

Equipment painting and cleaning party (and we mean PARTY!)
May 10 and 11 at Lisa Barrett's house
Times and more details coming soon.

Thoughts From Your Prez

Lynne von Trapp

Thank you to the many members who came to our annual spring membership meeting Sunday. I don't know if it was because of or in spite of the gorgeous spring day, but the effect was the same. We had lively discussions and got through all the business in two hours. We had more than enough for a quorum, plus several proxies.

Those attending were rewarded with a delicious chocolate layer cake baked and frosted by Kim I., who is practicing for a chocolate lovers' contest. We agreed it is a winner. Kim even brought milk for those of us who like to drink milk with cake. For those who prefer cookies and coffee, Linda provided both.

Sign-up sheets came back full of names for buddies, volunteers at trials, and help with equipment repair and painting. Fingers crossed for good weather on May 10, as 12 people are able to help that day. Thank you!!

A suggestion for gatherings where water, beer, and soda are offered: please bring something to mark your bottle -- a colorful ribbon, hair scrunchy, piece of tape. That way you won't be wondering which bottle is yours, and we won't have to throw away leftover partially filled bottles. I bought a bunch of inexpensive stretchy hair bands last summer and keep them in my car. I've used them many times.

One thing we forgot to mention at the meeting is that the Steering Committee approved the Equipment Committee's request to buy a Garden Way cart to trundle those heavy tunnel holders and other equipment around. Since the tunnel holders were repaired, they have been refilled with lots more sand.

I also want to let you know that with the Steering Committee's approval, I sent a card of thanks and a gift certificate for \$50 to Steph in appreciation for our use of Wildwood Farm this winter. They always do such a nice job of preparing the arena and plowing the driveway and parking area for us. Steph and I have talked about NOMAD's using Wildwood next winter, so I think that is a strong possibility.

Thank you again to those who have been able to participate in NOMAD activities. It is so important for a healthy organization for its members to get together and exchange ideas. I have really enjoyed the friendships I've made through NOMAD with folks I might not have met otherwise.

BRAGS

PBHA Chapel Hill, NC USDA, Feb 23-24

Maggie and Don

Starters Gamblers _____ 1st and Q
Starters Pair _____ 2nd and Q
Starters Standard _____ 1st
Starters Jumpers _____ 1st and Q
Starters snooker _____ 2nd and Q
Starters standard _____ 2nd
Starters jumpers _____ 1st
Starters gambler _____ 2nd

Joshi and Don

PIII snooker _____ 1st and SQ

Spiritdancer

Masters standard _____ 1st and Q (leg #2)
Masters gamblers _____ 1st and Q (leg #6)
Masters snooker _____ 1st and Q (leg #7)
SuperQ!!!
Masters Prs Relay _____ 3rd and Q (leg #2)

Sundancer

Starters Gamblers _____ 1st and Q (leg #1)
Starters prs relay _____ 1st and Q (leg #2)
Starters Snooker _____ Big Fat 0
Starters Jumpers _____ 2nd and Q leg #2)

Low Country Dog Agility, Mt Pleasant, SC USDA, Mar 1-2

Maggie and Don

Starters Gamblers _____ 1st and Q
Starters Standard _____ 1st and Q
Starters Jumpers _____ 1st and Q
Starters Snooker _____ 2nd
Starters Gamblers _____ 2nd
Starters snooker _____ 2nd and Q
Starters Jumpers _____ 1st, Q and title
Starters Standard _____ 1st

Joshi and Don

PIII Gamblers _____ 3rd and Q

Sundancer:

Starters Jumpers _____ 1st and Q
(leg #3 & Title)
Starters Prs Relay _____ 1st and Q
(leg #3 & Title)
Starters Snooker _____ 1st and Q (leg #1)
Starters Jumpers _____ 1st and Q (leg #4)
Starters Gamblers _____ 2nd and Q (leg #2)

March 1-2, Bo-Gee Agility CPE Trial, Derry, NH

Judy Kessler and Monte

Level 1 Wildcard, 24" _____ 1st and Q



From left: Maxine with Sunnie and Spirit, Lisa (judge), Maggie, Don Joshi at Low Country Dog Agility Trial, Mt. Pleasant, SC

A Matter of Degree

by Lanny Bassham

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There appears to be a subtle but important division among performers. The first group are training to learn the sport or talent. The second group are training to compete and the third group are training to win. Advice given to one group might be inappropriate for another. For example, if one would ask me if taking food supplementation was important I would suggest no for group one, maybe for group two and absolutely for group three. For a shotgun shooter, is having a backup gun essential? For group one, probably not. Perhaps for group two and absolutely for group three. Everything gets more important the higher the level of achievement.

