

# INDY RETRIEVER



*Your Voice Is Our Ears and We Are Listening*

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Happy Holidays

**Indy Dog and Disc Club**

*"Where Having FUN is More Important than Winning"*

Christmas Edition

## Dawn Princess, Nemo and Me

*My adventures in a musher's camp and on a dog sled ride in the Yukon Territory via a cruise ship to Alaska*



Dawn Princess

It has been a long time desire of mine to experience the wonders of the Last Frontier – the mystic beauty of Alaska. That dream came true last September. Several months before, I booked a cruise to the Alaska Inland Passage on the Dawn Princess. A few days before my trip, I packed my walking shoes, my digital camera with its mega memory card and Curt's high powered binoculars. The day before departure I tearfully checked my dogs into their doggy condo. On September 9<sup>th</sup>, my husband Curt, my sister Sharon and I headed for the Indy airport, our destination, Seattle, Washington. Upon disembarking in Seattle, I could tell our journey was well into unfolding, by the rapid beating of my heart, as I entered the harbor. That is where our cruise ship, the Dawn Princess, was regally awaiting our arrival!!

I had never been on a cruise ship so, I figured, if we never left the harbor my trip was not for loss. Boy was I wrong!! The best was yet to come! The Dawn Princess boasts 6 restaurants, one of which is open 24/7, 11 elevators, 5 swimming pools, and 830 crew members strong. She has a 533 plush red velvet seated state of the art theater. We stayed in one of her 1,121 stately cabins. Our ship was just 20 feet shorter than the Titanic!. Sailing the high seas in a seven story floating city with all the grandeur of a five star resort definitely held my attention for eight days. On our second day on the high seas my sister and I decided to take a morning constitution on the Promenade deck. The sea air was invigorating and its crisp coolness gave a lilt to our steps. As we strolled along, deep in conversation, the sea at our side suddenly exploded. There beside us appeared a pod of six, sleek, black breaching Orcas. They were so close we could see their small, glistening eyes. Their blow holes sprayed a salty mist over us as if to say "welcome Patricia and Sharon to our home!" At journey's end my arms were black and blue from the constant pinching. I kept thinking, anytime now I would wake up from this dream. Rafael my, room steward, would be gone forever. There would be no more chocolates on my pillow at night. In the morning I would have to schlep to the kitchen to make my own breakfast. My nightly dinner choice of lobster, steak and other continental cuisines would be replaced with Tyson frozen chicken from a plastic bag, and the crew's newly acquired name for me, "Madame" would be replaced with "hey Pat"... Oh and the breaching Orcas would reappear as the Monday morning refuse truck, spraying its foul order over my rose bushes! I just wasn't quite ready to wake up from this dream come true!



We made four ports of call on our cruise. In all the ports we had booked at least one land tour. In our second port, Skagway we booked a trip to the Yukon Territory and a visit to a dog mushing camp. Skagway is a town once bustling with people questing for their fortune in gold. Today the town's frontier integrity is still represented in its 147 year old buildings, and it's still bustling with people from all destinations. The gold fever has been replaced with the quest for God's beauty of land and culture. This day was to be one of our most memorable adventures. Our young tour bus driver, Kevin, was taking us to the Yukon Territory and a Dog Musher's Camp. The 64 mile trek to Carcross, YT, home of the Caribou Crossing Trading Post and Dog Musher's Camp, weaved past pristine glacial lakes and thru lush virgin forests. Our scenery was God's paint brush gone wild. It was hard to realize that under the cloak of all this beauty a harsh and unyielding land prevails. Only the strongest man and beast survives. As our tour bus rolled into



My Dream Team

"Alright!"

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## THE NEWSHOUND

### Cynosport Games

Scottsdale, Arizona - The 32nd Ashley Whippet Canine World Championships and the final competition of the year for FDDO (Flying Disc Dog Open) were held in Scottsdale, Arizona on November 1-5 at the World Cynosport Games. The two independent events crowned their own champions as well as crowned the World Cynosport Flying Disc Champion for best combined score.

Many events took place over that weekend with an AWI qualifier on Friday. Competition throughout the weekend included the long-distance toss and fetch, an obstacle course, freestyle and a special Extreme Canine Disc Distance Challenge, where the world record was challenged.

The Cynosport Games had seven fields going with Agility, Dock Diving and Flyball competition. There has been some talk that the 2007 Games may be held on the East Coast. This would make it much easier for our club members to participate.

