

# The Gambol

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## A Message from the President

**W**elcome to the 2010 Agility Season! SWAT is gearing up for our spring trials! We need volunteers to fill major positions at almost every trial. Please consider taking on one major position this year – be a chief course builder, a chief ring steward, help out with hospitality, learn how to be a scorekeeper, or ask what you can do to help... there are many types of jobs to fit your strengths! All major positions provide a nice certificate for use at a future SWAT trial – one way to cut down on the cost of all those agility trials!

Please consider becoming a voting member this year.\*The dues are very inexpensive and being a voting member not only gives you a voice in the management of the club but gives you a discount on any SWAT sponsored events. SWAT is planning another agility seminar this year, so voting members will be able to participate at a discounted price.

We have a couple of changes to our trials this year. Our spring AKC trial will be held in June so that we can host the trial at the NM Fairgrounds Horse Arena. We're excited about this new indoor venue! Another change is related to our fall USDAA trial. The USDAA

national event was announced recently and it happens to be on the exact weekend we picked for our fall trial. We will be moving our fall USDAA trial to mid November.

Don't forget to send your brags, articles, and pictures to Jill Warren ([esthete.es@comcast.net](mailto:esthete.es@comcast.net)) so they can be included in the Gambol. We're very proud of our newsletter!

Our first meeting of 2010 is coming up soon -- Tuesday March 2, at the usual location, Moses Law Firm. Please consider this my personal invitation for you to attend. We would love to see you at the meeting and hear your ideas about making 2010 the best year ever for SWAT.

Good luck in 2010! Another year of fun with our canine and human best friends!

*Julie Fillinger, SWAT President*

*\*Ed. note: There is a membership renewal/application elsewhere in this Newsletter. If you haven't sent it in yet, please fill it out and send it in at your earliest convenience. We want you; we need you; we support you; we share your passion for agility and your love of dogs.*

# SWAT

## 2010 Meeting Schedule

Tuesday March 2

Tuesday May 4

Wed., August 11

Nov/Dec - TBD

All meetings begin at 7 pm at the Moses Law Firm, 612 First Street, in the building's conference room.

The location is one-half block south of Lomas and slightly west of I-25.

# SWAT Executive Committee Board Reports

## JANUARY MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 2:10pm by Julie Fillinger. Laura Echeverria, Linda Shoemaker, Cheri Williams, and Mica Tyler were present.

The new year has quickly arrived and the first quarter of 2010 will be very busy planning current trial events, fun match and seminar. Volunteers are needed at all events; please sign up. The 2010 schedule of events is as follows:

- **USDAA: March 27-28 and November 12-14**
- **NADAC: May 1-2 and October 30-31**
- **AKC: June 25-27 and September 17-19**
- **Fun Match: July 17-18**
- **Gerry Brown Seminar: April 16-18**

Membership applications have been sent to the membership, so, if you have not already sent yours in, please do so, as you will not want to miss any future communication and participation. General Membership Meeting dates have been set for the

year: March 2, May 4, August 11 and November 13.

Bill Bennett has decided to resign his position as site-coordinator for 2010. The Board of Directors want wish him well and much success in his future endeavors. Donna Crary-Johnson has agreed to take his position and has been working closely with him to solidify our current sites and she has been looking into new possibilities.

Watch the website for all trial and club information as we working hard to make that a central point of our communication to you.

Look forward to seeing all of you at our next SWAT event.

## FEBRUARY MEETING

Spring 2010: Our spring trials are on schedule. Please remember that the AKC trial will be June 25 - 27 in the Horse Arena at Expo New Mexico. We're very pleased to be hosting an AKC trial in an air-conditioned indoor arena.

### Gerry Brown Seminar:

Details of the April Gerry Brown seminar are included in the Gambol and will be emailed to members this

month. SWAT is proud to be able to offer this seminar to our members: as required by our bylaws, voting members will receive a discount for the seminar. Seminars are offered as a way of giving back to the agility community and are not intended to make a profit.

Summer 2010: SWAT will hold a fun match on July 10 and 11 at the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Posse Arena. Please contact Julie Fillinger if you'd like to help with this event.

Time 2 Beat: The board has decided not to hold Time 2 Beat classes at our AKC trials this year. We hope to offer a Time 2 Beat mini-seminar and run-through at the Fun Match.

Trial Workers: The board has decided to change the way we reward people who help staff our trials. Watch the premiums and test schedules for details.

Fall 2010: Our USDAA fall trial will be in November this year. Watch the Gambol for details.



## Southwest Agility Team

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es@comcast.net or to the corresponding secretary Cheri Williams.

Membership applications for SWAT are available from any Officer. Information about the Club is available online at www.southwestagilityteam.org

## SWAT 2009-2010 Officers

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## SWAT 2010 Trial Schedule

**USDAA**  
**Mar. 27-28**  
**Rio Rancho Sports**  
**Complex**  
**Trial Chair,**  
**Julie Fillinger**  
**Secretary,**  
**Jessica Brown**

**NADAC**  
**May 1-2**  
**Los Padillas**  
**Soccer Field**  
**Trial Chair,**  
**Laura Echeverria**  
**Secretary,**  
**Pam Smith**

**AKC (WCofA)**  
**June 25-26-27**  
**NM State**  
**Fairgrounds**  
**Horse Arena**  
**Trial Chair,**  
**Sam Williams**  
**Secretary,**  
**Christy Parlapiano**

**AKC**  
**Sept. 17-18-19**  
**Trial Chair,**  
**Julie Fillinger**  
**Secretary,**  
**Christy Parlapiano**  
**Bernalillo Sheriff's**  
**Posse Arena**

**NADAC**  
**Oct. 30-31**  
**Los Padillas**  
**Soccer Field**

**USDAA**  
**Nov. 12-13-14**  
**Rio Rancho Sports**  
**Complex**

## General Meeting Minutes

**November 11,  
2009**

**C**all to Order: President Julie Fillinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the conference room at the Moses Law Firm, 612 1st St, Albuquerque, NM.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as published.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The current balance in the checking account is \$26,741. Some expenses from recent trials may still be pending. Spring trials showed the following profits: USDAA -- \$2,900, NADAC -- \$600, AKC -- \$5,300.