It is much the same with the mental skills. You can get away with a negative attitude if you want to just learn a sport. But, if you wish to dominate the sport you must abandon your negative ways and discipline yourself to the principles of positivity.

Positivity Principle Number One - What you think about matters. Every time you picture or talk about missing a target or ten-ring (*or forgetting the course or having your dog miss a contact, etc.*) your Self Image thinks you have just missed it again and you have dramatically improved the chances of missing it in the future. So, if you wish to dominate your sport you cannot afford to think about your non-hits.

Positivity Principle Number Two - Your Self Image needs positive nourishment. When you do something correctly, like hitting a target, making a putt or closing a sale (*or being in the right place to execute a perfect front cross with your dog*) give yourself some recognition. Reward yourself. Say, "That's like me!" Remember, staying positive is only essential if you desire to win. If you can handle not winning you can afford to stay negative. But, if you wish to win, you must get positive and stay positive. It is a matter of degree.

And each of us has to define "winning" for ourselves and our dogs. Italics in parentheses in this article are additions from your editor.

MINUTES, NOMAD SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 30, 2008, 2:00 p.m.

In attendance: 19 members and 7 proxies

FALL MINUTES:

Billie Marsh noted one correction in the Fall Minutes. In the description of the Seminar Committee report, Kim had noted that for Camp NOMAD dogs "will need to be trialing." This is incorrect. To be eligible for Camp NOMAD, all dogs will need to be competition ready. Judy Kessler moves to approve the minutes from the fall meeting. Motion seconded by Diane Boss. Motion approved unanimously.

2007 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2007 Form 990 has been filed, and the general ledger is closed. At the end of December, we have an actual loss of \$3312 and had budgeted a loss of \$1260. This discrepancy exists because we are changing our accounting system. Although we received the membership dues in December and the winter classes were paid for in November for the January, February and March classes, we changed our accounting to post these funds in 2008 rather than 2007. If you took those funds into account, the actual loss for the year was approximately \$100. Next year, there won't be the discrepancy in the ledger. Camp NOMAD deposits were sent to instructors. The NADAC trial application has been sent in. Certificates of insurance are in the process of being taken care of (one for Roberta's field, two for Trapp Family Lodge and one for Topnotch.)

We have more of a profit than we anticipated to date because there were two Saturdays we did not have to pay barn fees due to weather, and barn practices are much better attended than we have budgeted for.

Account balances as of today: \$5456.70 in our operating account and \$11,668.14 in our money market account. Caroline asked why we depreciate our equipment if we don't pay taxes. Linda responded that it eases the burden on our organization by spreading out the expense rather than taking it all in one year.

AUDIT REPORT

Kim Ingraham was chair of the Audit Committee this year. Rob Weiss and Sharon Laufer were nice enough to help

Kim out, and Linda did a great job giving them all the documents they needed. The Audit Committee examined the Treasurer's records on March 16, 2008. The Committee selected the Club's two most active months for review: June and August. Overall, the Committee found that the financial records of the club are being kept according to accepted accounting principles and the financial records are being kept accurately and the associated records were very well organized. Further, the Committee found that all transactions have been made in keeping with the club's budget, goals, and policies (spending money on things that are necessary for the club). The Committee did note the following adjustments or changes that should be addressed:

6/14/07 – Check #722 – Overpaid Disbursement in the amount of \$.35. Three receipts were submitted. On the Request for Reimbursement Form the receipt amounts totaled \$100.57 which was misstated. The 3 receipts attached actually totaled \$100.22. The request was paid at \$100.57, resulting in an overpayment of \$.35

Check #868 – Discrepancy in recording voided check. In the Disbursement Journal the check was voided for \$599. In the check register it was voided for \$637. \$637 is correct and while the item is a voided check both entries should match.

Additionally, further documentation/clarification should be added to the file to substantiate the following: For the June 2007 USDAA trial there is a \$6 discrepancy. We paid USDAA \$3,000 and the documentation only supports \$2,994. Documentation should be added to the file to support the \$6 difference. Check #873 was written to NADAC for fees associated with the August 2007 trial. There was no backup found in the file to substantiate the payment to NADAC.

