



2023 NEW ZEALAND DOG AGILITY CHAMPS

MORRINSVILLE | 20 - 23 OCTOBER | MORRINSVILLE RECREATION GROUNDS

NZDAC 2023

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The Zone 1 NZDAC committee initiated the planning process for this years New Zealand Dog Agility Championships over 18 months ago.

Our first task was to find a suitable location for the event. Local committee members suggested Morrinsville Recreation Ground, which turned out to be a fantastic venue with ample space for all our needs. Thank you Matamata-Piako District Council for the use of your grounds. The committee then worked diligently to organise the rest of the event, holding numerous long meetings. At times, it seemed like it would never come together, but everyone stepped up to their assigned tasks with enthusiasm, and all the pieces came together seamlessly.

Alan McClumpha served as the MC for the weekend, keeping everyone well informed and entertained. Lara Tompsett and Caitlin Frater did an outstanding job as Show Managers, and at the same time achieved remarkable results with their dogs.

With 373 competitors and 661 dogs, there was plenty of space between the rings. The ring entry system, designed and managed by ShowSec (Diana and Scott Gausden), worked flawlessly. ShowSec has used live results within Zone 1 since 2019 and also for NZDAC 2023. Scott spent several months writing code and two weeks building additional hardware to bring six rings to a broader audience than those ringside. With a team of 15 wonderful scribes, this brought live results for all the classes, live pages for the Interzone Teams and Interclub scoring, as well as a live result overlay from the webcams, so the viewers at home could see the results for the dog they just watched on the screen.

The weather co-operated, with sunny days throughout the event, except for a brief thunderstorm that occurred during the Agility finals. Fortunately, luck was on our side as it cleared in time for the prize-giving.

Zone 1 encompasses the upper North Island down to the Waikato. All our clubs took on a significant amount of work. To manage the rings effectively, we divided the responsibility among attending members, ensuring that each ring had a similar number of personnel to manage the six rings. Everyone noticed how smoothly the rings operated, and the judges rarely needed to pick up dropped rails. The event was only successful with the support of Zone 1 clubs, and we extend our gratitude to them and the many individuals who, though not running dogs, came to offer their assistance.

An event like this wouldn't have been possible without our sponsors and judges. We express our immense gratitude to Purina Pro Plan for their amazing sponsorship, PD Pet

Photographs: Brya Igram Photography.



Agility Champ of Champs: Denise Ockey and Ruby, judge Carl Ranford



Jumpers Champ of Champs: David Cook and Zag. With runner-up Caitlin Frater and Enzyme, judge Martin Bush

Insurance and to the ring sponsors (Property Brokers, Brandt, Edmonds Marchall Lawyers, Accell Animal Therapy, and Peak Financial Services).

Thank you to our dedicated judges. They not only designed wonderful courses but also worked tirelessly to ensure the event's success. Also a big shout out to the scribes that worked all weekend and our photographer, Brya Igram. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

We hope that everyone enjoyed their Zone 1 NZDAC experience. Congratulations to all those who achieved their personal goals or earned a spot on the podium. We're eagerly looking forward to Trentham Memorial Park in Upper Hutt for NZDAC 2024.

Sarah Hayton
Zone 1 2023 Chair



Matamata-Piako Mayor Adrienne Wilcock, above
MC Alan McClumpha, right



NZDAC 2023 judges: Justine Dale, Janette Davis, Carl Ranford, Martin Bush, Jess Tansey, Sharon Wagner, Joanne Rennell, Keri Neilson, Graeme Jefferies, Paul Taylor, Darren Johanson.



JDT Handler of the Year Over 12 Novice: Briana Edwards and Xia (above), judge Janette Davis (and below)





Top Dogs: 240 Lisa Duff & Bang, 320 Caitlin Frater & Enzyme, 380 Julia Heiss & Kira, 500 Hayley Rohde & Victory, 600 Hayley Rohde & Hint.



Novice Final, judge Jinnie Gailey: 240 Lisa Duff & Bang; 320 Keri Neilson & Dance; 380 Julia Heiss & Kira; 500 Phil Johnson & Proof (overall); 600 Erin Ball & Fizz.



Senior Final, judge Darren Johanson: 240 Louie Chang & Bo; 320 Caitlin Frater & Enzyme; 380 Natasha Coulter & Pascalle; 500 Lisa Duff & Rise (overall); 600 Erin Ball & Whiskey.



Starters Final, judge Sharon Wagener: 240 Ingrid Armit & Oscar; 500 Wendy Statham & Tonic; 600 Hayley Rohde & Hint (overall).



Intermediate Final judge Keri Neilson: 240 Louie Chang & Bo; 320 Caitlin Frater & Enzyme (overall); 380 Edward Schulberg Whisky; 500 Dyson Beasley & Atlas; 600 Kathryn Sutton & Shock.



Jumpers A Final, judge Jess Tansey: 240 Julie Palmer & Max; 320 Caitlin Frater & Enzyme (overall); 380 Edward Schulberg & Whisky; 500 Lisa Duff & App; 600 Hayley Rohde & Script.



Jumpers B Final, judge Paul Taylor: Small Jenna Kennedy & Beau; 500 Briana Edwards & Xia (overall); 600 Stephanie Butler & Winnie.



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Jumpers C, judge Justine Dale: 240 Louie Chang & Bibi; 300 Inah Mundy & Disney; 500 Paige Yearbury & Ocean; 600 Leni Koper & Rev (overall).

Interzone Winners



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NZDAC 2023 Committee: Diana Gausden (Secretary and Show Secretary), Lara Tompsett (Joint Show Manager), Helen McGrinder, Kim Edwards, Heather Warren, Jenni Bramley, Matilda van Rijnberk, Thelma Martin, Pascalene Houseman, Natalie McDonald, Ceri Tarry (Treasurer), Caitlin Frater (Joint Show Manager), Sarah Hayton (Chair), Natalie Greaves, plus the individuals on the sidelines, Kelly Daniel, Joanne Dale and Scott Gausden.