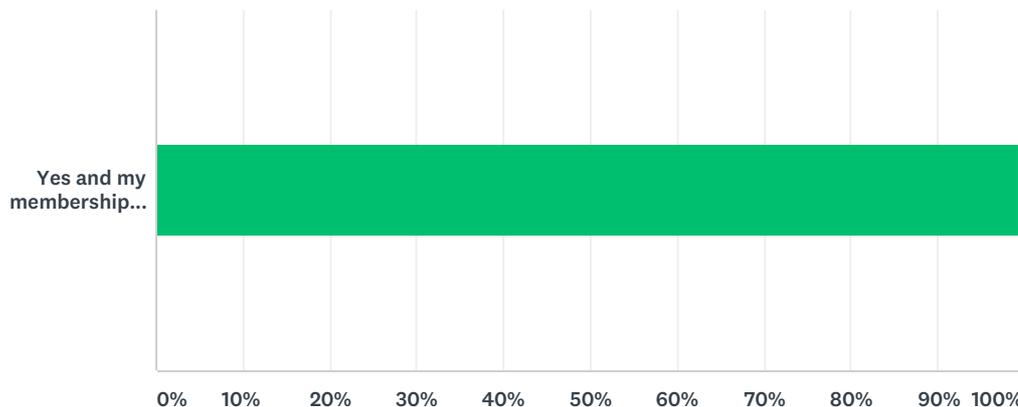


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## Q1 I am currently a financial member of Dogs New Zealand

Answered: 635 Skipped: 12

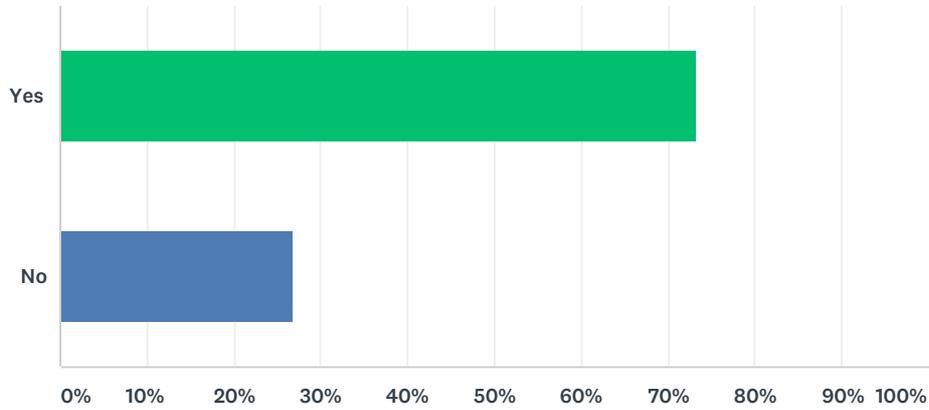


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes and my membership number is...	99.37% 631
Total Respondents: 635	

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Q2 Do you favour each of the three sports disciplines below having its own separate national competition event? Agility - New Zealand Dog Agility Championships (NZDAC) Obedience - National Dog Obedience Assembly (NDOA) Conformation - National Dog Show (NDS)

Answered: 633 Skipped: 14

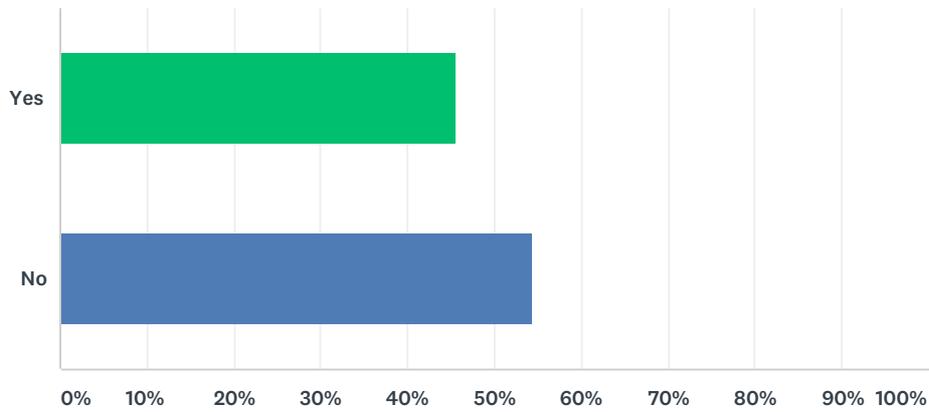


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	73.30%	464
No	26.70%	169
TOTAL		633

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Q3 Or do you wish to support a National Dog Show competition event that includes all three sports like was held in Blenheim this year?

Answered: 604 Skipped: 43

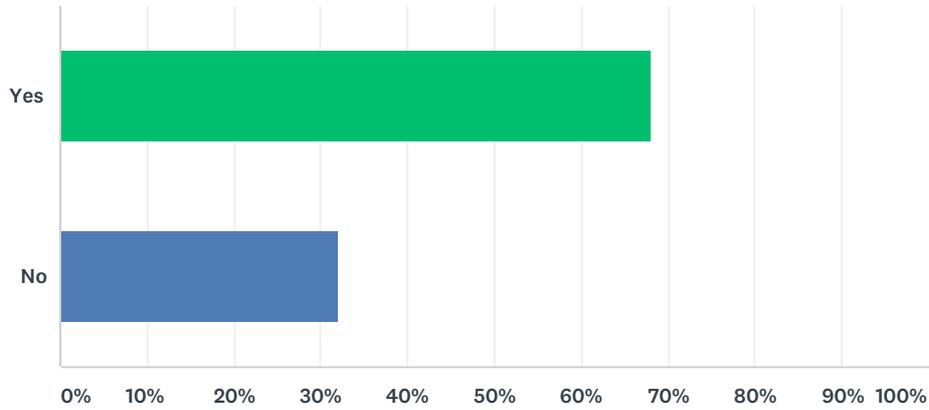


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	45.53%	275
No	54.47%	329
TOTAL		604

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Q4 If each sport had its own independent national competition event would you support a two-day non-competition “Discover Dogs NZ showcase” of all three sports aimed at educating/entertaining the general public on the joys of dog sports and owning pedigree dogs?

Answered: 618 Skipped: 29

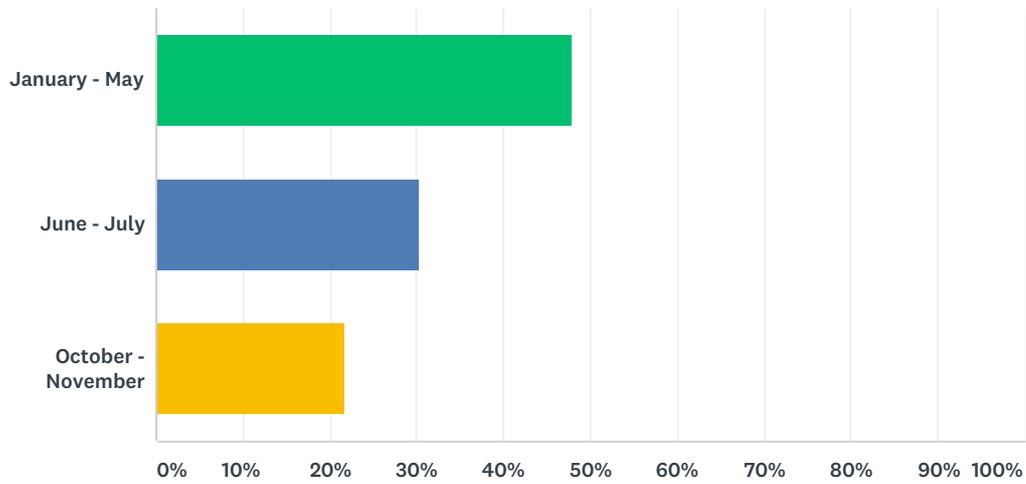


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	67.96%	420
No	32.04%	198
TOTAL		618

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## Q5 What preferred date window would you support a “Discover Dogs NZ Showcase” event?

Answered: 511 Skipped: 136

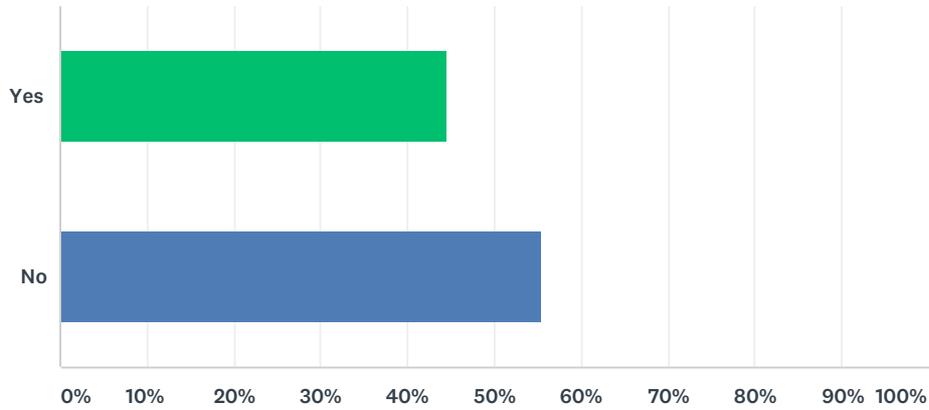


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
January - May	47.95%	245
June - July	30.33%	155
October - November	21.72%	111
TOTAL		511

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## Q6 Do you want the current National Dog Show to be a Conformation-Breed only show?

Answered: 283 Skipped: 364

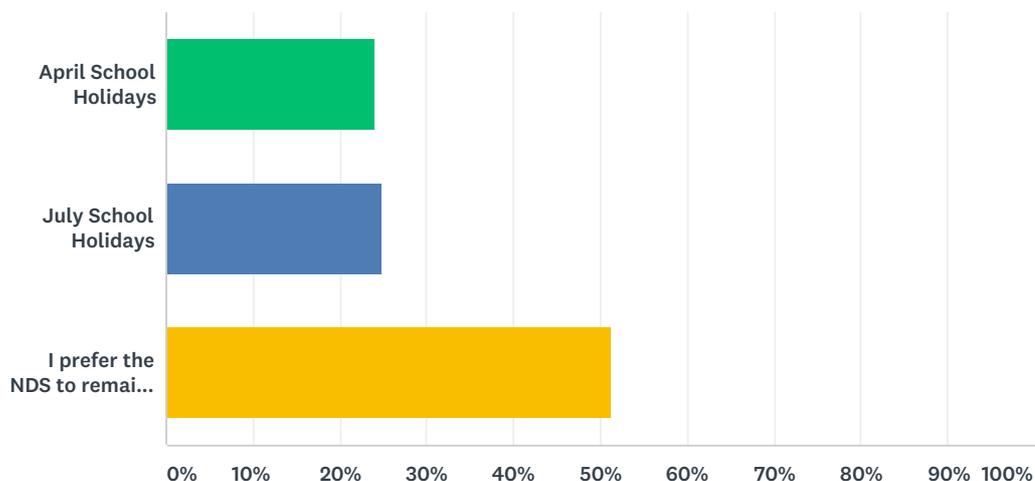


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	44.52%	126
No	55.48%	157
TOTAL		283

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Q7 If the National Dog Show was a Conformation-Breed only show would you support a change of event date to:

Answered: 258 Skipped: 389



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
April School Holidays	24.03%	62
July School Holidays	24.81%	64
I prefer the NDS to remain in October school holidays	51.16%	132
TOTAL		258

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## Q8 What benefits/disadvantages do you see in changing or retaining the current October date for the National Dog Show?

