

NOMAD NEWS

Northern Magic Agility Dogs

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Police Service Dog "Tiger"

December 04, 2007

NOMAD Members
188 South Ridge Road
Williston, VT 05495

The members of the Hinesburg Community Police would like to thank you for your contribution of \$200.00 for Police Service Dog Tiger during his recent critical surgery.

Tiger underwent major surgery Wednesday, November 14th. He is now home and seems to be recovering nicely. We are guardedly optimistic he will make a full recovery and return to full duty.

The Hinesburg Community Police Service Dog program is supported entirely by federal grant money, contributions from private citizens including each dog's handler, and money forfeited by drug dealers from the sale of drugs. Local taxpayer money is not used to support the program.

Our dogs are Hinesburg's contribution to the informal regional policing that exists in Vermont. Other departments have people with forensic computer skills, accident reconstructionists, skilled drug investigators, and commercial vehicle enforcement specialists. They freely share these valuable resources with us and other agencies. They also respond to Hinesburg when local officers are unavailable.

In turn, our dog teams assist other agencies, often with phenomenal success. Six suicidal subjects were located by our teams before they died in the woods, pounds and pounds of drugs have been seized, numerous criminals have been apprehended and violence has frequently been averted.

Tiger has been enormously successful as a police service dog. Your generous contribution has allowed Tiger to survive and hopefully to resume his police career.

"First In Community Policing"



It also has allowed us to meet our obligation to Tiger. After all, "The best assessment of a person's character is how they treat their dog."

The officers of the Hinesburg Community Police Department have been overwhelmed by the public support of Tiger. We believe we have achieved our goal of paying for his surgery and any post operative treatment. Any funds left over after that will be set aside in a fund to assist any other police service dogs who suffers major injury or illness and for which there are insufficient funds to cover treatment.

Lastly I would like to speak about the affect your contribution has had on the other members of the Hinesburg Community Police. While we are aware that our community has been very supportive of us, we never realized how strong that support was. Having two of our department members suffering, and seeing the overwhelming outpouring of support has had a deep and lasting impact on each one of us.

On behalf of each member of Hinesburg Community Police, thank you!

Sincerely

Chris Morrell
Chris Morrell
Chief of Police

Barb & Tiger
Barb & Tiger

Membership Committee News

Now that the annual renewal period has come and gone, I have included an updated membership list with this newsletter. Also included is a list of the committees compiled from various sources....renewal forms, e-mails, club meetings, etc. If you discover inaccurate information on either of these documents, please e-mail me at agilityzone@yahoo.com and I will make the appropriate changes. Thanks.

Nancy Dashnaw, Membership Committee

NOMAD members,
Tiger and I sincerely appreciate the member support in his time of need. We are continuing his medical treatments and are happy to answer enquiries on his condition.
Sincerely,
Barb (+Tiger)

New Members

from Cynthia Gilliland

Rebecca Davison and **Larry Mires** have joined NOMAD with **Bodie**, a 3 year old Aussie/Border Collie mix. Bodie has taken beginning and novice classes with Kim Ingraham and has also been working with Lisa Nelson and Sam Punchar to improve her ability to pay attention and work around other dogs. Rebecca says that Bodie is terrific WHEN she's paying attention.

Ann Ramsay has joined with her 18 month old Aussie **Sidney**. They have been involved in agility for 6 months and he is working on short sequences and learning his contact behavior. They would like to compete one day for fun, but for now are just learning and want the opportunity to do more outside of their classes.

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I am also pleased to announce that Judy Kessler will be taking over the New Members duties. I have placed new copies of the dog and human membership forms in the files section of the list which have Judy's address on them instead of mine, and Nan will be updating the forms on our website too. I will be turning my attention to the Steering Committee's activities and helping Caroline more with the NADAC trial preparations.

New Members

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from our new new member person, Judy Kessler

Please welcome two new members to NOMAD. Well, the first is not exactly new to NOMAD. She is the mother of a junior member and one of the original founders of the club. Welcome anyway to **Jamie Shaw** and her 2 year old rescue border collie, **Jigs**.

