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Back row: Kathy McDaniels/Tag, Carol Hibbard/Mowgli, Lori Vandenburg/Scuff, Mary Gutknecht/Jet, Daisy Peel/Fly, Brittney Holtdorf/Kate, Murry McNeil/Wiley, Lynneia McNeil/Kahula

Front row: Kim James/Number 3, Hilary Hankins/Buttons, Tammy Lundervold/Fergie.

Not shown: Jim Hibbard/Baron, Kathy Sheeran/Gidget, and Mark Sheeran/Rudy

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Open practice - all levels

Sunday • 3-4:30pm

Open practice - *novice*

Sunday • 4:30-6pm

Open practice - *advanced*
Practice Barn Info

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Van Dyke Farm Manager

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is the barn manager

CAT Meetings

Jan 25

Annual meeting and election of officers

Business meeting begins at 7 PM Clackamas

Denny's Meeting and Banquet Center

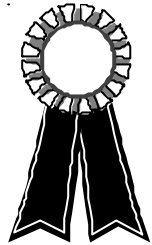
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Clackamas, OR

Deserts will be served :)

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USDAA World Championships 2003



This group was a real credit to agility in the NW! Not only did most of them do very well in at least one run of something, Four of them made it to the Finals of the Grand Prix, and Mary and Jet **WON** the 22" class . . . can't do better than that!

The weather was anything but wonderful, but we all managed to run in the mud and rain without any serious injury to dog or handler, although Hilary lost a shoe during a run!

Northwest Finalists

Lori Vandenberg & Scuff, Mary Gutknecht & Jet, Daisy Peel & Fly and Brittney Holtdorf & Kate.

What a great representation from the Northwest. They made up all proud! The icing on the cake was that for the first time, there was a winner from the NW —Mary and Jet. They ran first, and their remarkable time held up through the whole 22" class. There were 4 dogs within ONE SECOND of each other, but Mary and Jet ran a beautiful course, and her time "set the bar" for the rest of the class.

Not only did one of "ours" win, but the sun came out for the first time all week!! It was truly a great ending to a very and muddy Grand Prix.

Carol Hibbard

2004 Calendar of Events

Mark Your Calendar!!!**



NADAC

- Jan 17-18** Extreme Agility Team Argus Ranch, Auburn, WA.
Sat/Sun: 2 Regular, 1 Gamblers, 1 Jumpers each day 2 rings
(90 x 100 & 100 x 100) indoors on dirt
Judges: Lori Vanderburg & Mary Gutknecht
Show Contact: Debbie Mason email: debbiwazzu@comcast.net
- Feb. 14-15** Rainier Agility Team (RAT) (co-sanctioned with AMBOR)
Elma, WA. 2 Regular, 1 Gamblers, 1 Jumpers each day 2 rings
(90 x 100) on dirt Judges: Jim Nally and Kirsty Pearson
Show Contact: Nancy Stephenson, email: stephenson@mcnaul.com
2017 N.E. 63rd St, Seattle, WA 98115
- Feb 27-29** *Columbia Agility Team* Clackamas County Fairgrounds
Canby, OR Fri: 2 Novice Regular; Sat/Sun: Regular—1 Novice,
2 Open, 2 Elite; 1 Gamblers, 1 Jumpers 2 rings (90 x 90 each) on dirt
Judges: Susan Perry and Stuart Galt
Show Contact: Kathleen Ware email: skware7777@aol.com
6060 SW 199th Pl., Aloha, OR 97007
- Mar 12-14** Top Dog Agility Olympia WA
Fri: 1 Touch N Go, Sat/Sun: 2 Regular, 1 Gamblers, 1 Jumpers; Sat: 1
Tunnelers 2 rings (95 x 100 ea.) on packed dirt Judges: Ellen Hizer and
Kathy Ann McGovern Show Contact: Tess Starr, 3727 163rd Ave. SW,
Tenino WA 98589 email: Dragnborn@aol.com
- Mar. 26-28** Rogue Canine Agility Central Point, (Medford) OR
Fri: 1 Touch N Go, 1 Weavers; Sat/Sun: 2 Regular, 1 Gamblers,
1 Jumpers; Sat: 1 Tunnelers 2 rings (110 x 90 each) on packed dirt
Judges: Gary Visintainer and Kelvin Gray
Show Contact: Kay Boydston email: silverwingsk@earthlink.net
2804 Cordelia Way, Medford, OR 97501
- April 24-25** Extreme Agility Team Auburn, WA
Sat/Sun: 2 Regular 1 Jumpers, 1 Gamblers each day Sat: Touch N Go Sun:
Tunnelers 2 rings (90 x 100; 100 x 100) on packed dirt Judges: TBA
Show Contact: Debbie Mason email: debbiwazzu@comcast.net
17050 - 234th Way SE, Maple Valley, WA 98038