Answered: 179 Skipped: 468

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No preference due to not competing in conformation	11/8/2019 3:17 PM
2	There are no other shows for me for 6 weeks in that time period	11/5/2019 1:38 AM
3	It is very close to NZDAC so some would not support both	11/4/2019 10:43 PM
4	July is an empty month for dog shows and events outside. An indoor show would fill this gap.	11/4/2019 8:13 PM
5	Benefit - does not clash with any other major shows	11/4/2019 7:05 PM
6	October is a relatively quiet time of the year for other events. Main disadvantage is that for conformation many dogs have had little show exposure in the previous months - April would be better from that perspective. Not mid-winter (July) for travel. - prone to disruptions.	11/4/2019 5:22 PM
7	The weather is not too hot yet not too wet. Hot weather does not suit dogs, and cold weather won't bring out too many spectators.	11/4/2019 12:25 PM
8	As Labour weekend seems to be a convenient time for the agility national I think financially it suits the compeditors as so many have full time jobs now, to what it was when I first started with obedience in the 70s,I support the Labour weekend dates.	11/4/2019 11:21 AM
9	i have no real preference but seems like October suits	11/3/2019 4:10 PM
10	Very close to NZDAC if there is agility etc and especially if it's in the South Island with smaller numbers.	11/2/2019 6:06 PM
11	Family are already settled without currnt date	11/2/2019 10:14 AM
12	Better weather for travelling in October compared to July. April not so good as would depend when Easter fell each year.	11/2/2019 9:04 AM
13	Retaining current dates are the best times of the year for competitors weather and school holidays.	11/1/2019 7:48 PM
14	Weather for traveling too unpredictable in July.already alot of shows at the beginning of the year.	11/1/2019 7:48 PM
15	move to more settled weather as size now requires outdoor rings	11/1/2019 6:16 PM
16	I think we can look at other venues (eg mystery creek Hamilton) and show case a wide range of dog activities with better promotions to make our NDS a spectator show showcasing dogs.	11/1/2019 6:13 PM
17	If timing change to school holidays or Easter time cost of travel will be higher	11/1/2019 6:01 PM
18	October is a busy month for agility/obedience competitions. Many are saving their money to compete at the NZDAC and do not travel to the National. Dual competitors (agility/breed) have a quieter time in April as regards number of events.	11/1/2019 4:53 PM
19	It creates division in dogsports. Multi discipline events, while difficult to juggle are great for introducing handlers to new sports.	11/1/2019 3:23 PM
20	not too hot for the dogs and travel. But nice enough weather to make it pleasant	11/1/2019 3:05 PM
21	April would work but many complain about loss of coat in summer. July weather means it is not suitable.	11/1/2019 12:40 PM
22	July school holidays can be very cold and wet so it can be hard to keep dogs clean and dry when away from home. April interferes with Easter . It can be nice weather still then so is preferable to July.	11/1/2019 12:37 PM
23	My dogs always seem to go into a full coat drop in October as we are coming out of winter.	11/1/2019 12:34 PM
24	Retain as this is the best and easiest time of year for everyone. April includes Easter, which is already so busy with shows. July is in the middle of winter so makes it much harder to travel regarding the weather	11/1/2019 12:12 PM
25	Less shows over winter.	11/1/2019 11:41 AM
26	As its indoors can be held any time of the year.	11/1/2019 11:23 AM

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27	April clashes with Sydney Royal, July winter	11/1/2019 10:22 AM
28	None	11/1/2019 8:39 AM
29	Having two premiere events in the same month may force participants to choose one or the other. It is more logical and makes better financial sense to spread premiere shows out over the year.	11/1/2019 7:13 AM
30	Accessible dates for families and working people.	11/1/2019 5:58 AM
31	Should all three have their own Nationals and should agility stay in October then you put to much pressure agility handlers and not many of them will attend both	10/31/2019 9:30 PM
32	Disadvantage is that it is very close time frame with NZDAC	10/31/2019 9:19 PM
33	I do see the obedience and National dog show being able to run side by side at the same time or a week apart. Would like to see the obedience nationals held Labour weekend and the Agility moved to end of April	10/31/2019 8:27 PM
34	Cooler time of the year	10/31/2019 5:51 PM
35	Other calendarstuff are so full it's the best option	10/31/2019 3:37 PM
36	july would be disasterous for sattelite shows due to inclement weather so all shows would need to be indoors and this leads to overbooking of the venue	10/31/2019 8:47 AM
37	If it works why change it	10/31/2019 7:32 AM
38	If the NDS is changed to the July holiday (middle of winter) this wouldn't be affected as the event is always held indoors	10/30/2019 9:17 PM
39	weather more reliable.	10/30/2019 7:24 PM
40	Just want three disciplines at same venue (We would like to enter all 3 - one lot of travelling	10/30/2019 2:50 PM
41	Firstly Traditional date. April tends to coincide with Easter which in recent years has been compromised by overseas events, trying to get judges (difficult)for this time of the year due to overseas events	10/30/2019 2:03 PM
42	competitors prefence	10/30/2019 9:57 AM
43	Benefit - More room for Rings, stalls & Exhibitors. Easier to arrange breeds for Dogs entered in NDOA or NZ DAC as well. You could do Agility 1st, next day Obedience & finish with confirmation, this would cover 5 or 6 days ? & could overlap from 1 day to the next. Agility Awards are given at the end of there show (There would be Obedience people there to watch ) Confirmation people would be there when Obedience awards are given.	10/30/2019 9:09 AM
44	just more convenient	10/30/2019 9:01 AM
45	Busy time of year	10/30/2019 7:24 AM
46	Prefer winter for better coats	10/29/2019 10:20 PM
47	Close to agility National. Would prefer to combine over a longer show. If stayed stand alone needs to not clash with other national dog discipline events	10/29/2019 9:56 PM
48	Good time of the year. April is already busy with shows and July the weather is crap	10/29/2019 7:43 PM
49	1. Daylight saving has commenced. 2. Most dogs are still in full coat. 3. It is the start of the "show season"	10/29/2019 7:02 PM
50	Cooler weather and most dogs are in great coat condition	10/29/2019 5:48 PM
51	Does not conflict with Easter holidays and costs might be less. July - weather too unpredictable so keeping dogs clean becomes a problem.	10/29/2019 3:52 PM
52	It's a known date & allows time to prepare the dog during the year.	10/29/2019 3:38 PM
53	To be honest its no major. Will enter regardless	10/29/2019 3:16 PM
54	It would fit in between Sydney and Melbourne Royals enabling people to travel to all shows. If it was a FCI show it may attract Aussies. Perhaps invite top dogs from each country/state/Island ( only if reciprocal ). Also would be a good mid winter event	10/29/2019 12:30 PM
55	Other show dates have been established around the NDS for years - very, very difficult to find new dates if NDS moves. Also if the NDS comes south, the southern weather from April - September can be very unpleasant, and snow and ice can make travelling difficult.	10/29/2019 12:28 PM

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56	To cease the bickering between the individual codes once and for all - either have a National show week with all codes like Crufts where you qualify to participate or each code does it's separate event on a different date! I don't particularly care which BUT am totally opposed to having two codes on the same date/weekend/month .	10/29/2019 11:10 AM
57	One show, one umbrella. Fractured support over the various events. A showcase should be everything not just one part. If its DOGS NZ then its everything DOGS do rather than just one part	10/29/2019 10:04 AM
58	Mainly the weather, in regards to travelling, having longer daylight time.	10/29/2019 9:44 AM
59	chance of better weather	10/29/2019 9:38 AM
60	Weather impact on travel Disadvantage dogs dropped their coats	10/29/2019 8:50 AM
61	The temperatures are warmer for any out door venues needing to be used in October, and if it was changed to April, it would lock out any exhibitors involved in farming operations such as the wine industry as this is a very busy time of year. Fire risk is lower in October than April too.	10/29/2019 8:42 AM
62	it's right at the beginning of the show season and my dogs are not in show condition at this time of year Most girls start to come on heat at this time of year, so if i enter i don't tend enter my girls anymore as its too costly to scratch them. I often have young dogs who have now had enough ring time, to enter them at a national event where the atmosphere is a lot more stressful on them Its the start of our busy season for work and harder to get time off Travel & Accomodation is more expensive as this is the popular school holiday travel period where as April is considered off peak	10/29/2019 7:02 AM
63	Farming community I am involved with are too busy that time of year.	10/29/2019 12:00 AM
64	Why has Tracking Trials not been considered within this survey? It was also held within the realm of this years NDS but has no mention. Very disappointing to note this as there has been a Utility Dog Trial included in the schedule for NDS for approximately 6-8 years now and yet DNZ rarely gives any mention to this discipline.	10/28/2019 8:48 PM
65	April holidays is usually too close to other shows especially Easter, July is usually too unpredictable weather wise so only indoor venues would be appropriate, so easiest holidays is October in my opinion.	10/28/2019 8:43 PM
66	We currently have those holidays free with the particular sports the kids do.	10/28/2019 8:19 PM
67	If it close dates Breed and Agility I will miss Breed show	10/28/2019 5:33 PM
68	Dogs are out of coat. Date is too close to NZDAC or NDOA	10/28/2019 4:10 PM
69	Not best for dog's coat. Too close to either NZDAC or NDOA (if it moves back to Labour weekend).	10/28/2019 4:03 PM
70	Weather is more predictable between Jan and May.	10/28/2019 3:00 PM
71	Benefits:- it's warmer Disadvantages:-people dislike change.	10/28/2019 2:54 PM
72	It's a good time of year for all events not many other shows on.	10/28/2019 2:18 PM
73	Historical. Has always been around that time.	10/28/2019 1:39 PM
74	October, while not the best month weather-wise admittedly, does mean that NDS feels more like the culmination of a year's worth of preparation. Throughout the year we work in our dogs preparing them for the National event, and come October, both our dogs and we as handlers are prepared dogs are in practice, and it's a nice way to culminate he year.v	10/28/2019 12:39 PM
75	none	10/28/2019 10:40 AM
76	Gives more time for winners to get vaccinations etc completed for international competition, Allows international entrants to fit in coming here out of other national, royal events	10/28/2019 9:26 AM
77	Benefit of changing to July include 1. Dogs in better coat in winter 2. Less female dogs in season so more able to compete at show. 3. Quieter time of the year so less competing activities therefore hopefully higher numbers of participants and spectators. Disadvantages 1. Indoor venue required - cost, flexibility, space issues.	10/28/2019 7:57 AM
78	It's in the school holidays	10/28/2019 6:59 AM
79	better in winter, because less events are on then	10/27/2019 7:06 PM
80	not many winter shows in south island, so it would be easy to travel anywhere else. If advertised well including schools we could encourage young people to come along and enjoy our dogs. As long as it is somehow and inside event it would be great.	10/27/2019 5:41 PM

