



# NOMAD

Northern Magic Agility Dogs

DECEMBER

2010

Membership renewal time is here and will run from October 1st to December 1st. The renewal is on page 2 of this newsletter and is on the NOMAD website. If you joined NOMAD after June 30th, 2010 you are exempt from 2011 dues, but you still must complete and send in a renewal form. If you have any questions or need to contact me, my e-mail address is [agilityzone@yahoo.com](mailto:agilityzone@yahoo.com).  
Nancy Dashnaw, Membership Committee

## Notes from the Prez:

I want to thank everyone who came to the fall meeting. We had some good discussions and ideas from everyone. The minutes of the meeting are included in this newsletter.

I want to thank Don Dennett for his six years of service on the Steering Committee. Don's steady attitude and good humor was an asset as he served several administrations over the years. I also want to thank the resourcefulness of this year's Nominating Committee as they help shape our new Steering Committee. I look forward to working with our new Members-at-Large; John Marcus and Marty Abair. I'm sure they will bring some new perspective and good energy to the work of the Committee. Roberta Dumas will continue to carry the organizational history as she continues in her M-a-L spot. I'm confident Cynthia will do an outstanding job as our new Secretary as Kim Ingraham has done a wonderful job in bring a "workbook" for current and future Secretary's to utilize. Thank you again Kim for all you have done for the club. I look forward to working closely with Judy Frey as she steps up to be our VP.

It looks like we have a busy winter ahead. The barn will be host to classes and practice. League will once again start in January. There are more details about League in this newsletter. I look forward to continuing to develop practice ideas and plans that will benefit all of our members. Please consider joining a class, or coming to a regular or fundamentals practice or getting on a team for League.

Please be sure to **renew your membership** this month. Membership allows you to play in league, access practice, seminars and a reduced fee for Camp NOMAD. Your positive attitude and energy is what makes NOMAD special. If you have more ideas of how we can improve any of NOMAD's activities please talk with me or any SC member.

Respectfully,

*Kit*

The renewal period is quickly coming to an end. There are still many outstanding renewals, so please send your renewal to me as soon as possible. The 2011 membership list will be published in the January newsletter, and I'd like to see everyone's name on it! Also, the yahoo list is updated as of January 1st, so don't take the chance of being bumped off the list by not getting your renewal in. You can e-mail me with any questions at [agilityzone@yahoo.com](mailto:agilityzone@yahoo.com). Thanks! Nancy Dashnaw, Membership Committee

## COMMITTEES

**NADAC Trial:** Plans the NADAC trial. Create the format for the trial and plan/coordinate all logistics and aspects of the trial (e.g. premium creation, registration, site preparation, equipment, judges, volunteer workers, hospitality and more!). There are many big and small jobs to be done. Experience is not necessary!

**USDAA Trial:** Plans the USDAA trial. Create the format for the trial and plan/coordinate all logistics and aspects of the trial (e.g. premium creation, registration, site preparation, equipment, judges, volunteer workers, hospitality and more!). There are many big and small jobs to be done. Experience is not necessary!

**Practice/Lessons:** Organizes summer and winter practices, arranges for sites, schedules facilitators.

**Membership:** Welcomes new members to the club by handling applications, plans orientations, assigns mentors and coordinates the Buddy program. Develops initiatives to keep the membership application and renewal process streamlined. We will have 1 or 2 meetings a year. Most issues and discussions are handled through e-mail.

**Equipment:** Keeps track of the location of the equipment and maintains the equipment. Suggests and makes recommendations for the purchase of new equipment. Responsible for assuring equipment is trial-ready and delivered to trial site.

**Demo:** Find places and organize the events for demonstration of agility for the public. They are now a regular feature at the Champlain Valley Fair. There are many jobs to do both before and the day of a demo.

**Outreach/Jr. Handler:** This is directed toward humans under 17 who want to participate in the sport. Develops programs to go into the schools to educate students and the public about positive training and agility. They have held a Jr. handler class and hope to develop seminars or other training events for members under 17.

**Seminar:** The seminar committee each year plans seminars, workshops, and possibly camps. This is an exciting committee to be on. We invite top competitors/instructors to present the seminars. These seminars are for all members of the club. The committee has one or two meetings a year and does some of the planning via e-mail. There are many jobs to be done at the seminars (refreshments, setting courses, instructor hospitality, etc.). To be able to run the seminars, we ask committee members to put some time in working at the seminars.

## NOMAD

### Membership Annual Renewal – 2011

#### MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE/DUES (Please check type of membership)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Working Member (20 hours of club-related activity)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35 Working Family

\_\_\_\_\_ \$75 Supporting Member

\_\_\_\_\_ \$85 Supporting Family

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Jr. Handler (under 17)

**All new members who joined after June 30, 2010 are exempt from 2011 dues but must return this form.**

**Renewal period is Oct. 1 – Dec. 1, 2010, to continue to be a member of NOMAD.**

**Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you were a working member in 2010, please estimate how many hours you worked. This information will be used by the SC to help establish a better understanding of the work distribution among its members and throughout the club:**

\_\_\_\_\_ hours

**I would like to join (or continue on) the following committee(s)** (descriptions at left).

- NADAC Trial Committee     USDAA Trial Committee     Membership Committee  
 Practice/Lessons Committee     Equipment Committee     Seminar Committee  
 Outreach/Jr. Handler Committee

If you are the Chair or want to be the Chair, please indicate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sign the liability waiver below and send this form along with your check payable to "NOMAD" to:**

**Nancy Dashnaw, PO Box 164, Morrisonville, NY 12962**

**Please provide any updates or changes to your human personal information. If nothing has changed, then leave blank. If you have new dogs to join, please send information to Judith Kessler. The form is on the web site.**

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Liability Waiver

I understand that there are a variety of risks to me and my dog from attending NOMAD activities. These risks include, but are not limited to, getting hit by a car, bitten by a dog, tripping and falling, spraining ankles or breaking bones. Understanding these risks, I voluntarily and knowingly waive any right I (and others on my behalf) might otherwise have to make any claim against any member or officer of Northern Magic Agility Dogs, Inc. (NOMAD) and/or any other person or entity connected with NOMAD activities (including, but not limited to, the owner or lessee of any property used by NOMAD) for any and all injuries or damage related to any NOMAD event.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# SATURDAY WINTER PRACTICE/CLASSES/LEAGUE/SEMINARS

## AT WILDWOOD FARM BARN

**Please remember that NOMAD's use of the barn is 9:30–1:30.  
This means cars should be leaving by 1:30.**

### Directions to Wildwood Farm Barn:

#### From 89, Exit 10 Stowe/Waterbury:

Go north on Rt. 100 about 1 mile. You will pass Ben & Jerry's. Turn RIGHT on Guptil Road. Follow for 1.5 miles. Driveway is on RIGHT immediately after a bridge. Mail box says 1526 Guptil Road. Driveway is fairly long, curves uphill to barn. You can just barely see the barn from the road. Park parallel to the barn, facing the lower pasture.