While it is evident that the Treasurer has done a good job maintaining whatever backup could be obtained, we urge membership as a whole to be more diligent in providing the Treasurer with appropriate receipts and documentation for money spent and requests for disbursements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2008 Trial Update

CATS· NOMAD trial

Lisa Barrett gave the report on the CATS·NOMAD trial. It will be a three day USDAA trial extravaganza. We are hoping this will draw a large number of exhibitors. CATS will provide all of the equipment. We are doing a 60/40 split of net profits (we get 40% of net profits). NOMAD is running one ring for all three days, helping out with combined activities (announcements, hospitality, vendors, judge's dinner, etc.) For all NOMADers who will work all three days, our NH NOMAD members Jane and Elliot Kaplan have offered their indoor training space and bathrooms as sleeping quarters. Our judges for the Friday Dog Agility Masters Team and Performance Versatility Pairs Competitions and Steeplechase Round One will be Tim Laubach from Texas and Jean MacKenzie from NH. On Saturday and Sunday, our judges for Steeplechase and all levels of Standard, Gamblers, Relay, Snooker and Jumpers will be Tim Laubach and Maureen Sullivan from NH. Tim will also judge our Grand Prix/Performance National Standard Qualifier and Maureen will judge Round Two of Steeplechase/Performance Speed Jumping. Val Reiner will be our Trial Secretary. This trial will offer all classes for Starters/Performance I, Advanced/Performance II and Masters/Performance III. Please contact Lisa Barrett to volunteer.

USDAA trial

NOMAD's annual USDAA trial will be held in Stowe on June 14 and 15. For the first time, it will be held in the Trapp Family Lodge Meadow that is normally used for outdoor weddings. The Meadow has indoor flush toilets. Kim Ingraham and Lisa Barrett are co-chairs of this trial. This will be a one-ring trial with all Starters/Performance I and Advanced/Performance II classes. We will also offer Steeplechase Round One and Round Two, open to dogs competing at any level. (Caroline will ensure the premium makes it clear that Steeplechase is open to any level dog). Our judge will be Michelle DuBois from Massachusetts. We don't

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anticipate that this trial will make money, but we thought it was important to hold it for our members.

Caroline McKinney is hard at work on the premium and Kim Rubin ordered plenty of NOMAD rosettes for the trial. Kit Erskine will be the Chief Course Builder, and Lisa and Kim I. will share Ring Manager position. Amy Haskell is in charge of vendor registration, and Val Reiner is our trial secretary.

NOMAD also offers a free "Big Fat Zero" t-shirt to any team that earns a zero in snooker. There is a special award, the Katy Schulz award, for the dog and handler who are having the most obvious fun in Starters/PI Standard on Saturday. Katy was a NOMAD member who died very suddenly of a brain tumor some years ago. Katy frequently reminded us to "keep it fun".

We still need people to sign up to volunteer at this trial. Volunteering at a trial is a fun and easy way to be a part of the action and learn more about the sport. Please either sign up to volunteer or let Kim Ingraham or Lisa Barrett know as soon as possible whether you will volunteer. We have jobs that are sit-down jobs (score table, timer, scribe, assistant scribe) and jobs for getting a bit of exercise (score runner, leash runner, gate steward, bar setter, chute fluffer). We will be happy to train you for any job you are interested in.

We now have four 10 x 20 club tents to use instead of renting a large tent from Vermont Tent Company. Someone asked if you could crate by your car? While the cars will be by the ring, they will be in the sun. However, there is shade to put crates under nearby the ring.

NADAC trial

Cynthia Gilliland gave the NADAC trial report. Our NADAC trial will be on August 16 and 17. Due to Lynne's negotiating skills, we were able to keep the trial at Topnotch this year. We are paying \$900 for the weekend, which was the price we paid last year (three years ago it as \$650). Topnotch did advise that next year the price will rise. We are going to use Erin Wadja as a trial secretary again. Cory Wadja will be chief course builder. We are going to use all of the Wadja's equipment, which include rubber surfaced contacts. Like last year, there will be two rings set up (one with contact equipment, one

without) but we will only be running in one ring at a time. We will have Chances, Jumpers and two rounds of Regular on both days. On Saturday, we will also have Weavers, Hoopers, and Touch and Go. On Sunday, we will have Tunnelers and Touch and Go. We moved Hoopers to earlier in the day because many people enjoyed it last year, but since it was at the end of the day many people had left and did not get a chance to try it. Hoopers is now a titling class. Our judge is Gary Visintainer from Colorado.

