



NOMAD NEWS

Northern Magic Agility Dogs

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2015

CAMP NOMAD 2015

May 29–31, 2015, Stowe, VT at Trapp Family Lodge

INSTRUCTORS: LO BAKER and AMANDA SHYNE

NOMAD is once again sponsoring a 3-day agility camp with two world-class agility instructors. This is a great, convenient camp to attend! You will learn from the best while having fun with your NOMAD friends.

Schedule and Topics

Pre-Novice/Novice Friday 1-5; 2 groups of 5 teams each

Novice/Intermediate Saturday and Sunday. 8:30-5. 10 teams

Intermediate/Advanced Saturday and Sunday. 8:30-5. 10 teams

Each Saturday/Sunday group will have a full day with each instructor—with a 45 minute lunch break. Topics likely to be covered during working sessions: jump training, contacts, table, weaves, handling techniques: crosses, footwork, technical patterns: pinwheel, box, threadle, pull-through, serpentine, course analysis and coursework

Lunches and dinners are on your own. Campers are encouraged to bring drinks and hors d'oeuvres to share after the Saturday afternoon session. Complimentary Trapp lager will be available

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

Lauri Baker was introduced to agility with her Golden Retriever in 1988. She has been hooked ever since. She has been a high level competitor and trainer for many years and teaching for the past 23 years.

To her students and friends, she is known simply as Lo, and is appreciated for her amazing eye for detail and ability to spot things others miss. Since both dogs and handlers come in all shapes and sizes, she appreciates each unique team, and is skilled in helping them achieve their best. She takes pride in making sure that the TEAM is having FUN !!!!

Lo is very proud of training all of her dogs with their very different personalities. Her two Cattle Dogs that have since passed on had amazing careers. Kava was the #1 Cattle Dog in the country and Reef earned her Championship. Her two Border Collies, Perk and Tony, have earned many titles at the National level, and both of them have placed on the podium in both Steeplechase and Grand Prix. Her newest dog, a Border Collie named Push, made his debut in 2013 and is on his way to an amazing career with many wins in Masters at the local level.

Lo has become a highly sought after seminar and camp presenter. Nothing gives Lo more joy than seeing her students succeed. She is honored that so many people share their amazing dogs with her.

Amanda Shyne has been competing in dog agility for 10 years. She and her Border Collie Dilly were the 2007 and 2009 USDAA Northeast Regional Grand Prix of Dog Agility winners in the 22" class. The team was also a USDAA Dog Agility Steeplechase finalist at the Cynosport World Games in 2008 and 2009, and a USDAA Grand Prix of Dog Agility finalist at the World Games in 2007, 2008, and 2009, placing 3rd in 2008. At the 2010 AKC National Agility Championships, Amanda and Dilly won the AKC International Jumpers class and the combined International Jumpers/Standard class. And Dilly and Amanda won the Performance Grand Prix at regionals last summer

Amanda is a tenured professor of Psychology at Bridgewater State University in Massachusetts and teaches classes in statistics, learning, dog evolution, and animal behavior. She is a frequent agility seminar presenter and can be contacted at amandashyne@gmail.com.

Cost

Cost for Working Members

Friday afternoon: \$131 (4 hours for 5 teams)

Saturday and Sunday: each \$131 (7 hours for 10 teams) \$262 for 2 days

Cost for Supporting Members, Non-members and new members who have not put in their 20 hours

Friday afternoon: \$183

Saturday and Sunday: \$183. \$366 for 2 days

Free auditing for NOMAD members

People may share the weekend days and need to organize it themselves, with each taking a full day at the same level.

Cost includes Tom Williams' conditioning session.

Opening date: March 2, 2015.

Closing date: April 1.

Open to non-members: April 7.

Registration & Payment Policies

Registration forms are also available at http://www.nomadagility.com/?page_id=13 under NOMAD Events> Camp NOMAD

Payment Policy: A \$100 deposit is required with your registration to reserve a spot. The balance of the camp fee is due by May 1st and will be deposited soon after May 1. No refunds will be given for withdrawals from camp after the closing date of April 1 unless the working slot is filled by another team or you have a bitch who comes in season.

