

Classes Available

Puppy Class

Basic Obedience / Advanced Puppy

Rally-O

Pre-Agility

Basic Agility

Competition Obedience

Canine Good Citizen NZKC

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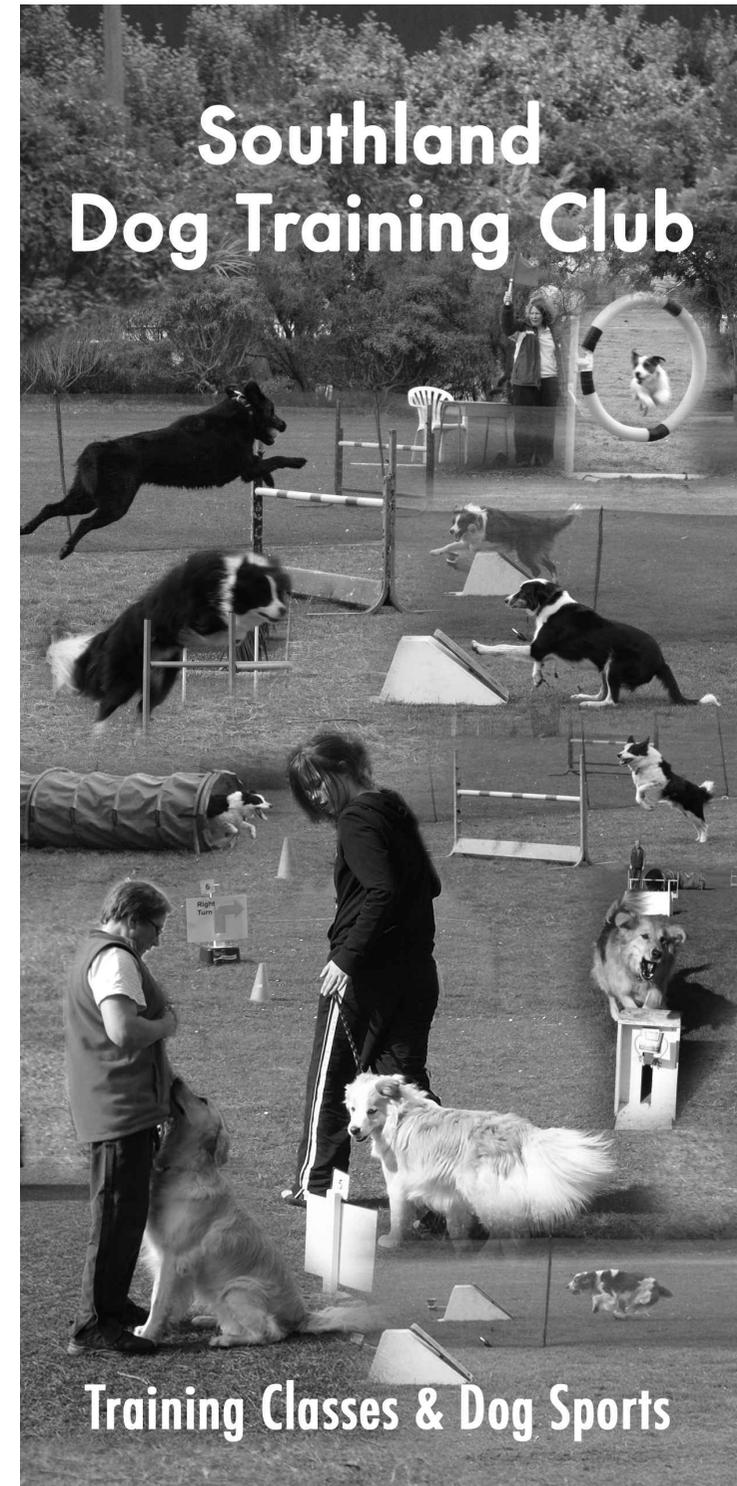
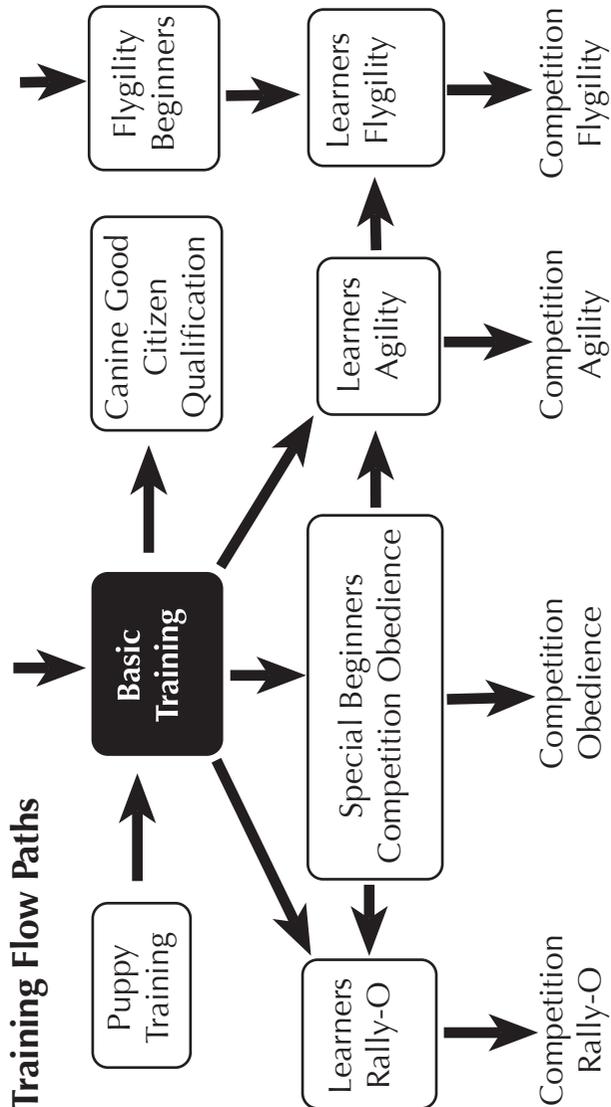
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Southland Dog Training Club is based at Lindisfarne Street Invercargill and runs a variety of domestic and competition classes for dog (& handler) training. All training is gentle and fun for both dogs and their handlers. Classes are suitable for people and dogs of all ages. All breeds and abilities of dogs can benefit from obedience training and most will enjoy one or more of the other sports as well. Most dogs need to attend a basic training course before progressing to other classes. New members are always welcome. (Contact details on back.)

