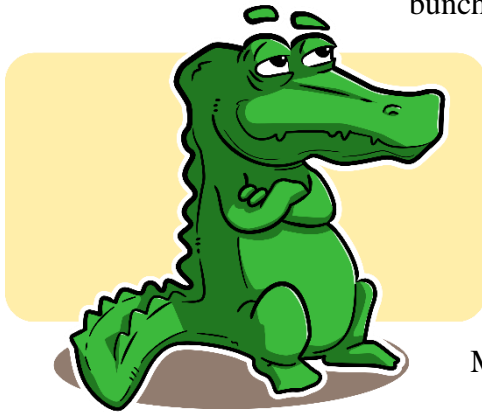


An extract from the story of “Maud”

Maud was the orneriest, most cantankerous cow Sid had ever had in the herd An Ayrshire, of unknown age, she had slipped into the herd, almost by accident, along with half a dozen replacements Sid had bought one year. She was a big cow, with a good full low-slung udder that swayed with her when she walked, and she was a good milker; her butterfat content was always well up at testing time. It wasn't her milking performance that Sid objected to, and she was always quiet and well behaved in the shed. It was her personality outside the shed that Sid couldn't tolerate

An elderly man in Queensland had owned a large property for several years. He had a dam in one of the lower paddocks where he had planted mango and avocado trees. The dam had been fixed up for swimming when it was built and he also had some picnic tables placed there in the shade of the fruit trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the dam to look it over, as he hadn't been there for a while. He grabbed a ten litre bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the dam, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his dam.



He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end. One of the women shouted to him, "We're not coming out until you leave!" The old man frowned, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the dam naked" holding up the bucket he said, "I'm here to feed the crocodile."

Moral: Old men may walk slow, but they can still think fast.

Murphy showed up at Mass one Sunday and the priest almost fell down when he saw him. He'd never been to church in his life. After Mass, the priest caught up with him and said, "Murphy, I am so glad ya decided to come to Mass. What made ya come?"

Murphy said, "I've got to be honest with you Father, a while back, I misplaced me hat and I really, really loved that hat. I know that McGlynn had a hat just like mine and I knew he came to church every Sunday. I also knew that he had to take off his hat during Mass and figured he would leave it in the back of the church. So, I was going to leave after Communion and steal McGlynn's hat."

The Priest said, "Well, Murphy, I notice that you didn't steal McGlynn's hat, what changed your mind?"

Murphy replied, "Well, after I heard your sermon on the Ten Commandments, I decided that I didn't need to steal McGlynn's hat after all."



With a tear in his eye, the priest gave Murphy a big smile and said, "After I talked about 'Thou Shalt No Steal' ya decided you would rather do without your hat then burn in Hell?"

Murphy slowly shook his head. "No, Father, after ya talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery' I remembered where I left me hat."

AGM – coming up April/May

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. The next few pages outline what the roles are that are available for election



at our upcoming AGM. 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!

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 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 to regional council. Illegible 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 the committee what they can and can't spend money on

Committee Member: Come up with ideas, strong debating voice, bake bikkies, make decisions, spend money (once you pry it out of the treasurer), generate mad plans to take over the world.

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! For serious descriptions of the jobs please read on!

Who's the Club "President"? And what does that person do?

Jo Klein is the current president of the club.

The role of the president is significant and varied. As the ultimate leader of the club the President is a figurehead in the dog sporting and wider community. The President has to be able to inspire confidence in the leadership of the Club, and be able to lead the Club Committee on whose shoulders rest the vast bulk of the week to week Club responsibilities. The President also needs to be a diplomat, able to resolve conflicts in the club and able to deal with any external issues as well. As the Chair of the Club, it is essential that the President is a strong leader who can be objective. The President is a member of the executive committee and needs to be (or become) an NZKC financial member. There is an honorarium for this position, currently \$300 for the 2017-2018 year.

Responsibilities and Duties

- Head the committee in making decisions for the benefit of the whole club including strategic planning.
- Negotiate long term contracts such as the land lease and other strategic council matters.
- Ensures the club communicates with members clearly and effectively acts as a source of information for the club.
- Oversee the members of the club and ensure the smooth running of the club.
- Chair committee meeting and the Annual General Meeting.
- Act as a spokesperson for the club, represents and promotes the club.

Knowledge and Skills Required

Ideally the President is someone who is:

- A strong leader
- Knowledgeable about the dog sport world
- A good negotiator who can mediate
- Able to delegate responsibilities
- A good communicator
- Is well informed of all organisation activities.
- Is aware of the future directions and plans of members.
- Has a good working knowledge of the club rules and the duties of all office holders and subcommittees.

