



Timber Ridge Newsletter

May 2024 Issue

The Barking Bulletin

NEXT MEETING

Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:30

Stevens Point Public Library in the
Prairie Room (downstairs) & via Zoom.

Hospitality: Wendy Carlson

Upcoming

Events

2024 Scent Work Trial:
(September 7-8)

2024 Fast CAT:
(September 14-15)

2024 Fall Obedience & Rally
Trial:
(November 2-3)

2024 Fall Agility Trial
(November 9-10 at OKC)

2025 Spring Obedience &
Rally Trial
(February 1-2)

2025 Spring Agility Trial
(April 26-27 at OKC)

Consider

Volunteering

Volunteers are always
needed for all our events.
It is a great way to meet
people and learn how
these events run.

Plus, what could be more
enjoyable than a day
spent with dog people?

As events are posted
here in the newsletter,
please consider helping
the club. None of these
activities can continue
without your help!



**Mark these dates
on your calendar!**



2024 Timber Ridge Membership Meetings (second Monday of the month)

- May 13, 2024** Stevens Point Public Library - Prairie Room
@ 6:30 pm
- June 10, 2024** Iverson Park
@ 6:30 pm
- July 8, 2024** Iverson Park
@ 6:30 pm
- August 12, 2024** Summer Potluck - location TBD
@ 6:00 pm
- September 9, 2024** Stevens Point Public Library - Prairie Room
@ 6:30 pm
- October 14, 2024** Stevens Point Public Library - Prairie Room
@ 6:30 pm
- November 11, 2024** Stevens Point Public Library - Prairie Room
@ 6:30 pm
- December 9, 2024** Holiday Party - TBD
@ 6:00 pm

Timber Ridge Obedience Club
Friday Night Run Throughs
at Camp Bandy
Spring 2024
Obedience/Rally
May 10th
June 7th

Set up: 6pm-6:30pm. Runs begin after set up & finish at 8pm.

\$10.00 for 10 minutes - \$5.00 for 5-minute 2nd Run

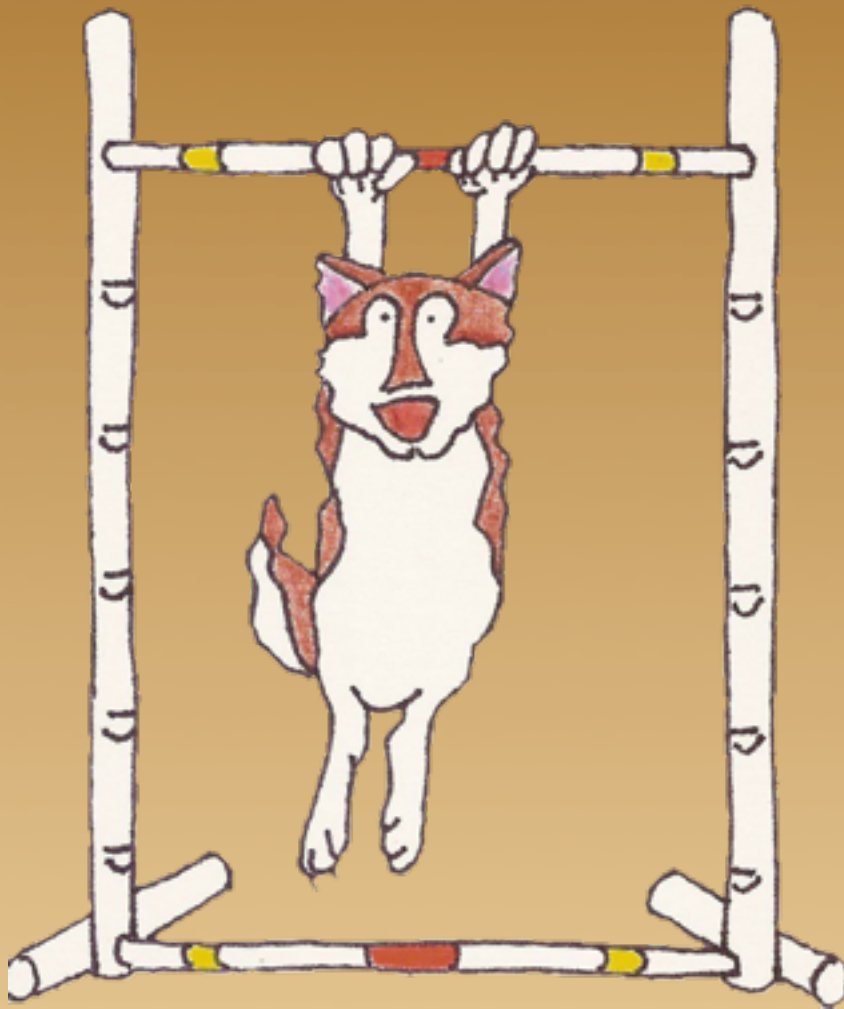
Judges and Training Assistants On Site!

