

Durango Agility Dogs

"Teetering on the Edge"

October - December 2004

Quarterly Newsletter

Breaking News!

At the recent D.A.D. membership meeting, it was decided to revive the Newsletter. It will be created and e-mailed to members on a quarterly basis. If any of the members have suggestions for articles, timely information, trial dates etc to be included in the next Newsletter, please contact Marilyn Reed at chamar@sprynet.com



D.A.D. General Membership meetings:

Monthly membership meetings are always held on the third Thursday of the month. The time is 6:00 p.m. and the location details will be e-mailed to members before the meeting date.



Upcoming Stacy Peardot-Goudy Seminar:

Stacy will be presenting another wonderful seminar late summer of 2005. This will be a four-day event offering participation for hands-on training for novices and advanced handlers. Auditing will be offered as well.



D.A.D. Officers:

President – Lynne Fickett
Vice President – Julie Paige
Secretary – Leslie Donohue
Treasurer – Pam Leisle

Letter from the President

By Lynne Fickett

Hi all,

How exciting to have our newsletter happening again! First, our thanks to Eric Backer for having produced our first newsletters some time ago. Now I want to thank our new member, Marilyn Reed for being willing to take on this project and make it happen again. I hope that many of us will provide our newsletter editor with information and articles to share, so this endeavor will be a success.

Well, it's been a wonderful year for Durango Agility Dogs. We have accomplished so much. Our club is growing by leaps and bounds. Many of our members have accomplished so much in the way of individual titles and agility championship titles – we should be very proud.

We put on a wonderful NADAC trial in May. Our agility classes added lots of new students this summer. Some of those classes are still going on. We also had wonderful Fun Runs this summer that were a big success. This fall Durango Kennel Club generously offered their agility field for us to use, and we all appreciate their sharing that resource.

Stacy Peardot-Goudy conducted an agility seminar this summer and it was such a big hit that we have arranged to have her return next year.

Karen Thomas designed a wonderful logo that represents us. We recently acquired a new enclosed trailer for hauling our equipment that will bear that new logo soon.

Our club is filled with wonderful people who care so much about this sport of agility. Thank you to each and every one of you who has given your time, energy and commitment to our club. This is the way to make it happen!

As we head into the holidays, I wish all of you and your 4-legged buddies' lots of fun and lots of clean runs.

Special thanks to Karen Thomas for designing the new D.A.D. Logo





Trial Results!

CASTLE ROCK, CO 10/2-3 2004 NADAC Championships

Ann Allan with Changtse
Regular Pre-elite 8th place

Diane Allen with Lucy:
Touch 'n' Go – Final round 7th place.
Tunnelers - Final round 6th place.
Weavers - Prelim rounds two 4th places; Final round 2nd place.
Jumper/Gambler combo - Prelim round 2nd, 4th, & 6th place; Final round 2nd Standard: Prelim rounds 2 x 6th places Final round 7th place.

Ellen Tomsic with Sadie:
Elite Team – 1st, 6th & 3rd; Finals 3rd
Elite Tunnelers – 3rd & 4th; Finals 3rd
Elite Regular – Several placements

Jill Brazell with Monica:
Small Team Games – 1st, 6th, 2nd; Final round 3rd
Regular – 2nd
Tunnelers – 8th

GRAND JUNCTION, CO 9/25-26 Zippity Do Dogs Club - NADAC

Diane Allen with Lucy:
Q x 2 Elite Weavers 2x1st places.
Q x 2 Elite Tunnelers 2x1st places
Q x 2 Elite Touch 'n' Go 2x1st places
Q x 4 Elite Standards 3x1st, 1x2nd
Q x 2 Elite Gamblers 1st & 2nd place

Lynne Fickett with Maddie:
Q Elite Regular Combo, Standard & Gamblers
Q Elite Regular Combo, Standard and Sizzle:
Q Novice Touch 'n' Go
Q Vet Elite Regular Combo

Cindy Shelton with Sadie:
Q Novice Jumpers
Q Open/Standard/Gamblers Combo and Pete:
Q Novice Standard – Gamblers

(More trial results on Page 3)

Newsletter Editor Introduction

By Marilyn Reed

Hi everyone.

I am looking forward to being the D.A.D. Newsletter Editor since I think this very busy and progressive club needs a venue for keeping all of its members updated on upcoming events and accomplishments of its members and their dogs. In the future, I intend to include informative and interesting articles such as training tips, interviews with accomplished trainers/members and articles of general interest. I am also in the midst of designing a web site for the club. If you have any suggestions for the Newsletter or web site, please feel free to contact me.