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81	An inside event, which is well advertised, will bring people out for the week to have a look. Somewhere to take the school-aged children, we need more young people involved in our sport. It will also add another event to the show calendar in winter. Good for young puppies to be socialised etc.	10/27/2019 5:38 PM
82	Wish you would ask other questions ! or allow other comments I like them to all be together if possible. if it is not broken don't fix it	10/27/2019 5:27 PM
83	A national dog show should have all events at the same venue. At this years national dog show the agility event was on a separate site and a small show	10/27/2019 4:09 PM
84	The dogs coats are at their best and the longer daylight hours make it possible to hold twilight shows.	10/27/2019 2:59 PM
85	Clashes with my agility dogs events	10/27/2019 2:50 PM
86	None	10/27/2019 2:31 PM
87	Cool and dry	10/27/2019 2:24 PM
88	Weather not too hot nor too cold	10/27/2019 1:35 PM
89	Change to earlier in year. Dogs in better coat. No training /preparation needed like with Obedience & Agility	10/27/2019 1:06 PM
90	October works well because the show season is only just starting, July holidays due to winter would be hard to travel if it snows, April is too busy family wise for me and also with shows	10/27/2019 12:32 PM
91	It means that the obedience and agility and confirmation are all far enough apart for people to go to all	10/27/2019 11:23 AM
92	Too close to the NZDAC held Labour weekend	10/27/2019 10:53 AM
93	It will move away from nzdac so more people can go and also weather better	10/27/2019 10:39 AM
94	It is warmer weather and easier to have dog shows outside if required	10/27/2019 9:12 AM
95	While currently I don't compete in breed shows there is no other space to comment. The name of the conformation show must change if it is to be restricted to breed only. To call it The National Dog Show would be misleading - implying that it includes all DogsNZ disciplines. By all means call it the National Breed Show which would parallel the National Obedience Assembly and the National Dog Agility Championships.	10/27/2019 8:03 AM
96	Better weather and it keeps the current cycle no advantage in moving dates	10/27/2019 12:05 AM
97	October is when the NDOA should be held.NDS was September. Worked in the past.	10/27/2019 12:02 AM
98	Not likely to be disrupted by Easter as April holidays would be.	10/26/2019 11:15 PM
99	Everyone knows it is these dates and it works so why change?	10/26/2019 9:49 PM
100	End of winter, weather not too hot, becomes more of a end of year celebration/showcase	10/26/2019 8:42 PM
101	It is the beginning of the new show season especially for South Islanders, and a good lead into the Christmas madness. The weather is settled(for travelling)	10/26/2019 7:55 PM
102	It seems a good date relative to the Summer showing season.	10/26/2019 7:25 PM
103	None	10/26/2019 4:15 PM
104	.	10/26/2019 2:39 PM
105	It compliments the school holiday and it is supported by all three disciplines.	10/26/2019 12:50 PM
106	Improving weather, daylight saving	10/26/2019 11:36 AM
107	Adv - More settled weather, dogs in better coat. No changes to EC to be accommodated. Disc - less time on the year to get sorted.	10/26/2019 11:19 AM
108	Retaining the October date because it is at the beginning of the spring show season.	10/26/2019 10:51 AM
109	Winter/Autumn weather is more unpredictable which becomes harder for 'Groom Breeds' to deal with traveling and keeping their dogs up to Show Standards	10/26/2019 10:19 AM
110	I do not have a preference for when the National Dog Show is held but better to be away from busy times for transport and motels. October is fine and so would April weather wise. July would be the middle of winter! My emphasis is retaining Obedience and Rally-O at the National Dog Show to showcase ALL DOG SPORTS	10/26/2019 10:11 AM
111	Venue	10/26/2019 8:17 AM

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112	October is suitable time of year for this event. Better than when it used to be in August. A great way to start the new show season. Also promotion/support of an existing major show in each discipline in each area, I think would be more cost effective than a two day non competitive showcase event.	10/26/2019 8:04 AM
113	None	10/26/2019 7:42 AM
114	October weather is still not that great, for those travelling it was dicey getting from Auckland to Blenheim with the increased risks of road closures. It's safer with better weather.	10/26/2019 7:40 AM
115	For my dogs they are starting to loose coat due to warm temp as I live north of Auckland city	10/26/2019 7:11 AM
116	Warmer weather so speciality shows could be held outside with less risk	10/26/2019 6:31 AM
117	None. It was always held in August, coinciding with the school holidays. Those changed to October hence the current National Dog Show date. Also the National Dog Show sees the start of the new Dog Show season	10/26/2019 5:13 AM
118	Too close to Christmas	10/25/2019 11:43 PM
119	Works well	10/25/2019 10:13 PM
120	Too close to NDOA	10/25/2019 10:11 PM
121	Dogs would be in full coat as it is now they are all moulting and blowing their winter coats out	10/25/2019 10:06 PM
122	Weather is usually better in April which is helpful for getting dogs in and out of venue and toileting etc	10/25/2019 9:57 PM
123	Would like it moved away from 1st weekend month. Makes taking a week off very difficult for that work in the area of finance.	10/25/2019 9:42 PM
124	Why change it as it has always worked well in Oct for years? Also Obedience has always been included in the NDS for years and is the pinnacle for many in obedience, why exclude it now?	10/25/2019 9:23 PM
125	Obedience and confirmation agreed to move to make it easier to have the 3 shows spaced through the year. But they failed to follow through leaving obedience stuck in Easter	10/25/2019 9:11 PM
126	I feel that having the Natiknals towards the end of the year makes sense after having spent almost an entire year showing rather than starting the year off with the biggest show.	10/25/2019 9:08 PM
127	All dogs in coat and bitches less likely to be in season	10/25/2019 8:49 PM
128	Gets expensive to do Agility Nationals and Breed Nationals in one month. Would have to choose but they generally are in different places which means by default I wouldn't travel so far	10/25/2019 8:47 PM
129	the present dates are the ones that I put aside for my holidays	10/25/2019 8:43 PM
130	October is often cold and dogs out of coat. April would be a better time of year weather wise	10/25/2019 8:38 PM
131	It doesnt affect me as I am retired but prefer not to be Winter.	10/25/2019 8:34 PM
132	October is a good time as it's a quiet time of year	10/25/2019 8:31 PM
133	Still shows in April July weather unsettled October start of show season.	10/25/2019 8:19 PM
134	The show calendar is quite busy in the South Island around October but reasonable light in the middle of the year	10/25/2019 7:56 PM
135	The weather would be the main consideration.	10/25/2019 7:53 PM
136	October is a great start to the spring show calendar Winter is too hard And unsafe to travel for long distances	10/25/2019 7:44 PM
137	October is an extremely busy time of year - both for the other sports that I'm involved in with my dogs, and life generally. Changing to a quieter time of year (July) is more likely to get my entries (and others)	10/25/2019 7:43 PM
138	A better time of year not to hot and not winter for traveling	10/25/2019 7:39 PM
139	It's too close to the Auckland Pet expo date	10/25/2019 7:36 PM
140	Winter is not a good time to travel	10/25/2019 7:24 PM
141	all 3 national events are too close together	10/25/2019 7:23 PM
142	Just tradition I guess	10/25/2019 7:19 PM
143	This totally depends on if the other two disciplines are included in the October date	10/25/2019 7:13 PM
144	We need a combined event that covers ALL facets of dog ownership that our members partake in.	10/25/2019 7:12 PM

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145	None great date	10/25/2019 7:10 PM
146	Depends on what disciplines are held on that date	10/25/2019 7:07 PM
147	neither it is just a good time of the year where the weather is more favorable for travelling with dogs	10/25/2019 7:01 PM
148	October is good, I like changing the venues eg: Hamilton maybe one year or Hawkes Bay etc. Just as long as there is plenty of room for shows and people aren't having to change venues on the same day w/ one show at one venue, then having to pack up and shift to different address for another show..	10/25/2019 7:01 PM
149	Same month as obedience	10/25/2019 7:00 PM
150	Dogs will have their full coats	10/25/2019 6:54 PM
151	July is coming into winter, could be very cold for the campers and road conditions could be getting icy.	10/25/2019 6:52 PM
152	Better weather,,daylight saving..	10/25/2019 6:37 PM
153	Much better chance of the weather being nice	10/25/2019 6:35 PM
154	Post Christmas. Oct leading up to Christmas is when businesses ramp up.	10/25/2019 6:30 PM
155	having all 3 shows the versatility of breeds. also at best in show why have we gone away from showing off all 3? our national show is nz version of crufts after all n it's livestreamed nowadays.	10/25/2019 6:27 PM
156	Low season for accommodation Not too hot or cold for dogs	10/25/2019 6:26 PM
157	October is fine, even tho the dogs are often out of coat... July weather could make travel harder. & Purely selfish I normally go to Melbourne in April, couldn't do both.	10/25/2019 6:25 PM
158	Our Spring weather is too unpredictable. Usually cold. April is end of summer and with warmer evenings for specialist shows	10/25/2019 6:24 PM
159	In Winter there are fewer other shows on.	10/25/2019 6:23 PM
160	Currently it is too close to nzdac	10/25/2019 6:19 PM
161	July school holidays too wet/ cold to travel, April school holidays too busy with other events.	10/25/2019 6:16 PM
162	I can't see any benefits or disadvantages in changing the date.	10/25/2019 6:07 PM
163	only would have to move other shows if the date moves	10/25/2019 6:04 PM
164	Too close to Christmas and show season	10/25/2019 5:57 PM
165	This is a very busy time of the year for families with schoolchildren and shifting might be easier for family involvement.	10/25/2019 5:57 PM
166	Having coated breeds in October generally moulting heavily.	10/25/2019 5:48 PM
167	Variable weather	10/25/2019 5:47 PM
168	Bitches coming into season in spring. Weather cold and dogs changing coats at spring time of year.	10/25/2019 5:35 PM
169	It used to be August with shared judges from Brisbane Royal. Happy with current dates.	10/25/2019 5:33 PM
170	Largely depends on whether or not Obedience retain Easter or go back to October. Ideally, the two shows would be separated.	10/25/2019 5:32 PM
171	should be better weather in October	10/25/2019 5:23 PM
172	October date works well but NDOA is best in October also. Difficult to travel to both events if both in the same month. I would support move of National to April but not July due to weather considerations for coated breeds / travelling. NDOA is best in October as this is towards the end of the obedience season over the winter months.	10/25/2019 5:19 PM
173	April, July and October tend to have unsettled weather. April we also have Easter but the weather tends to be more settled, July would be an option but being winter weather can affect roads and ferry crossings, October is also an option but the weather can still be unsettled unless all shows were inside	10/25/2019 5:04 PM
174	No advantage or disadvantage but weather generally more stable and this needs to be a consideration in this time of extreme climate changes being experienced Changing the National into November would not be good as many people like to do the South Island shows at this time and would choose one or other to attend and not necessarily the National	10/25/2019 4:56 PM
175	Most likely not as many shows at this time of the year it's really the start to show season	10/25/2019 4:50 PM