Welcome also to **Mitzi Sinclair** and her 2 1/2 year old cockapoo, **Jayme** from Windsor, VT. Mitzi is interested in working on the USDAA and NADAC trial committees. Please make both of them feel at home in the club.

NOMAD's Steering Committee

Contact them if you have questions or suggestions.

President

Lynne von Trapp _____ 253-7673

Vice-President

Cynthia Gilliland _____ 295-2659

Treasurer

Linda Ladd _____ 879-3461

Secretary

Kim Rubin _____ 899-3382

e-mail: som13@aol.com

Members at Large

Don Denette _____ 872-8767

Kim Ingraham _____ 223-1429

Patty McMahan _____ 434-3423

<http://nomadagility.com/>

SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SUNDAY March 30, 2008 2 p.m.
at the Dog School, Williston, VT

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this meeting. If you can not attend this meeting, please take a moment to vote by proxy. The proxy form will be in the next newsletter. All items with a ** require a vote. Directions to the Dog School will be in the next newsletter.

Spring Meeting Agenda:

Minutes from Fall Meeting**

2007 Financial Summary

Old Business

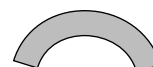
Committee Reports

- 2008 trials update: CATS•NOMAD, USDAA, NADAC
- Equipment Committee
- Seminar Committee
- Membership Committee
- Demo Committee
- Training Committee
- Practice Committee
- Other committee reports, if necessary.

New Business

Appoint Nominating Committee

Any new business raised from the floor.



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May 31-June 1; **NADAC**; Open to all dogs; Addicted to Agility; Wrentham Developmental Center, Wrentham, MA; Limit: 500 per day; All Classes/ All Levels; Contact: Michelle Whall, 144 Lyman St., North Attleboro, MA 02760, 508-699-9276; Email: mickeycw@aol.com ; Website: www.Addictedtoagility.com .

May 31-June 1; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; Contact Agility Club; Veterans Park, Carmel, NY; Closes: 5/16/08; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/ All Levels, Grand Prix Qualifier, Steeplechase Qualifier;

May 31-June 1; **AKC**; Open to all purebreds; Norwegian Elkhound Minutemen Assoc., Middlesex County 4-H Fairgrounds, Chelmsford, MA; Open: 3/12/08; Closes: 5/14/08; Classes: Standard, JWW; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.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.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2008

6:08 p.m. meeting called to order.

In attendance. Lynne von Trapp, Cynthia Gilliland, Kim Rubin, Linda Ladd, Kim Ingraham, Don Denette, Patty McMahon

Treasurer's Report:

Linda has closed the books for 2007. The club ended up with a loss of \$3312. We budgeted a loss of \$1260. The reason for much of the difference is that the membership dues, while paid in 2007, are being applied to the 2008 budget. In previous years, the dues were included in the budget in the year they were received and deposited. So, the 2007 actual numbers vary from the 2007 projected budget because of the switch in how we account for memberships. (Membership dues totaled \$2065 so the budget loss would be only \$1247 if the membership money were included in the 2007 funds.)

Linda went back through the membership list she received from Lynne and compared the list to the checks that she has deposited. There were a few members on the list for whom Linda did not have checks. Lynne will email Nancy to see if there are some checks that just haven't made it to Linda yet. Members who did not renew were reminded twice that their renewal forms and checks were due. The Steering Committee determined that Nancy would not have to remind members a third time. Therefore, any member who has not yet renewed will be removed from the newsgroup and the newsletter distribution lists.

Only 4 members took advantage of the winter practice season pass. Kit Erskine has completed an equipment inventory and the SC will be following up with him regarding this list so Linda can properly depreciate any large equipment purchases.

The club reimbursed Roberta Dumas \$137 for mowing of her field (the summer practice location.. This year we charged \$3 for each summer practice or \$30 for a season pass. The fees were used to off-set the cost of mowing the field. The SC decided to discuss the cost of summer practice at the next SC meeting. The SC

will determine whether the cost was too low – especially when so few people utilize the summer practices.