If you have registered and find you cannot attend and there is no waiting list, it will be your responsibility to find someone at the appropriate level for the assigned group to fill your spot in order for you to receive a refund. Please check to see if there is a waiting list before giving your spot away.

Registrants will get a place in Camp based on the order of postmark, beginning with March 2, 2015. All registrations received before March 2 will be considered postmarked on March 2. If we receive 20 or fewer registrations postmarked March 2 or earlier, they will get a spot in the workshop.

If we receive more than 20 registrations postmarked March 2 or earlier, they will be accepted in this order of priority:

First: Working members in 2014.

Second: Supporting members in 2014 (which includes new members who have not worked their 20 hours).

Third: Any working member wishing to take a second session.

Forth: Any working member wishing to take a third session.

Fifth: Anyone who is not a NOMAD member.

If there is a tie for the last spot in Camp, the spot will be filled by a drawing.

Registrations postmarked after March 2 and before April 1 will be accepted in order of postmark.

If we go over our limit of 20 on any one postmark day, registrations will be accepted this way: All registrations postmarked before that day will have a spot in the workshop. All registrations postmarked on the day we go over 20 will be accepted in the order of priority listed above.

Full refund if you withdraw before April 1.

Registrations will be available to non-members on April 7, if any vacancies exist.

Send your registration form and payment in full to:

Pam Patunoff, 172 Winterbottom Road, St. George VT 05495.

Questions? Contact Pam at bremar@gmavt.net

CAMP NOMAD REGISTRATION FORM

Handler: _____

Email: _____

Working or Supporting Membership _____

Dog Name: _____

Skill Level, circle one: Pre-Novice/Novice, Beginner/Intermediate or Intermediate/Advanced,

I am sharing a slot with: _____

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

Balance is due by May 1.

(Please Note: checks will not be deposited until soon after May 1).

If your name is not printed on the check, please attach a post-it with your name.

WAIVER, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS

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 _____

Printed name: _____

SEE PAGE 3 FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CAMP.

Please be aware of Camp Rules

- No talking among participants while the instructor is teaching.
- If your dog barks ringside, please crate away from the activity.
- 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, one dog per day, but your alternate dog must be at or above the level of the dog you registered for camp. Only one dog per handler may be worked each day.
- Practicing during off hours is not allowed in the working rings. The equipment is available to the instructors in off hours.
- 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. There are flush toilets. The camping fee is \$15 per night, payable to the Trapp Family Lodge. Please pay Lynne von Trapp during camp.

HOTELS: Please check prices when you call. Mention NOMAD for a discount.

Commodore's Inn 800-447-8693, 802-253-7131, Pond, restaurant

Hob Nob Inn 802-253-8549, Restaurant, pool, 10 acres.

Innsbruck Inn 800-225-8582, 802-253-8582. Early breakfast included.

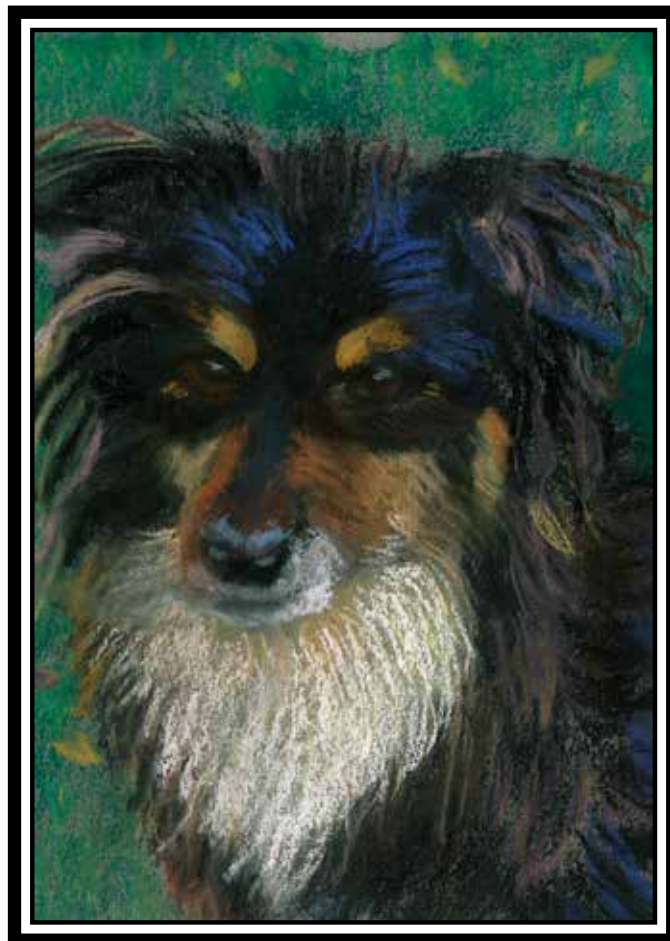
Mountaineer 802-253-7525 Indoor pool, hot tub for 20, on river.

