



# NOMAD NEWS

Northern Magic Agility Dogs

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2011

## NOMAD 2011 AGILITY CAMP

August 5–7, 2011 Stowe, VT at Trapp Family Lodge

### INSTRUCTORS:

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

*NOMAD is once again sponsoring a 3-day agility camp with three world-class agility champions. Whether you've ever been to a camp or not, this is the one to attend, where you can learn from the best while having fun with your NOMAD friends. READ ON!!!!*

### Schedule And Topics

Three full days of agility fun! The camp is limited to 30 working spots (10 teams per instructor).

Each group will have a full day with each instructor, geared to that group's skill level. 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.

Working sessions are from 9:00 to 5:00 on Friday and from 8:00 to 3:30 on Saturday and Sunday, with a 45 minute lunch break each day. 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

### Cost and Payment Policy

Camp will cost **\$350 for working members** and **\$500 for supporting members or non-members**. This price includes dinner one night; lunch is on your own. Dinner on Friday night, for invited guests, will cost \$25.00. Camp participation is 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 (\$250 or \$400) is due by June 1st, 2011 (These checks will not be deposited before July 1).** If you cannot attend the camp and there is no waiting list, it will be the participant's responsibility to find someone (at the appropriate level for the assigned group) to fill the spot in order to receive a refund.

### Registration Procedure

**Registrations will be accepted in order of postmarking, starting with April 1, 2011. Please note: any applications received prior to April 1st will be treated as if they were postmarked April 1st. After May 1, if Camp has not filled, it will be opened up to non members**

In the event that we receive more than 30 applications for camp postmarked on or before March 1, we will use the following priority system to assign spots to members:

First: members of NOMAD since March 2009, who have completed 20 plus hours as a working member or are supporting members.

Second: new NOMAD members

Third: working NOMAD members who have not completed their 20 hours of service

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

The seminar committee will determine which members have completed 20 plus hours, with support from the steering committee if needed. If there are too many applications at any priority level, the seminar committee will use a lottery to determine the remaining slots.

**Please send your registration form and deposit check of \$100 payable to NOMAD to:**

**Judy Kessler, 320 Shaker Hill Rd., Starksboro, VT 05487**

**(Please Note: checks will not be deposited until May 1)**

### Camp Rules

- You must clean up after your dog on the camp grounds and all surrounding areas AND at any lodging facility.
- All dogs must be on a 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, payable to the Trapp Family Lodge. Please pay Lynne von Trapp during camp.

Mt. Mansfield Winter Academy (MMWA) may possibly be available for rent by NOMAD for camp participants August 4, 5 and 6. NOMAD will handle reservations and collect money from guests. Rates: \$40/night/bed; no surcharge if only one bed is used in a room. Access to frig, microwave. 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 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; Star, a Border Collie and Nitro, a Papilons. 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, MACH2 Suni ADCH, also have the top individual Maxi dog placement at the World Championships.

Elicia, who has a BS in engineering from Cornell University, currently 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.

Elicia has since worked with over 50 different breeds of dogs, including Cairn Terriers, Lhasa Apso's, to Bearded Collies and Great Danes. Her clients have qualified, competed and won regional and national tournaments, participated in AKC World Team Selection, and received countless titles including Championships in the various organizations, along with ranking nationally in their respected breeds.

Working full time operating Waltzing Paws Agility, Elicia teaches private, group lessons, workshops, seminars and camps both nationally and internationally. She also lectures at nationals events, organizes and participates in agility demonstrations for local charity events, and develops Agility curriculums and Instructor Training Programs for all levels. Although a certified USDAA judge, Elicia spends the majority of her time teaching and competing.

Elicia owns five dogs, Suni, Leg-O, Iceman, Nika and BreeSea. When at home, you will find her working on agility projects such as a book/video called 'Two Bodies, One Mind'.

**KAREN HOLIK** began participating in dog agility in 1992 when she started training her Chow/Sheltie mix. 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 aspects of agility training are teaching the fundamentals and being consistent with your handling at all times.

Karen currently owns 5 dogs, including three Shelties and two Border Collies. Her first dog (a Chow/Sheltie mix) became her first to receive the ADCH title in USDAA. She has also achieved this title with two of her shelties 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 over a dozen times with all her dogs.

