

NOMAD NEWS

Northern Magic Agility Dogs

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2017

CAMP NOMAD 2017

June 3 & 4, 2017, Farris Field, Waterbury VT

INSTRUCTORS: LAURA DOLAN and MONIQUE PLINCK

NOMAD is once again sponsoring a 2-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

Saturday 9-5: Novice/Intermediate with Monique Plinck. 10 teams.

Saturday 9-5: Advanced/Masters with Laura Dolan. 10 teams.

Sunday 9-5: Novice/Intermediate with Laura Dolan. 10 teams.

Sunday 9-5: Advanced/Masters with Monique Plinck. 10 teams.

Each Saturday/Sunday group will have a full day with one instructor with a one hour lunch break.

Lunches and dinners are on your own.

Format

Campers sign up for the weekend. There are TEN people in each group each day. Each group of ten works with one instructor each day. Then switches rings and instructors for the next day.

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

Laura Dolan has been involved in agility since 1995 (wow 20 years!). She's had the privilege to be taught by 4 of the best dogs. First was a sheltie named Willie who started agility at the age of 7. He was so patient with Laura's huge learning curve and such an honest partner. Her next agility teammate was another sheltie Remi (Race's great Aunt). Remi brought Laura to the next level in handling and the agility adventure competing at the national (placing in multiple regional and national events) and international levels. Remi represented the US in 2005 on the AKC World Team in Valladolid Spain.

In 2004, She got her first border collie Dash. He is a big, long strided BC who can worry a bit especially at trials. At 11 years old, he continues to teach Laura that every dog is different. Each dog may need to learn at their pace and in their own way. A great trainer finds the best in each dog.

And last but certainly not least is RacerX. This little sheltie loves agility and gives 100% all the time. Race has accomplished so much in his 6 years. 2012 AKC 12" National Champion and multiple National Titles in both USDAA and UKI's US Open. He has represented the US in two World Team competition (2012 & 2015) as well as at the 2014 European Open in Belgium. In 2015 at the AKC World Team Tryouts, Race won all four rounds.

In addition to agility, Laura is a wife and mother of 2 teen-aged kids. Caroline, 18 who is a freshman at the University of Massachusetts and Jason, 16 who is sophomore in high school. She believes her family does a great job of keeping me grounded and focused on what is important in life.

Monique Plinck has 17 years of agility training and 5 competitive dogs to her credit and she has taught the sport of dog agility to hundreds of enthusiasts. Methods of training and training theories have changed and she has been there to learn all of them. She has trained with the best in the World including World team members Jen Pinder, Linda Mecklenburg, Dana Pike, Karen Holik, Stacy Peardot-Goudy, Mary Ellen Barry, Sylvia Trkman and Sylvain Jacquemin. Janita Leinonen & Jaakko Suoknuuti and their One Mind Dog agility handling system have had a major influence on her training style. Monique's own dogs have provided many lessons in patience, perseverance and understanding of canine behavior; while her own physical setbacks have granted her a greater understanding of humility, patience and determination. She and her papillon Tiki have run in both Steeplechase and GP finals at USDAA Nationals and just last year represented the US at the World Agility Open in Belgium. They have qualified for USDAA semi finals in Steeplechase and GP this year with podium placements in both at the NE Regionals.

Cost

Cost for Members

Saturday and Sunday: \$250 for 2 days

Cost for Non-members

Saturday and Sunday: \$300 for 2 days

Free auditing for NOMAD members

This is a TWO day package.

Opening date for NOMAD members: March 27, 2017.

Open to non-members: April 17.

Closing date: May 8.

Registration & Payment Policies

Registration forms will also be 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 15 and will be deposited soon after May 15. No refunds will be given for withdrawals from camp after the closing date of May 8 unless the working slot is filled by another team.

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 27, 2017. All registrations received before March 27 will be considered postmarked on March 27. If we receive 20 or fewer registrations postmarked March 27 or earlier, they will get a spot in the workshop.

If we receive more than 20 registrations postmarked March 27 or earlier, they will be accepted in this order of priority:

First: Members in 2016.

Second: New members in 2017.

Third: 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 27 and before May 8 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 May 8.

Registrations will be available to non-members on April 17, if any vacancies exist.

Send your registration form and \$100 deposit to:

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

Questions? Contact Pam at bremar@gmavt.net

CAMP NOMAD REGISTRATION FORM

Handler: _____

Email: _____

Dog Name: _____

Skill Level, circle one:

Novice/Intermediate or Advanced/Masters

Include Deposit of \$100

Checks payable to NOMAD

Balance is due by May 15.

(Please Note: checks will not be deposited until soon after May 15).

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: _____

Send your registration form and \$100 deposit to:

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

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 near the rings except when working. No Flexis.
- 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.

