



Hamilton Dog Obedience Club Inc.

Term 3, 2014

Introducing John Muir - HDOC Life Member

John joined HDOC in 1974. He has been on the Committee for many of those years and has held all executive positions except Secretary!

John instructed for many years when the club was very strong in Competitive Obedience. He trained a Miniature Poodle and a Border Collie to Obedience Champ status (also was a Breed Champ). He also trained another Border Collie to attain Agility Champion, who was NZ's first Dual Champion in Obedience & Agility (his wife Raewyn did the Obedience bit!).

A Life Member of the New Zealand Kennel Club (NZKC), John has made a huge contribution to Competitive Obedience and Agility in NZ. John was Zone 1 Rep for four years and NZKC Obedience Chairman for four years. He's been an Obedience Judge since 1979 and an Agility Judge when agility was recognized by NZKC in the mid-1980s. John was the first New Zealand Judge to be invited to Singapore, and has now judged in Singapore three times.



John's kennel name for breeding is "Jalain", which has produced quite a number of Obedience & Agility Champions.

Thanks John for the huge contribution you make to our club!

Have your say about Hamilton's Dog Exercise Areas

Hamilton City Council has developed a proposal for dog exercise areas across the city and wants to know what regular park users think about the proposal. It includes fencing for some areas (including our own Melville Park), improving existing areas, and adding new dog exercise areas.

Get your submissions in by Friday 3 October - just go to www.hamilton.govt.nz/dogparks to view the proposal and give your feedback.

Pet Blessing Service

St Peter's Cathedral (the big one at the south end of Victoria Street) is holding a pet blessing ceremony on Sunday 5 October at 9.45am.

You don't have to be a churchgoer to attend - all animals and owners are welcome. (Even a photograph if you can't bring your beloved pet, or he or she is no longer with us.) It's a longstanding tradition to remember the life of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals.

LIC - what's that?

LIC: remember the three items you're legally required to have when out in public with your dog:

- Lead
- Item for picking up after your dog (e.g. a plastic bag)
- Current registration tag

Dogs in cars

Now that the warmer months are here, it's time for a gentle reminder not to leave your pooch in the car! The inside of a car can get up to 50 degrees within 30 minutes - even in the shade with the windows down.

Remember to carry water and an old ice cream carton when you're out and about with your dog - and if you see a dog in a hot car in distress, call the police or SPCA immediately.

Dr Sophia Yin

HDOC was saddened this week to learn of the sudden death of well-known animal behaviourist, Dr Sophia Yin, whose scientific, positive training techniques form the basis of much of our club's training philosophy.

Members of HDOC were lucky enough to attend a workshop with her in 2012, and all came away with some great new understanding of dog training techniques.

Her passing is a huge loss to the dog training community.

Competition Obedience

There are five levels to Competitive Obedience, plus the basic Elementary.

Basis Elementary is for beginners. The test starts with on-lead heelwork and a one-minute sit and down stay (facing your dog). When you've won one Elementary, you'll move up to Special Beginners.

Visit <http://www.hdoc.org.nz/competition> to learn more.

Interested in trying Competitive Obedience? Talk to your HDOC instructor about competing at the club's Annual Champ Show.

Want to know more about Championship Obedience or interested in giving it a go? Visit our Champ Show!

Annual HDOC Champ Show

Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 November 2014

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Term 2	Wednesday 22 April	Wednesday 1 July