

NOMAD NEWS

Northern Magic Agility Dogs

AUGUST

2007

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NOMAD NADAC Trial, Aug. 18-19

from Karen Clark, trial co-chair

Our Aug. trial is fast approaching. The format is going to be a little different this year. It is going to be a one judge trial. We are pleased to have Pam Smith from NM as our judge. There will be two rings set up. One ring will be running while the other ring will be set up for walk thrus for an upcoming class. There should be few conflicts.

We are renting the equipment from Erin our Trial Sec, so we basically just have to bring the site stuff. We will need people to help set up on Fri. and tear down on Sun. Also, we need people to volunteer to work at the trial. For people just starting out, volunteering is a great way to get acquainted with what trials are all about. If you want to volunteer to work at the trial, help set up Fri. , or tear down on Sun., please contact Caroline at mayamck@pshift.com or Karen at CookieDog@juno.com .

I'm also offering the Cookie Award again this year. It is for the novice skilled/proficient team that accumulates the most faults in Sat.'s Regular class without actually eliminating. This is a fun type award for those who want to sign up for it. Unfortunately, I can't sign up for it with my dogs because it wouldn't fair :)

I was looking through some old newsletters and found out that our first NADAC trial that NOMAD put on was in Aug. 1998. Over the years there have been changes here and there, finding out what works and what doesn't. This year, the trial is going to be smaller, but we are looking forward to a fun and relaxed time. We are hoping everyone will join us!

USDA Trial Thank You

We have received a really nice thank-you note (actually mailed, not e-mailed!) from Kelly Welch. Here's what she said

Dear Lisa and members of NOMAD,

I just wanted to let you know how honored I was to be added to the list of recipients of the Katy Schultz award. NOMAD trials are always wonderful to attend because of the welcoming attitudes and enthusiasm of club members, but receiving this award made this year's trial especially memorable.! I am so blessed to have had Cuill come into my life 1 year ago--it was wonderful for me to know she looks like she is having fun during her runs--I want her to always feel like we are playing a game together out on the course! During an era when agility is becoming increasingly challenging and competitive, it is wonderful that NOMAD continues to reinforce FUN with our furry teammates.

THANK YOU.

Kelly and Cuillin

BRAGS

July 22, 2007, Breeze Thru CPE Trial,
Brattleboro, VT

Cynthia Gilliland and Heather

Level 5 Jumpers, 16 in.- _____3rd and Q

Cynthia Gilliland and Rosie

Level 1 Fullhouse, 16 in. _____ Q,
title CL1-F

Level 1 Standard, 16 in. _____2nd and Q,
title CL1-R

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



*Cynthia Gilliland's Rosie and
her first ribbons*

SEMINAR NEWS

from Karen Clark

Oct. 13, '07—Fiona Robertson seminar.

Fiona will be conducting two half day seminars. Fiona, as a NOMAD member, has taught several winter classes that 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.

Nov. 17, '07—Lynn Smitley Tunnelers seminar.

Lynn 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.

Late Aug. 2008 - NOMAD camp.

A three day camp with Elicia Calhoun and Ginsey Nickels St. Croix as instructors. Dates still to be determined.

More info on seminars and camp to come in following newsletters!



New Members

from Cynthia Gilliland

We have two new dog members!

Marian Mumford's 1 year old Black Lab **Rory** has joined NOMAD. Marian joined NOMAD in the spring, and Rory was waiting to finish her 12 weeks of classes. She started agility last summer with six weeks of Beginner Agility. She finished Advanced Beginners in June and is now part way through an Intermediate class. Marian and Rory are beginning to accumulate equipment to practice at home, and they look forward to competing one day.

Maggie, an 11 month old Icelandic Sheepdog has joined NOMAD with **Don Denette**. She has been home schooled in agility—Don says that her training is proceeding well and he expects to start competing with her in November!

A plea from your editor

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

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Contact them if you have questions or suggestions.

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SUMMER PRACTICE
Tuesday Nights from
6:30 til dark at
Roberta Dumas' Field
\$3.00 per session

<http://nomadagility.com/>

ATTAINMENT

By Lanny Bassham

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Attainment, now that's a word you don't hear used every day. It's a very special word because it includes both the process as well as the outcome as it relates to goals. It is important that you understand why attainment is important to your growth in agility.

