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## NDTC MARCH TRIAL

We are very excited about NDTC's upcoming trial on March 28th, 29th and 30th. Rally will be offered on Friday, March 28th, and Obedience on March 29th and 30th.

This is the first time NDTC has held a trial in our own training building. It's a golden opportunity to show your dog in a very familiar environment – an advantage for any team. We hope everyone is planning to show or assist and help us make our first trial at NDTC a great success!

## STEWARDS NEEDED

We really need volunteers to help us make this trial a success. We can't do it without you! Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time on Saturday (March 29th) or Sunday (March 30th). If we all work together we can get the job done right.

Let me know:

- if you are able to help;
- what days you are interested in; and
- if you are showing and the classes you are entered in.

Also, feel free to let me know if you have a friend who might also be interested in stewarding. As always, you will get a free lunch for assisting!

You can reach me by e-mail at [marinacaro@comcast.net](mailto:marinacaro@comcast.net). Thanks to everyone, and good luck at the show!

## AKC LAUNCHES NEW PAL PROGRAM

On February 1, 2008, The American Kennel Club® launched the Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) program - formerly known as the Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP) program.

The new name more accurately describes the purpose of the program: allowing dogs that are ineligible for registration but are distinguishable as a member of an AKC-registrable breed, to participate in AKC Companion Events, AKC Performance Events and AKC Juniors competition.

Dogs which currently have ILP numbers will retain their original numbers and continue to enter events under that number.

Read the full story at [http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article\\_id=3427](http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=3427)

**NEXT MEMBER MEETING:  
March 24**

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## NDTC TRACKING DOG TEST MARCH 2, 2008

NDTC hosted our spring TD test on Sunday March 2, 2008. We offered 6 tracks and had 6 entries. One withdrew because they passed their TD in Louisville the weekend before, so we plotted 5 tracks and one alternate. We had gorgeous weather and beautiful fields.

Special thanks go to our Judges, Jeff Whitsitt from Nashville and Ken Barna from Cleveland, Ohio, for plotting some really nice tracks.

Super special thanks go to our team of extraordinary tracklayers: Debbie Cutter, Chief Tracklayer, who walked every track and then laid one of her own; Bill Eickmeier; Debbie Gordon; Janiece Harrison; June Johnston and Ron Ralston. Many thanks to Kathy Cummings who served as our Chief Stake Hauler and Pounder, hauling the golf bag loaded with tracking stakes on all 6 tracks during Saturday's plotting.

Also huge thanks to our Tracking Committee members: Debbie Cutter, Debbie Gordon, Janiece Harrison, June Johnston, Ron Ralston, Dawna Roberts and Kate Ruddy.

We only had 2 passes but 2 are way better than none! One (Track 1) was a lady from Gray, TN who got her first TD ever with a little parti Cocker at our test – we are all so happy for her, especially since that TD gave her little girl a VCD1 title. The 2nd pass (Track 2) was a Pembroke Welsh Corgi from the Atlanta area who just chugged along her track to the glove. It was not the day for the unsuccessful entrants, but they will get there.

And the food! June Johnston's white bean chili, Kate Ruddy's Washington stew and homemade bread, Debbie Gordon's ham/cheese rollups and homemade chocolate chip cookies, Debbie Cutter's plethora of St. Paddy's cupcakes, Connie Womack brought soft drinks and ice – it was all wonderful! And thanks also to Marina Caro for making a special trip to the site to send our Judges on their way with reimbursement checks.

It truly takes a village to host a tracking test, and NDTC has just about the best tracking village I've seen!

We were thrilled to get to visit with our favorite Tracking Judge, Darla Huffman – we were so disappointed that she wasn't able to judge our test, but are glad that she's continuing to mend.

It was great to see who's really in charge in the Haddock household! She may be 9-ish! Photos will be posted on the NDTC Tracking page.

Submitted by Bev Stewart, Tracking Chair/Secretary.