### **President's Report:**

- Julie thanked everyone for their hard work and a successful year.
- Bill Bennett has resigned as Site Coordinator. We are very grateful for his hard work over many years. Donna Johnson has assumed the position and is hard at work.

### **Board Report:**

- We will purchase Clean Run's Course Designer software for each of the computers as we are receiving course maps from many judges in the Clean Run format.
- At the request of trial secretaries, we will purchase 2 10-key pads for the computers.
- Chapparal Kennel Club is interested in renting our timing

equipment for their February trial. The equipment is tuned up and ready to go. Ray plans to attend that trial and is willing to transport the equipment. Rental fee for the equipment is \$50 per set per day. Julie will look into developing a contract and working with CKC to arrange the rental.

- Silent Auction: We are going to auction the 20" weave poles at some future trial. We may need to replace some tunnels; Ray will research replacements and report back.
- Recycling at trials has become very popular. Trial chairmen are in charge of finding someone to be in charge of recycling at their trials.
- We are going to hire trial secretaries for our AKC trials. Only experienced candidates will be considered. We will pay \$1,000 per trial. Payment can be SWAT bucks, cash or both as the secretary prefers.

### **Corresponding Secretary's Report:**

- Cheri received letters from our June AKC judges thanking us for our work at the WKC trial.
- AKC rule changes, effective January 1, 2010, mean we will use a new entry form. Exhibitors will no longer be required to send copies of their height cards in with their entries.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Spring trials all have

chairmen and secretaries.

- The spring USDAA trial will be at the Rio Rancho Soccer Complex.
- The Spring AKC trial will be June 25, 26 and 27 in the Horse Arena at Expo New Mexico. We will be accepting mixed breed entries.
- We need a chairman and a secretary for the Fall USDAA trial.

### **New Business:**

- We hope to have a fun match at a new site in the south valley. We would like to have a staff of 4 people to run the fun match.
- 2010 is an election year. A nominating committee should be announced at the May meeting.
- Laura will work with Enchantment Pet Resort and Gerry Brown to schedule a 2010 seminar. Laura will also work on finding a presenter for a 2011 seminar. Seminars are offered as a benefit to our voting members, so are not intended to turn a profit. Seminar fees should be set so as to cover seminar expenses excluding the presenter's fees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

*Laura Echeverria*  
*Acting Secretary*



**Gerry Brown**

## By Popular Demand

# Gerry Brown Returns April 16-18, 2010

SWAT is pleased to announce that we will be hosting a Gerry Brown seminar in April at Enchantment Pet Resort. For those of you who don't know Gerry, there's an article about his achievements below. He is a talented handler, a gifted presenter and a lot of fun.

As a benefit for our voting members, SWAT seminars are subsidized by the organization; a working spot at the SWAT Gerry Brown seminar will cost about half of what his other seminars cost. To sign up for SWAT membership, please send in the form on p. 18 of this Gambol.

At the Brown seminar, Friday, April 16, will be Masters/Excellent day with the focus on Aggressive Handling and Pushing the Line.

Saturday will be Young Dog day (for both young dogs and those new to agility) with the focus on foundation skills, groundwork and beginning distance skills.

Sunday will be Advanced/Open day, for dogs competing in those levels. Topics will include walking the course and crosses.

Registration for the seminar will open later in February. As the seminar is a benefit to the people who make SWAT possible, registration will open first to the members of our trial committees, then to our voting members, then to our supporting members, and finally to the agility community at large. Get your membership forms in ASAP so you can register early and take advantage of the price break!

## About Gerry Brown

Gerry Brown is a nationally and internationally recognized agility competitor, trainer and judge. Gerry competes actively in both United States Dog Agility Association and American Kennel Club agility venues.

### As A Competitor

Gerry began competing in October 1995 with his female Border Collie Larrie. Gerry and Larrie qualified for every AKC National Championship from 1997 to 2003. In 1997, they finished third in the Championship, and the following year they won the International Sweepstakes Class (ISC) at AKC Nationals. For three consecutive years, 1999, 2000 and 2001, they won the ISC at the Astrohall World Series of Dog Shows. Gerry and Larrie have also been successful competitors in USDAA, finishing fifth in the Grand Prix of Dog Agility World Championships in 2002 and third in the Performance Grand Prix in 2004.

In 1998, Gerry and Larrie were selected by the AKC to represent the United States at the FCI World Agility Championships in Maribour, Slovenia. They earned the right to compete again as a 2000 U.S World Team member in Helsinki, Finland when they won the first AKC Invitational Tournament.

Sterling outpaced Larrie's illustrious accomplishments in her agility career. She was selected to represent the USA at the World Championships in Basel, Switzerland, in September of 2006 making it her third

consecutive year on the team. Sterling has now added a USDAA DAM Team National Championship in 2006, and back to back AKC National Championships in 2006 and 2007 making her the 24" AKC National Champion for three of the last four years.

### As A Trainer

Gerry has been teaching Agility since 1997. For the first five years, he taught all levels of agility at the prestigious FlashPaws Agility Training Center in Houston, Texas. In 2002 he moved to the outskirts of Austin, Texas, and opened DePaw Agility Training Center in Manor. Gerry teaches a variety of skills so that all handlers (regardless of athletic ability) and all dogs can have fun and be successful. With a full range of available skills, handlers can analyze and make effective handling decisions.

Above all Gerry believes that Agility should be fun for both the handler and dog. He looks for positive and creative ways to motivate dogs through timely and well-placed rewards and through playing games with the dogs that result in the desired behaviors. Gerry believes that agility can enhance and strengthen the lifelong bond that is built between dogs and handlers.

