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MHS Community
Room

Newsletter
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Send submissions by the 22nd
of the month.
Photos encouraged!

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CanineAgility.org — the work, the women, the website

Swanzey, NH—Many people do jobs for CATS. Usually, it's a job someone has done before and taking it on, we can learn from their experience. Frequently, we have mentors who stand at our shoulder as we attempt a new task. Then there are those special times when there's no guide and the road to the end result is uncertain. In those times it takes leadership, confidence and a spirit of adventure to do what's never been done before.

A number of years ago, Gaale Klein took on a challenge to create (in the very real definition of creating) a website for our club. She designed the site. She programmed the site. She has faithfully managed the site for the past 10 years, updating information and handling a myriad of administrative details.

Thanks to Gaale, CATS has had a website with a tremendous amount of reference materials key to event planning and management. Who among us could live without knowing where to easily find a check request form? Gaale creatively used the CATS pawprint from the logo as buttons on the site.

Over the years she added features that celebrate our members, their dogs, and our most meaningful Agility achievements. There's no doubt that Gaale Klein is the mother of the Canine Agility

Training Society's online presence.

Thank you, Gaale, for all your efforts over the years in creating the website and keeping it current. CATS is forever in your debt.

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At the July member meeting, Tammy Lenski (who joined Gaale on the Website Committee earlier this year) informed the meeting that Gaale has stepped down as webmaster of www.canineagility.org. A quorum of members voted in favor of acknowledging Gaale's invaluable labor for the club. As a thank you, we are giving Gaale free entry to as many runs as she likes at the club's 2011 CPE trial this September.

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has a
website



Close readers of these pages will note that the headline read “the women” not “the woman,” and so it is with great pleasure that the Chronicle announces Tammy Lenski has volunteered to be the new webmaster for CanineAgility.org. At the meeting, Tammy explained some of the technological changes that make the job she will do so different from Gaale's work. Tammy presented us with a demonstration of how today's prefab tools can make our site so much easier to update and maintain. This opens the door to making the site a dynamic and multi-functional home base for CATS.

It will be exciting to see how our new website can be used both as a way to foster better communication between club members and a tool to interest potential new members. If you haven't visited our website in a while, this may be the time for you to take a look at the new face of Canineagility.org.

—article written by
Chris Frado and Ameer
Abel



New Member Introduction: Dana Chenier and Pearl & Zig

A couple of months ago, the *Chronicle's* editor was kind enough to invite me to write a brief bio as a way of introducing myself to the club and I'm finally getting to it. First, I'd like to thank all of the club members who have welcomed me and showed me the ropes! I am looking forward to meeting more club members.

Now for a bit about me and the dogs...

I have two wonderful Aussies: 3 year old Pearl and 18 months old Zig. Pearl is my first Agility dog and we are learning the exciting, challenging and addictive sport together. Pearl and I started to compete in Agility last spring, focusing on CPE and ASCA. In the last year we've enjoyed some success. We've had our struggles with contacts and handling, but we are having a lot of fun!



Pearl and Zig, Dana Chenier's two Aussies

Zig and I are training too and I expect to run him in his first trial this fall. I couldn't ask for better teammates!

Pearl, Zig and I also train and compete in Rally Obedience and train in Competition Obedience. Mostly we all just have a lot of fun together!

Happy training!
Dana, Pearl and Zig

New Puppy Introduction:

DASH joins the Gibbon's Household



I still can't believe that within two months my life has gone through such an amazing series of events. While it is true that I've been on the lookout for a puppy, the idea was that it would happen probably next year. But the universe had other plans! For several reasons I really wanted to get a dog from England or Europe. And with my pack dynamics, a male puppy seemed the best choice. I love Lexi's

size (my sheltie) but didn't want another sheltie, and so I finally settled on a miniature Australian Shepherd, and I wanted one with a tail and who had been raised in a litter where all the pups learned to use their tails. I started corresponding with a breeder in the U.K., Jessica Steward, who was the first to import and then breed them there. She was on her second generation, and so everyone but the sire had tails, since they don't dock or crop in England. AND this was a breeder that was interested in health, temperament and..... agility!! She was everything I could hope for in a breeder for my next agility dog, as she was orienting her pups to working agility. Perfect. What I didn't count on was 1) how very close she, her mom and I (and my friend, Ann Firestone who accompanied me to England) would become through this process, and 2) that the puppy of my dreams was going to become mine much sooner than I expected.

