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Feilding Dog Training Club show how it's done at the Manawatu A&P Show

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Display Dates: 5th and 6th November 2016

Venue: Manawatu A & P Show, Manfield, Feilding

Display Times: Saturday 12.30pm and 3.00pm

Sunday 1.00pm and 2.00pm

The Manawatu A&P Committee invited the Feilding Dog Training Club to participate in The Manawatu A&P Show with displays from the different codes. They provided us with a Marquee and an arena for our displays and the club provided two Agility displays on each day.

The Agility displays went for approximately half an hour. We aimed to show the community that dogs of all breeds and sizes, along with their handlers from beginners to experienced, can have fun learning the skills involved. We aimed to demonstrate how both handler and dog can enjoy training and how to develop a good understanding and bond with your dog. The displays drew quite a bit of interest and spectators appeared to enjoy them and over the weekend the club received enquiries from the public.

Overall the weekend went well and we feel that we have provided the community with a better understanding of the sport of Dog Agility and that anyone can do it. We feel that by promoting both



Agility and our club in the public arena that we have stirred up an interest in some people which will build on the sport for the future. Here is just a small sample of photos showing some of the action over the weekend.



Mangawhai Dog Training Club Agility Demo for Wellsford A&P show

On the 19th November, we headed down to Wellsford to put on an agility demo for everyone to watch. The A&P grounds are over a large area and we were allocated a nice size ring. We arrived with dogs of all sizes (micro to maxi) so could demonstrate a variety of sizes and different breeds of dogs doing agility. A couple of our younger members could show off their agility skills, as well as the great relationship they have with their dogs. The people watching could see dogs and people enjoying the sport of agility. We had the use of a loud speaker so we could explain what we were doing with the change of height and a bit about each dog and handler. A very enjoyable and successful day.