### On The National Training Front

Gerry's success in competition and training has gained him considerable national recognition as a trainer and as a highly sought after instructor. He presents seminars across the country to individual groups and clubs and has become a regular at many popular Camps. He hopes to see you at one of them soon., like in Rio

# AKC Nationals

March 26-28, 2010, Tulsa OK

The 2010 AKC National Agility Championship will be held March 26 - March 28, 2010 at the Ford Truck Arena and Mustang Arena at Expo Square in Tulsa Oklahoma. Plan to attend now. Please contact Andy Hartman, Director of Agility ([aah@akc.org](mailto:aah@akc.org)) if you are willing to volunteer to work at this exciting 3-day event.

The qualifying period for dogs to earn points and Double Q's to gain entry to this event is December 1, 2008, through and including November 30, 2009.

NEW in 2010: Dogs competing in the Preferred Class are invited to participate in the National Agility Championship!

AKC is excited that dogs competing in the Preferred agility classes will be eligible to compete in the 2010 AKC National Agility Championship. The Preferred and Regular class dogs will compete for separate awards at this event.

**NOTE:** In order for dogs to compete in the Preferred class at the 2010 AKC National Agility Championship **they must only compete** in the Preferred classes (excluding any runs at the 2009 National Agility Championship) from March 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009.

Dogs from the Regular classes will be eligible to enter this

event if they earn at least **6 Double Q's and 400 MACH points** from the Regular Excellent B Standard and Jumpers With Weaves classes during the qualifying period. Exhibitors should keep track of any Double Q's and MACH points earned during this time period.

**Dogs from the Preferred classes will be eligible to enter this event if they earn at least 6 Double Q's from the Preferred Excellent B Standard & Jumpers With Weaves class** during the qualifying period. Therefore, exhibitors should keep track of any Double Q's earned during this time period.

*Ed. note: The preceding is a press release from AKC. Here is an addendum. Many New Mexico teams competed last year at this event and did VERY well. As a state, our agility community may be small, but it is mighty and is laced with quality handlers and dogs. Many New Mexico teams are going again this year. We wish them all good luck and hope they enjoy the experience of being there. Since the Nationals are relatively close to us, people who are not participating can consider going to see the incredible competitors that will be running there and maybe even volunteer to help. The workers often have the best seat in the house.*



## Bulletin Board

### FUN MATCH

SWAT will hold a Fun Match this year! The Fun Match will be a 2-day event on July 10-11, 2010, which is the weekend before the Chaparral KC AKC show in Cloudcroft. The Fun Match will be held at the Sheriff's Posse Arena. Saturday will provide standard/jumpers courses & Sunday will provide a chance to try out the new AKC class "**Time 2 Beat**" (see p. 16) in one ring and another game in the other ring (TBD). More details to follow.

### ELECTION YEAR

2010 is an election year for SWAT's Executive Committee. We will need to form a nominating committee early in the year. Please consider volunteering to be on the nominating committee at our next general meeting - March 2, 2010. This is a short-term but very important job that needs to be done every two years. The Nominating Committee is responsible for putting forth a slate of nominees for the Executive Committee positions. The new Executive Committee will be in charge of the operation of the club for the next two years (2011-2012).

# The Scoop About Mixed Breed Participation in AKC Performance Events

**Dear Trial Secretary,**

We are pleased to inform you of a decision made by the AKC Board at the January 11, 2010 meeting, which will enhance the [AKC Canine Partners](#) program. This exciting new program allows mixed breed dog owners to list their dogs and participate in AKC Agility, Obedience and Rally events starting April 1, 2010.

While each club's participation in the AKC Canine Partners program will remain voluntary, clubs may now choose to allow mixed breed participation at any AKC Agility, Obedience or Rally event. Mixed breeds will compete in the same classes and earn the same titles as their purebred counterparts.

This decision was made following a lengthy discussion and review of feedback from enrollees, delegates, clubs, show and trial chairpersons, current purebred exhibitors and potential mixed-breed exhibitors, prompting a reevaluation of the current program. AKC staff took into consideration the prior feedback received from the AKC Delegate body about the program and contacted each individual member of the AKC Delegates Committee for Obedience, Tracking and Agility and others regarding this feedback.

New changes, effective April 1, include:

1. Mixed breed dogs will be permitted to compete in the same companion event classes with purebred dogs. Competition will be head to head for the same titles and awards.
  - o This change involves - Obedience, Rally and Agility
  - o This eliminates all previously published mixed breed classes – mixed breed novice a or b etc.
2. At the **option** of an event-giving club, mixed breed dogs can participate at any event open to all-breed obedience, rally, or agility offered by the club.
  - o Please remember that mixed breed dogs must meet the eligibility requirements to enter an AKC event.
3. **If your club has applied** to have mixed breed dogs in your competition prior to this notice, you will need:
  - o To contact your event operations representative at [eventplans@akc.org](mailto:eventplans@akc.org) or 919-816-3579 to make changes complying with the new regulation changes regarding classes, judges, and other information.
  - o Please contact your event operations representative immediately if your premium list is already released.

SWAT's Executive Committee has already decided to open our  
AKC trials to mixed breed dogs.

## More on Mixed Breeds and AKC

Yep, AKC's income for registration is down and recording fees are up but trust me, it's not all about the money [ed. note: referring to allowing mixed breeds to participate in AKC performance events].

My inside take on it is way different of course than many of yours. I happen to be lucky enough to know the real reasons why AKC has allowed the mixed breeds to join the fun. If you think it's all about money, then you don't know how the AKC works or all the good works that they do. There's too many to list all the good reasons to accept mixed breeds so I'll just touch on a few of them.

I'm wondering if you're aware of the legislation fighting side of AKC? And how they need EVERYONE that owns a dog to be helping with the issues of limited ownership numbers in cities and towns. Or what about your breed if it was one of the blacklisted ones or a blacklisted mix. Would you want the local governments to take your dog and kill it? AKC is the largest organization fighting for your rights as a dog owner and the larger the number of educated dog owners there are who are willing to attend legislative meetings and work with committees and talk to their law makers, the better off we all are.

