

The logo for 'NOMAD NEWS' features the word 'NOMAD' in large, light blue, outlined letters, with 'NEWS' in a similar style to its right. The letters are interspersed with images of dogs: a black and white dog in the 'O', a brown and white dog in the 'M', and a brown dog in the 'S'. Below 'NOMAD' is the text 'Northern Magic Agility Dogs' in a smaller, blue font. The entire logo is set against a white background with a blue horizontal line below it.

# NOMAD NEWS

Northern Magic Agility Dogs

JULY

2012

*Inspiration for the Competition Season—We Can*

## **Make It Happen: commit • decide • succeed**

*by Linda Mecklenburg*

In dog agility there are many ways to achieve “success”. It might be earning a qualifying score with your novice dog, achieving a confident performance by your shy dog, or standing on the podium with your dog at the World Championships. Each can be a meaningful and significant accomplishment, and each can be a very challenging endeavor. I’d like to share with you my dog agility success story.

In order to succeed, the first thing you must do is determine how you will define success for you and your teammate. Once you have determined what it will take for you to be successful, you must make the decision to make it happen. This is the easy part. After the decision, the next step is to devise a plan, with realistic goals, to help you achieve it. Then you must commit to follow through on your plan. This is the hard part. I am a marshmallow grabber which means I like instant gratification. No matter how you define success, it is rarely achieved in an instant. Almost inevitably, progress is slower than you would like, and your efforts go seemingly without reward. You may even have setbacks. There are times when it is tempting to throw in the towel. But, you must remain intent on achieving your goals. If you set realistic goals, you can do it!! Remember your decision. If you want to succeed, you must maintain commitment. Make it happen!

Okay, so now for my story. For the last couple of years, I’d been hampered by several performance-limiting health problems. My doctors did not give me any reason to believe that these problems would ever resolve; the implication was that this just the way it was going to be...(unless I discovered the fountain of youth).

The 2011 USDAA Cynosport World Games were a turning point for me. To add insult to injury (no pun intended), at the event I incurred several acute injuries that, when added to my chronic problems, made it nearly impossible to compete. In addition to my physical issues, I was an emotional wreck because I had recently lost my dog Awesome. Awesome was always a source of inspiration, and losing him drained the life right out of me. He truly was the wind beneath my wings and without him, it was difficult to maintain a positive outlook. In short, I was relieved when the event was over.

Not being able to compete to the best of my ability was very frustrating. With all of these problems, what was my future in this sport? Not long before then someone had pointed out to me that I was old enough to be Daisy Peel’s mother...not long after that someone else mentioned that I was old enough to be Tori Self’s

grandmother... Considering the state of my health, when I considered the youth, strength, speed and agility of the average competitor at an international event today (yes there are some notable exceptions), it was a bit overwhelming. I certainly was not getting any younger. Aspiring to compete at the international level again seemed unrealistic. If I hoped to compete at that level, it was going to take A LOT of hard work, with no guarantee of “success”. It was tempting to just accept the fact that international level competition was no longer a realistic goal, and admit to myself that perhaps I should be content to compete on less physically demanding courses. There was a certain appeal to that; it would be a lot easier! I considered other ways I could put my talents in dog agility to good use. But the very fact that international courses can be demanding is what attracts me to them; I want to be challenged. I have three very talented young dogs right now; I want them reach their fullest potential. A really intense, in-sync run with my dog over a challenging course is the very reason I do agility! It doesn’t even have to be a clean run...just one of those on-the-edge runs where my dog and I read each other’s minds and we make magic happen as a team. There’s just nothing that compares.

Decide, commit, succeed. I had to determine what success was now going to mean for me, and set realistic goals for my future. What I came up with would be a win-win situation, no matter what the outcome in agility: I decided that success for me would be to get my health back on track. Setting competitive goals was not realistic. I knew that I could not turn back the clock, but I made the decision to commit to becoming healthy. If I could achieve that, I would consider myself successful.

So, despite what I was being told by the medical community, after Cynosport last year I embarked on a journey to get my health back. It was a long, hard road that I am still traveling. This blog post is not about how I did it, the post is to tell you that I DID IT. I’m hoping the post inspires you to do whatever it is that you need to do to be successful. You must decide to do it and commit to making it happen. If I can do it, so can you.