Jessica was going to be having a litter in May, but they were all spoken for. But I

had fun watching them through her Facebook page from birth to two weeks, and I really adored the smallest one, who was a male blue merle. I kept commenting on him, but I knew he was already taken. Jessica, the breeder, got it, though, that I was really connecting to this pup. She knew that I did agility, was a clicker trainer, and that I would provide a good working home for him. He was clearly a very active puppy and would do best with someone who would do agility with him. And in a magical series of events, the people who were to take him decided to wait for a female from Jessica's next litter. Jessica and her mom talked it over, and decided to offer this little bundle of wonderful energy to me!!! Of course, I accepted!

The next few weeks were full of phone calls to airlines, customs, the USDA, the Center for Disease Control and other places finding out what needed to be done to import a puppy. It was a challenge to get all that in order. I got to watch Dash, my new pup, as he romped and played with his siblings on Facebook, too. Paul, generous-hearted man that he is, agreed it was best for our dogs that he stay and take care of them since none had ever been left by us in the care of someone else for more than a day. So, I asked my friend Ann Firestone to go with me to England and she accepted.

I would be gone a week, since going all that way offered a opportunity to see a bit of England again for me. This would be Ann's first trip abroad, and England for her had to include a visit to the Donkey Sanctuary in the southwest part of England (Ann runs Save Your Ass Donkey and Mule Rescue.)

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CATS Sept 17-18

CPEFinal Fundraiser of
the Year

CPE Trial Preparations Update

It's almost here—the crisp fall weather and beautiful foliage that remind us it's time to make our final fundraiser of the year a great success!

Mark your Calendars:

Thursday, September 15, 5p.m. Meet at Kitty's to load equipment

Friday, September 16, 8a.m. Setup at Wheelock Park

Sunday, September 18, 3p.m. Breakdown starts at Wheelock Park and continues until we're done!

Also there is a need for a volunteer to transport one judge to and from Manchester airport —please contact [Cindy Stuart](#) to volunteer for this or other jobs.



Online Registration is available at

www.monadpets.org

or you may contact

Alice at MHS 603-352-9011 x112 to register over the phone.

Drop-In Agility at MHS

Tuesdays

Instructor: Diane Gibbons

7-8:15pm Advanced Agility Handling & Skills
(\$22/\$15 for CATS members)

Thursdays

Instructor: Sharon Wirant

5:30PM Beginning Competition Agility

“Starters” (\$22/\$15 for CATS members)

6:45PM Competition Agility Challenges (\$25/\$17 for CATS members)

MHS Walk for
Animals
Sunday, Sept
25, 2011



Hosts

NADAC Trials:

September 10-11 – Dummerston, VT

October 8-9 – Stephentown, NY

Premiums available at:

<http://www.northeastagility.com/events.html>



Sept 4&5, 2011

Sunday & Monday
Two days of Agility Fun!

Guilford Fair Agility Show & Go

LOCATION: Guilford Fairgrounds, Weatherhead Hollow Rd., Guilford, VT

JUDGE: TBA

COURSES:

Standard: Nested courses in fenced ring to include:

* **Pre-Novice:** Short course 10-12 obstacles

* **Novice** 14-16 obstacles

* **Advanced:** 16-20 obstacles

Game Class: Fun game class offered in p.m. Judge will explain.

REGISTRATION: Same day registration starting at 9:00 a.m. First run begins 9:30. Classes are \$5/run. You may register for more classes throughout the day.

For full information— <http://www.breezethruagility.com/GuilfordFair2011.htm>

CATS August Member meeting features Noel Aderer

Your Night Out

with Friends:

CATS' Monthly

Meeting:

Wednesday,

August 10

Starting at 7p.m.

Join us this month as Noel Aderer leads a discussion she calls “Thinking Outside the CATS Cage.” She proposes to consider producing, and possibly partnering with MHS on:

- a fundraiser for both called the wonderful world of dogs and what they can do
- creating a demo team which can be easily put together to go to schools nursing homes and events beyond the “dog” world such as: <http://monadnockmusic.org/Dressage.htm> (an event she put together last year at which we have been asked to participate.)
- having a day where anyone under 16 could come with their dog for an in-

roduction to agility—watch it and try it.

- having a “sweat equity+scholarship” program to get dogs into the hands of people—old and young—for sport who could not otherwise afford them.

Following Noel’s presentation and discussion, the meeting will conduct club business. Please let [Chris Frado](#) know if you have items for the agenda. Thanks!

