

Changing of the Guard/Editor..



Well the time has come for a change in the CATalyst. Two people stepped up at the last General Meeting and hopefully are up for the task. We will know in a couple of months with the next issue. At any rate it has been fun, challenging, and an enriching experience doing the CATalyst. I have a new appreciation for all the volunteer jobs not only here in the Columbia Agility Team but any volunteer organization.

I have to say one last thing. Thank you everyone who has given me kind words of encouragement (it's a tough job) and thanks - they did not go unnoticed and were truly appreciated.

Trish Greenstreet
CATalyst Editor

Volunteering..

I was asked by the board to include this in the CATalyst several months ago. Somehow I overlooked it in my e-mail inbox. This is a posting from the NADAC listserv and used by permission from the author Karen Hunter.

“You know, if you are running multiple dogs, then it is even MORE important that you volunteer. That's because you are taking up entry space that could be filled by TWO OR MORE people with just one dog each who could be volunteering..”

Let's look at the numbers:

One ring traditional trial, 4 runs (2 regular, 1 gamblers, 1 jumpers), and 3 levels (Novice, Open, and Elite)

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Practice Barn Info

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CAT Meetings and News

Here is the latest for Meeting Dates:

Board Meetings:

Dec 14, 7 PM
Elmer's Clackamas
16087 SE 82nd Dr
Clackamas, OR

General Meetings:

None at this time

**As always, more information
will be on the CAT website at**

www.columbiaagility.org



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January 2, 2005 at 5:30 PM

CAT Holiday Party

**Appetizers and Dinner
Awards — serious and silly
Timed-gamble gift exchange
(bring one dog related gift)
Members \$10, guests \$20,
kids under 12, \$8**

**Contact Wendy Ware for more
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What Some Agility Dogs Do in Their Spare Time

By Lisa Neusihin



Not only has our dog Levi had an 8-year career in agility, but also in his spare time, he is a committed Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT) dog. In 1998 Levi and Sasha were both certified as AAT dogs through the Dove Lewis Animal Assisted Therapy and Education (DLAATE) program. Levi and I have initially worked in hospice care but currently volunteer our time to the “Read to the Dogs” program at public libraries. This program helps children improve and gain confidence in their reading skills while Levi listens with a noncritical ear and provides the children with lots of hug and petting time. The children also want to make sure Levi sees every illustration in their book. Our other dog Sasha, initially volunteered her time at Doernbecher Children’s Hospital giving loving friendships to children with cancer and other chronic diseases. These days Sasha is “on call” for Levi should he call in sick. Sasha and Levi have also helped promote and support the DLAATE program by attending fundraisers wearing their bow tie and pearls and have been involved in research projects as well for the DLAATE program. Many diverse opportunities exist in the program and if that sounds at all interesting to you, contact Heather Toland, DLAATE Director, at 503-535-3391 ext.22 or e-mail her at htoland@dovelewis.org.

editor’s note:

I have recently learned after these personal stories were submitted, Levi has been diagnosed with hemangiosarcoma. So the next time you see Levi, give him a big hug and a biscuit because now it is Levi’s turn to receive some human-assisted therapy.

Levi getting and giving love



Levi encouraging a young reader



Brag

Congratulations!!!

Emma competed in her first AKC trial at the PAC Vancouver Lake trial on September 18 & 19, and walked away with 4 Q's, 3 firsts, 1 second (pesky wrong end of the tunnel) and a High in Trial for her Saturday Standard run. And in his first "real" trial (at German Shepherd Nationals, no less), Strider had 3 Q's, 2 2nd places, and 1 3rd place.

Barbara Persson

My Mick is on page 78 of this month's CLEAN RUN magazine!
Liz Dodge

Linda Friday's Emma has completed her training (along with Linda) and is now a certified Hope Crisis Response Dog. She and Linda will be available to respond to disaster call-outs to provide support to workers at the disaster site, along with victims. This is in addition to Emma's ongoing animal assisted therapy work. Needless to say, Linda is proud of Emma.

Submitted by Kent Reimers

CAT Rocks at USDAA Nationals!