2004 Calendar of Events

NADAC

April 30, May 1-2

Columbia Agility Team Vancouver WA

Fri: 1 Tunnelers, 1 Touch N Go, 1 Weavers; Sa/Sun: 2 Regular, 1 Gamblers, 1 Jumpers ea.day 3 rings (100 x 112 ea.) on packed dirt Judges: Fred Brattain (L. Vanderburg Supr.) and TBA
Show Contact: Karla Forte email: jmforte@msn.com
10908 NE 80th St., Vancouver, WA 98664

May 29-31

Megadogs Woodinville, WA.

Outdoors on sand or grass (weather dependent); 4 regular, 3 jumpers, 3 gamblers, 2 weavers, 2 tunnelers, and 2 touch & go offered. Judges Gro Aasgaard and Matt McCarter.
Premium on web in Feb, <http://www.mega-dogs.com>;
Contact Karen Hunter at karen@mega-dogs.com

July 9-11 (Pending)

Willamette Agility Group Siletz (Newport), OR

Classes: TBA Rings: TBA Judges: Roger Coor and TBA
Show Contact: Jean McCrae email: jjbonrae@teleport.com
153 SE John Nye Rd., Newport, OR 97365

Sept 11-12

Columbia Agility Team Columbia Cup Clark County

Fairgrounds, Vancouver, WA

Sept. 11-12 (Pending) Extreme Agility Team

Elma, WA

Classes: TBA Rings: TBA Judges: TBA
Show Contact: Debbie Mason email: debbiewazzu@comcast.net,
17050 - 234th Way SE, Maple Valley, WA 98038

Oct. 30-31, 2004 (Pending) Top Dog Agility Club Olympia, WA

Sat: 2 Regular, 2 Gamblers;
Sun: 2 Regular, 2 Jumpers 1 ring (100 x 100)
Judges: TBA
Show Contact: Lindsey Cooper email: spot_coop@yahoo.com

2004 Calendar of Events

AKC

Jan 9-12

Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers, Inc.

Puyallup, WA

www.dogeventsonline.com

January 16 - 19 OR (Oregon)

Portland, OR AKC Trial

Tualatin KC/Greater Clark County KC/Dog Fanciers Assoc. of OR
Portland Metropolitan Exposition Center

2050-2060 North Marine Drive

OPENS: 11/10/03 8am CLOSSES: 12/31/03 LIMIT: 500 Per Day

Acceptance Method: First Received

Contact: Robin Cohen, 16820 226Th Ave Ne, Woodinville, WA 98077-7443,

(425) 788-2247

Email: robin.kletke@verizon.net and/or www.dogeventsonline.com

January 30 - 31 WA (Washington)

Seattle, WA AKC Trial

Evergreen State Shetland Sheepdog Club

Stadium Exhibition Center

1000 Occidental Ave S

OPENS: 12/5/03 9am CLOSSES: 1/14/04 LIMIT: 300 Per Day

Acceptance Method: First Received

Contact: Jo Ann Mather, 9625 - 101St Ave Ne, Arlington, WA 98223, (360) 653-5080

Email: windgold2@premier1.net

February 7 - 8 WA (Washington)

Elma, WA AKC Trial

Boston Terrier Club of America, Inc.

Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds

32 Elma-McCleary Rd.

OPENS: 12/1/03 8am CLOSSES: 1/17/04 LIMIT: 600 Per Day

Acceptance Method: First Received

Contact: Christie Bowers, Po Box 320, South Prairie, WA 98385-0320, (360) 897-9939

Email: highpockets@juno.com and/or www.dogeventsonline.com

February 28 - 29 WA (Washington)

Lynden, WA AKC Trial

Chuckanut Dog Training Association

Lynden Fairgrounds

1775 Front Street

OPENS: 1/2/04 8am CLOSSES: 2/14/04 LIMIT: 300 Per Day

Acceptance Method: First Received

Contact: Mrs. Colleen Pinner, 6411 Aldrich Rd, Bellingham, WA 98226-9604,

(360) 384-1071

Email: k9grams@aol.com

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AKC

March 20 - 21

WA (Washington)

Auburn, WA AKC Trial

Boston Terrier Club of Western Washington

Argus Ranch Facility For Dogs

35612 212th Way SE

OPENS: 2/21/04 8am CLOSES: 3/1/04 LIMIT: 600 Per Day

Acceptance Method: First Received

Contact: Christie Bowers, PO Box 320, South Prairie, WA 98385, (360) 897-9939

Email: highpockets@juno.com

April 3 - 4

WA (Washington)

Sequim, WA AKC Trial

Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club

Blake Family Property

110 S. Blake Road

Facility: Outdoor ,Grass ,Food on Site,RV Parking,Tent Camping

LIMIT: 500 Total

Acceptance Method: First Received

Classes: Standard,JWW,Preferred,Regular

Fees: \$18.00/\$10.00

Judge(s): Joan Simon & Suzi Bluford

Move-Ups Accepted Day to Day

Contact: www.dogevents.com , Sharon Johnson, 240 Robinson Road, Port Angeles, WA. 98362, (360) 681-5055

Email: heelin@earthlink.net Alternative Mail: go-dog@earthlink.net

Website: www.gointothedogs.us

Apr 10-11

Wenatchee Kennel Club

Moses Lake, WA

Apr 21-22

Belgian Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.

Bremerton, WA

May 1-2

Sno-King Agility Club

Auburn, WA

Jun 3-4

Evergreen State Shetland Sheepdog Club

Auburn, WA

Letter to the Editor

*Please note: This article does not represent the feelings of the Columbia Agility Team and/or it's members. It is solely **my** point of view.* Carol Hibbard

New NADAC Rule.

"NADAC has announced the decision to lower the height of the A-frame and make the removal of slats from all contact equipment mandatory within the next year. The height of the A-frame will be 5 feet at the apex with the new change.

*These two changes are **allowed** at any trial immediately, It is **recommended** that the clubs use these changes in their forthcoming trials by April 1, 2004, and it is **required** that the changes be used at any trials after August 1, 2004."* (*Clean Run -Dec 2002.)

I have three concerns about the NADAC rule change: 1. The lack of communication between NADAC and agility clubs, 2. Expense to clubs to comply with the change, and 3. The inconvenience the change will cause.

When I became involved in agility 12 years ago, Sharon Nelson was a USDAA board member. She resigned from the USDAA Board because she thought the jump heights should be different and the courses less "cranky". Sharon set up another organization, the North American Dog Agility Council (NADAC). Sharon said NADAC was going to have a council that represented those of us competing and we were very excited. We all talked to those new "Council Members," gave them some insight into how we felt about a few things, and were excited to see when the first Board Meeting would be held. To my knowledge, there was only one "sort of" board meeting. NADAC trials were lots of FUN as Sharon had promised. The courses were smooth and flowing as they are today. Unfortunately, the NADAC membership was rarely consulted on any equipment or rule changes.

Rule changes suddenly appeared; sometimes they would change from Friday to Saturday. The judges were upset as frequently they were corrected, or brought up to date about a new rule, during their briefings. Equipment was eliminated or revised from one meet to another in the name of safety. There were many, many changes made, and to my knowledge, the general membership was never consulted. In addition, there was poor communication of the changes to judges and to the clubs putting on NADAC trials. This has been a great disappointment for those who supported the ideals and the creation of the North American Dog Agility Council. Now it has happened again.

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Letter to the Editor

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Clearly, I am not against change that is in the best interest of our dogs. I want NADAC to share their information and seek input from the clubs that participate in NADAC trials. The change in the A-frame will be expensive. Yes, CAT can afford it, but there are clubs that do not have the financial support we have. A club would need two sets of A-frames, one for NADAC and one for USDAA.

We alternate sponsoring NADAC and USDAA trials. A-frames are loaded in the trailers first. All trailers and their rack systems are set up this way. Before each trial, the trailers would have to be unloaded and reloaded with the appropriate NADAC or USDAA equipment. This would require *many* willing people to show up the day before a meet to help with this change.