Equipment

May 10 is our equipment cleaning and painting party. May 31 and June 1 are the back-up dates in case we don't finish or if the weather does not cooperate. The plan is to move the equipment that is going to stay at Roberta's for the summer and leave it there for the duration of the summer (we won't need that equipment for the trials or Camp). We are getting some jump cup strips and are repairing the teeter board and some of the dog walk slats. Lisa noted that many of the jump bars need to have the tape replaced and it is nearly impossible to take the tape off in a way that allows us to retape it properly. Lisa suggests getting new jump bars. We could raffle off the old bars to club members.

Seminar

To the delight of the seminar committee, the response by NOMADers to Camp NOMAD was overwhelming. Over 30 registration forms were received with the Feb 1st postmark and more followed. Due to the substantial subsidy by the club for the camp, the committee decided to expand the camp to three instructors and 30 working teams. Unfortunately, there will be a waiting list as the committee decided to keep the class size to 10 each as originally planned. The seminar committee will be asking for your patience and help for this expanded undertaking. There will be 3 levels and each group will "play" with each instructor for one day. Auditing will remain free for all NOMADers and are encouraged to sign up ahead. The three instructors are Elicia Calhoun, Ginsey St. Croix and Karen Holik and are going to work together to create a great weekend for everyone. The Camp will be held at the Trapp Family Lodge. It will accommodate 3 rings.

The following is a list of tasks that committee members have volunteered to

oversee. Anyone who is interested in helping in any area can contact the specific person responsible or please contact Billie Marsh: Site/ Meals: Lynne von Trapp; Registration: Fran Bartholomew; Instructor Liaison: Sharon Nolan; Equipment: Kit Erskine; Hospitality: John Sims; Lodging @ Academy: Kathy Fretz.

Auditing is free but the committee would appreciate it if you let Fran know ahead of time that you are coming. And if you are auditing, it would be great if you could volunteer.

The seminar committee is looking for suggestions for mini-seminars for the fall.

Membership

Judy Kessler is the new new member contact (taking over for Cynthia who is now Vice-President and NADAC trial co-chair). Nancy Dashnaw is the new Membership Coordinator. Nan Johnson is looking for agility buddies. An agility buddy is a club member who volunteers to be available to answer questions to a new member. This usually takes place though 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.)

Nan can match you according to dogs' breeds, trial venues you will compete in; dogs size anything that will give you something in common with your buddy. You don't have to know everything about agility to be helpful. If you've been in NOMAD for a year or so you are sure to know more than a new member. Please contact Nan if you are interested.

Demo

Our fair demo will be August 28 and 29, 2008. Lori and Scott will be in charge of the fair demo again. We think Kate will be planning the Sports and Fitness demo.

Training

Carla Medved gave an impromptu report on the Training Committee since she wasn't planning on being at the meeting. The committee is still tossing around a bunch of ideas. They are thinking of having a foundations class at winter practice or over the summer. The idea for the committee came about because some new members are not as prepared with fundamental skills and contacts and there was some concern about dog safety. So, the committee thought they could hold "bridge the gap" classes to help the

transition from formal classes to NOMAD practices. Kim I. suggested holding a class like this at the beginning of the barn practice season, such as a class in November for the newest members. The training committee is also brainstorming ways to fit in more training time. The committee had talked about an hour class for four weeks over the summer. In addition, the committee was thinking of adding an information packet about fundamentals and contacts to the new member information that they receive when they join NOMAD. The committee is also planning on a monthly article in the newsletter on a series of training issues. There was some discussion about tightening up requirements for joining NOMAD, and the general consensus was that we are a club and should be welcoming and not make it harder to join. As a club, we can help members work with their dogs to make them better canine citizens (in general and at NOMAD events).

Summer Practice

Don Denette provided the summer practice report. A Season Pass for summer practice will be \$40 (unless we get more than 2 people and then it will be \$30). After 10 weeks the projected cash flow will be reevaluated and if it does not look like we will reach \$150 (the target amount to cover gas, wear and tear on the lawn mower and Roberta's time for mowing), season pass members will be expected to pay an additional fee. A single practice will be \$5.

