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CATS Club Meetings
2nd Wednesday
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MHS Community
Room

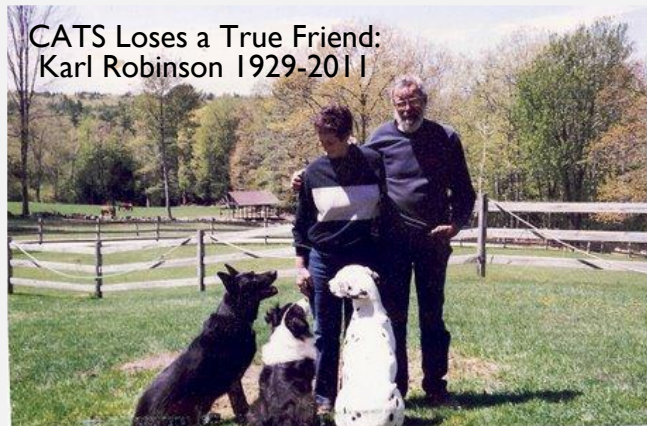
Newsletter
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Amee Abel
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Send submissions by the 22nd
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Photos encouraged!

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CATS Loses a True Friend:
Karl Robinson 1929-2011

For many years, Karl joined CATS members in the work of setting up and tearing down our trials. John Frado spoke at Karl's Memorial Service. Excerpted below are some of his comments:

Karl was born and lived with a twinkle in his eye that never diminished. When his mouth didn't laugh his eyes took over...but pretty much they usually worked together. His passion for Noel was, if possible, even more profound than his passion for the earth and for all types of creatures.

He and Noel became inseparable as together they built Peep-Willow Farm. They shared a love for each other, for helping youngsters realize their potentials and for their commitment to nurturing of all horses, dogs and cats that crossed their threshold.

His work ethic was especially impressive and he would often say "If you think you need a vacation, its time to hammer with the other arm." And one of my favorites was his reaction to wonder when he would say "By golly. Would you look at that!"

Of course, you can't be a true Yankee without a wry sense of humor. And that

brings several stories to mind:

Noel told me of a time when they were haying one day and several people went past jogging down the road. Karl looked up and said "By god. Look at those people just wasting energy when they could be doing something useful!"

One day late last summer we took Karl and Noel to the Mount Sugarloaf Reservation in South Deerfield Mass. There was a short steep climb from the parking lot to the observation deck and Karl had to stop several times to catch his breath. I stopped with him and told him I was getting winded, too.

When we finally reached the viewing platform and looked down on the Connecticut River Valley, its remarkable patchwork of fields, church steeples and the Holyoke Range in the background...Karl didn't say anything for a moment. I thought it was because he was still catching his breath. But he turned to me with that forever twinkle in his eyes and said..."By Golly. Would you look at that!"

Contributions can be made in Mr. Robinson's name to the Marlborough School Endowment Fund, 41 Fitch Court, Marlborough 03455 or to the Marl-Harris Ambulance Service, PO Box 399, Marlborough, NH 03455.

From The Editor's Desk...

Hi CATS,

So many thank-yous fill my thoughts this month. As a club, we have accomplished a huge amount of work and brought heaps of joy to many people and dogs on the way. Firstly—a HUGE Shout-out to Alex Kalish and Paul Gibbons who worked tirelessly (no, wait, they worked themselves to exhaustion...) to get our contact equipment rubberized in time for our first major event of the year! Our dogs and all the dogs who play at our events are safer and happier thanks to our top-notch rubberized equipment. Thanks to the many other members who joined this effort, as well!

Next, Thank You to our USDAA Trial Committee for putting together 3 days of fun and action at Wheelock Park. Experience pays, and the smoothness with which this trial went off is a tribute to the experience our club has in offering some of the most enjoyable trials in New England.

I especially want to acknowledge that the continuing experience behind the USDAA trial is Chris Frado, Leslie Vassall & Judy Davis along with Rob & Sheila Phillips and that CATS was built on that annual June trial. How nice that our founding members continue to work & play together at the trial!

Thank you to all the members who volunteered throughout the pre-trial equipment moving, the trial setup, the trial itself, and the trial tear-down.

And how about the fun we had at the CATS Show n Go? Not only was this a nice practice session for club members, but we met a number of new-to-agility teams! Many thanks to Donna Allen for heading up the Show n Go committee. Again, this was a project that combined the efforts of many—thanks to all!

