

NOMAD NEWS

Northern Magic Agility Dogs

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about the Lynn Smitley
Distance Seminar
on March 7

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2009

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NOMAD 2009 AGILITY CAMP

August 22 – 24, 2009 Stowe, VT at Trapp Family Lodge

*****IMPORTANT – No registrations postmarked prior to March 2ndst *****

**INSTRUCTORS: ELICIA CALHOUN, GINSEY ST. CROIX,
KAREN HOLICK**

We are pleased to announce that NOMAD is sponsoring a 3 day agility camp with three world class agility champions. If you have never been to a camp this is the one to attend, where you will be with your NOMAD friends for support and good times. If you have attended a camp then you will want to attend because you already know how lonely camp can be when you know few of the participants. READ ON!!!!

Schedule And Topics

Three full days of agility fun!

The daily working sessions will be for a group to work with one instructor from 9:00 to 5:00. Each group will have a full day with each instructor. Instructor sessions will each have an emphasis on a different area of skill and geared to the group's skill level.

Topics likely to be covered during working sessions:

- Jump training
- Contacts, Table, Weaves
- Handling techniques: crosses, footwork, dog skills
- Technical pattern: pinwheel, box, threadle, pull-through, serpentine
- Course analysis and coursework

The camp is limited to a maximum of 30 working spots (10 teams per instructor). There will be three levels of expertise: Pre-Novice/Novice; Intermediate; Advanced/Masters. Each group will spend a day with each instructor. The following guidelines may be used to determine which level is suitable for your team:

Pre-Novice/Novice: teams range from: being familiar with all the obstacles, can do 3-6 obstacle sequences, to ready for trialing.

Intermediate: It is expected the team is already competing at the Novice level.

Advanced/Masters: Actively competing and the dog should have achieved at least one leg in an advanced level.

Cost and Payment Policy

For NOMAD members, we are offering this camp at a bargain cost: only \$350 for working membership and \$500 for supporting membership, \$500 for non-members. This price includes dinner one night; lunch is on your own. "Working spots" are not available on a per day basis. Auditing by NOMAD members is free.

Payment Policy: A non-refundable \$100 deposit with your registration is required to reserve a spot. The balance of the camp fee is due by June 1st, 2009. If you cannot attend the camp, the spot must be filled to receive a refund. If the seminar committee has a wait list, the spot will be filled from that. If there is no wait list, it will be the participant's responsibility to find someone (at the appropriate level for the assigned group) to the spot in order to receive a refund.

Registration Procedure

We are using a postmark method for acceptance to assure that all have an equal opportunity to register. Registrations will be accepted in order of postmarking, starting with **March 2, 2009**.

In the event that we receive more than 30 applications for camp, we will use the following priority list to assign spots to members. If there are too many applications in any priority area, the seminar committee will use a lottery to determine who gets the remaining slots and who will be put on a waiting list.

First priority will be given to applicants who return their application postmarked March 2, have been a member of NOMAD for a year as of 3/2009, and have completed 20 plus hours as a working member or are a supporting member.

Second priority will go to new NOMAD members who return their application postmarked March 2, 2009.

Third priority will go to working NOMAD members who have not completed their 20 hours of work and have returned their application postmarked March 2, 2009.

Fourth priority will go to applications postmarked after March 2, 2009.

Registrations will be available to non-members on April 1, if any vacancies exist.

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The seminar committee will determine which members have completed 20 plus hours, with support from the steering committee if needed.

Please send your registration form and deposit check of \$100 payable to NOMAD on or after March 2 to:

Mitzi Sinclair 140 Back Mountain Road, Windsor, VT 05089

Camp Rules

- You must clean up after your dog on the camp grounds and all surrounding area AND at any lodging facility.
- All dogs must be on leash except when working.
- Bitches in season are not allowed.
- Campers with working spot must stay with their assigned groups. You may work with alternate dogs during the weekend, but all dogs must be at or above the level of each other and only one dog per 3 ½ hour session.
- Rules for practicing during off hours will be announced at the beginning of camp.
- Auditor's dogs are not allowed in the working area during camp hours and are not allowed on equipment.

