

NOMAD NEWS

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Reprinted from the Feb 2001 newsletter. This is Katy, in whose memory we give an award at the USDAA trial

🐾 SNAPSHOTS 🐾

by Randi Barrett

Katy Schultz and Gemma

The first time I met Katy I knew she was in tune with her beloved dog, Gemma. She and Gemma would be walking up the hill after their class with Lisa Barrett, while Hazel would be pulling me down the hill dying to get to her class. I knew we would be friends. As for our dogs, well... as long as Katy has a glass of ginger-ale in hand, and lots of open space, Gemma and Hazel might be friends.

If I had to describe Katy in three words they would be: Caring, Nurturing, and a Lover of animals. Take, for example, the day she decided to bury her fur coat in the back yard. Everyone knows where fur comes from...animals. Katy just couldn't bear to live with that dead coat anymore. I love that story.

Randi- I love to watch you and your beautiful English Shepherd/Border Collie mix, Gemma, run a course. You two have grown into a great team. Where did you find such an awesome agility dog?

Katy- I got Gemma through The English Shepherd Rescue. She was bred for herding in Virginia. Gemma was an over-flow. When I first saw her picture I fell in love with her. She reminded me of "Scrapper" my first dog as a kid. She was seven months old when I got her. She also got along well with my other dog, Smokey. He's my little "Scottie".

Randi- What made you want another dog?

Katy- I always want another dog!

Randi- You and Gemma breezed through USDAA Starters. What are your goals for 2001?

Katy- To drive my own car to a trial. I'd like to thank the NOMAD members who have made the trials possible for both Gemma and myself: Catherine Drollette Holmes and Bretta, Caroline and Shelby, Beth and Lizzy, and a non-NOMAD member, my mother, Jackie



*Katy, Gemma and Bing (her mother's dog).
Gemma is just seven months old here.*

Shultz. Thank-you all. Other goals are to nail those weave-pole entries and to know my own path.

Randi- What was it like to run your very first course in competition and come in 1st and Q?

Katy- It was my greatest agility moment so far. I was nervous and excited at the same time. I didn't want to let Gemma down. It was a thrill and a boost for my self-confidence.

Randi- What advice would you give to a person who has not competed yet?

Katy- Remember how fun it is. This is about you and your dog.

Randi- If you had to write a "Tip of the Month" would it be?

Katy- Something that Sheila Lewonski said, "When stuck in your training always back up." I do this with Gemma. Use lots of food and break it into small steps.

Randi- If you had to describe yourself in three words, what would they be?

Katy- Feeling, loving, and loyal—but only to dogs! I'm happy with simple things in life.

Randi- Oh, I almost forgot, what do you like to do besides agility?

Katy- Walk my dogs, play with the dogs, read and watch Animal Planet.

Randi- Is there anything else you would like to share with NOMAD members?

Katy- It's so fun to do agility. It makes me feel like a kid again. It's nice to be around so many people who think the same thing. I have learned a lot.

more photos of Katy on page 9

MINUTES APRIL 11, 2007 NOMAD SPRING MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

14 members were in attendance and 10 members were present by proxy.

Kit Erskine moved to accept the Fall Meeting minutes and Linda Ladd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Summary

Linda gave the treasurer's report. She advised that we previously had 3 separate banking accounts and has closed the account with only a few hundred dollars in it. Currently, the club has a little over \$12,000 between our checking account and our money market account. Linda disbursed eight 1099 forms. Our tax forms have been filed.

Committee reports

Seminar Committee:

Karen gave the seminar committee's report. The club will have done a bit better than break even on the Elicia Calhoun seminar with the club's underwriting the seminar for \$2400. The seminar went well, even with the weather issues. Given the problems with the unpredictable nature of the weather in the spring, the club probably will not have spring seminars again.

The seminar committee felt that seminars and winter classes seemed to be competing for people and hurting attendance. Therefore, the committee has decided not to have the Elise Paf-

frath mini seminars in 2008. In 2007, we had scheduled these mini seminars for two days, 2 sessions a day. However, the January seminar had to be cancelled due to the weather and our inability to reschedule it.

We will have a seminar in October 2007 (exact date to be determined) taught by our own Fiona Robertson. The morning session will be pre-novice and the afternoon session will be for novice dogs. Fran is organizing a Lynn Smitley tunnelers seminar for November 17, 2007. The seminar committee is not sure if it will be a full day or half day seminar.