(11/16/04) Taken from the CAT website

The setting was spectacular, the site was great, the organization was first class, the weather was beautiful, and the competition was HOT!! A number of CAT members made the trek to Scottsdale, AZ to compete in this year's



USDAA Nationals. They included Debbie Berkley, Kim James, Daisy Peel, Jim and Carol Hibbard, Hillary Hibbard, Kathy Stump, Annette Swartz, Barb White, Tammy Lundervold, Scotty MacNeil and his dad, Bruce, Jim and Shannon Willis and Marilyn and Y'r Obdn't Web Handler, Dick Watson (Apologies if I missed any one).

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September 19, 2004 General Meeting
Busters in Tigard

Called to order at 7:07 PM

Report of the President: Following Agenda and introduction of new and prospective members.

Report of the Vice President: Board Meetings; October 12 at Clackamas Elmers, November 16 at Garlic Onion, December 12 at Clackamas Elmers. General Meetings; September 19 at Busters in Tigard, October 24 at Delta Park Elmers, November 21 At Clackamas Elmers, no December meeting, January 2 At the Wilsonville Holiday Inn for the Holiday Party.

Report of the Secretary: There were several prospective members, many did not have membership sponsors, Lisa contacted Kathy McDaniel and the board voted them in this week via email. Since most of these people worked for Cheryl Huffman at the CPE fun match she has agreed to be listed as their sponsor, thank you Cheryl. The people voted in this week are Connie Fuller, Becky Robin, Judy Bluett, Barbara Lovre, Ann Potter, Linda Watkins and Maider Sarmiento, Welcome to CAT. Look under New Business for new Mentor Committee Program.

Report of the Treasurer: An account balance was given. The July trial is in the negative numbers, which is what the board expected.

Report of the Training Director: Classes start tomorrow. Not all of the classes are full.

Seminar Committee: Kathy Keats will be doing Performance Analysis February 19-20, 2005. Flyers are available, need to fill in your name and other pertinent information. Susan Salo will be coming back next July for hopefully several days to teach different levels.

Unfinished Business:

The St Helens prospective training barn was looked into by Kitty Ware. It has numerous beams running through the barn and it is not considered safe for people to be running through. All interested people looking for classes in the area will be referred to current trainers in that area.

Trial Review: The July trial has lost money which was expected, it is unclear of whether or not the nationals will be held here next year or not. It may not be until 2006. The Columbia Cup was a success; there was a minor competi-

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tor issue that was solved onsite. There was a computer program problem in figuring the winners. Lisa announced the winners at the meeting. Winners are posted on the website (columbiaagility.org) and they should contact Lisa Klein for receiving their award if merited. Barb Stone discussed at length the problems her and her team had. October USDAA Black CAT trail is open for entries, Barb White is the Chairperson. The CPE trial on November 6-7 will be held at Barb Whites barn in Turner, OR. People can send entries in with a pending number. Jim Hibbard and Cheryl Huffman will co-chair the USDAA NW Cup, Karla is the chair for the NADAC February trial and Lisa Klein is the chair for the NADAC May trial. Kitty brought up the idea of swapping the July USDAA trial with the Sept '05 Columbia Cup to avoid conflicts with Extreme Agility Teams trial which NADAC allowed this year but will not next year. We will see what happens with nationals before a decision is made about this.

Lisa Klein will be a vendor liaison for our trials. Since she is the liaison for Clark County Fairgrounds, which holds four of six trails per year, it would be easiest for vendors to contact her. Future chair people need to put vendors in touch with her please. Vendors will be asked to donate items for the worker or Cup raffles.

Trail Clean Up Crews: The board agrees to let people who chair an event to offer \$10 in CAT Bucks for people who stay to the very end of trials and help with putting away equipment and cleaning up the grounds.