Lodging/Camping

A limited number of RV sites (no hook ups) will be available. Tenting will also be allowed. The camping fee is \$10 per night.

Mt. Mansfield Winter Academy (MMWA) will be available for rent by Nomad for camp participants- August 21, 22, 23.

NOMAD will handle reservations and collect money from guests MMWA can accommodate 28 people with Chalet 1, plus 4 in Chalet 2 if available,

Rate: \$30/night/bed without breakfast, \$35/night/bed with breakfast, No surcharge if only one bed is used in a room

Breakfast is available if six or more people request it: English muffins, oatmeal, juice, fruit, coffee, cereals. Access to frig, microwave, and coffee always available. Guests bring their own bedding, pillow, fan, and towels; rooms have bathrooms with showers. Some are carpeted, some have bare floors; most beds are singles, some doubles. Basement sitting area for hanging out.

HOTELS: All prices for lodging are approximate. Please to call to confirm.

Trapp Family Lodge 802-253-8511. \$140 per night, one time dog fee \$25.

The Mountaineer Motel 802-253-7525. \$99+tax double. Indoor pool, hot tub for 20, river.

Northern Lights Lodge 800-955-4455. 802-253-8541. \$65-115. Pools, hot tub, sauna, river.

Innsbruck Inn 800-225-8582. 802-253-8582. About \$99 double with breakfast.

Stowe Motel 802-253-7629. \$108-116. Continental breakfast. On the river and rec. path.

Gables Inn 802-253-7730. \$150- 220. Suites with renowned breakfast.

Hob Nob Inn. 802-253-8549. About \$89. Restaurant, pool. On 10 acres.

Gold Brook Campground 802-253-7683. \$22-35.

*****INSTRUCTOR BIOS*****

GINSEY NICKLES ST CROIX is one of agility's most dynamic and respected handlers, and has earned numerous titles in obedience, tracking, conformation, and, of course, agility. Widely recognized for her personal achievements in the ring, Ginsey competes on the national circuit with Breezy, a Giant Schnauzer; Coup, a Cocker Spaniel; Whisper, a Miniature Pinscher; and Star, a Border Collie. Ginsey is the founder of Fast Tracks Agility, based in Canton, Georgia. Her training methods are based on her personal philosophy of strong foundation work and obstacle commitment, using toys, food, and praise to enhance the dog's enjoyment and understanding of its role in the agility team. In addition, Ginsey seeks to teach the skills that each individual handler requires to satisfy their canine partner's needs and, most importantly, to foster the positive attitude all handlers must develop to ensure the best working relationship with their dogs. Ginsey has worked successfully with many different breeds through seminars, group classes, and private lessons. With her positive, enthusiastic attitude, boundless energy, and unerring eye for detail, Ginsey is a favorite with her students, their dogs, and seminar attendees alike.

ELICIA CALHOUN is a top National and International Trainer, National Champion and World Champion, Lecturer, Professional Agility Instructor, and Author. A World Champion Team member in 2001 and Bronze Medal Team member in 2003, Elicia has represented the United States for an unprecedented five consecutive years with the same dog, Suni. She and her Aussie, ADCH MACH2 Suni, also have the top individual Maxi dog placement at the World Championships, and are nationally recognized icons, having been featured competing at large televised events on Animal Planet (AKC and USDAA National Championship) and ESPN (Great Outdoor Games) numerous times since 1998. Elicia, who has a BS in engineering from Cornell University, currently owns and operates Waltzing Paws Agility in Houston, TX She has served as Agility Director for the St. Hubert's Dog Training School in New Jersey. In each position she utilizes her analytical engineering skills and positive training techniques to design and develop a training program that pinpoints each team's needs in an enthusiastic and effective manner.

Elicia began agility in 1994 with her Lab/Greyhound mix Jettie and within 2 years Jettie had earned her Agility Dog Championship title. Elicia's training methods that she developed with Jettie and Suni are effective for all sizes, breeds and speeds of dogs. She builds upon the team relationship using her clear handling system and customizes training plans that best suit each dog/handler team. Elicia challenges all levels of dog/handler teams to reach their full potential with her innate ability to identify issues and problem-solve. Her versatile abilities include everything from helping to build drive and focus, to thinking on her feet to handle fast dogs. Elicia specializes in Course Analysis, developing the best handling plan for your team, and Mental Preparation, helping you to synchronize with your dog prior to entering the ring.