My dog and I have just recently started back running together. We are headed to AKC World Team Tryouts this weekend and then the WAO Championships just 2 weeks after that. We are pretty rusty as a team, but the competition results are not what is important: I have already achieved success! Those of you that know me and know where I was at last year, and how far I’ve come, you will believe me when I say anything’s possible!

*If you enjoyed this article, please share it!*

# BRAGS

## May 26 & 27 ASCNE ASCE trial Hopkington, NH

**Kathy Fretz & Summer**  
ATCH III

## May 13 AARF USDAA trial All Dogs

**Kathy Fretz & Rio**

22" Started Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ Q & 1st  
22" Started Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ Q & 1st  
22" Started Pairs \_\_\_\_\_ Q & 1st  
22" Started Standard \_\_\_\_\_ Q & 1st  
22" Started Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ Q & 1st

what a dog!!!!

Oh, and we won a 22" Steeplechase and 25 bucks :-)) in March @ All Dog's before we had to go home because she went lame.

## 9-10 June, AKC Southern Berkshire Golden Retriever Club

**Teller and Erica**

24" Excellent B Standard \_\_\_\_\_ Q  
24" Excellent B JWW \_\_\_\_\_ Q

### NEW TITLE: MACH2 TELLER

24" Excellent B Standard \_\_\_\_\_ Q  
24" Excellent B JWW \_\_\_\_\_ Q



## 8-10 June, CATS, USDAA, Keene, NH

### Lickity Split 22" Championship:

Starters Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
(our first one after a year and a half)

### Lil 12" Vet

Masters Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and a Q

### Lisa and Chi

P1 Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q

### Lisa and Fly (his final run)

Masters Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ Q

### Malia and Caroline McKinney (16")

P2 Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

P2 Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

P2 Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

### TITLE

P2 Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

### TITLE

P2 Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

### TITLE

P3 Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 4th and Q

### Gemma & Lynda DeWitt

Veterans Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

### VETERANS SNOOKER TITLE!

Veterans Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Place

Veterans Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Place

Veterans Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Place

Veterans Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Place

### Don and Maggie

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

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

Masters Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Q

## June 8-10, NAE, NADAC Agility Trial, Stephentown, NY

### Cynthia Gilliland & Ivy

Open Weavers, 16 in. S \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q

### Cynthia & Heather

Open Chances, 12 in. S vet \_\_\_\_\_ Q

Elite Jumpers, 12 in. S Vet \_\_\_\_\_ Q & 3rd

Elite Regular, 12 in. S Vet \_\_\_\_\_ Q & 2nd

### Cynthia & Rosie

Novice Weavers, 12 in. S \_\_\_\_\_ Q & 1st

Novice Touch N Go, 12 in. S \_\_\_\_\_ Q & 1st

### SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE TITLE: S-TG-N

### Cynthia & Eero

Novice Jumpers, 16 in. S- Q & 1st

## 9-10 June, Agility Dogs of the Adirondacks CPE Trial, Westport, NY

### Marty Abair and Katie

Level 2 Vet Jumpers 16" \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q

Level 2 Vet Standard 16" \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

Level 2 Vet Snooker 16" \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

### Marty Abair and Maggie

Level 2 Jumpers 8" \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

Level 2 Snooker 8" \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

Level 1 Standard 8" \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

Level 1 Wildcard 8" \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

### Marty Abair and Mickey

Level 2 Standard 8" \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

Level 1 Wildcard 8" \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q

### LEVEL 1 TITLE

### Judy Kessler and Monte

Level 3 Enthusiast Standard 20" \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q

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### CL3-T TITLE

Level 4 Enthusiast Jackpot 20" \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q

(non-traditional, one of five dogs at any level to Q)

Level 4 Enthusiast Standard 20" \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q

### Nancy Dashnaw & Creekside Chase (Chase's agility debut)

20" Standard Level 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q

20" Standard Level 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd and Q

20" Jumpers Level 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

20" Standard Level 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

20" Colors Level 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

20" Wildcard Level 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

## June 11-12 AKC Mayflower Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club Amherst, NH

### Don and Maggie

XB Standard \_\_\_\_\_ Q

XB JWW \_\_\_\_\_ Q

## June 15-17, 2012 CPE Nationals, Altamont, NY

### Judy Kessler and Monte

Wildcard Level 4, Enthusiast, 20" \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