There is a big difference between accomplishment and attainment. Frank Jones paid income tax on just over \$1,000,000 last year. Frank sold his business. For over 10 years Frank had labored, learned and fought to succeed. Now the business was worth a small fortune and Frank was ready to move on. Sam Smith also paid income tax on just over \$1,000,000 as well. Sam bought the lucky lottery ticket.

Both men accomplished receiving a million dollars. But Frank became something in the process as well. Attainment is both becoming and accomplishing. Sam only accomplished. I'm quite certain these two men are affected differently by their accomplishment. Sam did not have to grow, to change, to become anything new or better to be a millionaire. All he had to do was pick a set of numbers. Frank became something. He became someone who knows how to build and run a business worth a million dollars. You see Frank can do it again. Any time he chooses to. For Sam, repeating his luck is almost impossible.

ACCOMPLISHING is how we measure the EXTERNAL

BECOMING is how we measure the INTERNAL

ATTAINMENT = ACCOMPLISHMENT + BECOMING

During the four-year period from 1972 to 1976 I picked up a 13 pound rifle over 200,000 times, commanded a 250 man company, taught over 2000 classes, won 8 world titles, 7 national championships, set 5 world records, designed the rifle I would use in the Olympics, developed a mental management system and became a father of twin boys. My Silver Medal score in the Olympics in 1972 was only 5 points lower than my Gold Medal score in 1976. I had accomplished only a 5 point improvement in four years, but I'd become so much more.

Accomplishment is easy to measure. It is A, B, C, D and F. It is Gold Silver and Bronze, First, Second and Third. It is qualifying or not qualifying. It is how much money you earn, but not what you are worth. The winner of the Olympic Games is not better than the other competitors because he won. He just outscored his opponents. I cannot even say that. I won my gold medal when my score and the score of the Silver Medalist were the same. I was awarded the medal on a tie-breaking rule. A winner is not better. He just performed better on that day. That's all!

Accomplishment is all about what you do. Attainment is also about who you became in the process.

What seems to be lacking in the world's volume of work on performance enhancement, in my humble opinion, is a different way of describing what those of us that compete are striving for. We are not only seeking to win. We are also seeking to discover. We not only want to get to the top of the mountain we want to strengthen physically, mentally and spiritually because of the climb. We are seeking to become something different than what we were when we started the struggle. We are seeking ATTAINMENT.

Where you finish does not always measure how far you've come. Handlers have as many stories of becoming as they have dogs that they have trained. It is not a question of if you will have to overcome but when. Recently, I had the honor to teach a group of handlers and as we were talking about their dogs I noticed with interest that many of them were rescued from shelters. I heard stories of how some of their best dogs had overcome serious injury to compete successfully. Both dog and handler become something special when they work through adversity together. The bond becomes tighter and understanding is enhanced on both sides of the leash.

The difference between accomplishing and attaining is the personal growth part of the journey to the goal. It's the becoming of something better or greater. All too often we are focused only on the accomplishing, forgetting the power of the becoming part of attainment.

Take a few moments to think of who you are today and how far you have come in your life. Next, take a moment to ponder your future goals. Think about not only what you want to accomplish in this amazing sport but who you want to become in the process. My challenge to you on this day is to focus for just a while on who you need to become in order to make your dreams a reality and how far you have already climbed to the summit of personal success.

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Compiled by Cheryl French as of 7/18/07

AUGUST 2007

Aug. 18-19; **NADAC**; Open to all dogs; NOMAD, Top Notch Meadow, Mountain Rd., Stowe, VT; Contact: Caroline McKinney, Email: mayamck@pshift.com ; Trial Secretary: Erin Wajda; Email: trialsec@northeastagility.com ; Website: www.nomadagility.com ; Limit: 400 runs per day; Opens: 6/11/07; Closes: 8/6/07; Classes: All Classes/All Levels.

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. 25-26; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Gemini Dog Training & Daycare; Littleton, MA; Limit: 375 runs per day; Closes: 8/13/07; Contact: Michelle Borelli, 978-387-3663, Email: michelle@geminidogs.com ; Website: www.geminidogs.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 .

