



Rapport

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"If the Inuit can have fifteen words for snow, maybe dogs can experience fifteen kinds of love.

John Bradshaw

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Region Rep's Rap

Hi all,

This issue of the "Rapport" is very late. I am sorry. Life just kind of got in the way. That Arend managed to distribute a region newsletter on a monthly basis is amazing. I will do my best to improve.

Right at the moment, the focus for the region is the National Dog Obedience Assembly in Porirua which starts in less than two days! My best wishes to everyone from the South Island who is heading north, especially those dogs and their handlers who have been selected to represent our region in the Teams Events, which are (afterall) the reason for this national event. Our great team will be led and managed by the inimitable Carol Lavery.

While the winning is wonderful, what is more important is the opportunity to be part of a great team, to engage in

friendly rivalry with the other regions and, at the end of the day, to all sit down and enjoy each other's company, regardless of where we all hark from.

The other important matter is, of course, the October vote. Please take the time to read the material (yes, I know there is a lot!!!) and to discuss it with other obedience people. Oh, and don't forget to vote. Please ensure that you send your votes to your club delegate before Monday 31st October. Please contact me if you are unsure who your club delegate is or if you have any questions about any of the remits up for voting.

Go the Southern Region Team (and the AB's)!

Jo Miller

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Congratulations

New Obedience Champion

Glenyse Pearse's Flirt (Flirtin' With Danger CDX UDX ADX TCQ JD) achieved Obedience Champion status at the Otago Canine Training Club show on the weekend of 24th and 25th September. I hear that Glenyse managed to avoid a wetting. I will publish a photo of the lovely Flirt just as soon as I remember to take a camera to club.

Rally-O Excellent Titles

At Taieri Canine Training Club's first Rally-O event on the weekend of 3rd and 4th September, Gay Bouterey's Angel (Ch. Saxilby Seraphine ADXB CDXS RA TCQ JD) and Diana O'Kane's Echo (Echo Valley of Lothlorien ADX CDXB RA) both received the final Rally-O Excellent qualifying certificate required for them to be awarded the title of Rally-O Excellent (RE).



Southern Region Meeting

**Saturday 10th
December 2011**

Prior to the Taieri Show
Venue and time to be confirmed

Upcoming Events:

- © 21-24 October: National Dog Obedience Assembly @ Porirua
- © 29/30 October: CCOC (Ch. Obedience & CD Trials) @ Christchurch
- © 19/20 November: SoDTC (Ch. Obedience, CD Trials & Rally-O Trials) @ Invercargill
- © 3/4 December: BDTc (Ch. Obedience) @ Blenheim
- © 10/11 December: TCTC (Ch. Obedience) @ Mosgiel



You can only use NZKC recognized titles on official entry forms.

What's Up, DOC?

The last Dog Obedience Committee meeting was held on 10th September in Wellington. Here is a summary of the meeting.

We had a discussion with Mark Signal who has been tasked with revamping the NZKC website. Specific obedience requirements were noted and it was agreed that there would be a link to the new obedience website once it is developed.

The draft constitution of the proposed Dog Trainers Association was discussed. We have asked Owen Dance to comment on some clauses.

The Grand Obedience Champion certificate is to be redesigned.

The feedback from the August discussion round was reviewed and amendments made to some remits. The following items have been distributed for voting by the obedience community:

- A rewrite of Regulation 4 and the addition of new Regulation 5: To more clearly define remits for voting and the process around it.
- A proposal to formalize the formation of the Working Trials Subcommittee.

- A remit to prevent handlers who have gained a CD or RN title from entering Novice A.
- A remit to change the criteria for entry to Rally-O classes to allow all dogs to be able to enter two classes.
- A remit defining the size, style and placement of Rally-O signs.
- A remit requiring all dogs to be brought into Rally-O rings on lead.
- A remit defining which Rally-O signs may be repeated in a course.
- A remit which defines the appointment of Rally-O Stewards and Timekeepers.

Judging promotions were discussed and approved. Nicky Hale (UK) has been approved to judge at the Rotorua DTC show in January 2012.

Helen Carter has been appointed to the Rally-O Subcommittee following the resignation of Jenny Rutherford. The Rally-O Starter Pack is almost ready for distribution.

Progress around the 2012 National Dog Show, 2011 NDOA and 2012 NDOA was reviewed.

NDOA Team

UD

 Dawn Prattley & Maiyah


WD

Carolyn Roberts & Harley

TD

Maria Frahm & K-Os

Special Beginners

 Liz Dixon & Hugo; Kristine Luyten & Chase

Novice

 Rhian Hart & Lilly; Arend van den Bos & Zip

Test A

 Heather Lauper & Bailey; Glenys Todd & Megan

Test B

 Alastair Kirk & Joker; Janice Kirk & Bramble

Test C

 Carol Lavery & Morgan; Helen McLellan & Duo

Flynn's Blog



Mum says I have to hurry up as she is running late. She and Dad are off to the endeeteaay 'cept that it's not called the endeeteaay anymore...it's called the endeooay. 'Parently, the endeeteaay is just for 'gility now. Go figure. Anyway, I don't get to do. Monty and me (and the Black and White Thing) have to stay at home. It sucks.

But, did you know that I got an now an array dog? That means I am veeery advanced. Mum is very proud. She told someone that array could mean roil earfores. Not sure what that means but it sounds important. My friends Echo and Angel are now arree dogs...Mum laughed and said that could be roil injunears. Mum says I have to tell you that the Black and White Things is also an array dog. As if anyone cares? Anyway, now I can get to go in eggsillint which means two jumps. Awesome!

Have to go now. See ya!

Southern Region Calendar

Please remember that in accordance with Dog Obedience Regulation 6.2.1, **ALL** official Obedience events must have prior approval from the Region Representative. This includes Ribbon Trials and Rally-O Events. When requesting for permission to do a CD Trial, you will need to specify what levels of CD you wish to provide for. For example, CD Bronze only, or CD Bronze and Silver etc. All of the following information is given in accordance with what information has been supplied to me by NZKC and various clubs at the time of writing. For this reason, an at least four month forecast is given, but subject to change.

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| • 21/24 National Dog Obedience Assembly (Wellington) | Obedience/Working Trials/Rally-O |
| • 29 October Canterbury Canine Obedience Club | Rally-O |
| • 29 October Canterbury Canine Obedience Club | CD, CD Silver & CD Gold |
| • 29/30 October Canterbury Canine Obedience Club | Championship Obedience |
| • 19/20 November Southland Dog Training Club | Rally-O |
| • 19/20 November Southland Dog Training Club | CD, CD Silver & CD Gold |
| • 19/20 November Southland Dog Training Club | Championship Obedience |
| • 26 November Otago Canine Training Club | Rally-O |
| • 27 November Otago Canine Training Club | Obedience Ribbon Trial |
| • 3/4 December Blenheim Canine Training Club | Championship Obedience |
| • 10/11 December Taieri Canine Training Club | Championship Obedience |

Puzzle Corner

Answers: 1) Spoce Invaders 2) Paradox

More next issue!

VAD ERS

**Doctor
Doctor**



Ribbon Trials are an important part of the obedience competition scene as they provide a great opportunity for handlers, judges and stewards to gain ring experience close to home. The Southern Region wants to encourage clubs to run Ribbon Trials for their members and, to this end, we no longer collect levies for these tests.

Southern Region Obedience Committee

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