#### From the north:

On Route 100 in Waterbury Center near Cold Hollow Cider Mill, turn LEFT just after Thurston's Floor Covering Store, onto Hollow Road. This turns into Guptil Road in 2/10 mile at the 4 way stop in the village of Waterbury Center. Continue 1/2 mile to the driveway on your LEFT. Mail box says 1526 Guptil Road. Driveway is fairly long, curves uphill to barn. You can just barely see the barn from the road. Park parallel to the barn, facing the lower pasture.

PLEASE NOTE DATES BELOW AS THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONFUSION

### CLASSES, LEAGUE, PRACTICE, SEMINARS—SCHEDULE

**Classes and League are 9:30–11:30, Practice is 11:45–1:30**

Class — 3 Saturdays, November 13, 20, 27; 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Course Analysis with Kit

Class — 4 Saturdays, December 4, 11, 18 and January 1; 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Opening Sequences with Kate Carter

Class — 4 Saturdays, January 29, February 12 & 26, March 12; 11:45-1:30 p.m.  
USDAA Gamblers & Snooker Games with Kit  
(Note: This class alternates with regular practice, January 29 through March 12)

**League— 10 Saturdays—January 8 through March 12; 9:30-11:30 a.m.**

**Practice/Class—November 13 through March 19; 11:45-1:30 p.m.**

December 4—Novice practice	February 12—USDAA Games class (replaces regular practice)
December 11, 18—regular practice	February 19—regular practice
December 25—closed for Christmas	February 26—USDAA Games class
January 1—Novice practice	March 5–6—Anne Andrle Seminars
January 8, 15, 22—regular practice	March 12—USDAA Games class (replaces regular practice)
January 29—USDAA Games class (replaces regular practice)	March 19—regular practice
February 5—Novice practice	

### Barn Etiquette

**Please review information in the last newsletter.**

### Pee and Poop Patrol

Everything is going well at the barn from Steph's point of view, although she has a request about where the dogs pee and poop, which we hadn't talked about before. As you exit the barn, please walk around to the right side and use the grassy area between the long side of the barn and the paddock, or use the manure pile. As always, do not let your dog pee on anything that human hands have to handle, such as the port-a-potty and the mounting block, and do not let your dog pee on the barn walls, inside or out. One other thing -- do not put poop bags in the port-a-potty. I don't think this has happened this year, but it did happen in past years. Thank you!

# NOMAD AGILITY LEAGUE RULES

**League Description:** The 2011 league season will run from January 8<sup>th</sup> thru March 19<sup>th</sup> (skipping March 5<sup>th</sup> —10 weeks). A makeup week *may* be offered in March should a week be missed due to inclement weather. Each League match will consist of 1 standard run and 1 games run (2 runs per match) for each dog/handler present, as time permits. League membership is open to any and all NOMAD members in good standing.

**Purpose:** To offer members the opportunity to simulate a competitive environment for the benefit of member training while having fun together.

**Fees:** \$90 per dog (checks payable to NOMAD and sent to the League Secretary)  
\$10 per match (per dog) for substitutes

**Times:** 9:30 a.m. setup  
9:45 a.m. course walkthrough  
10:00 a.m. run thru  
11:30 p.m. last run of the day

## League Staff:

**Judges** (minimum 2 volunteer judges per match)

**League Site Leader** will select courses from pool of courses and organize setup of same, manage the running of the league matches on site, set the scoring basis for each game.

**League Secretary/Scorekeeper** will coordinate weekly scoring and recording of scores. Track and post the accumulate team and individual scores for the League as well as provide scoring supplies.

**Timer** will time runs

**Scribe** will keep track of calls made by Judge

**Ring Crew** will reset bars, fluff chute, and help set courses

NOTE: All League participants are expected to volunteer in some capacity as timer, scribe or ring crew during League matches.

Anyone may act as a judge and the judge may run his/her own dog(s) at the match. Another member must serve as judge for the entire jump height so that the judge of the day may take his/her runs. The judge's decision is final and only the judge may assess faults to a run.

## Team Structure

Ideally teams shall be comprised of 3-4 members of varying competition levels: Beginner, Intermediate & Masters, with one member of each team representing a competition level. At minimum a team must have 3 members and contain 2 different levels of competition. Teams may be formed by membership or may be formed by draw. The League Coordinators/Winter Practice Committee reserves the right to add members to another already formed team in order to allow all NOMAD members to participate, in the event that there are not enough members to form a qualified team for any member who wishes to participate.

Dogs who have previously earned a qualifying agility **title** must initially enroll as an Intermediate/Advanced or Masters/Excellent dog (see qualifying title recommendations). Beginner/Novice level should be reserved for those dogs who have not yet earned a qualifying agility **title**.

Handlers will not be "forced" to register at a specific level, however are encouraged to exercise good sportsmanship in competing at the level of previous titles EARNED by that dog and handler team. It is entirely the handlers choice as to what level they register. Additionally, handlers may jump their dogs at whatever height they choose.

Qualifying Titles EARNED for Intermediate: CPE L2 or higher; AKC Novice or higher; USDAA Starters/Novice/P1 or higher; NADAC Novice or Higher.