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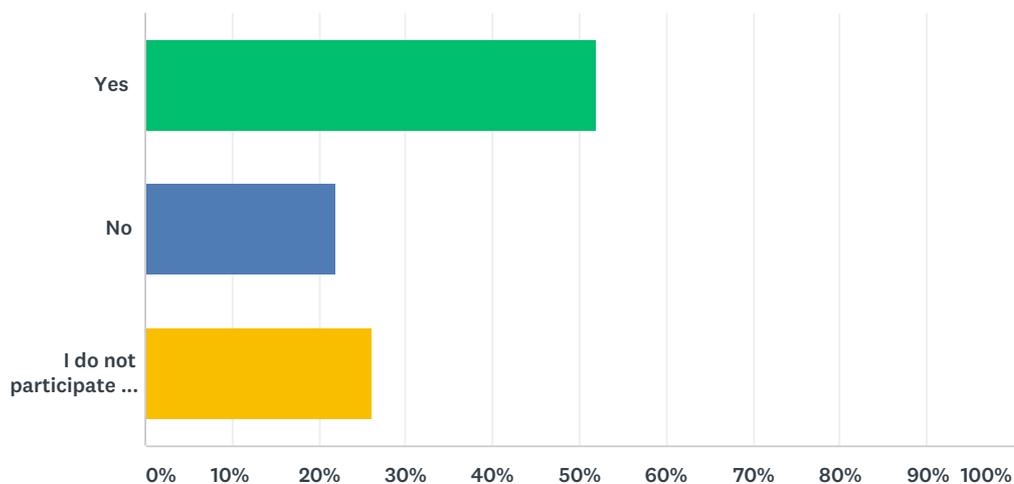
176	April already has a full show calendar. July is too cold to hold an event like the National Dog Show. Weather could ruin the show.	10/25/2019 4:33 PM
177	Weather ...esp for those crossing on the Ferry .	10/25/2019 4:30 PM
178	Retain the Oct dates hopefully better weather for travelling and dogs should still be in winter coat? and not been over shown over winter?	10/25/2019 4:23 PM
179	Hopefully benefit of better weather if date was brought forward. Also takes place at end of current summer showing season - so effectively the showing season builds to a peak	10/25/2019 4:03 PM

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## Q9 Do you prefer NZDAC to continue to be held on Labour Weekend

Answered: 507 Skipped: 140



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	51.87%	263
No	21.89%	111
I do not participate in Agility Sports	26.23%	133
TOTAL		507

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## Q10 What are your likes/dislikes with Labour Weekend as an event date for NZDAC?

Answered: 313 Skipped: 334

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Most people can get time off for that weekend which helps get high entries	11/10/2019 10:44 PM
2	Long weekend, weather not too hot but not freezing either.	11/10/2019 8:50 PM
3	Weather can be volatile, and its at the end on the winter season, everybody struggles to get in the training/competition hours in winter, to prepare for this biggest event on the calendar.	11/10/2019 4:43 PM
4	Those of us with fixed holiday breaks cannot attend. Even for locally held events I can only attend the public holiday days.	11/10/2019 3:19 PM
5	unpredictable weather	11/10/2019 10:40 AM
6	Weather is often unsettled	11/9/2019 10:15 PM
7	Less holiday needed. Would be even better if it was in the school holidays though	11/9/2019 9:50 PM
8	I rest my dogs from The beginning of June until the end of August so it's s at the beginning of my agility season. The weather is also generally unfavourable at Labour weekend in some regions.	11/9/2019 9:25 PM
9	It is easier to get time off work and be able to compete. If it was Easter time I would not be able to have leave	11/9/2019 9:07 PM
10	it's a long wkend which is great.	11/9/2019 4:56 PM
11	Less leave required Cost of travel at that time is usually more expensive or harder to obtain unless you book early and roads congested if you need to rush to the airport Weather is very unpredictable cuts into family holiday time	11/9/2019 4:20 PM
12	Same weekend each year (2nd last weekend in October) and it is over a public holiday weekend and sits behind a good North Island CDHB and South Island (Mid Canterbury) show as a warm up on the way to the NZDAC	11/9/2019 3:23 PM
13	The weather isn't too hot normally.	11/9/2019 2:17 PM
14	Generally good weather Close to end-of-year so it's a nice way to finish up the agility year Avoids the extremes of weather conditions thats cold in winter and hot in summer	11/9/2019 11:01 AM
15	That it is built around a three day weekend which saves leave & that there is more chance of good weather	11/9/2019 8:52 AM
16	It's outside school holidays, so I am able to get time off work.	11/8/2019 9:26 PM
17	It's not great for juniors as some are studying for ncea. And the weather can be a little unreliable. So maybe held in more reliable weather (if there is any time ☺) on a positive it doesn't tend to I ferfere with peoples holidays. And nice it is on a long weekend.	11/8/2019 3:17 PM
18	Not fussed when it is. I would likely attend anytime	11/8/2019 1:00 PM
19	It's seems to have worked for many years so why change. If ain't broken don't fix it!!	11/8/2019 12:11 AM
20	Most people have time off work	11/7/2019 10:46 PM
21	Easier to get time off work Weather isn't as hot as Jan/Feb/March I would be reluctant to travel to the South Island on the ferry in peak summer - especially after the news of dog deaths on the ferry early this year Grounds aren't hard yet, (exception was indoors at Fielding 2018, but next time they can give explicit surface instructions - everything else about that event was first class, facilities/live stream - you can't complain	11/7/2019 10:09 PM
22	The weather gods make vbad decisions sometimes. It is quite a good time if year. Easy to have dogs rested over winter and brought back four the national event rather than at the end of a lot of competition earlier in the year. Few people would consider that tho and compete all year round	11/7/2019 10:57 AM
23	Not much competition leading up to it so dogs not at their peak. Weather not great at that time of year and even if ok over the weekend has often been preceded by lots of rain leading g to muddy grounds.	11/7/2019 10:31 AM
24	Just had winter break prefer dogs to have had more competition time before Nationals - Weather more unsettled this time of year	11/7/2019 6:57 AM

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25	Going into summer provides excellent ground conditions for agility. Allows for good timing for Zone Team trials. Easier for agility people to get leave at Labour weekend.	11/6/2019 10:08 PM
26	Unpredictable weather. Dogs not well conditioned, as coming out of winter.	11/6/2019 8:48 PM
27	Chance to travel Know with a few day when it will be	11/6/2019 3:41 PM
28	It's a three day weekend. Like Sometimes the weather is not good & I have never been to a National Agility Show indoors! Dislike	11/6/2019 2:20 PM
29	Holiday weekend makes accommodation harder weather isnt as settled	11/6/2019 8:30 AM
30	It gives you an extra day for travel	11/5/2019 7:56 PM
31	Time off work is easier to get.	11/5/2019 5:11 PM
32	Set holiday weekend. Work leave minimal Reasonable weather for outdoor	11/5/2019 12:09 PM
33	Can be hard to get time off work. And the weather can be a problem	11/5/2019 11:03 AM
34	Spring weather can be dubious.	11/5/2019 7:29 AM
35	Less time off work to travel.	11/5/2019 6:57 AM
36	It allows those with work commitments to take advantage of the extra holiday day	11/4/2019 10:43 PM
37	Nothing, it's good as it is	11/4/2019 9:11 PM
38	It's a public holiday which is free for most people. The days are long and the weather generally suitable. Not too hot or cold.	11/4/2019 8:13 PM
39	I like it as it's a long weekend & the weather generally is favourable	11/4/2019 7:51 PM
40	There is no build up into NZDAC and most have come out from winter with very little work done.March	11/4/2019 3:17 PM
41	Upsets family holiday break	11/4/2019 11:31 AM
42	From a financial view and as a beneficiary, OCTOBER gives me time and a goal to save for the event, there are many a bout my age that compete and I'm sure feel the same way	11/4/2019 11:21 AM
43	Like: more time for travel, knowing it's the same weekend each year, usually good weather but not too hot. Dislike: it's quite soon after the winter break, could be better later in the season/after summer.	11/3/2019 9:23 PM
44	3 day holiday, 4 day event, means only taking 1 day annual leave (other then days off to travel).	11/3/2019 6:57 PM
45	Nice on long weekend (labour weekend). Hopefully weather more settled. Summer months too hot.	11/3/2019 4:14 PM
46	ease of getting time off from work - not Peak time with school holidays	11/3/2019 4:10 PM
47	dislike labour weekend as it is just before university exams and harder to get time off work and cheap accommodation because its a holiday weekend.	11/3/2019 11:58 AM
48	public holiday already and accommodation and travel busier	11/3/2019 9:16 AM
49	Not too hot	11/3/2019 9:00 AM
50	Long weekend decent weather	11/3/2019 8:28 AM
51	Weather not to hot or cold and because of the stat holiday I do not have to use annual leave to take time off work.	11/3/2019 7:53 AM
52	Big sporting events for many Kiwis I know..always my dance nationals on labour weekend.	11/3/2019 7:07 AM
53	3 definite days, so event can be planned in advance. Competitors can arrange travel/boarding in advance.	11/2/2019 9:49 PM
54	Dislikes would be it is at the end of winter and therefore ground conditions are not good, a holiday weekend means hard to get time off work, high school students cannot get time off school as just before exams, venues and accommodation are hard to find as other events on holiday weekends, weather in spring is usually unpredictable	11/2/2019 7:54 PM
55	Weather is very changeable	11/2/2019 6:50 PM
56	Must be on a long weekend show so that all the events usually offered can be offered. would not support a shorter show.	11/2/2019 6:49 PM
57	Long weekend helps with leave from work. Weather good and not too hot.	11/2/2019 6:33 PM
58	Opportunity for 4 day event,	11/2/2019 6:06 PM