I truly enjoy competing in NADAC events, and look forward to earning titles. I am hoping that something can be done to resolve these issues, but without some flexibility on both sides, it will be *difficult*, to say the least.

See a copy of Sharon Nelson's original letter on pages 16 and 17

2004 Calendar of Events

CAT Fun Matches

- Jan 24 **Columbia Agility Team** Fun match, [Van Dyke farm](#), Forest Grove
Feb 21 **Columbia Agility Team** Fun match, [Van Dyke farm](#), Forest Grove
Mar 20 **Columbia Agility Team** Fun match, [Van Dyke farm](#), Forest Grove

2004 Calendar of Events AKC

June 12 - 13

WA (Washington)

Auburn, WA * AKC Trial

EGRC Evergreen Golden Retriever Club

Argus Ranch

Facility:

LIMIT: Unknown

Acceptance Method: First Received

Classes: All Classes/All Levels

Judge(s): Pam Richcreek and Suzi Bluford

Move-Ups Accepted Day to Day

Contact: Marcia MacDonald, 3241 S. 259th Place, Kent, WA 98032,

253-529-7862

Email: mmacgold@aol.com

Trial Secretary: Gillian Crawford, 4609 - 152nd Street East, Tacoma, WA 98466,

253-535-9319, my3sams@comcast.net

September 26 - 27

WA (Washington)

Sequim, WA * AKC Trial

Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club

Blake Family Property

110 S. Blake Road

Facility: Outdoor ,Grass ,Food on Site,RV Parking,Tent Camping

OPENS: 8/2/04 8am CLOSES: 9/3/04 6pm LIMIT: 500 Total

Acceptance Method: First Received

Classes: Standard,JWW,Preferred

Fees: \$18.00/\$10.00

Judge(s): Dan Selthofer & Ann McQuillen

Move-Ups Accepted Day to Day

Contact: www.dogeventsonline.com or, Sharon Johnson, 240 Robinson

Rd., Port Angeles, WA. 98362, 360.681.5055

Email: heelin@earthlink.net Alternative Mail: go-dog@earthlink.net

Website: www.gointothedogs.us

Oct 23-24

Timberland Valley Dog Fanciers Association

This AKC trial information taken from these two websites.

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

AKC <http://www.akc.org/>

Cool new website!!!

I found a new (to me) website that is very, very cool it
allows you to register and pay for events online
check this out at:

<http://www.dogeventsonline.com>

Operant Conditioning Workshop

This workshop will teach you the basics of clicker training, also known as Operant Conditioning. We'll cover:

- * What is Clicker Training and why is it popular?
- * Understanding how dogs learn will make you a more effective trainer.
- * Common training mistakes and how a basic understanding of the laws of learning can help you solve them.
- * Should you lure? And other factors which influence learning.
- * Specific skills you need for agility and how to teach them rapidly using a clicker.

We'll practice with your dogs, so bring lots of small (pea-sized) soft treats, such as diced cheese or meat. Make sure your dog is hungry when you arrive!

Who is Joan and how does she know about Operant Conditioning?

Joan has been studying and training using Operant Conditioning since 1994. She has attended workshops and classes by Karen Pryor, Ted Turner, Chuck Tompkins, Grey Stafford, Patricia McConnell, Donna Duford, Patty Ruzzo, Ian Dunbar, and more. She is very fortunate to have worked with Marian and Bob Bailey numerous times since 1998, including three 5-day intensive workshops in their native Hot Springs, AK.

Joan lives with three Australian shepherds, Frannie, age 9, Nick, age 8, Puppy Q, age 1, and her very supportive and tolerant husband, John. She trains and shows in obedience, agility, and tracking, and teaches competition and pet obedience, agility, and tracking in the Vancouver, WA area.

Here are Frannie and Nick's official(!) names and accomplishments: U-UD Copper Canyon's Belle Starr U-CDX Wind Dance Nick of Time VCD3(AX, AXJ, TDX, UD) EAC EGC EJC RS-E JS-E GS-E ASCA-TD ASCA-UD

This workshop will be held Jan 24, 2004 from 9am to 1pm at Barb Whites indoor arena located near I-5 in Turner. Cost is \$30. per dog/handler. Please pre-register

before Jan. 15. Return registration to Barb White, 2743 Ridgeway Dr SE, Turner,

OR. 97392

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

It's Election Time!!!