New Business:

Members present at the meeting have agreed to form a Mentor Committee for prospective members who want to be CAT members. Due to several prospective members being temporarily declined at the last board meeting because of not having a sponsor listed on their sheets brought up the revival of the Mentor Committee. It is listed in the By-Laws that every prospective member must have a sponsor to verify that people are not abusive to their dogs or running a puppy mill or other such things. Cheryl Huffman has agreed to take on this responsibility again. We had one over a year ago but it has faded. Approximately 10 people have signed up for it at the meeting. These people will oversee prospective members and guide them through their first trial and getting to meetings and work assignments. Cheryl plus other volunteers along with Kathy McDaniel will meet to set a defined set of responsibilities and write a proposal for the board. Paige Pierce will be the liaison between the mentor program and the board. It was also suggested that people be required to do a work assignment first before they start an application so they can get to know us and we can get to know them.

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Board Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2004 Board Minutes
Garlic Onion

Called to order at 7:30 PM

The minutes from August board and general meetings were reviewed and approved.

Members present: Wendy Ware, Lisa Klein, Karla Forte, Kitty Ware, Janice Tsuchida and Barb Stone. Members absent: Matt Sachs, Paige Pierce and Mary Crittendon.

Report of the President: Wendy Ware presiding for Matt Sachs

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Report of the Secretary: There are several prospective members, many do not have membership sponsors, Lisa will contact Kathy McDaniel and the board will vote them in later this week via email if we can find a sponsor for them. For now the following people who have sponsors will be voted in: Amy Paynter, Linda Bellusmini, and Beth and John Hinshaw. Welcome to CAT. People voted in later this week will be listed in the general meeting minutes.

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Barb Stone will purchase new X-pens for training weave poles to the CAT students for use out a Larsen Barn as the old ones have "disappeared".

Janice Tsuchida will be stepping down from her position as Seminar Chairperson. She is looking for a new volunteer and will keep us posted. For now she will stay on the committee to tie up loose ends.

Northwest Agility League sign-ups have started at the Columbia Cup. Go to the website to sign up on your team, have fun! Thank you Dwight.

There is question of the Wilsonville barn manager moving far away, Lisa and Wendy will look into this to see if we need a replacement.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM

Respectfully Submitted by

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The Catalyst will probably end unless another volunteer is found. The issue is most of the information is listed on the website and the Catalyst is redundant. People however do like the personal articles written in the Catalyst. Carol Hibbard may look into another volunteer.

Tara Choate is hosting a USDAA Judging Clinic. This is for people who are already USDAA judges for re-certification. There are dates in August that are being considered for the “fun match” portion of the clinic and may take the place of the Cat picnic/fun match. People who are going for certification need be scored on judging dogs in which CAT would host a fun match to supply the judges with a lot of dogs.

Kitty Ware would like to clarify that all of the money made on the confidence courses that she puts on all goes to animal related charity. She charges \$2.00 per run.

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Northwest Agility League sign-ups have started at the Columbia Cup. Go to the website to sign up on your team, have fun! Sign up sheets were available during the general meeting. Besides CAT; RAT, WAG BAAD, RCA and a possible Montana group will also be participating. Thank you Dwight.

Many people did not like the surface of the A-Frames at the Columbia Cup. Dwight informed everyone that the paint was not the correct paint and did not have enough texture. The equipment will be repainted in the correct club colors before the February trial.

Dwight will purchase new electronic timers this week to have them in time for the Black CAT trial. The new timers will not need to be adjusted for

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different heights and can have two different tones so gamblers whistles would be different. This equipment will be able to be used with either jumps or tunnels and has all the latest features timers can offer. Judges will need to be notified that electronic timers will be used.

There is question of the Wilsonville barn manager moving far away, Lisa has spoken to Renee and they are not moving far away for a few years so she will stay on as manager and will ask someone for assistance.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM

Respectfully Submitted by

~~Lisa Klein~~

Upcoming Seminars

Feb 5, 6 2005 All American Agility Dog Training presents Stacy Peardot-Goudy

Feb. 19-20, 2005 (Note date change) CAT presents Kathy Keats, This is a seminar on performance analysis and decision making that will help pinpoint your weaknesses in handling and training and improve your decision making skills. Participants will end up with actual data to show where they are and how to work on improving. Stay tuned for registration information.