Finally, we are grateful for the lawn-mowing that is happening in our ring each Friday. Thanks for arranging the mowing, Ray.

Have fun playing with your dogs! See you at the member meeting!

—Amee

P.S. Please remember, no matter which venues in which you compete—the money CATS earns from our trials fund all our activities! So, even if you aren't entered in the money-raising event du jour, as a member it benefits you to help make that event a success! Please plan to help set-up or tear-down at our two annual money-raising events. CATS USDAA June 2-5; CATS CPE September 17 & 18

So many
thank-
yous
this
month!

CATS/MHS Contract

Rental Agreement

RENTAL AGREEMENT made effect as of July 1, 2011, by and between the **Monadnock Humane Society**, a New Hampshire voluntary corporation with a principal address at 101 Route 10, Swanzey, New Hampshire 03446 (hereinafter "MHS") and **The Canine Agility Training Society, Inc.** a New Hampshire voluntary corporation principal place c/o Chris Frado, at 259 Bolton Road, Winchester, New Hampshire 03470 (hereinafter "CATS").

WHEREAS, the Parties are completing a one year lease agreement and desire a relationship for the lease of the facilities for dog agility and club activities, as well as their important "common mission" of promoting responsible pet ownership, owners having fun with their dogs, and training humanely with positive reinforcement methods.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

Premises/Rent

MHS owns certain land and buildings thereon on Route 10 in Swanzey, New Hampshire. Among those facilities are an outdoor facility and indoor rooms and training center. CATS hereby agrees to pay MHS the sum of Five Thousand One hundred dollars (\$5,100), payable in monthly installments of Four Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$425.00), due on the first of each month or in full at time Agreement is activated, for lease of the facilities and related services as provided in this Agreement. "Outdoor facilities" shall include the outdoor fenced, gated, and lighted agility arena adjacent to the indoor Training Center portion of the building, nearby hallways, indoor rest rooms and related parking. "Indoor Facilities" shall include other specific rooms as noted in this Agreement. The definition of "Facilities" shall include both the indoor and outdoor aspects of this agreement.

Term and Annual Rental

This Agreement shall commence as of the first day of July, 2011, and unless otherwise earlier terminated by either party, shall continue for a period one (1) year, at which time may be renewed.

Rental of Facilities CATS rental of MHS Facilities shall include the following:

Use of the Outdoor Facilities from April 1 through November 1. CATS may keep CATS owned agility equipment in the Outdoor Arena during this time. CATS has given MHS the privilege to use CATS owned agility equipment for agility classes given that the instructor has been trained by a CATS member of the proper use of the equipment. MHS has the right to use the Outdoor Arena and Facilities for any type of class MHS offers, private lessons, or special events, such as seminars, trials and fundraising. A training class schedule will be provided to CATS by MHS within 20 – 30 days of Outdoor Facility use. The exception will be for private lessons where notification will be within 5-7 days. This information will be communicated to the President of CATS.

Between November 1 and March 31 CATS will have use of the indoor Training Center one night per week and potential additional available days/times as available during this timeframe.

CATS will be responsible for maintaining the grounds of the Outdoor Arena with regular mowing and trimming along the inside of the fence, and emptying the provided trash barrel used by CATS weekly.

CATS may use the Community Room once per month for monthly meetings.

CATS may use a section closest to the back door of the back hallway of the Community

Room for storage of CATS administrative items.

CATS may display promotional information on the community bulletin board in the Training

CATS/MHS Contract continued

Center. CATS may purchase and hang their own bulletin board in the Training Center for this purpose as well.

CATS shall carry liability insurance and provide a certificate of insurance upon request to MHS. Each party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other on account of any

claims which are made because of the negligence or irresponsibility of the other.

The first three (3) CATS members that register for an agility class shall receive a 30% discount off class fees. Beyond the three (3) available slots CATS will pay the difference for its members.

MHS has the right to schedule any level of agility classes, events and/or seminars year-round.

MHS may or may not hire CATS member as instructors.

MHS and CATS agree to work together respectfully to bring the joys of dog sports and dog ownership to the Monadnock Region Community, CATS members, MHS staff and MHS students and customers.