Rally Competitors are encouraged to set their own courses.

Perfect opportunity to gain confidence and skills!

Please Contact: Karyn Kopecko





TIMBER RIDGE OBEDIENCE CLUB

2024 Spring
Agility Run
Throughs
at Camp Bandy

May 12th *FAST
June 9th *STD

**Come to Camp Bandy and Have Fun
Hanging Out With With Us!**

Times: 10am set-up

11:00 Registration & Handlers course walk through.

11:30 Runs Begin – ends at 2pm.

Guidelines: Two minutes in the ring. Treats and toys are allowed.

Cost: \$5.00 first run & 3.00 second run – per dog.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR A SUCCESSFUL EVENT!

Course Builders, Gate Steward, and Bar Setters required

Questions: Contact Karyn Kopecko
Let's have fun!



AKC Dog Agility Community



From the April 2024 AKC Board Minutes - Changes to Agility:

Agility Updates

The Board VOTED to approve several recommended changes to the Agility Regulations that are meant to expand opportunities for exhibitors, make an event run more efficiently, and update technical equipment requirements for safety and to reflect current course designs.

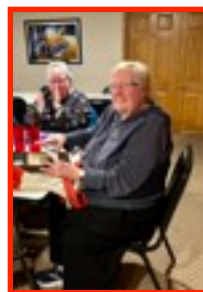
These changes will become effective on July 1, 2024. (See Regulation Changes in Appendix A.)

1. Chapter 1, Section 21 – Allow For Exhibition Only (FEO) in all classes.
2. Chapter 4, Section 7 – Reduce wheeling of Open courses to one time.
3. Chapter 6, Section 4 & 5 – Increase the course yardage allowed for 8- & 12-inch heights (and corresponding Preferred heights) for the Excellent and Master levels.
4. Chapter 6, Equipment Chart –
 - A. No longer require the Pause Table in the Excellent and Master Standard classes. (editorial note: This means the table will not be allowed in the Exc/Master level Standard Courses)
 - B. No longer require a “Bar” jump in any courses. This jump type has 2 bars on it.
 - C. Only allow one time use of the tire. Tires must have a straight approach to them and then on departure.
 - D. Allow the use of a Wall Jump in Excellent and Master classes to add obstacle variety.
5. Chapter 7, Sections 4 & 5 – Increase the course yardage allowed in Jumpers With Weaves at the Excellent and Master levels for all heights (and corresponding Preferred heights).
6. Chapter 7, Equipment Chart - Notes the same changes as shown in Item 4 – for the “Bar” Jump, Tire and Wall Jump

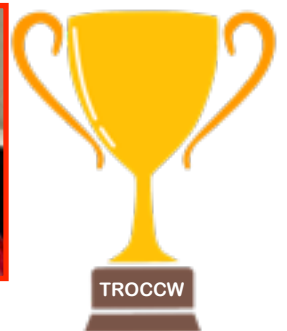
2024 Pizza Party & Awards Dinner



Yummy dinner



Award
Winners





AKC FIT Dog Trail Walk



"I believe there were 13 dogs in attendance and 12 people. 7 dogs/6 people were not members of Timber Ridge. 3 of those dogs/2 of those people are Wisconsin Rapids Kennel Club dogs/people.