OBEDIENCE

Puppy Classes

For Puppies up to the age of four months. This class gives your puppy a good grounding in basic Obedience: Sits, Stays, Recalls, Sendaways; Attention; Lead work; Grooming and care; Dog socialization. This class runs for six weeks for between ¾ to 1 hour per session. At the end of this class the handler and puppy receive a certificate on graduation.



Basic Obedience / Advanced Puppy Class

This class is designed for puppies who have graduated puppy class and older dogs needing Basic Obedience skills. Areas worked on are: Sits; Stays; Recalls; Sendaways; Attention; Lead work; Grooming and care; Temperament. This class runs for six weeks for between ¾ to 1 hour per session. At the end of this class the handler and puppy receive a certificate on graduation. After completing the course the handler is entitled to join the club and attend Obedience classes/training.

Domestic Obedience Class (for Club Members)

Held on Wednesday nights. Prerequisite: both dog and handler need to have graduated from Advanced puppy class or a basic Domestic class. Areas worked on are furthering dog handling skills and working on existing Obedience skills. An excellent class for those who enjoy the weekly socialization of their dogs and don't wish to move on to competition work.



Competitive Class (for Club Members)

Held on Wednesday nights. Prerequisite: Approval from the Obedience co-ordinator. This class works with club members who are interested in competing at Club, Ribbon Trial and Championship Show level. Experienced trainers offer a wealth of knowledge and experience to our competitive class.

AGILITY

Agility is a sport based on show jumping, in which a dog and handler team negotiate a series of various jumps, tunnels, ramps and weaving poles with the aim of finishing the course correctly and in the fastest time. Our basic agility course teaches basic handling skills and introduction to the equipment. Advanced classes hone these skills and increase the level of difficulty. Agility is about having fun as well as building confidence and stimulating the mind (and body!) of both dog and handler.

Dogs must be 12 months of age to commence training and 18 months to compete.

Classes in Agility for the early stages of competition are offered. Some handlers & dogs enjoy these classes and never compete in shows, while others compete in local Ribbon days and Championship shows all over New Zealand.



RALLY-O

This is a new dog sport to New Zealand - a fun way of doing Obedience with your dog without being so precise. The dog and handler complete a course designed by the Rally judge. They proceed at their own pace through a course of 10 -20 stations. Each station has a sign providing instructions regarding the skill to be performed.

Scoring is not as rigorous as in competitive Obedience. The team moves continuously at a normal pace with the dog under control at the handler's left side. There should be a sense of teamwork between the dog and handler both during the numbered exercises and between the exercise signs. However, perfect heel position is not required. After the judge's 'Forward' order the team is on its own to complete the entire sequence of numbered signs correctly. Unlimited communication from the handler to the dog is encouraged and not penalised.

You can now gain titles in Rally-O. To join the Tuesday night Rally-O class you must be a member of the club and have completed an introductory Rally-O class or already be actively participating in Rally-O at championship level.

FLYGILITY

Flygility is best described as dogs racing over a lane of small jumps and other obstacles to release and catch a ball from a spring-loaded box, then racing back to their handlers. People of all ages and health conditions can compete and it is ideally suited to all breeds of dogs, as skill is required as well as speed.

A dog who loves a tennis ball and is under control, can be ready for competition within a few months. Basic training & practise can be done in the home garden. All the equipment is low, so a dog can compete at the age of 12 months and continue to compete well into advanced years. A variety of equipment is used, so it is possible to have different levels of difficulty, making it more attractive for those whose dogs have different levels of skill.

There can be two teams running against each other over a variety of obstacles; e.g. low hurdles, long jump, bendy tunnel, ramp, weaving poles etc.

For those who would like to compete, tournaments are held in Southland. These nationally recognized tournaments are based on a knock out style where two dogs race each other side by side. Each dog races in its own lane and the first dog back with a clear run wins that round. Flygility usually takes place in an atmosphere of noisy excitement and is great fun to watch and participate in.

During the summer months Flygility training is held on a Tuesday evening and during winter it moves to a Saturday morning.