HOTELS:

Stowe Cabins in the Woods, Waterbury, 802-244-8533

Grunberg Haus B&B Inn And Cabins, Waterbury, 802-244-7726

Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe (802) 253-8511, 14.3 miles from Camp site

Northern Lights Lodge, Stowe (802) 253-8541 15.8 miles from Camp site

Gables Inn, Stowe (802) 253-7730 13.4 miles from Camp site

The Mountaineer Inn, Stowe (802) 253-7525 14.7 miles from Camp site

Stowe Inn, Stowe (802) 253-4030 12.1 miles from Camp site

Commodores Inn, Stowe (802) 253-7131 11.1 miles from Camp site

Innsbruck Inn, Stowe (802) 253-8582 15.7 miles from Camp site

Stowe Motel, Stowe (802) 253-7629 13.4 miles from Camp site

Hob Knob Inn, Stowe (802) 253-8549 13.7 miles from Camp site

Hilltop Inn, Montpelier (800) 916-4339 17.6 miles from Camp site

Quality Inn, Barre, (802) 476-6678 21.7 miles from Camp site

A few Dog Friendly Hotels in Williston & S. Burlington (not far)

La Quinta Inn & Suites, S. Burlington, (802) 865-3400

Towne Place Suites by Marriott, Williston, (802) 872-5900

Double Tree by Hilton, S. Burlington, (802) 658-0250

Green Mountain Suites, S. Burlington (802) 860-1212

CAMPING:

Little River State Park, 3444 Little River Rd., Waterbury, Vermont 05676 Park Phone: 802-244-7103 RV and Tent camping. 5.2 miles from Camp site

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

DIRECTIONS:

Take exit 10 (Waterbury/Stowe) off I-89, turn onto Route 100 South.

At roundabout keep right onto Route 2 West, continue on Route 2 West for 2 miles. Camp site is located on the left in the field behind the Waterbury Flea Market (2201 Bolton Road).

Feb 19, 2017 Seminar Committee Minutes

Present: Kit, Abby, Pam, Caroline, Lynne, Judy and Dale

Pam gave us an update on registrations for the Karen Holik seminar April 15 & 16, 2017. The Novice/Advanced seminar on Saturday is full and there is one opening in Master's seminar on Sunday.

We decided to wait on the discussion of "jobs" for the seminar. An email will go out to the committee members to ask for volunteers.

Camp

We have two wonderful instructors for Camp this year. Laura Dolan and Monique Plinck.

We will be at Farris Field in Waterbury. Friday afternoon set up (time to be determined) and Camp Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The rental of Farris Field includes a big tent and port-a-let.

The format will be 2 full days. There will be 10 working teams per instructor each day. The teams will work with one instructor one day and then the other instructor the next day. Camp will be a "two day experience". We will have Novice/ Advanced and Advanced/Masters.

The fee for members will be \$250 and for non-members \$300

Pam will again take reservations for Camp. Caroline will get all of the information into the March newsletter.

Registration will open for members on March 27, 2017. Registration will open for non-members on April 17th and registrations will close on May 8th.

Lynne has graciously offered to host the instructors.

We discussed having a "social gathering" at Camp. The possibilities discussed were either Saturday evening or lunches each day during camp. We decided that we would wait to make that decision once registrations are closed. We would then poll the people who would be attending Camp and make the decision based on what the attendees would like to do.

Leaving this decision until later also means that a decision on what to do about lunches, if needed, will also have to be made at that time.

New Human Members

Please welcome a new working NOMAD member, **Christine (Dede) LaRow** from Morrisville. Dede's agility partner is **Xander**, a 3 year old Australian Shepherd. They are also a certified Therapy Dogs of VT team. Dede is interested in working on the seminar committee and Outreach/Jr Handler. Welcome to NOMAD Dede and Xander.

NOMAD has three new supporting members! **Robin Magee** and her agility partners **Synchrony** and **Sprint**. Both boys are Australian Shepards, Sprint is 6 and Synchrony is 1. Robin is not new to agility. She has trained multiple dogs and has achieved A MACH, PACH and 2 ATCHs. Please welcome Robin and her boys to NOMAD

Please welcome - or I should say welcome back - to **Susan Pietricola**. Her two agility partners are **Gryffin**, a 9.5 year old Pembroke Welsh Corgi and **Thisby** who is 2 and also a Pembroke Welsh Corgi. Welcome back Susan!

New Dog Members

NOMAD has two new dog members.

Tatjana Salcedo's Freyja. Freyja is a Siberian Husky who is 14 months old. She and Tatjana have been training since Freyja was 12 weeks old. Welcome Freyja!

Please welcome **Marty Abair's** young girl **Maddie**. Maddie is an 18 month old Shetland Sheepdog. Maddie and Marty have been in training for 15 months now. Welcome Maddie!