Linda will ensure that we provide a Certificate of Insurance to Stephanie Brinkman for our use of Wildwood Farm, and in the summer, she will provide a Certificate of Insurance for Roberta and for Camp NOMAD (in addition to one for our trials.)

Pursuant to our By-laws, NOMAD must have an annual review of our books by the end of the first quarter each year. The By-laws require an Audit Committee to consist of one Steering Committee member and two club members. Kim I. volunteered to be the SC member on the committee, and she will ask two other members to join her on the committee. The committee will pick 2 heavy volume months (June and August) and check receipts and disbursements against the ledger.

USDAA CATS/NOMAD trial.

Kit, Lisa and Kit drove down to meet Leslie and Chris from CATS to work out some more details for the trial. The group selected Val Reiner as trial secretary because she is less expensive than other trial secretaries and does a great job. Other plans are moving along well. None of NOMAD's equipment (including fencing) is necessary for the trial. The trial will utilize CATS equipment only so that there will be no need to sort equipment at the end of the trial. CATS have wonderful equipment and electronic starters for both rings. NOMADers Jane and Elliot offered to house NOMADers (plus dogs) in their home for free. CATS has some cots and air mattresses. Lynne checked with Pee. Willow Farm Bed and Breakfast and they do not allow dogs on beds and are on the expensive side, so it was decided that this B&B is not a viable option.

At the CATS/NOMAD meeting, the representatives decided to open a new bank account solely for the trial so there would be no mixing of funds. Linda raised some concerns and obstacles to creating an account just for the trial. She spoke

with the branch manager at our bank who explained that it would be easier if we used our existing bank account and kept track of the CATS/NOMAD funds using our accounting software. Linda will be able to provide a detailed accounting of all money flowing into and out of the account by using an Excel spreadsheet as a double-check, similar to the system used by NOMAD. Because it's an organizational bank account, there would need to be a corporate resolution delineating officers. There would need to be a taxpayer identification number associated with the account (would we use ours or CATS or would we have to obtain a new number?). Linda knows how to do the separate accounting and has previously done it for her job when her office hosted a conference for the entire Northeast region. Lynne indicated that she and Kit were looking for the simplest way to handle the money and now that she realizes a separate account is a complicated undertaking, she will propose to CATS that we keep the money in our bank account and provide them with detailed accounting. Kim R. offered to draft a contract between CATS and NOMAD, which will clearly delineate the obligations and expectations of each organization.

Linda also suggested that we attempt to get as many vendors as possible to send us invoices for the services to reduce the number of checks which will need to be written at the trial. Lynne will have the checkbook to handle any on-site checks which need to be dispersed. We need to check with CATS if they have tax exempt status and if there is sales tax on services in New Hampshire. We also need to think about insurance. Which club will provide Certificate of Insurance for the site.

USDAA Stowe Trial:

USDAA scheduled the Keystone regional on the same weekend as our USDAA trial (again.) So, we made a good decision to hold a one ring Starters/Advanced trial. Our trial is on the USDAA calendar and our application form was

submitted in December allowing us to get the lowest rate for getting it in early. Lynne has arranged for housing (for both our trials) with the Winter Sports Academy.

NADAC trial:

Cynthia reported that she and Caroline are still working on the equipment list. The NADAC Committee has a proposed running order. Saturday will be Chances, Weavers, Regular 1 and 2, Hoopers, and Jumpers. Sunday will be Regular 1 and 2, Jumpers, Touch and Go, Tunnelers, and Chances. We will have two rings set up (one with contact equipment and one without) with only one ring running at a time (like last year's NADAC trial). The trial committee did not know the cost of renting Topnotch Meadow, so it has not yet determined the price of each run.

Trial locations:

Lynne reported that Topnotch wants to charge \$1000 for 2 days and in addition, charge us for set up on Friday. This price is an increase from last year and the year before. The club has begun thinking of other options. Lynne indicated that the Trapp Family Lodge is available for the USDAA trial but not the August trial (there is an outdoor wedding there on our August date). Also, we could consider the Polo Field in Stowe. It does not have water or electricity and there is a small, not great creek on site.

