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## The objectives of the Columbia Agility Team:

- A. Support the sport of dog agility.
- B. Educate the members and the public about the sport of dog agility.
- C. Conduct training classes and informal and formal events associated with dog agility.
- D. Protect and advance the interests of dog agility by encouraging sportsman-like competition and responsible dog ownership.

## CAT Bucks Redemption Policy

Approved: May, 2007

Columbia Agility Team (CAT) policy for issuing and redeeming CAT Bucks: The following guidelines were reviewed and approved during the Board of Director's May meeting. No monetary change may be given when using a CAT Buck coupon. CAT Bucks of \$2.50 may be redeemed towards a lunch meal or Raffle at a CAT Agility Trial, or used for up to 10% for a CAT sponsored Agility Trial entry, a CAT sponsored Agility Seminar or CAT Barn Time. Unless authorized by the Board of Directors, the CAT Treasurer is the only person authorized to print CAT Bucks. CAT Bucks are good for up to four years after the date of printing and CAT Bucks over \$2.50 must be signed by issuer. CAT Bucks of large denominations can be used as in the past. CAT reserves the right to declare CAT Bucks non-redeemable at any time. A Board approved form will be used for CAT Bucks.

## **News and Views from the President**

### **Thanks to Matt Sachs**

Matt has retired from serving as the Catalyst editor and designer. Thank you, Matt, for all the hours you devoted to keeping us informed on club news. You did an excellent job in designing, printing, and mailing.

### **Introducing New Editor**

Our new Catalyst editor is **M'Lou Thompson**. M'Lou runs Baron and Crash, Belgian Tervuren so you may have seen her running her dogs. She serves on the board as an at-large-member and volunteered her skills to pick-up the job of editor when Matt stepped down. Thanks, M'Lou, it's a big job and greatly appreciated.

### **News From the Board**

Congratulations to **Barbara Persson** and **Dick Watson** for their excellent job in chairing the US-DAA Regional Trial and for a second year. And thanks to all the Cat members and prospective members for their work at the trial. Everyone seemed to enjoy their runs and the good weather. We also had our new lighter weight wing jumps for this trial. The jumps are all set for the 3 venues and do not require adjusting the cup heights after a show to get ready for the next venue.

Cat has 3 trials remaining in 2007. They are the **August CPE Trial and club picnic, the September NADAC Columbia Cup Trial and the October USDAA Trial**. Cat has always put on some of the best trials so come out and support Cat by working even if you are not running in that venue.

The board continues to meet monthly and deal with the many little details that allow the club to continue to run smoothly. They are a wonderful group of people to work with and make it a pleasure to serve with them. Now the calendar is set for 2008 and the new issue for the board is equipment related. There is a request for NADAC padding on contact equipment in the practice barns and the board is considering what kind of padding and how best to do it. The thought is a very thin padding and locking wheels for the A-frame making it easier to move. The wheels go under the frame when it is in place and will not hinder the dog or handler. If you have thoughts about this, please email or speak to a board member.

**Marilyn Watson**  
**CAT president**

### **Agility Calendar for 2008 Established, CAT Bucks Clarified**

On Sunday, May 20, 2007, CAT members at the Flying Pie Pizzeria voted to hold six agility trials in 2007: 2 USDAA, 2CPE and 2 NADAC. At the same time, the members agreed to release the January date at Clark County and change that venue to Canby.

CAT Bucks usage was clarified for 2008. No changes were made to the manner in which large buck denominations can be used. The \$2.50 bucks can be used as in the past, except that only ten % of an entry may be covered by CAT bucks. For non-members, use is only for food at the trials. Use of bucks will not change in 2007.

## 2008 CAT Agility Calendar

February NADAC

April CPE: 4/19-20, 2008

July USDAA

August CPE

September NADAC: (Columbia Cup) 9/6-7, 2008

October USDAA (NW Cup) 10/11-12

### HELP!

The following trials are in need of Trial Committees! There are plenty of folks to help mentor you, so if you have never done the job we can find someone to help you through it. Contact **Barbara Persson** at [barjor.net](mailto:barjor.net)

April CPE

September NADAC

August CPE

October USDAA

Filled Positions: Trial Chairs

February NADAC: **Karen McAlister**

July USDAA: **Barbara Persson**

### Summer Picnic and CPE Agility Trial

The Columbia Agility Team's summer picnic will be held at Wilsonville Memorial Park Forest Shelter following the Saturday CPE trial on August 18.

Food will include hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, veggie burgers, baked beans, corn on the cob, salads, cookies, pop, water, iced tea and condiments.

This is free to members; cost to non-members \$12, payable to Columbia Agility Team. **Pam Brown** is coordinating the event. RSVP [goingrving@comcast.net](mailto:goingrving@comcast.net)



### Holiday Party: Save the Date!

CAT Team Members & Guests: Save Sunday, December 16, 2007, 5:00pm for the CAT Team Holiday Party at the Wilsonville Holiday Inn Ballroom. More information will follow in the Autumn newsletter.

Send your pictures so they can be included in a slideshow! Email your pictures or questions to **Janelle Jeli** at [majikj2000@yahoo.com](mailto:majikj2000@yahoo.com).

## **10th Annual Northwest Cup**

2007 marked the 10th running of the Northwest Cup. The Northwest Cup is the USDAA alter-ego of the NADAC Columbia Cup. The Northwest Cup is awarded to the Championship Open (22" and above) and Mini (16" and below) and Performance Open (16" and above) and Mini (12" and below) that complete both regular runs with the least faults and highest speed in yards per second. Along the way, we also throw in the usual games plus the first Grand Prix/ Performance National Standard local qualifier of the year and a Steeplechase/ Performance Speed Jumping qualifier.

This year's Championship Division Winners were Venita Quella and Keeper in Open with 0 faults in 4.46 yds/seconds and in Mini, Richard Ford and Stevie Ray with 0 faults in 3.66 yds/seconds.

In Performance, winners were Daisy Peel and Fly in Open with 0 faults in 4.3 yds/seconds and Alison Warr and Spike with 0 faults, 4.17 yds/seconds.

Congratulations to the many other great performers. Details of all classes can be found on the CAT website under NEWS.