KAREN HOLICK. Karen is one of the original judges for AKC, becoming involved at its inception and a USDAA judge for even longer. She loves training dogs of all motivation levels and her successes with many breeds demonstrate her effectiveness. She believes that all dogs can be taught to run to their full potential and agility should be a team sport and fun for the dog at all times. She believes the most important aspect of agility training is teaching the fundamentals and being consistent with your handling at all times. Karen currently owns 3 dogs, including two shelties and a Border collie. Her first dog (a Chow/Sheltie mix) became her first to receive the ADCH title in USDAA. She has also achieved this title with her sheltie and her border collie. Karen's consistency and ability to adapt her handling to various breeds and motivational levels can be seen by qualifying for the USDAA World Championships, and further proven by competing in the Finals a total of seven times with all four of her dogs. Her youngest sheltie, MACH Triune's Feelin Hot Hot Hot, "Sizzle" has quite an impressive list of accomplishments at only four years of age. Together, Karen and Sizzle competed for the 2003 AKC/USA World Team in Lievin, France, the 2005 AKC/USA World Team in Val-lodid, Spain, won the USDAA World Championship Steeplechase Event in the 16-inch division and also won Silver and Bronze medals at the ESPN Great Outdoor Games.

CAMP NOMAD 2009 REGISTRATION FORM

Handler: _____
 Email: _____
 Working or Supporting Membership _____
 Dog Name: _____
 Breed or Type _____
 Dog Age: _____
 Jump Height: _____
 Current Competition Status: _____
(Include level and venue)

Top three training/ issues you want to focus on:

Include Non-Refundable Deposit of \$100, Checks payable to NOMAD.

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Mitzi Sinclair 140 Back Mountain Road, Windsor, VT 05089

Mt. Mansfield Academy

If you are planning on staying at Mt. Mansfield Academy please complete below:

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Spending the night on Friday _____ Saturday _____

Sunday _____

Would you like breakfast provided _____

Thoughts on CAMP NOMAD

from Lynne von Trapp

We are very fortunate to be able to offer Camp NOMAD again this summer. I want to encourage you to sign up for camp, and not to be intimidated by the priority list with the camp info. Last year we planned on only 20 camp participants and were overwhelmed with 34 applications. As you know, we added an instructor and were able to take everyone who could attend (30 participants). But we learned we should have had criteria in place in case we couldn't accommodate everyone. The seminar and steering committees have put a lot of thought into developing the criteria. Even if you are wait-listed at first, your chances of getting into camp will be very good, since people's lives and circumstances change, and spots tend to open up.

If your dog is not quite at the pre-novice level now, remember that you have several months before camp, and you can make a lot of progress in that time. Placements in groups will be made closer to the time of camp.

Although the camp fee went up this year, it is still significantly lower than other camps. I promise you, you are getting a very good deal -- an opportunity to train with and get to know some of the finest instructors/competitors in the country. You will have lots of fun with fellow NOMADers while doing it. I hope to see you at camp!

TRAINING

Response to (regarding a dog who blew his contacts at a trial)

"HE KNEW DARN WELL WHAT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO DO"

Posted by: "suzanne.wesley on Poodle Agility List

I must admit when I first started training dogs 10 years ago I had no idea what I was doing and unfortunately took for granted what my dog knew and how solid her behaviors were.

In fact my first dog did NOT know her behaviors as well as I thought and consequently those behaviors broke down once we got to a trial and went into the ring!! Quite simply I did not do a good job of training my dog.

I often heard the battle cry of "my dog doesn't do that at home or in training" and even said it myself many a time with my first agility dog. I just didn't know any better then. After hearing it too many times from too many people I decided there HAD to be way to remedy this. Luckily I didn't dwell on it but rather went on a search for a way to fix it.