NOMAD will not have a spring seminar next year. Instead, the club will be hosting NOMAD Summer Camp 2008. Elicia Calhoun has been confirmed as an instructor, and the seminar committee has invited Ginsey Nickels to teach, but she has not yet confirmed. The seminar will be 3 days in late August (when the weather is cooler) and will be held at Lynne von Trapp's house. She has 2 agility fields and 2 ponds. There will be 2 groups: novice/advanced and advanced/masters. Each group will work with one instructor in the morning and then switch to work with the other instructor in the afternoon. The camp will be limited to 20 teams and will be open to NOMAD members first. Teams must sign up for all 3 days. The seminar committee does not have exact dates or cost yet, but will finalize the dates as soon as possible and get the information out to the club. The date will be roughly a week after our NADAC trial and won't conflict with the Champlain Valley Fair Demo. NOMAD members will get to audit for free.

Springtime is a hassle with weather and the driveway at Wildwood barn, and Stephanie Brinkman is worried about her driveway. NOMAD offered to pay for repairs, but perhaps we will not have any more spring seminars there.

The seminar committee is changing its description on the renewal and application forms. People who sign up for the seminar committee must work at a seminar. The club will also likely be removing the requirement that members must be on a committee, because members can complete their 20 working hours between

the equipment party and the 2 trials.

Trial updates

USDA

Lynne reported that the trial needs one more ring manager so that we can have 2 co-ring managers in each ring. Sam and Sheila will be managing one ring and Louise will be managing the other. We were able to secure electronic timers at a cost of \$200 for the weekend. Kate Carter is hostessing the judge's dinner on Saturday evening. Linda Ladd requested assistance with the hospitality tent. Both the Ladds and Browns have high school seniors graduating the Friday before the trial and have agreed to split the trial days (and graduation parties!) each would work. Linda indicated everything would be cut, chopped and ready to go. She and the Browns will need assistance keeping the coolers stocked, the area clean and the food replenished.

NADAC

Caroline reported that the food vendor has been arranged. It is a different vendor than we've used in the past. There will be vegetarian offerings. The trial is still in need of one ring manager (so that we can have 2 in each ring). Our three ring managers are Billie Marsh, Judy Kessler, and Lynne von Trapp. We are looking for someone to handle judge's hospitality.

Equipment

Kit, Roberta, Lynne, Lisa and Judy Kessler got together and took care of some equipment projects that get overlooked when we are painting and cleaning. Jump cups are now on all the jumps for all standard jump heights (for BOTH trials). The group also stabilized the wing jumps. Lisa was able to purchase (for the club) a double jump, triple jump, fabric for chute (12 feet) and an 18 inch tire for \$300. The club also purchased a measuring wicket (for more than \$300). We needed a new one and can use the old one for practices to get dogs accustomed to being measured. We are waiting for warm weather to have the painting and cleaning party.

Membership

Kim gave the membership report. We currently have 68 members. There are 50

NOMAD's Steering Committee

Contact them if you have questions or suggestions.

President

Lynne von Trapp _____ 253-7673

Vice-President

Karen Clark _____ 527-8355

Treasurer

Linda Ladd _____ 879-3461

Secretary

Kim Rubin _____ 899-3382

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Members at Large

Don Denette _____ 872-8767

Kit Erskine _____ 586-9932

Patty McMahon _____ 434-3423

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working members, 15 supporting members, two junior handlers and one lifetime member. Six new members have joined since the first of the year.

Nan continues to get emails from people who find us surfing the internet at a rate of about one every couple of weeks. The annual subscription for the website is due on July 28 and is \$119.40 a year. There is an additional \$10 for our domain name. Billie has offered to be a back-up person for the website. Nan is hoping to work on typing up a set of directions on how to access everything for the website so in an emergency or when her computer is out of commission, our website can still be maintained. Nan continues to check up on our status on Google to see where we stand using various search phrases. Our site was coming up number one when using phrases like nomad agility or agility + VT + dogs. Google has added new and improved webmaster tools, so Nan is working to add new meta tags to the site for their crawlers.

Last year's *Get to Know NOMAD* practice — which was organized by Kim and Sam — was a huge success. All but one participant joined NOMAD. We would like to offer this practice again this year, and Kim and Sam have offered to organize it again.

The Agility Buddy program is not working as well as hoped. There have not been enough volunteers to match up all the new members that have requested buddies. We are discussing ways to revamp the program to make it work better. An idea we are exploring is to make the program specific to help guide members who are new to trialing. Our thinking is that if the commitment was more specific and less open-ended, that people would be more willing to volunteer.

Demo

The Champlain Valley Fair Demo will be August 30 and 31 (the Thursday and Friday before Labor Day). Lori Brown will get the club the details as it gets closer.