Issue Resolution/Arbitration

The parties agree to promptly communicate any problems or issues that may arise pertaining to any term, rental or use of Facilities as provided in this Agreement. All such matters shall be initially directed to the persons then serving as CATS President and the CATS liaison to MHS, and the person then serving as MHS Chief Operating Officer; any remaining matter or dispute that can not be resolved by the parties' nominated agents, shall be brought to the attention of the CATS Board of Directors and the MHS Chief Executive Officer. In the event the Parties are unable to ultimately resolve any matter between themselves after utilizing the above procedures, then any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or breach thereof, shall be settled by binding arbitration in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association, and the judgment on the award rendered may be entered in any court having jurisdiction therein located in Cheshire County, New Hampshire.

Merger, Amendment and Choice of Law

This is the sole agreement between the Parties and into it are merged the discussions between the Parties. This Agreement may be modified and changed only by written Amendment signed by both Parties clearly identifying the written amendment specifically as an Amendment to this Agreement. This Agreement shall be construed pursuant to the laws of the State of New Hampshire.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have set their hands and seals effective as of July 1, 2011.

MONADNOCK HUMANE SOCIETY

DATE:

 Carol A. Armer
 Its Chief Executive Officer, duly authorized

CANINE AGILITY TRAINING SOCIETY

DATE:

 Chris Frado
 Its President, duly authorized

Still Looking for...Next Year's Member Seminar Organizer!



One of the coolest member benefit we received this year was the Anne Andrlé members-only seminar. We paid a pittance to receive guidance from one of the area's most sought-after agility instructors and had a wonderful fun time with our best friends (both two and four-legged friends.)

That said, in order to make this benefit availa-

ble again in Spring 2012, **we need a club member who wants to coordinate our 2012 Member Seminar.** Many of the most interesting instructors are booked far in advance, so June is a great time to begin the process of lining up next March's presenter. You won't have to go it alone—but we need someone

to head up the project.

So, if you know your way around a phone and a calendar, please consider being the CATS Member Seminar coordinator for 2012. Thank you!!!

Interested? Contact Chris Frado at ccsaa@xcski.org or (603) 239-4341 (h) (603) 313-9998 (w)

*Join your friends
at our Monthly*

Meeting:

Wednesday,

June 8

Starting at 7p.m.

*CATS June
Member meeting
features YOU*

Please plan to attend the member's meeting on Wednesday, June 8 beginning at 7 p.m. so that CATS can take care of business.

Issues open for discussion include the proposed contract with MHS for 2011/2012. Sharon Wirant, MHS' Chief Operating Officer, will be available to answer questions about the proposed contract.

MUDDY PAWS
CANINE CENTER
WESTMINSTER, VT



August 5-7

CPE Agility Trial

*Entries open: runs available
Go to: www.k9cpe.com for pre-
mium*

Good Dogs ≠ Happy Tales

Heidi Konesko and Penny report:

NADAC NAE Greenfield, MA May 6 -8

Open Regular Q & 1st & Outstanding Open Agility Certificate
Open Tunnelers Q & 1st
Open Tunnelers Q & 1st & Outstanding Open Tunnelers Certificate

p.s. I give myself some kind of personal Q for using the Scamp for the first time without too many oopsies. The worst was filling up the darkwater tank by Saturday evening! But hey, that's how ya learn, right? :) Onward!

May 14 & 15 Northeast Agility Enthusiasts NADAC at Sugarbush Farm in Stephentown, NY

Open Jumpers Q & 1st & Open Jumpers Outstanding title
Open Touch & Go Q & 1st & Open TnG title
Elite Tunnelers Q & 1st - fastest time of all the Elite dogs! But even better was the perfect "switch out" we did on course!
Novice Regular Q & 1st (yes, we are back in

novice, as we've apparently lost our confidence with weaving in competition, and novice has only 6 of those darned poles)

Amee Abel and Spirit report:

Unexpected amazement at Monday morning's Agility class—Spirit ran 12 weave poles! Who knew she could do that???

CPE Nationals!

CATS members Cindy Stewart & Lacey and Leslie Vassall & Mimi will be competing at the CPE Nationals this year in Lake Elmo, MN, on June 10-12.