Aug. 30-31; **Champlain Valley Fair Demo**

SEPTEMBER 2007

Sept. 1-2; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; ARFF Agility Club, Middlesex County 4-H Fairgrounds, South Chelmsford Rd., Westford, MA; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels, Steeplechase Qualifier, Other, Performance Speed Jumping; Email: debra@necsi.org .

Sept. 1-3; **AKC**; Open to purebreds; Eastern English Springer Spaniel Club; Granby, MA; Opens: 6/27/07; Closes: 8/11/07; Limit: 750; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Sept. 7-9; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; Y Agility, Blackthorne Resort, 348 Sunside Rd., East Durham, NY; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels, Standard, Jumpers, Gamblers, Snooker, Pairs Relay; Contact: Donna Young, 4 Haber Way, Castleton, NY 12033, 518-732-2180; Email: yagility@nycap.rr.com ; Website: www.usdaa.com .

Sept. 8-9; **AKC**; Open to purebreds; Old Colony Agility Club; Topsfield, MA; Opens: 7/12/07; Closes: TBD; Limit: 660; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Sept. 8-9; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Agility Dogs of Schenectady, Greenwhich, NY; Limit 350 runs per day; Closes: 8/22/07; Contact: Trisha Stall; Email: trisha@agiledogs.net ; Website: www.sdtcinc.com .

Sept. 15-16; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; CATS, Wheelock Park, Park Ave., Keene, NH; Limit: 700 per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Trial

Secretary: Trial Sec. Services, 128 Chesham Rd., Harrisville, NH 03450, 603-827-3594; Website: www.trialsecretary.com or www.canineagility.org .

Sept. 15-16; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; Riverside Canine Center, Wakeda Campgrounds, Hampton Falls, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Closes: 8/23/07; Secretary: Valori Duff, 252 Boynton St., Manchester, NH 03102 ; Website: www.usdaa.com .

Sept. 15-16; **AKC**; Open to purebreds; Pioneer Valley Kennel Club; Granby, MA; Opens: 7/18/07; Closes: TBD; Limit: 660; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Sept. 22-23; **NADAC**; Open to all dogs; Maplewood Assistance Partners, Inc., Wrentham Developmental Center, Wrentham, MA; Limit: 500; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Katrin Andberg, 12 Maple Ave., Foxboro, MA 02035; Website: www.maplewooddog.com .

Sept. 22-23; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; K9Logix, Franklin County Fairgrounds, Greenfield, MA; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: Standard, Jumpers, Gamblers, Snooker, Pairs Relay, Grand Prix Qualifier, Steeplechase Qualifier; Contact: Sharon Wirant, 59 Aldrich Rd., Westmoreland, NH 03467, 603-399-4813; Email: events@k9logix.com ; Website: www.k9logix.com .

Sept. 22-23; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; Happy Trails Agility Club, Bullis Park, Macedon, NY; Closes: 9/7/07; Event Secretary: Sue Bartleson, 7704 School St., Sodus, NY 14551.

Sept. 22-23; **AKC**; Open to purebreds; Wachusett Kennel Club; Bedford, MA; Opens: 7/18/07; Closes: TBD; Limit: 660; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Sept. 29-30; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; Contact Agility Club, Putnam Cty Veterans Memorial Park, Gypsy Trail Rd., Carmel, NY; closes: 9/17/07; Limit: Unlimited; All Classes/All Levels, Grand Prix Qualifier, Steeplechase Qualifier; Contact: Melanie Behrens, 74 Carter Rd, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569, 845-635-1489; Email: melanieowl@gmail.com .

Sept. 29-30; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Ruff Agility, Cheshire Fairgrounds, Swanzey, NH; Trial Secretary: Trial Sec. Services, 128 Chesham Rd., Harrisville, NH 03450, 603-827-3594; Website: www.trialsecretary.com .

OCTOBER 2007

Oct. 6-7; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Agility, All Dogs Gym and Inn, 505 Sheffield Rd., Manchester, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Level Restrictions: Novice/PI and Advanced/PII; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis, Trial Secretary Services, tss@trialsecretary.com ; Website: www.alldogs-gym.com .