Fullhouse Level 4, Enthusiast, 20" \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

Colors Level 4, Enthusiast, 20" \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

Standard Level 3, Enthusiast, 20" \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q

Jackpot Level 4, Enthusiast, 20" \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd NQ

Snooker Level 4, Enthusiast, 20" \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd NQ

### PLAQUE FOR 6TH PLACE ENTHUSIAST GAMES, 24"

### Cynthia Gilliland and Ivy

Level 5 Standard, 16 in \_\_\_\_\_ Q

Level 5 Standard, 16 in \_\_\_\_\_ Q

Level 5 Standard, 16 in \_\_\_\_\_ Q

Level 5 FullHouse, 16 in \_\_\_\_\_ Q

Level 5 Jackpot, 16 in \_\_\_\_\_ Q

Level 5 Wildcard, 16 in \_\_\_\_\_ Q

Level 5 Jumpers, 16 in \_\_\_\_\_ Q

Level 5 Colors, 16 in \_\_\_\_\_ Q

### Cynthia Gilliland and Eero

Level 3 Standard, 16 in \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q

Level 3 FullHouse, 16 in \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q

Level 3 Jackpot, 16 in \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q

Level 3 Jumpers, 16 in \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q

Level 3 Snooker, 16 in \_\_\_\_\_ Q

# NOMAD TRIAL BRAGS

## 15-17 June, NOMAD, USDA, Stowe, VT

### Grace Smith and Click

22" Masters Standard - \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
 22" Masters Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
 22" Masters Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd and Q  
 22" Masters Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd, Q

#### MAD

### Grace Smith and Remy

22" Starters Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd, Q a  
**TITLE**  
 22" Starters Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q

### Malia and Caroline (16")

Perf. Grand Prix \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q and bye  
 P1 Pairs \_\_\_\_\_ Q and 3rd  
 (with Cholla & Michelle)  
 P1 Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
**TITLE**  
 P3 Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

### Sarah Albert & Toby

16" Performance Grand Prix \_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q  
 16" Performance Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ 4th & Q

### Lickity Split 22" Championship

Starters Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 4th and a Q  
 (our second one in a row!)  
 Masters Snooker 22" Championship \_\_\_\_ Q  
*Many PQs AND he got BOTH his weaves in Steeplechase!!!!!!!!!!!!*

### Marty and Maggie

8" Performance Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
 8" Performance Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd and NQ  
*(a beautiful opening on Maggie's part, then a total lapse of memory on mine)*  
 8" Performance Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and NQ

### Marty and Mickey

8" Performance Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q  
 (very proud of my boy)

### Sara & Sophie 22" Championship

Starters Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Q  
 Starters Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Q  
 Starters Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Q  
**TITLE**  
 Starters Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd NQ  
 Starters Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 4th NQ  
 Starter Pairs \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd NQ

*Cassy & all of NOMAD agility club, I too want to chime in my hoorays and huge thanks for a great trial weekend at the NOMAD trial in Stowe. It could not have been a better weekend! I'd especially like to thank everyone in the club for the most beautiful Ribbon in my collection! Both me and River feel very honored to be this years recipient of the Katy Shultz award! It was the last thing I expected, since we were having one of those 'no-contact' weekends, It will be a cherished memory, and hang proudly on our crate for the rest of the year!*

—Sue and River



# NOMAD NADAC TRIAL NEWS

Our NADAC trial is Aug. 18-19, at the Topnotch field in Stowe, VT. Our judge is Pam Smith, whom some of you might remember, from judging earlier NOMAD trials. Our trial secretary is Erin Wajda, and we are renting equipment from NAE. There will be rubber contacts and 24" weave poles.

We are doing the multiple run package again, this year. We are offering package deals for dogs living in the same household. You add the total number of runs from the dogs in your household. 1-9 runs \$13 per run, 10-15 runs \$12 per run, and 16+ runs \$11 per run. There is an early entry discount! Take 5% off before a date TBD.

If you have never done NADAC, you can register your dog online at [www.nadac.com](http://www.nadac.com) click on dogs. The premium will be up soon on [www.northeastagility.com](http://www.northeastagility.com) click on events.

Hope to see everyone there! It should be a fun weekend. Don't forget to enter early to get the early entry discount!