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59	weather has been a major issue at past NZDACs	11/2/2019 5:19 PM
60	cost of travel can be high. weather can be an issue at labour weekend	11/2/2019 5:13 PM
61	The weather is unpredictable. The dogs have usually be resting all winter, and have certainly not had the level of day to day exercise/fitness that they get in the summer.	11/2/2019 4:23 PM
62	Last break before the Xmas rush and generally good weather and ground conditions this time of year	11/2/2019 6:53 AM
63	It's not during school holidays therefore more accommodation is available and is cheaper. Same with Ferry crossing, cheaper when not during school holidays.	11/1/2019 9:57 PM
64	I have other interests to attend to	11/1/2019 8:36 PM
65	A tendency to have unsettled wether Not many shows leading into it following the winter break	11/1/2019 7:38 PM
66	long weekend for travel. Competes with NDOA so not able to support both disciplines	11/1/2019 6:16 PM
67	It's a day off work you get paid for and you dont have to take it as a holiday	11/1/2019 6:16 PM
68	N/a	11/1/2019 6:13 PM
69	Generally good weather, roads are easy to travel.	11/1/2019 4:53 PM
70	Good weather, long weekend	11/1/2019 3:22 PM
71	Having it ona holiday weekend makes sense, but open to when	11/1/2019 3:00 PM
72	I like the weather, I like the fact that it is a four day weekend. It is at a none busy time for me.	11/1/2019 2:50 PM
73	Like the warmer Spring weather. However, would prefer to have it over the Easter Weekend so we don't need to take as many days off work and more people with families and members of public can enjoy the show as it will coincide with the school holiday.	11/1/2019 2:02 PM
74	NONE	11/1/2019 1:42 PM
75	Typically , bad weather	11/1/2019 1:18 PM
76	Its a great time of year for outdoor venues	11/1/2019 12:12 PM
77	good for end of season competitions	11/1/2019 12:00 PM
78	Competes with champ shows	11/1/2019 11:41 AM
79	Like it as it allows the extra day for people who have to travel. Also weather is reasonably settled	11/1/2019 11:39 AM
80	Stat paid holiday part of NZDAC dates. Usually weather not very hot.	11/1/2019 11:35 AM
81	Follows a wet winter when little training can done, when grounds are often in poor condition, team trails held when mmost people are resting dogs.	11/1/2019 11:23 AM
82	I like it due to the long weekend and timing.	11/1/2019 11:12 AM
83	Time with family misses out	11/1/2019 10:02 AM
84	Weather tends to be an issue and indoor venues haven't been found to be suitable. Three day weekend is good.	11/1/2019 9:34 AM
85	like it at a long weekend, / weather can be a bit bad, but not usually	11/1/2019 8:56 AM
86	Extra day off to participate	11/1/2019 8:53 AM
87	We usually go for holiday on labour weekend.	11/1/2019 8:49 AM
88	None	11/1/2019 8:39 AM
89	I dont like that its October as I'm a dairy farmer and cant get time off work as it's a busy time of year for us	11/1/2019 8:32 AM
90	Weather is not too bad, no other events then, don't give up a holiday like easter to go. I like there is a lead up of shows to go to.	11/1/2019 8:19 AM
91	Grounds and weather are more unreliable.	11/1/2019 7:13 AM
92	Weather is not too hot. It's a four day weekend so less time to take off work.	11/1/2019 5:44 AM
93	It is early in the competition and dogs are not generally at their peak performance	11/1/2019 2:14 AM
94	Works with public holiday	10/31/2019 10:51 PM

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95	The above question needs an I Dont's MInd Either Way button! Do not have strong feelings either way regarding timing on NZDAC but feel it should be over a long weekend so the most people can attend. If it should shift to a school holiday period, then avoid the April / Easter break as it has already been indicated that people will select family over their sport and NZDAC will be reduced to those who do not have strong family ties.	10/31/2019 9:30 PM
96	Coincides with a National Deaf Bowls competition that I compete in. Same weekend	10/31/2019 9:00 PM
97	It's not a good weather period for dog to be fit leading into a long competition, and the weather is often not great which can lead to unsafe conditions for both handlers and dogs given that almost all have been held outside on grass.	10/31/2019 8:49 PM
98	Easier to take holidays at labour weekend. Ground conditions generally better. Weather more stable.	10/31/2019 8:42 PM
99	Dislikes. October is the beginning of what I consider to be the start of my agility competition season. The weather is very unsettled.	10/31/2019 8:37 PM
100	Labour weekend is at the start of our Agility season - dogs are not fit and we only get 1 or 2 shows prior to NZDAC. Agility season starts in the New Year and runs through to end of April start of May. NZDAC needs to be at the end of the season. This also allows people to rest there dogs over the winter months	10/31/2019 8:27 PM
101	Unsettled weather	10/31/2019 7:33 PM
102	Convenient, the weather is becoming warmer/more settled	10/31/2019 7:08 PM
103	It is a more favourable time of year for better weather. Much easier to work around a date at that time of year. It's much more pleasant for the dogs at that time of the year.	10/31/2019 7:08 PM
104	Weather and ground conditions are suitable for agility Allows good timing for selection of Zone Teams People often combine NZDAC with a holiday	10/31/2019 6:15 PM
105	Dogs aren't competition fit. It's the beginning of our season. The spring weather is dangerous for driving and competing in wind	10/31/2019 5:35 PM
106	People like to winter break their dogs and it seems wrong to have such an event not long after Winter, Weather can be more advise during October	10/31/2019 5:21 PM
107	At this stage I just compete in local ribbon trials. I may soon join Dogs NZ but I would still only compete locally (within 1 - 2 hours drive) so unlikely to go to NZDAC.	10/31/2019 3:24 PM
108	its the beginning of our season, we have to work hard to get dogs fit and then would like to rest them but its the start of our season. The spring weather is too changeable and too windy to be safe both driving there and competing with dogs.	10/31/2019 3:23 PM
109	Not in school holidays, weather in October isn't too bad. It is a long weekend so allows more people to attend	10/31/2019 12:44 PM
110	Weather is never settled	10/31/2019 12:04 PM
111	I like it being a long weekend but it can tend to clash with a lot of other local events	10/31/2019 11:59 AM
112	Suitable season for dogs, not too hot etc.	10/31/2019 11:20 AM
113	Most suitable weekend.	10/31/2019 11:15 AM
114	A good few extra days to have off work. Weather not to hot for dogs and humans.	10/31/2019 9:56 AM
115	It works fine. Obedience went away from it and realised the mistake they'd made.if it aint broke, don't muck with it. It works well ending the year with Nationals.	10/31/2019 12:20 AM
116	Easter or Autumn would be preferable as we come out of our summer and competition season. Dogs are fit and ready. Coming out of winter, limited daylight and wet weather all hinder dogs getting fit and being trained. This is my only reason for suggesting a change of date	10/30/2019 10:19 PM
117	Easier for travel time	10/30/2019 9:50 PM
118	I don't like that due to it being held in spring, the grounds and weather conditions are very temperamental. Additionally, I don't like that the event is held just before the NCEA National examinations. This means that many of the junior handlers (the future) are unable to attend due to study commitments etc.	10/30/2019 9:17 PM
119	Like three day weekend, Dislike changeable weather at that time of year	10/30/2019 7:27 PM
120	its at the end of winter so grounds are often not good. It's just before NCEA exams which makes time off for high school students very difficult. Public holidays also make getting time off work hard. It is now a 4 day show which would be better suited to early summer, perhaps first weekend in December?	10/30/2019 4:44 PM

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121	Like the long weekend and it is a good time of year with weather not being too hot for agility.	10/30/2019 4:32 PM
122	No build up and weather very unpredictable	10/30/2019 4:01 PM
123	Just like them together	10/30/2019 2:50 PM
124	Dislike is that a lot of dogs are not as fit coming out of winter as they would be coming into autumn after a summer of swimming, walking and training. I also dislike the fact obedience and agility will be on the same weekend forcing me to choose when I enjoy competing in both codes equally.	10/30/2019 12:40 PM
125	Suits me getting A/L	10/30/2019 12:15 PM
126	It is the start of our season can be difficult getting dogs fit enough & weather is unsettled	10/30/2019 11:27 AM
127	to much traffic trouble accommodation	10/30/2019 11:11 AM
128	I'm not concerned either way - but do see the benefits of being Labour weekend. If moved to another weekend (e.g. March/April) would have to be away from school holidays to not have clashes for venues/accommodation.	10/30/2019 10:46 AM
129	long weekend suits most folk	10/30/2019 9:57 AM
130	Labour weekend seems to suit a lot of members. Only dislike is spring weather patterns can affect the event.	10/30/2019 9:32 AM
131	Stat day helps with arranging time off of work to attend.	10/30/2019 9:13 AM
132	Long weekend, stat day, work leave etc easier to manage personal life around long weekend	10/30/2019 9:10 AM
133	Travelling and accommodation at a busy time.	10/30/2019 9:08 AM
134	Too busy with other commitments	10/30/2019 9:01 AM
135	reliable calendar dates, 3 day wknd, existing std shows don't have to chop and change. Easter is a better time for family holidays away from agility (not every entire family is involved in agility which is often forgotten)	10/30/2019 8:40 AM
136	No Time needed off work to get to the event	10/30/2019 7:24 AM
137	Like the longer days, better weather, long weekend means less time off work. Good way to restart the competition year after the winter.	10/29/2019 11:42 PM
138	Its ok. Happy for end of summer as well. It should be at a different time to obedience.	10/29/2019 10:20 PM
139	generally good weather, long weekend	10/29/2019 10:19 PM
140	Long weekend. Not in winter, so usually not too cold for camping etc. but it's not in the height of summer where it's tough on the dogs.	10/29/2019 10:04 PM
141	Could be another long weekend, and over time might be a week show not just long weekend. Be good to have other disciplines combined at a longer show	10/29/2019 9:56 PM
142	Like that it includes a public holiday. Dislike that the weather can be unpredictable.	10/29/2019 9:10 PM
143	Good way to finish the year. Has a public holiday so one less day to take off. Weather can be a bit hit and miss though	10/29/2019 9:05 PM
144	It does not clash with other dog events, and it is easier to get holidays booked of work.	10/29/2019 8:14 PM
145	Generally ok weather	10/29/2019 6:30 PM
146	Labour Weekend is not a family celebration weekend, unlike Easter etc.	10/29/2019 6:24 PM
147	Long weekend, weather is better than Queens birthday	10/29/2019 3:21 PM
148	I'm not fussed when NZDAC is held, but around a long weekend public holiday makes sense for travel	10/29/2019 2:32 PM
149	Dislike that there could be other major events scheduled so accomodation is difficult	10/29/2019 12:40 PM
150	Better weather usually and this is the date that has long been established - other show dates have been set around this and it is very difficult (impossible) to change.	10/29/2019 12:28 PM
151	Not attached as above	10/29/2019 11:10 AM
152	Long weekend, better weather	10/29/2019 10:35 AM
153	Busy period for the long weekend, generally problems with availability of accommodation. Having NZDAC commitment on this weekend precludes me having a holiday break.	10/29/2019 10:27 AM
154	I have breed shows at same time (rather than in conjunction so have to choose)	10/29/2019 10:04 AM

