

DSA's First Agility Trial a Success!

December, 2004

DSA held its first all-breed agility trial on 12/4-5/04 at the Jefferson County Event Center in Golden. We had a total of 685 entries for the weekend. Despite getting off to a bit of a late start both days, the weekend went very well, with minor issues that were dealt with and were invisible to the exhibitors. AKC Field Rep Barb Budner was there and gave us a good report despite some issues with the equipment we rented. The good news is that those issues will not reflect back on the club.

Six DSA members were entered at the trial and had a great showing.

Kent Cherne was entered with his Australian Shepherd 'Casey' in the Excellent A JWW and Standard classes both days.

Martha Lageschulte was entered with 'Lexi'. On Saturday, they got 2nd place in Novice B JWW. On Sunday they got 3rd place in Novice B JWW to earn the NAJ title. They also qualified in Novice B Standard for a Double Q day and got their first leg in that class.

Bob Mast was entered with 'McGwire' and 'Ty'. On Saturday McGwire got 3rd place in Novice Standard. On Sunday, McGwire got 4th place in Novice B JWW earning the NAJ title, and then Double Q'd with a 4th place in Novice B Standard earning the NA title.

Terry Walb was entered with 'Matty'. On Saturday they earned a 2nd place in the Novice A JWW class and on Sunday earned a 3rd place in the Novice A JWW class.

Sue Wangerin was entered with 'Darcee'. On Sunday they earned 3rd place in Novice B Standard earning their NA title.

As the trial chairperson, I have to first thank the agility committee: Martha (chief course builder) and Jim Lageschulte, Sue (hospitality) and Gene Wangerin, Jan (hospitality/ribbons) and Kent Cherne, Julie (co-chief ring steward) and Joe Morris, Andi (co-chief ring steward) and Bob Mast, and Terry (ribbons) and Butch Walb for all their hard work. They all did their jobs flawlessly and made my job as chairperson easy.

Other club members who helped included: Deb Castro, Donna Dannen, Lori Elvera, Tom Lisec, Thalia Peletis, and Kris Schopfer. Non-club member Sammy people who helped included: Lorrie McAllister, Sally Wheeler, Rich Winston, and Stacey Winston. Scott Vail took some really nice photos of the DSA dogs running and shared them with us.

We received a lot of comments about the fact that we had such a large group of Sammy people working our trial. Thanks to Martha Lageschulte for

designing the two logos that were on the front and back of our blue shirts which made club members very visible to all of the exhibitors.

We received great feedback from exhibitors during the weekend and after the trial. We also had an exhibitor team, Deb Anderson and her Golden Retriever Decker earn their MACH title on Saturday. That was very exciting.

The club made a profit of ~\$2,800 (not bad, considering the trial didn't fill). The agility committee is currently reviewing dates and locations for our next trial, and hope to see even more club members participate in the future.

Karen and Bob McFarland made and donated the Sammy leash holders and wait/go signs. As a thank you, we are making a \$100.00 donation to the SCA Foundation in their names.

Respectfully,
Jane Reller
DSA Agility Chairperson

DSA Members' Sammys Competing at DSA's First Agility Trial!
 Photographs courtesy of Scott Vail



Ty owned by Andi & Bob Mast



Lexi owned by Martha Lageschulte



Matty owned by Terry Walb



Darcee owned by Sue Wangerin

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Back Row (L to R): Rich Winston, Deb Castro, Kris Schopfer, Jim Lageschulte, Julie Morris, Gene Wangerin, Bob Mast, Joe Morris, Tom Lisec, Kent Cherne & Jan Cherne
Middle Row (L to R): Terry Walb, Butch Walb, Jane Reller, Lori Elvera, Sue Wangerin
Front Row (L to R): Stacey Winston, Martha Lageschulte, Andi Mast, Sunny Peletis, and Thalia Peletis
Agility Trial Day Two Volunteers Not Pictured: Donna Dannen, Lorrie McAllister, Sally Wheeler, and Scott Vail

Comments on Our Agility Trial From Various Exhibitors

The following are some of the comments we've received since the trial. Some were sent to me directly and many were posted on the Colorado Agility list on Yahoo.

- I am still a newbie, but I thought the club did a wonderful job. Everyone I had contact with was very nice, friendly, and informative. I loved the leash holders. I thought the novice courses were fun and challenging and both judges were friendly and fun. Thank you for all the hard work and I will enter another trial sponsored by this club.
- You guys did great. It was very well organized, more so than many other clubs who've done it many times. I was especially impressed with the number of club members who turned out to help. One lady even insisted that she wanted to scribe even though I was on the board to do it. I don't think that's ever happened before. Congratulations to you and the club, great job.
- I would like to congratulate the Denver Samoyed Assoc. for a great two days of agility trials. They were so well organized and did a super job for their first attempt. It looked like club members turned out in force to work the trial. I loved the 'cute' touches of the 'wait/go' paddles in the shape of Sammys and also the wonderful leash holders. The surface was great for running and the two judges had really fun courses.
- A big thank you to DSA for a well run and fun first trial. You did a great job!
- You guys did an excellent job with your first trial! I was especially impressed by how friendly and helpful all those folks in the blue shirts were. Like everyone else I enjoyed the wait/go signs and the leash holders. Thanks for a fun, fast, and friendly trial.
- Thank you to the Denver Samoyed Club for a fantastic trial this weekend. What a great trial, fun people, super judges and courses, club members who obviously enjoy each others' company, and super leash holders/wait-go paddles.
- The Beardies and I had the best weekend! You put on a remarkable trial. It was so smoothly run, it was difficult to believe it was your first trial. Sheila's courses were perfect for my long striding Beardies and my novice boy loved Joni's standard source. What a great weekend.
- Thanks to you and the Sammy Club for putting on such a nice agility trial! It was the most pleasant two-ring trial I've been to for a long time. The judges were nice. Courses were fun. Everything was well organized.
- Just a quick thank you to the Samoyed Club for a great trial. You had great judges and courses, fun accoutrements (loved all those wooden Sammies), and just a wonderful group in blue shirts.

DSA Agility Trial Statistics

Date	Std Judge	# Runs	Qualifiers	% Qualified	JWW Judge	# Runs	Qualifiers	% Qualified
12/4/04	Sheila Lavin	130	38	29%	Joni Weed	157	70	45%
12/5/04	Joni Weed	159	41	26%	Sheila Lavin	160	60	37%



DSA Member Agility Exhibitors

Left to Right: Ty and McGwire with Bob Mast, Martha Lageschulte with Lexi, Kent Cherne with Casey, Terry Walb with Matty, and Sue Wangerin with Darcee.

Check out of all those qualifying ribbons and placement and new title rosettes!