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Columbia Agility Team 2008 Board of Directors

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## NW Agility League

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CAT is pleased to again sponsor the NW Agility League for the 9<sup>th</sup> year, starting the week of October 27th and running through the week, ending Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. During this 7-week period we will run one Standard Agility Course and one Game Course each week, with teams competing for the highest cumulative score. The special category For Exhibition Only (see below) will again be featured.

League teams are made up of four dogs/handlers, each dog jumping at the height of their choice. To join the league a handler must have entered an agility trial and the dog must be able to do all obstacles safely (see For Exhibition Only exceptions, below). This is a great way to bring on a new dog or if you are just starting, meet other club members. This will help you get started in agility and of course, if you are an old hand, have some agility fun and help beginners. To form a team, one of the two originating team members must have, at some time, handled a dog at a high level of any agility sanctioning organization. The remaining 2 team members will be drawn at random from a list of participants that want to be on a team.

The rules and fault system are especially designed for league play, the best three out of four runs will count for the team score in Standard and Games. If you have a poor run, it will be dropped from the team's total. Standard courses are taken from all venues and designed for the Intermediate level, the ideas for Games are taken from various sources. The courses, rules, forms, etc. will be posted on CAT's web site, allowing participants to review and practice the courses, although practice is not allowed on the actual course, the day of the event. We will be using a special "announcements only" email list, to keep everyone informed on scores and any updated information. You will be automatically subscribed to the list at registration, unless you choose not to, and the list will be terminated at the end of league.

For Exhibition Only, any handler may enter the league on a space available basis and may or may not have previously entered a trial. Exhibition handlers will run as individuals and the dogs will not be judged or scored. The dog should be able to perform all obstacles safely or may skip an obstacle. All other league rules apply

Scheduled locations, days and time are subject to change. If you have questions or suggestions, contact [Dwight@TheCashes.com](mailto:Dwight@TheCashes.com)

This is old news by now for those of us who are participating in league...Catalyst was started early but finished late awaiting other news. Good luck to leaguers!

#### **CAT's Wilsonville Barn**

**Tuesday** 10AM to Noon, 5 teams 20 handlers  
**October 28 to Dec. 9, 2008**  
**Saturday** 9AM to 11AM, 6 teams 24 handlers  
**November 1 to Dec. 13, 2008**

#### **CAT's Forest Grove Barn**

**Friday** 7PM to 9PM, 5 teams 20 handlers **October 31 to Dec. 12, 2008**

#### **Mary Crittendon's Barn in Vancouver**

**Friday** 7PM to 9 PM, 6 teams 24 handlers **October 31 to Dec. 12, 2008**

#### **Cash's Arena in Sherwood**

**Thursday** 10AM to Noon, 5 teams 20 handlers  
**October 30 to Dec. 11, 2008**  
**Thursday** 7PM to 9PM, 5 teams 20 handlers  
**October 30 to Dec. 11, 2008**

### EVENTS

CAT sponsored agility trials are finished for the year, but take a look at the CAT calendar of events...there is a lot of agility out there for the remainder of the year.

And don't forget to check the CAT web site for the results of the Northwest Cup for 2008. It was a great trial with much hard work and happy results for many CAT members.

## SEMINARS.....SEMINARS

**CAT will be putting on two seminars in 2009. We hope to have a two day seminar in spring and have already scheduled Susan Perry for Friday September 4<sup>th</sup> which is the day before the annual Columbia Cup. This event will fall on Labor Day weekend next year so everyone can enjoy the seminar, the fun filled Columbia Cup and have Monday off to recover.**

**We are looking to club members for suggestions regarding trainers you would enjoy seeing for a spring or early summer seminar. Please email me and tell me about some of your favorite trainers and contact information for them if you happen to have such. We do not plan to bring in anyone who regularly comes to any of our local trainers.**

**CAT is committed to making both seminars affordable for everyone and you will be able to use your CAT Bucks, how great is that??**

**I look forward to seeing lots of suggestions in my in-box soon.**

**Pat Weinkauff**

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### NADAC At Gold Beach

In August we took a 12 day vacation to Gold Beach OR to attend back to back Fun-Raiser weekends with a distance seminar during the week. Amanda Nelson brought her impressive distance skills and worked two days with novice/beginner teams and two days with advanced teams. What great fun to see dogs and their handlers figure out that they can work such amazing distances yet still maintain their team work.