My background in dogs goes back 43 years when I started in German Shepherds. I trained in obedience back then for competition and offered private training for others. In the late 70's I learned dog grooming and have started, owned and run three dog grooming businesses.

After moving to Durango in 1980, I soon opened a grooming business in the same building as Bayfield Animal Hospital. A few years later, I designed and built the Puppy Love Boarding and Grooming facility which I owned and ran from 1984 to 1994.

I've shown dogs in obedience and conformation for many years, but have only recently gotten involved in agility. I presently own two retired Australian Cattle Dogs, two Border Terriers and one Australian Shepherd "Abby", who is currently training in agility. Many thanks to Lynne for working with her.

When I retired from the grooming kennel/grooming business, I drew on my previous secretarial skills, added computer skills and now run two home based businesses (secretarial and web design).

I'd like to add that this is the best run club to which I have ever belonged. I find all its members very easy going and friendly and that the club runs very smoothly. This is truly an exceptional group of people.

Stacy Peardot-Goudy Seminar a big hit!



D.A.D. sponsored an agility seminar with Stacy Peardot-Goudy this past August 7 & 8th and it got rave reviews from all who attended. Stacy is delightful to work with and really specializes in working with handlers and their handling techniques. We all came away more successful with our dogs and having had a great time.

Stacy worked with us on "Better Timing" teaching us to give better, faster information to our dogs to increase their success. With each of us following what she taught us, we all improved our handling skills.

Since our auditors voiced their interest in being able to work with Stacy too, D.A.D. will be bringing Stacy back to Durango in 2005. Mark your calendars for September 23-24 for the novice level dog/handler teams and September 25 & 26 for the advanced dog/handler team. We will be looking forward to another excellent time with Stacy.



Trial Results! (Continued)

GRAND JUNCTION, CO (Cont'd)

Leslie Donohue with Gracie:

Q *Novice Jumpers* 1st place

Q *Novice Tunnelers* 1st place

Ellen Tomsic with Sadie:

Q *Elite Gamblers* Titled

Q *Elite Touch 'n' Go* 1st place

Q *Elite Jumpers* 2nd place

Q *Elite Tunnelers* 3rd place

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Ann Allan

with Changtse:

Q *Open Jumpers* 4th place

and with Maddie:

Q *Open Jumpers* 1st place

Q *Novice Standard* 2nd place

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Ginger Jenks

with Rory:

Working Dog 3rd place

Open Standard 1st place (21 seconds under course time)

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Puppy Sweeps 4th place

Upcoming NADAC Trials

2004

OCT 30-31 SWAT, Albq., NM
ace2blushoes@hotmail.com

DEC 4-5 FRAC, Greeley, CO
jumpindogs@yahoo.com

2005

JAN 15-16 Jumping Cholla
Phoenix, AZ,
jcaccadacshowsec@aol.com

FEB 5-6, 12-13, 20, 26-27
NADAC Fundraisers
Las Cruces, NM
www.dogeventsonline.com

FEB 18-20 ACAT Penrose, CO
izziew@comcast.net

Newbie News

By Christine Sapa

As a beginner myself, I thought it would be a good idea to actually have some agility sites and club information listed in black and white. It can get quite confusing trying to figure out the different clubs, rules and regulations and requirements.

The following is information in regards to the different sanctioned clubs, their contact information and competition venues. Most of the web sites will direct you to their trial schedules.

Trial Dates –The Colorado Agility e-mail list puts out a calendar each year for trials that are all within driving distance of Denver. To get to the Calendar, you can join the “Colorado Agility” e-mail list on-line at www.yahogroups.com. You will need to register for that list in order to see the Calendar and/or to participate in the discussions. Jumping Cholla Agility Club (Phoenix) has a calendar at www.jumpingcholla.com.

D.A.D. will be including the majority of the upcoming trials in our area in each Newsletter and will eventually be keeping a perpetual updated calendar on the D.A.D. web site which is in the design stage and should be up and running in the near future.

Agility Equipment – Here are a list of web sites that offer agility equipment:

Colorado Agility Equipment at www.agilitycolorado.com.

Affordable Agility at www.affordableagility.com.

E-Bay at www.ebay.com (Just type in “dog agility equipment” in their search window to see the equipment being offered either individually or equipment grouped into packages. Bidding or buying direct is offered.