Northern Lights Lodge 800-955-4455 802-253-8541. Singles to apts. Comp breakfast, wifi, pools, 5.5 acres on river.

Stowe Motel 802-253-7629 2 pets/room, early Breakfast included.

Trapp Family Lodge Camp host. 800-826-7000 802-253-8511. Pools, ponds, hiking trails, restaurants, wifi.

Goldbrook Campground 802-253-7683 Full hook-ups, pool, river, cable, wifi.



TOBY, pastel by Sarah Albert



GONE A YEAR

by Pat Nolin

You have been gone a year.
I wish you were here.
Twelve years together.
I will miss you forever.
I look at your place.
I wish I could see your face.
I close my eyes and see you at the bridge.
I see you run.
I see you and Cleo having fun.
By now you have met Ben and Willie, Rhubarb and Darby.
All the family tree.
I know you are running and playing with glee.
But I wish you were all here with me.
Can't wait to see you again.
Miss you so much my friend.

Weekend Workshops with Tara Baggerman

Saturday & Sunday, February 21 & 22

Saturday, February 21

8 A.M. – noon ~ Advanced/ Masters Foundations

This workshop is designed for the seasoned agility team who may have "holes" in their foundation training. Emphasis will be on acceleration and deceleration education, balance of drive building and impulse control games, and circle work.

1 – 5 P.M. ~ Novice Foundations

Separate from his equipment training, Fido should have a strong education in what your movements and positions mean. Learn the steps to teach your dog to turn when you turn; run straight and fast when you run; and come driving back to you for tight turns. Also included: tricks and games for developing physical coordination and impulse control. Appropriate for puppies and dogs of any age.

Sunday, February 22

8 A.M. – noon ~ Pre-Competition

Pick Up the Patterns! 180's, Boxes, Pinwheels... oh my! There are certain handling shapes that all agility teams must be familiar with... heck, judges are going to test your training of these patterns time and time again. In this workshop you will learn to identify these popular course patterns and gain the skill sets to handle them with confidence.

Requirements: Dogs must be able to do several jumps and tunnels in a row.

1 – 5 P.M. ~ Advanced/ Masters Handling

This workshop will present sequences appropriate for Advanced- and Masters-level participants using jumps, tunnels, and weaves. The emphasis will be on understanding and perfecting timing of cues for the dog and using maneuvers most appropriate to each team.

Each workshop is limited to five working teams.

\$90 per team for working NOMAD Members; \$125 per team for supporting NOMAD Members;

\$125 per team for non-members; NOMAD members may audit for free; \$25 for non-member auditors.

Registration opens on January 12 for working and supporting members.

Registration opens on February 2 for non-members. Registration closes on February 14, 2015.

Weekend Workshops Information & Policies are available at: <http://www.nomadagility.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Weekend-Workshops-Information.pdf>

Please send separate registration forms and checks for each session you would like to attend. Please indicate your session priority by writing a number (1, 2, 3, 4) in the box next to a session.

Complete the registration form below and return with full payment to secure your enrollment.

No refunds made after February 14, 2015. Make checks payable to NOMAD.

Mail your check and registration form to: Dale Healy, PO Box 6, Jericho, VT, 05465

Questions??? Contact Dale Healy, sithean@comcast.net.

