

# INDY RETRIEVER



*Your Voice Is Our Heart and We Are Listening*

March, 2006

Indy Dog and Disc Club  
"Where Having FUN is More Important than Winning"

Volume 1



## Words from the President

By Ron King

Ah, the smell of Spring is in the air, and the promise of a new disc dog season is just on the horizon. This is the time we set our goals for the upcoming season and begin to get out with the dogs a little more frequently than we did through the winter months. The dogs' bodies are fresh and our minds are reeling with anticipation. Hope springs eternal as we prepare to embark on another amazing IDDC Season. A season that promises to be just as good as 2005, if not better.

Once again, the 2006 IDDC season will feature weekly playdays, May – August on Wednesday nights at the Gilmer Canine Companion Zone at Eagle Creek. The playdays start at 6:30 PM and usually run until dark. Playdays are a great place to become familiar with the sport, get training tips, and just play with your dog/s. This year's playdays will be lead by different individuals, each providing their own perspective on the sport and training.

The season will also include 5 incredible competitions that will test the skill and metal of all teams. The IDDC Spring Classic will be held in Kokomo, IN on May 20 – 21 and will be the first IDDC competition of the season. The Indiana Canine Disc State Championships have been moved to the Fishers Freedom Festival and will take place on June 24 -25. On July 29 – 30 the IDDC will host the Skyhoundz North Central Regional at the New Castle High School in New Castle, IN. A number of Skyhoundz World Finals qualifying positions will be up for grabs at this awesome event. The IDDC will also be a part of the Delphi Days in Delphi, IN on Sunday, August 13. More details concerning this competition will be available on the IDDC website in the near future. The 2006 season ends with the IDDC Fall Fest competition on Sunday, October 29 in Indianapolis. It will feature a cookout and a doggie Halloween costume contest. All competitions are for all levels of competitors and always provide a great time for the entire family.

The 2006 season also features 2 training campouts, a poker tournament, various parties, and various road trips. So hopefully, there is something for everyone! This looks to be an outstanding season and we hope to see you at a number of IDDC functions. Please visit the IDDC website at [d-dog.com](http://d-dog.com) for all the IDDC happenings. Play safe and have fun!

Ron King, co-founder and president of the Indy Dog&Disc Club. Ron and his dog, Montyboy, are Skyhoundz World Finalists, USDDN National Finalists, and were the IDDDHA's #1 ranked Freestyle team for 2002.



## Dog Walking: A Valuable Training Tool

I think that everybody knows that dogs love going for a walk with us. But did you ever think that the ordinary dog walk is an excellent chance to train? It is! It is your opportunity to use the dog's environment and his access to it to your advantage.

This training works best in a city neighborhood setting. We will name our fictitious dog Burt.

You can use the walk to reinforce yourself as Burt's leader and strengthen your bond and competitive focus. Take control of the walk and Burt's mind by continually denying him things that he wants and helping him change his mind. For example when you first start and he wants to go left then go right. If Burt wants to get out front and pull do an about face. When he catches up, give a treat and praise. Burt doesn't get to pause to sniff or to pee until you take a break and allow him free reign.

The walk is an excellent socialization tool. Burt gets to meet new dogs and people. As you encounter other dog walkers size them up early. If the owner looks to be under control, walk past on the same sidewalk. You might even allow a sniff and chat. If the owner is not in control, cross the street. Walking calmly past barking dogs in yards is a good experience. Burt started out walking past those yards from the other side of the street. Gradually we shortened the distance. Dogs who regularly get out and about learn to take new things in stride.

You can also take two feuding dogs and teach them to be calm together. They will be more focused on the environment and learn to walk side by side.

Obviously exercise is a great benefit. Start out with a brisk walk around the block, work up to a mile then two miles, etc. If you do it on a regular schedule you and Burt will feel better, lose weight, and come away with a more positive attitude.