Elections will be at the General meeting on Jan 25 at the Clackamas Denny's Meeting and Banquet Center 15815 SE 82nd Dr, Clackamas, OR

President — Matt Sachs

Vice President - Wendy Ware

Treasurer - Kathy Carnes

Secretary - Lisa Klein

Training Director - Kitty Ware

At Large Members: (Four to be elected)

Susan Goble

Janice Tsuchida

Karen McCallister

Mary Crittendon

Trish Greenstreet

Paige Pierce

Karla Forte

Bobbie Lyons

Barb Stone

Statements of Interest from Board Candidates

Matt Sachs - Candidate for President

CAT is a remarkable club because of the scope and depth of the activities it supports so superbly. Trials, agility league, fun matches, demonstrations, practice facilities, classes, seminars, junior handler programs, web services, library services, newsletters, charitable giving, social events – all achieved through the efforts of volunteers! Indeed, CAT is remarkable because of the efforts of its members. I have served two years on the CAT Board as Member at Large, one year as Vice President, and one year as President. It will be a privilege to continue working in this capacity to help all of us who are committed to advancing the sport of dog agility.

Wendy Ware - Candidate for Vice President

Hi - I'm Wendy Ware and I am running for a second term as your CAT Vice President. I have been a member of CAT since 1994. For most of that time I have been organizing the ribbons and awards for our club events. I really enjoy being a member of such an active club, and being surrounded by great people. I run two dogs: Lacey - the tall, short-coat Aussie; and Clara - a Cattle Russl'r (CattleDog/Jack Russell). My third dog, Ozzie, hangs out trying to decide if he wants to compete or not.

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Karla Forte – Candidate For Treasurer

My name is Karla Forte and I am interested in running for the position of Treasurer of Columbia Agility Team. I have been a member for a little over 3 years. As most of you know I have three dogs and am devoted to the sport of dog agility. I like competing but I also enjoy the camaraderie with the people in our club. I have been secretary from several CAT trials. This experience has given me some insights into the working of the club and the opportunity to get to know many CAT members. It is my hope to continue the spirit of having fun with our dogs that CAT has embodied through the years. Karla :)

Lisa Klein – Candidate for Secretary

Hi Everyone, I am running for the position of secretary. I have been a CAT member for over three years. If you don't recognize the name you're sure to recognize the face, as I have been a very involved member since the beginning. I have been chief ring steward, ring captain, trial secretary and trail chairperson all more than once. I have also been the liaison between Clark county fairgrounds and CAT for the last three years. In 2003 I have been a member at large on the board and have had a great time. Also in 2003 I have filled in for our present secretary a few times so I am familiar with the requirements. I enjoy being on the board and hope to serve you well. Thank you!

Kitty Ware – Candidate for Training Director

I have served as training director for the past year. I have been a member to CAT since almost the beginning of the club. I was first an assistant and then became an instructor about 7 years ago. I have also been on the board as Vice President in the past and as a member at large. I very much enjoy the teaching side of agility and seeing our students mold into better dog handler then agility competitors.

Candidates for Members at Large

Karen McCallister

Several years ago I went to the Rose City Classic dog show and discovered "dog agility." I thought, "Oh yeah, Frisket and I can do this." As it turns out, neither Frisket nor I are very good in the agility ring, despite much effort on my part. As a result, I have looked for other ways to get the most out of the agility experience and began working at the trials. I have found this to be rewarding and fun even if stressful at times. I learn something new at each trial and enjoy the opportunities to meet and talk with the various members and competitors. I believe the chance to serve as a

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Karen McCallister - continued

member at large would be a continuation of the great experiences I have had as a CAT member.

Susan Goble

I have been a CAT member 4 years, club treasurer 2 years, and trial secretary twice, so I'm familiar with the workings of the club. As the owner of a non-traditional agility breed (basset hound), I can represent the interests of those who are concerned primarily with having fun with their dogs and secondarily with being competitive.

Trish Greenstreet

My background in club membership started when I was six years old in a 4-H club for showing horses. I then went on to various other horse clubs until I moved out here (from Michigan). I am fairly new in the world of agility; I have been a member for a little over two years and in the beginning of this year took over the CATalyst. I have helped with the score tables at a few trials and will continue to. I want to be a member at large primarily so I will be more involved with board activities and so I can learn more about the rest of the board positions.