Practices will be on Thursdays from 6:30 until dark. Roberta is going to collect the money and then send it to Linda. Linda will then reimburse Roberta for mowing on a monthly basis. The equipment will remain at Roberta's all summer. If practice is not well attended on Thursdays and there are not many NOMADers in Lisa Barrett's competition class on Tuesday nights, practices may move to Tuesday nights later in the summer.

Practice

Winter barn practices went very well this year in terms of organization and attendance. Lisa suggested giving something more to instructors as pay, such as free barn practices and a free membership. Caroline suggested having instructor barn time in between classes and practice, rather than prior to class. The Lesson and Practice Committee will seek out suggestions for a better "pay" system.

Obedience Training— Does My Dog Really Need It?

Patty McMahon

At an agility trial, you see a competitor leave her dog on the start line and walk out three obstacles, turn, and give her dog the signal to start. You think, "Wow, I wish my dog could do that." Then, the dog hits the table and goes into an immediate down and holds it until released. You think, "Gee, I wish my dog could do *that*, too!"

Agility competitors do not need to do formal obedience (competition) with their dogs, but with some obedience training, their dogs would be able to do what I just described above. If agility dogs are not trained in some basic obedience, namely, sit, down, come, and stay, they usually pay the price later in agility competition. Some agility people think they will ruin their dogs by teaching obedience first. They feel that an obedience trained dog will only work close to the owner and so will run slower in agility. Having a fast dog is only good if the handler has control over that speed and can stay connected with the dog on course. Dogs can be taught to work away from the handler and still be under control.

Teaching your puppy some basic commands from the beginning, whether in an obedience class or at home, is the start of communicating and building a working relationship with your dog, and the payoff is huge in the long run. Some folks use the excuse that they want to give their puppies time to be puppies, not realizing they are losing the opportunity to train good behavior before the pup learns bad behavior. Puppies are like sponges, ready to soak up knowledge.

By keeping lessons fun and giving lots of yummy rewards for a job well done, your puppy or dog can learn to sit, go down, stay, come when called, and walk on leash without pulling your arm out of joint. Think about it—down, stay, and come are three of the most important fundamental skills a dog needs to succeed in agility.

Joining an obedience class has the benefit of motivating the handler to train and offers the advantage of training with other dogs as distractions. It's also an opportunity to expose your puppy or adult dog to new experiences and environments. While the ideal time to start obedience is while the puppy is young, it's never too late to start. Even an old dog can learn good behavior. Basic obedience is a good start to having a great agility dog and a well-behaved partner.

Logo wear

The order has been placed. Kim I. is waiting for delivery dates from both vendors. She is anticipating a few weeks and she will let everyone know.

NEW BUSINESS

There is an open position for a member at large on next year's Steering Committee. Patty's term is set to expire and she has served her six year maximum term. Carla volunteered to head the nominating committee and she volunteered Kate as well. Roberta volunteered to be the member at large.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Rubin, Secretary

NOMAD's Steering Committee

Contact them if you have questions or suggestions.

President

Lynne von Trapp _____ 253-7673

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COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Compiled by Cheryl French as of 3/24/08

APRIL 2008

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.botcv.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; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Bo-Gee Agility; Deerfield, NH. Limit: Unlimited; Closes: 4/11/08; Contact: Judy Davis; Email: tss@trialesecretary.com ; Website: www.bo-gee.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 3-4; **NADAC**; Open to all dogs; Northeast Agility Enthusiasts; Franklin County Fairgrounds, Greenfield, MA; Limit: Unknown; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Erin Wajda; Email: trialsec@northeastagility.com ; Website: www.northeastagility.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@trialesecretary.com .

May 10-11; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; JAZZ Agility Club; High Goal Farm, Greenwich, NY; Opens: 3/24/08; Closes: 4/21/08; Limit: 375 per Judge; All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Julie Belles; Email: crkrjkkd@aol.com ; Website: www.jazzagilityclub.com .

May 10-11; **NADAC**; Open to all dogs; Northeast Agility Enthusiasts; Washington County Fairgrounds, Greenwich, NY; Limit: Unknown; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Erin Wajda; Email: trialsec@northeastagility.com ; Website: www.northeastagility.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: krittlers@bcn.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: NEATtrial@verizon.net ; Website: www.neatclub.com .

May 24-25; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Northeast Miniature Australian Shepherd Club; Westminster, VT; Opens: 4/19/08, random draw; Limit: 350 runs per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Trial Secretary: Sue Fontaine, 536 So. Willow St., Manchester, NH 03103, 603-672-7322; Email: miniaussies5@comcast.net ; Website: www.k9cpe.com .

