



**EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY  
DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
JUMPERS EVENT  
PRIDEAUX PARK.  
KAWERAU**

**28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

To enhance a feast of competition over this weekend, Prideaux Park will play host to the Eastern Bay of Plenty Dog Obedience Clubs '**Championship Jumpers Event**'.

The members from the Obedience Club would like to extend a warm invitation to the residents of Kawerau and surrounding areas to come down to Prideaux Park and watch this fine spectacle of canine jumpers and dog agility trials taking part.

Dog agility is the fastest growing dog sport in New Zealand and it has been likened to horse show jumping, however instead of riding the animal over a range of obstacles or hurdles the handler runs with his or her dog through the course.

Agility dog training strengthens the bond between the dog and their owner. It provides fun and exercise for both dogs and handlers who compete at various levels. Most people start out in the sport with their pet dog, virtually regardless of breed; however in top competition some breeds are more suited than others. No matter what the breed though, the enjoyment of the sport is guaranteed.

There will be around 160 hounds competing this year as they jet propel themselves over jumps! If you are interested in taking up the sport in the future contact your local Dog Obedience Club, Una Forrester is their secretary and can be contacted on 07 315 6774 or email [bellshill@farmside.co.nz](mailto:bellshill@farmside.co.nz)

Due to the nature of the event, the organisers do ask that members of the public leave their own dogs at home to avoid unnecessary squabbles between dogs! However, the organisers do encourage you to ask the dog handlers if you wish to meet their canine team mates.