Her most recent accomplishments have been with ADCh MACH4 Triune's Feelin Hot Hot Hot "Sizzle." Together, Karen and Sizzle have been members of the AKC/USA World Team six times (France-2003, Spain-2005, Switzerland-2006, Norway-2007, Finland-2008 and Austria-2009). In September of 2009, she along with her teammates Jennifer Crank and Ashley Deacon won the Silver Medal at the FCI World Championship in Dornbirn, Austria. Sizzle is also a four-time USDAA World Champion, taking that honor twice in the Steeplechase event, once in the Grand Prix of Dog Agility and also the Dog Agility Masters Team Tournament. Her youngest sheltie, Plail's Chill Factor "Ice," has just started his competitive career and is sure to soon have his own list of accomplishments. Her new border collie "Siren" is just learning to be a puppy.

Karen teaches private/group lessons and also travels the United States, as well as Puerto Rico, Bermuda, Mexico and Costa Rica, giving seminars.

CAMP NOMAD 2011 REGISTRATION FORM

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Working or Supporting Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Dog Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(If you are planning to run two dogs, please answer these questions based on your least-experienced dog.)

Breed or Type \_\_\_\_\_

Dog Age (at time of camp): \_\_\_\_\_

Jump Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your dog have a reliable start line stay? \_\_\_\_\_

Can your dog do 12 weave poles straight up? \_\_\_\_\_

What one obstacle is the most difficult for your dog to perform well? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your dog sometimes lose focus when the task is difficult? \_\_\_\_\_

If your camp dog has competed:

What is the highest level title this dog has earned? \_\_\_\_\_

What were the last three faults that prevented this dog from qualifying?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

You will be queried again at a time closer to Camp so that if your dog has advanced, you may change the level to which you wish to be assigned. Your final level will be assigned by a camp committee

Would you like to be placed in a group other than the level at which you are now competing? Why?

\_\_\_\_\_

What one skill would you like to work on at camp? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the highest level title you have earned with any dog? \_\_\_\_\_

**Include Non-Refundable Deposit of \$100, Checks payable to NOMAD. (Balance of \$250 or \$400 due June 1)**  
(Please Note: checks will not be deposited until May 1).

**If your name is not printed on the check, please attach a post-it with your name. Send your registration form and deposit check of \$100 on or before April 1 to:**

**Judy Kessler, 320 Shaker Hill Rd., Starksboro, VT 05487**

**Mt. Mansfield Academy** If you would like to stay at Mt. Mansfield Academy if it is available, please complete below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Spending the night on Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

## BRAGS

### 1/7-9 BARK-NH USDAA, Manchester, NH

#### Betsy Nye and Meg

16" PIII Jumpers: \_\_\_\_\_ Q and title  
16" PIII Gamblers: \_\_\_\_\_ Q and

#### P-MAD TITLE

16" PIII Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd and Q and title

#### Maggie and Don

Steeplechase 1st run \_\_\_\_\_ 4th Q  
Steeplechase 2nd run \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd  
Masters Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Q  
Masters Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Q  
Masters Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ 1st SQ  
Masters Standard \_\_\_\_\_ Q

#### Judy Frey and Willie

16 inch Steeplechase \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd and Q  
16 inch Steeplechase Final \_\_\_\_\_ 4th and Q  
16 inch Grand Prix Qualifier \_\_\_\_\_ 4th and Q  
16 inch Masters Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q  
16 inch Masters Pairs \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
(with Pochi & Mich Powers)  
16 inch Masters Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q  
16 inch Masters Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd and Q  
16 inch Masters Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q

#### Spiritdancer & Maxine Holmes

12" Masters Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & SQ

#### CHAMPION SNOOKER TITLE

#### Sundancer & Maxine Holmes

12" Masters Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q  
12" Pairs Relay \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q  
12" Masters Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q

#### MASTER AGILITY DOG TITLE

### 1/29-30 USDAA Feel the Rush

### K9country, Amherst, NH

#### Don and Maggie 16"

Masters Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 1st, Q,

#### GAMBLERS CHAMPION TITLE

Masters Standard 4th \_\_\_\_\_ Q,

#### MAD TITLE

Masters Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ 4th, Q

#### Sarah & Toby

PII Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd & Q  
PII Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd & Q