Would you like a dog park in your area? Or the ability to walk your dogs on local trails? Would you like to be able to keep taking your dogs to hotels? There are so many things that are all a part of dog ownership and are affected by numbers of "educated" people. Would you like to be able to keep flying your dogs? Or what about the new airline that's out and if there's more people using the service the more routes they'll have and the price will remain reasonable.

How often have you gone to say a Red Roof, and there's poop everywhere before the agility group checks in. The "other" dog owners haven't been educated about what not picking up can do to retaining the ability to stay at hotels.

And do you belong to a club? Maybe that club needs a way to pay for a nice building so they can hold winter agility classes. If they had enough dogs to fill all those classes then maybe they'd be able to rent or buy something (yes, there are clubs that own their own buildings and land) due to the increase in the number of members and dogs attending class-

es. Additional members also mean more people to work at trials and help to spread the work load out better.

Know any kids that could use something to do with their time and have a mixed breed dog? Just maybe getting a hobby like agility would be enough to keep them off the crack and turn them on to what we know as crack (agility).

Both are a high, just that one is good for you and one isn't. Admittedly, both are a little hard on the pocketbook.

And if your dog gets sick, wouldn't you like to know that the vet that working on your dog is the best around because they got money from AKC for their education or for a study that found a cure or treatment for your dog's illness?

I could go on and on but I have to get back to work on teaching the new judges course design so that you have nice courses the next time you run your dog. Remember, it's all about education. (c:

Gail Storm (who would have retired and wouldn't still be doing this job if it wasn't a passion for the things that I get to be a part of that help all dogs and their people) "The real joy is in the privilege and ability to step to the start line with your dog by your side, not in crossing the finish line victorious over others."

*--This was posted on the Agile Dogs List by AKC Agility rep Gail Storm and is reprinted with her permission.*

In mid-January a post, entitled "AKC Mixed Breed Program Updated", provided great news about changes to this program. After a cordial email exchange with the posting party (thanks again Dave!), I then emailed AKC to get clarification on a component of the program. What I wanted to know was - are mixed breeds still excluded from National Championship and Invitational events?

I received a reply from the AKC Agility Rep and wanted to share with you what he said: "**All dogs may now compete at AKC's National Agility Championship beginning in 2011 if they are eligible based on double Qs and points earned. Additionally, the Top 5 mixed breeds will be invited to compete at the Invitational, starting in 2011.**"

*This was posted on the Colorado Agility Dogs List but was not signed.*

# Thoughts on the Tire-- How Dangerous Is It?

"Dear Professor K. Nyne,

What is the most dangerous obstacle in agility? I want my dog to be safe on the course as much as possible."

- An Agility Student

## The Professor's Answer:



Surprisingly, the Dogwalk and the Aframe aren't the most hazardous obstacles on the course. The innocuous looking Tire Jump is! Dogs can be injured in countless ways on them. Your dog can be flung back, slide between the frame and the tire on either side, 'clothesline' themselves on the tire or the bungees, knock the entire frame over, become 'caught' in the tire (in one awful instance I recall seeing, a dog was caught and completely flipped onto their back), go under the tire, or get caught on a side support. What can you do to avoid this? How can you make agility safe for your dog?

## Safety Tips Using Tire Jumps

Keep these things in mind when you're working on a Tire Jump:

- Send the dog straight through the tire. A few seconds of course time is never worth your dogs' health. Angled entries are the second most common causes for injury on the tire - the first being handler error.
- Make certain your dog is trained to their jump height, and that they have practiced the tire jump sufficiently before competing. Don't raise the tire jump higher than is recommended either.
- If your dog is having problems taking off too early, set up cavalettis before the jump to help gauge their stride better.
- Position yourself for clear verbal and non-verbal cues. Point to the tire to motion through, and give your dog a distinct verbal command- 'go tire', 'tire', or 'through' are all good ones and commonly used.

# Placement Report Fall NADAC Trial October 30-31, 2009

Hgt	Dog's Call Name	Owner's Last Name	Pts	Class	Yardage	DRT
12	Sadie	Tomsic	10	EAC-V	185	51.7
8	Teddy	Leisle	10	EAC	185	44.26
12	Vixen	Berry	10	EAC-V	185	42.93
16	Jetta	Smith	10	EAC-V	185	38.73
16+	Luke	Santa Cruz	10	EAC-V	185	39.77
8	Jaxon	Smith	10	EAC	185	46.71
16	Meg	Wolfe	10	EAS	185	52.31
16	Chance	Bays	10	OAC	155	34.75
20	Lexi	Hamilton	10	OAC	155	37.8
20+	Sam	Hansen	10	EAC	185	45.8
12	Daisy	Pfau	10	OAS-V	155	46.46
8	Bezel	Falk	5	OAS	155	57.47
16	Beeman's	Mills	10	OAS	155	46.8
20	Kate	Klein	10	EAC	185	42.29
12	Major	Beam	10	EAC	185	34.25
12	Honey	Winkler	10	OAS-V	155	49.69
16	Star	Keif	10	NAS	136	52.91
16	Ebony	Cabeen	10	OAS	155	36.96
16	Trixie	Chanover	5	NAS	136	55.16
16	Beckett	Smith	10	NAS	136	29.81
20+	Yggi	Hansen	10	NAC	136	34.09
20	Riley	Williams	10	NAC	136	43.32
8	Sprite	DaCosta	10	OAC	155	54.69
16	Jazz	Hartenberg	10	NAC	136	43.47
12	Sadie	Tomsic	10	EAC-V	185	53.1
12	Vixen	Berry	10	EAC-V	185	44.12
16	Jetta	Smith	10	EAC-V	185	42.26
16	Meg	Wolfe	10	EAS	185	53.42
16	Chance	Bays	10	OAC	155	34.94
20	Lexi	Hamilton	10	OAC	155	35.48
20+	Dude	Echeverria	10	EAC	185	35.37
20+	Jesse	Santa Cruz	10	EAC	185	42.16
8	Bezel	Falk	5	OAS	155	43.08
12	Major	Beam	10	EAC	185	47.33
12	Honey	Winkler	10	OAS-V	155	42.16
16	Zani	Lanphere	10	OAS	155	33.75
16	Star	Keif	10	NAS	136	45.67
16	Ebony	Cabeen	10	OAS	155	41.91
8	Troy	Tresidder	10	NAS	136	36.79
20+	Yggi	Hansen	10	NAC	136	42.65
12	Ruby	Bays	10	NAS	136	33.73
8	Sprite	DaCosta	10	OAC	155	52.77
12	Siren	Berry	5	NAS	136	56.03
16	Jazz	Hartenberg	10	NAC	136	35.1
12	Rusty	Kading	10	OAS-V	155	50.5
16+	Zach	DaCosta	10	EJC-V	140	30.54
12	Bart	Backer	10	EJS-V	140	35.24
12	Sadie	Tomsic	10	EJC-V	140	28.81
16	Jetta	Smith	10	EJC-V	140	27.27
16+	Penny	Hodel	10	EJC-V	140	26.67
16+	Luke	Santa Cruz	10	EJC-V	140	29.93
8	Jaxon	Smith	10	EJC	140	31.34
16	Meg	Wolfe	10	EJS	140	30.19
20+	First	White	15	EJC	140	21.76
20	Lexi	Hamilton	10	OJC	119	22.76
20+	Sam	Hansen	10	EJC	140	26.93

