

Nashville Dog Training Club

Special points of interest:

- Check building availability using the "[Events Calendar](#)"
- Next Club Meeting Feb 23
- Next Board Meeting March 9
- Make ring reservations by calling Holly Waldrop at work 615-343-6161 or cell 615-243-3257 or email at rental@nashvilledog.org

Note from the President

To our membership:

It's a pleasure to work with a great group of people, and we came together as a group to host some successful trials January 29 –February 01, 2004! Congratulations, once again , to Jenny Cobb and an outstanding Agility Trial Committee for putting on yet another four days of first-class Agility Trials and to Claudia Dickerson and a great Obedience Committee for pioneering four days of Obedience Trials at the same time.

The work of these Committees and the many other volunteers who made possible our Combined "Experiment" made us all very proud to be a part of the Nashville Dog Training Club, and we look forward to discussing your comments and observations during our next Club Meeting on February 23, 2004. Please join us!

David Haddock,
President

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Preliminary Obedience Trial Note From Chair

NDTC's first four-day obedience trial was successful beyond our imagination. The members of the trial committee were surprised and gratified by the frequent and lavish praise we received from the exhibitors. This feedback was substantiated by the written comment cards, which were overwhelmingly and enthusiastically positive. The AKC rep said the ring conditions were "ideal" and the judging panel was the best he had ever seen. The judges had such a good time that one judge even reduced her fee! The judges are all eager to be invited back and will no doubt spread the word among top judges that this is the trial to judge.

We had anticipated some potential trouble spots for this trial. We were concerned that the agility might prove to be noise distraction, but exhibitor feedback about conflicts between the obedience with agility was very positive. We were concerned about how conflicts between the two events would be resolved, but we also got positive feedback on that. Crate space was another concern, and the comments we received from exhibitors confirmed that we need to improve that next year if the two events are again combined. We have some ideas on how that could work. Finally, we knew that with four rings in that space, seating would be tight, and there would not be a good place for warm-ups. Exhibitors asked that we improve that as well, and we also have some ideas on how we can address that issue next year, should the membership support a 2005 combined event.

Health Notes

Each month we will give a symptom and some possible causes and treatments. This is by no means a substitute for veterinary care or a diagnostic guide, just some common causes.

Symptom	Causes	Treatments
Pain when touched	Skin trauma (burn, puncture, other injury).	Treat wound. Medication.
Diagnosis made by: palpation, x-ray, blood test.	Sprain, fracture, subluxation (dislocation) Internal problems.	Rest. Immobilization. Surgery. Varies by condition. Surgery, medication, reduction of the dislocation, replacement of bone into proper position in the joint space.

Obedience Trial, cont.

In spite of the constructive criticism that some exhibitors offered on the comment cards, all but two said that they loved the trial and would come back next year. In particular, they liked the site and four days offered, and many said that they really liked combining it with agility. They also sang the praises of our well trained and friendly ring stewards and our fabulous judging panel. They also like the host hotel, although we did learn that there was a significant problem with not picking up after dogs, which will need to be addressed.

Our entries for this trial were so large that, based upon data from the past couple of years, and including our nonregular and rally classes, our Saturday trial should be approximately the tenth largest obedience trial in the country this year. That is something for this club to be proud of!

Our major concern had been staffing this obedience trial when many of our club members would be working and exhibiting in the agility trials. Mary Dowden, through hard work and persistence, lined up an excellent crew of ring stewards who kept the rings running smoothly and who received much praise from the exhibitors. On top of her duties as Chief Ring Steward, Mary, as the club's treasurer, was fulfilling her board duties during the trial as well, writing checks to pay judges and the facility fee, among other things. I'm sure she needed a few days to recuperate from the experience.

Connie Womack, as Hospitality Chair, kept our judges as happy and pampered as they have ever been. They could not stop singing her praises. She also kept the ring stewards and committee members well fed and watered, in cooperation with the agility committee's hospitality team. Her many extra special touches are most appreciated. Jean Ervin, as Property Chair, smoothly accomplished the massive undertaking of repairing our equipment, moving it to and from the site, and getting it set up properly. The success of her efforts is substantiated by the AKC rep's characterization of ring conditions as "ideal".

Donna Zeedar's work as Trophy Chair is greatly appreciated. She raised enough money to cover the cost of ribbons and all prizes, and the handing out of ribbons and prizes ran very smoothly. Beth Vorhaus, as Grounds Chair, was in charge of making and posting the requisite signage and monitoring the crating situation, which she did with tactful firmness.