### Get Well Wishes

Indianapolis, IN - The Indy Retriever would like to report that Alice Lang is having back surgery at St. Vincent's hospital on January 5<sup>th</sup>. We all wish Alice an easy and speedy recovery.

### They Are OUT

Indianapolis, IN - Ron King our fearless president has done another awesome job on the IDDC 2007 calendar. This beautiful calendar is a must in every dog loving home. You can order one thru Carol Herbertz by making a request to her on the IDDC training list or her private e-mail: [k9kaos@iquest.net](mailto:k9kaos@iquest.net). (The Labranator is hanging out on the December page, his mom says proudly.) ☺

### On the Mend

Indianapolis, IN - Charter IDDC member Greg Million had knee surgery at St. Vincent's Hospital on November 27<sup>th</sup>. The Indy Retriever is happy to report that he is recuperating nicely. However, with 42 staples in his knee it is doubtful Greg will be going through any airport securities for a while. We wish Greg a quick and easy recovery. IDDC misses you Greg.

### Incredible Dog Challenge

The Eastern Regional Purina Dog Challenge in association with the AKC held The National Dog Show in Harrisburg, Pa on November 18, 2006. Congratulations are in order for Tony Hoard, and his dog Rory and Danny Eggleston and his dog Guinan. Tony and Rory won first place in the Flying Disc Event. Their win entitles them to compete in October 2007 in St. Louis for the Championships. Danny Eggleston and Guinan won a respectable 4<sup>th</sup> place. These gentlemen and their magnificent dogs truly are "Incredible!"



The National Dog Show



## Ask Miss Murphy

By Mary Jo Corso

### A Guide to Canine Dental Health

*February is National Pet Dental Health Month*

What would happen if you stopped brushing your own teeth? Even if you only ate hard food as most dogs do, there still would be problems. You should be brushing your dog's teeth at least twice weekly, daily if you can manage it. It's not as difficult as you might imagine.

**What are** the benefits? Brushing removes the daily accumulation of plaque from the teeth. Even though dogs do not commonly get cavities, they do suffer from periodontal disease. If untreated, the gum disease can lead to pain and loss of teeth.

### How do you brush your dog's teeth?

**Step one** is to pick an appropriate pet toothbrush. Save yourself time by not buying a child's toothbrush, which is usually too hard for dogs. The ideal dog toothbrush will have a long handle, an angled head to better fit the mouth, and extra soft bristles. Another option is the finger toothbrush that fits over the tip of your finger.

**Step two** is to select the appropriate toothpaste. The best pet toothpastes contain enzymes that help control plaque. Try to avoid toothpastes with fluoride, baking soda, detergents, or salt sometimes found in human pastes.

**Step three** is to get the brush with paste into your dog's mouth and get all the teeth brushed. Most dogs accept brushing if they are approached in a gentle manner. If you can start when they are young, it's quite easy, but even older pets will accept the process. Start slowly; you can use a washcloth or piece of gauze to wipe the teeth, front and back in the same manner you will eventually be using the toothbrush. Do this twice daily for about 2 weeks and your dog should be familiar with the approach. Then take the pet toothbrush, soak it in warm water and start brushing daily for several days. When your dog accepts this brushing, add the pet toothpaste.

The toothbrush bristles should be placed at the gum margin where the teeth and gums meet at a 45 degree angle. The movement should be in an oval pattern. Be sure to gently force the bristle ends into the area around the base of the tooth as well as into the space between the teeth. Ten short back and forth motions should be completed, then the brush moved to a new location. Cover three to four teeth at a time. Most attention should be given to the outside of the upper teeth.

In summary, dog home care should include daily (or at least every other day) brushing using an enzymatic pet toothpaste. Taking an active role in the care of your dog's dental care will help reduce dental disease, bad breath and potential life threatening heart and kidney disease. Every one wins.

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the Trading Post Parking lot we could hear the sled dogs barking. The Musher's Camp is run by Michelle Phillips and Ed Hopkins. It is their dogs' summer home. In the winter, Michelle and Ed take their Huskies back home, 20 miles away, to Tagish. That is their winter home and their business base for Pristine Wilderness Tours. As we passed thru the Trading Post portals a young woman motioned us to a cozy room where a BBQ chicken lunch awaited us. Also the Trading Post treated us to their regionally famous homemade donuts. Here I sat on a rough hewn bench eating chicken, "home-cooked, Yukon style" at the gateway to the very top of the world, the Arctic Circle. I thought Colonel Sanders will never be the same again. Another pinch to the arm. After stuffing a few donuts into my travel pack for later, I quickly ate my lunch and with barbecue sauce still clinging underneath my finger nails I headed for the dogs and my long awaited dogsled ride.