Estimated Time Commitment Required

The estimated time commitment required is approximately 6-10 hours per month.

What Jo has to say about being the president

"I enjoy being president because I get to help all of our different branches of dog sports to grow and work together with each other"

Who's the Club "Vice- President"? And what does that person do?

Peter Franz is the current vice-president of the club.

The role of the Vice president is to support the president in their role. The vice president should be able to step up in the president's role with little notice when needed. This means the vice president should be in frequent communication with the president so as to be appraised of any current issues that may need their attention.

Responsibilities and Duties

- Help the president to ensure the smooth running of the club.
- Support the committee in making decisions for the benefit of the whole club including strategic planning.
- Chair committee meeting and the Annual General Meeting if required in the absence of the president.
- Act as a spokesperson for the club.
- Represent and promote the club.

Knowledge and Skills Required

Ideally the Vice-President is someone who is:

- Can communicate effectively
- Knowledgeable about the dog sport world
- Is well informed of all organisation activities.
- Is aware of the future directions and plans of the club.
- Has a good working knowledge of the club rules and the duties of all office holders and subcommittees.
- Is able to provide back up support for the president

Estimated Time Commitment Required

The estimated time commitment required is approximately 5 hours per month.

What Peter has to say about being the Vice-President:

"The vice-president's main duties are to fill in for the president when he/she is not available, i.e. to preside at meetings and represent the club on shows if the need arises. I currently do not spend a lot of time on vice-presidential duties and try to be of assistance to the club just like any other committee members do. This involves giving helping hands at shows and their organization, to keep the club running and in my particular case I do fixes and repairs whenever needed."

Who is the Club “Treasurer”? And what does that person do?

Heather Mitchell is the current Treasurer of the Club.

The person who is chosen to be responsible for the financial management of the club. The Treasurer looks after all the bank accounts, pays the bills and maintains financial records for the club. The treasurer is a member of the executive committee and works closely with the president and secretary on the day to day running of the club. The treasurer is a member of the executive committee and needs to be (or become) an NZKC financial member. There is an honorarium for this position, currently \$300 for the 2017-2018 year.

Responsibilities and Duties

- Keep the club's books up-to-date.
- Keep a proper record of all payments and monies received.
- Make sure financial reports are available and understood at all committee meetings, by being available to answer any questions.
- Show evidence that money received is banked and documentation provided for all money paid out.
- Ensure that information for an audit or review is prepared each year.
- Arrange the audit or review
- Give the Treasurer's report at monthly meetings and when required.
- Produce an annual financial report.
- Pay the bills.

Knowledge and Skills Required

Ideally the Treasurer is someone who is:

- Well organised.
- Able to allocate regular time periods to maintain the books.
- Able to keep good records.
- Able to work in a logical orderly manner.
- Aware of information, which needs to be kept for the annual audit.

Estimated Time Commitment Required

The estimated time commitment required is approximately 10 hours per month plus 40-50 hours at year end.

What Heather has to say about being the treasurer

“I find it's fun taking an active role in the club, whether providing financial reports, helping out at club events or working with young dogs. It's also a good opportunity to make new friends while learning about the different sports our club is involved in”

Who is the Club “Secretary”? And what does that person do?

Ginny Christians is the current Secretary of the Club.

The person who is chosen to keep a record of all the decisions and discussions that are held by the group is called the secretary. The secretary works closely with the treasurer and president. The secretary needs to be organised, in order to help other committee members to undertake their agreed tasks. The secretary is often the first point of contact for members, other clubs, the council and other stakeholders. The secretary is a member of the executive committee and needs to be (or become) an NZKC financial member. There is an honorarium for this position, currently \$300 for the 2017-2018 year.

Responsibilities include:

- Writes letters from RDOC to other Clubs, the NZKC, Council or other individuals. Checking the mail at the PO Box and passing it to the other members or takes it to the meetings to be ‘tabled’
- The secretary may be responsible for maintaining a record of the current club members. This responsibility may be delegated to be undertaken by a separate person called a membership secretary who keeps the club membership records on behalf of the secretary.
- Keeping records of previous minutes and correspondence that has been received or sent as well as important historical records, the club lease and the club seal
- Formal and accurate records are kept of what is discussed and decided at each of the meetings. This is referred to as taking the ‘minutes’. There is a current template for taking minutes that the secretary may wish to use, however it is open to them to develop their own if that is their preference.
- The secretary may prepare the agenda for the next meeting. At present the agenda is usually prepared as people arrive for the meeting in conjunction with the chair, in the past it has been prepared in advance by the secretary.