Qualifying Titles EARNED for Masters: CPE L4 or higher; AKC Open or higher; USDAA Advanced or higher; NADAC Open or Higher

Teams must come up with a name for their team for identification/scoring. While all members of a team will be allowed to compete at every League match, only the top two scores will be counted towards team standings. If only one team member is present, their scores shall count entirely towards the team's score. Individual results will count toward individual MVP standings regardless of whether those scores were counted toward the team standings or not.

Team signup should be returned to the League Secretary by the posted deadline for that season. Once all teams are finalized, anyone wishing to join an existing team after that date may do so but no new teams will be formed. Once the league term begins, team memberships will be fixed for the duration of the league term — no one will be permitted to switch teams. However, substitutes will be allowed. Substitutes (those who were not registered as part of a team initially) may float among teams, however they are not eligible for MVP awards. Substitutes must pay a \$10 fee per match/per dog.

## Match Structure

Each match will offer 1 Standard class and 1 games class – as time allows.

The courses will all be at the same level (intermediate).

Safety is priority one! All courses will be setup and adjusted for safe performance. A minimum spacing of 15-18 feet is required for all approach and landings. All courses will be designed so that there is only one dog on the course at any given time (except as permitted in Pairs).

The judge may *suggest* a handler run part or all of a course again (after completion of their run) if they deem it to be in the best educational interest of the handler/dog (and the handler will not be charged in that case). An individual's score will not be affected either way by this.

The Standard course will be designed for the Intermediate/Advanced level dog with 15-18 obstacles. Games may be from any venue and the appropriate rules for that venue will apply. Everyone will run the same courses at each League match.

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Courses may or may not include all of the obstacles, and may or may not have the quantity of obstacles required under any one specific venue's rules every week. Over the course of the league term, all obstacles required for each level will be incorporated.

### Exhibitor Guidelines

All dogs and handlers participating in the league must be members of NOMAD.

All dogs in may wear a collar provided that it is a flat buckle collar with no attachments. Beginner handlers have the option of running on leash.

Any handler/dog may skip 1 obstacle on any course without penalty to their score if they claim the obstacle exemption at the start of their run.

Jump heights will be at the sole discretions of the handler. A full size dog walk will be used for all levels for all classes requiring a dog walk. The a-frame will normally be set between 5'3" and 5'6".

Everyone enrolled in the league is expected to help with equipment set-up and tear down, and/or ring steward jobs (If you want to play, you MUST help do something, or we won't get all of the jobs covered)

No food or toys may be taken onto the course.

Harsh handling either verbally or physically is not permitted. Good natured team support is encouraged!

The handler may not touch the dog or obstacle except for incidental contact.

Dogs fouling the ring will be eliminated. Dogs leaving the ring or stopping working may be excused at the sole discretion of the judge.

#### Scoring:

Course time will be started when the dog crosses the plane of the first obstacle and ended when the dog crosses the plane of the last obstacle — the table may be used to stop time in some games. If at all possible, the same timer should be used throughout a single jump height.

Anyone may elect to skip 1 obstacle on any course without penalty to their score if they claim the obstacle exemption at the start of their run. Their failure to perform this obstacle will simply be ignored by the judge and will not adversely affect their score.

Scoring for team standings will be based on the two top runs out of the team members present in each of the different courses offered that day. So if two classes are offered, the two top runs out of the team members present in both of class for that league match date count towards the score (as 2 separate classes, so 2 chances to earn points). If only one class is offered only the top runs in that class will count. The lower ranking score(s) will be thrown out for team scoring purposes. Individual scores will still count towards each individuals MVP Standing. Only one score per handler will count in each class. So if one class is run, the first score will count, if two different classes are run, the first score in EACH class will count (so two chances to earn points that day).

If only one team member is present, their scores shall count entirely towards the team's score. If all team members are absent on a given team, that team will forfeit points for that week.

Points will be awarded to each team for attendance. Attendance points shall be earned at the rate of 1 point per member in attendance at each match. Teams who maintain a presence at every match of the season shall be awarded a 10 point attendance bonus to their final team score. No points shall be awarded for attendance toward MVP scores. Subs do not count towards attendance points.

Scoring for games shall be based on the particular game and details will be given the day of the match during briefing.

Scoring for Standard classes will be on a fault basis with the dog's run time used to break a tie.

5 faults: Knocked bar (top bar only/no penalty for lower bar)  
Jumping off table prior to end of count  
Off course (corrected)

10 faults: Missed contact zones (teeter up & down contacts, a-frame & dog walk down contacts ONLY)  
Handler contact (aiding dog)

20 faults: Failure to perform (or complete) an obstacle  
Failing to correct a missed entry or weave pole  
Off course (uncorrected)  
Leaving contact prior to beginning ascent

Refusals are not penalized

Missed weave pole entry, or missed pole not penalized

Elimination: Dog fouling ring

Harsh or abusive behavior/language

Dog aggression

Food or devices on course

Poor sportsmanship

Individual scoring for standard class shall be based solely on faults with the dog's time used to break ties for placements. So a dog that earns 0 faults with a run time of 48.15 would win over a dog that earns 0 faults with a run time of 69.02. Equally, a dogs that earns 0 faults with a run time of say 50.15 would win over a dog with 5 faults that has a run time of 49.15.

Team Points will be awarded for standard and games classes as follows:

10 points for a Gold (0 faults)

6 points for a Silver (5.00 to 15.00 faults)

3 points for a Bronze (20.00 or more faults)

MVP scores will be computed by the same values as Team points and in addition individuals may also earn placement points as follows (applies to Standard & Games classes):

10 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place

9 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place

8 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place

7 points for 4<sup>th</sup> place

6 points for 5<sup>th</sup> place

and so on down to 1 point for 10<sup>th</sup> place

Only the highest two scores for the team will be counted for team scoring purposes. Individual points will still be accumulated by all participants towards MVP standings.

### Prizes & Awards:

In-League prizes will be awarded at the end of the league term to all members of the top three placing teams (team standings), and to the top individual dogs and handlers in the MVP (Most Valuable Pooch) standings at each level (beginning, intermediate & masters). For league match runs on any particular day no prizes will be offered.

The league secretary will maintain team and MVP standings. These will be available at each league event and updated weekly after the close of that week's meet.