The Fun-Raisers are generally smaller trials with everyone working, cheering and encouraging one another throughout the day. Each day ended early with lots of time for beach play and enjoying the quaint little town of Gold Beach. There is plenty to do for spouses and friends too with boat trips on the Rogue River, great fishing and some nice restaurants. And the weather was unbelievable with sun and temperatures between 70-75 each and every day. It might take awhile to get to Gold Beach from the Portland area but definitely worth the trip!

The highlight of the vacation for myself was seeing Quinn earn his 4<sup>th</sup> NATCH on his ninth birthday. Way to go Quinn!! All in all, we came home with 21 Qualifying ribbons and some great memories.

Pat Weinkauff

# Columbia Agility Team Holiday Party

December 14, 2008

4:00PM Appetizers 5:00PM Dinner

Wilsonville Holiday Inn

25425 SW 95<sup>TH</sup> Avenue ~ Wilsonville, OR 97070

Please enter your information below:

Member

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Ad-

dress \_\_\_\_\_

*Pricing as follows:*

\$10.00 - Members (per person)

\$15.00 - Non-Members (per person)

\$5.00 - Kids 12 & under

**Bring a canned/non-perishable food item(s) for donation to chosen charity!**

*Holiday Dinner Menu Selection*

*Choose your meal choice(s) from below:*

### **Prime Rib of Beef**

*Served Au jus and Horseradish*

*Mashed Potatoes*

Enter qty: Member \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_

### **Northwest Salmon**

*With Cranberry Coulis*

*Wild Mushroom Risotto*

Enter qty: Member \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_

### **Ratatouille (vegetarian)**

*With Polenta Cakes*

Enter qty: Member \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_

*Each dinner above includes the following:*

*Baby Spinach with Feta w/Red Wine Vinaigrette*

*Assorted Rolls & Butter*

*Pumpkin Cheesecake or Fudge Marble Cake*

*Coffee Service and Iced Tea*

### **Chicken Strips, Fries**

*and Cold Veggies with Ranch Dip*

Check here for your selection \_\_\_\_\_ 12 & under please

Please return your order sheet and check payable to: **COLUMBIA AGILITY TEAM to:**

**DEADLINE TO RESERVE YOUR MEAL IS DECEMBER 6, 2008**

CAT/Janelle Jeli

PO Box 1325

Wilsonville OR 97070

**Remember your \$10.00 gift for the gift exchange - bring a great dog gift.**

Check enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Questions email: majikj2000@aol.com

**Please also bring canned food, either for human or canine consumption for a those in need this holiday**

Cat members spent some time in September involved in public events, providing a chance for non-agility participants to learn something about the sport. Fortunately, those involved took photos for us all to enjoy. Pam Brown was asked by Radio Disney to set up an agility demonstration at Laurelhurst Park as a part of their own event. Jim Hibbard kindly arranged to bring some basic agility equipment and the club members who attended help set up a ring with park fencing on the grass of the dog off-leash area. It was a lot of fun for those of us involved, allowing for new dogs to try some runs and some older dogs to enjoy a day out in the sun. A few daring souls stopped with their own dogs to try out the equipment and see how they liked it.



September 21, 2008

Yesterday our club had the honor of doing another demo/ confidence course for the Hillsboro Police Department.

When Steve and I were getting things packed in the van and the exhaustion of a full day of work was with me, I was wondering in my mind why am I crazy enough to continue putting what energy that remains in doing yet another confidence course.

The day started early with 4 of us setting fences and preparing the course. As all of you know that have helped setting and moving equipment, you are tired and dirty before you even see your first excited confidence course "victim".

I learned about agility from a confidence course. It never dawned on me how the equipment got there or who set up the courses. Now a veteran at it, I so appreciate the work those people went through to teach me and my dog about the sport.

We got to play on the equipment before we started the confidence course. Timothy was the "ringer" dog to get people interested. Bringing people over with his fast poles and excited bark when he had a "do over" when he dropped a bar.

We made about \$50 for the Hillsboro Police Canine unit. It was not a large amount, but every bit helps!

I now remember the reason I keep doing these projects! Every time a dog licked my face, not out of submission, but because they were having such a great time getting to play a new game, as if to thank us for letting them play on our toys.

The picture I am adding came from a mother that went home, putting the picture on a CD and brought it back to us. She thanked us over and over. She had thought her son's puppy was bored and now realized how much more they needed to do with her. The very best thing she could have said to me after a long day of crawling on my knees was that it really looked like we enjoyed what we were doing!

My gratitude goes to Mike Chapman, Jody Becher, and my understanding husband Steve Ware.



Kitty Ware and the young shepherd in the story