Our one non-club member trial committee member was our Trial Secretary, Derek Pattison. Because of the amount of work required for a four-day trial, particularly where club member resources were already challenged by the dual event, the club decided to retain an outside, paid trial secretary. This was a very wise decision, particularly since entries exceeded our expectations. Derek smoothly performed his duties and received high praise from the AKC rep for his attention to detail. For the first time, the club was able to offer online entries, and approximately one-fourth of all entries were via the online system.

Assistants Needed

We still need assistants for the Level 2 CGC class that meets on Tuesday evenings from 8-8:50 PM.

Anyone in Open on Tuesday nights willing to stay and help with Level 2? We have instructors but need assistants !!

Level 2 Instructors for 2004

Jan. 13-March 2
Denise McClure
Shirley Sapp (asst)

March 9-April 27
Sharon Suitor

May 4-June 22
Lynda Condurelis

June 29-August 17
Shirley Sapp?

August 24-October 12
Lynda Condurelis

October 19-December 7
Sharon Suitor



Send your brags to:
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Include the following:

1. Your name
2. Dog's full name
3. Dog's call name
4. Your accomplishment
5. Location of event
6. Date that it happened

Obedience Trial, cont.

June Johnston, though not an official committee member, was our Rally Coordinator. This was the first time the club has offered rally classes, and starting January 1, 2005, rally will be a titling event. The exhibitors seemed to enjoy rally, although it did not move nearly as quickly as expected. The AKC rep confirmed that our rally judge was not as fast as other judges but encouraged us to offer rally again in 2005 because the strong appeal that rally has to the public offers the potential for recruiting more pet owners to the sport of obedience. The physical and staffing requirements for rally are not significant, but the number of dogs per ring per hour offered no advantage over the regular classes. This issue will require further study. June's efforts made our rally classes move as smoothly as possible, and our rally judge very much appreciated her preparation and organization.

The trial committee members each recruited assistants, and of course many of our members served as ring stewards, some even foregoing showing their own dogs so that they could support the club's effort and promote a premier event. Each and every one of these people contributed to the overwhelming success of this trial. We should all be very proud of our accomplishments.

This experience has also made me far more appreciative of the work that other clubs go to when they sponsor obedience trails for us. I know that I will be more likely to express to them my appreciation at future trials and far less likely to gripe about the little inconveniences that every trial must bear

Claudia Dickerson
2004 Obedience Trial Chair



Comments from Agility and Obedience Judges

The following note is from Kathie Leggett, agility judge:

"Hi Jenny, Thank you and all the folks at the Nashville DTC for a wonderful judging experience! The site was beautiful, the club was one of the most organized I've ever had the pleasure to work with, and everything went very smoothly. If there were difficulties, they were transparent to me as a judge."

Kathie Leggett

The following note is from Tracy Hanna, agility judge:

"The site was beautiful; the agility equipment was top quality; your trial secretary was well-organized and experienced; your worker coordinators were quick and accurate; score table was well-staffed and thorough; and the hospitality was fabulous. Denise bent over backwards to accommodate all of our schedules and see that we were fed and taken care of."

Tracy Hanna

Club Meetings are
Mondays
6:30p.m.—7p.m.—Social
7 p.m.—8:30 p.m.—
Meeting

New Members

Cynthia Yancey—Greyhound

Carol Monger—Papillon

Sharon Sutor—Golden Ret.

John Butler—Border Collie

Ann Hammond—Irish Wolf-
hound

Club Meeting Dates:

February 23

March 22

April 26

May 24

June 28

July 26

August 23

September 27

October 25

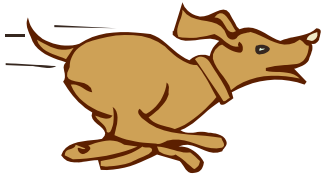
November 22

December 11

Editors Note

The Dixie Recall will be distributed by the 20th of each month, therefore any articles you wish to be considered must be received by the editor no later than the 10th .

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Preliminary Agility Trial Chair Report

THIRD ANNUAL NDTC AGILITY TRIAL IS A WINNER !!

