We are lucky to have Julie Morrison willing to run a mock Rally O competition for the Club.

Julie thought that as we have gone through the ins and outs of rally on previous fun days we would up the ante with a little bit of competitiveness.

For those who have never done Rally before Julie will run you through the course before hand. All you need is some very basic obedience training and be prepared to laugh a lot.

We will be holding it at KCC Park on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 starting at 9.30am.

There will be morning tea and lunch provided and of course prizes for the winners.

To make it a bit competitive, but not over competitive, we really at least need 10 owners and their dogs.

If you could let me know if you are coming as soon as possible that would be wonderful.

This just helpful for catering but also to ensure we have enough goodies for our Danes to take home.

## Regards

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Rally Obedience (also known as Rally-O) is a fun, new dog-sport based on traditional dog Obedience but carried out in a more informal and relaxed style. Unlike in traditional obedience, handlers are allowed to encourage their dogs during the course, so you may use as much verbal praise and petting as you like. It can be a great way to increase your bond with your dog, and to help you and your dog develop skills that can be applied in everyday life.

'Rally' is a wonderful introduction to the sport of Obedience for dogs of all breeds and ages, and owners of all levels of ability. It provides an opportunity for veteran dogs to remain active, and a chance for shy or anti-social dogs to get experience in the ring without worrying about being examined by a judge or group stays. Handlers with disabilities may compete, provided they can move about the ring without physical assistance (wheelchairs and walking sticks are allowed)

A team consists of a dog and a handler, moving around a course with the dog in a 'heel' position. The course is laid out using numbered signs which instruct the team to do various actions eg right turn, recall, stay etc

There are three levels of competition – Novice, Advanced and Excellent. Novice is conducted on-lead. Advanced and Excellent are conducted off-lead. Advanced and Excellent courses include jumps, and more challenging exercises.

