

Durango Agility Dogs Newsletter

"Teetering on the Edge"

Third Quarter 2005



Breaking News!

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)

Bayfield, CO June 5th 2005 NADAC – Durango Agility Dogs

Leslie Donohue & "Gracie"
Nov Weavers TITLED (w/1st place)

Golden, CO August 20-21, 2005 NADAC – Front Range Agility Club

Julie Paige & "Taxi"
Reg Nov Vet: 2 Q's (2 1st place) TITLED
Nov Tunnelers: 1 Q

Cheryl Nelson & "Kendal"
Reg Nov Vet: 3 Q's (3 1st place) TITLED

Karen Thomas & "Dana"
Nov Tunnelers: 1 Q

Bayfield, CO September 3, 4, 5 2005 NADAC – Durango Agility Dogs

Julie Paige & "Taxi"
Reg Nov A Vet: ½ Q (1st place)
Nov Tunnelers: 2 Q's TITLED

Julie Paige & "Willie"
Nov Tunnelers: 2 Q's (2 2nd places)

Cheryl Nelson & "Kendal"
Reg Nov A Vet: 1 ½ Qs (1 1st place)

Karen Thomas & "Dana"
Nov Tunnelers: 2 Q's (1st and 3rd place)
TITLED

Grand Junction, CO October 1st & 2nd NADAC – Zippity Do Dogs

Diane Allan & "Lucy"
Vet's NATCH & Superior Versatility
NATCH

Letter from the Editor

Hi all. First I want to apologize for being so tardy at getting this issue of the Newsletter out to you. It's been a busy year both for the club and for me personally. I am hoping I will be able to get future Newsletters out to you in a timelier manner.

Again, Holli Pfau has conducted a wonderful interview with Mary H., our training field benefactor. I think you will find the interview with her to be very interesting. Mary has a very colorful background and history.

Don't forget that we have added a Doggy Flea Market to the Newsletter. It's a great place to let people know you have agility equipment or other doggy items for sale, trade and for free. And if there is something you need that someone else might have, be sure to list that as well. Just send your info to me by e-mail chamar@sprynet.com and I will make sure that info is listed in the next Newsletter.

All comments and suggestions for future newsletters are welcomed.

Marilyn



Letter from the President

Whew! What a season this year! A spectacular new training site, two successful trials, full classes, a wonderful seminar with Stacy Peardot-Goudy and lots of titles and Q's!!

I am very proud to be the President of this club and would like to send a personal THANK YOU to those of you who work so closely together to make things happen.

BUT WAIT...there's more. We have members heading off to USDAA Nationals in Scottsdale next week, so lets all say GOOD LUCK to Jill Brazelle with Monica, and Diane Allen with Lucy!!

Plus we have plans in the works for some classes, training and fun runs this winter at the Atwater's arena in Dolores, AND...at our next meeting, November 17th, we will be announcing the winner of the tunnel. The winner will be drawn from those tickets you got when you purchased "blocks" of classes from Eric and John this past summer. We will also be announcing plans for our holiday party which is always a great time and that you won't want to miss.

In closing -- although it's sad to see the summer go, its exciting to know its time to gear up for some fun winter activities and almost time to start planning for next year's activities!

Cindy

The Doggy Flea Market

Agility Equipment and other Doggy items for sale, trade or offered for free. Also wanted items. (All Doggy Flea Market ads are free to D.A.D. members.)

For Sale: Folding plastic/fiberglass pet ramp for loading dogs into pick up trucks or tall SUV's. Will hold 300 lbs. Legs included which will make ramp into table. \$75.00 OBO.

For Sale: Beginners set of weave poles. Just stick in the ground. Includes nylon grommets for spacing. \$35 Marilyn Reed (970) 259-1858

For Sale: Two large (size 400) Ferrari plastic crates. \$35 ea. Exc. condition. Marilyn Reed (970) 259-1858

For Sale: Crate cart for hauling equipment at trials etc. \$50.00. Very sturdy. Exc. condition. Marilyn Reed (970) 259-1858

For Sale: Covered large square wire puppy pen. Can be used for whelping a litter. Has raised wire flooring and metal pans for underneath. Excellent quality and condition. \$100. Must see. Marilyn Reed (970) 259-1858

For Free: Sturdy large fabric folding crate. Needs PVC joint replaced. Call for more info. Marilyn Reed (970) 259-1858.

For Sale: THE ULTIMATE CHAIR!! You saw them at the Stacy seminar - Aluminum frame fold up chairs with a fold out side table and a side pockets for your cell phone, keys, leash, etc and insulated water bottle. Shoulder strap included. Avail: 2 red, 1 green & 2 fiesta stripe. DAD mbr price \$45. All others \$60.



Meet your Members

The Western World of Marry H.

By Holli Pfau

Wanted: Energetic, interested young person to learn ranching from the ground up. No experience necessary, but must be willing to tackle everything cheerfully. During trial month, fee is \$30. If accepted, room and board will be provided. Apply at the Klondike Ranch in Buffalo, Wyoming.

Applicant: Mary Santee. Qualifications: New graduate of Brown University, political science, 1945. Born in Hackensack, NJ. Loved summers on grandparents' fruit farm. Passionate about the West. Willing to work hard and try anything.



