



# 2024 NEW ZEALAND DOG AGILITY CHAMPS

UPPER HUTT | 25 — 28 OCTOBER | TRENTHAM MEMORIAL PARK

## NZDAC 2024

With NZDAC 2024 a wrap it is a great opportunity to reflect on a memorable event. One question that comes to mind is “Why did the members of NZDAC 2024 organising committee put their hand up in the first place?”

We had a focus on achieving a number of key goals to ensure the event was unforgettable — and it was for all the wrong reasons!

We wanted to:

- Deliver a world-class competitive event by inviting highly respected judges, delivering innovative and exciting courses.
- Create a strong sense of community by fostering a spirit of camaraderie and inclusion among competitors, volunteers and sponsors.
- Support dog welfare by prioritising the health and well-being of the dogs throughout the event.
- Encourage youth involvement in dog Agility, helping to build the next generation of competitors.
- Ensure that the event runs smoothly from start to finish.
- Make sure that NZDAC remained the pinnacle event in the Agility calendar.
- Ensure that the event was welcoming and inclusive of all competitors, regardless of age, background, or ability.
- Provide a venue second to none.

In many ways we delivered most of our goals, but not always in the way we intended.

‘No plan survives contact with the enemy’ is a classic quote from Helmuth von Moltke the Elder, and it perfectly sums up the challenges the event organisers faced when unforeseen obstacles —

such as heavy, constant rain and high winds. While it’s frustrating to have to adapt to the weather, the key was being flexible and prepared.

When faced with unexpected challenges our committee made smart, dynamic decisions in the moment. This was the absolute key to keeping things moving forward and ensuring the success of the event. What a team we had. The organising committee was able to adapt quickly and efficiently, prioritising the most important aspects of the event without losing momentum.

We had a large number of people and dogs on site, with 385 competitors and 677 dogs entered.

We had a wonderful MC, Jude Taylor, keeping people informed throughout, and a fantastic range of stall holders and food vendors to meet people’s retail and food needs.

Our judges were fabulous — standing out in the weather and mud, judging competitors for hours at a time, all with smiles on their faces. And our Zone 3 clubs worked incredibly hard in tough conditions, showing their flexibility when classes needed to be moved.

And the venue? Would have been exceptional in better weather with amazing off lead walks accessible directly from the grounds.

So why did we volunteer? Ultimately, the intrinsic rewards of volunteering, such as fulfilment, connection, and the joy of contributing to something meaningful, outweighed the negative aspects.

As we hand over to the Zone 5 organising committee, we wish them the best for the coming year, and look forward to NZDAC in Cromwell in 2025. 🐾

*Wayne Turner*

*Zone 3 2024 Chair*



### Agility Champion of Champions:

Toni Joll & Onyz

Runner up: Roselle Bremmers & Teaz



### Jumpers Champion of Champions:

Caitlin Frater & Enzyme

Runner up: Lisa Duff & App

**Senior Final** Judge Dean Crossthwaite



- 240 Helen Kim & Allie
- 320 Caitlin Frater & Enzyme
- 380 Edward Schulberg & Whiskey
- 500 Hayley Rohde & Hint
- 600 Nikayla Hart & Dreamer
- Overall winner** Hayley Rohde & Hint

**Intermediate Final** Judge Sallie Remon



- 240 Rose Craigie & Grace
- 320 Emily Taylor & Loaf
- 380 Edward Schulberg & Whiskey
- 500 Hayley Rohde & Victory
- 600 Caitlin Williams & May
- Overall winner** Hayley Rohde & Victory

**Novice Final** Judge Lloyd Pallesen



- 240 Louie Chang & Bibie
- 320 Sandra Banks & Tonic
- 380 Lauren Broadhead & Pikachu
- 500 Kevin Burnette & Kizmet!
- 600 Alex Clarke & Rata
- Overall winner** Kevin Burnette & Kizmet!

**Starters Final** Judge Donna Tofts



- 240 Lionel Russell & Indy (not pictured)
- 320 Sandra Kressierer & Jersey
- 380 Jo Allen & Honey (not pictured)
- 500 Frazer Delamere & Bailey
- 600 Heather Hood & Stride
- Overall winner** Frazer Delamere & Bailey

**Jumpers A Final** Judge Emi Hinago



- 320 Caitlin Frater & Enzyme
- 380 Edward Schulberg & Whiskey
- 500 Natalie Joll & Indie
- 600 Jill Morley & Tee
- Overall winner** Caitlin Frater & Enzyme

**Jumpers B Final** Judge Wayne Grant



- 320 Ashton McDonald & Louie
- 500 Tanja Leggett-Hilmarsdottir & Thruma (not pictured)
- 600 Sallie Remon & Motto
- Overall winner** Sallie Remon & Motto

*Jumpers C Final next page...*



### Jumpers C - Judge Liz Barlow



240 Sharon Bowers & Kiwi

320 Carl Ranford & Tag

380 Kara Macdermid & Moss (not pictured)

500 Kade Cuff & Nyx

600 Tammy Wolland & Belle (not pictured)

Overall winner Carl Ranford & Tag

### JDT Handler of the Year Over 12 Novice



Winner: Isabella Humphrey & Ellie

Runner Up: Kade Cuff & Nyx

### Interzone Teams Winner: Zone 2



Heather McGrannachan & Sookie

Edward Echulberg & Whisky

Louise Sandford & Ash

Natasha Hoogstraten & Boujee

Dee Ockey, team manager holding shield

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### Top Dogs



240 Fiona Mitchell & Carly

320 Caitlin Frater & Enzyme

380 Cherie Saunders & Ayla-May

500 Kade Cuff & Nyx

600 Hayley Rohde & Script

### JDT Handler of the Year Experienced



Winner: Jess Wilkinson & Zoom

Runner Up: Stephanie Butler & Winnie

### Interclub Winner: My Jersey Blues



Sandra Kressierer & Jersey

Martin Bush & Mystique

Eileen Goldsmith & Blue Boo



Flygility winners: Low Flyers



Sandra Banks & Tonic  
Janice Aldridge & Jordie  
Gavin Banks & Dream



All Flygility ribbon winners



# MUSEUM TRUST

Dogs New Zealand is served by a small group of volunteers dedicated to preserving its history. Executive Council agreed at its April 2018 meeting that a standard advertisement should be placed in each edition of the *NZ Dog World* highlighting the names of those involved, with contact details set out should any member wish to donate items and/or monies to the Trust, or to make general enquiries.

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Further to the above, any member wishing to make a bequest in their will specific to the Dogs New Zealand Museum Trust should contact the chairperson, Keith Brown, to discuss this matter and any conditions they may wish to have applied to such a bequest. 🐾