

Agility

Nelson Dog Training Club



Every Queens Birthday weekend Nelson Dog Training Club holds its biggest show of the year, and one of the biggest, in terms of classes, on offer in the South Island.

With triple Agility, Jumpers, AD and ADX as well as triple Obedience, Rally-O and all 3 levels of CD trials, there really is something for everyone.

In 2019 we have Susan and Steve Tansey and Carole Logan judging the agility side of our show.

The first Queens Birthday shows were held in conjunction with the Blenheim Canine Training Club.

Each year we alternated between having one day in Nelson, and two in Blenheim, two in Nelson and one in Blenheim.

We also alternated the holding on the December show, whichever club had only one day in June ran the two day December Show.

In 2011 it was agreed between the two clubs that Nelson would hold the 3 day Queens Birthday show, and Blenheim would hold the December show, which is how it still is to this day.

Each year we pride ourselves on running an action packed, smooth and time efficient show, all while only running two agility rings – the impending darkness of the winter nights help to keep everything, and everyone moving!

This can be a challenge, being a small club of approximately 90 members who are spread over the 3 disciplines and with the large entries that the show attracts.

But each year we manage to get all classes completed before darkness falls. We are very grateful for all the help that is given by out of towners who pitch in wherever needed, and those who come, not to participate, but to help over the weekend.

With friendly club members, great grounds, stalls for a spot of shopping, awesome raffles and amazing Top Dog prizes, and not to forget the great judges and courses, Nelson Dog Training Club's Queens Birthday show is the place to be!

We look forward to welcoming you to Nelson in June 2019

Claire Smith

Roselle Bremmers and Quiz (with young Teaz stealing the limelight)
winning Top Dog at Nelson



Gisborne

Dog Training Club

Another Queen's Birthday weekend, another Gizzy show!

Once again I will be packing up and making the long trip to Gisborne for their annual agility event.

Agility in Gizzy is on the increase, with new members coming along in the last few years.

I am always mindful of how lucky I am in the Waikato to be able to attend so many events within a 2 hour drive of home. Not everyone is so lucky and those from Gisborne usually face a daunting trip to get to any event. This is why I always try my best to get to the Gisborne show, so I can support what is one of the most remote events in the North Island. For many, it has become an annual show not to be missed – although it's a bit of a drive it's one of the most fun shows around. Held at the spacious A&P Showgrounds, there is room aplenty for dogs to compete, and also go for a decent run to burn off any extra energy.

This year I will be judging, alongside Fiona Hodgson and Chris Moody. The Gisborne show always has a bit of different feel from others for North Islanders.

We have become pretty used to big events with multiple rings and a bit of pressure to keep things moving so the show finishes at a decent hour. Gisborne is a bit of a smaller event, but this gives it a more relaxed and enjoyable feel. Everyone tends to pitch in with course set up and doing the jobs required to keep things moving along. In some ways, it makes the event feel a bit "old school" in the best possible way, going back to an era where not everyone was in such a rush and had time to help out and catch up with people. It's also one of the few shows around these parts where agility and obedience are both happening at the same time, which is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and even attempt two disciplines in the same weekend for the truly skilled or ambitious!

Gizzy have done a great job in adapting their event to entice people to come along, getting extra gear in from clubs in the Hawkes Bay, adding jumpers, and now a Ribbon Trial on the Monday to encourage people to stay on an extra night.

If you have ever thought about going to Gizzy but been put off by the drive, you need to add it to your agility calendar. A great location, crew and atmosphere, it is a show not to be missed.

Nick Chester



Becks Holland and Aero winning Top Dog at Gisborne

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