## Barks



and Bites  
By Rick Kimball

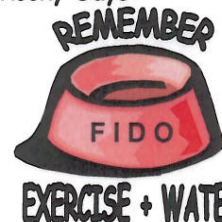
### Board of Directors:

President  
Ron King  
Secretary  
Carol Herbertz  
Treasurer  
Don Lang  
Event Coordinator  
Amy King  
Demo Coordinator  
Rick Kimball  
Animal Welfare  
Coordinators  
Greg Million  
Mary Jo Corso  
Newsletter Editor  
Patricia Daugherty  
Membership Director  
Kristie Davis  
Promotional Director:  
Matt Maynard  
Webmaster  
Ron King  
Tony & Sarah Hoard  
Melissa Maynard  
Curtis Daugherty  
Alice Lang  
Chip Hershey  
Sharon Galema  
Mark Gose

### Newsletter Staff

Editor:  
Patricia Daugherty  
Graphic Designer:  
Sharon Galema  
Supply Coordinator:  
Chip Hershey  
Staff Photographers:  
Mary Jo Corso  
Marshall Smith  
Staff Columnists:  
Mary Jo Corso  
Rick Kimball  
Ron King  
Patricia Daugherty

### Rocky Says:



— This issue dedicated In Memory of —  
IDDC member Jay Davis 10/28/58–9/17/05  
and his dog Taylor 9/17/05





## 2005 Howliday Party a Success

By Kristie J. Davis

A grand time was had by all who attended the 2005 Indy Dog & Disc Howliday Party on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Marion County Fair Grounds. Rick made his infamous BBQ for the main course. Everyone else brought delicious side dishes and desserts. All in all it was a culinary delight. Club President, Ron King, put together a great slideshow of the 2005 season. It brought back a lot of memories for everyone. Great job Ron!!

Marshall & Margaret Smith brought back everyone's favorite game. They call it Dingo (a play off of Bingo). I love playing this game. Each player starts off with 3 milkbones and the goal of the game is to be the first person to find a specific person, dog, or body part in the photo collage. If you're right you win another bone, wrong and you lose a bone. He or she with the most bones at the end of the game wins! Tracy Custer was the winner. She took home the beautiful poster collage constructed by Marshall Smith.

Other games included musical chairs with your dog. Amy with Monty Boy and Mary Jo with Murphy Brown duked it out to the end, but Amy and Monty came out the victors.

The members also played a game similar to horse where one team has a dog do a trick and the other team has to do it with their dog or they lose a point.

As always the IDDC Howliday Party was a huge success. The afternoon was filled with good food and lots of fun and games. The day was a wonderful opportunity for many members to socialize with other members, members' families and all their dogs.



Howliday Party Attendees

## Did You Know?...

Chip Hershey and his dog Lexi did their first basketball halftime show on February 14<sup>th</sup>. It was Lexi's first time to wear her boots. Chip said: "Lexi didn't have any problems and she loved the Crowd. She's such a diva." Check Lexi's boots out at: [www.gundogsupply.com](http://www.gundogsupply.com).

*Congratulations! Chip and Lexi* 

Neo King, assisted by his folks, did a grand job handing out the year end IDDC awards. The winners are:

Service & Dedication Award  
Margaret & Marshall Smith

Best Freestyle Team  
Tony Hoard & Rory

Most Improved Freestyle Team  
Rick Kimball & Zoey

Best Toss n Fetch Team  
Adrian Custer & Blade

Most Improved Toss n Fetch Team  
Natalie Moore & Diamond

Best Overall Team  
(Freestyle & Toss n Fetch)  
Mark Gose & Mya

Best Overall Canine Competitor  
Rory Hoard

Junior Handler of the Year  
Chandler Curtis

Best New Move  
Tracy Custer - Dual disc throw

Most Entertaining Team (to watch)  
Tony Hoard & Rory

Keeping it Fun  
Mary Jo Corso & Murphy Brown

Most Embarrassing Moment  
Iggy Pop biting Carol Hertzberg Upper Body "Part"

Best Mental Attitude  
Kristie Davis & Brindi

Best IDDC Event  
NC Regionals

### Editor's Note:

At the 2005 Howliday Party Rocky, of Rocky Report Notoriety, made an unscheduled but predictable appearance at the buffet table. To his chagrin he was promptly escorted to his crate and the party resumed.

Rocky says: Be smart.  
For your dogs' safety,  
"Deep Six" the Greenie  
treats. It has been proven  
they are dangerous.



## World Champions



## Tony Hoard and his awesome dog Rory

2005 World Champions in Open Division (freestyle)  
Skyhoundz World Championship held in Atlanta, Georgia  
September 23 & 24, 2005.

Rory is a 4 year old Australian Shepherd.

2006 marks Tony and Rory's 3<sup>rd</sup> year competing in freestyle.

Congratulations Tony and Rory. IDDC is proud of you.