Knowledge and Skills Required

Ideally the Secretary is someone who:

- Can communicate effectively.
- Is well organised, has a good memory and can delegate tasks.
- Can take notes quickly and efficiently
- Has a good working knowledge of the dog sports world (not necessary but helpful).

Estimated Time Commitment Required

The estimated time commitment required is approximately 10 hours per month.

What Ginny has to say about being the Secretary:

"I have enjoyed the secretary role as it gives me an inside picture into what is going on, in all of the sports both our club and others throughout New Zealand. I feel like I get a chance to be involved in and learn about so many different dog activities in this role"

Who are the committee members? And what do they do?

The current committee members are: Julie Cowell, Jeanette Peacock, Dawn Williams, Holly Booth and Penny Brake.

The Committee has the overall responsibility of seeing that the Club runs smoothly and effectively. It controls the direction in which the Club moves and acts to oversee day to day running of the Club. More importantly, the people on the General Committee are there because they want to make a difference and help the Club achieve its goals.

Responsibilities

- Meet on the second Tuesday of each month to discuss the events within the Club. It is the responsibility of each General Committee member to be present at each meeting. Meetings require a quorum to be present if motions are to be passed. Members should alert the secretary or president in advance if they are unable to make a specific meeting.
- Create and administer action plans, set objectives, develop & update policies and procedures, and develop strategic direction
- Ensure the Club operates within the boundaries of its Rules and complies with laws and regulations
- Promote and encourage new members
- Plan and assist with the three shows annually - Obedience champ in January, Agility champ in March and agility ribbon in May
- Keep the Club's members and other stakeholders informed of Club activities, provide information to the newsletter editor
- Provide opportunities for trainers to upgrade skills
- Undertake a regular review of the Club's finances. Ensure that funds received are well managed and used to further develop the Club and its members

Knowledge and Skills Required

Ideally the committee members are people who:

- Are willing to accept responsibility
- Have the ability to think strategically
- Are enthusiastic and dedicated to the club
- Are financially literate
- Are alert to opportunities

Estimated Time Commitment Required

The estimated time commitment required is approximately 3-4 hours per month.

What Julie has to say about being a committee member:

“Without a committee the club would not exist. I get to be understand what is involved in running a club. I go to a meeting once a month and help out at approximately 2 competitions each year.

Who is the Obedience Coordinator? And what do they do?

Ginny Christians is the current obedience coordinator of the club.

The obedience coordinator is responsible for ensuring the smooth enrolment and running of obedience classes, including the pet dog, CGC, Level 2 Obedience and Competition Obedience classes. The obedience coordinator role is pivotal to bringing in new members to the club through the pet dog class enrolments. There is an honorarium for this position, currently \$300 for the 2017-2018 year.

Responsibilities

- Promote pet dog training classes in the media, including social media as appropriate
- Receive enrolments from new applicants
- Answer queries from potential members regarding classes
- Collate enrolments into classes depending on the level, age and size of the dogs and any special requirements
- request and receive payment for classes
- Organise trainers for classes as appropriate
- Send out information about classes to those enrolled
- Meet and support new members on the first few nights of their classes to ensure they know where to go and what to bring
- Arrange with trainers for cancellations, change of location as required
- Communicate with trainers and handlers
- Provide documents to trainers and handlers as needed
- Print certificates, arrange ribbons and sort times for graduation with trainers and handlers
- Liaise with and report to the committee regarding obedience matters

Knowledge and Skills Required

- Highly communicative
- Able to think on feet and respond to queries
- Enthusiastic and enjoy people and dogs
- Organised and efficient
- Able to coordinate people

Estimated Time Commitment Required

The estimated time commitment required is approximately 20 hours per month.

What Ginny has to say about being the Obedience Co-ordinator:

"I love the co-ordinators role, I am always meeting new people and getting to have a play or pat with their dogs. I enjoy a sense of achievement in helping others, and I especially revel in graduation and seeing just how far all these dogs and their handlers have come in a short 8 weeks. I get a lot of satisfaction from seeing people who were struggling when they first came re-enrol for follow on classes and being part of their success."

Who is the Agility Coordinator? And what do they do?

Dawn Williams is the current Agility coordinator of the club.