Kate Carter reported that Vermont Sports will be the media sponsor for a Sports Fitness and Recreation Expo to be held on October 20 and 21 at the Champlain Valley Fairgrounds. NOMAD has been asked to do demos on these days. We have the option of being outdoors using a fenced 100 x 100 course space or

indoors (size of space to be determined). The organizers will bring in bleachers and install fencing for an outdoor ring. We also could be inside, but need to confirm what the surface will be like and see if the soccer people are amenable to dogs running on their flooring. The club agreed that indoors would be ideal because of October weather. There was some concern regarding the flooring (would there be adequate padding?). Kate will look into it.

The organizers indicated we could do as many or as few demos as we wanted. Kit suggested a format like the Champlain Valley Fair with a few sessions a day. The club seemed to think 2 sessions each day was a good number. The club had a discussion regarding the format of the demos and it was generally agreed that a show and go (open to NOMAD-ers only) would be a great showcase for the sport and good practice for the dogs — especially the beginner dogs. Lynne asked if Kate would need help getting this together, and it was agreed that the demo committee would assist Kate. Kate and/or the demo committee will ascertain where to crate the dogs, if the flooring is adequate, and if the soccer people are ok with the dogs running and what their schedule will be. Also, Kate and/or the demo committee will most likely do a walk through to ensure the venue meets our needs.

New business.

Proposed practice guidelines / practices in general

We did not have the required 60% of the membership to pass the proposed practice guidelines. We had a discussion on the guidelines and practices in general. Judy Kessler suggested we reconsider the rule regarding no dog interactions, inside and outside the barn. She felt that in many instances people know their dogs and the dogs with whom their dog is going to socialize, and it may not be necessary to have a complete ban inside.

Only four members responded to the winter barn questionnaire, and Kim Rubin indicated that as a result, she did not have much input on how to change practice. She said she would put a plea in newsletter for comments and suggestions. Should the club have practices/classes at one barn or two? What does the club want to do with them? The club had a

discussion regarding practices and multiple suggestions were offered. Perhaps we rent the Jericho barn only two Sundays a month or cut down on length of practice time to only 2 hours. Many people indicated that if they attended Saturday classes that they were unable to go on Sunday due to other obligations. Many seemed to feel that one barn with a 1.5 hour class and then 1.5 hours of open practice once a week would be the best use of our resources. Kim will put out a plea for suggestions in the newsletter and bring the responses to the Steering Committee. There was a discussion regarding aggressive dogs and dogs with issues. It was suggested that the club have Sam hold another "Dogs with Issues" seminar. The club also discussed extending the Waterbury barn classes from December or November to March

Summer Practice

Roberta indicated that summer practice could begin again on Tuesday nights when the field is dry. Last year's fee of \$3 per practice or \$30 for the summer seemed to work well. The club reimbursed Roberta for the cost of mowing the field.

Alternate trial committee

The alternate trial committee has not met and has no chair. As a result, there is no report. The SC will give them a nudge to see if they still want to do it.

Nominating committee

A few positions are opening on the steering Committee, and as a result we need a nominating committee for the open positions. There is a member at large position open as Kit is in his 6th consecutive year on the SC. Both Don and Kim are staying on for another term, so neither needs to be replaced. Karen's and Lynne's terms are up and neither has yet decided if they will stay on in their current (or another) position. Lynne asked for volunteers for the nominating committee — seeking some new members as well as old. Carla graciously accepted Lynne's invitation to be on the nominating committee.

No other new business.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Rubin, Secretary

UP-COMING EVENTS FROM THE SEMINAR COMMITTEE

October 13th, 2007. **Fiona Robertson** will be conducting two half day seminars. Fiona, as a NOMAD member, has taught several winter classes which have been very popular. For those who may not know Fiona she is very upbeat and has purely positive training methods. The Morning session will be pre-novice and the afternoon will be novice. More details on content will be in a later newsletter.

November 17th. **Lynn Smitley** will be conducting a seminar on Tunnelers, a very fun game for dogs and handlers. Lynn and Mia captured the NADAC Tunnelers national championship title in 2006. She will present various strategies focusing on distance and efficiency.

NEW MEMBERS

compiled by Cynthia Gilliland

Lynn Kabot has re-joined NOMAD. She has been involved in Agility for 5 to 6 years. Her current agility teammate is a 3 year old Standard Poodle named **Mr. Bentley Wilson**. Bentley has taken classes at Waggles and Show me the Biscuit, and he and Lynn participated in the BOTC trial in Williston this past weekend, so I got a chance to put a face to the name. Bentley is quite a handsome fellow!

We have another new member from my neck of the woods! **Beverly Lancaster** has joined NOMAD with her 2 year old Australian Shepherd, **Bella**. Bev and Bella just started agility last summer, and they have already competed in 2 ASCA trials and 1 NADAC trial! Some of you may have met Bev and Bella at the Grantham trial last weekend.

