

AWHERO CANINE ACADEMY

NOVICE TRIAL - May 2019 - MANGAWHAI

In May Awhero Canine Academy held our first novice nosework trial, we used SSANZ rules, SSANZ have been helping me along the way and I was super excited to be able to use the rules that they are carefully constructing. For me, as a first-time organiser, this was very helpful, I look forward to running more SSANZ trials in the future. Please when you get a chance thank these people for giving up so much of their time, it is such a mammoth project.

We were lucky with the weather for our first trial, it was sunny and not too windy, we had a couple of squally showers roll through at 'just the right time' to not affect the day.

We had a great turn out and every team enjoyed some success throughout the day. Over half of the teams 'trailing' qualified, Gaye Stammers from Waitakaruru and Java were our overall Fastest qualifiers with four correct searches.

We had a novelty pairs event with a prize going to the pair of dogs (pre chosen by the handlers) with the fastest combined time, on the lowest score, in the exterior search the winners were 'the princess's' Glenys Browns Fli and Ellisia Cleaves Poppy. This added a little bit of extra team work to the day.

The addition of a shared lunch brought everyone together and I felt helped us end what is an individual experience as a group and it was a real neat vibe to walk into after collating the scores.

Thank you to Mighty mix dog food and Shan's Leads for your lovely sponsorship.

The winner of the raffle was Anna-Maree, our photographer.

Qualifiers:

1058 Ben	1052 Eywa
1071 Fli	1053 Holly
1007 Java	1047 Mickey
1003 Mila	1044 Moko
1073 Pepper	1057 Poppy