—Karen Clark & Linda Ladd, co-chairs



**Glen Highland Farm Alumni at Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe, Vermont, June, 2012**  
 Standing: Alexis Ressler and McCoy (2005); Kate Carter, Phoebe (2006) and Brewster (2005); Nicki Houghton and Chloe (2005)  
 Front row: Ashley Porter and Brodie (2007); Liz Scott, Wulf (2011), Em (2007) and Owen (2012);  
 Jeanie Burton and River (2011); Lynne Von Trapp and Brill (2012); Tammy Gallacher and Shine (2011).

# COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Compiled by Cheryl French as of 5/26/12

## JULY 2012

July 6-8; CPE; Open to all dogs; Sugar Bush Farm, Stephentown, NY; Limit: 375 runs per day; Opens: 5/15/12; Closes: 6/25/12; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Barb Fribourg; Email: [blfribourg@gmail.com](mailto:blfribourg@gmail.com); Website: [www.sugarbushfarm.net](http://www.sugarbushfarm.net).

July 7-8; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Agile Dogs Agility Training; Sugar Bush Farm, Stephentown, NY; Closes: 6/25/12; Limit: Unlimited; Secretary: Trisha Stall, PO Box 321, New Lebanon, NY 12125.

July 7-8; NADAC; Open to all dogs; NAE; Dummerston, VT; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: Unlimited; Trial Secretary: Erin Wajda, Email: [NAE@northeastagility.com](mailto:NAE@northeastagility.com); Website: [www.northeastagility.com](http://www.northeastagility.com).

July 13-15; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Riverside Canine Center, Greenfield, MA; Closes: 6/25/12; Limit: Unlimited; Contact: Valori Duff; Email: [valwaussies@comcast.net](mailto:valwaussies@comcast.net); Website: [www.k9agility-services.com](http://www.k9agility-services.com).

July 13-15; CPE; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym; Manchester, NH; Opens: 6/8/12; Closes: 6/22/12; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Sue Fontaine; Email: [miniassies5@comcast.net](mailto:miniassies5@comcast.net); Website: [www.alldogsgym.com](http://www.alldogsgym.com).

July 20-22; USDAA; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym, Manchester, NH; Closes: 7/4/12; Limit: Unlimited; Contact: Valori Duff; Email: [valwaussies@comcast.net](mailto:valwaussies@comcast.net); Website: [www.k9agilityservices.com](http://www.k9agilityservices.com).

July 20-22; CPE; Open to all dogs; Breeze Thru Agility; Guilford, VT; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: 375 per day; Closes: 7/9/12; Contact: Val Reiner, 413-743-9354; Email: [kritters@bcn.net](mailto:kritters@bcn.net); Website: [www.breezethruagility.com](http://www.breezethruagility.com).

July 21-22; CPE; Open to all dogs; Y Agility; New Lebanon, NH; All Classes/All Levels; Limit: 375 runs per day; Closes: 7/9/12; Contact: Donna Young; 518-732-2180; Email: [yagility@nycap.rr.com](mailto:yagility@nycap.rr.com); Website: [www.yagility.com](http://www.yagility.com).

July 22; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Stockade Agility; Glenville, NY; Closes: 7/10/12; Limit: Unlimited; Trial Secretary: Kara Kingsbury, 733 Rte. 29, Rock City Falls, NY 12863.

July 27-29; AKC; Open to all dogs; Green Mountain Golden Retriever Club; Shelburne, VT; Opens: 5/30/12; Closes: 7/7/12; 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).

July 27-29; CPE; Open to all dogs; Bo-Gee; Deerfield, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Closes: 7/11/12; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis; Email: [tss@trialservices.com](mailto:tss@trialservices.com); Website: [www.trialsecretary.com](http://www.trialsecretary.com) and [www.bo-gee.com](http://www.bo-gee.com).

## AUGUST 2012

Aug. 3-5; CPE; Open to all dogs; Muddy Paws Agility Club; Westminster, VT; Closes: 7/12/12; Limit: 375 runs per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Doreen Lucius; Email: [fleabegon@yahoo.com](mailto:fleabegon@yahoo.com); Website: [www.muddypawscaninecenter.com](http://www.muddypawscaninecenter.com).