Bev just happens to be one of Heather's favorite people, so she is especially happy to have Bev as a NOMADER.

Yet another new member from my neck of the woods! **Diane Boss** has joined NOMAD with **Tag**, her 6 year old Australian Shepherd. They live in Hanover, New Hampshire. Diane and Tag have taken classes at the Upper Valley Humane Society. They compete in CPE at level 3, and are starting NADAC and USDAA. Diane says that Tag is doing great and she has to improve her handling to keep up with him. Tag was born deaf, and so perhaps is our first deaf dog member!

We have two new dog members:

Sundancer, a.k.a. Suni, an 11 month old papillon, has joined NOMAD with **Maxine Holmes**. Suni has been "home schooled" in agility and also recently participated in the Elicia Calhoun Beginner's Seminar. Maxine and Suni are having a lot of fun together, and plan to compete at the National level in both the US and Canada one day!

Sara, a 4-5 year old chocolate lab, has joined NOMAD with **Nan Johnson** and Tessa. Sara has taken several agility classes at Waggles and Show me the Biscuit! Agility has allowed her to build her confidence and to keep physically active. Nancy says that while Sara may not have mastered agility yet, she is now very spunky- she has mastered "spunkiness"!



photo by Karen Holcker

Tux at BARK camp last year.

Send me your photos to use when there is extra room in the newsletter—otherwise you will get sick of seeing my dogs. Send photos to Caroline McKinney at mayamck@pshift.com if you have digital or to 911 Elmore Mt. Rd., Morrisville, VT 05661 if you would like me to scan and return a photo.

USDAA Trial

COMING SOON!

By Lynne von Trapp

NOMAD's USDAA trial is June 16/17, with set up on Friday, June 15. A smoothly running trial depends largely on volunteer help, since at least 10 workers are needed to run each class. Competitors volunteer to help, but the main responsibility falls on the host club. Volunteering is a wonderful way for newbies to learn about trials. Thank you to all of you members who have offered to help in our trials this summer.

The following is a description of jobs to be done during the trials. Rest assured that newbies will be matched with more experienced members for jobs like timing and scribing. All jobs will be explained before you go on duty.

Volunteering is a great opportunity to meet new people, make agility friendships, and help the host club.

Jo Renn compiled the following job descriptions.

DAY OF THE TRIAL JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Course Builder

Summary: Move obstacles between rounds as directed by the Chief Course Builder.

Help move equipment between classes to set the course for the next class. Requires more brawn than brains. You must be aware of when each class ends so the new course can be set quickly. Efficiency in course building can significantly affect how late a show goes. Generally, the Chief Course Builder (and then the Judge during final "tweaking") provides instruction about what pieces of equipment are needed and where to place them.

Gate Steward

Summary: Make sure dogs and handlers are ready at start line.

Armed with a running order, call out the names of handlers and dogs to make sure they are present and aware of when they will be going into the ring. You must not be too shy for this job as it can require shouting for missing handlers. You must also be prepared for nervous handlers asking repeatedly when they will be

running. It's a great way to get to know names and faces. You can make a show run faster and smoother if you:

- Have the next three dogs ready to go.
- Have the next dog on the starting line—without its collar!—before the previous dog finishes, if possible.
- Provide information to the Assistant Scribe to ensure that the running order matches the scribe sheets.

Note: Before going to ring: Pick up running order list and pen from Score Table. (Or they might already be posted at ringside.)

Scribe

Summary: Make marks on paper when judge raises hand or calls out a number.

Mark down faults and points as directed by Judge on the scribe sheet while each dog is running. Scribing differs for different classes, just as judging differs. The Judge will instruct you as to the meaning of various hand signals; s/he is always pleased to provide you with a quick one-minute primer on the signals if you ask. If you ever are unclear about a Judge's signal, wait until after that run and clarify before the next dog starts. It is wise to verify that you have the correct scribe sheet for each dog. Important: You must watch only the Judge at all times during each run, never the dog or handler.

Note: Before the first dog: Get pen and clipboard with first dog's scribe sheet from the Assistant Scribe.

Assistant Scribe

Summary: Give the Scribe the correct scribe sheet for the next dog and write down the previous dog's stopwatch time.

As the first dog starts, place the first dog's scribe sheet onto a clipboard and give it to the Scribe. As each dog finishes, take the clipboard with scribe sheet from the Scribe and hand over the next scribe sheet on the second clipboard.

With a two-stopwatch system, also take the stopwatch from the Timer at the end of the run, return a second zeroed stopwatch to the Timer to start the next dog, record the time on the scribe sheet, and reset the watch. This job is critical for ensuring that the Scribe writes scores on the correct scribe sheet, as there are often changes in the running order at the last minute or even during the class.

