



2022 NEW ZEALAND DOG AGILITY CHAMPS

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2022 NZDAC results

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After three long years, NZDAC came back. What a rollercoaster ride it was during 2020 and 2021 with the scenarios that played out, due to COVID-19 and government restrictions on gatherings. We watched with interest and dismay as the Zone 2 committee battled with the problems and got so close and at the end of 2021 finally gave up. Our hearts go out to them for all the hard work they did.

As we waited for our turn, we changed our mind about the venue — originally the event was to be held in Amberley — but the premier venue that we had almost on our doorstep (Waimakariri Dog Training Club grounds) seemed a much more sensible idea and we were very privileged to use the main sports field at the Mandeville Sports Club to hold our event. I think that decision paid off, as we received nothing but compliments about the spacious grounds.

Even by December 2021 we weren't sure if we were going to go ahead with our Zone 4 NZDAC in 2022, and enthusiasm was low, with all of us having COVID-19 fatigue. By March, things were looking a little more positive with the removal of many restrictions and suddenly we were in the position where this was going to happen, and we had little time to make it so.

The committee set to, and it was full steam ahead from that time onwards, with many long meetings. At times it seemed like it would never come together, but everyone stepped up to their assigned tasks and did them with enthusiasm, and the parts became a cohesive whole.

The weather behaved itself — the sun shone most days, although the wind was cold at times — and we just about managed to get through without the southerly arriving, although the Jumpers Finals were a little chilly. There was plenty of room between rings, and

the ring entry system designed by Tim Conolly worked magically. The event could not have happened without the help of Zone 4 and Zone 5 clubs — thank you — and the many people who weren't running dogs but who came along to help. I hesitate to mention individuals but there were some who worked very hard all weekend. Our Zone is a large geographical area that runs from Nelson and Blenheim at the top of the South Island down to Ashburton, an hour south of Christchurch. By far, most people in our zone come from the five clubs within the greater Christchurch area and it was a struggle for some of the smaller outlying clubs to get enough helpers, but we managed it.

We could not hold an event without our sponsor and our judges, so a huge thank you to Purina Pro Plan for the most amazing sponsorship, and to our judges — Allan Rohde, Campbell List, Dave Cook, Fiona Hodgson, Karen de Wit, Kevin Burnette, Libby Ellery, Lloyd Palleson, Meredith Evans and Wayne Grant — who put down some lovely courses and worked so hard so that we could run our dogs. You are much appreciated.

One of our judges decided to do himself an injury skiing, but carried on regardless, so a special mention to Cam List, and also a shout out to Bronwen Burnette, who fell badly and broke her ankle in one of the Novice courses. We hope you recover quickly.

We hope you enjoyed your Zone 4 NZDAC. Congratulations to all those who achieved something, whether it was a personal goal or a spot on the podium. We are all looking forward to Morrinsville in 2023. 🐾

Sue McKee

Secretary, NZDAC 2022 Committee



NZDAC 2022 Committee Members, left to right:

Back row: Louise Jamieson, Isobel Syme, Heather Hood, Debbie Woods, Misha Baxter, Jess Tansey, Delia Teesdale, Sally-Ann Hickling, Kirsty Boyd-Wilson, Jan Evans-Freeman.

Front row: Sandra van Kempen, Sandra McHugh, Tim Conolly, Sue McKee, Marg Colgan, Sarah Cole.

Absent: Mia Beswick (show secretary off doing important stuff).

Photo: Jan Evans-Freeman.



Agility Champ of Champs: Jess Tansey & Rapid. Runner-up

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Jumpers Champ of Champs: Hayley Rohde & Victory. Runner-up





Finals

Left-right, top-bottom

Senior: Judge Allan Rohde, Overall winner Caitlin Frater & Enzyme
Intermediate: Judge Fiona Hodgson, Overall winner Donna Tofts & Flirt
Novice: Judge Dave Cook, Overall winner Lucinda Robertson & Hero
Starters: Judge Cam List, Overall winner Paige Catlin-Maybury & Tyme
Jumpers A: Judge Libby Eller, Overall Dyson Beasley & Atlas
Jumpers B: Judge Wayne Grant, Overall winner Emily Taylor & Loaf
Jumpers C: Judge Lloyd Palleson, Overall winner Tracey Page & Phoenix

Interzone Team Winners

Left-right, top-bottom

Zone 1, Zone 2, Zone 3, Zone 4, Zone 5, and Junior Dog Training.

Did You Know?

Next NZDAC is
Morrinsville in
2023

Ian Gray Trophy Team NZDAC Flygility winners, from left to right: Carole Logan with Tess; Glenda Moody with Asha; and Rea Evans with Blitz. The judge was Anne Godfrey and the photo was taken by Carol O'Connor.





Top Dogs

Left-right, top to bottmo: 240 Gail Bramley & Kiwa; 300 Caitlin Frater & Enzyme; 500 Caitlin Frater & Seismic; and 600 Jess Tansey & Risk.

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The committee at work... and crashed after a busy four days!