Before we started walking, I gave a short summary of our club and the types of events we hold. The walk went very well and many of the dogs opted to cool off and splash in the Wisconsin River at the Bukolt Boat Landing." **Asa Plonsky**



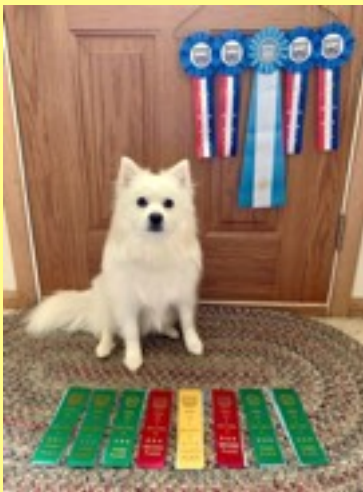


That's my dog!

Wags & Brags

ESKIES ARE ALL AROUND GOOD SPORTS!

I am very proud of both of my Eskie boys!
Sherry Salzman-Scott



The Eskie boys and I had a fun weekend at the Working Dogs of North Central Wisconsin UKC Nosework trials (4/27-28) despite the swirling, gusty winds, and rain!

Ziggy qualified in all 8 element trials he entered earning his Advanced Vehicles, Advanced Interiors, Novice Exteriors, Novice Containers element titles and earning his overall Novice Nosework (NN) level title. He received placements in each of his searches also. **Willie** qualified in the Superior Vehicles and Superior Containers trials earning the final legs needed for his Superior titles in both element with a 4th place in Superior Containers. Both boys were exhausted after the long weekend at the trials.

Also this winter, after several years away from other sports, I decided to try to finish, through the AKC virtual programs, some of the titles **Willie** and I had been working on pre-pandemic. On March 21st – in honor of Willie's 10-year adoption anniversary – we received notification that he had passed the final leg needed to complete his Rally Advanced title. Soon after, we received notification that he passed the final run needed to complete his Agility Course Test 1 Jumpers With Weaves (ACT1J). We are still working on one more title and hope to finish it by the end of the year. Willie is now officially the most decorated dog I have had the pleasure to have as my companion and canine sport teammate!

AN SV SC ORT NW1 Free Willie! RA ACT1J SWN SCA SIA SEA TKI (aka. Willie)

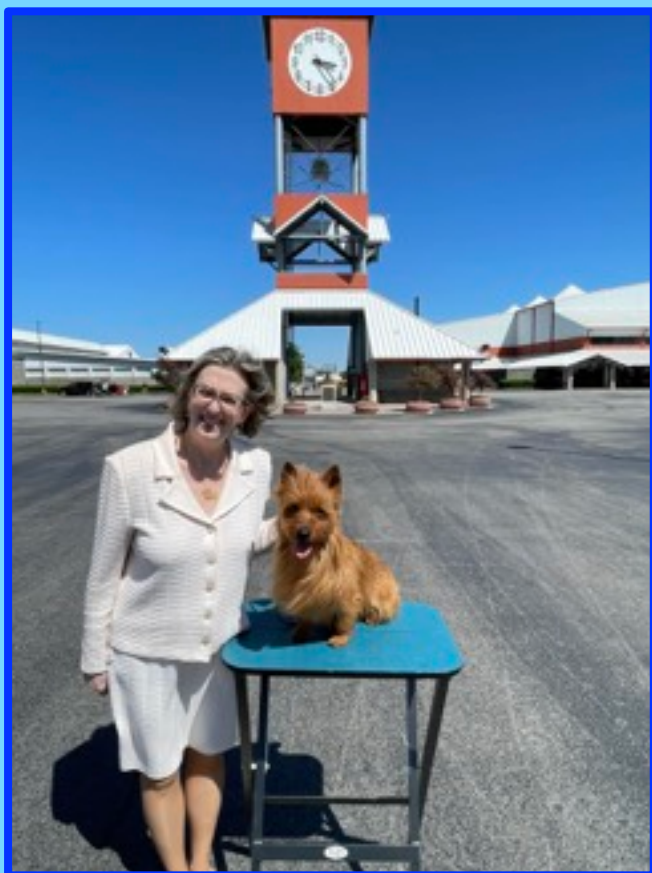
NN AV AI ORT Stardust Space Oddity in Blue (aka. Ziggy)

