

Introducing...

This year's NDOA Stewards

Pam Cartmell

Many thanks to the organising committee for inviting me to steward at this year's NDOA.

When I retired my border collie, Roxy, from competing I started stewarding so that I could stay involved with the obedience community. Giving back to the sport in this way is very rewarding and I have learnt a lot from the experience.

At NDOA I am looking forward to guiding handlers, and their dogs, around the courses and hopefully helping them achieve their best performance.

Good look to everyone.



Alison Edwards

I have been involved in "dogdom" since forever, having been born into it and have always had a dog or dogs in my life, apart from a few years, where travel dominated.

I dabbled in Obedience as a child with one of our corgis but got into obedience proper in my 20's with my first border Kirsty, who I took from special beginners to OB CH.

Since then, I have had another OB CH and other dogs to test B/C level.

I enjoy stewarding and giving back to the sport that has given me so many years of enjoyment.

I look forward to helping our judges by offering competitors a stress-free experience in the ring, with clear, audible calling and am honoured to be helping the NDOA organisers in this annual event.

Remember, the best dog is the one you take home with you, no matter what happens in the ring. Enjoy your time and thank you for having me.



Angela Irving

Thank you for asking me to steward at the 2022 NDOA and I am looking forward to being part of this event.

I have been involved in dog obedience since the 90's as both competitor and steward (apart from a break when studying for my business degree/CA qualification). Although not a competitor at the moment, I thoroughly enjoy being involved in this sport. I have regularly been asked to be a steward for the Auckland clubs over a number of years and I take the responsibility seriously. It is my personal goal to make the judge feel relaxed so they can concentrate on judging and the competitors feel comfortable so that they can enjoy the experience in the ring. I look forward to seeing you ring-side in October!



Kim Paterson

Firstly I would like to thank the hardworking committee for inviting me to steward at the 2022 NDOA. It is a real honour to be asked.

I have been involved in the Dog Obedience world for 40+ years.

The first dog I competed with as a pre-teen was a large Border Collie called Ben, who I got CD with. After I left home as a late teen I had a German Shepherd called Yoda, then a Blue Heeler called Storm. None of my dogs ever won out of novice but I kept entering shows saying it was a donation, which gave me an outing.

The ups and downs in life have seen me come and go from the Obedience world, but stewarding always gives me something to be proud of.

As a steward I endeavour to make every handlers experience as stress free as possible. So enter, have fun, and remember to enjoy each day no matter what happens. Laugh at those silly things that happen that we can't change.



Heather Tapsell

History - I started my Obedience career in 1990 with North Shore Dog Training Club. I have had a number of positions over a long period of time with this club.

The opportunities that I have being given has allowed me to make many many good friends. Within this period of time I have had the privilege of owning and competing with a number of dogs and with two, I have made up too an Obedience Champion.

Presently - I relish the opportunities that my experience has given me over the years in which it has allowed me to steward in a number of competitions too which I am greatly thankful.



Karen Forbes

I have been competing in Obedience for 20 years and made my Magic Zoe into NZ Obedience Champion. Mitzi won all her Test B's but unfortunately had to be retired at 8 due to Arthritis. I decided to retire from the Sport this year and have chosen to return my commitment to Obedience by Stewarding. I love the role of Steward where I get to work along some awesome Judges. Assisting Handlers completing the course is very rewarding. There is nothing nicer than to see a happy Dog and Handler working as a Team.

I feel extremely honoured and privileged to be asked to Steward at this year's NDOA.

Have fun, enjoy and the very best of luck to you all. Just remember that you always take the Best Dog home.