Good Dogs ≠ Happy Tales

Chris Frado & Snoop Doggy



USDAA Riverside K9....July 8-10
PIII Pairs....3rd & Q with Nancy
Ross & Spotty

Chris Frado & Bingo
USDAA Riverside K9....July 8-10
PII Pairs....1st & Q with Lizette
Durr Schmidt & Caper....Title!
PII Snooker....1st & Q....Title!
PII Jumpers....1st & Q

Chris Frado & Bingo
USDAA Bo-Gee
Amherst, NH
July 23

PIII Pairs
3rd & Q with Rich Dennison &
Gabby
PIII Snooker
1st & Q
PIII Jumpers
1st & Q

This is for everyone that is familiar with Cody and Muddy Paws Agility League for the last 3 winters. Those that attend can vouch for the fact that Cody *loves* that dirt floor in the barn. We might be able to accomplish an obstacle or two, but for the most part he uses that space as his own personal race track; otherwise known as "he has the zoomies."

Thus, I did not really have high expectations at the July trial at Muddy Paws, but was none the less hopeful, that perhaps he might have matured a little.



(He is 5 years old now, equivalent to a 35 year old mal—not that they are all mature

We did not get a single Q, BUT he did not run like a wild man in the barn. One day, and a second place, and third place. No race track, no zoomies.....That was success!

Now can we repeat? We shall see.



Your brag
wanted here
Send them as you
get them to
[Amee Abel](#) with a
subject line: Brags



MHS Ring Schedule available Online

Want to know when MHS classes are happening in the Agility ring? Use our website—www.canineagility.org. With a point and a click from our home page, you can view the MHS calendar and see what's scheduled by week, by month, and by year.

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CANINE AGILITY TRAINING SOCIETY, INC.
Est. 1989

You are here: Home

Welcome
Print PDF

Welcome to CATS, the NH-based Canine Agility Training Society!

CATS is a dog agility club based in southwestern NH and one of the oldest agility clubs in the U.S. Several of our founding members continue to be actively involved in the club, and some have gone on to become judges, professional trial secretaries, or open their own agility businesses.

We sponsor dog agility training courses, CPE and USDAA trials, and periodic speakers and clinics. Our summer and winter home base is the training center and outside ring at the Monadnock Humane Society in Swanzey, NH, and our events take place at both MHS and at Wheelock Park in Keene, NH.

Our members are affiliated with a variety of dog agility venues, including CPE, USDAA, NADAC, and AKC. And some members don't compete at all, choosing dog agility as a great way to have fun and build a strong partnership with their dog without competition in the mix.

We welcome new members from the entire region, whether you're a seasoned agility enthusiast or brand new to the sport. I hope you'll spend some time on this site learning about our [dog agility classes](#) and [events](#), and

Chris Frado
President, Canine Agility Training Society, Inc.

Friday of each
room of the
city, Swanzey,

Upcoming Events
August 26 — Run-thru at 6:30
September 17-18 — [CPE Trial](#)
June 8-10, 2012 — [USDAA Trial](#)
[MHS outdoor ring schedule](#)

Point your mouse at “Club Resources” (red arrow) and click on the drop down item “MHS Ring Schedule” (green circle.)

It's easy. Just move your cursor to the “Club Resources” heading. A fly-down menu appears with the item “MHS Ring Schedule.” Click and you are brought to the Google Calendar pages for MHS.

New Puppy, Dash

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Ann and I left for England on July 14th, spent two glorious days with Jessica, her mom, Jessica's dogs, and Dash, my puppy! They treated us like family, and we all became close friends in short order. Then Ann and I went south to the Sanctuary for a couple days, and then back to Shrewsbury, where Jessica and her mom live. We started home on July 21st with Dash in a carrier, as he was going to ride in cabin with us. We drove, took the train, got on planes, ran through airports, got on another plane and were in transit for 14 hours total, and Dash was a dream! He slept most of the time, and played quietly with us when we could do that. He charmed security guards and flight attendants, too! And he has made an easy transition to my household.

Given the deep and wonderful connection I made with Jessica and her mom, they are now planning to come over for a visit in October! It will be a joy to show them their wonderful boy in his new home, and to share some of New England with them, including fall foliage, whale watching, maple syrup, and of course, some agility!