At the end of the League term, ties between two or more teams (final team standings) may be resolved by a team relay Knockout game. Ties between individual dogs (final MVP standings) may be resolved by a regular Knockout round.

League Secretary: Kimberly Ingraham  
802-454-0181 (home)  
PO Box 345  
802-279-3151 (cell)  
Plainfield, VT 05667  
paws4funvt@gmail.com

League Site Leader: Kit Erskine  
agilehounds@aol.com

League Scorekeepers: Sarah Albert  
Judith Kessler  
Lisa Marcus

Judges List: Kit Erskine  
Your name here?!

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**Fees:** \$90 per dog (checks payable to NOMAD and sent to the League Secretary). Any member who is enrolling 2 or more dogs in league may send in registrations now for all dogs but pay have the total cost of their fees with registrations, and the second payment by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Times:** 9:30 a.m. setup  
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**Teams** must have 3 members and should contain members from each of the 3 levels. If you do not have your own team, we will draw one for you.

Beginner/Novice level should be reserved for those dogs who have not yet earned a qualifying agility **title**.

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Team signup should be returned to Kim Ingraham at [paws4funvt@gmail.com](mailto:paws4funvt@gmail.com) no later than December 28<sup>th</sup>. All teams will be finalized by Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to join an existing team after that date may do so but no new teams will be formed. Once the league term begins, team memberships will be fixed for the duration of the league term. No one will be permitted to switch team; however substitutes will be allowed. Substitutes (those who were not registered as part of a team initially) may float among teams, however they are not eligible for MVP awards.

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### NOMAD WINTER LEAGUE REGISTRATION FORM

*(only 1 dog per registration form please)*

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Level:  Beginner  Intermediate  Masters

Handler: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members *(please include preferred members name/dog/level):*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please find me a team

**Please send registration form and League fee (\$90 per dog - payable to NOMAD) by regular mail to:**

**Kim Ingraham, PO Box 345, Plainfield, VT 05667**

# BRAGS

## Oct 10, USDAA, Breeze Thru Agility @ Guilford Fair Grounds, Guilford, VT

### **Lynda DeWitt & Gemma:**

P1 Standard- 16" \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q

P1 Snooker- 16" \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q

## Oct. 30-31, 2010 Granite State Shetland Sheepdog Club AKC Amherst, NH

### **Don and Maggie**

16" Championship

Ex A Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd, Q

Ex A Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 1st, Q

Ex B Jww \_\_\_\_\_ Q

### **Linda and Kira**

16" Championship

Novice \_\_\_\_\_ 1st, Q

**TITLE** (also, highest scoring sheltie)

## Oct. 30-31, Muddy Paws CPE, Westminster, VT

### **Malia and Caroline McKinney**

L3 Standard \_\_\_\_\_ Q and 2nd

L3 Jackpot \_\_\_\_\_ Q and 1st

L3 Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ Q and 1st

L3 Standard \_\_\_\_\_ Q and 1st

L3 Wildcard \_\_\_\_\_ Q and 1st

### **Tux and Caroline McKinney**

VL4 Jackpot \_\_\_\_\_ NQ and 1st

VL5 Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ Q and 1st

VL4 Standard \_\_\_\_\_ Q and 1st

VL4 Wildcard \_\_\_\_\_ Q and 1st

### **Cynthia Gilliland and Heather**

Level 5 Standard 16 \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

Level 5 Standard 16 \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q

Level 5 Jumpers 16 \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

Level 5 Wildcard 16 \_\_\_\_\_ Q

Level 5 Snooker 16 \_\_\_\_\_ 4th and Q

### **Cynthia Gilliland and Rosie**

Level 5 Standard Specialist 8 \_ 1st and Q

Level 5 Jumpers Specialist 8 \_ 1st and Q

### **Cynthia Gilliland and Ivy**

Level 4 Standard 16 \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

Level 4 Snooker 16 \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

## Nov. 14, NADAC, ACE Agility Club, South Hadley MA

### **Cynthia Gilliland & Rosie.**

Nov. Skilled Touch N Go, 12" \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q,

**Outstanding performance title: O-TG-N**

Novice Skilled Tunnelers, 12" \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q

### **Cynthia Gilliland & Heather**

Vet Elite Skilled Jumpers, 12" \_\_\_\_\_ Q

Vet Elite Skilled Reg, 12" \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd & Q

Elite Skilled Touch N Go, 16" \_\_\_\_\_ Q

### **Cynthia Gilliland & Ivy**

Open Skilled Jumpers, 16" \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q

Novice Skilled Chances, 16" \_\_\_\_\_ Q,

#### **NCC TITLE**

Open Skilled Reg, 16" \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q

Novice Skilled Weavers, 16" \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q

## Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Cluster AKC

### **Cynthia Gilliland and Heather**

Open Preferred JWW \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q

#### **OJP TITLE**

## Nov. 28, Breeze Thru CPE, Brattleboro, VT

### **Cynthia Gilliland and Heather**

Level 5 Jackpot 16" vet \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

#### **C-ATCH4**

Level 5 Standard 16" vet \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q

Level 5 Snooker 16" vet \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd and Q

### **Cynthia Gilliland and Rosie**

Level 5 Snooker Specialist 8 \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

### **Cynthia Gilliland and Ivy**

Level 4 Jackpot 16 \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

Level 4 Jumpers 16 \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

## Nov 26-27 All Dogs Gym, USDAA Manchester, NH

### **Maggie and Don, 16" Championship**

Masters Pairs \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd, Q

Masters Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd, Q

Masters Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd, Q

Masters Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd, Q



## **New Dog Members**

### **John and Lisa Marcus**

**Cruiser** 2.5 yr old male cavalier

### **Cynthia Gilliland**

**Eero**, 10 mo old English Springer

## **New Human Member**

### **Erica Ferland**

110 Abnaki Ave.

Esses Jct., VT 05452

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eferland@pagesculptor.com

**Teller**, 3 y.o. Golden Retriever, male

Interested in membership and practice committees

## **Membership changes**

**Jonathan Hoadley** is changing his single supporting membership to a supporting family membership to include his wife, **Aline**, and her dogs. Their dogs are:

**Marlee**, 2 y.o, female Aussie

**Murphy**, 7 y.o., male Aussie

**Chance**, 5 y.o., male Aussie

# NOMAD Fall Membership Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2010

25 members in attendance, and 10 by proxy.