Saturday, February 21

8 A.M. – noon ~ Advanced/ Masters Foundations

1 – 5 P.M. ~ Novice Foundations

What do you hope to learn in your workshop?

Sunday, February 22

8 A.M. – noon ~ Pre-competition

1 – 5 P.M. ~ Advanced/ Masters Handling

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State & Zip: _____

Dog's Name: _____ Dog's Age: _____

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Signature: _____ Date _____

Printed name: _____

WEEKEND WORKSHOPS INFORMATION & POLICIES

Tara Baggerman – February 21 & 22, 2015

Wildwood Barn, Waterbury Center

Directions to the site are available at:

<http://www.nomadagility.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Directions-to-Wildwood-Barn.pdf>

SCHEDULE

Weekend Workshops will be comprised of four sessions with five teams per session, for a total of 20 working teams. There will be three skill levels: Novice Pre-Competition, for Novice dogs doing full-height contacts and weaves; Pre-Novice Foundations, for dogs just getting started in agility, and Intermediate/Advanced, for teams competing in advanced/open or masters levels. Each session will be four hours. The schedule for the weekend with Tara Baggerman is as follows:

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8 A.M. – noon ~ Advanced / Masters Foundations

1 – 5 P.M. ~ Novice Foundations

Sunday, February 22, 2015

8 A.M. – noon ~ Pre-Competition

1 – 5 P.M. ~ Advanced / Masters Handling

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT POLICIES

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If there is a tie for the last spot in a Weekend Workshop, the spot will be filled by a drawing.

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BRAGS

Recent BARK trial. Team Standard.

Lynne and Brill

Current Placements		
22010	Wicked	30.99
22021	Brill	33.84
22018	Tuuli	34.17
22002	Tony	34.21
22007	Charlie	37.74
Current Qualifying Cutoff for 22": 37.95		
26001	Wik	38.91
26003	Play	41.22
Current Qualifying Cutoff for 26": 50.49		

Jan 2-4 Bark NH USDAOA trial

Maxine Holmes and Sundancer

12" Ch M. Challenge Jumpers ____ Q & 1st
12" Ch. Steeplechase _____ Q & 2nd
12" Steeplechase _____ 1st & \$\$\$
1/3/15:
12" Ch.M. Jumpers _____ Q & 3rd
12" Ch. M. Gamblers _____ Q & 1st
12" Ch. M. Challenge Standard ____ Q & 3rd
12" Ch. M. Standard _____ E
1/4/15:
12" GP Qualifier _____ E
12" Ch. M. Standard _____ E

Lisa Barrett and Giddy-up

8" Perf M Challenge Jumpers ____ 1st and Q
8" Perf Speed Jumping Rd 1 ____ 1st and Q
8" Perf Speed Jumping Rd 2 _____ 3rd
due to handler error
8" PVP Snooker _____ 1st and Q
8" PVP Jumpers _____ 1st and Q
8" Perf M Challenge Standard _ 2nd and Q
(another small handler error)
8" PVP Gamblers _____ 2nd and Q
(Christine beat us with her Corgi, Peter
Wabbit)
8" PVP Standard _____ 1st and Q
Performance Versatility Pairs, all heights,
teamed with Christine and Peter _____
3rd and Q (would have been 1st except for a
BIG 150-point mistake on my part in the relay)

USDAOA INTRODUCTORY TRIALS

Does your green dog need some trial experience in an atmosphere that isn't overwhelming? Intro Trials are designed to meet that need. Does your experienced dog's performance deteriorate at trials? Brush up on those skills and surprise the dog with a toy in a trial atmosphere!

NOMAD is holding four (three still to come) USDAOA Introductory Trials at Wildwood Farm in Waterbury Center. The trials will be held from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on January 25, February 15 and March 8, 2014.

Kit Erskine will design the courses and be the friendly, supportive judge in all four trials. Entry forms and test schedules will be available under Event Calendars at USDAOA.com and NOMADagility.com.

