

# Agility

## New Zealand Dog Agility Champs

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Take the Lead Ambassadors Dyson Beasley and Karen Morrison pictured with Miranda Stevens from Purina Pro Plan.

If only we had a crystal ball.

When the Zone 2 NZDAC 2020 Committee was formed back in April of 2019 nobody could foresee what was about to transpire over the following two-plus years. With a great committee in place, and a stunning venue secured, we had huge plans and enthusiasm to deliver a great Agility competition with a fun, relaxed atmosphere.

COVID-19 had other ideas!

Early in 2020, Dogs New Zealand cancelled all national events. COVID-19 had us all on tenterhooks. It was agreed that we would postpone the event and have another crack in 2021. Another year later, with some new committee members, we were ready to go. We tried, we tried again, and again, to bring New Zealand a national Agility event. But it just wasn't meant to be.

It's fair to say the appetite of the Zone 2 committee to run anything by this stage was zilch. The disappointment after two years of trying was evident. But out of the ashes, and with a little encouragement,

the Zone 2 Benefit Show was born.

Over the weekend of 3-4 December 2021, Zone 2 ran a Benefit Show to recoup costs incurred from the NZDAC x three that weren't. We were almost expert in event management by this stage! Uncertainty was still rife as to what framework we would run under so we erred on the side of caution and limited our numbers to 100. Fortunately, all that had kept their entries in got a handling place.

It was an amazing weekend with hot weather, great courses, exceptional prizes and sponsorship, and fabulous goodie bags.

The photos with this article offer a little look at just some of the teams that took away prizes over the weekend. We were very proud to host Purina Pro Plan's Miranda Stevens over the weekend. She really deserves a special mention for the next level support she has



Shelby Thompson (left) looking delighted with her prize in JC with Max.

Molly Gordon (right) proudly showcasing her success with her dog Buck. Molly was also the recipient of our Take the Lead Gamechanger Award for December. Well done Molly!



The Switch on Agilty team, handled by Dyson Beasley, had a very successful weekend!



Danielle Koningsveld & Kyra had a great weekend!

given to our sport. The Purina Pro Plan sponsorship was outstanding.

The Zone 2 Committee really deserves a round of applause for their commitment, unwavering support and positive attitude through the two years of COVID-19 chaos. They certainly now how to pitch in and bring a wonderful, well-run and relaxed event to our Agility community.

We are very much looking forward to the Zone 4 NZDAC later this year and wish the committee members all the best with their event planning in this crazy world. 🐾

Karen Morrison