Meeting called to order at 2:11 p.m. by President Kit Erskine.

## Approval of Fall Membership Meeting Minutes

Maxine Holmes moved to approve the Spring Membership Meeting Minutes as submitted by Secretary, Kim Ingraham, and published in the April 2010 Newsletter. Carla Dunbar seconded the motion. The Spring Membership Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Kit outlined the agenda indicating that we would review committee reports and touch on their budgets as we went through and finish up with a budget presentation by Linda for membership approval, followed by new business.

## USDAA Trial

Kit reported that the USDAA Trial was a success, chaired by Kit & Lisa Barrett. Final net income was \$3,179.73. Cassy is chairing the 2011 trial and at this point Kit turned the floor over to Cassy. Cassy reported that we are planning to add two Masters/PIII classes on Friday (Pairs and Standard) and then the same schedule of classes as the 2010 trial on Saturday and Sunday. The trial is approved by USDAA, key positions are filled, and now work has turned to the ribbon budget. Cassy and Betsy are working on upgrading the ribbons we have and figuring out how to properly accommodate the addition of the USDAA Veterans classes. Discussion of the veterans program and past trial class offerings ensued. Lisa Barrett indicated that we will need to use the new logo if we order new ribbons but we can use up our old ribbons. Lisa B. also indicated the USDAA will now be providing Steeplechase and Grand Prix ribbons, a departure from their earlier policies. Further discussion ensued about our site fee and Linda asked Lynne if she thought our site fee would increase with the change in our use on Friday, and she doesn't think it will.

## NADAC Trial

Caroline McKinney presented the report on the NADAC trial, net proceeds

were \$1,480.13. Karen Clark and Linda Ladd have volunteered to co-chair the trial in 2011. We did lose our food vendor but are working on a replacement and many people committed to attending next year. A discussion ensued about alternate venues for a 2011 trial and Shelburne Farms and Killington were suggested. Caroline will continue to work on the possibility of using Shelburne Farms and we will revisit the possibility. There is some doubt as to whether the size will be sufficient enough.

Kit brought up the topic of Killington as a possible demo or trial site to explore. Discussion began regarding 2011 dates for trials and demos. The USDAA trial site and dates are set. The Killington dates are : September 16-18, July 8-10, July 16-17. They want to host a big dog event weekend on one of those dates. They have offered us free use of an outdoor soccer field, bathrooms provided, water & parking provided with some RV parking, and good rates for motels. Karen indicated that July 8-10 would be out if we wanted to do a NADAC trial on those dates assuming we wanted to use Erin, she has another commitment on those dates. Lynne added July 8-10 is a USDAA trial at Riverside, 16-17 BARKS trial, and September 16-18 is K-9 Logix trial in Greenfield, MA. Discussion ensued about dates, why one would be good over another, the possibility of CPE as a venue, the idea of demo vs. a trial, and discussion about the Killington site in general. Anne suggested that we talk about a 3rd trial.

After some further discussion about which venue would be held where it was clarified that the USDAA trial was set to be held in Stowe and Lynne von Trapp moved that the USDAA trial would indeed be held on June 11 & 12 and held in Stowe at the Trapp Lodge, Anne Ramsay seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

John Marcus then moved that the NADAC trial would be held next year and a committee be formed to investigate the

dates and location, Marty seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

## Demos

Kit began a discussion about demos and started by stating that the NADAC Committee should continue to look into their trial venues and bring the information back to the SC and that we would also keep the demo possibility open for the Killington site if it were not selected as the venue for the NADAC trial.

Kit further discussed the demos we did last year: Richmond on July 4th and the Champlain Valley Fair ("CVF"). We need more members to keep the CVF going. Also this year at the CVF the dock dogs were doing their thing and members were crossing over which impacted both crowds and team members. It was suggested that something be done about the footing, many people felt it was too soft. Billie added that being at the CVF and that the level there is just not something that Dixie could handle, the footing is terrible and the space is tight, limited on where you can go. Whereas Killington is a dog event and has a great offering for members to try and participate in but the dates may be problematic. It was generally agreed that the fair demo or a demo at the Killington location each bore it's own problems.

Kit added that the Killington Dog Days Weekend 3-days of dock dog, 5K walk, pet vendors, disc dog, Rutland HS Fido Fest with doggie dancing, demos & games. Best bark and other contests. Further discussion about site, proximity, it was suggested that the committee go check out the site and speak to the Killington folks to learn more about the site. Don suggested making an appointment with someone there at the same time of the site visit. The NADAC trial committee will explore and make a recommendation back to the Steering Committee as to whether they suggest the NADAC trial or a demo for the location.

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Currently the NADAC committee is comprised of Karen Clark and Linda Ladd. Lisa will refer Seth Webb at Killington to one of them for further follow up.

Anne Ramsay made a motion to drop the CVF from the demo schedule. Discussion ensued. Caroline McKinney seconded. Vote to withdraw from the CVF demo was passed by majority with 2 opposed and 1 abstention. Motion approved

### **Seminars & Camp**

Kit called upon Lynne von Trapp to begin the report on seminars and Camp NOMAD. Lynne reviewed the survey results. Seminars for next year are as follows:

**March 5 & 6, 2011**      **Anne Andrlé**  
(The topics will be decided at a later date with input from membership as to what they would like to see. Perhaps foundation, novice, masters, or some combination thereof.)

**Fall 2011**              **Fiona Robertson**  
(prenovice and/or novice)

Spring 2012      Looking to get Lo Baker in March, we have not yet approached her.

**August 5-6-7, 2011**      **Camp NOMAD**  
(Same instructors: Elicia, Karen, and Ginsey. Registrations will be due April 1st, a bit later than last year. Camp schedule is Friday 9-5 with dinner, Saturday 8-3:30 (clear out early for a wedding) and Sunday 8-3:30 (clear out early for Mozart concert and it is open to all).