Years later and with the benefit of talking with some great trainers and attending their seminars I realized that dogs only do things that are rewarding to them and that if I didn't watch what I was rewarding I would be getting a behavior I didn't want.

Many handlers accept inferior performances from their dogs at training and don't know that they are doing it. A great example is one of training a start line stay with Sonic some 4 or so years ago. I basically SUCKED at it and wasn't even aware what he was getting away with. I let him crawl.. I let him dribble.. I let him stand, I let him get away with CRAP!! And then released him. No wonder when he got to trial I couldn't move a foot away from him. We had to retrain this start line stay and it

was HARD but we did it. But I accepted nothing less than what was demanded from that performance and rewarded each brilliant performance.

Maintaining criteria or even upping the criteria through stimulus control or proofing is one of the biggest downfalls with dog training. Dogs don't MAKE the decision to blow their contacts and start line stays, they do it because it is and was rewarding or rewarded.

Dogs don't have an agenda or a bad hair day and THINK hmmm... I'm going to blow that contact today because by golly I feel like it. If we truly want to be smart trainers we need to dig our heads out of our butts and make the behavior we want from our dogs so unbelievably rewarding that our dogs are chaffing at the bit to do it !!

New Dog Member

Kimberly Ingraham's new mini aussie, **Izzy**, is now a full-fledged member of NOMAD.

NOMAD's Steering Committee

Contact them if you have questions or suggestions.

President (11/07 - 11/09)

Lynne von Trapp _____ 253-7673

Vice-President (11/07 - 11/09)

Cynthia Gilliland _____ 295-2659

Treasurer (11/06 - 11/08)

Linda Ladd _____ 879-3461

Secretary (11/07 - 11/09)

Kim Rubin _____ 899-3382

e-mail: som13@aol.com

Members at Large

Don Denette (11/07 - 11/09) ___ 872-8767

Kim Ingraham (11/07 - 11/08) ___ 223-1429

Roberta Dumas (11/08 - 11/09) _ 899-1158

Is your dog bored with winter? Are you bored with winter? Here's a few ideas for tricks to teach your dog.

Sylvia T is amazing--as usual.

Type this into your browser window.

<http://de.youtube.com/watch?v=FW8Hg4nEp-w&feature=channel>

<http://nomadagility.com/>

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Compiled by Cheryl French as of 12/27/08

JANUARY 2009

Jan 24-25; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; Feel the Rush Agility; American K9 Country, Amherst, NH; Closes: 1/12/09; Secretary: Kim Tees, PO Box 388, Raymond, ME 04071; Website: www.usdaa.com .

Jan. 31-Feb 1; **AKC**; Open to all pure breeds; Tartan Gordan Setter Club; Amherst, NH; Opens: 12/15/08; Closes: 1/10/09; Limit: 330 per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

FEBRUARY 2009

Feb. 7-8; **AKC**; Open to all pure breeds; American Bullmastiff Assoc.; Amherst, NH; Opens: 12/29/08; Closes: 1/24/09; Limit: 330 per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Feb. 7-8; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym, Manchester, NH; Limit: 400 runs Sat, 375 runs Sun; Closes: 1/16/09; Contact: Sue Fountaine, 603-627-7322; Email: mini aussies5@comcast.net; Website: www.alldogsgym.com .

Feb. 21-22; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Riverside K-9 LLC; Nashua, NH; Limit: 400 runs per day; Closes: 2/2/09; Contact: Valori Duff; Email: valwaussies@comcast.net; Website: www.riversidek9.com .

Feb. 28-March 1; **AKC**; Open to all pure breeds; Southern Adirondack Agility Club; Greenwhich, NY; Opens: 1/7/09; Closes: 2/7/09; Limit: 330 per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Feb. 28-March 1; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Bo-Gee Agility; Derry, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All classes/All levels; Closes: 2/9/09; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis; Email: tss@trialservices.com ; Website: www.trialsecretary.com and www.bo-gee.com .