In the past, the town fee for the field has been \$500 for the weekend, but Lynne isn't sure of the price. A decision on location for each trial must be made prior to premiums going out (for the USDAA trial, the premium will be available in February).

Membership:

Cynthia has allocated her duties as new member liaison to Judy Kessler. Cynthia now has additional responsibilities (Vice-President and NADAC trial co-chair) and is very happy that Judy has offered to take on the job. Thanks Judy.

Equipment Committee:

The Equipment Committee needs to have a meeting scheduled and needs a chair. Lynne will coordinate with the

Committee members and set up a meeting time. Kate Carter suggested the club purchase a garden cart to haul tunnel bags and other heavy equipment. Kate found some for \$250. Kim I. has seen some that are sturdy and fold and she will get information on these carts to the SC and the Equipment Committee. The SC liked the idea of a folding cart because we have limited space in the trailer and barn. The Equipment Committee will determine if we should get a garden cart and if so, which kind.

Winter Lessons:

In the past and for the first two and half months of this year's barn practices, instructors have been given alone time in the barn to practice with their dogs as pay for teaching winter classes. This year, the half hour was prior to class unlike in years past when the instructor barn time was between classes. (The change occurred because we only have one class a Saturday this winter, followed by practice.. Due to the difficulty in getting out any heavy equipment (including all contact equipment), the instructor barn time has been less of a perk than in years past. As a result, the SC decided (on a motion by Kim R., seconded by Don) to give instructor's one free practice for each class taught to be used by the end of March. Instructors do not have to use the free practice on the day they taught class. Thanks instructors!

Barn practice:

There are five Saturdays in December and in March and we have been paying for the barn by Saturdays. Therefore, it will cost an additional \$125 to use the barn on March 29 (the fifth Saturday in March). We already paid the additional \$125 for the extra Saturday in December. In order to save money, the SC has decided that the last barn practice this year will be Saturday March 22.

Training Committee:

Carla Medved, Kate Carter and Patty McMahon are members of the newly formed Training Committee and they will meet on January 12 to discuss plans for the summer and beyond. They will report to the membership at the Spring Meeting.

Spring SC meeting. .

The next SC meeting will be held Tuesday March 11 6pm at Linda's office.

Spring Membership Meeting:

The spring membership meeting will be on Sunday March 30, 2008 at 2 p.m. Location to be determined. All committee chair reports should be sent to Kim Rubin by March 7, 2008.

Logo wear:

Kim I. is finalizing the ordering options for new NOMAD logo wear and an order form should be in the next newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Rubin, Secretary

BRAGS

Dec. 29-30, 2007, AgileDogs CPE Trial, Greenwich, NY

Cynthia Gilliland and Heather

Level 5 Standard, 16 in. _____ 2nd and Q
Standard Class Championship, ChST

Level 5 FullHouse, 16 in. _____ Q

Level 5 Jackpot, 16 in. _____ 4th and Q

Level 5 Wildcard, 16 in. _____ 4th and Q

Level 5 Wildcard, 16 in. _____ Q

Level 5 Snooker, 16 in.- _____ 3rd and Q

Cynthia Gilliland and Rosie

Level 2 FullHouse, 16 in _____ 2nd and Q

Level 3 Jumpers, 16 in. _____ 4th and Q

Level 3 Wildcard, 16 in. _____ 2nd and Q

Level 3 Wildcard, 16 in. _____ 1st and Q

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Compiled by Cheryl French as of 1/14/08

FEBRUARY 2008

Feb. 16-17; **ASCA**; Open to all dogs; ASCNE; American K9 Country, Amherst, NH; Opens: 12/12/07; Closes: 1/29/08; Limit: 350 per day; Classes: Regular, Jumpers, Gamblers - Pre-Novice, Retired Exhibition on Sunday; Contact: Jean Janotta, 24 Country View Drive, Raymond, NH 03077-2479, 603-895-5436; Email: jjanotta@verizon.net ; Website: www.ascne.org .

Feb. 16-17; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Breeze Thru Agility, Brattleboro, VT; Limit: 350 runs per day; Closes: 2/4/08; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Val Reiner; Email: kritters@bnc.net or Email: ebreeze@sover.net ; Website: www.k9cpe.com or www.breezethruagility.com .