Lisa added that response to the seminar survey was very low, only 16 responded, encouraging members to offer their input on what they'd like to see. Further discussion continued, encouraging membership to provide their input. Surveys are being publicized in the newsletter and the e-list.

### **Equipment Committee**

Kate presented a report on upcoming purchases including: a rubberized teeter for \$500, and 24" spaced weaves for \$200, both from MAD Equipment. The budget for next year also included a breakaway tire which is no longer necessary because the workers at the USDAA Nationals won the breakaway tire. Kudos to Lisa B and her hustling. Kate asked us to vote whether or not .

Caroline moved to purchase 24" poles as Kate proposed. Lynne vonTrapp seconded. Discussion continued regarding location of funds, equipment reserves – Linda indicated there were funds. All in favor, purchase of 24" weave poles for \$200 out of the 2010 budget was unanimously approved. Further discussion of equipment specs continued.

Lisa discussed the teeter issue. Concerns/complaints with USDAA specs; new teeter would meet specs. If we bought a new teeter we could sell one of our existing two older teeters to help defray the cost. Moved by Caroline to purchase teeter. 2011 purchase. Seconded by Cassy. All in favor and purchase of new teeter from MAD equipment for \$500 was approved for the 2011 budget.

Further discussion of remaining equipment purchase and Lisa proposed that a set of 24" channel poles we added to replace the channel poles. Kit has offered to bring his 22" channel poles to the barn for practice. Discussion continued. Lynne suggested that we move to purchase a new set of 24" channel poles from MAD Equipment, Carla seconded the purchase, all in favor and motion was approved to purchase 24" channel poles from MAD Equipment. Further discussion ensued about when the purchase should take place. Kit suggested that a motion be made by the committee chair to spend the funds out of the 2010 budget. Kate made a motion that the club specifically spend outside the budget for 2010 for the two sets of weaves poles. Anne seconded – all in favor – motion approved to purchase the two sets of 24" weave poles from MAD Equipment in the 2010 budget.. Lisa advised Linda that the expected expense would be between \$500-\$600.

### **Audit**

Kim Ingraham reported that no major issues were discovered in the budget. The only recommendation was that continued effort be made to keep backup of payables and income filed under the area they are charged under, sometimes requiring cross filing. All in all Linda is doing a great job and it seems as if members are doing a better job of supplying proper receipts for club expenditures.

### **Practice and League**

Schedule for next year is out, practice and classes, 1st weekend/month is fundamentals practice, course analysis rest of this month and then Kate in December for "How to handle opening sequences" thru the first weekend in January. League starts after that with alternating weekends of a games class with practice. League will be run similarly as last year. Kim Ingraham will oversee and extra volunteers will help with scoring.

Kit asked for folks to help run practices. Caroline added whether or not we needed a facilitator, further discussion continued and it was suggested that the importance of a facilitator is to keep practice on task, help novice folks, etc. John Marcus added that he'd like a further clarification of what a fundamentals practice really is, whether it is a beginning class or an actual fundamentals practice. Discussion ensued and it was generally agreed that although fundamentals practice as run by NOMAD are geared toward beginners and that level will take precedence that day and although exceptions could be made, i.e. the first Saturday of the month will be NOVICE practice

### **Charitable Giving**

Kate reported that 4 nominations have been received.

Springfield Humane Society - small Vermont shelter working hard to care for animals without the benefit of larger resources, going above and beyond expectations with limited resources.

Support Military Working Dogs – started by working mom whose son said dogs needed more help, heat, etc. government not supporting them so created dog cooling kits, \$400/dog and includes cooling vest, goggles, water bowl, etc.

Justice for Dogs VT – Out of Wolcott, philosophy is to educate dog owners to provide best loving homes for dogs. Established in 2007, formed to help local dogs in Lamoille County and Hardwick who are not helped by animal shelters, a volunteer run rescue group.

Lucy's House – Essex Jct., local group created to create a food shelf and fund for emergency vet bills for pet owners and to help reduce number of homeless pets.

After some brief discussion, Lisa Barrett moved that we make our donation to the Springfield Humane Society, Carla Dunbar seconded, all in favor of making a donation to the Springfield Humane Society.

### Financial Review

Kit called upon Linda Ladd, Treasurer to review the 2011-year end and 2010 year to date financial reports.

Diane Boss moved to accept, Caroline seconded.

The Equipment budget has been modified to reflect spending in 2010 for 2011 budgeted expenses within the Equipment budget. Linda adjusted the equipment budget net profit is now \$1037.32 (was \$937.32).

Further discussion ensued regarding equipment moving expenses. Camp budget was adjusted allowing \$150 for equipment moving.

All in favor – The revised budget for 2011 was approved as presented by Linda Ladd.

### Election of Officers

Kim is resigning as Secretary and from the Steering Committee.

New slate is:

Judy Frey as Vice President

Cynthia Gilliland as Secretary

Roberta Dumas as Member at Large,  
1 year term

Marty Abair as Member at Large,  
2 year term

John Marcus as Member at Large,  
2 year term

Kit called for a motion to accept the slate. Caroline McKinney moved that the slate of new Steering Committee members be accepted as proposed. Diane Boss seconded the motion. All in favor – slate of new Steering Committee members were unanimously approved as proposed.

### Awards

Kit presented special title plaques to the following members and their dogs for earning advanced titles over the last year:

Diane Boss & Tag – he earned his CATCH (first deaf dog)

Cheryl French & Izzy – she earned her CATCH

Cheryl French & Hattie - she earned her CATCH (plate only)

John & ELMO - he earned both his MACH and P-ADCH

Lynne von Trapp & Swix - she earned her P-ADCH

### New Business

Lynne von Trapp referred to the October minutes where the Steering Committee decided not to take out an ad in Clean Run to commemorate member accomplishments. She suggested that we should reconsider the \$500 cost. Lisa B. suggested we consider doing an ad that not only recognize the major title winners but also every title ever earned. Further discussion included opinions for, others against. Marty moved that we move forward with an ad in Clean Run with a limit of \$500. Cassy seconded the motion. All in favor, 1 opposed – motion was approved.. Caroline will do the and steering committee will facilitate the organization of the ad with a limit of \$500.