**Wanted:
Your Brag Here**

Send your brags to
aabel98@hotmail.com

**Deadline for July
issue is June 24**



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 Thursdays at MHS

Instructor: Sharon Wirant
5:30PM Beginning Competition Agility "Starters" (\$22/\$15 for CATS members)
6:45PM Competition Agility Challenges (\$25/\$17 for CATS members)

Don't Miss: Suzanne Clothier

Author of *Bones Would Rain from the Sky*.
July 15 – The Relationship Assessment Tool™ (R.A.T.)
July 16 & 17– Working with Fearful, Reactive and Aggressive Dogs

For more information: www.monadpets.org

MHS Walk
for Animals
Sunday, Sept
25, 2011

Tents...tents...and more tents



Good news, despite its recent blow down, the

"training" tent at MHS can be set up again.

Leslie Vassall reports the following: The "training" tent tarp is located in the large plastic box in the MHS ring. Although the tarp is showing its age, we hope it will last the summer.

CATS has **three** shade tents: One "Large" shade tent-stored in big brown plastic trash can with cover; one "Small" shade tent-stored in yellow open plastic box; and one "Training" shade tent-stored in blue plastic box with cover.

The "Training" tent tarp measures 19 ft by 11 ft 4". The "Small" tent tarp measures 19 ft 4" by 11 ft 4". Please note there is a size difference

The tent at MHS fell down because the "Small" tent tarp was put on the "Training" tent metal frame by mistake.

Both tarps had been put in the blue plastic box labeled "training" shade tent last fall. Yes, the tarps have been marked in the corners "small" tent, "large" tent and "training" tent (although the "training" tent label has probably faded from UV light).

IMPORTANT: The tents parts and tarps should **ALWAYS** be stored separately.

Those four extra inches on the "Small" training tent tarp allowed too much give and take in the coupling of the metal poles.

Keep in mind, the tarp (by virtue of the bungee cords) holds the metal framework in a tight, nested position.

Reconstruction

There are *four* basic components to every shade tent of this style:

3-way connectors - are used on the edges of the shade tent.

4-way connectors - are used down the middle of the shade tent.

Short poles.

Long poles.

The configuration of the metal poles determines the size needed for each tarp.

If you are interested, there is a layout for assembling our tents in the files on our Yahoo group.

Donna has also put a copy in the plastic box in the training ring for the "Training" shade tent.



Entries open May 23

Announcing, the first ever, *Breeze Thru Vermont Cup!*



This trophy will be awarded to the team with the highest scores in the classes in which they are entered. For complete details, see the Breeze Thru website and premium.

**10th
Annual July
CPE Trial
July 22-24**

Breeze Thru Agility
Gulford Fairgrounds,
Gulford, VT

FMI: Elise Paffrath, ebreeze@sover.net or Call: 802-254-1209

USDAA Agility Trial



Premium available

now at:

www.k9agilityservices.com

Entries close July 22

Starters/PI and Advanced/PI/Veterans Classes offered at this event.

**August 13-14
At Monadnock Humane Society**

Fundraiser for Monadnock Humane Society.

Your entries are a donation to MHS!

Quigley remembered...



On April 20, 2011, our American Cattle Dog, Quigley, was put down at 14 years of age. He was cremated and my wife purchased a beautiful wood urn so he will be with us always. He started agility in 1998 at Kitty's and enjoyed it so much.
—Ray Spring

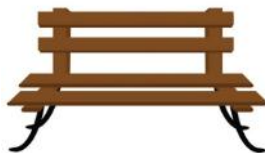


As a pup, Quigley had Mick Dundee to look up to. Here, Mick seems to say "I'll look after him, but it's your job to feed him and clean up his messes..."

The End of an Era?

So many special dogs have gone on before us! Janet Langdon's Liesl, Cindy Stewart's Simon; Ray Spring's Quigley; Kitty Arseneault's Browser; and Judy Davis' Putter have all passed away in these last two months.

We have learned so much from these fine friends. We have walked miles with them; run for hours, and played till our hearts raced and our spirits sang.



Our Memorial Bench has been uncovered for the season. As you recall, the Memorial Bench is a place to honor our Agility Teammates. (Sadly, we cannot include house dogs on this memorial.)

Please contact Heidi Konesko or Donna Proudfoot if you would like your teammate to be included on the bench.

We look forward to spending an afternoon together, later this season, to remember our beloved teammates.