Helpful
Websites

USDAA - <http://www.usdaa.com/>

AKC - <http://www.akc.org/dic/events>

CPE (Canine PerformanceEvents) - <http://www.k9cpe.com/>

NADAC - http://www.nadac.com/calendar_of_events.htm

Teacup Dogs Agility Association - <http://www.dogagility.org/>

Clean Run - <http://www.cleanrun.com/agilityinfo>

Dog Events Online - <http://www.dogeventsonline.com/>

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Other Northwesterners from WAG, BAAD, RAT and Sno-King were also there but ours was the largest (and rowdiest) contingent. For most of us it was three days of giving it our best in the games, the Dog Agility Masters (DAM) Tournament, and the qualifying rounds of the Steeple Chase and Grand Prix, followed by a day of spectating at the finals (and wishing we were in them instead of just watching). We learned a lot — mainly that we have great dogs but we need to handle better and go faster. We all came back with new training agendas. But we had a great time.

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Reflections of Agility

By Lisa Neusihin and Berkleee Robins

Our dogs Sasha, Levi and Zoey have given us more love, joy and friendships than we could have ever imagined. As puppies, Sasha and Levi trained with Mary Rioux-Forker in obedience. We realized our dogs were much smarter than we were (and still are), and desperately needed the help of a professional. As fate would have it, we met Carol and Jim Hibbard in one of our classes way back in 1997 and as they say, “the rest is history”. We certainly didn’t know what direction agility would take us, but as nearly 8 years have passed, we now know what agility is all about.

Agility has different meanings for different people, but for us it means friendships, playing with our dogs, spending lots and lots of money and winning a few Q’s here and there. Actually, agility is (especially when you go out of town) like “hotel camping” on the weekends with some of your closest friends. What a great sport!

It’s hard to believe Sasha and Levi are so close to earning their second NATCH and Zoey is already earning her NATCH points. We still can’t believe their accomplishments especially for Zoey. We adopted Zoey from “Second Time Around Aussie Rescue” (STAAR) when she was a pup. Zoey was scared of her own shadow but agility has given her the confidence she desperately needed and it has been a joy to see her have so much on the agility course.

Thank you to all our friends in CAT, WAG, and RAT for all the fun, the friendships and the memories. See you all at the next trial.

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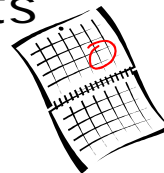
However, a few of our members made the “Big Time.” One was young Scotty MacNeil and his great little Prince Charles Cavalier Spaniel, Penny. They won their height division at our Regional in July and went straight into the Grand Prix Semi-finals. Scottie and Pennie also competed as “Open” competitors in the DAM tournament events and



That’s Scottie on the right accepting the accolades of the crowd for his performance in the Jr. Handlers event.

2005 Calendar of Events

Mark Your Calendars!!!



January 2005

January 8, 9 **Columbia Agility Team** USDAA® Sanctioned Agility Test, Championship and Performance Grand Prix of Dog Agility® Local Qualifier, and the 8th Annual NW CUP; Clark County Fairgrounds, Ridgefield, WA

January 15, 16 Extreme Agility Team NADAC Trial, Argus Ranch, Auburn, WA www.agilityfun.com

February 2005

Feb 12, 13 Rainier Agility Team NADAC/ASCA trial, Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds, Elma Wa Feb 26,27 (tentative) **Columbia Agility Team** NADAC Trial, Clackamas County Fairgrounds, Canby, OR

March 2005

March 5,6 Rainier Agility Team NADAC Games trial, Kent, WA March ?? Willamette Agility Group USDAA ??