May 24-25; **ASCA**; Open to all dogs; ASCNE; Hopkinton Fairgrounds, Contoocook, NH; Opens: 4/2/08; Closes: 5/7/08; Limit: 350 per day; Classes: Jumpers, Gamblers, Regular; Contact: Jean Janotta, 24 Country View Drive, Raymond, NH 03077, 603-895-5436; Email: jjanotta@verizon.net ; Website: www.ascne.org .

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 .

May 24-26; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; Y Agility; Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs, NY; Limit: Unlimited; Closes: 5/5/08; Classes: All Classes/All Levels, Standard, Jumpers, Gamblers, Snooker, Pairs Relay, Grand Prix Qualifier, DT Qualifier; Contact: Donna Young, 4 Haber Way, Castleton, NY 12033; Email: yagility@nycap.rr.com .

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 .

JUNE 2008

June 6-8; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; CATS&NOMAD; Wheelock Park, Keene, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Closes: 5/20/08; Classes: All Classes/All Levels, Team Relay, Grand Prix Qualifier, Steeplechase Qualifier, DT Qualifier; Trial Secretary: Val Reiner, 31 New State Rd., Savoy, MA 01256, 413-743-9354; Email: krittlers@bcn.net ; Websites: www.canineagility.org or www.nomadagility.com .

June 6-8; **AKC**; Open to all purebreds; Southern Berkshire Golden Retriever Club; Westfield, MA; Open: 4/16/08; Closes: 5/17/08; 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 .

June 9-10; **AKC**; Open to all purebreds; Mayflower Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club; Westford, MA; Open: 4/16/08; Closes: 5/24/08; 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 .

June 14-15; **ASCA**; Open to all dogs; ASNE; Westfield Fair Grounds, Westfield, MA; Opens: 4/14/08; Closes: 5/27/08; Limit: 350 per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels, Standard, Regular, Jumpers, Gamblers; Contact: Jon/Aline Hoadley, 26 North Gate Drive, Harwinton, CT 06891, 860-485-2639; Email: colorsofsummer@charter.net .

June 14-15; **AKC**; Open to all purebreds; North-shore Kennel Club; Topsfield, MA; Open: 4/16/08; Closes: 5/24/08; 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 .

June 14-16; **AKC**; Open to all purebreds; Southern Adirondack Agility Club; High Goal Farm, Greenwich, NY; Opens: 4/16/08; Closes: 5/24/08; 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 .

June 14-15; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; AgileDogs Agility Training, Shatford Park, New Lebanon, NY; Limit: 700 per day; Closes: 5/27/08; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Email: debbie@agiledogs.net ; Website: www.agiledogs.net/trials.htm .

June 14-15; **NADAC**; Open to all dogs; Northeast Agility Enthusiasts; Franklin County Fairgrounds, Greenfield, MA; Limit: Unknown; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Erin Wajda; Email: trialsec@northeastagility.com ; Website: www.northeastagility.com .

June 14-15; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; NOMAD; Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe, VT; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: Standard, Gamblers, Jumpers, Snooker, Pairs Relay; Level Restrictions: Starters/PI & Advanced/PII only; Contact: Val Reiner, 31 New State Rd., Savoy, MA 01256, 413-743-9354; Email: kritters@bcn.net ; Websites: www.nomadagility.com .

June 21-22; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Bo-Gee Agility; Deerfield, NH; Contact: Judy Davis; Email: tss@trialsecretary.com ; Website: www.bo-gee.com .

June 20-22; **AKC**; Open to all purebreds; Collie Club of Maine; Cumberland, ME; Open: 4/14/08; Closes: 5/31/08; 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 .

June 20-22; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; Y Agility; The Blackthorne Resort, East Durham, NY; Closes: 6/2/08; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels, Standard, Jumpers, Gamblersm Snooker, Pairs Relay, Grand Prix Qualifier, Steeplechase Qualifier; Contact: Donna Young, 4 Haber Way, Castleton, NY 12033; Email: yagility@nycap.rr.com .

June 28-29; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Agility; All Dogs Gym & Inn, Manchester, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: Standard, Jumpers, Gamblers, Snooker, Pairs Relay, Grand Prix Qualifier; Level Restrictions: Advanced/PII & Masters/PIII only; Contact: Judy Davis; Email: tss@trialsecretary.com ; Website: www.alldogsgym.com .