CHIP-CHIP HOORAY!

Chip and I headed to the Australian Terrier Nationals in April. The 2024 ATCA Nationals were held in Perry, GA along with the Peach Blossom Cluster. If you have the chance to attend the Peach Blossom Cluster, take it! It is a beautiful venue and the PBC has every dog sport right at the venue. It is awesome!

In the breed ring, Chip made the cut each day out of a lovely group of about 50 Australian Terriers. We received many lovely comments from the judges as well as fellow AT enthusiasts. He was also entered in obedience. Chip earned his first two legs in Graduate Open. It was nice to spend time with people I rarely get to see and meet new folks with a common bond of our Australian Terriers.

Fun Facts: This trip I did several things I have not done in a LONG time. One was drive to Georgia. The last time I drove to Georgia was when I moved there in the mid-1980s. For those who know me know I really don't like to drive in big cities. The other was I RAN! The venue is quite large and I had to run from the breed ring to the obedience ring in order to make my time. I won't be entering any marathons any time soon, but I survived – and made it to the ring just in time...they had already moved me to the end. Finally, this was the first time I have EVER been in the same room with two other people named Dana.



Sniffing Is Fun!

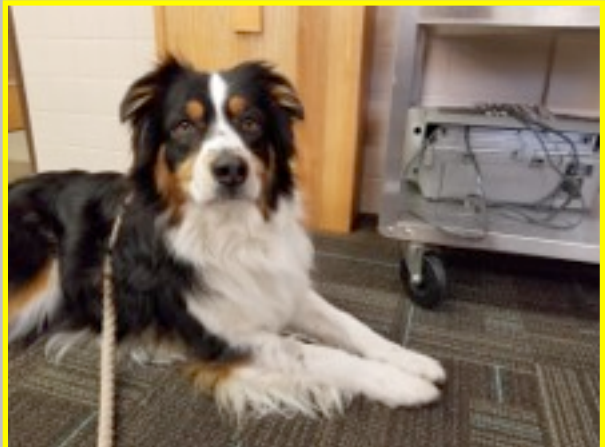
Cora & Molly participated in the WDNCW Sniff N Go on Saturday, April 6th. They did so well that we got the courage to put them in an actual trial the first weekend of June.

Yikes!!

Molly and Jai Dee explore playground equipment during an Exterior search.



During an Interior search **Cora** finds the hide and alerts.



Submitted by Serena Menge

Braggs
are due
May 31st
for the
June
Newsletter!

TIMBER RIDGE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF CENTRAL WISCONSIN, INC.

MEETING MINUTES

April 08, 2024 – 6:00 pm – Awards Banquet - Bill's Pizza, Stevens Point

Meeting was called to order at 6:42 pm by Vice President Laurie Bandy

Members in Attendance: Amy Sjomeling, Chris Jarvis, Connie Wood, Dave Cattanach, Elaine Kirsling, Jocelyn Reid, Jona Decker, Karen Lee, Karen Lemke, Kathy Schuh, Laurie Bandy, Melanie Wiltse, Rose Gottung, Sarah Krueger, Sernea Menge, Sherry Salzman Scott, Steve Bandy, Wendy Carlson.

Minutes of last meeting/motion to dispense: Made by Shery Salzman Scott, seconded by Kathy Schuh.