April 2005

April 16, 17 Rainier Agility Team USDAA Agility Test, Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds, Elma Wa April 29,30; May 1 **Columbia Agility Team** NADAC Trial, Clark County Fairgrounds; Ridgefield Wa

May 2005

June 2005

June 18, 19 SNo-King Agility USDAA Agility Test, Monroe, WA June 24, 25,26 Rainier Agility Team NADAC/ASCA Trial and Fido Follies, Lacy, WA

July 2005

July ?? Willamette Agility Group NADA ASCA ?? July 16,17 (Tentative) **Columbia Agility Team** USDAA Agility Test, site TBD

August 2005

Aug ?? Willamette Agility Group USDAA

September 2005

Sept 10,11

(tentative) **Columbia Agility Team** NADAC trial and Columbia Cup, Clark County Fairgrounds, Ridgefield Wa

October 2005

Oct 15,16 (tentative) Rainer Agility Team USDAA Agility Test, Argus Ranch, Auburn, WA Oct 15,16

(Tentative) **Columbia Agility Team** Black Cat USDAA Agility Test and halloween fun run, Clark County Fairgrounds, Ridgefield WA OCT ?? Willamette Agility Group NADA ASCA

Volunteering...

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For each class, we need AT A **MINIMUM**:

- 1 scribe
- 1 timer
- 1 gate steward
- 1 leash runner
- 1 score keeper
- 3 ring crew
- 3 course builders
- 11 TOTAL

And most clubs also ask for:

- 1 asst. scribe
- 1 scribe runner
- 1 additional score keeper
- For a total of 14

MINIMUM:

4 runs x 3 levels x 11 people = 132 jobs per day

TYPICAL:

4 runs x 3 levels x 14 people = 168 jobs per day

These numbers don't even account for check-in, set-up, tear-down, awards, hospitality, trash duties, and lots more things that go into running a trial.

Accounting for the fact that some percentage of the competitors will have multiple dogs, on average there will be room for approximately 70 competitors in the one-ring trial.

70 people, 168 jobs/day. You do the math...

If everyone works just two classes a day, then the trial is pretty well staffed.

If everyone works just one class a day, then there are still 100 jobs to be divided among those wonderful folks who are willing to go the extra mile.

If just 20% of the competitors are "too busy" to work, then everyone else will have to work THREE jobs a day just to keep things going.

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If 20% are too busy, and 60% think 1 job a day is enough, then the remaining 20% of the people will have to work NINE TIMES each.

BOTTOM LINE: Working at a trial isn't an option - it's an obligation. Agility trials simply won't happen unless we, the exhibitors, consider it our DUTY to pitch in and work.

It's great when clubs do nice things for volunteers, but remember that the nicest thing they are doing for us is holding the trial in the first place.

Let's all do our part."

Karen Hunter

(owned by 3 dogs, and I still find time to work)

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in a special Junior handlers event.

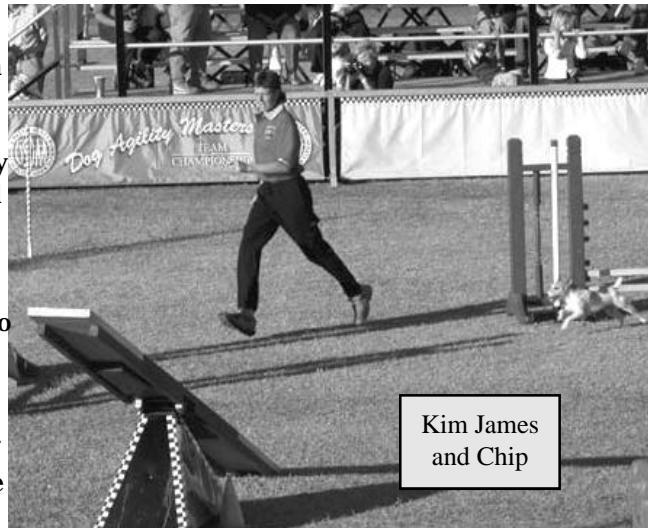
But it didn't end with Scottie. The Steeple Chase final was one of the most exciting events. It was held under the lights Saturday evening. The course was blazing fast and the crowd was really into it (Hillary Hibbard leading "the wave"). After each team you wondered how anyone could go faster.

But go faster they did and two of the fastest in the super-competitive 22-inch class were Debbie Berkley with her Border Collie Richochet and Daisy Peel with her B.C. Fly. Daisy and Fly led off with a blistering run. But they were bested by a slim margin by Debbie and Ricky who had a spectacular run.