Nemo

The dogs, which are all Alaskan Huskies, are housed in a huge corral dotted with small wooded doghouses. The handlers encourage you to interact with the dogs. As we walked among the Huskies we learned some of their names. I touched base with Daisy, Ricki, Allasouras, Rex, Izzy, Choutla, Scotch, Zappa and Spirit. In structure these dogs are in the 45 to 60 lb range. Their size is deceiving when you realize they have tremendous strength. The dogs are fed a high protein, high fat diet which includes a good quality dry dog food supplemented with fish, meat and fat. The dog's daily routine is a morning feeding, and then their yard is cleaned. The dogs are then checked out and their water cans filled. Then they start running teams. The teams are divided into groups. The teams run one day on and one day off. In the winter Michelle, Ed and their Huskies participate in the Yukon Quest. This is a grueling dogsled race covering 1,000 miles of rugged terrain between Whitehorse, Yukon Territory and Fairbanks, Alaska. It is billed the "Toughest Sled Dog Race in the World" and it's held in February which is in the depths of the Arctic winter. Michelle and Ed's Yukon Quest group is the B team and they trade off each year to run the race. This February's Quest is Michelle's turn to race in.



Musher's Camp

My dogsled ride was just a hint to the real thing. There was no snow, no arctic air slicing at my face and my team had only ten dogs.



My "Dream Machine" & a future sled dog.

Wheels on the runners replaced the snow. Just the same, the thrill was still there. As I waited for the handler to hitch my team the dogs gave out a high pitched shill of excitement when they saw their harnesses. I slid into the sled and found it surprisingly doable. It is made of aircraft aluminum and plastic and weighs 45lbs. I was about to begin the ride of a lifetime. Another pinch to the arm. Finally Michelle, my musher, gave a loud "Alright" and off we went. The dogs' barking was deafening but it helped drown out my own war hoops of excitement. Dogs clamoring and I praying to a higher deity. Suddenly the dogs became dead silent. Sort of the calm after the storm. The dogs were doing what they love best and their strength transcended to my very soul. My heart was beating to the fast cadence of their powerful paws. It was a exhilarating ride! When we arrived back at the trading post the dogs knew exactly were to stop and what to do next My dog sled ride only lasted 20 minutes, but as I write this I'm still in that sled feeling the wind and the excitement of the dogs rushing over me. If I close my eyes I can hear the rush of the wheels under the sleds runners. An experience that will stay with me for a very long time. Before leaving the team I walked over to the lead dog, Nemo, and thanked him for giving me one of the most unforgettable 20 minutes in my long life. While in line to board our bus for the ride back to Skagway and our ship I turned my head and took a last, long, hard look at the scene of my once in a life time adventure at the foothills to the top of the world. I made a mental promise to Nemo to return.



Husky Puppy

Our last port of call before home was Victoria, British Columbia. Our execution into this port was something spectacular to see. The ship weighs 77,000 tons, is 856 feet long and 106 feet wide. Captain Andrew Froude and his crew had to back into our slip which was only a few feet wider on either side than the ship's beam. Several passengers and I raced to the stern to watch in amazement as the Dawn Princess slowly but perfectly slid her rear into the slip, like putting greased fingers into a well worn glove. All we could do was stand there with our mouths agape!!! We all cheered the captain and his crew for a job well done. I chuckled to myself as I envisioned my last attempt at backing my car into a Kroger parking space. A wedge into a round hole came to mind!

The next morning we sailed across the Strait of Juan de Fuca to Admiralty Inlet and the Puget Sound. After taking a southerly course we arrived in Seattle and our awaiting plane for home. We were anxious to board because we had really missed our "kids"... The next morning we reunited with our dogs in the kennels reception room. Jack, Roxanne and Rocky sniffed our jackets as if we had juicy, greasy steaks hanging from them. After a moments hesitation it occurred to us that these were the jackets we wore to the Musher's Camp. We felt like such traitors, cavorting with "other" dogs. What to do?! On the way home we stopped at the grocery store and bought a large sirloin... At home we fired up the grill and divided the steak into three parts. Our guilt melted away as the dogs devoured our peace offerings.