Oct. 6-7; **NADAC**; Open to all dogs; NAE, Dummerston, VT; Contact: ErinAyres Wajda, 479 Tabor-ton Rd., Sand Lake, NY 12153; Email: trialsec@northeastagility.com ; Website: www.northeastagility.com .

Oct. 6-7; **AKC**; Open to purebreds; Western Mass Shetland Sheepdog Club, Westfield, MA; Opens: 8/8/07; Closes: 9/15/07; Limit: 330; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Oct. 13-14; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; Agile-Dogs Agility Training, Shatford Park, Rte. 22, New Lebanon, NY; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Email: trisha@agiledogs.net ; Website: www.agiledogs.net/trials.htm .

Oct. 13-14; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Hilltown Hounds Agility Club, Conway, MA; Limit: 350 runs per day; Closes: 10/1/07; Contact: Val Reiner, 413-743-9354; Email: kritters@ben.net ; Website: www.petsforum.com/hhac .

Oct. 13-14; **AKC**; Open to purebreds; Cheshire Kennel Club, Inc., Wheelock Park, Keene, NH; Contact: Kim Tees, 207-655-2112; Email: jtees1@maine.rr.com Opens: 8/8/07; Closes: 9/19/07; website: www.trialsecretary.com .

Oct. 20-21; **NADAC**; Open to all dogs; Act-Up Agility Club; Wrentham Dev. Center, Wrentham, MA; Limit: 500; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Michelle Whall, 144 Lyman St., North Attleboro, MA 02760 508-699-9276; Email: info@actupagility.cin ; Website: www.actupagility.com .

Oct. 20-21; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Bo-Gee Agility, Deerfield, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Closes: 10/03/07; Contact: Judy Davis, Trial Secretary Services, tss@trialsecretary.com .

Oct. 21-22; **NOMAD DEMO**; Sports Fitness and Rec Expo at Champlain Valley Fairgrounds.

Oct. 25-28; **AKC**; Open to purebreds; southern Berkshire golden Retriever Club, West Springfield, MA; Opens: 8/29/07; Closes: 10/6/07; Limit: 1980 runs; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Oct. 27-28; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Muddy Paws Agility Club; Westminister, VT; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: 350 runs per day; Closes: 10/13/07; Contact: Kim Strumph; Email: goodturn@conknet.com ; Website: www.mymud-dypaws.com .

NOVEMBER 2007

Nov. 3-4; **AKC**; Open to all purebred dogs; Schenctady Dog Training Club Inc.; High Goal Farm, Greenwich, NY; Opens: 9/5/07; Closes: 10/13/07; Limit: 330 runs; Contact: Trial Secre-

tary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Nov. 10-11; **NADAC**; Open to all dogs; ACE Agility Club; Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA; Limit: Unknown; Email: ray.wheeler@the-spa.com .

Nov. 10-11; **AKC**; Open to all purebred dogs; American Bullmastiff Assoc., Amherst, NH; Opens: 9/12/07; Closes: 10/25/07; Limit: 330 runs/Randow Draw; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Nov. 10-11; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; JAZZ Agility Club; High Goal Farm, Greenwich, NY; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Julie Belles; Email: crkrjkkd@aol.com ; Website: JAZZAgilityClub.com .

Nov. 17-18; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; Y Agility; ASCO Farms, 75 Harris Rd., Chatham Center, NY; Closes: 10/29/07; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: 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 .

Nov. 24-25; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Breeze Thru Agility; Limit: Unknown; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Email: ebreeze@sover.net ; Website: www.k9cpe.com

Nov. 23-26; **AKC**; Open to all purebred dogs; Thanksgiving Cluster, W. Springfield, MA; Opens: 10/3/07; Closes: 11/3/07; Limit: 1800 runs; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

DECEMBER 2007

Dec. 1-2; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Agility; All Dogs Gym and Inn, 505 Sheffield Rd., Manchester, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Level Restrictions: Master/PIII with Grand Prix and Perf National Standard; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis, Trial Secretary Services, tss@trialesecretary.com ; Website: www.alldogsgym.com .