K9Logix/MHS Fundraiser/CATS

On August 13-14, Sharon and Mark Wirant of K9Logix plan an USDAA Trial in the MHS ring as a benefit for the Monadnock Humane Society. Although Sharon and Mark have not asked us,

Chris Frado suggests that CATS offer the use of our equipment for the Trial. Not only would this be a gracious offer on our account—it would also spare us the job of clearing CATS equip-

ment from the MHS ring.

What do you think about this? Bring your ideas to the June member meeting.

Laser Help for Pain and Inflammation

At our May meeting, Dr. Richard Righter, D.V.M. (from Court Street Veterinary Hospital) talked to the members about the new healing laser service he is offering. Bio-therapeutic lasers ease inflammation and pain from arthritis or injury. They can also be used to promote post-surgical healing and to heal lick granulomas and other chronic, noxious skin problems. Dr. Righter has explored the use of healing lasers before, and found earlier versions of the equipment limited the practical application of this therapy. However, the new equipment uses a Class IV

laser which can penetrate more deeply and makes treatment quicker—which allows animals to tolerate it better. Improvements to the transmission wand and to the equipment software make targeting the correct area easy and improves the efficacy of the treatment. Because the equipment now offers practical treatment possibilities, he installed one at Court Street Veterinary Hospital. The new unit is a Companion Therapy Laser (manufactured by Life Cure LLC) and Dr. Righter has been certified in its use. He warns that "It cannot be used in cases of inflammation caused by a disease such as

cancer because it would accelerate the growth of the cancer cells." Treatments consist of a series of short sessions where the animal either sits, stands, or lays down while the wand is held over him. Dark coated animals are misted with water to diffuse the heat. The laser generates heat, but is not hot. It typically takes about 3-5 visits to see results. Dr. Righter has sent letters to area veterinarians telling them of this service and offering them to refer patients. If you bring an laser-therapy patient to him with a referral, he will waive his exam fee.

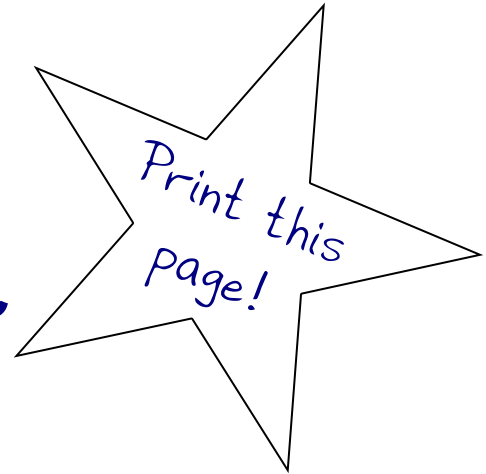
—from meeting notes taken by Dayle Ziesmer and Ameer Abel

New Training Committee Member

As Shakespeare said, "Nothing's new under the sun..." and so, our training committee welcomes Donna Allen—who is certainly no newcomer to helping folks learn to play agility. Donna brings to the Committee

her experience as a trainer, competitor, and an instructor. Most recently, Donna has headed the Show n Go committee, to help encourage folks to make the step from training to competition.