On my first day back I wearily settled into my Lazy Boy and realized I didn't need to pinch my poor arm anymore. I was HOME and it was schlep time again!!! That night as I laid my head upon my pillow, a smile creased across my face, and I softly uttered, Good Night Nemo!

By Patricia Daugherty



# Jay Davis Disc Dog-a-thon

By Patricia Daugherty



The Indy Dog and Disc Club's annual end of the season event, the Fall Fest was replaced this year with a new name. In memory of one of our beloved members, Jay Davis who was a dedicated husband, a valued IDDC member and a proud twenty-year veteran of the United States Air Force.

Jay smiled down on all and provided the members with blue skies and a sunny Sunday. This year's end of the season event boasted a record attendance. Over 60 participants and their friends filled the community park at the Havens in New Palestine, Indiana. Ron and Amy King along with several dedicated volunteers made this event a huge success! Like all our events, the day was chuck full of non stop fun. There was the disc

competition along with the annual dog Halloween costume contest. Curt Daugherty was official grill master for the event's cook-out. What do you do when you are told there isn't a spatula to flip the burgers? You borrow two spoons from Carol Herbertz, of course. Curt and his spoons managed to flip over 50 hamburgers!! Good job Curt! Isn't there some kind of award for that like "Most Unique Way To Use Spoons While Flipping Hamburgers In The Park On An Autumn Day!!!" In the Halloween costume event there are always some really creative submissions. This year was no exception. Mary Jo Corso, Murphy Brown and Jake won best costume group with their interpretation of "the watcher and the black hole." Margaret Smith won best human costume with her recreation of Frodo Baggins. Her Aussie, Ripley came as Galadriel the elf queen... Chip Hershey and Lexi won funniest costume. It involved a lot of tin foil. Chip impersonated a Notre Dame newbie fan and Lexi was a rocket which would explain all that tin foil. The best dog costume was won by Rufus who sported a chicken costume.

**Congratulations go out to Carol Herbertz and Iggy Pop for their 3<sup>rd</sup> place win in the time trials with a score of 21.18!!**

Unfortunately we will all have to wait a whole year to enjoy this fun event again. I for one will be putting the hunt on for Rocky's lost Batman costume. It suspiciously came up missing right after last year's event. I think Rocky has hid it in a really good place...His gut!

See Page 8 for some of the results.

Check the Family Album page for more pictures.



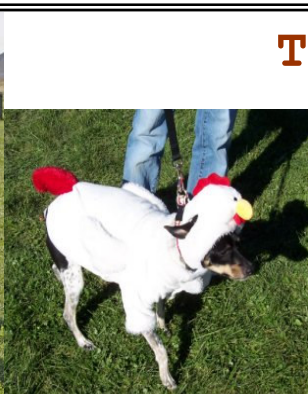
## IDDC HALLOWEEN DOG COSTUME CONTEST



### THE WINNERS



The Watcher and the Black Hole



Rufus the Chicken Dog



Frodo Baggins & Galadriel the Elf Queen



Lexi The Rocket Girl



Notre Dame Newbie Fan (Chip says: Any resemblance to persons dead or alive are purely coincidental.)

# How Crash Became A Rock Star

It's no secret that I love dogs. I mean, I really LOVE dogs. I love dogs so much, that I have opened my home to 8 particularly crazy ones. Most of you have seen us compete and perform with Jack, Five, Six, Blade, Dingo, Spike, and even the old guy, Bear. But we have another dog, affectionately refer to as Crazy Crash Critter, the Catahoula Leopard Dog. Hard to believe now, but at one point last year we almost gave up on this guy.

Crash is not a REAL disc dog. In the backyard sense of the term, I guess one could loosely refer to him as a dog who catches discs, on occasion, when the mood strikes him. He possesses all the drive in the world, but Crash also possesses the unique ability to turn it off at the drop of a hat. Believe me, we put serious time and training into getting him to play. He is a T/F dog who catches nearly 100%. He knows entire freestyle routines. But Crash has decided it is good to be "Crash", after all NOT being a disc dog is what makes him unique in a house full of plastic-chasing freaks.

Crash was always into trouble around the house. Counter surfer extraordinaire, he could get into any garbage can, open cabinets, take down entire boxes of stuffing mix on the TOP of the fridge. We were always yelling at him and Dingo was always bullying him - Crash was without a J-O-B, and it was killing us! So I thought, one last shot. Last winter I enrolled Crash into agility classes

Low and behold, we have learned that Crash has an incredible gift and it is AGILITY! He LOVES it! He runs FAST - faster than 99% of the border collies in his level. We also learned he has impeccable jumping form. So, when I got the call from Lou Mac of the Purina Incredible Dog Team to join John Casey for some summer show runs and needed a High Jump dog, I looked no further than my beloved Crash Critter.