Nancy Dashnaw indicated that only one-third of the membership renewals have been turned in with only a few weeks to go before the deadline to renew. She will issue a general reminder to membership.

Being that all business was concluded Kit called for a Motion to Adjourn. Kim Ingraham moved that the meeting be adjourned. JudyKessler seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

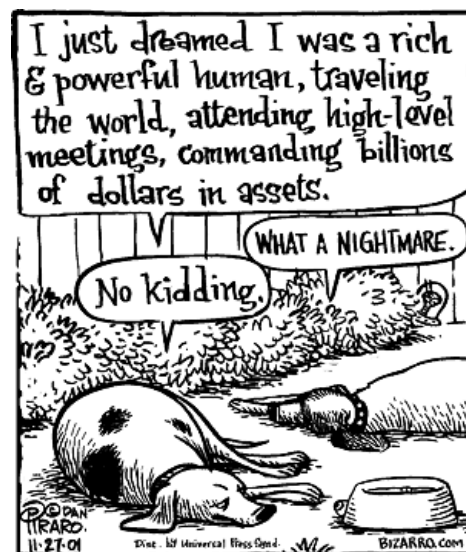
Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Ingraham, Secretary

### 2010 Charitable Giving Donation

The Charitable Giving committee presented four nominations for the annual recipient of NOMAD's annual \$200 donation to a charity in need: Springfield Humane Society, Support Military Working Dogs, Justice for Dogs Vermont, and Lucy's House. The club voted that the Springfield Humane Society, nominated by Cynthia Gilliland, should receive the donation. The check was mailed the following week.

Kate Carter, Chair



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### NOMAD's Steering Committee

Contact them if you have questions or suggestions.

**President** (11/09-11/11)  
Kit Erskine \_\_\_\_\_ 586-9932

**Vice-President** (11/09-11/11)  
Cynthia Gilliland \_\_\_\_\_ 295-2659

**Treasurer** (11/08 - 11/10)  
Linda Ladd \_\_\_\_\_ 879-3461

**Secretary** (11/09 - 11/11)  
Kim Ingraham \_\_\_\_\_ 4540191

**Members at Large**  
Don Denette (11/08 - 11/10) \_\_\_\_\_ 872-8767  
Judy Frey (11/09-11/10) \_\_\_\_\_ 893-8698  
Roberta Dumas (11/09-11/10) \_\_\_\_\_ 899-1158

# COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Compiled by Cheryl French as of 11/21/10

## DECEMBER 2010

Dec. 31 & Jan 1-2; CPE; Open to all dogs; Agile Dogs Agility Training; Greenwich, NY; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Closes: 12/17/10; Limit: 400 runs per day; Contact: Marge Stall, 518-794-0168; E-mail: [marge@agiledogs.net](mailto:marge@agiledogs.net) ; Website: [www.agiledogs.net](http://www.agiledogs.net) .

## JANUARY 2011

Jan. 1-2; AKC; Open to all dogs; Bearded Collie Club of America, Inc.; Amherst, NH; Opens: 11/3/10; Closes: 12/11/10; Limit: 330 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; E-mail: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

Jan. 1; CPE; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym; Manchester, NH; Limit: 400 runs per day; Closes: 12/10/10; Contact: Sue Fontaine, 603-627-7322; E-mail: [miniassies5@comcast.net](mailto:miniassies5@comcast.net) ; Website: [www.alldogsgym.com](http://www.alldogsgym.com) or [www.k9cpe.com](http://www.k9cpe.com) .

Jan. 7-9; USDAA; Open to all dogs; BARK-NH!; All Dogs Gym, Manchester, NH; Closes: 12/14/10; Limit: Unlimited; Contact: Valori Duff, E-mail: [valwaussies@comcast.net](mailto:valwaussies@comcast.net) ; Website: [www.usdaa.com](http://www.usdaa.com) .

Jan. 8-9; AKC; Open to all dogs; Agility Club of NH; Amherst, NH; Opens: 11/9/10; Closes: 12/23/10; Limit: 330 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Guylaine Doyon, 860-214-8311, E-mail: [4pawrule@comcast.net](mailto:4pawrule@comcast.net) .

Jan. 15-16; CPE; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym; Manchester, NH; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: 400 Sat./350 Sun.; Closes: 12/24/10; Contact: Sue Fontaine, 603-627-7322; E-mail: [miniassies5@comcast.net](mailto:miniassies5@comcast.net) ; Website: [www.alldogsgym.com](http://www.alldogsgym.com) .

Jan. 15-17; AKC; Open to purebreds; Southern Adirondack Agility Club; Greenwich, NY; Opens: 11/10/10; Closes: 12/26/10; Limit: 330 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; E-mail: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

Jan. 22-23; AKC; Open to purebreds; American Bullmastiff Assoc., Inc.; Amherst, NH; Opens: 12/1/10; Closes: 1/8/11; Limit: 330 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; E-mail: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

Jan. 29-30; CPE; Open to all dogs; Riverside K-9 LLC; Nashua, NH; Classes: Games Only; Closes: 12/28/10; Limit: 400 runs per day; Contact: Valori Duff, E-mail: [valwaussies@comcast.net](mailto:valwaussies@comcast.net) ; Website: [www.riversidek9.com](http://www.riversidek9.com) .

Jan. 29-30; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Feel the Rush Agility; Amherst, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Closes: 1/19/11; Contact: Kim Tees, PO Box 388, Raymond, ME 04071; Website: [www.usdaa.com](http://www.usdaa.com) .

## FEBRUARY 2011

Feb. 5-6; USDAA; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym; Manchester, NH; Closes: 1/21/11; Trial Secretary: Kim Tees, PO Box 388, Raymond, ME 04071; All Classes/All Levels.