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155	Return NDOA to Labour weekend as most Obedience people have requested. This should be held as well as including Working Trials and Obedience as part of the National Dog Show	10/29/2019 9:50 AM
156	Cooler weather, national 4day weekend so no extra days off work.	10/29/2019 9:39 AM
157	weather and three dy break	10/29/2019 9:38 AM
158	It's not too hot for the dogs and it's a long weekend so less days off work	10/29/2019 9:33 AM
159	already a public holiday - use less Annual leave. Weather is typically bad that weekend.	10/29/2019 8:59 AM
160	Most people can get time off	10/29/2019 8:30 AM
161	End of winter dogs not at peak	10/29/2019 7:44 AM
162	The weather is often unpredictable at that time of the year which makes it difficult to camp. Also for those with children or who are teachers, the school holidays are just before so the holidays would be better.	10/29/2019 7:13 AM
163	Public Holiday	10/29/2019 6:55 AM
164	As its a life ng weekend it's asked to get away from other commitments	10/29/2019 6:53 AM
165	More time for travel to and back, with long weekend.	10/29/2019 12:00 AM
166	Labour weekend is always right before or during school/university exams so I don't get a chance to compete	10/28/2019 10:10 PM
167	The very unstable spring weather, storms, torrential rain etc.	10/28/2019 9:32 PM
168	External venues are easier to find but at this time of year the weather can be very changeable. A summer event would be a better option for an Outdoor Agility Show	10/28/2019 8:48 PM
169	a long weekend for all parts of NZ - pro always same time of year - pro - unlike easter which changes Weather can be unpredictable - con	10/28/2019 8:46 PM
170	ease of getting time off work and accommodation	10/28/2019 8:46 PM
171	Not school holidays, too soon after winter break, weather can be crap	10/28/2019 8:45 PM
172	Happy with Labour weekend.nice having it on a long weekend as less days to take off work.weather isn't too hot.	10/28/2019 8:40 PM
173	the grounds are very hard and the weather is very unpredictable . Most dogs have had the winter off so are not at their peak of fitness	10/28/2019 8:37 PM
174	Due to farming commitments I can never got to the DAC at labour weekend	10/28/2019 8:26 PM
175	Dislike: at the end of winter when we don't have time to do many shows and build up the dogs' fitness, at the end of the summer/autumn period when dogs are at peak fitness would be better. Weather is also unpredictable in October, March/April it is often sunny but cooling down.	10/28/2019 8:05 PM
176	Don't have to take so much time off work. Easter weekend would be the other option but this always coincides with the holidays, making travelling more expensive!	10/28/2019 7:51 PM
177	Weather Lack of comps building up to NZDAC	10/28/2019 7:33 PM
178	Not a good build up to National show as just coming out of winter & not a lot of shows prior. Good having a 3 day weekend, but show now starts on the Friday so you have to take time off anyway. Could pick any weekend really and if you know in advance you take leave if wanting to go.	10/28/2019 7:23 PM
179	Weather	10/28/2019 6:33 PM
180	Labour weekend is for family get together so I personally wouldn't attend an event that weekend	10/28/2019 6:19 PM
181	Purely inconvenient timing work wise and also my dogs are coming from a break over winter, might get one to two "normal" shows in then its the national event.	10/28/2019 6:10 PM
182	not too hot weather yet, and just before holidays	10/28/2019 5:33 PM
183	Follows winter so grounds can be boggy. Labour Weekend would be better for an indoor event like NDOA.	10/28/2019 4:10 PM
184	Accomadation can be tricky	10/28/2019 4:08 PM
185	Means it is held after a winter when the grounds are sometimes not in the best condition. Obedience NDOA (traditionally held indoors) would be better at Labour weekend with NZDAC in early Autumn	10/28/2019 4:03 PM
186	Long weekend and generally weather is good	10/28/2019 2:21 PM

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187	I think it's been too wet through winter for people to train their dogs	10/28/2019 2:18 PM
188	Good temperatures weather wise. Which I think is a big part to consider when you have dogs running around actively ( and Handlers)To cold not good, waiting around, and too hot to run, not good. If you changed to March-April, it would have to be the end of April when its cooled down.	10/28/2019 1:11 PM
189	Too cold if held in SI. Dogs coming off a long break over winter where they haven't had a lot of work and so potentially unfit or not at their peak. For me personally I wouldn't care if NZDAC were held at Easter, but I know that the majority of Agility folk don't care for an Easter DAC.	10/28/2019 11:29 AM
190	Long weekend for travel and weather is generally settled - only weekend which would be better would be Easter but I also compete in Obedience - return to dog sport after 20 + years	10/28/2019 10:53 AM
191	Do not like the fact that it starts on friday	10/28/2019 10:05 AM
192	I like being able to go and watch when venue handy.	10/28/2019 9:26 AM
193	I don't have any issues when its held. Only put off for holiday weekends is the heavy traffic and finding accommodation.	10/28/2019 7:19 AM
194	Would prefer school holidays as easier for time off work	10/28/2019 6:59 AM
195	Like the weather	10/28/2019 5:22 AM
196	You can plan ahead	10/27/2019 11:05 PM
197	To early in the agility season and to busy with to many things on	10/27/2019 10:51 PM
198	Weather can be a bit unpredictable	10/27/2019 10:30 PM
199	I find it an over priced load of shit so dont attend.	10/27/2019 10:00 PM
200	Accommodation	10/27/2019 9:59 PM
201	Its a long weekend so dont need as many days off	10/27/2019 8:12 PM
202	Consistent date to work towards each year	10/27/2019 8:11 PM
203	Good time of year. Easy time off work.	10/27/2019 7:40 PM
204	It is at the start of the "season" and coming out of winter. With the weather it is hard to prepare your dog fully and if it is the national event for agility dogs should be peaking - more likely in March or April.	10/27/2019 7:36 PM
205	Road to busy	10/27/2019 7:17 PM
206	not so hot for the dogs	10/27/2019 7:06 PM
207	I don't really mind it being at Labour weekend, but I haven't attended NZDAC before	10/27/2019 6:38 PM
208	Better Weather.....easier to get time off work	10/27/2019 6:27 PM
209	changeable weather, I like the 4 day event,	10/27/2019 6:12 PM
210	Some of these questions I cannot answer yes or no, as the answer would depend on location. I feel Labour Weekend is good for us as we have Anniversary Day on the Friday, but the weather can be difficult for more southern areas and even we can be given horrible weather then. When you say consider, I'd consider, but not necessarily participate.	10/27/2019 4:42 PM
211	I dislike the time of year for an outdoors national event. The weather and grounds are likely to be wet (as experienced at Fielding, Leamington in recent years). Preference would be for a nationals at the end of our summer season of competing when weather is less likely to be wet and cold. Perfect end of March/ early April. Noting that the location and type of venue also impacts the quality of the grounds/footing.	10/27/2019 4:19 PM
212	Minus: Weather can be dodgy. Pluses: 3 day weekend, daylight saving gives more daylight for comps, weather can be lovely	10/27/2019 4:11 PM
213	dislike weather. Prefer summer event	10/27/2019 4:09 PM
214	Build up through the year for NDOA	10/27/2019 4:09 PM
215	None	10/27/2019 3:58 PM
216	Long weekend, time to get home	10/27/2019 3:46 PM
217	It's already a public holiday. It's not in school holidays so easier to get leave. Would like better weather	10/27/2019 3:38 PM
218	Weather	10/27/2019 3:35 PM
219	Long weekend	10/27/2019 3:25 PM

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220	Hard to have fit dogs after winter	10/27/2019 3:21 PM
221	NZDAC is generally run over 4 days so it would make sense to have it at Easter but not fussed when it is held	10/27/2019 3:05 PM
222	Time to get to and return from venue.	10/27/2019 2:50 PM
223	Better weather & some days off work so dont have to use so many leave days	10/27/2019 2:31 PM
224	The weather can be wet,cold, and windy - more so than Easter which is autumn, but Labour W/end fits more into the show schedule. Both are very busy times in most venues. Easter moves around in the calendar too much - too many shows effected by that.	10/27/2019 2:31 PM
225	It's outside of school holidays and at the End of winter training	10/27/2019 2:25 PM
226	Wet and a lot of prickles	10/27/2019 2:24 PM
227	Weather! Takes camping option away from all but the hardest of competitors. Often the build up to the event is hampered by bad weather meaning lack of training/fitness.	10/27/2019 2:23 PM
228	It's a busy time of year in our business and hard for me to get away.	10/27/2019 2:15 PM
229	Yes and no really as it clashes with another event I like too, but clashes are always going to happen for people whatever time. My thoughts lean towards Queens birthday, as there is not as much going on . Labour W/E is OK but it is the beginning of the agility season, and also a busy time of year for workers, and people in feral preparing for end of year and Xmas.	10/27/2019 1:59 PM
230	Like the long weekend...it is needed for such a big event. When held at Labour weekend it is after winter break so not many lead up shows and dogs are not in full fitness.	10/27/2019 1:44 PM
231	The grounds are often wet and the weather may be changeable at this time of year.	10/27/2019 1:41 PM
232	Perfer Easter. Weather is usually beter at Easter. Too much happening later in the year	10/27/2019 1:06 PM
233	generally weather not too hot or cold for outdoor show. Better for working people to arrange time off.	10/27/2019 12:41 PM
234	Weather can be a bit temperamental depending on what area it's being held. Like that the weekend before dac is Ashburton or central hawkes bay so depending on which island is holding DAC there is a show the weekend before to make it into a bit of a holiday trip.	10/27/2019 12:40 PM
235	Nothing, ita heath being able to hold nationals over a long weekend	10/27/2019 12:25 PM
236	No one else takes holidays then, so I can get time off work. Not too many agility shows after so a rest for the dogs afterwards.	10/27/2019 12:15 PM
237	Less time needed off work ,weather is not too hot.	10/27/2019 12:05 PM
238	The show is always held at the end of the winter season. Which is basically the start of the competitive season as we mostly compete l've the summer / dryer periods. May through to September is mostly ribbon events and a few champ shows. The weather is often poor. It's harder to get accommodation in some regions over the long weekend	10/27/2019 12:05 PM
239	It's towards the end of major obedience champ seasons and a good long weekend without other holidays that usually entail family commitments	10/27/2019 12:00 PM
240	Weekend is and does not move around like Easter. Grounds are usually good this time of the year.	10/27/2019 11:55 AM
241	Doesn't fall in school holidays	10/27/2019 11:48 AM
242	It is a holiday weekend	10/27/2019 11:34 AM
243	Easier to take time off work, generally OK weather.	10/27/2019 11:27 AM
244	The weather can be fickle at this time of the year.	10/27/2019 11:24 AM
245	It works	10/27/2019 11:23 AM
246	Long weekend. Near end of year when most dogs are peaking. At the beginning of the year many dogs take a few shows to hit their stride.	10/27/2019 11:12 AM
247	Weather and holidays	10/27/2019 11:09 AM
248	Like - public holiday Dislike - start of the agility season, would prefer end of season so around March /April	10/27/2019 10:54 AM
249	Weather isn't always agreeable	10/27/2019 10:49 AM
250	Traffic and holiday bookings being busier in places already	10/27/2019 10:45 AM