So, off we go with the Incredible Dog Team! Traveling to a theme park in North Carolina, the Ohio State Fair, and the Great New York State Fair. Crash had never even stayed in a hotel room, let alone travel so extensively for shows or competitions! Remarkably, the light bulb absolutely went ON.....it was as if Crash realized, "wow, so THIS is what the disc dogs do when they leave with Tracy"! He jumped higher with each show. He lived for the "meet and greet". After each performance children and adults alike oohed and awed over the Incredible High Jumping Crash Critter. Crash was attaining Rock Star status! Kids asked for his autograph and begged their parents to snap a picture with him. I also discovered how wonderfully bright this dog is! I had never spent much time trick training Crash, always too focused on the other "freestyle" dogs. In a matter of 9 days, Crash learned to spin both ways, leg weave forward and back, crawl, and jump into my arms. The darn dog even decided disc dogging was pretty cool, if lots of small people were standing around cheering for you; Crash even performed as the "Volunteer" dog during a disc show, catching every wild throw the wee ones could muster.

I have learned more from this one dog than I have from a lifetime of dogs. Crash has taught me not to give up, not to try and force everything into the same neat little package. He has taught me that everyone - EVERYONE - has unique gifts and talents. And most importantly that things don't always work out as you plan, but they always work out as they are supposed to. Crash has gone from pound pup to troublemaker to rock star, and he still smiles at me each and every morning as only Crash can do. He and I know there is a Rock Star in every dog! Can you find it in yours?

By Tracy Custer


*Tracy Custer is Co-Founder of the Southern Ohio Flying K9's. This summer Tracy was a traveling member of the Purina Incredible Dog Team*

## Indy Retriever Roving Spycam



Photo by Margaret Smith

What President of what local Dog Club was spied "Marking" the field for an Event??





### Editor's Notes

Well it's been a whole year and there have been five newsletters under IDDC's belt. I have had a blast being a part of the whole experience. The staff hopes you have enjoyed our efforts. It's been our goal not only to bring you the statistics of this great sport but also the human interest side too. The Indy Retriever staff is committed in making next year's newsletter even better!

The winter solstice is upon us. What a magical time of year. Often because of the cold temperatures we are tempted to stay indoors all season and miss all of winter's glories. It is a proven fact that our dogs get cabin fever just like we do. A regular walk through the winter months is so beneficial to them and us. So throw on your red flannel underwear, grab your mittens and a dog leash and you and your dogs take in a long walk. It will clear your mind and body of the stale indoor air and daily stress. Before you know it you won't even notice the cold, just all that nature and serenity around you. And you and your dog will begin to look forward to those long winter walks. Happy Trails!

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year,  
Patricia Daugherty, Editor





## Words From The President



By Ron King

This has been a banner and eventful year for IDDC. Our club members have brought home many awards and accolades. In September at the Skyhoundz World Championships Danny Eggleston & Guinan took the number one win in Open Freestyle, and Tony Hoard & Seven the number one position in Micro Dog. Adrian Custer and Blade took the number three win in the Sports Division D/A. The club also captured the 2006 Skyhoundz World Championship Club Cup. This year Don Lang and his dogs Shelby & Lilly debuted in Freestyle and blew us all away.

However this club isn't just about awards. We are a strong and proud club that rallies when misfortune strikes. Many club members stepped up to the plate and helped our club get back on its feet when the IDDC Trailer was stolen. I am truly proud of you all. Our Club boasts many dedicated volunteers. These wonderful people are the backbone of IDDC. They keep everything running smoothly. We are so thankful for each and everyone of you. Twice a year Carol Herbertz generously opens her Farm to us so we can all come together with our dogs and play for a whole weekend. Thanks to Carol the IDDC family has a cool place to unwind and socialize.

This was a record year in Demos for the club. Our Demos help the club financially and give us needed exposure. We have Rick Kimball's superb direction to thank. There are so many other members who contribute to our club's success. I have just touched the surface of why IDDC truly Rocks!