#### John Marcus and Elmo

12" PIII Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ Q  
12" PIII Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 4th and Q

**ACCOMPLISHED STANDARD DOG** (Performance Standard Champion??) **TITLE**

#### John Marcus and Eve

12" Masters Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q  
12" Masters Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
12" Masters Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

#### MASTERS STANDARD AGILITY TITLE

#### MASTERS JUMPERS TITLE

## NADAC TRIAL NEWS

Save the date! NOMAD's NADAC trial will be held Aug. 20-21, 2011, at the Topnotch Field in Stowe, VT. We are glad to announce that Ben Philibert will be our judge. He is a familiar face to many, having judged a few previous NOMAD trials. We are contracting with NAE for trial secretary services and equipment rental. Hope to see everyone there for a fun filled weekend!

- co-chairs, Karen Clark & Linda Ladd



#### Springfield Humane Society, Inc.

401 Skitchewaog Trail  
Springfield, Vermont 05156

802-885-3997 ♦ Fax: 802-885-1346

Email: [Spfldhumane@vermontel.net](mailto:Spfldhumane@vermontel.net) ♦ Website: [WWW.spfldhumane.org](http://WWW.spfldhumane.org)

*Serving animals & people of the area since 1941*

November 30, 2010

Kate Carter  
NOMAD  
89 Burt Farm Lane  
Waterbury Center, VT 05677

Dear Ms. Carter:

How can we thank you enough for your generous \$200 donation?! It is kindness and moral support like yours, as well as such generosity that really helps give us a boost as we struggle with the day to day effects of human failings toward animals. I cannot adequately express how much this means to us!

Thanks to good friends like you we are able to continue our work for those need us. Please convey our gratitude to your members and to Cynthia Gilliland for nominating us!

Sincerely,

Tom Browe  
Executive Director  
885-2174  
[browe@vermontel.net](mailto:browe@vermontel.net)

*"We speak for those who cannot speak for themselves."*

Please check the information in the last newsletter's members list for accuracy. Any updates should be directed to Lisa Marcus, ([lisamarcus@comcast.net](mailto:lisamarcus@comcast.net)). Also, all renewals from this point on should be sent to Lisa Marcus at 45 Skunk Hollow Road, Jericho, VT 05465

## A SAFER HOME TIRE

*NOMAD has a new displacable tire and in case anyone is thinking of coming up with a home version of a safer tire, I found this and thought it a great idea. I hope I am not being illegal, but since it was posted on a blog and since I have space that needs filling.....*

<http://michellesdogagility.blogspot.com/2009/07/new-displacable-tire.html>

### NEW DISPLACABLE TIRE

My first tire was made of a pool noodle taped together with duct tape and hung in this frame. Two neighborhood boys jumped through it and tore it to pieces. I then made one out of the very popular drain pipe. However, I worried my dog would hurt herself when she hit it.

Recently someone on my agility equipment yahoo group posted links of dogs getting hung up in the tire. I decided to redo my tire with pool noodles again. Hopefully this design would displace if my dog were to misjudge the jump and hit it.

Here is a picture of my drain pipe tire:



When my dog clipped this tire you heard the clunk.

Here is a picture of my new displacable tire:



If my dog clips this one it is very soft. If it is a hard hit, the pool noodles should pull out of the sleeves. However, there is something about a pool noodle tire that invites people to jump through it. I assembled this and asked my husband to test it to see how much force it would take to displace it. He proceeded to try to jump through it, with the sleeve on the right tearing. You can see where I patched the tear with orange colored duct tape.

The frame on my tire is very oversized but the tire diameter is regulation. To change the height on this tire you slide the bungee cords through the sleeves and adjust the plastic chain on top. In this design the chain is not really needed as the tire hangs properly without it.

There is more resistance to the noodle coming out of the sleeves than I would like but I think if the dog actually hit it, it would displace without bringing the frame down. That is what happened when my husband tried to go through.

'I have not failed. I have just found 9,999 ways that do not work'.  
—Thomas Edison

### UPDATE From Kim Ingraham

It's been 7 weeks since my knee replacement and things are moving well. Going in to surgery they still weren't sure if they were going to do a partial replacement or a full. Since I'm still young they don't like to do more than they need to when it comes to joint replacement. Fortunately it all worked out and a partial it was! After 2 nights in the hospital I was more than ready to come home!