When a dog has scratched a run, mark the scribe sheet "Scratched" and give it to the Runner immediately so that the Score Table knows the dog is not there.

Note: Before going to ring: Check that two small clipboards, scribe sheets, and two pens are ringside, if not, get them from Score Table.

Timer

Summary: Use stopwatch or electronic timer to time a dog during a run.

This job requires full attention and no distractions, as focusing on the dog crossing the start line and finish line is critical. One person must time an entire jump height within a class to minimize timing differences. The Judge will give you specific instructions on timing a class before the first dog runs.

The Timer is important in keeping the competition running on time, so you must cue the next dog and handler by saying "Ready!" or "Go!" loudly and clearly as soon as you see that the Judge is ready and you are ready to begin; you can also nod or signal with a flag but not all handlers look at the timer when starting so a loud call is important. Keep the whistle in your mouth; as soon as a dog begins and you start the watch or the dog starts the e-timer, check immediately that the watch or e-timer is running. If it is not, blow the whistle immediately and loudly, no later than the third obstacle, to stop the run.

Note: Before going to ring: Check that two stop watches and a whistle are ringside. If not, pick up from Score Table. Make sure that the whistle works.

Score Runner

Summary: Take scribe sheet from Assistant Scribe to Score Table.

Runners usually take sheets from the Assistant Scribe to the Score Table three or four at a time. Might require a bit of walking (probably not running).

Leash Runner

Summary: Take leashes from start line to finish line, usually at a walk.

This is a very easy job often filled by children. However, you should be as invisible as possible to the handler at the start; don't demand the leash or crowd the dog in anticipation of the removal of

the leash.

Ring Steward (Pole Setter and Tunnel Straightener)

Summary: Reset bars for height changes and when they are knocked by dogs during a run.

Judge will instruct you before each class as to where to should sit and whether the bars are to be reset during a run; for example, if a jump is taken twice in the same run. Bars are never reset during a Gamblers run. If the course includes a collapsed tunnel, you will also straighten the chute after each dog. This is a great job for watching each dog run as you must be attentive to the happenings in the ring at all times.

Score Table

Summary: Add up marks made by Scribe and write them on the master score sheet.

Take the scribe sheet from the Runner, compute how much (if at all) the dog exceeded course time using a calculator, add up the faults (they are all multiples of 5), and determine whether the run qualifies (for example, has five or fewer faults). At the end of each jump height, determine first, second, third, and fourth places.

There are always at least two people at the score table to double-check each

other (three for jumpers classes), and there is always at least one experienced score table person to give instructions and answer questions.

Sometimes a third person can copy scores from the master score sheets to the posted score sheets to make results available more quickly for competitors.

Registration

Check-in Summary: Check names off a list or hand out catalogs.

If you can help first thing in the morning, you can offer your services at the Registration Table. You can check people off on the check-in lists, hand out catalogs or goodies, or help with measure-in (handle paperwork for the measuring judge).

Awards

Summary: Hand out ribbons.

Get the results from the score table for a class (probably use the posted third copy of the score sheets), make announcement that ribbons for that class are being given out. This job has recently been streamlined and is mostly self service, with Qs and Placements being checked off by exhibitors on the sheet from the scoretable. Someone does need to make sure that ribbons are available and that results sheets are available and in order.

Seeking Suggestions for Winter Practices

Due to low attendance at the Jericho barn this winter, the Steering Committee is seeking input on how best to utilize NOMAD's resources for winter practices. Any and all comments are welcome. Please e-mail (som13@aol.com), call (899-3382) or write (142 Fitzsimonds Road, Jericho, VT 05465) Kim Rubin with any thoughts on winter practices.

We have had some suggestions: perhaps to have Saturday only practices with a 1.5 hour class followed by a 1.5 hour open practice, to allow members to "share" classes (taking turns every other week) and to add November and December sessions at the Waterbury barn.

What would you like to see happen with winter practices? One barn or two? Only one day a week? More classes? Please help the Steering Committee come up with a game plan for next year! Thanks in advance for your input.



AGILITY BUDDIES NEEDED

by Nan Johnson

Hi everyone! I'm looking for some people that I can put on reserve to be agility buddies. The last couple of people who requested a buddy weren't able to get one. What is an agility buddy? An agility buddy is a club member who volunteers to be available to answer questions to a new member. This usually takes place through e-mails. It's great to have a person you can ask all those beginning questions (how to fill out the premium, what to bring to a trial, etc.) If you are interested in being a buddy to a new member, contact Nan at VTGoat@gmail.com.