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251	Likes I have Less work commitments during October this means I'm not competing with others to take leave. Easter or summer holidays leave would be difficult as I would not be granted leave. Winter and spring leave is better I work in healthcare in the operating theatre leave is limited.	10/27/2019 10:39 AM
252	Long weekend take less time off work to attend.	10/27/2019 10:38 AM
253	It's the easiest to get to plus runs iver 4 days so don't have to take as much time off work.	10/27/2019 10:36 AM
254	Its a four day weekend for residents of Hawke's Bay	10/27/2019 10:35 AM
255	Longer weekend for more events to be held etc. more time to travel if needed.	10/27/2019 10:35 AM
256	I can't get the time off work. I rest my dogs over winter, so they haven't done any competitions before it.	10/27/2019 10:29 AM
257	Great weekend for an event like that	10/27/2019 10:23 AM
258	Dogs not competition fit as not as many competitions before hand. Weather can be very changeable. Although like the idea of having a public holiday.	10/27/2019 10:18 AM
259	Nice long weekend	10/27/2019 10:16 AM
260	Weather not too hot in Oct. Summer would be harder on dogs.	10/27/2019 10:16 AM
261	Important to have on a holiday weekend as many people are unable to take time off from jobs etc., Easter is not always the same date or on a weekend so that would not be an option.	10/27/2019 10:15 AM
262	More opportunity for people to have time off to compete over the 4 days	10/27/2019 10:11 AM
263	Have to take less days off work because the Monday is holiday already. Weather is better for agility, less likely for rain but not too hot. Ground isnt rock hard for dogs legs	10/27/2019 10:10 AM
264	Too long for the dogs and hard to get accommodation	10/27/2019 10:06 AM
265	Again no room for comment in the Obedience Section I hope that does not reflect DogsNZ attitude to obedience. I take from the agility question there might be a mood to move obedience from Easter to make space for agility to take that space for NDAC.	10/27/2019 8:03 AM
266	It's in the wrong time of year - it should be held at the end of summer	10/27/2019 12:13 AM
267	Clashes with an event I participate in . National Deaf bowls	10/26/2019 10:53 PM
268	Too close to nationals	10/26/2019 7:41 PM
269	Too close to nationals which is a pain and it means all your training leading up to it is during winter	10/26/2019 7:38 PM
270	The climate is generally cooler in October	10/26/2019 7:07 PM
271	Poor weather leading up to it for sufficient training.	10/26/2019 6:21 PM
272	Not applicable	10/26/2019 10:11 AM
273	Just come out of winter which means less trained or fit dogs.	10/26/2019 8:32 AM
274	Weather is usually ok by then, and need a public holiday for extra travel time for most competitors.	10/26/2019 7:57 AM
275	It seems to work well at labour weekend	10/26/2019 7:45 AM
276	Absolutely not. Traffic is bedlam labour weekend especially getting in / out / through Auckland. I am assuming the Wellington region would be the same. It's too dangerous and time consuming. Many are not attending the Tauranga shows this labour weekend specifically because of the traffic.	10/26/2019 7:40 AM
277	The Monday already a holiday	10/26/2019 7:30 AM
278	Too late in the year	10/25/2019 11:43 PM
279	Believe it should have been left to the NDOA to hold their event Labour weekend as it has always been, long before agility started	10/25/2019 10:11 PM
280	I would like it to be in late summer, the last weekend in March. Not april its too cold then	10/25/2019 10:08 PM
281	It is a 4 day event so unless held at a long weekend it would eat too much into my annual leave. Easter weather is unpredicable. Personally I would love New Years weekend best but Labour weekend is next choice/	10/25/2019 10:05 PM
282	Long weekend	10/25/2019 9:36 PM
283	Long weekend makes it easier to attend with work	10/25/2019 9:28 PM

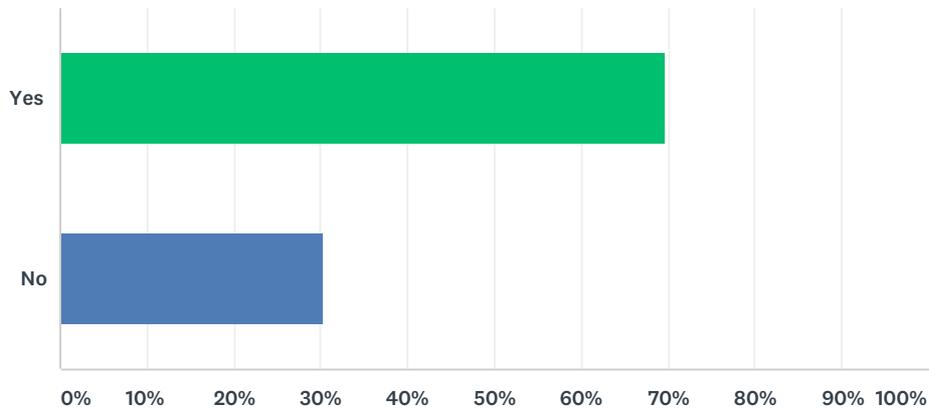
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284	Labour weekend is end of winter and weather is far too unpredictable for an outside event	10/25/2019 9:23 PM
285	+Long weekend for those who have to take time off work. - Weather can be unpredictable.	10/25/2019 8:58 PM
286	If wet ground gets very boggy Hard to get dogs match fit through winter	10/25/2019 8:49 PM
287	Often unsettled weather at this time of the year.	10/25/2019 8:48 PM
288	Can be a bit cold for camping and weather not always so nice. Be nicer as a summer competition I think. Nicer to camp, better weather.	10/25/2019 8:47 PM
289	cant comment	10/25/2019 8:43 PM
290	Often very wet, better at a time with more settled weather	10/25/2019 8:38 PM
291	Its boarding kennels busy time so please not at this time.	10/25/2019 8:31 PM
292	Busy roads!!	10/25/2019 8:20 PM
293	Don't mind	10/25/2019 7:52 PM
294	As there is unfortunately no space Or question for comments in why all codes should be together here are my thoughts. Dogs NZ cover a variety of codes so why would you not use this as an opportunity to showcase and promote ALL codes. The Nationals should be a celebration of the whole organisation not just conformation. We do not need in my opinion to double up on venue hire for a promotional event where we may struggle to fill vendor sites and limit the visual impact of the actual sports / codes By encouraging members to be pro active in showing and talking to public when they are at the height of competition makes a bigger impact in my opinion. You do not buy a car from a picture. You see it running.	10/25/2019 7:44 PM
295	I don't compete in agility but I did prefer it when Obedience NDOA and NZDAC was on the same weekend	10/25/2019 7:13 PM
296	N?A	10/25/2019 7:10 PM
297	I work Friday/Saturday and can't take off	10/25/2019 7:06 PM
298	Public holiday. Not Easter- religious holiday!	10/25/2019 7:04 PM
299	Labour weekend is already too busy with traffic and holiday makers, I'd pref the less people on the roads the better espically when you have dogs on board and it's a warm day.	10/25/2019 7:01 PM
300	Too close to winter to prepare properly. Conflicts with obedience and NDS of also in October.	10/25/2019 7:00 PM
301	I have never competed at NZDAC , but i think having all three disciplines could be more of a draw card for showcasing our dogs and what they do and bring in more general public to come and watch.	10/25/2019 6:52 PM
302	Labour weekend weather is normally great also great having a long weekend don't need to take so many days of work.	10/25/2019 6:49 PM
303	Too many other things on	10/25/2019 6:23 PM
304	Long week better for travel so little less time needed off work	10/25/2019 6:19 PM
305	winter conditions are mostly over while the hustle of the Xmas/New Year is not quite on the go.	10/25/2019 6:18 PM
306	Easter would mean trials held in January or late December. Often very hot, June and July is too cold and wet for dogs to run safely.	10/25/2019 6:16 PM
307	Prefer public holiday weekend for NZDAC.	10/25/2019 6:04 PM
308	At the end of winter it's hard to prepare your dogs properly for the event. Also the weather can be appalling, and sometimes the ground surface is not great	10/25/2019 5:55 PM
309	Clash with Obedience and currently too close to the Nationals	10/25/2019 5:32 PM
310	NZDAC is best suited for April (end of agility season) rather than in October which is the beginning of the season. NDOA is best at Labour weekend.	10/25/2019 5:19 PM
311	N/a for me	10/25/2019 4:56 PM
312	Benefit - long weekend disadvantage - many dogs are just starting to build up after winter	10/25/2019 4:40 PM
313	N/A	10/25/2019 4:30 PM

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Q11 Would you consider an alternative date for NZDAC in the March - April period at the end of the summer event schedule?

Answered: 398 Skipped: 249



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	69.60%	277
No	30.40%	121
TOTAL		398

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## Q12 If NZDAC was to move to another time/date. What would be your recommendation and why?

Answered: 92 Skipped: 555

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I don't have a preference because I'm retired	11/10/2019 10:44 PM
2	Easter but don't think it a good idea to be on the same time as Obedience.	11/10/2019 8:50 PM
3	Late autumn, weather is settled, and cooling towards winter. Plenty of training and competitions available prior.	11/10/2019 4:43 PM
4	Please use the school holidays - many families take breaks from work then anyway and it would make it easier for YKC etc. Easter is another possibility - better weather then too than our current October date.	11/10/2019 3:19 PM
5	Easter. Agility runs over 4 days so easter would work well	11/9/2019 10:15 PM
6	School holidays, more people free and possibly more spectators	11/9/2019 9:50 PM
7	April as my dogs are fully fit and competing at their best. The weather is more settled in NZ at this time.	11/9/2019 9:25 PM
8	Prefer October	11/9/2019 9:07 PM
9	end of november at the end of the competing year not march april is that easter is often this time and weather is unpredicatable	11/9/2019 4:20 PM
10	Obviously considering Easter. The Easter weekend fluctuates between March and April and can have more severe weather than Spring in late October.	11/9/2019 3:23 PM
11	I wouldn't consider any winter dates. No need to change what isn't broken.	11/9/2019 2:17 PM
12	Maybe later in November if you had to move it	11/9/2019 11:01 AM
13	A date in autumn outside school holidays	11/8/2019 9:26 PM
14	Not fussed when it is. I would likely attend anytime	11/8/2019 1:00 PM
15	Not interested	11/8/2019 12:11 AM
16	May/June - easier to get time off work than March/April Downside grounds will be getting heavy and not so comfortable for camping in tents.	11/7/2019 10:09 PM
17	It is a hard question and that is why it hasn't moved! Late nov early december would be good in some ways. I am probably the only person who has attended all of the last 25 agility nationals. On balance i think labour weekend is best. It should be on a long weekend. Easter would be good but it moves around. Anzac weekend is another possibility.	11/7/2019 10:57 AM
18	Autumn. Weather warmer, grounds not as wet. Dogs should be in peak condition due to recent competition	11/7/2019 10:31 AM
19	Easter, dogs have had plenty of competition leading up to Nationals and weather may be more settled	11/7/2019 6:57 AM
20	Can't be held in winter as too cold outdoors. I feel that March/April could have less than ideal ground conditions for outdoor agility. It could potentially be too hot for some dogs to trial for the Zone teams.	11/6/2019 10:08 PM
21	Sometime in March or early April. NOT Easter. Weather more stable, dogs fitter.	11/6/2019 8:48 PM
22	Over Easter weekend - dates variable!	11/6/2019 2:20 PM
23	Start of November .. non holiday weekend	11/6/2019 8:30 AM
24	Easter break/ school holidays However that may not work as well for travellers	11/5/2019 12:09 PM
25	March. The weather is normally more settled	11/5/2019 11:03 AM
26	Over Easter so longer bank holidays.	11/5/2019 6:57 AM
27	Easter weekend as it also has the extra holiday days	11/4/2019 10:43 PM
28	Easter weekend Another long weekend for people to travel to easier	11/4/2019 9:11 PM