## Calendar of Events

Apr 15th 1:30 PM  
Sat - 3:30 PM

Apr 22nd See  
Sat SOFK-9s

Apr 29th See  
Sat BADDogs

May 3rd 6:30 PM  
Wed - 7:30 PM

May 10th 6:30 PM  
Wed - 7:30 PM

May 17th 6:30 PM  
Wed - 7:30 PM

May 20th 10:00 PM Reg  
Sat 11:00 PM Start

May 21st 10:00 AM Reg  
Sun 11:00 PM Start

May 31<sup>st</sup> 6:30 PM  
Wed - 8:30 PM

Jun 7th 6:30 PM  
Wed - 8:30 PM

Jun 14th 6:30 PM  
Wed - 8:30 PM

Jun 17th See  
Sat SOFK-9s

Jun 18th See  
Sun SOFK-9s

Jun 21st 6:30 PM  
Wed - 8:30 PM

Jun 23rd 7:00 PM  
Fri

Jun. 24th 10:00 AM Reg  
Sat 11:00 AM Start

June. 24th Immediately  
Sat following event

June 25th 9:00 AM Reg.  
Sun 10:00 AM Start

**Play Day**  
Just for fun gathering, no specific agenda.

**SOFK-9 Event**

**Midway Event**

**BADDog Event**

**Weekly Training Clinic**  
led by Ron & Amy

**Weekly Training Clinic**  
led by Rick Kimball

**Judge Training Clinic**  
led by Ron King  
Toss & Fetch

**IDDC Spring Classic Competition**  
1st IDDC competition of the season,  
Toss n Fetch

**IDDC Spring Classic Competition**  
Freestyle events.

**Weekly Training Clinic**  
led by Greg Million

**Weekly Training Clinic**  
led by Rick Kimball

**Weekly Training Clinic**  
led by Ron & Amy King

**West Chester Dog Fest**  
SOFK-9 Event

**West Chester Dog Fest**  
SOFK-9 Event

**Weekly Training Clinic**  
led by Sharon Galema  
Play Session

**Midwest Nationals Dinner**  
Dinner at Greek Island's Restaurant  
By Reservation

**Indiana Canine Disc State**  
**Championships**

**Indy States Party**

**Indiana Canine Disc State**  
**Championships**

# Be Sure To Visit Our Website

[www.d-dog.com](http://www.d-dog.com)

Next Newsletter Entry Deadline is May 15, 2006



## Ask Miss Murphy:



By Mary Jo Corso

### What is Heartworm Disease?

Heartworm disease can be deadly and often is without prevention or treatment.

How quickly can a dog be infected?

Microfilaria or (baby heartworms) are ingested by the mosquito from an infected animal.

Day 1- the dog is bitten by the mosquito. The heartworm larva enters the bite wound with the saliva of the mosquito. It only takes 3-4 months from that first bite from the mosquito to grow into adult heartworms living in the Pulmonary artery the heart. Just like that, you have heartworm disease.

What are the symptoms of Heartworm Disease?

Often times there are no signs at all. Clinical signs of a mild to moderate load of heartworm include: Cough, exercise intolerance and abnormal lung sounds. Further symptoms include tachycardia, fluid in the abdomen, anorexia, lateral recumbency and the ultimate- Death.

In 2005, 30 heartworm cases were detected by Noah's Brandywine Animal Healthcare center. This is only one veterinary hospital in Greenfield, Indiana- can you imagine what the numbers look like nationally? In the year 2001, 250,000 dogs were diagnosed with canine heartworm disease. 17% of dog owners do not test annually for Heartworm and only 48% of dog owners will give year-round heartworm protection.

Now you know how easy it is to for a dog to get heartworm disease. Isn't it worth a few moments just once a month, to give the heartworm prevention?



## Membership Party, Photo Shoot and Chili Cook-Off

By Patricia Daugherty

**YEE HAW • SLAP ME SILLY • MOMMA SHOOT ME MY MOUTHS ON FIRE !!!** On February 11<sup>th</sup> Mary Jo Corso and Rick Kimball, for the third consecutive year, kicked off IDDC's annual Membership Drive with a chili cook-off. Their home was alive with members, their dogs and lots of steaming, rockin chili pots. There were seven entries: Amy King, Chip Hershey, Pat Daugherty, Rick Kimball, Sjoukje Janssen, Kim Moore and Neo King. Chip brought his infamous KICK YOU IN THE ARSE IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE TRUE TEXAS CHILI. Everyone's chili was so delicious it was difficult to determine a winner. Amy King won honorable mention as first runner up. Kim Moore won first prize with his winning chili recipe. His prize was a \$10.00 gift certificate to Pet Supplies Plus and a Powerball ticket (which was donated by Greg Million).