HELP WANTED!

NOMAD NEEDS YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS.

We are looking for volunteers to help out at our trial. Workers get a vouchers for lunch, extra goodies, and are generally treated like royalty. If you can help out, please fill out the worker form below and send it

Val Reiner, 31 New State Rd., Savoy, MA 01256

Name _____

Address _____

phone _____ e-mail _____

The jobs I like to do are:

gate steward timer assistant timer scribe

score keeper runner course builder ring crew

BRAGS

Feb 26–28 Treasure Coast Agility, Vero Beach FL.

Maxine Holmes and Spiritdance

8" MXJ _____ Q

Sophie and Maxine Holmes

8" MX _____ Q

8" MXJ _____ Q

8" MX _____ Q

8" MXJ _____ Q

Mar. 3-4, Polk Co. Agility, Mulberry, FL.

Spiritdancer

8" MX _____ 1st & Q

8" MXJ _____ 1st & Q

Her 1st Double Q + 74 Mach pts.!!!

8" MXJ _____ Q

Sophie

8" MX _____ Q

8" MXJ _____ Q

8" MX _____ Q

Mar. 9–10, West Springfield Ma. AKC

Spiritdancer

8" MX _____ 3rd & Q

Sophie

8" MX _____ Q

8" MXJ _____ Q

8" MXJ _____ Q

March 24-25, All Dogs Gym USDAA DAM Tournament

Blaze and Fiona

Dam Tournament, Team "Seeing Red"

with Rio and Bert _____ 6th place & Q

26" Team Jumpers _____ 2nd

26" Grand Prix _____ 4th & Q

March 31-April 1, NAE NADAC, Grantham, NH

Cynthia Gilliland and Heather

Open Chances, 20 in. _____ Q and OCC title

Open Chances, 20 in. _____ Q

Tux and Caroline McKinney

Novice Jumpers _____ 1st and Q

Novice Tunnelers _____ 3rd and Q

Fly and Lisa

Novice Regular _____ 1st and Q

Open Jumpers _____ 1st and Q

Novice Weavers _____ 1st and Q

Open Jumpers _____ 1st and Q

Open Tunnelers _____ 1st and Q

April 14–15, Y Agility USDAA at ASCO Farms, Chatham, NY

Blaze and Fiona

26" Masters Standard: _____ 3rd and Q

26" Masters Gamblers: _____ Q

26" Masters Standard: _____ 3rd and Q

26" Masters Snooker: _ 4th and Q (alas, that last SQ keeps eluding us!)

26" Masters Jumpers: _____ 2nd and Q

April 14-15 ,Breeze Thru Agility CPE, Newfane, VT

Cynthia Gilliland and Heather

Level 5 Jackpot, 16 in. _____ 2nd and Q

Level 5 Snooker, 16 in. _____ 2nd and Q

Level 5 Fullhouse, 16 in. _____ 2nd and Q

Level 5 Standard, 16 in. _____ 1st and Q

Level 5 Wildcard, 16 in. _____ 1st and Q

Level 5 Jumpers, 16 in. _____ 2nd and Q

Kim and Aspen

Level 2 Colors, 20 in. _____ 1st and Q

Level 1 Snooker, 20 in. _____ 1st and Q

Betsy and Roo-Roo

Level 2 Colors, 20 in. _____ 3rd and Q

Level 2 Snooker, 20 in. _____ 3rd

Chance and Lynne von Trapp

Standard L3 _____ 1st and Q

Fullhouse L3 _____ 2nd and Q

Snooker L3 _____ 2nd and Q

Jumpers L3 _____ 3rd and Q

Colors L3 _____ 4th and Q

April 21–22, BOTC Agility Trial, Williston, Vt.

Sophie

8" Excellent B Standard _____ 1st & Q
10 Mach points

8" Excellent B JWW _____ 2nd & Q

8" Excellent B Standard _____ 2nd & Q
9 Mach points

April 21-22 USDAA Talcott Mountain, Westfield, MA

Chance and Lynne von Trapp

PIII Gamblers _____ 1st and Q

A plea from your editor as trialing season begins.

PLEASE send your brags in the following format:

DATE, Trial, Location paragraph return

Handler's full name Dog's name paragraph return

Class Placement and Q (or not)

This may seem like a small thing, but it is a very big thing for me when I am trying to get the newsletter out. It takes me a very long time to redo everyone's slightly different formatting.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY DOING THIS AND A THANK YOU IN ADVANCE TO THOSE WHO WILL IN THE FUTURE.