Feb. 5-6; AKC; Open to purebreds; Tartan Gordon Setter Club; American K9 Country; Amherst, NH; Opens: 11/10/10; Closes: 1/5/11; Limit: 330 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; E-mail: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

Feb. 12-13; AKC; Open to purebreds; American Bullmastiff Assoc., Inc.; American K9 Country; Amherst, NH; Opens: 12/15/10; Closes: 1/29/11; Limit: 330 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; E-mail: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

Feb. 12-13; CPE; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym Agility; All Dogs Gym & Inn, Manchester, NH; Limit: Sat 400, Sun 350; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Closes: 1/21/11; Contact: Sue Fontaine, 603-627-7322; E-mail: [miniassies5@comcast.net](mailto:miniassies5@comcast.net) ; Web Site: [www.alldogsgym.com](http://www.alldogsgym.com) .

Feb. 18-20; CPE; Open to all dogs; Breeze Thru Agility, Brattleboro, VT; Classes: All Class/All Levels; Limit: Fri 275, Sat & Sun 375 per day; Closes: 2/7/11; Contact: Val Reiner; E-mail: [kritters@bcn.net](mailto:kritters@bcn.net) ; Website: [www.breezethruagility.com](http://www.breezethruagility.com) .

Feb. 19-20; AKC; Open to all dogs; Eastern English Springer Spaniel Club; American K9 Country; Amherst, NH; Opens: 12/16/10; Closes: 1/29/11; Limit: 330 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; E-mail: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

Feb. 26-27; AKC; Open to all dogs; Middlesex County Kennel Club; American K9 Country; Amherst, NH; Opens: 1/5/11; Closes: 2/12/11; Limit: 330 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; E-mail: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

Feb. 26-27; CPE; Open to all dogs; Riverside K-9 LLC; Nashua, NH; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: 400 runs per day; Closes: 1/27/11; Contact: Valori Duff; E-mail: [valwaussies@comcast.net](mailto:valwaussies@comcast.net) ; Website: [www.riversidek9.com](http://www.riversidek9.com) .

## MARCH 2011

March 4-5; CPE; Open to all dogs; Bo-Gee Agility; Amherst, NH; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Closes: 2/16/11; Limit: Fri 225, Sat & Sun 375 per day; Contact: Judy Davis; E-mail: [tss@trialecretary.com](mailto:tss@trialecretary.com) ; Web Site: [www.bo-gee.com](http://www.bo-gee.com) .

March 5-6; AKC; Open to all purebreds; Southern Adirondack Agility Club; Greenwich, NY; Opens: 1/5/11; Closes: 2/12/11; Limit: 330 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; E-mail: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

March 12-13; AKC; Open to all purebreds; American Bullmastiff Assoc.; Amherst, NH; Opens: 1/5/11; Closes: 2/19/11; Limit: 330 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; E-mail: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

March 12-13; CPE; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym Agility; All Dogs Gym & Inn, Manchester, NH; Limit: Sat 400, Sun 350; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Closes: 2/18/11; Contact: Sue Fontaine, 603-627-7322; E-mail: [miniassies5@comcast.net](mailto:miniassies5@comcast.net) ; Web Site: [www.alldogsgym.com](http://www.alldogsgym.com) .

March 19-20; AKC; Open to all dogs; Schenectady Dog Training Club, Inc, Greenwich, NY; Opens: 1/26/11; Closes: 2/26/11; Limit: 400 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; E-mail: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

March 19-20; USDAA; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym Agility; All Dogs Gym & Inn, Manchester, NH; Closes: 3/4/11; Classes: Tournament Classes Only; Secretary: Kim Tees, PO Box 388, Raymond, ME 04071.

## APRIL 2011

April 2-3; CPE; Open to all dogs; Agile Dogs Agility Training; Greenwich, NY; Limit: 375 runs per day; Closes: 3/22/11; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Marge Stall, 518-794-0168; E-mail: [marge@agiledogs.net](mailto:marge@agiledogs.net) ; Website: [www.agiledogs.net](http://www.agiledogs.net) .

April 2-3; AKC; Open to all dogs; American Eskimo Dog Club of America; Amherst, NH; Opens: 2/16/11; Closes: 3/12/11; Limit: 330 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; E-mail: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

April 9-10; CPE; Open to all dogs; Littleton, MA; Limit: 375 runs per day; Closes: 3/30/11; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Michelle Borelli, 978-387-3663; E-mail: [michelle@geminidogs.com](mailto:michelle@geminidogs.com) ; Website: [www.geminidogs.com](http://www.geminidogs.com) .

April 9-10; CPE; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym; Manchester, NH; Limit: Sat. 400, Sun. 350 runs per day; Closes: 3/18/11; Contact: Sue Fontaine, 603-627-7322; E-mail: [miniassies5@comcast.net](mailto:miniassies5@comcast.net) ; Web Site: [www.alldogsgym.com](http://www.alldogsgym.com) .

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April 9-10; AKC; Open to all dogs; American Lhasa Apso Club Inc.; Amherst, NH; Opens: 2/16/11; Closes: 3/19/11; Limit: 330 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; E-mail: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

April 15-17; CPE; Open to all dogs; Breeze Thru Agility, Brattleboro, VT; Classes: All Class/All Levels; Limit: 375 per day; Contact: Val Reiner; E-mail: [kritters@bcn.net](mailto:kritters@bcn.net) ; Website: [www.breezethruagility.com](http://www.breezethruagility.com) .

April 23-24; AKC; Open to all dogs; BOTC; Shelburne, VT; Opens: 2/7/11; Closes: 4/7/11; Limit: 330 per day; Classes: All Std & JWW/All Levels; Trial Secretary: Janet Induni, 43 Lost Nation Rd, Essex Jct., VT 05452; 802-879-6526; E-mail: [jjinduni@comcast.net](mailto:jjinduni@comcast.net) ; Website: [www.botc.com](http://www.botc.com) .

April 30 – May 1; CPE; Open to all dogs; Bo-Gee; Deerfield, NH; Closes: 4/15/11; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis; E-mail: [tss@trialservices.com](mailto:tss@trialservices.com) ; Website: [www.trialsecretary.com](http://www.trialsecretary.com) .

April 30 – May 1; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Ace Agility Club; Greenfield, MA; Closes: 4/10/11.

*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](http://www.cleanrun.com), [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org), [www.trialsecretary.com](http://www.trialsecretary.com), [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) and various other sources.*

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