In just three short years, NDTC's annual AKC agility trial has become one of the top agility competitions in the Southeast. Chaired once again by Jenny Cobb and her tireless team of committee members and Jane Mohr as Trial Secretary, the four-day event featured all levels of Standard and Jumpers classes, along with two International agility classes, and drew exhibitors from across the United States.

"Run fast, run clean!" was the goal of the nearly 300 agility competitors who crowded into the Williamson County Ag Expo Center January 29–February 1, 2004, to prove their prowess in the ring. This year saw the highest entry yet with the trial filling up within hours of the opening date. The final entry was 684 runs on Thursday, 750 runs on Friday, 750 runs on Saturday, and 742 runs on Sunday.

Judges for this year's trial were Kathie Leggett from California (a highly respected long-time member of the U.S. World Agility Team), Tracy Hanna from Florida, Don Farage from West Tennessee, and Sally Gichner from New Jersey. Courses were challenging, and spectators who attended the event during the weekend got quite an eyeful of the fast-paced world of agility! Each judge was extremely complimentary about the organization of the event, the great hospitality, quality of volunteers helping with each ring, and the competitors themselves. Keeping courses built and the show moving was ably handled by Chief Course Builder Joel Lavalley. Over the four days, course builders constructed 26 different courses which required more than 50 pieces of agility equipment be on hand.

We cannot say enough about the terrific Agility Committee that were so organized and the wonderful volunteers who helped in the ring and at the score table. Chief Ring Steward Linda Hargett, with energetic assistance from assistant chief ring stewards Holly Waldrop and Angela Still, kept each ring staffed with workers. By Sunday afternoon, over 500 worker meals had been served! To give you some idea of the sheer scope of work involved remember that it takes a minimum of 5 people *plus* the judge to score a single agility run – and we were running two rings at once. In all, we judged 2,926 agility runs by 453 dogs entered in 246 separate classes! Trial secretary Jane Mohr did an outstanding job of organizing entries and overseeing the score table. It was no small feat keeping up with each score, placement, and multiple catalogs! **Fortunately** Jane and her table crew kept two computers running flat out to keep up with the scribe sheets from both rings!

The best news is that we handed out nearly 1000 rosettes and hundreds of qualifying ribbons. Exhibitors were delighted that we offered both regular title and master's title rosettes to celebrate their achievement. Best of all, this year's event saw four MACH awards handed out, including one for Nashville competitor Kip Kirby and her Shetland Sheepdog, Orbit. (Kip earned NDTC's first-ever MACH award two years ago at this same show with her Sheltie, Soundbite.)

This year, for the first time, NDTC used electronic timing, which kept both rings jumping – literally – as legs were earned

and titles racked up. Equipment is set up on the first and last jump and as the dog breaks a beam of light the timer starts and stops. A large electronic readout shows the time ticking away and stops when the dog breaks the beam at the final jump. When placements are being decided by 100th of a second, it is exciting for the crowd to watch the clock tick by. Don Lehr with help from Paul McCoy took care of setting up equipment and making sure everything ran without a hitch.

For those with a few dollars to spare for a canine gift or two, over 25 vendors lined the mezzanine with booths full of dog-related products and services. There was even an on-site massage therapist for tired handlers, as well as a canine chiropractor for the dogs! (Acupuncture, anyone?) Each vendor was asked to donate gifts to the daily workers' raffles, and Nashville-based Grannis Photography offered free 8 x 10 MACH and OTCH portraits to exhibitors during the weekend.

The experience and attention to detail of the 2004 Agility Trial Committee was evident in every aspect of the show. The rings looked great, the judges were delighted, the vendors were well supported, the worker lunches were delicious, the timing equipment moved things along, conflicts with obedience classes were taken care of, and prizes, gifts, and worker raffles all contributed to an outstanding experience for exhibitors. We would like to thank; Karen Booker (Property), Jenny Cobb (Trial Chair), Marianne Cameron (Worker lunches), Linda Hargett (Chief Ring Steward) Kip Kirby (Vendors & Publicity), Denise McClure (Hospitality), David Taylor (Building & Grounds), and Melanie Del Villaggio (Awards and Recognition).

Of course, no wrap-up would be complete without mentioning the Ag Expo's terrific staff who helped in every way possible and made sure our rings were raked, watered and "fluffed" each night to reduce dust and enhance footing for the next day's competitors.

This year's media coverage for the agility trial included print mentions in the newspaper, feature stories on WSMV-TV, and a full-length story and color photo essay in the Williamson AM editions of the Tennessean.