Aug. 4-5; AKC; Open to all dogs; Agility Club of New Hampshire; Amherst, NH; Opens: 6/13/12; Closes: 7/16/12; Trial Secretary: Guylaine Doyon, 860-214-8311; Email: [4pawrule@att.net](mailto:4pawrule@att.net).

Aug. 10-12; CPE; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym, Manchester, NH; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: Fri 250, Sat 400, Sun 350 runs per day; Closes: 7/20/12; Contact: Contact: Sue Fontaine; Email: [miniassies5@comcast.net](mailto:miniassies5@comcast.net); Website: [www.alldogsgym.com](http://www.alldogsgym.com).

Aug. 10-12; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Over Rover Training Center, Cato, NY; Closes: 8/3/12; Limit: Unlimited; Trial Secretary: Dee Bramble, 12430 State Rte. 176, Cato, NY.

Aug. 11-12; AKC; Open to all purebreds; Tartan Gordon Setter Club; Amherst, NH; Opens: 6/13/12; Closes: 7/21/12; 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).

Aug. 11-12; CPE; Open to all dogs; AgileDogs Agility Training; Stephentown, NY; Closes: 7/30/12; Limit: 375 runs per Judge; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Marjorie Stall, 518-331-7814; Email: [marge@agiledogs.net](mailto:marge@agiledogs.net); Website: [www.agiledogs.net](http://www.agiledogs.net).

Aug. 11-12; NADAC; Open to all dogs; NAE; Dummerston, VT; Limit: Unlimited; Trial Secretary: Erin Wajda; Email: [NAE@northeastagility.com](mailto:NAE@northeastagility.com); Website: [www.northeastagility.com](http://www.northeastagility.com).

Aug. 18-19; AKC; Open to all dogs; American Eskimo Dog Club of America; Amherst, NH; Opens: 6/13/12; Closes: 7/28/12; 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).

Aug. 18-19; NADAC; Open to all dogs; NOMAD; Stowe, VT; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Trial Secretary: Erin Wajda; Email: [NAE@northeastagility.com](mailto:NAE@northeastagility.com); Website: [www.northeastagility.com](http://www.northeastagility.com).

Aug. 17-19; CPE; BO-Gee Agility; Deerfield, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Closes: 8/1/12; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Trial Secretary: Judy Davis; Email: [tss@trialservices.com](mailto:tss@trialservices.com); Website: [www.trialsecretary.com](http://www.trialsecretary.com) and [www.bo-gee.com](http://www.bo-gee.com).

Aug. 18-19; CPE; Open to all dogs; Y Agility; New Lebanon, NH; All Classes/All Levels; Limit: 375 runs per day; Closes: 8/8/12; Contact: Donna

Young; 518-732-2180; Email: [yagility@nycap.rr.com](mailto:yagility@nycap.rr.com); Website: [www.yagility.com](http://www.yagility.com).

Aug. 24; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Contact Agility Club; Glenville, NY; Closes: 8/6/12; Unlimited; Contact: George Bennett, 132 Longfellow Dr., Carmel, NY 10512.

Aug. 25-26; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Ace Agility Club, Westfield Fairgrounds, Westfield, MA; Closes: 8/5/12; Limit: Unlimited; Trial Secretary: Nancy Obara, 107 Clement St., Springfield, MA 01118.

Aug. 25-26; AKC; Open to all dogs; Yankee Golden Retriever Club; Amherst, NH; Opens: 6/27/12; Closes: 8/4/12; 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).

Aug. 25-26; CPE; Open to all dogs; Gemini Dogs, Inc.; Littleton, MA; All Classes/All Levels; Limit: 375 runs per day; Closes: 8/15/12; Contact: Michelle Borelli; Email: [michelle@gemindogs.com](mailto:michelle@gemindogs.com); Website: [www.gemindogs.com](http://www.gemindogs.com).

Aug. 25-26; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Stockade Agility; Glenville, NY; Closes: 8/6/12; Limit: Unlimited; Trial Secretary: Kara Kingsbury, 733 Rte. 29, Rock City Falls, NY 12863.

Aug 31-Sept. 1-2; CPE; Open to all dogs; Sugar Bush Farm, Stephentown, NY; Limit: 375 runs per day; Closes: 8/20/12; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Barb Fribourg; Email: [blfribourg@gmail.com](mailto:blfribourg@gmail.com); Website: [www.sugarbushfarm.net](http://www.sugarbushfarm.net).

