

Waikato Canine Obedience Club Inc.

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What a great day!

The Waikato Canine Obedience Club held its first Ribbon Trial in a number of years recently.

This proved to be a great day with people travelling from far and wide to compete. Several of our club members competed successfully also. It was great to see one of our newer members, currently in our Intermediate class, step up and have a go. Well done Greg!

One of our committee members, Robyn entered and kindly offered to write about her day:

No 1!

The first to sign up for our first show in some time - I thought I would be. In fact I was both No 1 and No 2 as I'd decided to enter in 2 rings, Special Beginners and Novice. Special Beginners was early in the day and I thought that I'd rather be in and out quickly than waiting around for ages to complete. Get it over with then no time for stewing.

The rings looked great, the food smelt great and the judges and competitors had arrived and brought the fantastic weather

First up - Special Beginners. The Judge and Steward were ready on time to call the course, so we would know what was in store for us. Ebony and I worked into the ring and waited for the steward's blurb before we could commence. Heelwork on lead, heelwork off lead, recall and later the stays (after the others had completed their heelwork). I was pleased with my dog's work in the ring but noticed she was starting to drift back a bit so I told her off in the ring (correction). For this, we lost some points but we still came 3rd!

Novice was later in the morning (similar to Special beginners but includes a retrieve), the heat was increasing for both me and my black dog. This time we did not do so well and I let the judge know partway through that I had converted to training. It was a great day with great people and great dogs, always a good mix. Thanks to all those who were organising machines.

My payback for being No 1, the first to enter our show was to write an article - see, I should have kept my big mouth shut!



Greg & Mille



Lennie & Bella



Kirstie & Trixie



Robyn & Ebony

2008 Term Dates and Enrolments

Term 1	29 th January - 1 st April
Term 2	29 th April - 1 st July
Term 3	22 nd July - 23 rd September
Term 4	14 th October - 16 th Dec

You should have received an invite for the next course in Week Eight. Each term spaces fill fast, so be sure to get your enrolments for Term 2 to Sherie by the end of Assessment night on Tuesday, 1 April.

You will also receive some instructor assessment forms. This is your opportunity to give us feedback on how you felt the instructors and assistants helped you and your dog to learn the exercises. These forms are very important to us to identify training issues or places where we can improve to provide a better service. Please take your time to fill these forms in a return them to us.

All handlers who complete these forms go into a draw for a wonderful dog prize, drawn on assessment night.

Sausage Sizzle

As always, there will be an end of term sausage sizzle as a celebration of your success at the end of assessment night.

You are more than welcome to stay after your assessment with your family and friends.



Holidays

It is important remember that like us, our dogs need holidays too. Over the break give your dogs a couple of weeks rest from training. This doesn't mean it's okay to forget the rules though!

We're online!

Check us out at www.dogobedience.co.nz

GreatWebsites.co.nz have done a fantastic job designing our new online presence and we're very proud of it. Give Dannie a call if you'd like a flash new look for your company too.

Congratulations

To Brenda who married Jeff on Friday, March 28th.

Starting Times

Handlers are reminded that next term, Intermediate classes start (with your dog) at 7.45pm with Domestic Development classes start at 6.30pm.

New Product

Lennie has recently discovered what she thinks is a very exciting new product. For those of you who've had enough of dog hair everywhere, you might like to try out the FURminator. This brush removes the loose hair in your dog's coat that other brushes can't.

See Lennie for a demo – you'll be amazed!

Obedience Results

Andrew Rabbitt & Gemma:

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| 4 th Special Beginners | WCOC Ribbon Trial |
| 3 rd Elementary | WCOC Ribbon Trial |

Lennie Williams & Bella:

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| 4 th Elementary | WCOC Ribbon Trial |
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Robyn Hutton & Ebony:

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| 3 rd Special Beginners | WCOC Ribbon Trial |
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