The obedience coordinator is responsible for ensuring the smooth enrolment and running of agility classes, including managing handlers, dogs, trainers and guest trainers. The agility coordinator also wrangles the weather on Thursday nights. The agility coordinator frequently plays a large part in the organisation of the Agility shows in conjunction with other senior agility members. There is an honorarium for this position, currently \$200 for the 2017-2018 year.

Responsibilities

- Promote agility training classes in the membership
- Provide advice and demonstrations to interested members
- Receive enrolments from new applicants
- Answer queries from members regarding classes
- Collate enrolments into classes depending on the level of the handler and dogs and any special requirements
- Receive payment for classes
- Organise trainers for classes as appropriate
- Send out information about classes to those enrolled
- Meet and support new members on the first few nights of their classes to ensure they know where to go and what to bring
- Arrange with trainers for cancellations, change of location as required
- Communicate with trainers and handlers
- Provide documents to trainers and handlers as needed
- Print certificates, arrange ribbons and sort times for graduation with trainers and handlers
- Liaise with and report to the committee regarding agility matters

Knowledge and Skills Required

- Highly communicative
- Able to think on feet and respond to queries
- Enthusiastic and enjoy people and dogs
- Organised and efficient
- Able to coordinate people

Estimated Time Commitment Required

The estimated time commitment required is approximately 6-7 hours per month.

What Dawn has to say about being the Agility Co-ordinator:

"I enjoy helping agility handlers of all levels to get the most from membership of our dog club."

Who is the Rally-O Coordinator? And what do they do?

Ann McSweeney is the current Rally-O coordinator and primary Rally-O trainer for the club.

The Rally-O coordinator is responsible for ensuring the smooth organisation and running of Rally-O classes, including managing handlers, dogs, assistant trainers and guest trainers as needed. The Rally-O coordinator will also sometimes organise Rally-O tests for the class to participate in.

Responsibilities

- Promote Rally-O training classes to the membership
- Provide advice and demonstrations to interested members
- Answer queries from members regarding classes
- Collate enrolments into classes depending on the number of handlers and level of the handlers and dogs
- Organise additional trainers for classes when appropriate
- Send out information about classes to those enrolled
- Meet and support new members on the first few nights of their classes to ensure they know where to go and what to bring
- Arrange with trainers for cancellations, change of location as required
- Communicate with trainers and handlers
- Provide documents to trainers and handlers as needed
- Liaise with and report to the committee regarding Rally-O matters

Knowledge and Skills Required

- Comprehensive knowledge of rules and regulations relating to Rally-O, including the correct performance of all Rally-O exercises and the requirements for competing in Rally-O trials.
- The ability and willingness to transfer this knowledge to handlers of various levels of experience.
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Estimated Time Commitment Required

The estimated time commitment required is approximately 3 hours per month, not including training time (as the coordinator may not necessarily train the classes)

What Ann has to say about being the Rally-O Coordinator:

“The coordinator/trainer's role is firstly to ensure that handlers are correctly instructed in the performance of the exercises and then to assist handlers in training their dogs to ensure the optimum performance by the handler/dog "team". RDOC has a small group of enthusiastic and capable Rally-O handlers, making the coordinator's position both enjoyable and rewarding“

How to Teach Your Dog to shake ‘hands’

(Credit: Lovethatpet.com)



1. Assuming your dog can sit, the first step is to get him in position.
2. Hold a treat in your hand and show him the treat (it may be useful to have the remaining treats easy to access in a pouch or pocket), then close your fist over the treat.
3. Hold the treat, in your closed fist close to his foot, about 5cm off the ground.
4. If your dog stands up, ask him to sit again.
5. If your dog lifts his paw even a little, or even shifts weight onto the other paw, tell him he is a good boy and give him the treat.
6. Most dogs will bat at your hand to get the treat, so as soon as this happens open your hand to reveal the treat and tell him ‘good’ or ‘yes’, whatever your signal is for doing the right thing.
7. At the same time your other hand should be held out flat to ‘shake’ when your dog lifts his paw, so you can grab his paw while he takes the treat.
8. Reward him immediately he does the correct thing, even if he only lifts his foot a little bit the first time.
9. When he is reliably lifting his paw for a treat, add the word ‘shake’.
10. Gradually phase out the treats, so he only gets a treat intermittently once you are sure he knows the trick.

Only practice for 5-10 minutes every day, any longer and you will both get tired and frustrated. Always end on a positive note, if you are getting frustrated and your dog isn’t ‘getting it’, go back to an exercise he does know and reward him for that.

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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Heather Mitchell	347 0339
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