MARCH 2009

March 7-8; **AKC**; Open to all purebreds; American Bullmastiff Assoc.; American K9 Country, Amherst, NH; Opens: 1/7/09; Closes: 2/14/09; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

March 7-8; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym, Manchester, NH; Limit: 400 runs on Sat, 375 Runs on Sun; Closes: 2/13/09; Contact: Sue Fountaine, 603-627-7322; Email: mini aussies5@comcast.net; Website: www.alldogsgym.com .

March 14-15; **AKC**; Open to all purebreds; Schenctady Dog Training Club Inc.; High Goal Farm, Greenwich, NY; Opens: 1/21/09; Closes: 2/28/09; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

March 14-15; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; ACE Agility Club; South Glastonbury, MA; Closes: 2/21/09; Contact: Nancy Obara, Email: ray.wheeler@the-spa.com ; Website: www.petsforum.com/ACE .

March 21-22; **AKC**; Open to all purebreds; LEAP Agility Club, Mt Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA; Opens: 1/21/09; Closes: 2/28/09; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

March 20-22; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym, Manchester, NH; Tournament Event; Secretary: Judy Davis; Email: tss@trialservices.com ; Website: www.trialsecretary.com .

March 28-29; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Agile Dogs Agility Training; Greenwich, NY; Limit: 375 runs per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Closes: 3/16/09; Contact: Jeff Boyer, jeff@agiledogs.net ; Web Site: www.agiledogs.net .

APRIL 2009

April 4-5; **NADAC**; Maplewood Assistance Partners, Inc.; Wrentham, MA; Limit: 750; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Katrin Andberg, 12 Maple Ave., Foxboro, MA 02035; Website: www.maplewooddog.com .

April 18-19; **NADAC**; Act-Up Agility Club; Wrentham, MA; Limit: 500; Classes: 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 18-19; **AKC**; Open to all purebreds; BOTC; Williston, VT; Opens: 2/9/09; Closes: 4/4/09; Limit: 330 per day; Contact: Janet Induni, 43 Lost Nation Rd., Essex Jct., VT 05452; Email: jinduni@comcast.net ; Website: www.botcvt.com .

April 25-26; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; K9 Logix, LLC; Franklin Co. Fairgrounds, Greenfield, MA; Limit: Unlimited; Closes: 4/10/09; Secretary: Sharon Wirant, 59 Aldrich Rd., Westmoreland, NH 03467; Email: events@k9logix.com ; Website: www.usdaa.com or www.k9logix.com .

April 25-26; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; AgileDogs Agility Training; New Lebanon, NY; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Email: trisha@agiledogs.net ; Website: www.agiledogs.net/trails.htm .

April 25-26; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Bo-Gee Agility; Deerfield, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All classes/All levels; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis; Email: tss@trialservices.com ; Website: www.trialsecretary.com and www.bo-gee.com .

April 25-26; **NADAC**; Open to all dogs; Addicted to Agility; Wrentham, MA; Trial Secretary: Mike Whall, 144 Lyman St., North Attleboro, MA 02760, 508-699-9276; Email: mickeycw@aol.com ; Website: www.addictedtoagility.com .

April 25-26; **AKC**; Open to all purebreds; Scottish Terrier Club of New England; Wrentham, MA; Opens: 2/25/09; Closes: 4/4/09; 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.

BRAGS

December 4-5; Yankee Golden Retriever Club AKC trial; Boston, MA

Ashley Fischer and Daphne

8" Novice Preferred JWW ____ 2nd and Q
8" Novice Preferred Standard ____ 1st and Q

12/5-7/08, All Dogs USDAA Agility Trial, Manchester, NH

John Marcus & Elmo

Mini P1 Pairs _____ 1st & Q
P1 Gamblers _____ 1st & Q
P1 Jumpers _____ 1st & Q
Performance Dog 1 Title
P2 Snooker _____ 1st & Q

Maxine Holmes & Spiritdancer

12" GP Qualifier _____ 1st & Q
and Bye into Regional Finals
12" M. Snooker _____ 1st & SuperQ

Judy Frey and Willie

Advanced Gamblers _____ 2nd & Q
Advanced Jumpers _____ 2nd & Q
Starters Snooker _____ 1st & Q