## MEMBER BRAGS



**Debbie Cutter's** Scottish Deerhound, **Ariel**, finished her MX at the Thanksgiving weekend agility trials in Decatur, AL, becoming the first Deerhound to earn an MX and an MXJ. Her sister, **Kit**, finished her OA at the NDTC trial in Franklin, TN. Both girls earned their second UD legs (with first and third placements, respectively) at the NDTC trial as well. Both girls also finished their UDs on Feb. 9 at the Decatur obedience trial, with Kit earning a first placement and Ariel a second, to become the ninth and tenth Deerhounds ever to earn a UD. Ariel is now **CH Skyhigh Citabria O'Jubalhil VCD2 UD SC MX MXJ FCH GRC VCM** and Kit is **Skyhigh Spitfire O'Jubalhil UD SC OA AXJ FCH GRC VCX**.

**Sandra Edson's** Standard Poodle, **MACH Sancrest Luckenbach, CDX, RE, AD (Luke)**, earned his MACH along with one Double Q and a 3rd place in Ex. Standard, qualifying in 5 out of 8 runs at the NDTC trial in Franklin, TN.

**Sandra's** Standard Poodle, **Sancrest Georgina, CD, RE, AXP, AJP (Gina)**, earned her first two legs in Open A obedience with a 2nd and 3rd place at the NDTC trial.

**Gina** was also awarded the Versatility Certificate by Versatility in Poodles, Inc. on February 13, 2008. To qualify for this award, poodles must earn points in at least two of seven categories of performance; Gina earned points in three categories - Obedience/Rally, Agility, and Service.

**Sandra's** Standard Poodle, **Sancrest Davy Crockett, RN, CGC (Davy)**, finished his Rally Novice title at the NDTC trial.

**Cheryl Geer's** Papillons, **Felix and Jackson**, earned two Jumpers legs each at the Decatur agility trials on February 23 and 24. Felix earned his 7th and 8th MJP legs and Jackson earned his 8th and 9th MXJ legs.

**Debbi Martin's** Basset Hound, **Mary**, earned the Rally Novice title. This is Mary's first Obedience/Rally title and the first Rally title Debbi has put on a dog. For those of you who don't know, Mary is also a conformation champion and is 9 years old!

**Bev Stewart** and her Border Collie, **Sydney**, passed their TD (Tracking Dog) Test at the Oak Ridge Kennel Club's TD Test in Harriman, TN on February 9. Sydney joined Bev's family on the fourth of July, 1997, as an approximately 2 year old stray who showed up that Sunday morning at the Mt. Juliet training site - hungry, thirsty and covered with ticks (he was so anemic from the ticks he couldn't be neutered till September). Through the years, Bev tried to introduce Sydney to various dog activities - he was always just desperate to get back to the car where he felt safe. Something finally clicked with him, and he decided tracking was something he could do. And he did it! Their track was 470 yards long, with 3 turns, and he trotted it in 6 minutes. One leg was 200 yards long, which can be disconcerting for a handler - thinking their dog might have overshot a turn. But there was no whistle, and Sydney said it went that way, so Bev just followed the expert with the nose!



*Bev Stewart and Sydney at the start of the tracking test.*

# AKC TITLE ABBREVIATIONS: WHAT DO ALL THOSE LETTERS MEAN?

## AGILITY

### AJP

Excellent Agility Jumpers With Weaves "A" Preferred: Three qualifying scores in Excellent A Jumpers With Weaves Preferred class under at least 2 different judges.

### AX

Agility Excellent: Three qualifying scores in Excellent A Agility class under at least 2 different judges.

### AXJ

Excellent Agility Jumper: Three qualifying scores in Excellent A Jumpers With Weaves class under at least 2 different judges.

### AXP

Agility Excellent "A" Preferred: Three qualifying scores in Agility Excellent "A" Preferred Class under at least 2 different judges.