—Diane Gibbons



Your CATS Calendar for



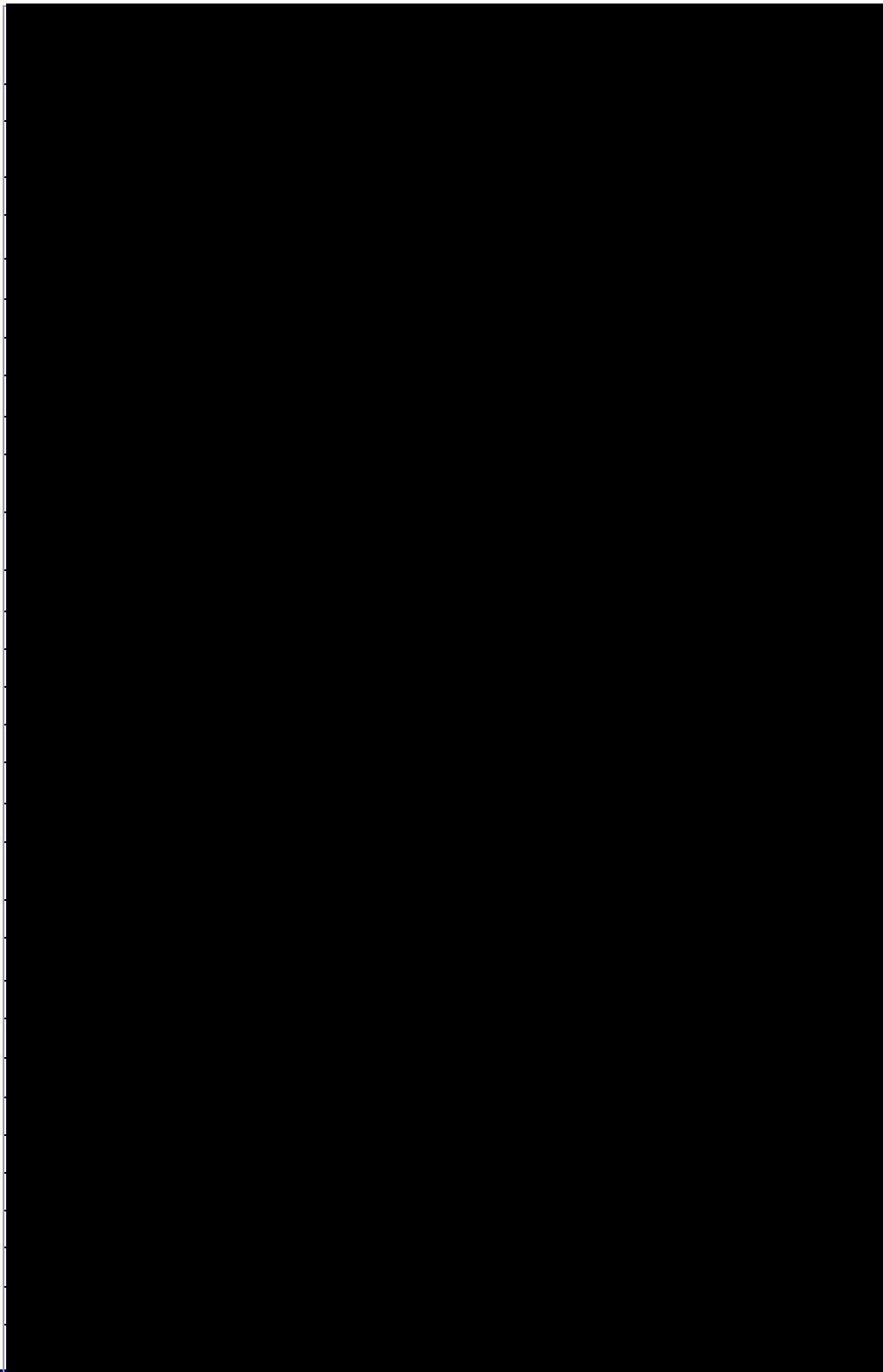
August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Member Meeting 7-9 p.m at MHS	11	12	13
14 K9Logix USDAA trial at MHS	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Articles & Brags deadline	26	27
28	29	30	31	Next month: CATS CPE Trial —Sept 17-18 Members needed: Thurs, Sept 15; Friday Sept, 16; Sunday Sept. 18		

Schedule of Events

- August 10—member meeting 7-9 p.m. at MHS
- August 14—USDAA K9Logix Trial at MHS
- August 25 — Article and Brags deadline for August issue of the *Canine Chronicle*