-Caroline

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Compiled by Cheryl French as of 4/19/07

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May 26-27; ASCA; Open to all dogs; ASCNE; Hopkinton Fairgrounds, Contoocook, NH; Limit: 350 per day; Classes: Regular, Jumper, Gamblers - Retired Exhibition (Sat.); Pre-Novice; Contact: Jean Janotta, 24 Country View Drive, Raymond, NH 03077, 603-895-5436; Email: jjanotta@verizon.net; Website: <http://67.15.203.23/~ascne206/calendar.htm> .

May 26-27; CPE; Open to all dogs; North East Miniature Australian Shepherd Club; Westminister, VT; Closes: 5/22/07; Limit: 350 runs; Classes: Sat & Sun, Standard, Colors, Wildcard, Snooker, Jackpot, FullHouse; Contact: Leslie Bickel; Email: leslie.bickel@mmigenomics.com; Website: www.nemasc.org .

May 26-28; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Y Agility; Yadoo Showgrounds, Union Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY; Closes: 5/7/07; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels, Standard, Jumpers, Gamblers, Snooker, Pairs Relay, Team Relay; Contact: Donna Young, 4 Haber Way, Castleton, NY 12033, 518-732-2180; Email: yagility@nycap.rr.com; Website: www.usdaa.com .

May 26-28; AKC; Open to all purebreds; LEAP Agility Club; Dufresne Park, Granby, MA; Opens: 3/14/07; Closes: 5/5/07; Limit: 750; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

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June 2-3; NADAC; Open to all dogs; In The Zone Agility; Fryeburg County Fairgrounds, Fryeburg, ME; Limit: Unlimited; Contact: Lisa Bonker; Email: Imspdh@yahoo.com . Website: inthezoneagility.com .

June 2-3; AKC; Open to all purebreds; Norwegian Elkhound Minuteman Assoc., Westford, MA; Opens: 3/14/07; Closes: 5/16/07; Runs: 660; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

June 8-10; AKC; Open to all purebreds; Southern Berkshire Golden Retriever Club, Westfield, MA; Opens: 4/11/07; Closes: 5/19/07; Runs: 660; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

June 9-10; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Canine Agility Training Society; Wheelock Park, Park Ave., Keene, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels, Local GP Qualifier; Trial Sec.: Judy Davis, Trial Secretary Services, tss@trialsecretary.com; Website: www.trialsecretary.com .

June 11-12; AKC; Open to all purebreds; Mayflower Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club; Westford, MA; Opens: 4/18/07; Closes: 5/26/07; Runs: 660; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

June 16-17; NADAC; Open to all dogs; Northeast Agility Enthusiasts; Washington County Fairgrounds, Greenwich, NY; Limit: Unknown; Contact: Erin Ayres Wajda, 479 Taborton Rd., Sand Lake, NY 12153; Email: trialsec@northeastagility.com; Website: www.northeastagility.com .

June 16-17; AKC; Open to all purebreds; Northshore Kennel Club, Topsfield, MA; Opens: 4/18/07; Closes: 5/26/07; Runs: 660; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

June 16-17; USDAA; Open to all dogs; NOMAD; TopNotch Meadow, Mountain Rd., Rte. 108, Stowe, VT; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Email: mytmutts@yahoo.com; Website: www.nomadagility.com .

June 16-17; CPE; Open to all dogs; AgileDogs Agility Training; Shatford Park, Rte. 22, New Lebanon, NY; Limit: 700 per day; Closes: 6/4/07; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Jeff Boyer, 518-461-6791; Email: jeff@agiledogs.net; Website: www.agiledogs.net/trials.htm .

June 22-24; AKC; Open to all purebreds; Collie Club of ME, Cumberland, ME; Opens: 4/18/07; Closes: 6/2/07; Runs: 660; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

June 22-24; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Y Agility, The Blackthorne Resort, 348 Sunside Rd., East Durham, NY; Limit: Unlimited; Closes: 6/4/07; All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Donna Young, 4 Haber Way, Castleton, NY 12033, 518-732-2180; Email: yagility@nycap.rr.com; Website: www.usdaa.com .

June 23-24; CPE; Open to all dogs; Bo-Gee Agility; Deerfield Fairgrounds, Deerfield, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Email: bo-gee@juno.com; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis, Trial Secretary Services, tss@trialsecretary.com; Website: www.trialsecretary.com .

June 23-24; DOCNA; Open to all dogs; JAZZ Agility, High Goad Farms, 68 Louse Hill Rd., Greenwich, NY; Contact: Debbie Wlodarski, PO Box 3127, Schenectady, NY 12303, 518-346-7988; Email: dwlodars@nycap.rr.com; Website: JazzAgilityClub.com .

