



Top Dog

News about agility in Prince George

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Past Events

Cariboo Agility Trial: . The smoke did clear and the weather held and many of us had a great time down in the cariboo! Patti Wilson was ill and could not come judge, but Mary and Phil judged Patti's courses and the whole weekend went smoothly just as we knew it would. Roxanne did a great job judging the starters and now is an AAC starters level judge. Congratulations to Roxanne. We hope to have her come judge for us very soon.

At that trial, June and Benson earned 7 Qs. Mike and Dazzle got 4 Qs, Joy and Chase got 4 Qs, Maria and Teigs finished with 7 Qs, Pat and Spryte had a Q too. Donna and Rayn picked up a Q as did Al and Bud. Laura and Chime Q'd three courses, Ken and Blitz were good for 4 Qs and June and Beaumont got a pair of Qs. Ziva

and I picked up 4 Qs, Dorothy and Jenna also got 2 Qs. Laura and d'Lyla Q'd the last run of the weekend, Maria and Strutt got 4 Qs, and Joy and Zest had two Qs. Kay Q'd with Scott and Donna Q'd with Warjac. Shenia and Mike also got a Q. Naomi and Tegwen earned two Qs, Belinda got 1 Q with Kosmo, 2 with Tigger and 5 with Indy-Anna. Nan and Annie had 5 Qs, and Mickey got 2. Cathy and Sassy had 1 Q, Lora and Tuxedo 4 Qs, Vivian and Taz 1 Q, Ann got Qs with Murphy and Casey, Phil and Sanka earned a Q, Ray and Louie also got a Q. Laverne Qd twice with Meg, Roger got two Qs with Roo, Yvonne had 3 Qs with Denim. Georgina and Remmy had a Q and so did Jan and Dizzy. Val and Seamus got 2 Qs, Emily with Nova also got 2 Qs. Laraine and Ruth picked up 1 Q as did Karen and Coco Crisp and Brenda with Tempest. Brenna and Bella Kismet got 5 Qs. Penny and Amigo went home with 2 Qs and I got 6 Qs with Cassie. Here are the titles won at this trial:

Maria and Teigs: Gold and ExSt Gold

Nan and Annie: EXG Bronze and VBA

Lora and Tuxedo: EXJ Bronze

Laura and Chime: MADC and ATChC

Lavene and Meg: MADC

Yvonne and Denim: AADC

Nan and Mickey: ADC

Maria and Strutt: MJDC

David and Ziva: AADC

Brenna and Bella: ADC

Naomi and Tegwen: Silver and ExSt. Silver

Belinda and Indy-Anna: EXSc Silver and VSA

We had a slight delay in our scheduled fun match and general meeting due to some threatening weather. We waited another week and then went out to Henke's farm for our last hurrah of the season.

We had our meeting, ran some courses, cleaned up the yard and the equipment and bid the place goodbye til spring. The club presented a certificate of appreciation to Anne for letting us use the place and for all of the effort she puts in with mowing, hauling garbage, cleaning, fixing, cooking.....the list goes on! Also receiving certificates were Al and Glenn for looking after our equipment and to Dan of Canadian Agility Equipment for the help and good service he has given. Sandra Morrison was also recognized for the job she has done every year running our participation in "Paws for a Cause." Once again Top Dog was a top performer at this SPCA fundraiser.

Coming Events

Top Dog Fall Trial: November 6 and 7. Rob Struthers and Yvonne Babij are the judges. Please try to get your entry forms to Peter very soon. We will have our new rubberized contact equipment and our new 24 inch weave poles there for you and your dogs to play on.

Watch your email for the starting times and for any other last minute information.

AGM and Christmas Party:

We usually have our AGM in November; however, we missed the deadline for official notice so

we are having the meeting in December. We do not want to call you all out of your cozy homes twice in the month so we are having the AGM and Christmas Party combined. The meeting will start at 2:00 on Sunday, December 5 at the 1st Avenue Training Center. Following the meeting we will have a pot-luck Christmas dinner and party.

A big part of the AGM is the election of a new board of directors. Joy has decided not to stay on as treasurer, so we will need someone to step up and stand for that position. As well, I would be pleased to see someone new take over as agility director.

Top Dog January Trial:

Once again we have booked the Agriplex for a one day January trial. We will have a jumpers specialty trial on Sunday, January 16, 2011. We will be offering three rounds of jumpers at all levels and two rounds of steeplechase. I will be the judge at this trial. Because winter road and weather conditions can be difficult, we maintain a full refund policy for handlers who enter but cannot make it to the trial. Out of town competitors can register for our trial with confidence that they will not be stuck paying for a trial they cannot attend.

Top Dog March Trial: We hope to have some thing to offer you in February and April, but for now

we can at least inform you that we have applied for our annual March trial. We shall be back in the agriplex March 12 and 13. We are very happy to have Jeanne Shaw and Nina Durante as our **judges** for that trial.

Top Dog May Trial: We are waiting to see where and when Regionals are this coming year. If the Regional Championships are held in June, we hope to have a trial at Henke's Farm on the May long weekend.

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We bid good-bye to Shannon and all of her dogs and we wish her well in Seattle. Right now she is in the interview process for a pediatric nurse position there.

Kim has returned from Germany where she helped the Canadian team at the world agility championships.

Top Dog is no longer having regular puppy parties on Sundays at the centre. After many years of puppy party Cathi has decided to call it quits. We hope to have some sort of puppy classes starting soon.

Roxanne, Joannie Leigh and I all have new puppies. JL has a poodle named Remy, Roxanne has a flat coat retriever named Forrest and Jeanette and I have a little Havanese pup named Cara.

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