President's and Board Report: None

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report (subject to audit): Checking = 5,301.35, Savings = 22,803.64. CDs = 8656.66. total assets = \$36,761.65

Committee Reports

1. **Website** – Jona Decker – nothing to report
2. **Awards Committee** – Thank you to Serena Menge and Amy Sjomeling for organizing the Awards this year. Look for a picture of the recipients in the May newsletter.
3. **Apr 14 FIT Dog Trial Walk** - Asa Plonsky - 3 pm. at the Piffner Building, 401 Franklin Street, St Point. Reminders will be posted in the TROCCW Facebook Page, the Stevens Point Area Dog Owners Facebook page, the Stevens Point Happening Now Facebook page, the Wisconsin Rapids Kennel Club Facebook page, and in Nextdoor. No need to register, just show up! All 6-foot leashed, well-behaved dogs and people are welcome!
4. **Apr 26-28, 2024 Spring Agility Trial**
 - a. Chair: Jane Zank
 - b. Trial Secretary: Lorah Marquardt
 - c. Judges: Mark Rudd
 - d. Chief Course Builder: Lori Schuman
 - e. Committee Members: Joyce MacKay (Fri-Sat am to pm), Linda & Jared Redfield (Sat-Sun until E/M classes complete), Karen Lemke. Lori Schuman, Laurie Bandy, Jennifer Cressin, Jane Zank
 - f. Venue: Oshkosh Kennel Club
5. **Jun 27 UWSP Lifelong Learners Demo** - 1 pm setup, 2:30 pm demo at Camp Bandy. Jocelyn – Rally, Kathy Schuh – Obedience, Chris – Agility, Serena – trick dog, Rose – scent work.
6. **Aug 30-Sep 1, 2024 Labor Day Agility Trial**
 - a. Chairs: Karyn Kopecko and Jennifer Kressin
 - b. Trial Secretary: TBD
 - c. Committee Members: TBD
 - d. Judges: Katherine Guerra (Fri), Loretta Zich (Sat & Sun)
 - e. Venue: Oshkosh Kennel Club
7. **Sep 7-8, 2024 Scent Work Trial** - application has been sent to AKC.
 - a. Chairs: Sherry Salzman-Scott and Joyce MacKay
 - b. Event Secretary: Rose Gottung
 - c. Committee Members: Joyce MacKay, Sherry Salzman-Scott, Rose Gottung, Jocelyn Reid, Lisa Huber, Karen Lee, Mary Burke, Janet Smith, Elaine Kirsling
 - d. Judges: Amy Wukotich, Robin Taylor and Caroline Kobe Oldham
 - e. Venue: Rosholt Lions Camp
8. **Sep 14-15, 2024 Fast CAT**
 - a. Chairs: Jessica Kachur and Sara Zoeller (AKC Deadline is 06/14/2024)
 - b. Committee Members: Jessica Kachur, Sara Zoeller. TBD, TBD, TBD, TBD

- c. Trial Secretary: Rose Gottung.
- d. Venue: Oshkosh Kennel Club
- e. Operators: Fast & Fun -Don Adams (pending contract review)

9. Nov 2-3, 2024 Fall Obedience & Rally Trial

- a. Chairs: Jennifer Kressin
- b. Chief Ring Steward: Dana Nelson
- c. Trial Secretary: Rose Gottung
- d. Judges: Pat & Richard Strong
- e. Hospitality: TBD
- f. Venue: Camp Bandy

10. Nov 9-10, 2024 Fall Agility Trial

- a. Chairs: Karyn Kopecko
- b. Trial Secretary: TBD
- c. Judges: Rhonda Bermke
- d. Venue: Oshkosh Kennel Club

11. Feb 1-2, 2025 Spring Obedience & Rally Trial

- a. Chairs: TBD
- b. Chief Ring Steward: TBD
- c. Trial Secretary: TBD
- d. Judges: Laurel Stern (Rally) and Lynn Tamms (Obedience)
- e. Hospitality: TBD
- f. Venue: Camp Bandy