Hgt	Dog's Call Name	Owner's Last Name	Pts	Class	Yardage	DRT
12	Daisy	Pfau	10	OJS-V	119	24.94
20+	Dude	Echeverria	10	EJC	140	24.95
20+	Jesse	Santa Cruz	10	EJC	140	25.67
8	Bezel	Falk	10	OJS	119	29.08
12	Major	Beam	10	EJC	140	25.86
12	Foster	Manning	10	OJS-V	119	26.79
16	Trixie	Chanover	10	NJS	105	21.55
16	Sonic	Wolfe	15	NJS	105	18.89
20+	Yggi	Hansen	10	NJC	105	22.74
12	Chatter	Pfau	10	NJS-V	105	20.31
12	Ruby	Bays	10	NJS	105	19.19
8	Sprite	DaCosta	10	NJC	105	22.63
12	Siren	Berry	10	NJS	105	19
16	Zoey	Tucker	10	NJS	105	29.4
8	Teddy	Leisle	10	WV-E	174	45.82
12	Vixen	Berry	10	WV-E	174	42.83
20	Jetta	Smith	10	WV-E	174	34.55
20+	Luke	Santa Cruz	10	WV-E	174	40.87
20+	Splash	Stochaj	10	WV-E	174	38.35
16	Walter	Spanovich	10	WVS-N	174	43.6
8	Jaxon	Smith	10	WV-E	174	42.75
16	Meg	Wolfe	10	WVS-O	174	50.88
8	Major	Harrison	10	WV-E	174	42.28
20+	First	White	10	WV-E	174	38.54
16	Chance	Bays	10	WV-O	174	37.17
12	Daisy	Pfau	10	WVS-N-VH	174	51.94
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## Dog Hair Can Be Hazardous :-)

### Urgent Notice: Potential Danger of Dog Hair.....

In a press release today, the National Institute of Health has announced the discovery of a potentially dangerous substance in the hair of dogs. This substance, called “amobacter caninii” has been linked with the following symptoms in human females: Reluctance to cook, clean or do housework, a reluctance to wear make-up, good clothes or high heels. Reluctance to spend money on home or car repairs until after ‘Baby’ has new collars, leashes, beds, treats, food, blankets or toys.

“Amobacter caninii” usually results in long hours away from home and exhaustion, which may lead to a loss of physical contact with other humans (especially husbands and boyfriends). “Amobacter caninii” is thought to be addictive, driving the need for additional sources - this may lead to a “pack mentality” or like the potato chip commercial, “you can’t have just one”. Beware! If you come in contact with a female human infected by this substance, be prepared to talk about dogs for hours. Occasionally, males may become infected too.

*Surgeon General’s Warning: Dogs are expensive, addictive, and may impair the ability to use common sense.*



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Thanks to Pam Smith for providing the NADAC Trial results.

# USDAA Update

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**Posted Date: February 15, 2010**

The latest happenings at USDAA...

The group services area is up and running, and log-in credentials have been emailed out to about 60% of the group representatives at this time. It is an ongoing process and should be complete by Wednesday, February 17. There have been some problems with email addresses during this process. If your representative doesn't receive credentials by Wednesday, please contact the office and make sure that we have the correct representative name and email address on file. You may email us at [info@usdaa.com](mailto:info@usdaa.com) or call us at 972.487.2200, x101.

The Group Services area will require a gradual transition between manual and electronic forms, so as you look for event information, some test schedules will still be available as PDFs and others will be electronic. Over the next six months, expect to see fewer PDFs and more electronic forms. Please be patient as all our groups will need time to get acclimated to using the new system.

In our last update, we mentioned that some job reassignments were under evaluation because of all the changes to the Web site. The first such change is that Heather Smith is now the point of contact regarding all event filings. This will put all the pre-event work under one person's responsibility. Tev Brannan will be freed up to spend more time on titles and dog registrations. And as an additional note, titles through December 31 will be calculated this week. Titles calculated last month (through October 31) are in the process of being mailed. The backlog from the database changeover in October was sizable, so it will take a couple more weeks to finish distribution. Batches are being mailed as soon as they are prepped for posting.

The electronic scoring policy is being finalized this week. Groups should check the Group News page for more information as it becomes available. A post will also be made to the public and Subscriber News pages.