Intro trials offer straightforward courses, your choice of jump heights and A-Frame heights from extra-low to high, an informal, supportive atmosphere, and lots of fun. Ask someone who has attended an Intro Trial in the past!

For handlers who want to train in the ring and reward with toys, dogs can be entered FEO ("For Exhibition Only"). Less experienced dogs and handlers can run for Intro Qs, rosettes, and titles. Most of our Intro Trials have only 10 to 15 dogs in each of four classes. The smallness of the trials creates a very informal atmosphere which can create a great experience for everyone.

Any dog that is at least 14 months old can enter these trials. Entries close about a week before the trial date.

We can use as many volunteers as we can get. Come see what Intro Trials are like and help us gate, time, scribe, build courses and set bars.

If you have any questions about these trials, email Lisa Barrett at mytmutts@yahoo.com.

NOMAD's Steering Committee

Contact them if you have questions or suggestions.

President: Lisa Marcus, lisamarcus@comcast.net

Vice-President: Judy Frey, rjfrey2@yahoo.com

Treasurer: Linda Ladd, vtladds@comcast.net

Secretary: Sarah Albert, sarah@vtlink.net

Members at Large

Jen Hammond, hammondjal@gmavt.net

Marty Abair, corgitown@yahoo.com

Kelley Trombley, kelly@therunningdog.net

NEW SUPPORTING MEMBER

Her name is **Becca Reggio**.

Becca has a 2 year old Swedish Vallhund named **Cora**.

Her address is P.O. Box 399, Morrisville, VT 05661. Her email is: becreg@gmail.com

Her phone number is 888-8836.

NEW DOG

Please welcome **Lisa Marcus'** young Cavalier **Rogue**. She is 18 months old and is now another young NOMAD agility star in training.

<http://nomadagility.com>

2015 Winter Practice at Wildwood Barn

Spectator Observations on Agility

January

	9 – 11:15 A.M.	11:30 A.M. – 2 P.M.
3	Skills Practice	League
10	Amanda Shyne Weekend Workshop	
17	Skills Practice	League
24	Skills Practice	League
31	Skills Practice	League

February

7	Skills Practice (Novice)	League
14	Skills Practice	League or Run Thrus
21	Tara Baggerman Weekend Workshop	
28	Skills Practice	Run Thrus

March

7	Skills Practice (Novice)	Run Thrus
14	Skills Practice	Run Thrus
21	Skills Practice Workshop	
28	Skills Practice	Run Thrus

April

4	Skills Practice (Novice)	Run Thrus
11	Amanda Shyne Seminar	
18	TBD	

The fee is \$10/team for Skills Practice, League drop-ins, and Run Thrus. Teams that want to do skills practice with more than one dog in the ring meet from 9-11:15am. Teams that want to do course practice with one dog in the ring at a time meet from 11:30am-2pm. Directions to Wildwood Barn are at [HYPERLINK "http://www.nomadagility.com/?page_id=17"](http://www.nomadagility.com/?page_id=17)

I love to watch people who run their dogs quietly and without the flailing of arms.

I hate seeing dogs so over the top that they have no regard for their handlers' direction or their own safety

I love seeing dogs overcome their handler's challenges

I hate seeing people take their dogs off the course when the mistake was clearly their own.

I love to see handlers who have struggled before, finally handle their dogs with confidence and know how.

I hate seeing people beg their dogs to go down or sit especially when the dogs are super fast and super skilled in the hard stuff-like weave poles.

I love watching the wide ranges of ages of the handlers-from teens to grandmothers and grandfathers.

I hate watching overweight dogs trying to go over jumps and A-frames.

I love watching dogs with zoomies-they are so much fun-when they don't belong to you.

I hate when people don't go to the line and keep everyone waiting.

I love watching courses being built immediately after the last dog performs.

I hate it watching trial-giving club members ask exhibitors nicely to do something and they are deliberately ignored.

I love watching people's faces when they pick up their ribbons and toys.

I hate watching everyone disappear after the last dog in the trial runs as if all the work is done

I love seeing the empty building again and knowing that it is another trial successfully completed.

*from yahoo.com/group/AgilityPoodle/post;
via Judy Kessler*