

# *K-9 Kapers*

May2015  
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## SPORTSMEN'S EVENTS

(Mark your calendar and Volunteer!)

### Rally & Obedience Practice Matches

2015: 6/12, 7/10, 8/14, 9/18, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11

### Agility Trials

5/29-31/15

Hi Everyone

Our Agility trial is fast approaching and we need donations of food, water or money to help out for the lunches. Philpa and Anaclare are heading up the cooking and food prep duties but need salads each day and a few simple desserts i.e. cookies, brownies or similar. Plus we need numerous cases of water especially the very small water bottles which tend to get wasted less.

In March you all were AMAZING in the amount of great food donated!! So hoping we can count on you once again! All donations of food and water can be left at the building on Wed. or Thur., MAY 27 or 28. Please let Anaclare know and one of us can pick it up and take to the trial. Please mark it "FOR AGILITY TRIAL".

Please email me or Anaclare if you can help out with food. Monetary donations can be given to me or Anaclare. THANKS!!!

Anaclare's email is [aa4424@wayne.edu](mailto:aa4424@wayne.edu)



Building will be closed for rentals:  
May 16-17, June 20-21, July 18-19, Aug  
1-2, Sept 12-13, and 19-20

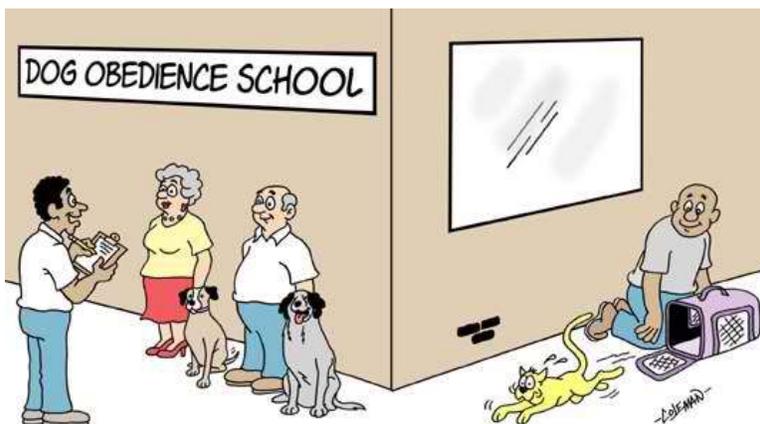
Building will be closed for cleaning:  
May 24, June 27

# COMPETITION RESULTS

(For publication, please send your results to the Editor 2 weeks before publication. This date will be announced on the email list.)



OWNER/DOG	SPORT/DATE	CLASS	LEG/PL/SCORE	TITLE
E. Becker/Puck	UKC Conformation 4/25			UKC CH
C. Winkles/Ty	AKC Agility 4/18 AKC Agility 4/19 AKC Agility 4/20* AKC Rally 4/21* AKC Rally 4/21*	Masters JWW Masters JWW Masters JWW Excellent B Advanced B	1st 1 <sup>st</sup> 1st RAE Leg 1/1/99 RAE Leg 1/2/98	Rally High Combined and Rally Versatility Award for High Scoring Champion
C Winkles/T	AKC Agility 4/18 AKC Rally 4/21	Masters JWW/Masters Standard Excellent B	_/2/98	Double Q
M. Mailoux/Taggit	AKC Agility 4/19 AKC Agility 4/20*	Novice JWW Novice JWW	1/1/100 2/2/100	
*Poodle Club of America National Specialty in Salisbury, MD				
B. Widdows/Jake	CWAGS Nosework May 3	Level 1 (twice)	4/_/pass 5/_/pass	Level 1



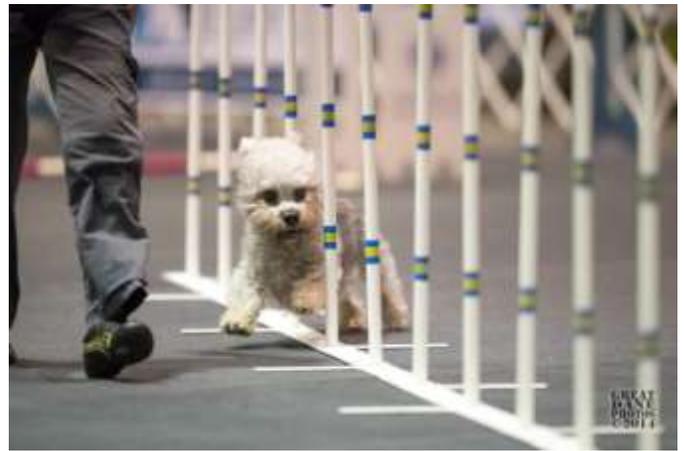
" OKAY, ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR FINAL EXAM ? "