It was only last year that this trial was expanded to four days and two simultaneous-action rings. For the 2004 trial, NDTC purchased electronic timing and added an additional computer at the score table. With raves and plaudits continuing to flood in from exhibitors and judges alike, NDTC takes another big step closer to the Agility Committee's original founding vision: that one day, we would host the AKC National Agility Championships right here in Nashville!



Jenny Cobb
2004 Agility Trial Chair

Comments from Agility and Obedience Judges, cont'd.

The following note is from Ted G. McCall, obedience judge:

“To Nashville DTC Members,

Congratulations on a fantastic agility and obedience trial! All your hours of hard work definitely showed in the quality of your shows. The site was ideal and easily accessible to hotels and great restaurants. There was plenty of space for both obedience and agility exhibitors to prepare their dogs.

Ultimately, it was your people who made the difference from being just another “good” show. You have my gratitude for making a judging assignment such a pleasurable experience.

A special thanks to David, Claudia, Connie, Jean, and Mary for your many kindnesses.”

The following note is from Greg Feathers, obedience judge:

“Claudia,

Just wanted to drop you a line and let you know what a great time I had both judging and exhibiting at the NDTC trial. The show site couldn't have been better. It provided ample parking, plenty of room to crate, grassy areas to exercise the dogs and most important of all HEAT.

The Judging panel was excellent (not counting me) as were the ring conditions and the stewards. Your club members did a wonderful job of making the exhibitors feel welcome and Connie did a great job arranging rooms, meals and entertainment of the judges. I spoke with several Obedience and Agility folks during the four days and never heard one complaint.

The Club's decision to hold a four day show combining Obedience and Agility was an excellent one. Joanne and I have already started spreading the word to our students and the other Obedience and Agility exhibitors here in the Pensacola/Mobile area. Several have already marked their calendars for next year. NDTC did an outstanding job and I am certainly looking forward to attending next year's show.”

Club Member Brags

Betty Stevenson's Deerhound Kyleakin Lark earned 2 CD legs at our obedience trial. Betty's other Deerhound CH Kyleakin Skyrin' Aycha got her first NA agility leg and second place on Saturday at our trial. Her other DHs, Kyleakin Linnet and Kyleakin Laveroc earned their JC titles the weekend of Feb. 7 in Tallahassee, FL. Linnet was also BOB on Sun. for her first SC (senior courser) leg.

Debbie Cutter's Deerhound Skyhigh Citabria O'Julalhil VCD1 OA OAJ JC FCh GRC, Ariel, Finished her OA with a 2nd and qualified in Nov. B with and 4th and 3rd at our trial. Ariel also earned her 2nd SC (senior courser) leg in Tallahassee, FL over the Feb. 7th weekend.

June Johnston's English Pointer, Fancy, got one Novice JWW leg with a first place at NDTC's agility trial.

June Johnston's Pug, Scooter, got two Novice Preferred Standard legs, one with a first place and one with a second place, also at NDTC's agility trial.

Jackie Brasen's dog, Sisko CGC, earned his first “Q” with a 4th place finish in the Nov. St. at NDTC's agility trial on Fri., Jan. 29.

D. Cutter's Deerhound Skyhigh Spitfire O'Jubalhil JC, Kit, earned her JC title the weekend of Feb. 7&8 in Tallahassee FL.

Diane Overstreet's Papillon Rosebud Hunter's Moon Dancer (Hunter) “Q” 5 of 6 runs with 3 1st place and 2 2nd places, earning NA and NAJ titles. He also earned 1 OAJ leg and 2 OA legs. Thanks, trial members !



Puppy Class Plea

Thanks to all who have answered the call for help to fill our teaching team slots for the Puppy Kindergarten Classes. But.....we have only just begun! We still need a little more help. Currently our “Puppy Public” still needs teachers for the 5/6 and 8/26 starting Puppy Kindergarten classes (remember we are upstairs and have heat and air!) Also, we still need assistants for the classes starting 3/9, 6/29, 8/26 and 10/21.

Thanks to Donna Zeedar, Carol and Lauren Croop, Vickie Roberts, Debby Averette, Sandra Edson and Terri Geistman, who have answered our recent call for help. I really cannot pass up the opportunity to thank Denise McClure and Tammy Haney for their continued support of our Puppy Classes as well. Also, thanks to Cynthia Yancey for assisting.