Kathy "KC" Carnes

I have been a member of CAT for 2 years. I sat on the sidelines and cheered for my friends and their canine companions, while they competed in agility before I jumped in to play! My dog, Murphy Brown, is a 3-year-old Australian Shepherd, & I have taken classes since joining CAT 2 years ago. I love working with her and the bond we have formed as a result is the real reward. I appreciate the CAT volunteer instructors who have given so much to help me learn agility and now it is my turn to give back.

Bobbie Lyons

As a board member, I will be directly involved with the club and provide creative thinking to solve problems, concerns and suggestions presented by Columbia Agility Team members. Since joining the club last June, I have volunteered at a fun run, two trails, and am currently involved in chair duties for the February NADAC trial. Additionally, I attend most meetings and want to continue to support the club. I feel being a part of the board will allow me to be more involved in a sport I am passionate about. My dog Stanley and I have competed in one trial and are looking forward to participating in trials this winter. Being a novice handler, I need as much time in the ring as possible and also need as much time volunteering at

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Statements of Interest from Board Candidates

Bobbie Lyons - continued

trials to understand how the events runs and continually strive to make our trials the best. I have the motivation, energy, organizational skills and enough sense to be a valued contributor to the board and the members of this team.

Barb Stone

I have been a member of CAT since I started in agility almost seven years ago with my bearded collie, Colton. Colton - now going on 10 has partially retired and I'm starting to trial with my 'puppy', 2 year old Brinian. I teach beginning classes at the Forest Grove barn, have served as a new member mentor, and when not in the ring at CAT trials, I can usually be found at the score table. I have served on the board of the Northwest Bearded Collie club and participate in rescue activities for beardies and 'neardies'. I look forward to joining the CAT board for 2004.

Paige Pierce

It all started about 12 years ago, when my neighbor peered over my fence and said, "hey, I see you've got a border collie, have you ever heard of agility?" Smokey didn't LOVE agility, but I did. I joined CAT four years ago, soon after I started taking classes with Dash. I haven't been very active in the club beyond taking advantage of the benefits, but I'd like that to change.

One of the things I like best about our club is the people involved. I enjoy the social aspect of agility: what could be better than hanging out with a bunch of people who love their dogs?! Also, as a vet, I see all styles of dog ownership, so I relish thinking about an arena full of dogs that get to play agility. These are the best cared for, happiest dogs around. I love being a dog-mom in that atmosphere.

I'd like to more involved in the workings of the club, and provide a channel for communication between club members and the CAT board.

Candidates from whom statements have not yet been received:

Janice Tsuchida

Mary Crittendon

Did you know????

If you have a concern you want addressed at a general meeting but are unable to attend, that the "members at large" are there as your voice. They can pass the information on to the board to be discussed at a board meeting or a general meeting.

The 4 members at large are the least used voices on the board.

Kitty Ware

NADAC'S BIRTH

Due to some recent rule changes in NADAC, the November general meeting had a discussion surrounding NADAC issues, specifically the A-Frame height and removal of slats change, also the lack of involvement by member clubs in the change process.

This letter is a copy of the original sent out to during the creation of NADAC by Sharon Nelson; Carol Hibbard submitted it.

Hello, agility participants!

This letter is to give you some information about NADAC, Inc., the North American Dog Agility Council, formed by agility enthusiasts to promote the sport of dog agility.

The complete, formal rulebook will not be printed and available until approximately July 1, 1993. So, in response to the overwhelming number of inquiries already received, this letter was formed to answer the majority of questions asked.

NADAC, Inc. will be run by a Board of Directors which will be elected by the members of NADAC. The first election of board members will take place in November of 1993. All board agendas will be published and results of all voting issues at board meetings will be reported to all NADAC members. Any rule changes must be approved by the board and/or membership. If you have anyone in mind who would be a good representative for your region and has the time and energy to promote the sport of agility, then please send in a nomination.

Memberships in NADAC will be on an individual basis at the rate of \$10.00 per year for the first member in the household and \$5.00 for each addition member in the same household. Members must be over 18 in order to be eligible to vote. If you wish to have a membership form sent to you, please request one.

Any approved club may host a NADAC agility trial. Clubs may apply for approval by submitting an application, by-laws, and list of members. All approved clubs must show proof of insurance before hosting an agility trial. If your club would like to become a NADAC approved club, please request an application. There is no fee to become an approved club.