June 30-July 1; AKC; Open to all purebreds; Albany Obedience Club; Glenmont, NY; Opens: 5/2/07; Closes: 6/16/07; Runs: 500; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

June 30-July 1; NADAC; Open to all dogs; Northeast Agility Enthusiasts; Washington County Fairgrounds, Greenwich, NY; Limit: Unknown; Contact: Erin Ayres Wajda, 479 Taborton Rd., Sand Lake, NY 12153; Email: trialsec@northeastagility.com; Website: www.northeastagility.com .

June 30-July 1; CPE; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym, Manchester, NH; Closes 6/1/07; Limit: 375 Runs per Day; Contact: Sue Fountaine, 603-627-7322; Email: miniaussies5@comcast.net; Website: www.alldogsgym.com .

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July 7-8; AKC; Open to all purebreds; Yankee Golden Retriever Club; Sportszone Area, 7 "A" Street, Derry, NH; Opens: 5/9/07; Closes: 6/16/07; Runs: 660; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

July 13-15; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Riverside Canine Center; Middlesex County 4-H Fairgrounds, Westford, MA; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Closes: 6/22/07; Trial Secretary: Valori Duff, 252 Boynton St., Manchester, NH 03102; Website: www.usdaa.com .

July 21-22; AKC; Open to all purebreds; Collie Club of New England; Dufresne Park, Granby, MA; Opens: 5/23/07; Closes: 6/30/07; Runs: 660; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

July 27-29; AKC; Open to all purebreds; Green Mountain Golden Retriever Club; Sports & Fitness Edge of Williston, 115 Wellness Dr., Williston, VT; Opens: 5/30/07; Closes: 7/7/07; Runs: 330; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

AUGUST 2007

Aug. 4-5; NADAC; Open to all dogs; CATS; Monadnock Humane Society, Rte. 10, Swanzey, NH; Limit: 450 per day; Classes: Touch N Go, Tunnelers, Weavers - two rounds each game only; All Levels; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis, Trial Secretary Services, 128 Chesham Rd., Harrisville, NH 03450; Website: www.trialsecretary.com .

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Aug. 11-12; CPE; Open to all dogs; AgileDogs Agility Training, Sugar Bush Farm, 760 East Rd., Stephentown, NY; Limit: 350 per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Email: trisha@agiledogs.net ; Website: www.agiledogs.net/trails.htm .

Aug. 11-12; CPE; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym, Manchester, NH; Limit: Sat. 400 Runs; Sun. 375 Runs; Closes: 7/20/07; Contact: Sandi Bixler, 603-625-1193; Email: targa12@comcast.net ; Website: www.alldogsgym .

Aug. 11-12; AKC; Open to purebreds; Tartan Gordon Setter Club; Westfield, MA; Opens: 6/13/07; Closes: 7/21/07; Limit: 660; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Aug. 18-19; NADAC; Open to all dogs; NOMAD, Top Notch Meadow, Mountain Rd., Stowe, VT; Contact: Caroline McKinney, Email: mayamck@pshift.com ; Website: www.NOMAD.com .

Aug. 18-19; CPE; Open to all dogs; Y Agility, Chatham, NY; Limit: 350 Runs per Ring; Closes: 8/6/07; Contact: Donna Young, 518-732-2180; Email: yagility@nycap.rr.com .

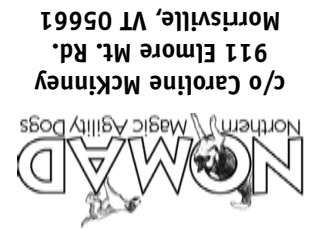
Aug. 26; USDAA; Open to all dogs; ACE Agility Club, Westfield Fairgrounds, Westfield, MA; Limit: Unlimited; Level Restrictions: Starters and Junior Handlers; Email: ray.wheeler@the-spa.com .

The above listed events are in the following states within a reasonable driving distance for most of us: MA, ME, NH, NY and VT. Please note for some events full information is not yet available. Please contact Cheryl French (Cheryl.P.French@comcast.net) with any corrections of the events. Sources include www.cleanrun.com, www.akc.org, www.trialsecretary.com, www.pawprinttrials.com and various other sources.



Our 2001 trial was dedicated to Katy and we continue to honor her memory with an award given each year at our USDAA trial.

This trial is dedicated to Katy Schultz, our fellow teammate and our beloved friend. Our hearts are with her beloved dogs, Gemma and Smokey. Katy and Gemma were very proud of having earned thier USDAA Agility Dog Title last season. Her advice to all her fellow agility enthusiasts was to, "Remember how fun it is". In her own words, said with a smile, she was, "feeling, loving, and loyal—but only to animals," which is not quite true because she showed these same traits to all of us. This trial is for you Katy, you will always be in our hearts.



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