The Performance Top 10 is now available to Subscribers (see Regional Top Ten listings in the Subscriber area), and it is coming soon to the Awards page at [http://www.usdaa.com/awards\\_topten.cfm](http://www.usdaa.com/awards_topten.cfm).

Plans are moving forward for Cynosport® in October and further details should be forthcoming by end of February.

The latest USDAA newsletter, the Overview, is now available. You can see it here: <http://www.usdaa.com/article.cfm?newsID=1416>.

Thanks for reading the latest USDAA news. Please direct any questions to [bfender@usdaa.com](mailto:bfender@usdaa.com).

**Results from the SWAT  
USDAA Trial in October  
2009 will be published in a  
future issue of  
The Gambol.**

**Heads Up  
USDAA Cynosport World  
Games**

**10/12/2010 - 10/17/2010  
Louisville , KY**

## Film Review: Mine

### Mine – an independent film directed by GERALYN PEZANOSKI

Review by Julie Fillingner

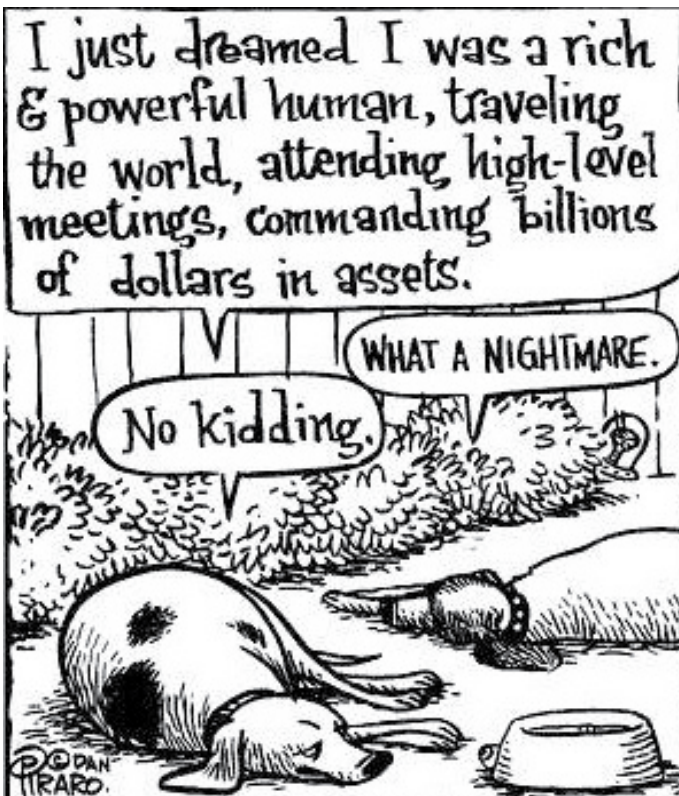
Mine is a documentary that profiles several individuals who had to evacuate during Hurricane Katrina. Each person left their dog behind when they evacuated. The film shows what happened to each person after the evacuation and describes how they all felt about leaving their dogs behind. The film provides a very good view of how animal rescue groups got involved, how they were able to rescue countless animals, and how they managed the animals after the hurricane subsided. The audience walks through each person's efforts (and those of others around them) to reunite with their dogs.

The film does a great job of showing many facets of the problems that were encountered by both the people and the pets in the after-

math of Hurricane Katrina. There are several moral dilemmas that are encountered throughout these journeys. The various people-points-of-view (victims, rescuers, adopters, people helpers) were well represented. If you've ever been involved in dog rescue efforts, you will be absorbed by this film.

The story makes you think about your own personal situation and how you would handle a disaster evacuation. Most of all, it reminds us of how intensely we love our dogs! I highly recommend this film! Warning - you will need a Kleenex or two here and there throughout the film. Make sure you watch the bonus feature that is on the DVD (not part of the film).

Mine is available at <http://www.filmmovement.com/> if you want to buy it. I have a couple of people in line for borrowing my copy and I'd be glad to lend it out as long as there's interest.



# Responsible Dog Ownership -- We all know about #2; how about #1?

We have reached a point where we really need to address a topic shouldn't have to be addressed.

Agility competitors have, in the past, been very considerate with regards to our facilities. But we have now received numerous complaints about where people are allowing their dogs to urinate. These complaints come not only from your fellow competitors, but now they are coming from the staff of the facilities we rent. We need to be respectful of ALL show sites and hotels. This kind of disrespect is what will cause us to lose facilities and not allow us to find new facilities such as the wonderful indoor soccer facilities.

This is already one of the main reasons it's so hard to find a hotel that will allow those traveling with dogs. There should be NO reason to allow any dog to potty inside a building (INCLUDING a horse barn). Where one dog marks, others follow and the area starts to stink. If it has a roof, it should NOT be used as a potty area. Dogs should also never be allowed to potty on something that a human might touch. Trash cans, traffic cones, fences, gates, posts, doors and anything else that a human might come into contact with are OFF LIMITS when it comes to dogs urinating.

The rule of thumb should be that if it's part of nature, such as a rock, a tree, or a bush then it's probably OK unless there are "no potty" signs posted. DougCo has complained on several occasions about sticky urine on trash cans, posts and other things that they have to touch to move or repair. Understandably an accident might happen and should be treated like any other accident by cleaning it up or at least washing it down with water. Additionally competitors have complained that areas just inside and outside of the door ways have become potty areas so in an effort to keep things from getting saturat-

ed, please relieve your dogs well away from the building.

Most of this is just common sense and should be practiced no matter where you go so we don't lose the privilege of bringing our dogs to more event locations - whether it's a park, hotel, walking in a neighborhood, or at a public event.

Picking up solids is something we do all the time. Cleaning up urine that might be offensive to someone should also be the norm. Failing to respect our facilities and clean up after your dogs can get you removed from the trial or even brought before a bench committee, so please don't let it come to that! So, please remember these simple rules for ALL FACILITIES (including hotels) at ALL TIMES.