## SEPTEMBER 2012

Sept. 1-2; USDAA; Open to all dogs; ARFF Agility Club, Inc.; Westford, MA; Closes: 8/15/12; Unlimited; Contact: Valori Duff, 252 Boynton St., Manchester, NH 03102.

Sept. 1-3; AKC; open to all dogs; Eastern English Springer Spaniel Club; Westfield, MA; Opens: 6/27/12; Closes: 8/11/12; Limit: 660 runs; 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).

Sept. 7-9; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Adirondack Sports Complex; Queensbury, NY; Closes: 8/19/12; Unlimited; Contact: Donna Young, 4 Haber Way, Castleton, NY 12033.

Sept. 8-9; CPE; Open to all dogs; Agility Dogs of Schenectady; Stephentown, NY; All Classes/All Levels; Closes: 8/7/12; Limit: 375 runs per ring; Contact: Trisha Stall; Email: [trisha@agiledogs.net](mailto:trisha@agiledogs.net); Website: [www.sdtedogs.com](http://www.sdtedogs.com).

Sept. 8-9; AKC; Open to all dogs; Old Colony Agility Club; Amherst, NH; Opens: 7/11/12; Closes: 8/18/12; Limit: 330 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA

## Summer Practice

### Wednesday Practice Time Change

Practice is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. until further notice.

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Sept. 8-9; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Over Rover Training Center, Cato, NY; Closes: 8/31/12; Unlimited; Contact: Dee Bramble, 12430 State Rte 176, Cato, NY 13033.

Sept. 8-9; NADAC; Open to all dogs; Northeast Agility Enthusiasts; Dummerston, VT; Contact: Erin Wajda; Email: [NAE@northeastagility.com](mailto:NAE@northeastagility.com) ; Website: [www.northeastagility.com](http://www.northeastagility.com) .

Sept. 15-16; CPE; Open to all dogs; Canine Agility Training Society, Inc.; Keene, NH; All Classes/All Levels; Limit: 375 runs per ring; Closes: 8/29/12; Contact: Nancy Obara; Email: [ray.wheeler@the-spa.com](mailto:ray.wheeler@the-spa.com) ; Website: [www.canineagility.org](http://www.canineagility.org) .

Sept. 15-16; CPE; Open to all dogs; Agility Dogs of the Adirondacks; Plattsburgh, NY; All Classes/All Levels; Limit: 300 runs per day; closes: 8/31/12; Contact: Billie Marsh; Email: [marshb@westelcom.com](mailto:marshb@westelcom.com) .

Sept. 15-16; AKC; Open to all dogs; Pioneer Valley Kennel Club; Westfield, MA; Opens: 7/11/12; Closes: 8/25/12; 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) .

Sept. 21-23; AKC; Open to all dogs; Wachusett Kennel Club; Amherst, NH; Opens: 7/11/12; Closes: 9/1/12; 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) .

Sept. 22-23; USDAA; Open to all dogs; K9 Logix, LLC; Greenfield, MA; Closes: 9/5/12; Unlimited; Contact: Valori Duff, 252 Boynton St., Manchester, NH 03102.

Sept. 28-30; CPE; Open to all dogs; Bo-Gee Agility; Amherst, NH; All Classes/All Levels; Limit: Fri 225, Sat & Sun 375 runs per day; Closes: 9/12/12; Contact: Judy Davis; Email: [tss@trialesecretary.com](mailto:tss@trialesecretary.com) ; Website: [www.bo-gee.com](http://www.bo-gee.com) .

Sept. 29-30; USDAA; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym & Inn; Manchester, NH; Closes: 9/17/12; Unlimited; Contact: 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), [usdaa.com](http://usdaa.com), [k9cpe.com](http://k9cpe.com), [nadac.com](http://nadac.com), [www.trialesecretary.com](http://www.trialesecretary.com), [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) and various other sources.

## Agility Fun Match

at Everything Canine  
at The Champlain Valley Expo

Essex Jct. VT

Sunday, July 22

Standard 9am - noon

Tunnelers 1 - 3

Food & Treats Allowed in Ring

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