12. Apr 26-27, 2025 Spring Agility Trial

- a. Chairs: TBD
- b. Trial Secretary: TBD
- c. Judge: Terry Elger
- d. Venue: Oshkosh Kennel Club

13. Aug 31-Sep 2, 2025 Labor Day Agility Trial

- a. Chairs: TBD
- b. Trial Secretary: TBD
- c. Judge: Han Yu
- d. Venue: Oshkosh Kennel Club

Elections

Unfinished Business

1. Sunshine Committee – Laurie Bandy reported that the person she had in mind declined the opportunity. When the need arises, Chris Jarvis will organize an e-card for the members to sign before it's sent to the recipient. Please let Chris (ckjarvis22@gmail.com) know if you think a member could use a little extra support from the club.
2. Club banners - Karyn Kopecko – the Board approved \$200 purchase. Karen is in the process of purchasing the banners.
3. Photos for the website – Professional Photographer Tim Koll will be on hand for a photo shoot at Camp Bandy during Member Time on April 21. Members wishing to participate will be asked to sign a waiver to use the photos on the club website. He will be taking photos during both Agility and Obedience portions of the open

practice. Please bring a change of top/shirt so we can have a wider variety of photos and it doesn't appear like they were all taken on the same day.

4. Karyn is in need of an organizer for the April Obedience RT for this coming Friday, April 12. Please contact her if you are able to help, otherwise the RT will be cancelled. Other volunteers are still needed for the Obedience and Agility Run-throughs in May, and June.
5. Monthly blogs for the website – Look for a survey coming via email to judge interest in becoming a Timber Ridge Blogger. Chris Jarvis will arrange a schedule if there are enough volunteers. If we get enough volunteers, participants will only need to submit an article once a year. The topics could cover anything dog or dog-sport related.
6. The Board met previously and discussed online registration and payment processing. This was initially requested for Fast CAT, but we could offer it for all TROCCW events. There are several online registration and payment options available, but no decision was made. It was noted that offering online payments will require very good and frequent communications between trial secretaries and the Treasurer. Treasurer Ann Hansen has agreed to take on the added duties for online payments if we go this route, but her term is up in January, so this responsibility would also fall to the next Treasurer. In any case, we would not offer this service unless it paid for itself via a slightly higher entry fee for online registrations. Mail-in registrations will still be available for all TROCCW events. More discussion is needed.

New Business

1. Jona Decker suggested we offer “Forever Young” rosettes for senior dogs (7 years or older) that are running the TROCCW Fast CAT this year. We offered this last year, and they were very well received. However last year, the Forever Young rosettes were all donated. In order to continue this year, the Club is looking for **Forever Young Rosette Sponsors**. You can sponsor a Forever Young rosette for \$15, or you can sponsor as many as you like (2 = \$30, 3 = \$45, etc.). Look for a Facebook from last year with a picture of the rosettes, and another post will be coming shortly. You do not have to have a senior dog running in order to sponsor a Forever Young rosette. We'd like to make these available to as many participants as we can. Make checks payable to TROCCW and note “Forever Young” on the memo line. Mail the sponsorship check to Ann Hanson, TROCCW Treasurer, or leave the check at Camp Bandy. Sponsorships will be accepted up until the monthly meeting on **June 10**, to allow time for rosettes to be ordered.
2. Melanie Wiltse asked club members to consider registering for the WRKC Fast CAT at Country Paws on May 10-12. WRKC recently took over this date from OKC, so they are scrambling to fill the trial. Email wrkcfastcat@gmail.com to have the Premium emailed to you.

Meeting Adjourned A motion to adjourn was made by Karen Lemke and seconded by Wendy Carlson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm by Vice President Laurie Bandy.