Since surgery I've been working hard at physical therapy, gaining range of motion and working muscles that have not been worked in years. It's amazing how many bad habits you pick up when you're in a lot of pain in order to avoid moving the parts the hurt :) Not to mention the things my knee forgot how to do (like my knee cap tracking properly and without pain!). I do exercises at home and then attend Physical Therapy twice a week at the hospital, once on land and once in the water. I'm even back on my elliptical (for the first time in 2 years) and back in the barn full time as well.

I'm starting agility again with Mia and Izzy in February. Just once a week for now in a heated building with a firm, flat surface and nothing fancy at first I'm sure. My plan right now is to return to the NOMAD barn in time for the last 2 weeks of league :)

<http://nomadagility.com/>

### NOMAD's Steering Committee

*Contact them if you have questions or suggestions.*

<b>President</b> (11/09-11/11)	
Kit Erskine _____	586-9932
<b>Vice-President</b> (11/10-11/12)	
Judy Frey _____	893-2467
<b>Treasurer</b> (11/10 - 11/12)	
Linda Ladd _____	879-3461
<b>Secretary</b> (11/10 - 11/12)	
Cynthia Gilliland _____	295-2659
<b>Members at Large</b>	
John Marcus (11/10 - 11/12) ____	310-8723
Marty Abair (11/10-11/12) ____	879-0812
Roberta Dumas (11/10-11/11) ____	899-1158

# COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Compiled by Cheryl French as of 1/24/11

## FEBRUARY 2011

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; Email: [kritters@bcn.net](mailto:kritters@bcn.net) ; Website: [www.breezethruagility.com](http://www.breezethruagility.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; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

## MARCH 2011

March 4-6; CPE; Open to all dogs; Bo-Gee Agility; Amherst, NH; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Opens: 1/19/11; Closes: 2/16/11; Limit: Fri 225, Sat & Sun 375 per day; Contact: Judy Davis; Email: [tss@trialsecretary.com](mailto:tss@trialsecretary.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; Email: [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; Email: [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; Email: [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; Email: [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; Email: [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; Email: [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; Email: [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; Email: [miniassies5@comcast.net](mailto:miniassies5@comcast.net) ; Web Site: [www.alldogsgym.com](http://www.alldogsgym.com) .

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; Email: [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; Closes: 4/4/11; Limit: 275 on Fri; 375 per day on Sat & Sun.; Contact: Val Reiner; Email: [kritters@bcn.net](mailto:kritters@bcn.net) ; Website: [www.breezethruagility.com](http://www.breezethruagility.com) .

April 16-17; NADAC; Open to all dogs; ACT-UP Agility Club; Wrentham, MA; Trial Secretary: Mike Whall, Email: [mickeycw@aol.com](mailto:mickeycw@aol.com) ; Website: [www.actupagility.com](http://www.actupagility.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; Email: [jinduni@comcast.net](mailto:jinduni@comcast.net) ; Website: [www.botc.com](http://www.botc.com) .

April 23-24; USDAA; Open to all dogs; K9Logix; Greenfield, MA; Closes: 4/1/11; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Val Duff; K9 Agility Services; 252 Boynton St., Manchester, NH 03102; Email: [valwaussies@comcast.net](mailto:valwaussies@comcast.net) ; Website: [www.k9agilityservices.com](http://www.k9agilityservices.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; Email: [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: 4/8/11; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Nancy Obara; Email: [nancy.obara@comcast.net](mailto:nancy.obara@comcast.net) .

## MAY 2011

May 7-8; CPE; Open to all dogs; PAWS 4 FUN; Plainfield, VT; Limit: 350 runs per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Trial Secretary: Cheryl French; Email: [Cheryl.P.French@comcast.net](mailto:Cheryl.P.French@comcast.net) ; Website: <http://agilpaws.tripod.com> .

May 7 -8; AKC; Open to all dogs; Talcott Mountain Agility Club, Westfield, MA; Opens: 3/16/11; Closes: 4/16/11; Limit: 660 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

May 7-8; NADAC; Open to all dogs; NAE; Greenfield, MA; Trial Secretary: Erin Wajda; Email: [NAE@northeastagility.com](mailto:NAE@northeastagility.com) ; Website: [www.northeastagility.com](http://www.northeastagility.com) .