When the dust settled, Daisy and Fly had taken fourth and Debbie and Ricky took third. The total purse for the Steeple Chase was \$10,000, so both Debbie and Daisy took home some winnings.

The premier event of the tournament is the Grand Prix for the Championship class.

This led off with the 12-inch division and when it was



Kim James
and Chip

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all over; it was our own Kim James with Chip that claimed the ribbon for fourth place.

In the 22-inch division, Daisy Peel and Fly had been second fastest in the semi-final with a fantastic run on a difficult course. This meant they would be up next to last in the final. The excitement built as faster and faster runs were turned in. The opening was tricky with a series of jumps followed by a hard turn into the near-end of a U-shaped tunnel. The timing of the turn had to be perfect and many dogs bit the wrong end of the tunnel. Unfortunately, Fly was one of them. This was Daisy's second disappointment of the day. Her DAM tournament team had the fastest time in the three-dog relay but incurred a 10-point penalty for dropping the baton during an exchange. ~~But Daisy shook it off. You know she'll be back next year. And you should too, if you get the chance.~~

CAT's CPE Trial

by Bonnie Johnson

CAT sponsored it's first CPE trial on November 6th and 7th at Barb White's arena in Turner. There was a good showing for a new venue with approximately 250 runs per day. Before I go any farther, I would like to say thank you to Barb White, Dwight Cash and many others for making this trial possible. The trial ran very efficiently with the help of a Marion County 4-H group, excellent course builders, great score table and volunteers. There wasn't any rain, but it was "brisk" and foggy, but tolerable for early November.

CPE has a wide variety of games and there is something for everyone. You get to have the wee haw fun of a fast and flowing Jumpers and Colors run and the precision and strategy needed for Snooker and Full House. Our judge, was great about explaining the rules of all these games to us and had fun and challenging courses for all.

CPE allows dogs/handlers with titles in other organizations to start at different levels. An example would be a handler who has titled a dog in another organization can start there new dog at level two. Another example would be a dog who has completed a MAD in USDAA can start at level four. At this trial there were "newbies", new dogs for not so "newbie" handlers and some with dogs with upper level titles in other organizations. The new handlers had a chance to get their feet wet in level one without the stress of weaves or a teeter. The upper level handlers had courses which were challenging and made you work. Everyone had a great time cheering each other on and experiencing success.

I would again like to thank all those who made this trial possible. I would also like to thank all those who took a chance on a new venue and made this trial a success. I encourage everyone to give this venue a try. I know CPE will be a priority on our agility calendar!!

USDAA NATIONALS UPDATE

USDAA Performance Grand Prix Finalists

8"	Last Name, Dog	Englestad Murphy
		Vollmer Cole
	Sisak Jasper	Swan Kiwi
	Martin Bailey	Crank Guess
	Kentala Shimmy	Sanders Whist
	Verrelli Gennie	Rodney Smokey
	Kentala Surfer	Peardot-Goudy Secret
	Vogelgesang Zoey	22"
12"		Gaiser Bounce
	Taylor Lacie	Castle Tenor
	Vermeer Jedi	Elkins Dakota
	Theobald Callie	Gaiser Wog
	Ernat Abbi	Brandt Dusty
	Knowles MacDuff	Gokbudak Snap
	Leggett Heather	Sutherland Rhyn
16"		Lovelis Maverick
	Paffrath Scout	Lindholm Trina
	Wells Dory	Bush Buca
	Brown Larrie	
	Stadtlander Sash	
	Calhoun Suni	

Performance Grand Prix Championships Results

Running the same course, which would be run later in the afternoon by the Grand Prix World Championship class, Pritamo Kentala and her dog Surfer captured the championship cup for the 8" class in 37.42 seconds. In the 12" class, Kathryn Leggett of California won the championship with her Shetland Sheepdog Heather in 38.83 seconds. In the 16" class, Elicia Calhoun and her Australian Shepherd Suni ran in 33.50 for the win, and Sosie Sutherland of New Jersey ran in 41.40 seconds to win the 22" class with her Border Collie Rhyn.