Feb 23-24; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Skyline Agility Club, Inc.; Railroad Ave., Garnerville, NY; Opens: 1/9/08; Closes: 2/6/08; Limit: 275 per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Email: mephalon@yahoo.com ; Website: www.skylineagility.org .

Feb. 23-24; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Riverside K-9 LLC; Nashua, NH; Classes: Sat. Colors, Wildcard, Jackpot, Jumpers; Sun. Snooker, Jackpot, FullHouse, Jumpers; Limit: 400 runs per day; Opens: 12/28/07; Closes: 2/2/08; Contact: Valori Duff; Email: valwaussies@comcast.net; Website: www.riversidek9.com .

Feb. 23-24; **ASCA**; Open to all dogs; WASCUNY; High Goal Farm, Greenwich, NY; Classes: Regular, Jumpers, Gamblers; Opens: 1/15/08; Closes: 2/13/08; Limit: 350 per day; Contact: Linda Braun, 660 Krumkill Rd., Albany, NY; Email: birkiegirl@msn.com ; Website: www.wascuny.com .

MARCH 2008

March 1-2; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Bo-Gee Agility; Derry, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Closes: 2/15/08; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis, Trial Secretary Services, tss@trialsecretary.com ; Website: www.trialsecretary.com and www.bo-gee.com .

March 8-9; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Agility; All Dogs Gym and Inn, 505 Sheffield Rd., Manchester, NH; Opens: 2/1/08; Closes: 2/8/08; Limit: 400 Runs Sat., 350 Runs Sun.; Classes: Undecided; Contact: Sue Fontaine; Email: miniaussies5@comcast.net ; Website: www.alldogsgym.com .

March 8-9; **AKC** Open to all purebreds; American Bullmastiff Assoc., Inc.; American K9 County, 336 Rte 101, Amherst, NH; Opens: 1/16/08; Closes: 2/16/08; Classes: Standard, Jumpers, FAST; Levels: All Levels; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

March 15-16; **AKC**; Open to all purebreds; Schenectady Dog Training Club, Inc.; High Goal Farm, Greenwich, NY; Opens: 1/16/08; Closes: 2/23/08; Classes: Standard, Jumpers; Levels: All Levels; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

March 22-23; **AKC**; Open to all purebreds; Leap Agility Club of Central MA; Mt. Holyoke College Equestrian Center, South Hadley, MA; Opens: 1/16/08; Closes: 3/8/08; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007,

413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

March 21-23; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Agility; All Dogs Gym and Inn, 505 Sheffield Rd., Manchester, NH; Closes: 2/25/08; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: Grand Prix Qualifier, Steeplechase Qualifier, Other - Team Qualifier, PVP qualifier, PNS Qualifier, PSJ Qualifier; Contact: Tracy E. Bergeron; Email: agilitywhippet@comcast.net ; Website: www.alldogsgym.com ; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis, Trial Secretary Services, tss@trialsecretary.com .

March 29-30; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Agile Dogs Agility Training, Greenwich, NY; Limit: 375 runs per day; Opens: 1/15/08; Closes: 3/10/08; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Debbie Wlodarski; Email: debbie@agiledogs.net ; Website: www.agiledogs.net .

APRIL 2008

April 5-6; **ASCA**; Open to all dogs; WASCUNY; High Goal Farm, Greenwich, NY; Classes: Regular, Jumpers, Gamblers; Opens: 2/20/08; Closes: 3/19/08; Limit: 350 per day; Contact: Kathy Fretz, 37 Maxham Rd., Woodstock, VT 05091, 802-457-3693; Email: canya@moonmail.net ; Website: www.geocities.com/wascuny

April 12-13; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Breeze Thru Agility, Brattleboro, VT; Limit: 375 runs per day; Opens: 2/19/08; Closes: 3/31/08; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Val Reiner, 413-743-9354; Email: kritters@bnc.net ; Website: www.breezethruagility.com .