The first NADAC trial will be held on July 3rd and 4th in Graham, Washington. Standard, jumpers, and gamblers classes are being

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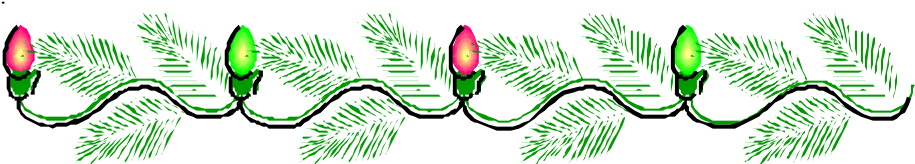


offered with certification opportunities at all levels. Dogs may enter either at the Novice level, or they may enter at the equivalent level that they currently compete at within any other agility organization that promotes international style agility.

Some of the major differences in the rules with NADAC are 1) A dog may have five faults during his course run, and if his running time plus the five faults add up to less than the standard course time (SCT), then the handler/dog are awarded a qualifying round; 2) If a table is used as a pause table in a run, then the 5 second pause time must be added to the SCT; 3) No triple bar jumps are allowed; 4) If a dog finishes their certification at a two day trial on the first day, then they may advance to the next level for their subsequent runs, if they choose to move up; 5) There must be two standard runs, one gamblers run and one jumpers run offered to all entrants per day, plus any other classes the host club may choose to offer; 6) Only the descent side of the A-frame, Dog Walk, and Crossover are judged for missed contact zones; 7) The A-frame is lowered to a height of five feet for the dogs in the 12" class and; 8) The jump heights for the majority of dogs competing are lower within the NADAC guidelines.

Probably the most important issue addressed by all of those involved with the creation of NADAC is that his organization is being created to replace any existing organization. NADAC was created to promote the sport of agility to the many dog handlers who did not feel that they could push their dogs to the limits being required by other organizations and wanted a format with lower jump heights for their dogs. Many, many people just wanted more opportunities to run their dogs and have FUN with the sport of agility!

The most important facet of this sport is that it should be **FUN!!**



CAT Holiday Party

January 4, 2004

Holiday Inn, Wilsonville

5:30 Hors D'Oeuvres

6:30 Dinner

7:00 Presentations Begin

Annual Awards

Silly Awards

Timed Gamble Gift Exchange

Bring one dog related gift

Blooper Agility Reel

Dinner choices:

Prime Rib

Baked Salmon

Mushroom Ravioli

Children's meal (chicken strips & fries)

CAT members \$10, Guests \$20, Kids under 12 \$ 8

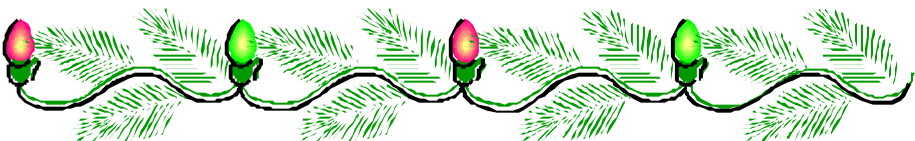
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2004 Calendar of Events

CATalyst Information

USDAA

January 10 - 11

Columbia Agility Team NorthWest Cup

Agility Test and Local
Grand Prix Qualifier, Clark
County Fairgrounds,
Vancouver, WA

March 13 - 14

Willamette Agility Group
USDAA Agility Test and
Steeple Chase, Benton
County Fairgrounds,
Corvallis, PR

April 10 - 11

Elma, WA hosted by
Rainier Agility Team at
Grays Harbor County
Fairgrounds

July 17-18 *Columbia Agility Team*

USDAA Agility Test and
(we hope but we don't
know for sure yet) Regional
Grand Prix Qualifier;
Steeple Chase and Dog
Agility Masters (DAM)
Tournament, Vancouver Lake
Park, Vancouver, WA

August 13, 15 WAG USDAA Agility Test, Brownsville, OR (tentative)

Oct 9-10 Rainier Agility Team USDAA Trial, Auburn, WA

Oct 23-24 *Columbia Agility Team* **Black CAT**
USDAA Agility Test and Halloween Costume Fun Run,
Clark County Fairgrounds, Vancouver, WA

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It's Election Time!!

January 25, 2004

7 pm

**Let your voice be heard!
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