

2010 NZPCA ACHIEVER AWARDS

Category A:

Lauren Cooney is 18 years old and is a member Auckland District Pony Club, Auckland Area. She has been a member for 10 years and holds A certificate.

Lauren competes in Horse Trials at Novice level and was placed 3rd in the Young Rider at Northland in October 2009 and 1st in March 2010 with numerous other placings at Horse Trials in 2009 and 2010. She was the winner of Area Trials in 2008 and 2nd in 2010. Lauren also does Elementary Dressage and was 1st reserve in the 2010 Auckland Area Dressage Championship Team. She holds the St. Kentigern College javelin record and was placed 3rd overall in their athletic championships. She has also represented Auckland at the secondary schools basketball national championships. In 2009, she participated in the Habitat for Humanity project in Fiji and is currently enrolled in the ECTP at D level.

Her DC says: Lauren has been an enthusiastic member of Pony Club for 10 years. She continues to enthuse and help her peers and younger members and has been a consistent role model for other young equestrians.

Janelle Gibson is 16 years old and is a member of Eastern Southland Pony Club. She has been a member for 14 years and holds her A riding certificate.

Janelle competed at the 2010 NZPCA Horse Trials Teams Championships in the 95cm class and was placed 2nd overall. She won two out of the three Area Trials. She also won the Intermediate class at the Area ODE and Challenge Trophy and was a member of the Dressage Championship team. Janelle is also a multi champion winner at A & P shows; all this on a pony she bought as a green 6 year old and trained herself. She coaches at D and C level.

She was placed 'Top of Year' for English in years 9 and 10 and was recently selected for the Borland Lodge Leadership camp. Janelle was placed on the 'honour roll' at Gore High School for hockey, equestrian, cross country and wearable arts.

Her DC says: Janelle is an active member and is a dedicated and talented Horsewoman. She has taken on coaching this season and her pupils think very highly of her. She is a wonderful role model and a valuable team member.

Charlotte Grayling is 16 years old and a member of the North Taranaki Pony Club, Taranaki Area. She has been a member for 9 years and holds B certificate.

Charlotte competes at Horse Trials and was placed 1st in Open Intermediate at Kihikihi 2009, 2nd in CIC*J Richfields 2009, 9th in CIC* Taupo 3DE 2009. She was a member of the winning 2010 Taranaki Horse Trials Championships team with a 4th individual placing in the DC section and also a member of the winning Trans Tasman Challenge NZ Young Riders Team.

Charlotte was top of her year 11 Equestrian Studies at Nga Tawa and was a mentor for the year 9 students and head of the year 11 Boarding House. She plays netball and was captain of the Nga Tawa B netball team.

Her DC says: Charlotte is dedicated and determined towards achieving her goals and she sets herself high standards. She also sets a great example for younger members.

Anna Nesbit is 17 years old and is a member of the Central Otago Pony Club. She has been a member for 9 years and holds her B certificate and is currently working towards her A riding certificate.

Anna has never missed a rally until she went to boarding school and has represented her Club in all aspects of riding, games, dressage, show jumping and eventing. She has represented Otago Southland at Horse Trials Teams Championships winning the DC dressage in 2008 and was 3rd overall. In 2009 she was 4th overall. Anna was a winning team member of the National Coaches award for best DC team in 2008 and was a member of winning Springston Trophy Team in 2009. Anna has played both senior A netball and basketball and was selected for the Southland U17 netball squad. She was awarded 'blues' for both sports and academic excellence. She also completed level 2 NCEA and level 3 Statistics and Economics in 2009 and recently accepted the opportunity to attend St Andrews College in Christchurch.

Her DC says: Anna has been an active member of Pony Club attending regularly and helping with younger riders. She has been a team representative at all levels.

Category B:

Anna Larsen is 18 years old and a member of the Manawatu Pony Club, Manawatu West Coast Area. She has been a member for 9 years.

Anna contributes at all levels within Pony Club at meetings, teaching at rallies, taking entries and doing administration and paperwork. She was a volunteer for the 2009 Special Olympics which included lending her horse. She was awarded 'Rider Contribution' at her Palmerston North Branch, enjoys helping others with getting their horses ready for competition including helping younger riders.

Her DC says: Anna has given many hours each week over the last 18 months. She has excellent administrative and organisational skills to carry out the duties of assistant secretary to both her Club and Area. She stepped into the void when no one else volunteered to fill these roles.

Marisna Roodt is 19 years old and is a member of Waitemata District Pony Club, Waitemata Rodney Area. She has been a member for 8 years and holds A certificate.

Marisna helps at working bees, building show jumping courses, coaching at pony club has attained D level ECTP qualification and is currently working on C level.

She has attended coaches' courses and is a D level examiner. She enjoys helping younger riders and gives lessons at the Rosedale Pony Club and is the rider representative on the committee. She has also been a volunteer at RDA and Church School Holiday Programmes. While at school, she was deputy head girl, was on the student council, was Director of the Stage Challenge and member of the Dragon Boat Team. Marisna is currently at Massey University studying for a Bachelor of Arts and Business Studies degree.

Her DC says: Marisna is a reliable, conscientious and dedicated member and is a great role model for her peers and younger members. She achieves at the highest level and is currently coaching a C ride. She is always helpful, friendly and polite.