- 1) If your dog poops, pick it up and deposit it in an appropriate container
- 2) Never allow your dog to urinate inside ANY structure; if an accident happens, wash it up or at least dilute it with water
- 3) Don't allow your dog to urinate on anything another human has to pick up
- 4) Don't allow your dog to urinate right outside a building

Please be considerate of our facilities, their staff and your fellow competitors.

Thank you,  
Beth Godwin  
FRAT/FRAAD President

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**Please note: Sangre de Cristo Kennel Club is having their first trial in May. Let's support them.**

Upcoming New Mexico Trials							
Dates	Type	Location	Sponsor	Opens	Closes	Secretary	Venue
March 13-14	ASCA	Albuquerque	Zia			<a href="mailto:agilitydawn@comcast.net">agilitydawn@comcast.net</a>	outdoors on grass
Mar 20-21	AKC	Sheriff's Posse	SDOC	4-Feb	4-Mar	<a href="mailto:windogagility@gmail.com">windogagility@gmail.com</a>	outdoors on dirt under cover
Mar 27-28	USDAA	Rio Rancho	SWAT			Jessica Brown	outdoors on grass
April 9-11	AKC	Belen	VVKC	1-Mar	25-Mar	<a href="mailto:windogagility@gmail.com">windogagility@gmail.com</a>	outdoors on grass
May 1-2	NADAC	Los Padillas	SWAT			Pam Smith	outdoors on grass
May 22-23	AKC	Santa Fe NM	Sangre de Cristo Kennel	1-Apr	1-May	<a href="mailto:windogagility@gmail.com">windogagility@gmail.com</a>	outdoors on grass
June 5-6	ASCA	Albuquerque	Zia			<a href="mailto:agilitydawn@comcast.net">agilitydawn@comcast.net</a>	outdoors on grass
June 18-20	AKC	Clovis	Clovis-Portales KC	28-Apr	2-Jun	<a href="mailto:windogagility@gmail.com">windogagility@gmail.com</a>	indoors on dirt
June 25-27	AKC	Fairgrounds	SWAT			Christy Parlapiano	indoors on dirt

## Tips

### FIVE WAYS TO LOSE YOUR IDENTITY (Tongue In Cheek)

*How online shoppers can make their systems more attractive to online thieves From "Infoworld" Security Central News*

The growth in the number of hackers has prompted security analysts, identity theft awareness groups, and various government agencies to come up with lists of precautions that consumers can take to avoid becoming a victim of online fraud. Such lists can prove a benefit to consumers, but unfortunately some people ignore the problem.

For those unwary consumers, Computerworld this year offers a handy list of tips that can help MAXIMIZE their exposure to online fraud.

Tip No. 1: Open all attachments from strangers and click on all embedded links in such e-mail messages. Such actions remain one of the most effective ways to provide thieves with personal information and financial data. All a hacker needs to do is find computer users who instinctively open e-mail messages from strangers, even those who write in a foreign language. The action can open the door to keystroke loggers, rootkits, or Trojan horse programs. Crooks can also easily install backdoors to easily steal data without attracting any attention. Once installed, hackers gain unfettered access to personal data and can even remotely control and administer systems from anywhere.

Tip No. 2: Respond to Dr. (Mrs.) Mariam Abacha, whose name is used by many hackers who say they have close friends and relatives in Nigeria who have recently been widowed or deposed in a military coup and need your help to get their millions of dollars out of the country. Users are told they will undoubtedly be rewarded for helping to get their "well-packed trunk boxes" full of cash out of Nigeria. And to make sure to provide bank account information, login credentials, date of birth, and mother's maiden

name so that they can wire the reward directly into a checking account.

Tip No. 3: Install a peer-to-peer file-sharing client on your PC and configure it so all files, including bank account, Social Security, and credit card numbers, along with copies of mortgage and tax return documents, are easily available to anyone on the same P2P network. Your personal data will stream over the Internet while you check out what songs you can download for free without getting sued.

Tip No. 4: Come up with passwords that are easy to crack. It saves hackers from spending too much time and effort trying to access your PC. Clever sequences such as "123456" and "abcdef" and your firstname.lastname all make fine, easy-to-remember default passwords for you and for hackers. For maximum exposure, keep passwords short, don't mix alphabets and numerals, and use the same password for all accounts.

Tip No. 5: Avoid installing the latest anti-malware tools and security updates. Keeping operating systems properly patched and anti-virus and anti-spyware tools updated make life hard for hackers. Users can help them out by making sure their anti-virus software and anti-spyware tools are at least 18 months out of date or by not using them at all. Either way, it's very likely that your computer will be infected with a full spectrum of malware.



# More AKC Info -- Advisory Com. Meeting and Time 2 Beat

## Your 2009 Agility Advisory Committee Updated: January 21, 2010

We are currently working on the final list of recommendations from the agility advisory committee, which will be presented to the AKC Board of Directors for review in April, and will be voted on in May. Once we have the timeline and effective dates for changes, we will publish them here on the AKC website. *[Ed. note: members of the AKC Agility Advisory Committee (AAC) are Marquand Cheek (CA), Pamela Sturtz (NY), Gail Storm, Steve Herwig, David Nauer (CO), Randy Reed (FL), Andy Hartman, Director of Agility; Karen Paulukaitis (AL), Carrie DeYoung, Kimberly Reeher (PA), Katherine Leggett (CA)*

### Time 2 Beat (T2B)

Time 2 Beat is a new agility class recommended by the 2009 AKC Agility Advisory Committee. At this time, AKC is researching this proposed class and asking clubs to host demonstrations in conjunction with their upcoming 2009-2010 trial weekends.

Time 2 Beat is a "hybrid" class built primarily from obstacles from Jumpers With Weaves, with the option of having one to two contacts included on the course. This class is unique, as each dog has the chance to set the "Time to Beat" for each jump height division. This is different than the current AKC classes (Standard and JWW) where the Standard Course Time (SCT) is set by the course yardage as wheeled by the judge.