CATS 2011 membership list



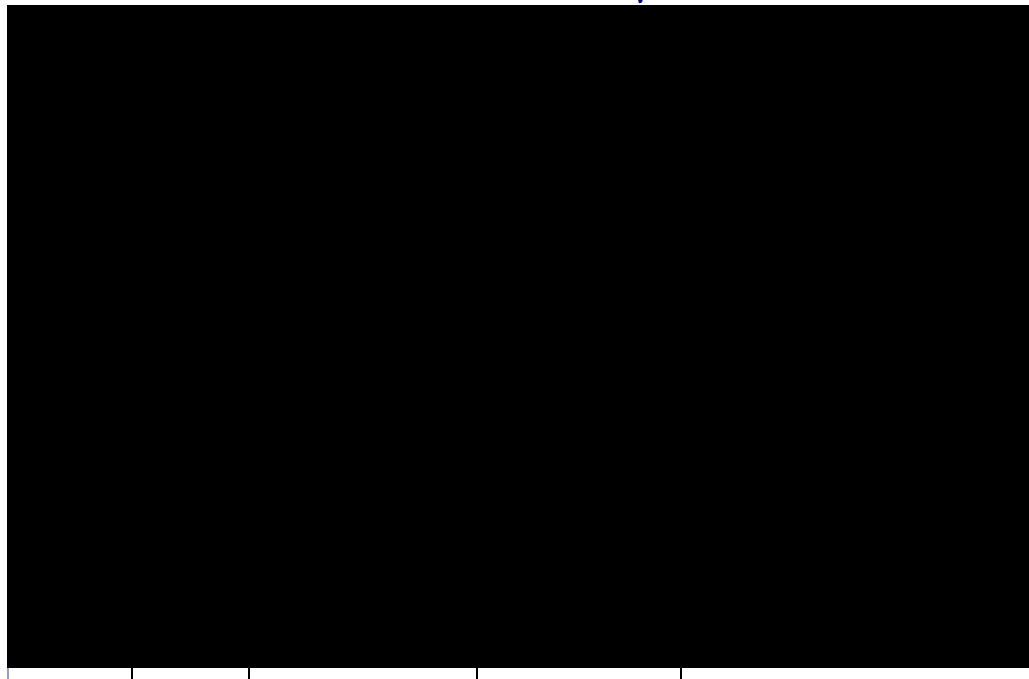
This is your speedy “instant” directory to your fellow club members.

This list includes all memberships received as of 06/30/2011.

Please let us know if there are corrections needed for your contact information.

Print this List to have a handy directory of your agility friends.

CATS 2011 membership list (continued)



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CATS Membership Benefits — 2011



MEMBER requirements

- Fill out & sign membership form
- Pay annual membership dues - \$30 for 2011
- Must be at least 16 years of age

Benefits:

- Attend meetings, vote on club business, be a Board member and if at least 18 years of age be an Officer
- Pay reduced fee for CATS classes and seminars
- Attend social functions
- Receive "Canine Chronicle"
- Wear CATS logo

- Use CATS training equipment (requires member be identified as, or be supervised by, an Advanced Handler*)
- Pay discounted fees for MHS Agility classes as allowed in the current CATS/MHS contract
- Receive CATS discounted entry for CATS-sponsored trials in exchange for trial work.
- Attend member-only Training Seminars

**CATS Advanced Handler is determined by the Training Committee*



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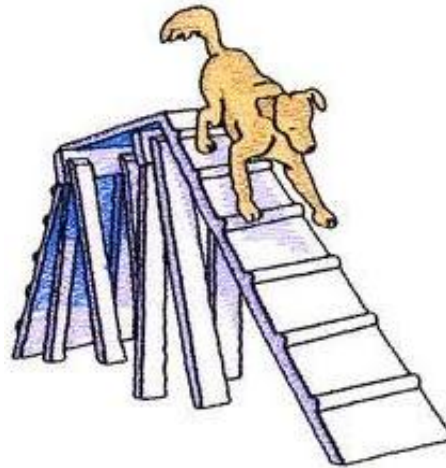
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(appointed by Board of Directors)

Upcoming CATS Events 2011—Save these Dates

CPE:

September 17 & 18
Chair, Cindy Stewart
and Co-Chair, Pat

Grace
Secretary, Judy Davis,
Trial Secretary Services



Info on Other Upcoming Agility Trials

Go to these web-
sites if you want
information on
upcoming trials.

USDAA www.usdaa.com
CPE www.k9cpe.com
NADAC www.nadac.com
AKC www.akc.org