

Durango Agility Dogs Newsletter

"Teetering on the Edge"

Second Quarter 2005



Breaking News!

June Trial Great Success!

D.A.D. had a very nice turnout for the June 4th and 5th trial. Though there were other agility events taking place on that weekend, D.A.D. managed to pull a considerable amount of 'trialers' from outside the area.

We have received very positive feedback that many of the out-of-towners who entered the June trial are planning to attend our upcoming September trial as well.



Upcoming September Trial

Our September trial is going to be held September 3rd, 4th & 5th (Saturday, Sunday & Monday). The location again will be at Stevenson's Park in Bayfield. Watch your mail for the premium list which will be mailed out in the near future.



Stacy Peardot-Goudy Seminar

Lynne Ficket reports "The Stacy Peardot-Goudy seminar is still full and their isn't much new to report at this time. Some people are making monthly payments of their balance due, and if anyone else would like to do so, please send it to her. An update regarding location should go out to everyone sometime in August."

Letter from the Editor

I would like to thank Holli Pfau for stepping up to the plate and volunteering her time to help with the editing of the Newsletter. She conducted the interview for this issues 'Meet Your Members', and what a professional job she has done. I am sure the membership will look forward to her interviews in future Newsletters.

With Holli's help, I plan to continually improve the Newsletter with interesting articles and helpful information. I invite any suggestions from the membership.

James Cammack took the photos that are sprinkled around this Newsletter at our June D.A.D. Trial. There are over 500 photos to be seen at www.pictage.com. You can contact James for instructions on how to view these photos by e-mailing him at: jcammack@frontier.net.

Marilyn



Letter from the President

Greetings! First of all I would like to thank all our members for allowing me to be president of such a wonderful group of dog enthusiasts, "aka" agility addicts. Thanks to our former president and current vice-president, Lynne Fickett, the transition has been easy for me.

We have accomplished a lot in a short time – mainly finding the wonderful training field. Thank you again, Mary. Having this field makes everything else possible for the Club. Competing members are lucky to be able to train with John Stordahl on Mondays and those getting ready to compete are having a great time in Eric Backer's class on Tuesdays. Our beginner classes are full and we have lots of potential members and future competitors. Not in the least, the income from classes is making it possible to purchase our new equipment!

It was a great spring for all of us with lots of Q's, titles and championships – congratulations to us all! The June NADAC trial was a big success and all of us are looking forward to our labor day trial!

In closing, I hope all our members will continue to support our efforts so D.A.D. can continue to grow and prosper!

Run clean, run fast and have lots of fun!

Cindy

Help! Our training classes have been a great success, but we desperately need assistant trainers for several classes. Please support our club by volunteering to assist our hard working trainers. Contact: Christine Sapa at 884-0450.

The club also needs volunteers to coordinate some fun runs for this summer. These fun runs provide very important proofing for competing dogs. Please contact Cindy Shelton at 259-0033 if you are interested in helping out.

Recent Trial & Show Results:

(To save space, we will only be reporting Novice Q's and Titles and new titles only for Open and Elite dogs)

Penrose, CO Feb. 19-20 2005

NADAC

Diane Allen & 'Lucy'

7 Elite Q's (6 x 1st, 1 2nd)

Penrose, CO March 5 2005

USDAA

Diane Allen & 'Lucy'

Performance Grand Prix (1st)

with Fey

Q x ½ Pairs

Penrose, CO Mar 12 - 13 2005

NADAC

Diane Allen & 'Lucy'

7 Elite Q's (4 1st, 1 2nd)

Albuquerque, NM April 1-2, 2005

SWAT/USDAA

Diane Allen & 'Lucy'

Gamblers Champion Title

'Moss'

Pairs Champion Title

P III Stand Q, 2nd pl

P III Snooker SuperQ, 2nd pl

Moab, UT Apr 10

NADAC Fundraiser

Leslie Donohue & 'Gracie'

Q 1st & ½ Q 2nd Reg & Q Gamblers

Jill Brazell & 'Monica'

NADAC Elite Versatility Title

Moab, UT Apr 24

NADAC Fundraiser

Leslie Donohue & 'Gracie'

Q Nov Jumpers 1st place + Title

Q Nov Weavers

Q Gamblers w/Title + extra leg

Valencia Valley KC Apr 16 - 17

AKC

Lynne Fickett and 'Maddie'

Novice Jumpers and Weavers Titles

Meet Your Members

The Quiet Champs

by Holli Pfau



You've seen them run – clean and crisp, fluid and graceful, with the signature Chuckit pitch at the end. No matter the course design, the challenges, the skill required, they rise to the occasion.

There's no doubt that Jill Brazell and Monica are the epitome of effortless teamwork that characterizes the best agility partners. And this working relationship began the very day the little black and tan dog was born.

