CITIZENS



Temperament testing is an important part of the CGC programme. A dog must be willing to let a stranger carry out a routine meet and greet session in order to earn the right to be awarded CGC status.

You may have seen dogs around town wearing distinctive blue and white jackets.

They are Eukanuba Canine Good Citizens. CGC is one of a number of dog disciplines offered by the Horowhenua Obedience DogTraining Club. Other disciplines include Agility, Obedience, and Rally-O.

The CGC programme aims to train every dog to display good manners at home, in public places and in the presence of other animals. Some visit retirement homes, some educate people how to approach dogs in a safe manner, the majority become user friendly family pets the owners can be proud of.

The Horowhenua CGC's are a varied group including rehomed rescue dogs, retired competition dogs, and family pets.



If you are interested in joining the CGC group, join Horowhenua Obedience Dog Training club. Your dog must complete Obedience Grade 1 and 2 then you're all set to join CGC training.

Handlers can have their dog assessed by certified assessors at four levels of their training. On passing the Foundation, Bronze, Silver and eventually Gold levels, the dogs are awarded a medal. Training takes place one evening a week.

## For information:

Horowhenua Obedience Dog Training Club

Contact President Katrina, 027 3189069, krobebuck@xtra.co.nz

## **BOATING SAFETY**

Sailing or moving boats near powerlines can be dangerous as many yachts exceed the standard safe clearance height of 4 metres. The main risk when boating near powerlines is the mast contacting overhead wires, potentially causing injury or death for the crew or others near the boat. Canine Good Citizens on the streets of Levin, training the public how to safely approach a dog (below left) and the dog how to behave out in public (below).



For information on: Horowhenua Eukanuba Canine Good Citizen programme Contact CGC Coach, Chrissy, 0273842796



Handlers swap dogs so they learn to be relaxed and confident no matter who is handling them.

Launching or retrieving boats from the water using a trailer is also hazardous as many people forget to check for overhead powerlines near water. There are often powerlines in car parks or near boat-ramps at marinas, and these should be observed by sailors before entering or leaving the water. Motorboats with large aerials or radar equipment should also avoid travelling near powerlines.



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