

HYBRID TRAINING / K9 KITEA SCENT NOVICE TRIAL - 30 November / 1 December 2019

Crazy or brave, Kelly and I weren't quite sure when we decided to co-run a double Novice nosework trial together under the Hybrid Dog Training (Kelly) and K9 Kitea Scent (Gaye) banners in Hamilton 30 Nov and 1 December.

Oh, and then we also decided to try and fit in a fun nosework game and a SSANZ member's meeting as well!

We were lucky enough to secure two amazing venues that allowed for two searches to be run concurrently and having two judge's judge one each allowed for the day to run efficiently with team's completing one search and then onto the next.

Rototuna Junior High was used on the Saturday and AgResearch Centre on the Sunday. We were quite short of helper's, so we utilised the concept of a "walkthrough" with all the handler's before judging commenced so that everyone knew where to be and where the search areas were and what to expect. This allowed for the trial to run with minimal time spent by judge's having to explain to each handler the search parameters, which meant that both days the trial finished just before lunch.

I want to say thanks heaps to those that stepped up and helped over the weekend, it meant a lot to me because I'm not good at asking for help and to have so many volunteers to assist was awesome. We also had 3 wonderful students from the Rototuna Junior High help over the weekend too.

Our Judge's came from different scent work backgrounds, Peter Crocker is currently the Training Director of K9 Medical Dogs, Kerry Johnson works with detection dogs and the Auckland Council and Karen Drummond trains Truffle Dogs.

Team's made a weekend of it with handler's traveling from as far as Wellington, possible the only negative was some of us struggled to find local accommodation when we left it to the last minute to secure it...a lesson learned!

We had 18 team's trial on Saturday and 15 teams qualified, Sunday we had 17 teams and 13 teams qualified. Although we recognised those that excelled in the individual searches and overall, I think all the teams did amazing work to qualify and those that didn't still took the best dog home.

Qualifiers Hybrid

1001 Halley	1002 Shadow	1003 Mila	1020 Chance	1021 Piri
1039 Dexter	1040 Zico	1045 Thula	1052 Eywa	1053 Holly
1054 Pace	1055 Storm	1058 Ben	2043 Bess	

Qualifiers Kitea

1002 Shadow	1003 Mila	1020 Chance	1021 Piri	1026 Lady
1039 Dexter	1040 Zico	1045 Thula	1051 Chace	1052 Ewya
1054 Pace	1055 Storm			