Working as the veterinary technician at Baker's Bridge Veterinary clinic for the past 12 years, Jill has seen thousands of animals pass through the door. But four years ago, one would change her life. That day a client brought in a cocker spaniel pregnant by the local fence jumper. The dog required a cesarean

section, producing two offspring. The mother rejected both pups and Jill stepped in to bottle raise the infants, feeding them every two hours for the first several days. By then she couldn't turn her back on them, and Einstein and Monica joined her family.

Originally from Fort Worth, Texas, Jill moved here when she was five. She grew up with a menagerie that included cats, dogs, geese, ducks and horses. So welcoming two needy youngsters into the fold was nothing unusual. Little did she know Monica's aptitude for agility would propel them onto the national scene.

Jill started learning the sport at Durango Kennel Club six years ago, and later trained with James and Sara Cammack. Sara cites Jill's "enormous enthusiasm and devotion" as well as her "dedication to training" for their success. "She has a lot of energy and applies it," says Sara. "She also is so willing to bend with Monica," recognizing her dog's temperament and needs.

Fortunate to have a full agility field of her own, Jill trains about three times a week. As club instructor Eric Backer says, "She has her own field and she practices." He also acknowledges that Jill is "very positive all the time," a strong attribute for the long-term commitment.

Success came early to Jill and Monica, with a jumpers title at their very first event. Jill estimates they have competed in over 50 trials in the Four Corners area, in Arizona, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico. Among their impressive array of titles are NATCH (NADAC Agility Trial Champion) which required 470 points in the elite division, and the AD (agility dog) title from USDAA.

Her favorite trial site is tiny Maybell, Colorado (pop: 65), forty miles west of Craig. Jill says there is wonderful camping at the site, where the trial is a fundraiser for the NADAC championships.

Just ahead for them is competition in Salt Lake City in July to qualify for the U.S. team for the World Cynosport Games in Scottsdale November 9-13. From the

Albuquerque, NM Apr 30 – May 1
SWAT/NADAC

Debbie Beam & Aspen
O-NJC Title

Leslie Donohue & ‘Gracie’
Q Nov Jumpers 2nd place + extra leg
Q Nov Tunnelers 3rd place + Title

Maybell, CO May 29th, 2005
NADAC

Jill Brazell & ‘Monica’
NATCH Title

Durango, CO June 4 – 5 2005
D.A.D./NADAC/ASCA/AMBOR

Debbie Beam with ‘Aspen’
O-NAC

Leslie Donohue with ‘Gracie’
Q - Nov Weavers – 1st place
Q - Nov Tunnelers – 2nd place

Julie Page with ‘Taxi’
Q x 2 - Nov/Vet Regular

Marilyn Reed with ‘Abby’
Q’s x 7 – Placed in all classes – Finished
Novice, Jumpers & Tunnelers Titles

Christine Sapa w ‘Sera’
Q – Nov Tunnelers – 4th place

Karen Thomas with ‘Dana’
Q Tunnelers – 2nd place

Colorado Springs, CO June 18 - 19
ACAT/NADAC/ASCA

Lynne Fickett & ‘Maddie’
Q’d 6 out of 9 runs, Nov T ‘n G Title

Notice

Because of time and space, only those results that were sent in Newsletter format were listed. I also did not note titles other than agility for this Newsletter. We may in the future, when our web site is up, create special place for those titles that are not related to agility.

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Holli Pfau
Assistant Editor – Roving Reporter

Greek word kynos, meaning dog, these games will include the Grand Prix of Dog Agility World Championships, with competitors from around the globe.

Always willing to lend a hand, whether managing and maintaining the club’s equipment, or helping a newcomer feel comfortable, Jill is ever generous and thoughtful. Sara describes her as “a wonderful human being, and this carries over into agility.” The partnership we see on the field reflects her character and her kindness.

Today Jill’s family includes six dogs, four cats and two horses. Einstein is still part of the gang, but his medical issues preclude an agility career. Monica stands in the spotlight as the star of Jill’s show, and with characteristic modesty, Jill gives her all the credit for their success. But the truth lies in their consistent training, long-standing relationship, and Jill’s passion for the sport. Their bottom line and advice to all of us? “Don’t worry about qualifying. Just have fun!”



Here are some of our member’s dogs doing their agility thing at our June Trial. Photos taken by James Cammack



Top left is ‘Taxi’ Paige
Taxi is 11 yrs old!

Top right is ‘Yoda’
Stordahl, also 11 yrs old!



In the middle is ‘Lucy’
Allen (age 9) doing her
favorite thing

(We will show more
photos in the next
Newsletter issue)

Bottom left is ‘Woody’
Stordahl *flying*

Bottom right is ‘Kendal’
Nelson, her spirit showing