April 19-20; **NADAC**; Open to all dogs; Act-Up Agility Club; Wrentham Developmental Center, Wrentham, MA; Limit: 500 per day; All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Michelle Whall, 144 Lyman St., North Attleboro, MA 02760, 508-699-9276; Email: mickeycw@aol.com ; Website: www.ActUpAgility.com .

April 19-20; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; Talcott Mountain Agile K9s; Westfield Fairgrounds, Westfield, MA; Opens: 2/1/08; Closes: 3/26/08; Limit: Unlimited; All Classes/All Levels; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis, Trial Secretary Services, tss@trialsecretary.com ; Website: www.trialsecretary.com .

April 19-20; **AKC**; Open to all purebreds; Burlington Obedience Training Club; Sports & Fitness Edge, Williston, VT; Opens: 2/11/08; Closes: 4/5/08; Limit: 330 per day; Classes: Standard, JWW; Contact: Janet Induni, 43 Lost Nation Rd., Essex Jct., VT 05452, 802-879-6526; Email: jinduni@comcast.net ; Website: www.botcvt.com .

April 26-27; **NADAC**; Open to all dogs; Addicted to Agility; Wrentham Developmental Center, Wrentham, MA; Limit: 500 per day; All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Michelle Whall, 144 Lyman St., North Attleboro, MA 02760, 508-699-9276; Email: mickeycw@aol.com ; Website: www.Addictedtoagility.com .

April 26-27; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; K9Logix, Franklin County Fairgrounds, Greenfield, MA; Opens: 3/1/08; Closes: 4/11/08; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: Standard, Jumpers, Gamblers, Snooker, Pairs Relay, Performance; Level Restrictions: Starters/PI and Advanced/PII only ; Contact: Sharon Wirant, K9Logix, 59 Aldrich Rd., Westmoreland, NH 03467; Email: events@k9logix.com ; Website: www.k9logix.com .

April 26-27; **AKC**; Open to all purebreds; Scottish Terrier Club of New England; Opens: 2/6/08; Closes: 4/5/08; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

MAY 2008

May 3-4; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; ACE Agility Club; Dufresne Park, Granby, MA; Closes: 4/11/08; Limit: Unlimited; Contact: Nancy Obara; Email: ray.wheeler@the-spa.com .

May 3-4; **AKC**; Open to all purebreds; Talcott Mountain Agility Club, Westfield Fairgrounds, Westfield, MA; Opens: 2/27/08; Closes: 4/12/08; Classes: Standard, JWW, FAST; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

May 10-11; **AKC**; Open to all purebreds; Providence County Kennel Club, Inc.; Wrentham Developmental Center; Wrentham, MA; Opens: 3/5/08; Closes: 4/26/08; Classes: Standard, JWW, FAST; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

May 10-11; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Agility; All Dogs Gym and Inn, 505 Sheffield Rd., Manchester, NH; Closes: 4/18/08; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: Steeplechase Qualifier, Standard, Jumpers, Gamblers, Snooker, Pairs Relay; Level Restrictions: Starters/PI and Advanced/PII only; Contact: Judy Davis, Trial Secretary Services; Website: www.alldogsgym.com ; Email: tss@trialsecretary.com .

May 16-18; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; SoBAD; Dufresne Park, Granby, MA; Opens: 4/4/08; Closes: 4/28/08; Limit: 700 per day; Contact: Val Reiner, 31 New State Rd., Savoy, MA 01256; Email: kritters@bnc.net ; Website: sobadagility.com .

May 17-18; **AKC**; Open to all purebreds; LRCGB & CSSC; Wrentham Developmental Center, Wrentham, MA; Limit: Unlimited; Opens: 3/5/08; Closes: 4/30/08; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

May 17-18; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; NEAT; Wakeda Campgrounds, Hampton Falls, NH; Open: 3/1/08; Closes: 4/30/08; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels, Grand Prix Qualifier, Performance, Junior Handler; Contact: Tina Bayer, PO Box 494, Stratham, NH 03885-0494; Email: NEATrial@verizon.net ; Website: www.neatclub.com .