There is a book available called Do-It-Yourself-Agility-Equipment by Jim Hutchins (\$29.95). It is available at Dog Wise which is an online bookstore that offers an extensive selection of dog books. www.dogwise.com

List of web sites providing information on different agility organizations and how to register your dog:

AKC (American Kennel Club) – www.akc.org

For your dog to be eligible to participate in AKC held trials, it must be AKC registered. If you do not have AKC registration papers on your dog, but he/she looks purebred, you may be able to get an ILP number through AKC. This information is available on the AKC web site. Once ILP registered, your dog may participate in performance events (i.e. obedience, agility, herding etc). Should you have problems downloading any needed AKC forms, you can contact AKC at orderdesk@akc.org or phone them at (919) 233-9767.

NADAC (North American Dog Agility Council) – www.nadac.com

Lifetime Registration fee is \$10.00 per dog for all NADAC members; otherwise it is \$15.00 per dog for non-members. All dogs 18 months and over are eligible to compete...purebred or mixed breeds.

USDAA (United States Dog Agility Association) – www.usdaa.com

Purebred or mixed-breed dogs are all eligible to compete.

Dogs must be registered with USDAA to participate in USDAA trials and events.



Important Reminders!

TRAINING SPACE NEEDED

D.A.D. is still looking for a permanent training site. We need all our members to network with anyone and everyone they know to help find a new home.

We need a flat field (grass would be great but is not required) on an area approximately 100' x 100'. It is necessary to have enough room to park 8 to 10 vehicles.

Once we start classes again next summer, we will want to teach 2 nights per week, have 1 open night and perhaps fun runs again on a weekend day.

If anyone finds something they think could work, please contact Roberta Eickman or Lynne Fickett. Thank you all for your help!"

UPCOMING 2005 ELECTIONS

Reminder to all members! D.A.D. Elections are coming in February 2005. If you think you might have an interest in a position to help guide this club into the future, please begin to make yourself known. We are excited about the future of agility in Durango. Come join us in making it grow.



(USDAA Cont'd) Registration fee is \$18.00 and \$12.00 for dog and handler under age 18 for participation exclusively in the Junior Handler program. USDA contact info is Phone: (972) 487-2200, FAX: (972) 272-4404

Suggested Books, Videos and Magazines

Darla Welty was so kind as to help compile this list of books, videos and magazines regarding agility instruction, handling and training:

Books:

Agility Success by Angelica Steinker

Agility Tricks for Improved Attention, Flexibility and Confidence by Donna Duford

Entering Your First Agility Trial by Cindy Buckholt

Excelling at Dog Agility (Books 1, 2 and 3) by Jane Simmons-Moake

Go the Distance by Bud Houston and Stacy Peardot-Goudy

Videos:

Agility Foundation Training by Greg Derrett

Great Dog - Shame About the Handler! by Greg Derrett

Clean Run - www.cleanrun.com

This web site includes an online agility store that offers many different training devices, trial gear and books as well as a subscription magazine that is full of agility training information and articles. They also provide Introductory, Intermediate and Advanced Workbooks.

There are breed clubs and venues for every specific breed on the Internet. Just type in the breed name in your browser's search window. Almost every breed club has a rescue group. If you are interested in acquiring a specific breed, try contacting that breed's rescue group first. If you are not that adept yet at using the search options on your computer, please feel free to e-mail me and I will be happy to assist you.

sapas@gobrainstorm.net.

Available for Adoption!



"Sammy" is a wonderful purebred 1½ year old neutered male English Springer Spaniel who would *love* a competition home. He is a from show lines. AKC registration is available and he is OFA'd. "Sammy" is a very nice representation of the breed. He is very friendly, but dominant. He gets along with all other dogs (except for intact males).

"Sammy" has all of the foundation obedience (sit, down, stand, stay, come, finish, around, heel (attention heeling), look, wait, drop it, leave it, off, quiet, go potty, no and okay).

Having been shown in Rally Obedience where he placed both times, he would make a very nice obedience dog or junior showmanship dog. He is also a good agility prospect (has been exposed to agility equipment and has a lot of energy and drive.). He is well behaved off leash and has a reliable recall. He is also crate trained and housebroken.

"Sammy" is free to a loving home. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Mary Babbitt at **970-247-2410**, **970-946-5255** or marysdogtraining@earthlink.net.