With a railroad ticket in her hand, bag over her shoulder and stars in her eyes, Mary Santee departed the East for her first adventure out West. From day one it was a match made in heaven, and she never looked back. Her first job as a college graduate found her working outdoors from dawn to dusk, helping with haying and other ranch chores and loving every minute of it. After one summer under the wide, immense

Wyoming skies, at the foothills of the Bighorn Mountains. Mary knew her life would never be the same.

After a brief return to the East and work with the Girls Scouts, she was homesick for the ranch, and followed her heart west again. She worked at several ranches during summers, and taught in a one-room, one-student schoolhouse. Her love of animals guided her toward her second bachelor's degree, in animal science, at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. "I had to write a paper on my future in agriculture," Mary says, "and my professor thought I should take some journalism classes, too." One thing led to another, and soon Mary was working toward her master's in journalism at Oklahoma State.

"But my love of those Wyoming skies pulled me back," she says, and she returned to the University of Wyoming to work in publications, writing about 4-H and extension programs and research station projects. A man named Jim H. came into her life at a church meeting in Denver, and they were married in 1960. Another transplant from the East, Jim, too, loved the western land, and education as well. Starting later in life, after work as a stone mason, he pursued bachelor's, master's and PhD degrees at the University of Wyoming and Colorado State in education. He conceived, designed, built and served as principal of the Jefferson County Area Vocational School in Lakewood, CO until he retired.

Enjoying life in Golden, they still owned ten acres between the river and CR 250 that Jim had owned since the 1950s in Durango. In March, 1983, while here to transact the sale of this land, Jim and Mary said "What are we doing? We love it here!" and retained the three acres that now sport our agility field, moving here to live in September 1983.

Mary's tidy home reveals her love of all animals, and books about cats and dogs share equal space. Thirteen-year-old Cleo, a pastel calico cat, perches lazily on the top of a floor-to-ceiling kitty condo. A fleece dog bed snuggles against the wall for Heidi, Mary's golden retriever. And in the exercise room near the garage, hundreds of calendar photographs of animals brighten every wall. Under the gaze of cats, dogs, wolves, penguins and polar bears, Mary pedals her exercycle.

Anyone interested in learning Skijoring this winter?

For those of you who are not ski fixated, Skijoring w/ dogs is when the person is x-country skiing w/ a belt on the skier and a harness that allows the dog to pull about 6' in front on a tugline, leaving the hands free to use the poles. The dog pulls the skier but the skier is also skiing along. It is done on x-country ski trails, anywhere dogs are allowed.

Any breed invited. For more information, please contact Ann Chernoff Allan at: Hesperusaerie@earthlink.com

Doggy Quotes

"We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made." M.Facklam

"The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue." –Anonymous

Stacy-isms

Here are some Stacy quotes that Holli noted at this past summer's Stacy Peardot-Goudy seminar:

"Let your body position work harder than your mouth."

"Be more interesting than dirt."

"You can't learn at full speed and neither can your dog."

"Here! Here! Here!" is just white noise."

"Turn your shoulders!"

"So many rules, so little time."

"Shut up and run."

"Of course I'm right!"

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Jim passed away in 1996, but Mary remains active as ever. Three times a week she attends water aerobics classes at Trimble Hot Springs. ("I used to go four times a week, but the Saturday classes were cancelled," she laments.) Perched on her trusty riding mower ("which turns on a dime and gives change"), Mary single-handedly mows every inch of her lush, green acres each week; the whole job takes four to five hours. Recent irrigation work assures complete coverage and makes mowing near the ditch easier.

Mary first learned of DAD's need for a field from Carol Bennett, a Bowen practitioner who was treating Lynne Fickett's dogs. It sounded to her like an interesting proposition, and last fall the first equipment arrived on the scene. "I thoroughly enjoy it," Mary beams, when asked how she likes being invaded by all the practicing teams. "Especially the beginning classes. It's fun to watch the progress and how the dogs work for treats." She also appreciates the camaraderie of members. "They're competitors, yes, but also very supportive of each other," she notes. "Joggers don't smile, and bikers don't smile. But here both the dogs and the people smile!"

Wanted: Absolutely beautiful grassy field, fully fenced and meticulously cared for. Owner must love animals and welcome visitors most any hour of daylight, seven days a week. Good cheer, sense of humor and enthusiasm a plus.

Found: Mary H. and Heidi

Heidi, Golden Retriever and Greeter

Born May 8, 1993, Heidi (Hunterun's Hiwater Mark to the AKC) raised several litters of lovely puppies for breeders Julie and Gomer Hill in Ft. Lupton CO. When Heidi's mothering years were past, the Hills were looking for a good home for this stellar mom. Networking, they found Mary and came to interview her on Labor Day of 2001. Deeming Mary an excellent candidate, they left Heidi in her capable hands.

"I feel privileged to have her in my life," Mary says of the sweet, gentle Heidi lounging at her feet. "She also loves all the extra attention she gets from everyone in agility. And since she's more active now, she's also trimmed down a little."

Not allowed treats, and not interested in toys, Heidi finds her greatest pleasure in meeting and greeting friends. Her wagging tail welcomes humans, and her play bow entices canines. Her broad grin wins all hearts.

Stacy Peardot-Goudy Seminar



Lynne & "Besa"



"Willie" Paige



"Tango" Gray