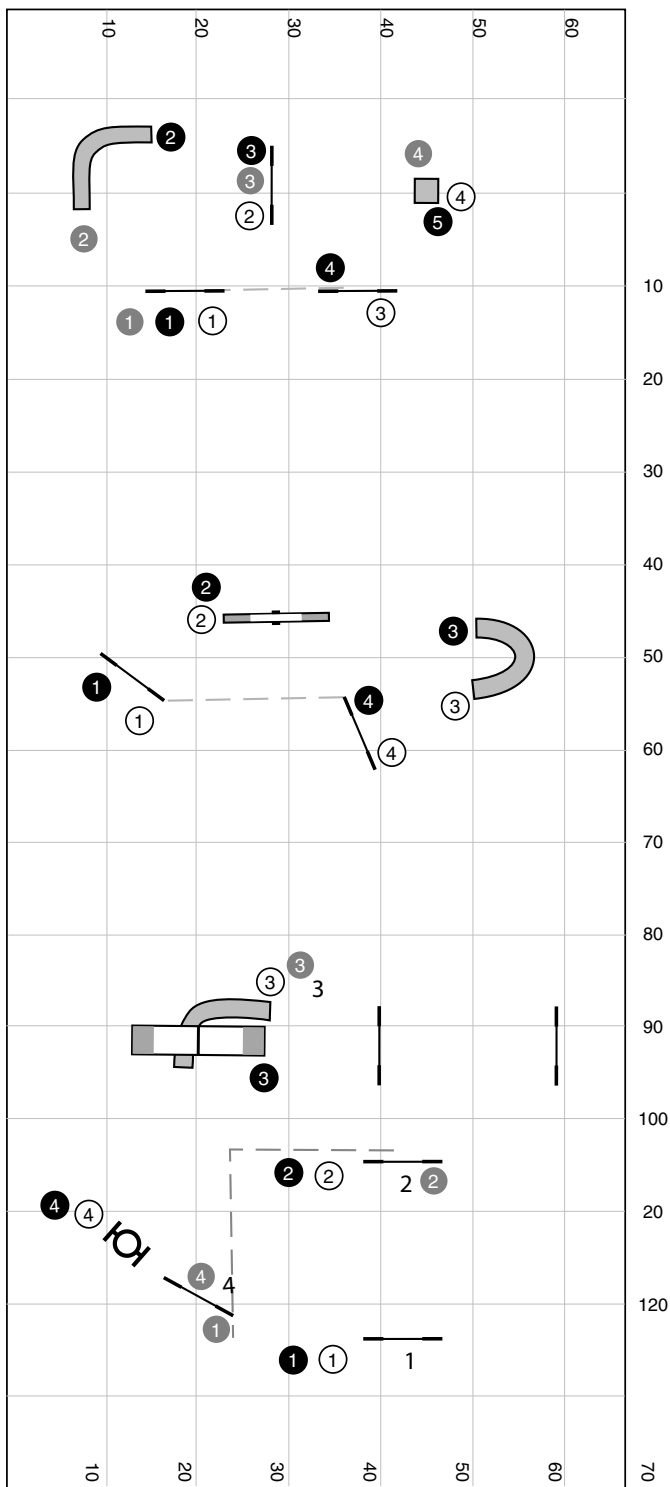
Dec. 6-9; **AKC**; Open to all purebred dogs; Yankee Golden Retriever Club, Boston, MA; Opens: TBD; Closes: TBD; Limit: 330 runs; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Dec. 29-30; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; AgileDogs Agility Training, High Goal Farm, 66 Louse Hill Farm, Greenwich, NY; Limit: 350 per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Email: trisha@agiledogs.net ; Website: www.agiledogs.net/trials.htm .

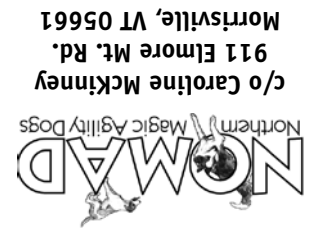
Dec. 30; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Agility; All Dogs Gym and Inn, 505 Sheffield Rd., Manchester, NH; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis, Trial Secretary Services, tss@trialesecretary.com ; Website: www.alldogsgym.com .

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.trialesecretary.com, www.pawprinttrials.com and various other sources.

Gamble Practice



The above listed events are in the following states



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