### FTC

FAST Century: Requires the MXF title plus one hundred Excellent B FAST agility class qualifying scores of 60 points or greater.

### FTCP

FAST Century Preferred: Requires the MFP title plus one hundred Excellent B FAST agility class qualifying scores of 60 points or greater.

### MFP

Master Excellent FAST Preferred: Ten qualifying scores in Excellent B FAST Preferred agility class under at least 2 different judges. Trial at which XFP was earned does not count toward the 10.

### MJP

Master Excellent Jumpers With Weaves "B" Preferred: Ten qualifying scores in Excellent B Jumpers With Weaves Preferred Agility class under at least 2 different judges. Trial at which AX was earned does not count toward the 10.

### MX

Master Agility Excellent: Ten qualifying scores in Excellent B Agility class under at least 2 different judges. Trial at which AX was earned does not count toward the 10.

### MXF

Master Excellent FAST: Ten qualifying scores in Excellent B FAST agility class under at least 2 different judges. Trial at which XF was earned does not count toward the 10.

### MXJ

Master Excellent Jumpers With Weaves: Ten qualifying scores in Excellent B Jumpers With Weaves Agility class under at least 2 different judges. Trial at which AX was earned does not count toward the 10.

### MXP

Master Agility Excellent "B" Preferred: Ten qualifying scores in Excellent Agility Preferred "B" class under at least 2 different judges. Trial at which AXP was earned does not count toward the 10.

### NA

Novice Agility: Three qualifying scores in Novice A and/or B Agility class under at least 2 different judges.

### NAJ

Novice Agility Jumper: Three qualifying scores in Novice A and/or B Jumpers With Weaves class under at least 2 different judges.

### NAP

Novice Agility Preferred: Three qualifying scores in the Novice Agility Preferred class under at least 2 different judges.

### NF

Novice FAST: Three qualifying scores in Novice A and/or B FAST agility class under at least 2 different judges.

### NFP

Novice FAST Preferred: Three qualifying scores in Novice A and/or B FAST Preferred agility class under at least 2 different judges.

### NJP

Novice Jumpers With Weaves Preferred: Three qualifying scores in the Novice Jumpers With Weaves Preferred class under at least 2 different judges.

### OA

Open Agility: Three qualifying scores in Open Agility class under at least 2 different judges.

### OAJ

Open Agility Jumper: Three qualifying scores in Open Jumpers With Weaves class under at least 2 different judges.

### OAP

Open Agility Preferred: Three qualifying scores in Open Agility Preferred class under at least 2 different judges.

### OF

Open FAST: Three qualifying scores in Open FAST agility class under at least 2 different judges.

### OFF

Open FAST Preferred: Three qualifying scores in Open FAST Preferred agility class under at least 2 different judges.

### OJP

Open Jumpers With Weaves Preferred: Three qualifying scores in Open Jumpers With Weaves Preferred class under at least 2 different judges.

### PAX

Preferred Agility Excellent: Twenty double qualifying scores obtained from the Preferred Excellent B Standard agility class and the Preferred Excellent B Jumpers With Weaves class. Qualifying in both the Preferred Excellent B Standard agility class and the Preferred Excellent B Jumpers With Weaves class on the same day equals one (1) double qualifying score.

### XF

Excellent FAST: Three qualifying scores in Excellent A FAST agility class under at least 2 different judges.

### XFP

Excellent FAST Preferred: Three qualifying scores in Excellent A FAST Preferred agility class under at least 2 different judges.

## OBEDIENCE

### CD

Companion Dog: Certified by 3 different judges to have received qualifying scores in Novice classes at 3 licensed or member obedience trials.

### CDX

Companion Dog Excellent: Certified by 3 different judges to have received qualifying scores in Open classes at 3 licensed or member obedience trials.

### UD

Utility Dog: Registered and certified by three obedience trial judges as having received qualifying Utility scores at three licensed or member obedience trials.

