



## Decked out!

Just in time for Chris' July barbecue and fireworks party, the entire surface of his new Trex deck was completed last weekend along with installing railing. Robert and I have gone up to his place eight different weekends to get to this stage. There are still two sets of stairs to install and wire to string between the railing posts, all of which will wait until after the party. Until then the old set of stairs are temporarily secured and in place on one side of the stair landing.

Chris really likes being able to use his deck again!



Temporary Stairs



## A dog's life

Brooklyn and Morgan are getting lots of time hanging out with Miles. At home, they are getting lots of time doing scent work and, with the agility equipment now set up, they are getting lots of time running agility courses in our backyard. And Morgan is now taking a private freestyle class. Conformation for her is on hold until this fall and only if I get my act together to spend more time on her conformation skills

## Pencil time

After breaking my foot last fall, drawing took a back seat for me. I am finally getting back into drawing having completed three in the last month. One was a commission, the other two are drawings for dog club members. Given I needed a way to make me pick up my drawing pencils again, I started a contest in the club's newsletter for people to win a drawing from me. Drawing gives me a great deal of satisfaction and a feeling of accomplishment but getting started is the hardest part. Getting myself to "Just Do It" works well if I can come up with a creative approach to "make" me draw.