Rick and Mary Jo's business, Corso's Photography, provided complimentary photo shoots for members and their dogs. As usual, Mary Jo performed her magic touch with her camera. IDDC wants to thank Mary Jo and Rick for opening their home and providing everyone with a fun afternoon and beautiful photos.

## New Kids In Town

**Gripper**, at 5 months was adopted October, 2005, by Teresa and Chip Hershey. Gripper celebrates his birthday the same day as Chip's dad, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Cosmo**, at 6 months, was adopted by Kristie Davis last fall. Mom says: Cosmo seriously loves to chase and retrieve the disc.

**Rocky**, at 8 weeks, was adopted in June, 2005, by Pat and Curt Daugherty You can check this Black Lab out in the Rocky Reports.

**Zaniee J**, who is 11 months old now, was adopted by Tony and Sarah Hoard last spring. She is an Aussie. Will Zaniee J follow her brother and be a future Champion?

## The Ashley Whippet Way.....How It All Began

By Patricia Daugherty



Not all great athletes are human beings. There is the four legged variety too. In 1974 at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles, history was made. Alex Stein, an Ohio State student from Cleveland Heights and his young Whippet named Ashley, stepped out uninvited onto the baseball field at half time and wowed 50,000 spectators. This phenomenal dog running 35 miles an hour and soaring high into the air caught Frisbee after Frisbee for 8 straight minutes. At that moment the disc dog world and canine competition was officially born. Ashley continued to delight spectators. At another Dodgers game leaping and twisting high in the air he caught a Frisbee 90 yards away. Ashley was crowned Canine Frisbee Disc Champion. He won this title three times and is considered the greatest Frisbee dog of all time. He set the standard for all canine competition to come.

Affectionately known as Ashley Whippet his star rose rapidly. He went on to perform his magic at just about every baseball and NFL stadium in the United States and Canada. He made appearances on the Tonight Show, The Merv Griffin Show, Monday Night Football and performed at Super Bowl XII. He even entertained on the White House Lawn. He went on to make many more notable appearances. Hollywood came knocking and he starred in a documentary called "Floating Free." The film won an Academy Award. In 1982 the national Catch & Fetch series was officially renamed the Ashley Whippet Invitational. At Ashley's death in 1985, *Sports Illustrated* honored him with a glowing eulogy. So the next time you and your dog are at the line and you are about to throw that round disc, take a minute to thank Ashley Whippet and his owner Alex Stein. They are the reason you and your dog are about to experience an adrenaline rush like no other.

## Katrina Has Touched IDDC

Katrina has touched IDDC. Two of our club members, Mary Jo Corso and Greg Million, have been working with the Save-A-Pet animal shelter in Dothan, Alabama. This wonderful animal shelter has tirelessly been rescuing Katrina's animal orphans. Save-A-Pet Animal Shelter has placed across the country over 800 pets trapped and injured from Katrina's devastation. Mary Jo's work place, Noah's Animal Hospital, in Indianapolis has been working with her by sending a U-Haul truck full of food to Dothan, Alabama. IDDC is sending Save-A-Pet's 25 heroic volunteers a certificate of Appreciation and one DVD donated by PBS.

## Editor's Notes

I would like to welcome the IDDC members to the clubs newest addition, the Indy Retriever. It is the Newsletter's goal to bring every member closer to your club. The Newsletter staff welcomes you to look us over. We hope you like what you see. We are in our infancy and with your input we will grow big and strong. Your voice is our heart and we are listening.

If you wish to submit entries such as new adoptions, news items, or dog stories we have a few guidelines in what we print. It must be objective, of human interest, dog related, and factually correct. Our space is limited, so please keep your contribution brief. We will try to accommodate as many entries as possible. If we can't publish it in the current issue, we will try to print in a future newsletter. Submit all entries to my private e-mail. Also because of space issues you can check event results on the IDDC website. We would like to thank Kristie Davis for giving us our name, Indy Retriever. It fits like a glove or should I say dog collar. Good job Kristie!

Patricia Daugherty, Editor  
pad10743@yahoo.com