### UDX

Utility Dog Excellent: Received qualifying scores in both Open B and Utility B at 10 separate licensed or member obedience trials.

## RALLY

### RN

AKC Rally® Novice: Certified by 2 different judges to have received qualifying scores in Novice classes at 3 licensed or member rally trials.

### RA

AKC Rally® Advanced: Certified by 2 different judges to have received qualifying scores in Advanced classes at 3 licensed or member rally trials.

### RE

AKC Rally® Excellent: Certified by 2 different judges to have received qualifying scores in Excellent classes at 3 licensed or member rally trials.

### RAE

AKC Rally® Advanced Excellent: Qualifying scores in both Advanced B and Excellent B classes at 10 separate licensed or member rally trials.

## TRACKING

### TD

Tracking Dog: Certified by two judges to have passed a licensed or member club TD test or at a combined TD/TDX test, or at a combined TD/VST test or a TD/TDX/VST test.

### TDX

Tracking Dog Excellent: Certified by two judges to have passed a licensed or member club TDX test or at a combined TDX/VST test, or a combined TD/TDX test or a combined TD/TDX/VST test.

### VST

Variable Surface Tracking: Certified by both judges to have passed a licensed or member club Variable Surface Tracking test or at a combined TD/VST test or at a combined TDX/VST test or at a combined TD/TDX/VST test.

## VERSATILITY

### VCD1

Versatile Companion Dog 1: Must complete CD, NA, NAJ, TD or CD, NAP, NJP, TD

### VCD2

Versatile Companion Dog 2: Must complete CDX, OA, OAJ, TD or CDX, OAP, OJP, TD

### VCD3

Versatile Companion Dog 3: Must complete UD, AX, AXJ, TDX or UD, AXP, AJP, TDX

### VCD4

Versatile Companion Dog 4: Must complete UDX, MX, MXJ, VST or UDX, MXP, MJJ, VST

Thanks to Anna Doherty for the idea for this article. Is there something you'd like to see? Let me know! E-mail [editor@nashvilledog.org](mailto:editor@nashvilledog.org)

# CLASSIFIEDS

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## SHOWS IN MARCH

**March 7-8** (Friday and Saturday) Obedience (Indoors/Outdoors) and Rally (Outdoors). Tullahoma Kennel Club of Tennessee at Williamson County Agricultural Center in Franklin, TN. Show closes February 20.

**March 15-16** Obedience and Rally (Indoors). Four Paw Agility Club of North Georgia at Play Dog Excellent in Chattanooga, TN. Show closes February 27.

**March 21-23** (Friday through Sunday) Agility (Indoors). Tennessee Valley Kennel Club at East Tennessee Agricultural Exposition Center in Harriman, TN. Show closes February 27.

**March 22-23** Obedience and Rally (Indoors). Maury County Kennel Club of Tennessee at Williamson County Agricultural Center in Franklin, TN. Show closes March 5.

**March 28-30** (Friday through Sunday) Rally (Indoors on Friday) and Obedience (Indoors on Saturday and Sunday). Nashville Dog Training Club at NDTC in Nashville, TN. Show closes March 12.

## SHOWS n' GOs IN MARCH

**March 8** Obedience (Indoors). NDTC at training building on Allied Dr. Building opens at 7:30 a.m. Registration from 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. \$6 first entry, \$4 second entry of same dog.

**March 9** Obedience and Rally (Indoors). Obedience Club of Chattanooga at Play Dog Excellent in Chattanooga, TN. Building opens at 7:30 a.m. Runs begin at 8:00 a.m. \$5 per obedience run, \$4 per Rally run. Open ring time begins at noon. \$5 for 10 minutes.

## SHOWS IN APRIL

**April 4-6** (Friday through Sunday) Agility (Indoors). Greater Shelby Kennel Club at Show Place Arena in Memphis, TN. Show closes March 12.