May 7-8; USDAA; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym Agility; All Dogs Gym & Inn, Manchester, NH; Closes: 4/22/11; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Trial Secretary: Kim Tees, PO Box 388, Raymond, ME 04071.

May 14-15; USDAA; Open to all dogs; NEAT; Greenfield, NH; Closes: 4/24/11; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: Unlimited; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis; Email: [tss@trialservices.com](mailto:tss@trialservices.com) ; Website: [www.trialsecretary.com](http://www.trialsecretary.com) .

May 21-22; CPE; Open to all dogs; Southern Berkshire Agility Dogs, Inc.; Granby, MA; Limit: 375 per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Jeff Boyer, Email: [jboyer01@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jboyer01@nycap.rr.com) ; Website: [www.sobadagility.com](http://www.sobadagility.com) .

May 28-30; AKC; Open to all dogs; LEAP Agility Club; Granby, MA; Opens: 3/30/11; Closes: 5/7/11; Limit: 750 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

May 28-30; CPE; Open to all dogs; Northeast Miniature Australian Shepherd Club; Westminster, VT; Limit Sat & Sun 350, Mon 250 runs; Closes: 5/6/11; Contact: Sue Fontaine, 603-627-7322; Email: [miniassies5@comcast.net](mailto:miniassies5@comcast.net) ; Website: [www.nemasc.org](http://www.nemasc.org) .

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### JUNE 2011

June 3-5; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Canine Agility Training Society; Keene, NH; Closes: 5/22/11; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels.

June 4-5; AKC; Open to all dogs; Norwegian Elkhound Minuteman Assoc.; Chelmsford, MA; Opens: 4/13/11; Closes: 5/14/11; Limit: 660 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

June 4-5; CPE; Open to all dogs; Gemini Dogs, Inc.; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: 375 runs per day; Closes: 5/25/11; Contact: Michelle Borelli, 978-387-3663; Email: [michelle@gemini-dogs.com](mailto:michelle@gemini-dogs.com) ; Website: [www.gemini-dogs.com](http://www.gemini-dogs.com) .

June 4-6; AKC; Open to all dogs; Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club; Greenwich, NY; Opens: 4/5/11; Closes: 5/20/11; Trial Secretary: Robin Ohrt, 860-930-3994, Email: [4pawrule@comcast.net](mailto:4pawrule@comcast.net) .

June 17; CPE; Open to all dogs; Breeze Thru Agility; Brattleboro, VT; Classes: Games Only.

June 18-19; NADAC; Open to all dogs; Northeast Agility Enthusiasts; Trial Secretary: Erin Wajda; Email: [NAE@northeastagility.com](mailto:NAE@northeastagility.com) .

June 18-20; AKC; Open to all purebreds; Southern Adirondack Agility Club; Greenwich, NY; Opens: 4/20/11; Closes: 5/28/11; Limit: 330 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

June 18-19; AKC; Open to all purebreds; North Shore Kennel Club; Topsfield, MA; Opens: 4/21/11; Closes: 5/26/11; Limit: 660 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

June 24-26; CPE; Open to all dogs; Bo-Gee; Deerfield, NH; Closes: 6/10/11; Limit: Unlimited; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis; Email: [tss@trialservices.com](mailto:tss@trialservices.com) ; Website: [www.trialsecretary.com](http://www.trialsecretary.com) .

June 25-26; USDAA; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym Agility; All Dogs Gym & Inn, Manchester, NH; Closes: 6/10/11; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Trial Secretary: Kim Tees, PO Box 388, Raymond, ME 04071.

*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](mailto: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.*

*Isn't it fun to watch the dogs with their nose to the ground?*

*Following a path that has no sight or sound.*

*What is it that they smell?*

*What stories do they tell?*

*Is it a young fox playing with his brother?*

*Is it a baby deer following her mother?*

*Can they tell if it is sick or well?*

*Friend or foe?*

*Has it traveled far?*

*Does it have a long way to go?*

*It is fun to watch the dogs with their nose to the ground.*

*Following an invisible path that has no sound.*

*But the best part of this adventure*

*Is when they turn to look with a wag and a smile.*

*Thanking me for this invisible fun filled mile.*





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