Next Meeting: May 13, 2024– 6:30 pm - Stevens Point Public Library - Prairie Room and via Zoom

Hospitality: Wendy Carlson

Brag! Send Brags to Sarah Krueger by April 30 for the May newsletter.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Chris Jarvis

April 2024 Treasurer's Report

Opening balance	5,301.35	
Storage Unlimited	-35.00	monthly storage
Camp Bandy	-540.00	2 qtr arena rental members
Deposit	40.00	dues
Deposit	94.63	awards
Bill's Restaurant	-145.00	awards dinner
State of Wisconsin	-148.13	estimated taxes
IRS	-393.75	estimated taxes
Laurie Carlson	-40.00	April agility pulled entry
Deposit	40.00	dues Zoeller
Deposit	9,140.00	April agility entries
Mark Rudd	-2,067.14	April agility Judge
AKC	-1,680.00	April agility recording fees
Lori Schuman	-44.00	April agility sick dog
Bluestem ATS	-681.00	April agility trial secretary
Jane Zank	-74.77	April agility misc. expense
Rodney	-455.00	April agility food service.
Ending balance	8,312.19	
Savings Balance	22,803.64	
Balance CDs	8,659.65	
Total Assets	39,775.48	
Pineries – CDs	2,785.95	
	2,852.65	
	3,021.05	
	8,659.65	

Officers & Contacts

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Camp Bandy Members Only Training Times



Sunday, May 5

11 - 12:30 | Obedience, Rally & Individual Skills

12:30 – 2 | FULL COURSE Agility

Sunday, May 19

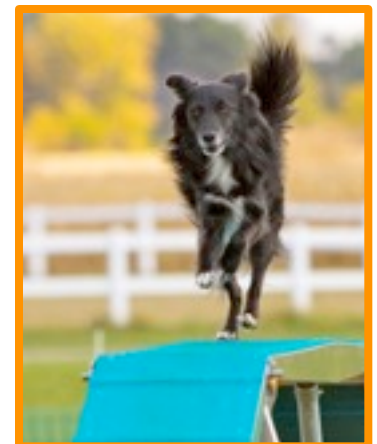
11 - 12:30 | FULL COURSE Agility

12:30 – 2 | Obedience, Rally & Individual Skills

Members set up rings and courses

GUIDELINES

1. Please gate off the section you are working on during separate skills.
2. Please ask if the person is done using the equipment before you start working your dog.
3. Please have gating across the front while running full course agility.
4. Please have dogs on leash while entering and exiting the building.



A REMINDER FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT!

Because we have recently added many new members (YAY!!), here are a couple of reminders about training time:

1. Members set up the rings and courses. If you aren't able to help or arrive later, please don't jump in and start using things that others have spent the time setting up before they have had a chance to use the ring/course. We have Camp Bandy for this time frame only. Many hands make work light.
2. Crate your dog(s) unless you are working them in the ring/course or in a spot in the arena. Be mindful of other people and dogs.
3. Agility time is for a full course. Agility time is set aside so people can run full courses. If there are a lot of people, work together to change jump heights, etc. Gate off the area by the door.
4. Obedience rings should be used to work your dog either on a 'run thru' or a set of exercises for a reasonable amount of time. Everyone should have time in the ring. If you wish to work on an individual skill for agility, great. It means one piece of equipment (so no multiple pieces of agility equipment during obedience time).
5. Communicate with each other. If someone is taking too much time, tell them. If you need to leave in 20 minutes - ASK if you can go next. If someone sets up a course or a ring say thanks. If you need help with something, ASK. This is a great group who is more than willing to help out.
6. If you put food on the walls to mark the go-out (or for any other reason) please clean up the spot, remove the food, etc.
7. If you are there alone or just a few people, work it out, if you don't need a ring, great. You don't have to set it up. You can be there for the full 3 hours or only 15 minutes.
8. Training time is meant to be used by any/all members. Keep in mind people use these times in different ways. Whatever way you use the time...enjoy training your dog!

Many great friendships have been made during this time!