I hope those of you who still need to get in a few volunteer hours, or simply love working with puppies, will once again consider helping out with our Puppy Kindergarten Classes. Please contact Beth Clark at work 250-5450 or home 776-7274 or email at elizibeth.clark@irs.gov. If you are unsure about making a commitment but are interested or have questions, please feel free to call me and we can discuss teaching and assisting Puppy Classes.

Once again, thanks for your consideration. And remember.....

A PUPPY IS A TERRIBLE THING TO WASTE !!!!

Club Member Brags, cont.

Mary Stevenson's Border Collie Mocha Bits CD HSAs HSBs (Mocha) earned her CDX title at the NDTC trial on Thursday, January 29th, by placing third in the very competitive Open A class. In addition, she was also high scoring Border Collie in the trial that day. Mocha qualified and placed all four days, and now has six Open A legs—on to Open B and Utility !!

Mary Stevenson's Border Collie Gypsy Blaze (Gypsy) competed in the pre-novice class all four days, earning three first place ribbons and one fourth place ribbon. Mary hopes to have Gypsy ready for Novice B by next year's trial.

Starwood Autumns True Colors (Katie), an Irish Setter owned by Connie Womack, earned her Novice Preferred Jumpers title at the NDTC Agility trial with a first and a second placement in her class. She also earned another Novice Preferred Standard leg with a first placement.

Camelot's Wild Irish Rogue AX AXJ (Rowdy) earned another MXJ leg at the NDTC trial with 6 more MACH points. Rowdy is also owned by Connie Womack.

Bill and Sandra Edson's standard poodle, Sancrest Luckenbach CD AX AXJ CGC earned his AX on Nov. 23 at the Huntsville Agility Trial. At the NDTC trial Luke earned his AXJ on Thursday, Jan. 29th, and his first two Double Q's with two MX legs and two MXJ legs on Jan. 31st and Feb 1st, for a total of 16 MACH points.

Traci and Kevin Myers Australian Shepherd, Tiger's Dances with Wolves (Tank) earned first place on Friday in 20" Novice A Standard (26.08 seconds under time with a score of 100) and first place on Sunday in 20" Novice A JWW (10 seconds under time with a score of 100).

Jo-Anne Bachorowski's Portuguese Water Dog, De Leao's Seaspray (Tuck) earned his CD on Sunday, Feb. 1, at the NDTC trials. We were thrilled to finish our first—ever title under fellow PWD lover David Haddock. A huge, heartfelt thank you to the many NDTC folks who've worked with me and my boy, my first dog, over the past two years.

From Curt Brock: "First, I want to thank everyone who helped me with my training and helped put on such a great trial. Shau bau and I had some of our best runs ever. Why? I have no clue? 4 days—4 Open A legs—4 first places. Someone pinch me! Remind me I am not dreaming!

Linda Hargett's Standard Poodle Topiary Project Bonzai Dot Com CDX AX AXJ (Bonzai) got his very first QQ (double Q) on Thursday making their 4th MX leg and 2nd MXJ leg. Second QQ on Sunday, making the 5th MX leg (HALFWAY THERE!!) and 3rd MXJ leg. Linda is very proud of his performance this weekend!!

Tammy Haney's MinPin, Aries Amazing Grace CDX (Ashley) got her 3rd leg and title Feb 1.

Tammy Haney's MinPin, Aries Little Fire Fighter NA NAJ (Erik) got his 2nd leg in Open Standard and 2nd place Friday, January 30th.

Andrea Kyllarova and her Golden, Jakki VCD1, got their 2nd AXJ leg, their 1st AX leg (1st place) and a 4th place in Nov. B obedience with a score of 196 at our trial. And Sat got 4th in Nov. B obedience with a score of 196.

Chris Warmouth's Cocker Spaniel Brookwood's Little Boy Blue OAJ (Charlie) earned his 1st OAJ leg in Harriman on Jan. 3rd with a score of 95 and 1st place. He received his 2nd OAJ leg in Franklin on Jan. 29th with a score of 100 and 1st place. He also received his 3rd OAJ leg in Franklin on Jan. 31 with a score of 95 and another 1st place, earning his OAJ title !

Holly Waldrop's Dalmatian K-Max Pure Poetry, OA, AXJ (Baxter) earned his first MXJ leg and MACH points on Thursday, Jan 28 and his 2nd AX leg and (2nd place!) on Sunday, Feb. 1.

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