# A DANDIE AT THE 2014 EUKANUBA AGILITY INVITATIONAL

By Kim O'Neill

I was very happy when I received the official invitation to the 2014 AKC Agility Invitational that was held in Orlando, FL, December 12-14. The AKC invites the top five agility dogs from each breed for this trial. Each dog must have received at least one MACH or PACH point during the period from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 in order to be eligible. For those of you unfamiliar with agility, MACH points are Master Agility Champion points and PACH is Preferred Agility Champion points. To earn a MACH or PACH a dog must earn 750 MACH or PACH points as well as earn 20 Double Q's (which is qualifying in both Master Standard and Master Jumpers with Weaves at the same trial). Preferred is when a dog runs at a lower jump height. My girl, Alyx (CH Ando's Brandy Alyxandra BN, RA, NA, NAJ, AXP, AJP, NFP) was the only Dandie eligible this year. Since the 2014 Dandie Dinmont Terrier National Specialty was also in Orlando at the same time, I decided that Alyx should attend and represent our breed at the Agility Invitational, even though I knew the competition would be tough! I was so proud to be able to compete with my Alyx in agility and conformation. I flew to Florida with Jennifer Hecker, Alyx's co-owner.

Although not officially a part of the AKC Invitational, Time to Beat (T2B) class was offered on Friday December 12 and Alyx was entered. She had a very busy day as this was also the National Specialty day. Jennifer bathed and groomed her in the morning. Alyx competed in T2B and qualified. After all that excitement, she had to finish her styling session with Jennifer and show in conformation at the national. Alyx was on fire and showed well. She won her Open Bitch class and went on to compete in Winners Bitch. She won Winners Bitch for a 5-point major at the National Specialty. It was truly a dream come true! Alyx went on to show for Best of Breed. She did her best but her exciting day was catching up to her and she ran out of steam near the end.



The Invitational started the next day. Such a busy weekend! Alyx had two runs on Saturday and two runs on Sunday. Each run is worth 100 points. Every dog is trying to achieve a “clean run” as in no faults for time or obstacles such as knocking down a jump bar. On Saturday, Alyx had one fault in standard class. She ran a clean run in jumpers but was 2 seconds over time resulting in a loss of six points. Her scores after the first day were 95/100 and 94/100.

Unfortunately, Sunday didn't go as well. Alyx either decided she had been on her best behavior long enough or possibly she had an excess of energy from eating an entire bag of dog treats the night before after breaking out of her crate while Jennifer and I were at dinner. Whatever the reason she decided to run all over the course, taking whichever jumps or obstacles happened to be in her path. The crowd thought it was cute and amusing. Myself, not so much. She did not get a good score for those shenanigans. Alyx did make it up to me on her final run. She had a clean run within the time limit for a score of 100!



Our experience at the Agility Invitational was very positive. It was great watching all the different breeds, and watching the top dogs run in the finals. I was glad I went to support my breed even though I knew we didn't have a chance to win. If you get an invitation to attend the AKC Agility Invitational I suggest you go to showcase your breed and just have fun! It is a great experience just to participate.



UKC CH Karlees Behold the Penalty Box CKC P-CD RN; AKC CGC  
(Elin Becker and Puck)



My friend "Flicka", now 12 1/4 yrs old proved it was worth getting her TD title and what I always suspected...that she had a gene that made tracking a family trait. At 10 yrs old we went to prove the strong olfactory system she proved when passing two TD tests. Read on how valuable that training became in my real life experience!!

I took Flicka along on a group field retrieving training day with my other lab on DNR fields, as husband wasn't home to be with her. When the group finished training, being a beautiful spring day, I thought it would be fun to reward the dogs with a hike/ into the acreage of DNR fields. About a mile out, as I walked, I saw a beautiful 'Shaggy Bark Hickory' tree. I stopped to capture, on my smart phone, the contrast of tree against a blue sky as well as posing my buddies by the tree. It was necessary to take off my prescription sunglasses for better visibility, etc. Pocket full of keys, and other item, I chose to hang my prescription sunglasses on the "collar" of my shirt. I also had a lanyard holding a two whistles and a duck call around my neck. (thus not aware when they fell off).

We had walked a mile out (dog more) and back to the car. After I loaded the dogs, watered them, and put myself behind the steering wheel I reached for my glasses on the dashboard. Not there. Then I remembered where I had put them; looked down and DUH: no prescription sunglasses! I knew I wouldn't be able to find them. What do I do? Silently thinking: "Could Flicka find my glasses?".

I proceeded to get the dogs out of vehicle. Putting my hand under Flicka's nostrils and told her "Find mine." (No, that isn't right). "Find Track!!!". Off we went,...no leash, no harness, repeating "Find Track". I then remembered to not speak so much, it distracts the dog concentration. She understands what I am asking. Though we had gone out one way and came back another I needed to trust my dog and let her work. In tracking you are taught to not walk backwards over your tracks. Dogs know the direction of your feet.