Your CATS Calendar for



June 2011

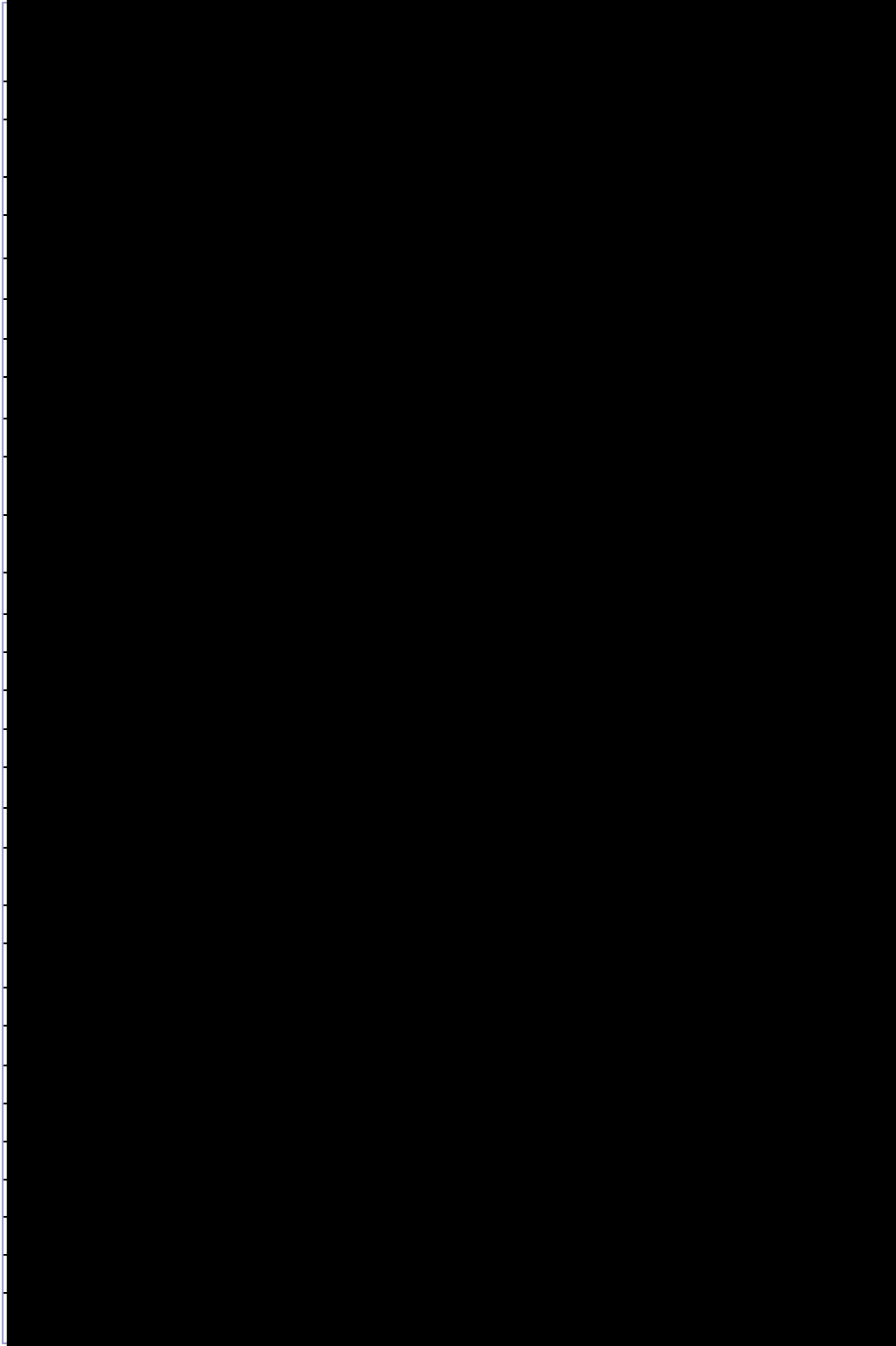
Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	CATS USDAA Trial	
5 CATS Trial Breakdown starts 2 pm	6	7	8 Member Meeting 7-9 p.m @ MHS	9 5pm meet at Kitty's	10 Setup begins 8 a.m	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Brag and articles deadline for June <i>Canine Chronicle</i>	25
26	27	28	29	30		

- June 2 meet at Kitty's Barn at 5 to load equipment
- June 3 CATS USDAA Trial—setup begins 8 am
- June 5 Wheelock Park breakdown of Trial begins 2pm
- June 8 Member Meeting: begins 7pm
- June 24 Article and Brags deadline for June issue *Canine Chronicle*