June 28-29; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Muddy Paws Agility Club; Westminster, VT; Closes: 6/10/08; Limit: 350 runs per day; Contact: Kim Stumph; Email: goodturn@conknet.com ; Website: www.mymuddypaws.com .

June 28-29; **AKC**; Open to all purebreds; Albany Obedience Club; Glenmont, NY; Open: 4/30/08;

Closes: 6/14/08; 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 .

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July 4-6; **NADAC**; Open to all dogs; Northeast Agility Enthusiasts; Washington County Fairgrounds, Greenwich, NY; Limit: Unlimited; Contact: Erin Wajda; Email: trialsec@northeastagility.com ; Website: www.northeastagility.com .

July 5-6; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; AgileDogs Agility Training; Shatford Park, New Lebanon, NY; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels, DT Qualifier; Email: trisha@agiledogs.net ; Website: www.agiledogs.net/trials.htm .

July 5-6; **AKC**; Open to pure breeds; Yankee Golden Retriever Club, Derry, NH; Limit: 660 runs; Opens: 5/28/08; Closes: 6/14/08; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

July 12-13; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym; Manchester, NH; Limit: 440 runs Sat./350 runs Sun.; Closes: 6/20/08; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Kimberly Stumph, 603-938-2447; Email: goodturn@conknet.com ; Website: www.alldogsgym.com .

July 11-13; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; Riverside Canine Center; Middlesex County 4-H Fairgrounds, Westford, MA; Limit: Unlimited; Closes: 6/25/08; Contact: Valori Duff, 252 Boynton St., Manchester, NH 03102, 603-289-5169; Website: usdaa.com .

July 19-20; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Y Agility; Sugar Bush Farm, Stephentown, NY; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Donna Young, 4 Haber Way, Castleton, NY 12033; Email: yagility@nycap.rr.com .

July 19-20; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Breeze Thru Agility; Brattleboro, VT; Limit: 375 runs per day; Closes: 7/8/08; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Val Reiner, 413-743-9354; Email: kritters@bcn.net ; Website: www.breezethruagility.com .

July 19-20; **AKC**; Open to all pure breeds; Collie Club of New England; Granby, MA; Limit: 660 runs; Open: 5/14/08; Closes: 6/28/08; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

July 25-27; **AKC**; Open to all pure breeds; Green MT Golden Retriever Club, Williston, VT; Limit: 330 runs; Open: 5/21/08; Closes: 7/12/08; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

AUGUST 2008

Aug. 2-3; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; LEAP Agility; Westfield Fairgrounds, Westfield, MA; Limit:

Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Website: www.leapagility.com .

Aug. 2-3; **NADAC**; Open to all dogs; CATS; Monadnock Humane Society; Swanzey, NH; Limit: 450; Classes: Touch N Go, Tunnelers, Weavers/All Levels; Email: lava@webryders.net ; Website: www.canineagility.org .

Aug. 9-10; **NADAC**; Open to all dogs; Northeast Agility Enthusiasts; Hidden Acres Campground, Dummerston, VT; Limit: Unlimited; Contact: Erin Wajda; Email: trialsec@northeastagility.com ; Website: www.northeastagility.com .

Aug. 9-10; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Agile Dogs Agility Training; Adams, MA.

Aug. 9-10; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym; Manchester, NH; Closes: 7/18/08; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: 400 runs Sat./350 runs Sun.; Contact: Sue Fountaine, 603-627-7322; Email: miniaussies5@comcast.net ; Website: www.alldogsgym.com .

Aug. 9-10; **AKC**; Open to all pure breeds; Tartan Gordon Setter Club; Amherst, NH; Classes: Std, JWW, FAST; Limit: 330 runs; Open: 6/11/08; Closes: 7/19/08; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Aug. 16-17; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Y Agility; Shatford Park, New Lebanon, NY; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Donna Young, 4 Haber Way, Castleton, NY 12033; Email: yagility@nycap.rr.com .

Aug. 16-17; **NADAC**; Open to all dogs; NOMAD; Stowe, VT; Contact: Erin Wajda; Email: trialsec@northeastagility.com ; Website: http://nomadagility.com

Aug. 24; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; ACE Agility Club; Westfield Fairground, Westfield, MA; Limit: Unlimited; Level Restrictions: Starters/PI and Jr Handlers only; Contact: Nancy Obara; Email: ray.wheeler@the-spa.com .

