

MINUTES OF THE CANINE GOOD CITIZEN COMMITTEE

HELD ON SUNDAY 26 MAY 2024

PRESENT: Lucy Sandford-Reed, Merenia Donne, Chris Tew, Sue Howe, Kat Thorstand

APOLOGIES: Arend van den Bos

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Lead the Way questions have not yet appeared. Kat to edit questions in Word format.
- Stopping the dog – 30 second stop for dog has not been included in the manual. Lucy to chase up.
- Kat has sent a report to DogsNZ for inclusion in the Year Book.
- Cafe exercise – Kat to prepare a paper for EC, this to be sent to committee first for approval.
- Silver and Gold stop the dog – It was noted the purpose of this exercise is to be able to stop the dog heading to a hazard. It was felt the difference between silver and gold exercise needed to be defined. It was noted the gold exercise needs to be conducted in a public place. The silver exercise can be conducted with the dog moving back towards the handler and given the command to stop. In the gold exercise the handler can send the dog to an object, for example toy or mat, and must stop before it gets to the object, this to be at least 10 metres away.
- Future meetings – It was agreed that in future meetings this committee shall consider at least one exercise to assess its appropriateness and consistency starting with stop the dog.
- Lead length – A query had been raised about the length of the lead permitted. It was felt what mattered was the position of the dog to the handler, the dog should remain comfortably with the handler.
- Urban programme – Document to be reformatted.
- CGCB assessors – It was noted the list on the website only contains the names of the assessors approved by the committee. Assessors originally on the list have disappeared. This to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Exam for foundation and bronze is on the website. There are no questions for silver and gold as yet. This to be left to next meeting.
- Hawera instructors – some instructors at the Hawera Club wish to become assessors.
- Quick sheets for assessment day are to be loaded on to the website.

Next meeting to be advised, maybe 30 June