Flicka made the appropriate right turn through 'foliage', paralleled tree line to west, made a hard left turn south, more distance, I could see the tree at 2:00 position across the field. We were crossing a damp sunken area in the earth. I remembered. A few more yards, and a hard left, east. 12 ft. more and her head went down and I could hear "click', click, click". Flicka was trying to get a good hold on MY glasses with her aging worn down teeth. Oh MY, I exuberantly hugged her, verbal praise, etc. to let her know she just won me the lottery, superbowl, Hope diamond. !!!!! Poor River had no idea what had just happened and butted in wanting his share of praise.

Hope you all agree this is one titling skill that I have to say is better than Master Hunter, MACH, OTCH, etc. It actually has use (well hunting does too), though I treasure the 37 titles Flicka has to her credit. What a gift Flicka was to be retired from PAWS with a Cause and become my "Keeper Dog" and definitely my Friend.

Thanks for letting me share as the biggest brag and probably the last she will give me.

## S.T.A.R. PUPPY CLASS



Left to Right: Susan Hunsanger with Doberman, Isaak; Stephenie Provo with Boston Terrier, Kirby; Mrs. Berndt with Lab, Noelle; Shirley Smith with Am Staff. Mix, Ellie; John Kurpas with Australian Cattle Dog, Bruno. *This class has been unusually small, but very fun, because it is small. All students are doing great and making progress with their puppies. STAR TESTING for this class was on 4/13. We expect all will pass the test. Instructors: T. Martin, D. Norton, G. Czapiewski*



UNLESS IT'S AT SPORTSMENS!!!!

HOW ABOUT A DOG CAKE!!!!



These are on Facebook under "Julie Cains Cakes".

## CANINE FLU INFORMATION

April 28, 2015

### **Canine Influenza Recently Confirmed in Iowa Michigan Reportedly Influenza-Free**

The first case of canine influenza in Iowa has been confirmed in Sioux City. Samples from a sick dog treated at Perry Creek Animal Hospital, 510 W. 19th Street are suspected to be the latest strain of canine flu, H3N2, said Dr. Kyoung-Jin Yoon, of the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Iowa State University.

The specific strain is still unknown, said Yoon. The H3N2 strain originated in Asia and is believed to have sickened more than 1,000 dogs in the Midwest. Perry Creek Animal Hospital veterinarian Dr. David Ray said he first treated the sick dog for flu-like symptoms on April 20. As of Monday afternoon, he said the dog's owners reported his health was improving. Local veterinarians are monitoring the outbreak. Ray said roughly half of Siouxland animal clinics have reported dogs experiencing flu-like symptoms, which include a dry cough, fever, loss of appetite and nasal discharge.

As a refresher, signs of CIV include:

- A dry hacking cough
- Coughing up a white, foamy phlegm
- Lethargy
- Vomiting
- Lack of appetite
- Runny nose
- Rapid breathing
- Fever

The MSU Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health (DCPAH) recommends testing for the most common causes of respiratory diseases in dogs with the canine respiratory disease core panel (test # 80984) or the core panel plus (test # 80985) if distemper is also suspected. DCPAH will include influenza by request for a nominal additional charge. Please indicate on the submittal form if influenza is suspected. PCR testing for canine influenza virus alone is also available. Please call DCPAH at 517/353-1683 for more information regarding collection protocol, pricing, or with other questions.

Source: <http://www.michvma.org/?page=CanineInfluenza>

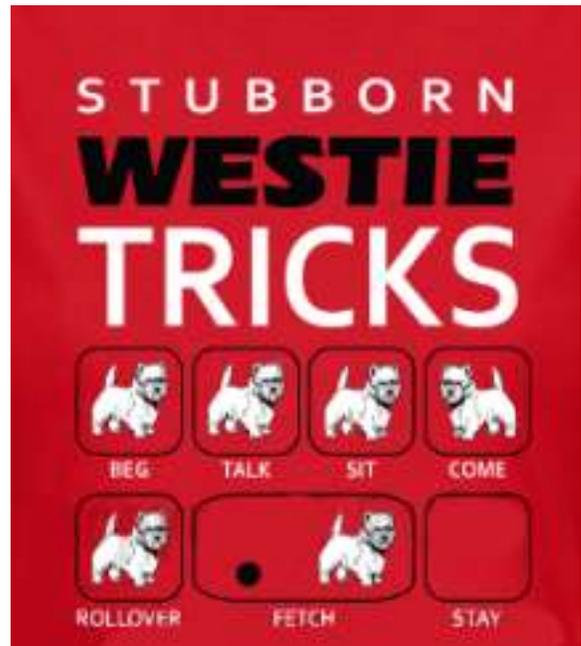


**In order for a dog to be stubborn he must first understand completely what is asked of him and then choose to disobey.**

**There are very few stubborn dogs in the world.**

**There are, however, many dogs who are untrained.**

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