Aug. 30-31; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; ARFF Agility Club; Middlesex County 4-H Fairgrounds, Westford, MA; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels, Steeplechase Qualifier, Performance Speed Jumping; Trial Secretary: Trial Secretary Services; Email: tss@trialsecretary.com ; Website: www.trialsecretary.com .

Aug. 30-Sept. 1; **NADAC**; Northeast Agility Enthusiasts; Hidden Acres Campground, Dummerston, VT; Limit: Unlimited; Contact: Erin Wajda; Email: trialsec@northeastagility.com ; Website: www.northeastagility.com .

Aug. 30-Sept. 1; **AKC**; Open to all pure breeds; Eastern English Springer Spaniel Club; Granby, MA; Limit: 750 runs; Open: TBD; Closes: TBD; 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.

RESCUE: Adoption Available

After two long years of being on a waiting list for an agility dog, we have been notified by the breeder that, at long last, our number has come up and, WE ARE HAVING A PUPPY!!!

We must get rid of our children IMMEDIATELY because we just know how time consuming our new little puppy is going to be and it just wouldn't be fair to the children. Since our little puppy will be arriving on Monday we MUST place the children into rescue this weekend!

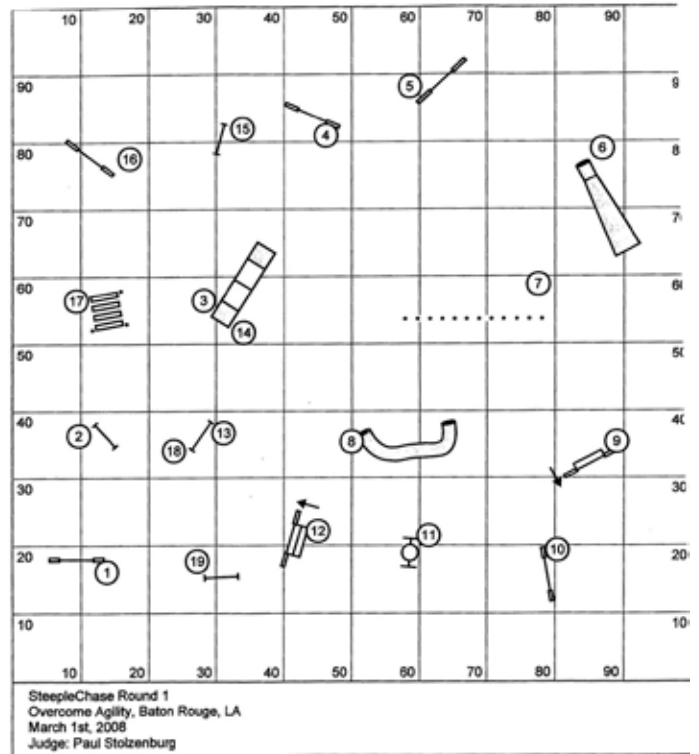
The kids are described as:

One male - His name is Tommy, Caucasian (English/Irish mix), light blonde hair, blue eyes. Four years old. Excellent disposition. He doesn't bite. Temperament tested. Does have problems with peeing directly in the toilet. Has had chicken Pox and is current on all shots. Tonsils have already been removed. Tommy eats everything, is very clean, house trained & gets along well with others. Does not run with scissors and with a little training he should be able to read soon.

One female - Her name is Lexie, Caucasian (English/Irish mix), strawberry blonde hair, green eyes quite freckled. Two years old. Can be surly at times. Non-biter, thumb sucker. Has been temperament tested but needs a little attitude adjusting occasionally. She is current on all shots, tonsils out, and is very healthy & can be affectionate. Gets along well with other little girls & little boys but does not like to share her toys and therefore would do best in a one child household. She is a very quick learner and is currently working on her house training - shouldn't take long at all.

We really do LOVE our children so much and want to do what's right for them; that is why we contacted a rescue group. But we simply can no longer keep them. Also, we are afraid that they may hurt our new puppy.

I hope you understand that ours is a UNIQUE situation and we have a real emergency here!!! They MUST be placed into your rescue by Sunday night at the latest or we will be forced to drop them off at the orphanage or along some dark, country road. Our priority now has to be our new puppy.



*Further south they are running courses and competing.
We can dream. Try running this with your pencil.*

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