To host a Time 2 Beat demonstration, please complete a Special Attractions form from the AKC website on the Downloadable Forms page and return the form by fax to John Brading, Event Operations Manager, at 919/816-4210.

For more information, please download the PDF file from the link below and/or view the T2B video file.

URL for Time 2 Beat pdf description:  
<http://www.akc.org/pdfs/events/agility/Time2Beat.pdf>

URL for Time 2 Beat video -  
<http://www.akc.org/events/agility/T2B3X.html>

After the Special Attraction has been approved, a package of Time 2 Beat material will be sent to the club electronically. This will include an Excel spreadsheet that contains a scribe sheet template, plus the spreadsheet provides the ability to score the class electronically. The club is asked to collect scoring data and return the data to AKC for analysis.

Judges who are asked to design a Time 2 Beat course should contact Steve Herwig, Agility Field Rep, at [smh@akc.org](mailto:smh@akc.org). Exhibitor comments about Time 2 Beat should be sent to [AgilityAdv@akc.org](mailto:AgilityAdv@akc.org).

Thank you,  
Andy Hartman  
Director of Agility

## Thoughts from just one person about Weave Pole Spacing - for What It's Worth

As you read in the first paragraph of the AKC informational letter from Andy Hartman, the final recommendations from the AAC will be voted on by the AKC Board of Directors at their April 2010 meeting. We won't know until then whether the recommendations, including a change to 24" spacing on weave poles, will be adopted, though my hunch is that the recommendations will receive a favorable vote.

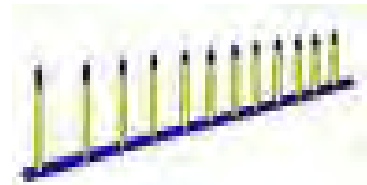
As far as I have heard, USDAA has not yet made a decision to allow 24" weaves in their competitions. So clubs are faced with a potential requirement to have two sets of competition weaves: a 24" set for AKC and a 22" set for USDAA. And individuals are faced with the same dilemma in deciding what to use for practice at home.

In working with my own dogs, English Setters who do not love weaves like some other dogs might, I find that when 24" weaves pop up in a trial, they handle them very well, but after doing 24's for a while, going back to 20's is difficult for them. If the 24" recommendation is approved, AKC is supposed to allow clubs up to two years to change their equipment, so I'm going to keep my 20" weaves for practice until all clubs have gone to 24's.

Mike McCoy, who runs his Papillons in Colorado, is offering a service to convert weaves of other spacings to 24" weaves for less than the cost of a new set of weaves. If you want to contact Mike, his email is [oldbird5729@yahoo.com](mailto:oldbird5729@yahoo.com). If you know of someone in New Mexico who will also do weave pole conversions, please let us know so we can pass the word.

--Your editor, Jill Warren

*To 24 or not to 24:  
that is the question.*

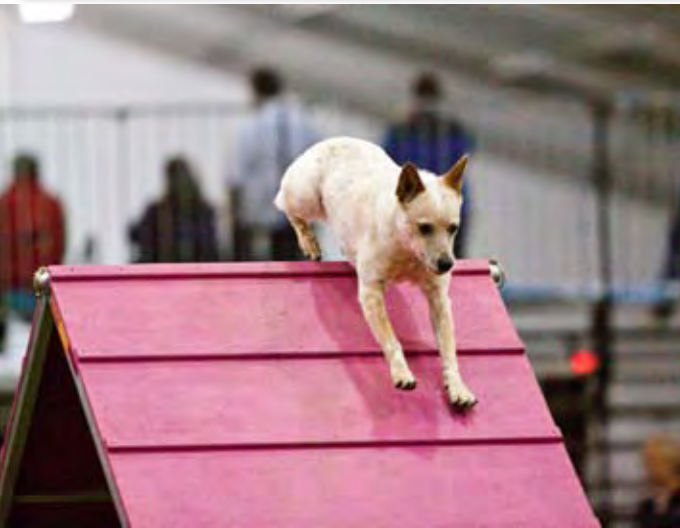


## SWAT In Action



Above: how many BCs can you fit in a set of weave poles? Next, let's try them in a phone booth.

Left: Maggie, owned by Crystal McClernon. With 98 16-inch dogs in the competition at the 2009 AKC agility Invitational, Maggie and Crystal took 3rd place in Round 2, and 2nd place in both Rounds 3 and 4. Maggie finished 28th overall and received the Top Australian Cattle Dog Medallion for 2010.



## Braggs

**M**y Golden Retriever, Meg, Wolfe's New York Nutmeg, completed her NADAC Medal in 2009 in Phoenix.

--Becky Wolfe

**L**uke & Stacie: MXP3 and MJP3 in AKC, and 1000 Pt Life Time Achievement in NADAC  
Boomer & Ray: Earned all his Novice AKC titles  
Penny & Ray: 6th Place Finish at ASCA Finals Veterans Class

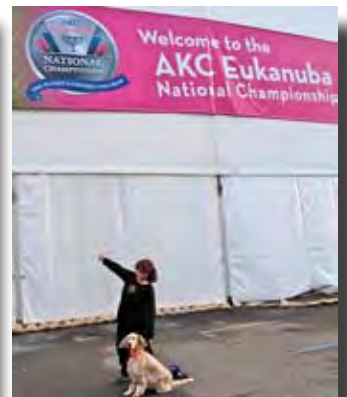
--Ray Hodel

**C**hama (On The Lamb Rio Chama) finished her USDAA AD in March 2009 and her AKC NAJ in July 2009. Chama is officially out of Novice in all venues.

--Julie Fillinger



Face Case - Kwik (Hob Nob Roadrunner RN, owned by Donna Johnson)



Jill Warren and Lorna arrive at the AKC Invitational just ticked pink to be there.



MacDuff, a Gordon Setter owned by Linda Stebbins, sends his hair flying as he takes a jump.

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I compete in the following agility venues (circle all that apply):

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