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North Shore Dog Training Club Newsletter Issue 3 - 2009

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*****Beginners competition*****

On Tuesday 6 October, in club break week, the club will hold a beginners competition for all NSDTC members who are competing in Elementary or haven't competed before. Instructors and other more experienced members will be available as mentors/buddies before and during the event. You have to have graduated from the Foundation agility class to enter the agility and fly events and from the basic domestic obedience class to enter the obedience. It's possible to enter 1, 2 or all 3 events. All will be at easy Elementary level. Get a form in the clubhouse to enter and have a fun evening with your dog!! The event starts at 6.45 pm.

12 September: Obedience Championship show at NSDTC:
Help on the day and/or a plate would be much appreciated!

Many thanks to Pub Charity for donating a generous \$10.000 for the purchase of two agility timing sets, which already have been put to very good use in the June competition!!

NSDTC now has a complaint procedure for members. This procedure is designed to deal with "in house" complaints not arising from any NZKC sanctioned event.

Congratulations!!! Members who have achieved 1st places since 1 June: **Congratulations!!!**

Obedience:

Titahi Bay: Karen Browning - Rowdy, test A
Counties: Jennie Hirst - Castor, test C
Allbreeds: Jenni Hirst - Castor, test C
Allbreeds: Joanne Turner - Cody, test A
Ardmore: Ruth Deacon - Dusky, test A
Ardmore: Debbie Powell - Bailey, Elementary
Ardmore: Annalise Francis - Peri, test B

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Paws2Music:

Ardmore: Kelly Daniel - Brody

Agility:

Counties: Hayley Hewlett - MacKenzie, Novice
Tauranga: Matilda van Rijnberk - Hiska, Jumpers C

Dog Profile

Kelly Daniel and Brody



June agility competition

It rained! But not for the whole show and by the time the first course was ready to walk, it was starting to clear. We had courses set up in super quick time, and our new electric timers (thanks to Pub Charities for the donation of funds to purchase these) with the displays got a lot of great feedback from both judges and competitors. We had lots of new North Shore members helping out with scribing etc. as well as the more experienced people lending a hand both inside and outside and the kitchen was as busy as ever. As always the smooth running of our shows is down to you the members of North Shore Dog Training Club and I believe a new record was set regarding the time the show finished. So to everyone, well done and thank you. You rock and I hope you are looking forward to the running of the next ribbon trial in November!

Three years ago I bought my gorgeous little puppy, knowing that he would need obedience training. I found his breeder on Trade Me, and one short year later he was on the plane from Christchurch. Brody had relatives that were obedience champions, and being half Border Collie - half Siberian Husky (Si-bord), he would need training to keep that big brain and hyper body under control! At the time I thought that this meant a few lessons, and nothing too serious – it wasn't like I was going to do competitions or anything!

So we started with puppy preschool to socialise Brody, and then went to the NSDTC domestic obedience class, where we learnt the basics. It was at about this point that I realised that my dog was going to need a lot more work... He was far too smart for his own good, constantly getting into trouble and escaping lots. We would get calls from people who had come home and found him in their house, or in the fully fenced back yard playing with their dogs or children's toys!

As Brody and I gradually passed through the various classes, I realised that we both really enjoyed obedience training. What I learnt was the obedience was not at all about the dog learning how to do things, rather it was all about me learning how to give the Brody the correct commands and cues. Brody loves it, because his brain and body are getting a workout and he's made great doggie friends! After graduating from the domestic obedience class, I was introduced to the world of competitive dog obedience and agility as well. And so I have become a 'Dog Geek'. We enter obedience and agility competitions, I have started instructing the club domestic obedience classes, and we have branched into another area of dog training: Heelwork to music. As made famous by Chelsea and her dog Quest on 'NZ's got talent', heelwork to music is making a routine where a handler and their dog perform different manoeuvres to music. This can be formal heelwork, or as Chelsea performed, freestyle where tricks are involved. This dog sport is relatively new, and although there are not as many competitions, it is very popular at various shows as a display item. It is also great fun getting to show off your dogs cool tricks! Brody is a very happy, bouncy, friendly dog, who absolutely loves coming to training. We have made great friends at club (both doggy and human), and I have a trained dog, who is so well behaved he is able to come to my work (a secondary school) with me.

Excessive Barking

Please do not allow your dogs to bark excessively at the clubgrounds. It is unfair to other members and our neighbours.
A copy of the club's barking policy is displayed on the notice board.

LOST PROPERTY

All lost property will be placed in the cupboard under the telephone and will be disposed of if not claimed within 3 months.

Club Shop

We have a range of leads, collars, dumbbells, toys, clickers, long lines, halti's etc. at very reasonable prices.
Please ask your instructor for advice.
Club shirts (dry-fit and cotton) are also available. Please have a look in the club-house.

In the agility classes there have been questions about dog sizes and the height that they jump in competition. Dogs can get measured by arrangement at several competitions.

*Dogs not exceeding 380mm in height are eligible to compete as mini dogs. The maximum height they will have to jump is 380 mm.

*Dogs exceeding 380 mm. but not exceeding 460mm in height are eligible to compete as midi dogs and jump 570 mm. maximum.

*All other dogs compete as maxi dogs and they jump no higher than 675 mm.

Interested in agility training?

Please contact Tess Bayly on 09 416 1704 or 027 4731 704
tessbayly@clear.net.nz

Your dog must be 12 months or more and have off-lead control.

Interested in flygility training?

Please talk to Joanne Turner or Sheeran Johnson. Your dog must be 12 months or more, have off-lead control and love (tennis) balls.

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