



THREE WAYS

To EXERCISE YOUR DOG

Dog owners: fancy a change from a circuit of the park? Try one of these!

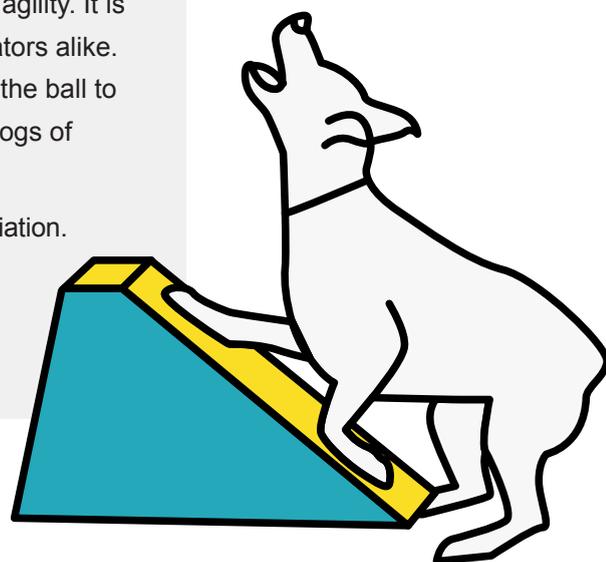
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HAVE A GO AT FLYGILITY

Flygility is a dog sport that incorporates skills and equipment from flyball and agility. It is a fast-paced, action-packed sport which is thrilling for participants and spectators alike. As in flyball, the dog is sent to fetch a ball from a flyball machine and returns the ball to the handler. Border Collies and working sheepdogs do particularly well, but dogs of any breed or size can join in so long as they are fit and sociable.

In New Zealand, the sport is administered by New Zealand Flygility Dog Association. As well as the NZFDA the National Agility Link Association publishes monthly courses for it's members to run.

Useful links: www.flygility.org.nz, www.nala.org.nz



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WORKING TRIALS

Although originally based on training for police work, today working trials are purely competitive sport. This is a great opportunity for dog owners to train their dog, learn to work as a team and compete with each other for recognition of both the handler's ability to train and the dog's ability to perform as required. Almost any dog of any breed of can take part in Working Trials, provided they are fit and healthy. Trials are run by the clubs that specialise in trials.

Useful links: http://www.dogsnz.org.nz/cl_workingtrials.html

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STRICTLY COME DOGGY DANCING

Do you have a flair for the foxtrot or an itch for the cha cha cha? Why not teach your dog to give a twirl? Heelwork to music – or canine freestyle as it's also known – is a competitive sport that combines the skills of obedience training with a touch of grace and rhythm. This fun approach to serious training will keep both you and your dog on your toes, and it's very entertaining to watch.

Useful links:

http://www.doglinks.co.nz/wkdogs/dog_sports.htm

<http://www.manukaudogtrainingclub.co.nz>