CATS 2011 membership list

Would you like your Cell Phone number included?
Please email aabej98@hotmail.com



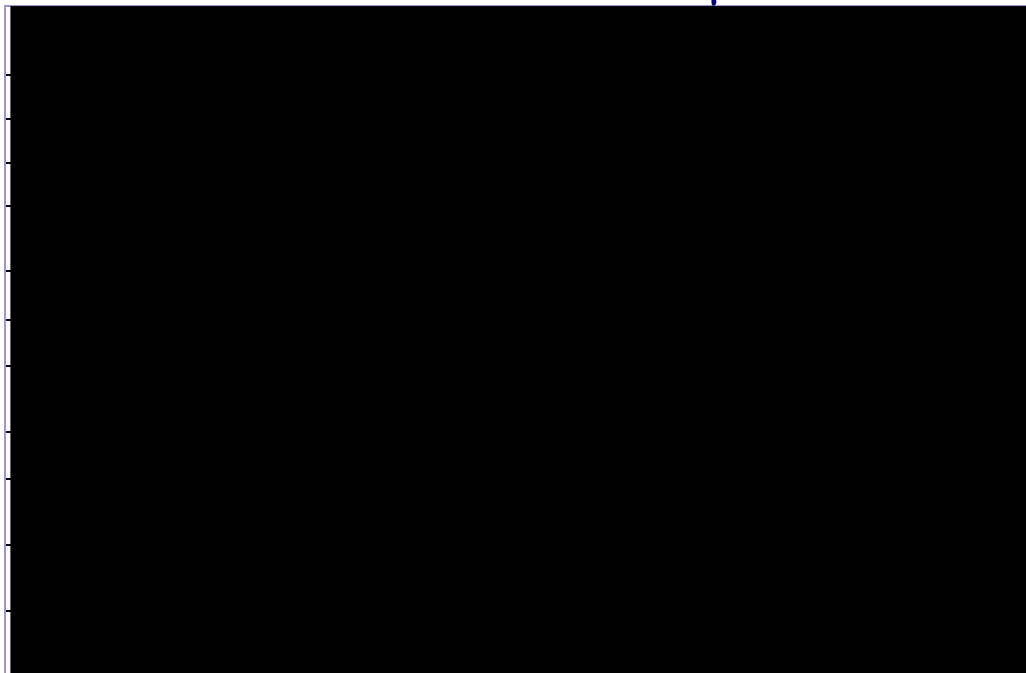
This is your speedy "instant" directory to your fellow club members.

This list includes all memberships received as of 04/31/2011.

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*



CATS -- CANINE AGILITY TRAINING SOCIETY

CATS Board of Directors

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Chris Frado—2012
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Ray Spring—2011

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Karen Mockler—2011
Amee Abel—2013
Judy Davis—2013
Deb Coll - 2011

We're on the web at
www.canineagility.org

CATS 2011 COMMITTEES (still being updated)

Training Committee

Kitty Arsenault,
Diane Gibbons
Heidi Konesko
Donna Allen

Social/Membership Committee

Carol Stephens
Cindy Stewart
Gayle Treat

Equipment Committee

Alex Kalish
Donna Proudfoot

CPE Liaison

Judy Davis

USDAA Liaison

Chris Frado

NADAC Liaison

Lynn Smitley

Audit Committee

Jackie Smith
Dayle Zeismer

**Monthly Meeting Speaker
Coordinator**
Noel Aderer

Trial Committee – USDAA
Chris Frado, Chairperson
Holly Morin
Judy Davis
Leslie Vassall

Trial Committee – CPE
Cindy Stewart, Chairperson
Pat Grace, Co-Chairperson
Judy Davis
Carol Stephens
Diane Gibbons

Show 'n' Go Committee
Donna Allen, Chairperson

Memorial Bench Committee
Heidi Konesko
Donna Proudfoot

**Keene Parks & Recreation
Liaison**
Holly Morin

CATS Librarian
Heidi Konesko

CATS Web Site
Gaale Klein
Tammy Lenski

Canine Chronicle Editor
Amee Abel

Nominating Committee
TBA
(appointed by Board of Direc-
tors)

Upcoming CATS Events 2011—Save these Dates

Show N Go:

May 21
Chair, Donna Allen

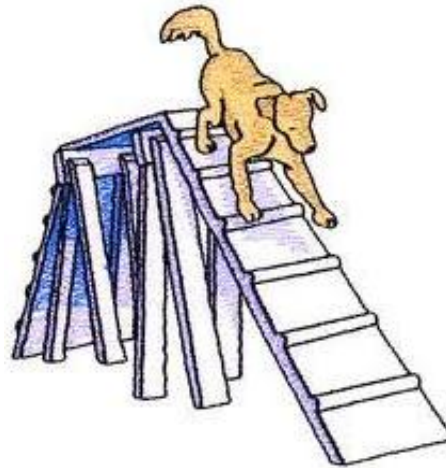
USDAA:

June 4 & 5
Chair, Chris Frado;
Secretary, Val Duff, K-9
Agility Services

CPE:

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

Grace
Secretary, Judy Davis,
Trial Secretary Services



Info on Other Up- coming Agility Tri- als

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