May 24-26; **AKC**; Open to all purebreds; LEAP Agility Club of Central MA; Dufresne Park, Granby, MA; Opens: 3/12/08; Closes: 5/10/08; Classes: Standard, JWW; 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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NOMAD LOGO APPAREL ORDER FORM

Deadline to order is February 18, 2008

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

EMAIL: _____

All items are available in S-M-L-XL – contact Kim directly for pricing on plus sizes.

Screen printed items are available in the colors indicated with the NOMAD logo screen printed in black & white:

- Long Sleeve Tee (Ash, Carolina Blue, Red)
- Short Sleeve Tee – ladies or mens cut (Lemon Zest, Royal Blue, Red, Violet)
- Tank Top – ladies or mens cut (Ash, Iris/Royal Blue, Red, Violet)
- Sweatshirt – crew neck (Ash, Carolina Blue, Deep Red)

Embroidered items are available in the colors indicated with the NOMAD logo embroidered on the left chest:

- Fleece Vest – ladies or mens cut (charcoal, navy, red, willow/green leaf)
- Fleece Jacket – ladies or mens cut (charcoal, navy, red, willow/green leaf)
- 3-Season Jacket – ladies or mens cut (navy)
- Baseball cap – unisex (faded blue, dandelion, khaki, lavender)

A larger size of the logo may be embroidered on the back of any item for an add'l \$18/item.

Quantity	Item	Style/Size	Color(s)	Cost	Total
SCREENPRINTED ITEMS					
	Long Sleeve Tee	Unisex		\$18	
	Short Sleeve Tee	Mens		\$12	
		Ladies		\$12	
	Tank Top	Mens		\$12	
		Ladies		\$12	
	Sweatshirt	Unisex		\$25	
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	Fleece Vest	Mens			
		Ladies			
	Fleece Jacket	Mens		\$42	
		Ladies		\$42	
	Baseball cap	Unisex		\$14	
	3-Season Jacket	Mens		\$55	
		Ladies		\$55	
				TOTAL	

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New Training Committee Formed

from Carla Medved

The new NOMAD training committee met on Jan. 12th 2008. The committee was formed after reports from some new NOMAD members ,who are also new to the sport of agility, expressed that their early training did not adequately prepare them in foundation work. This did not become evident to them until they started open practice and were not sure how to make progress in training their dogs.

The committee came up with four items that we thought could start to address this need for clarification of early information that would help bridge the gap between formal classes and uninstructed, independent work. This info would help handlers at home and at practice to get the most out of their training time.

First ,we hope (with approval of the steering committee) to approach local training schools and meet with instructors to see if there could be some common ground in beginner foundation work provided in very early classes.

Second , there will be a new column in the monthly newsletter called Training Bites. This will offer a variety of tips from members of the club on very specific work to do to help build a foundation for clearly progressing in your training.

Third, we will gather hand-outs to go in the new member packets which we think will answer some questions new members have brought up and give information needed to work toward clearer training goals.

Last but not least we plan to organize a class called Agility Essentials. This would focus on helping handlers train their dogs outside of class. It would be similar to the Meet NOMAD class that was done a couple summers ago but would extend to 3-4 sessions.

This may sound pretty ambitious but we expect that with all the knowledge our NOMAD members possess we can make membership more rewarding for people and dogs just starting out in this exciting sport . This will be true whether the goal is competition or just having fun with your dog.

Members present at the meeting were Patty Mc Mahon, Lisa Barrett, Kate Carter, Nicki Houghton, and Carla Medved. We will announce the next meeting and welcome any members at the meetings or any input from non-attendees.



(L to R) Kit Erskine, Lisa Barrett and Lynne von Trapp went to Scottsdale AZ to work at the USDAA Cynosport World Games 07. Mark Wirant judged.

SALMON BROWNIES.

6 eggs

1 cup flaxseed meal

1 can of salmon drained.

Mix all ingredients well with a blender then turn into an 8" x 8" pan that you've sprayed with Pam.

Bake 20-30 min at 350 until it is springy. take out let cool, and cut into 1-2" squares (like brownies)

Put them in to the freezer and take out as needed.

Send letters and articles
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