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29	I think it wine a mistake to move it. L	11/4/2019 8:13 PM
30	If it was March/April, it would need to be at Easter as this is a long weekend & less time off work	11/4/2019 7:51 PM
31	March - April have come out of Xmas break and have a good number of shows as a build up into NZDAC	11/4/2019 3:17 PM
32	Just adding this bit as missed from initial survery: While public holidays are good, it is limits the time of the year, as well as conflicts within a persons job if others want the same time off. People will say it is an extra day Annual leave they will have to take, but at the end of the day it is only 1 extra day. I would be happy for a non public holiday date, as to when that date should be I am unsure. Due to the diverse locations, while someone in my area may be able to train all winter due to low rain levels, others in different areas may not be constantly rained out. I don't think agility really has a 'competition' period as such, which makes it hard to pick the end of the competition season. I prefer end of the year, early spring time. Not too hot, but weather is improving, grounds are usually in good condition, and not peak times for ferry bookings, accom etc.	11/4/2019 3:07 PM
33	Easter	11/4/2019 2:26 PM
34	Don't really care when it is, not a regular competitor at it	11/4/2019 11:31 AM
35	Please leave it as is, like the saying, if it ain't broke don't try and fix it, thanks in advance!	11/4/2019 11:21 AM
36	February/March would be a suitable date but I don't want it to change	11/3/2019 4:10 PM
37	early November as uni exams will be finished and weather should be better but not super hot.	11/3/2019 11:58 AM
38	either later in the year to finish off a year or at the start of a year which would also signify the end of the previous year. Basically so you train towards NZDAC and you dog should be in the best condition for DAC.	11/3/2019 9:16 AM
39	Stay as is	11/3/2019 9:00 AM
40	over a stat holiday and probably more april time.	11/3/2019 7:53 AM
41	Keep away from long weekends.. if possible	11/3/2019 7:07 AM
42	Prefer to keep show time as it has been for a long time. If dates were to be moved, I guess folk would adjust . So the answer is that I sit on the fence on this one!	11/2/2019 9:49 PM
43	I would like to see NZDAC move to a non-holiday weekend and be either at the end or beginning of summer (ie. end of March or beginning of November) as venues will be easier to find, weather should be more settled and holidays easier to take.	11/2/2019 7:54 PM
44	March april not too hot, weather more settled	11/2/2019 6:50 PM
45	Easter. Better weather maybe.	11/2/2019 6:49 PM
46	March/April school holidays	11/2/2019 5:19 PM
47	end march/april weather more settled. School holidays	11/2/2019 5:13 PM
48	As above, dogs would be in better condition for competing - and so they would preform better and be safer. Added bonus would be better weather. (But I wouldn't want the date to be too late in Autumn)	11/2/2019 4:23 PM
49	March - April date for good weather and I believe all nationals should be held together. I do not believe it needs to be over a long weekend, as most people take holiday time anyway, One large event held over several days would do more to promote dogs and dog well being than current separate nationals do..	11/2/2019 1:08 PM
50	Easter. Weather and ground conditions tend to be better around the country	11/1/2019 7:38 PM
51	better weather .	11/1/2019 6:16 PM
52	They should move to when and where the NDS is.	11/1/2019 6:13 PM
53	Def not Easter. There are a lot of other activities on, Traffic generally worse than other long w/ends which are bad enough. My pref would be Queens bday as less on for people then, and and it's cooler.	11/1/2019 3:56 PM
54	Not over the summer period as the ground is too hard and it can be too hot. A lot of people 'turn their dogs out' over summer, giving them a well deserved mental and physical break. In Autumn people may have not yet got to the level of training ready for the nationals if they did take a break over summer. Winter would be fine as long as you could get an indoor venue. A later date in spring or early summer may be an OK alternative	11/1/2019 3:22 PM
55	Open to any long weekend	11/1/2019 3:00 PM

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56	Easter but weather is not great and it is hard to get away.	11/1/2019 2:50 PM
57	Easter - for the reason stated above. It falls within the school holiday so more people with families and members of public would be able to enjoy the show. Many travel long distance to attend the show and have to take days off work (often unpaid leave): during Easter there's more number of public holidays so it will ease the time and financial pressure, which may also encourage more people to come and compete.	11/1/2019 2:02 PM
58	make sure it aligns with a long weekend	11/1/2019 1:42 PM
59	Sometime in Autumn .. Weather cooling .. and still hopefully settled ..	11/1/2019 1:18 PM
60	Yes but don't have it on in school holidays hard enough to get accomation	11/1/2019 12:00 PM
61	Same as breed shows	11/1/2019 11:41 AM
62	Perhaps Easter weekend as it's a long weekend anyway for travellers	11/1/2019 11:39 AM
63	Weather conditions - not too hot or wet.	11/1/2019 11:35 AM
64	April-ish...the weather is still clear and settled but not too hot. Perhaps around Anzac day	11/1/2019 11:35 AM
65	End of March/April as its near the end of the competition season and gives time for Teams trials in Feb. Weather is pretty good, not too hot, grounds should be good as havent had months of rain. People take time off work anyway and know years ahead when its on so can prepare.	11/1/2019 11:23 AM
66	Please don't move it.	11/1/2019 11:12 AM
67	Winter because there isn't many CAE then	11/1/2019 10:02 AM
68	Autumn still has long days and the weather is colling off (which is good) and more settled than in spring time.	11/1/2019 9:34 AM
69	easter, another long weekend althoughprefer labour weekend	11/1/2019 8:56 AM
70	Maybe Easter so that people could travel around those dates but Easter changes. If held in winter would need to be always indoors	11/1/2019 8:53 AM
71	any weekend except long weekend.	11/1/2019 8:49 AM
72	Not in the winter or the height of summer	11/1/2019 8:39 AM
73	Easter and move NDOA back to Labour weekend.	11/1/2019 7:13 AM
74	It would need to be in cooler weather, hopefully without rain! Agility dogs are exerting themselves more than dogs in other sports and it's crucial that the weather be appropriate. I don't like Jan to April for this reason....maybe May as it's a bit cooler but the weather can be quite random then	11/1/2019 5:44 AM
75	A weekend that is seperate from a statutory holiday weekend sometime in March or April. Not Easter. It makes travel and accomodation easier and the weather is likely to be better. Dogs are at peak competition performance.	11/1/2019 2:14 AM
76	End of the agility season rather than the end so dogs are at their peak fitness	10/31/2019 10:51 PM
77	I wouldn't like to see NZDAC at Easter. I would support any non public holiday weekend in the warmer months. This would make it easier for the organizing committee who wouldn't need to be competing with other Events held on a long weekend	10/31/2019 9:51 PM
78	September / October school holidays as weather better than the June / July holiday.	10/31/2019 9:30 PM
79	Sometime while it is still warm Sg o that people that camp can be assured or consistent good weather. But not too hot for the dogs to compete in. October is still liable for wintery conditions.	10/31/2019 9:00 PM
80	Easter weekend. This is easier for the majority of competitors with family's due to it being school holidays. The weather is almost always fantastic, and not too hot.	10/31/2019 8:49 PM
81	It shouldn't be moving! The ground is too hard at the end of the summer event schedule. The weather is also more unpredictable at that time of year.	10/31/2019 8:42 PM
82	I would prefer Easter weekend. The weather is generally more settled and the grounds are usually in premium condition.	10/31/2019 8:37 PM
83	NZDAC needs to move to the end of our season being late April or May. Makes sense. Also needs to be at a different time to NDOA so we can grow both sports and people can compete in both. NDOA could move to Labour weekend.	10/31/2019 8:27 PM
84	March. Because of weather and dogs are competing at their peak. There are no shows in July only a couple in August and September so the lead up to NZDAC is light.	10/31/2019 7:33 PM
85	Not sure	10/31/2019 7:08 PM

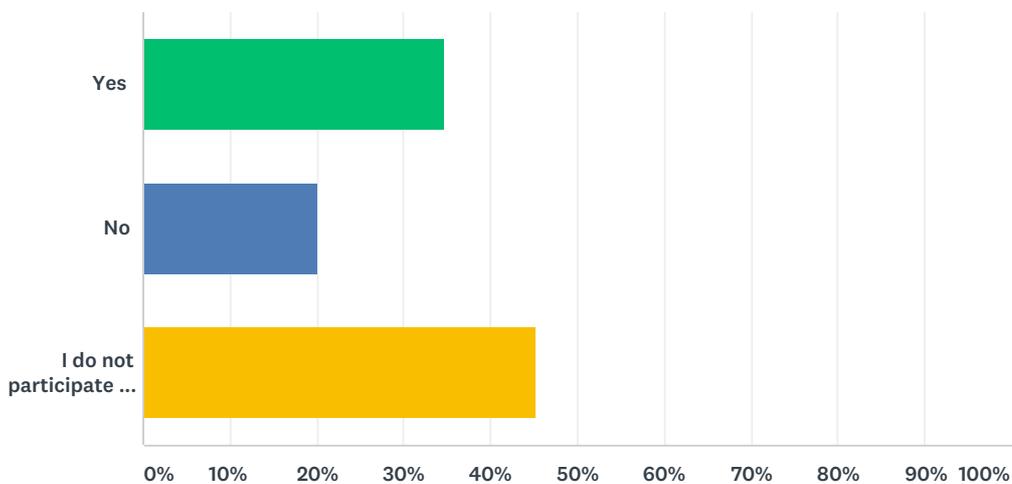
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86	Winter is NOT suitable for an outdoor event, which only leaves March - April when there seems to be more people unable to attend.	10/31/2019 6:15 PM
87	March anytime. Settled weather. Fit dogs. Accom available. I could cope with Easter too but it doesn't have to be then	10/31/2019 5:35 PM
88	Easter, when dogs are still in their prime from doing summer training and summer shows	10/31/2019 5:21 PM
89	it makes sense to compete at the end of our season not the beginning, then we can rest our dogs, I'm sure some dogs never get rested with the dates the way they are now. The ground would be soft the weather cooler than summer, dogs fit. It makes sense.	10/31/2019 3:23 PM
90	Maybe easter, it has change to a full 4 day event.	10/31/2019 2:25 PM
91	Better weather	10/31/2019 12:04 PM
92	Happy with Autumn or Spring. Not the middle of summer or the depths of winter.	10/31/2019 10:34 AM

# National Dog Show Survey

## Q13 Would you consider another Non-Easter date for NDOA in the March-April period?

Answered: 436 Skipped: 211



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	34.63%	151
No	20.18%	88
I do not participate in Obedience Sports	45.18%	197
TOTAL		436