**April 26** Obedience (Outdoors). Clarksville Kennel Club at Clarksville/Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds in Clarksville, TN. Show closes April 9.

**April 27** Rally (Outdoors). Clarksville Kennel Club at Clarksville/Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds in Clarksville, TN. Show closes April 9.

## PRIVATE LESSONS

**Curt Brock available for private lessons** If you need some help working with your dog, e-mail Curt for lessons in his air-conditioned building. Contact cbrock@tntech.edu for more information.

**Sandra Edson offers private agility lessons** For one-on-one instruction in agility, contact Sandra Edson at (615) 325-9765 or by e-mail at sancrestfarm@comcast.net

**Pat Thorne available for private obedience lessons** Pat has been training dogs for 25 years. She has put UD's on six of her dogs, and OTCH titles on two. Pat can be reached at (615) 274-2926.

## TRACKING CAMP

**Camp Jigsaw** is a camp for AKC tracking enthusiasts in its 10th year. It presents a unique opportunity to concentrate on tracking, solve particular problems and hone your teamwork. The camp will be held on March 21-23 in Lebanon, TN. Suitable for all levels of tracking experience. Contact cathy@trackingdogcamp.com for more information, or call (417) 224-6113.

## FREESTYLE

**Freestyle Classes** are being offered at Red Rover. Don't miss this rare opportunity! Brigitte Sclabas is the instructor. Classes are \$120 for a six-week session. Contact Heidi Dixner at Red Rover by calling 227-7709 or by e-mail at heidi@redrovercomeover.com.

**Freestyle Retreat, April 25-27** The Canine Freestyle Federation is holding its annual retreat at Play Dog Excellent in Chattanooga. Contact Julia Gregory at jmg@tennis.org or Fay Taylor at geofay@bellsouth.net for more information.

## FUNDRAISER

**Benefit Concert for Darla Huffman** Darla Huffman has judged tracking for NDTC and is an avid agility enthusiast. Last summer she was involved in a serious auto accident and has incurred significant medical expenses on the path to recovery. There will be a concert held for her benefit at the Bell Buckle Banquet Hall in Bell Buckle, TN on March 22 at 6:00 p.m. Performers include The Creek (Acoustic Folk), Tom Brantley & Friends (Master Fiddler), Everett Brown (Americana), and Emily Singleton (Acoustic Folk). Special guest appearances by Valerie Smith and Becky Buller. Food from Bell Buckle Cafe will be available for purchase. \$10 suggested donation.

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Nashville Humane Association is inviting the public to nominate extraordinary pets and people for its annual Animal Welfare Awards program. Winners will be announced at the Annual Volunteer Awards Banquet on April 30, 2008. The Nashville Humane Association seeks public nominees in the following categories:

### Heroic Pet of the Year

This award celebrates a special animal who has demonstrated remarkable efforts on behalf of humans through acts of service, heroism and devotion

### Youth Animal Welfare Advocate of the Year

Recognizes a young person in our community who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to animals through acts of bravery, service, compassion or heroism

### Julia Colton Award

The Julia Colton Animal Welfare Volunteer Award is presented in honor of Julia Colton. Along with the Colton family, the Nashville Humane Association presents the Julia Colton Award to a volunteer whose commitment to the welfare of animals mirrors the contributions of Colton.

The deadline for nominations has been extended to March 14, 2008. Nominations forms can be downloaded at <http://www.nashvillehumane.org/howhelp/2008-julia-colton-award-nomination-form.pdf>

**ATTENTION MEMBERS!** Are you or your pooch about to celebrate a birthday? Please let us know! Send in your April birthdays to be featured in the next issue.

**Advertise in NDTC's Classifieds!** Have a dog-related item you'd like to trade? Did you misplace something at the club and want to know if it was found? Place an ad in the Classifieds by emailing [editor@nashvilledog.org](mailto:editor@nashvilledog.org)