January 3, 2009, Bearded Collie Club of America AKC Trial, Amherst, NH

Cynthia Gilliland and Heather

Novice B FAST, 20 in. _____ 3rd & Q
and NF title
ExcB JWW. 20 in. _____ Q

Cynthia Gilliland and Rosie

Open JWW, 20 in. _____ 1st & Q

1/2 - 4/09, Morning Star Farms, AAC, Kingston, Ont

Don and Joshi

10" veterans
Advanced Standard 1 _____ 1st and Q
Advanced Standard 2 _____ 2nd and Q
Advanced Standard 3 ____ 1st & Q and titles
Masters Jumpers 1 _____ 1st and Q
Masters Jumpers 2 _____ 1st and Q
Masters Jumpers 2 _____ 2nd and Q

Don and Maggie

16" regular
Starters Standard ____ 1st and Q and title
Advanced Snooker 1 _____ 1st and Q
Advanced Snooker 2 _____ 1st and Q

RE: HANDLING "SYSTEMS"

Posted by: "o2bmad@aol.com" (Linda Mecklenburg) reprinted with permission
Have you ever wondered what a "Handling System" is? Have you been reading the Clean Run Articles and wondering how to compare handling systems in case you want to try to follow one or the other?

Question: It seems as this has been covered before, but I would like to see a side by side comparison of the different handling systems. I use what I feel is mostly Linda's system, but I am not sure what Greg does that is drastically different. Why would one system be better for a dog or a handler than another?

LindaM: Unless you understand how the dog and handler are communicating, its tough to see the differences. This is my personal take on some primary differences between **GD's** handling system and mine (**APHS**).

GD: Handling is a science

APHS: Handling is a science *and* an art

GD: More structured and rigid for both dog and handler. Must follow rules (many handlers like this aspect) that dictate what the handler should do. Requires less independent thought.

APHS: More flexible, more adaptable for both dog and handler. Requires handler to think for himself and be creative.

GD: More black and white. One cue for one desired behavior for every dog.

APHS: More abstract. Different cues are combined for each individual dog to produce desired behavior.

GD: Information is given after dog commits to obstacle, cueing early is discouraged.

APHS: Information is given before dog commits to obstacle, cueing early is the goal.

GD: Relies primarily on trained dog skills, to a much lesser extent body language.

APHS: Relies primarily on dog's natural response to body language cues, to a lesser extent trained dog skills.

GD: Seems primarily focused on speed only although that's just my impression.

APHS: Focus is on speed and accuracy.

GD: Excellent for sequences such as the double box where there is little handler motion.

APHS: Excellent for courses where the handler is able to move and use motion.

Now, **there is no way anyone that has not done both systems can make accurate comparisons and I have not done GD's system (although I have tried to keep myself educated on its application, that's not the same as *using* it). So, these are just my impressions.**

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NOMAD web site.



Your photo

could be

here.

Please

send photos

for use when

there is

extra

space

DISTANCE SEMINAR WITH LYNN SMITLEY

Saturday, March 7

At Maple Corner Barn in Jericho, VT

Come join us for a day filled with learning how to get your dog to work away from you and to be successful in games that require completing obstacles at a distance. The seminar will run from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm and is limited to 8 dog & handler teams. The cost is \$60 for working members and \$90 for supporting members. Lynn is willing to work with a variety of experience levels although dogs should be capable of completing a short sequence of four or more obstacles.

Please note: we may be able to add a second full-day seminar if we receive a sufficient number of registrations.

Please register as soon as possible, entries will be accepted by order of postmark. Closing date is February 2nd.

Send registrations and check (**for the full seminar fee** made out to NOMAD) to:

Judy Frey, 51 Mountain Road Westford, VT 05494

Name _____

Dog's Name _____

Please indicate dog's level of experience: (circle one)

pre-novice

ready to trial

trialing

legs or titles earned

Email address _____

Phone number _____



Tux and Caroline, Photo by Grace Smith



c/o Caroline McKinney
911 Elmore Mt. Rd.
Morrisville, VT 05661

Send letters and articles
by the 22nd of the month.
mayamck@pshiff.com