Contributed from Agilecat listserv 11/17/04 by Helix

Grand Prix Championships Results

Fewer than five seconds separated this year's champions in the Grand Prix of Dog Agility World Championships, with Kimberly Sisak and her papillon Phoebe winning the 12" class, running the 169 yard course in 35.36 seconds. In the 16" class, Joanne Lutterman of Houston took the gold medal finishing in 32.71 seconds with her Shetland Sheepdog Tory. She had previously captured the silver medal in Steeplechase on Saturday night.

In the 22" and 26" divisions, the 175-yard course saw a large number of dogs take faults at the mid-course turn across hurdle #4 as their dogs seemed fixated on the tunnel lying beyond, or on this same hurdle later

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USDAA Grand Prix Finalists

	Last Name, Dog	22" - Continued
12"	Sisak Phoebe Murphy Bailey Pike Maybie Crank Splash Mah Alley Cat James Chip Maloney-Harmon Maddie Permann Lettie Martin Cueball Martin Zoe Woulf Peanut Knowles Maddy Garrett Twister Tsuda Happy Quick Auila Living Doll Knowles Megan	Smorch Remy Schafer Sinjin Rogers Joplin Mecklenburg Awesome Freilich Rip Moureaux Quick Spyr Whip Hunt Dot Gyes Riot Brown Sterling Rohaus Cap Wilkins Kona Paffrath Spryte Pike Bang Mitchell Jazz Carson Jenna Andrle Ski Islas Sam Keats Mojo Shirai Sheba
16"	Campisi Meena Bishop Keen Dolan Remi Davis Shimmer Lavalley Marvel Bredahl Nike Lutterman Tory McNab Casey Clarkson Puppy Kleinhans Joni Schternberg David Filatova Ermak Frank Kimie Kenya Romero Shirachi Rojor Sheeran Gidget Kleinhans Jimmy Dean Holik Sizzle	26" Pyle Split Jones Jive Topps Juice Croft Trigger Rohaus Mick Brave Spree Roukas Wish Pinder Static Garrett Buzz Garver Preacher Nickles Breezy Rodney Jazz Cerilli Brumby Davis Zesty Cockran Aiko
22"	Carter Blast Bowerman Sybil Kluever Ransom Peel Fly	Kipp Rocky Kato Shuu Lolich-Dietz Gator

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USDAA Steeplechase Finals

12"	Competitor Dog Final Score			
	Gold	Kimberly Sisak	Phoebe	34.83
	Silver	Mike Murphy	Bailey	35.93
	Bronze	Dana Pike	Maybie	36.31
16"				
	Gold	Joel Lavalley	Marvel	32.92
	Silver	Joanne Lutterman	Tory	33.39
	Bronze	Renee King	Hamlet	33.45
22"				
	Gold	Mark Bowerman	Sybil	31.12
	Silver	Nancy Gyes	Panic	31.49
	Bronze	Debbie Berkeley	Ricki	
31.70				
26"				
	Gold	Ann Brave	Spree	31.08
	Silver	Marcus Topps	Juice	31.14
	Bronze	Barbara Davis	Resty	32.37

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in the course as they sought to turn 180 degree back to the tunnel after completing the a-frame. Nonetheless, the top finishers all finished without fault.

Dana Shafer and her Border Collie Sinjin advanced to the finals from the quarterfinals, taking the gold medal with a finish on the 175-yard course in 30.13 seconds. Susan Cochran and her Border Collie Aiko, a regional champion, took the gold medal in the 26" division with a score of 30.72 seconds.

Judge for the event was Paul Stolzenburg of New Hampshire.

The final round was preceded by the Veterans Grand Prix to honour past Grand Prix semifinalists and finalists. Lois Mark and Cricket won the 8" class in 53.41 seconds, Bill Pinder and Ruby won the 12" class in 46.13 seconds, Sarah Johnson and Cruiser won the 16" class in 34.25 seconds, and Sue Tovino and Blu won the 22" class in 36.65 seconds.

Judge for the class was Francisco Alegre of Spain.

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