Next year, as your President, I am looking forward to helping make it another banner year for IDDC, and keeping it a club "Where Having Fun is More Important than Winning." Amy, Neo, Montyboy and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

*Ron King is a 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.*



## Barks and Bites

### What Do Dogs See?

By Rick Kimball

The other day at work someone came up to me with yet another dog question. He said, "When I play fetch with my dog he has no trouble with the blue ball. When I throw the red ball he loses it in the yard even when it is practically right in front of him. Are dogs color blind?" I was intrigued so off I went in search of answers. The answer lays in evolution and natural selection.

Before dogs decided to let us live with them they were night time hunters. Humans on the other hand are diurnal and live their lives in the daytime. It was more important night time predators like dogs to have eye structure that allowed them to see better in low light conditions. We primates needed better color reception to find the ripest fruits to eat. Dogs see a much brighter but less detailed world.

The eye is made up of light receptors called rods and cones. Rods work best in low light and cones work best in medium and bright light. Cones also can detect color. The dog's eye is about 20% cones. The human eye has a part called the fovea that is 100% cones. Humans have 3 types of cones (trichromate) and dogs have only 2 types (dichromate). From that we could say that humans see more colors than dogs. Dogs also have a mirror in the back of their retina to reflect light for better night vision. This is what gives them that eerie shine at night.

Scientific study of dogs has revealed that dogs see much the same as humans with red-green color blindness. The dog's sees his world in yellow, blue, and gray / white. What we see

as red the dog sees as grayish white. A green object looks grayish white. In fact everything that we see as dark green, orange, or red all looks about the same to a dog, a light grayish white. Remember my friend with the red ball in the green grass? Blue and yellow are the colors that dogs see best.

We also know that humans see detail or fine lines 6 times better than our dogs. If a dog could use an eye chart we would say that a dog has between 20/50 and 20/100 vision. In other words they are nearsighted. Dogs also have a much larger pupil than humans allowing their eye to gather more light to see better in dim light. This also caused a decrease in field depth.

A dog's eyes are placed a little more to the sides than ours. This means that our left eye's field of vision overlaps our right eye's more than the dog. This enables us to focus on objects of different distances much better than a dog. This is a good thing for a primate needing to judge distances to leap from tree branch to tree branch. The dog however can see more to the left or right without turning his head and so can detect movement well.

Hmm! I wonder if I got Big Jake some sunglasses if he would catch more discs?



Hey Dad, I think these shades are working.

## In Loving Memory of Tonka Curtis

1996 - 2006



The Indy Retriever staff and fellow IDDC club members send their condolences to Christina, Mike and Chandler Curtis on the passing of their beautiful ten year old Golden Retriever, Tonka, affectionately referred to as the Tonka truck. He came to live with the Curtis' when their son Chandler was just two years old. Tonka loved to retrieve

the disc and did it effortlessly. He will always be remembered for his gentle demeanor. Tonka became ill recently and after much frustration, and determination Christina finally found the diagnosis for Tonka's illness, Blastomycosis. Sadly his illness had progressed to its final stages and he passed away November 16, 2006. As Greg Million so elegantly put it, "In a perfect world every dog should have such a wonderful and loving family as Tonka had." He will be missed by all who were privileged to know this sweet, lovable, disc crazy dog.



The Indy Retriever would like to say **THANK YOU** to Heather Bedner for her tremendous help in downloading some of the pictures in this issue.



## Howliday Christmas Party

I gulped down my Saturday morning coffee...jumped into my car...dodged the traffic jams...headed for the Mall...fought the crowds...hunted fifteen minutes for a parking space within five miles of the shopping center...shopped 'til I dropped...lugged my Christmas gifts to the car...fought the traffic back home... too tired to fix dinner...had popcorn for supper...fell into bed... too wound up to sleep! Phewwww.....Wow I thought, there's got to be a more relaxing way to spend a Saturday. Just so happens there was such a day. Last Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, I put all the holiday madness on hold and headed for the Annual IDDC Howliday Christmas Party. The day was filled with holiday cheer, good friends and their fabulous dogs. Everyone feasted on a huge spread of culinary delights.

Amy gave out the Year End Awards. We all had a ball playing games with our dogs. Guinan and Danny Eggleston won Musical Chairs and Rocky Daugherty, with a lot of encouragement from his mom, won the Tail Wagging Contest. Mary Jo Corso was the winning champ in Marshall and Margaret Smith's Scavenger Photo Hunt. Rick Kimball, our Demo Director, announced some exciting club news. The International Kennel Club of Chicago is having a huge event at the McCormick Place in downtown Chicago on February 23-24-25, 2007. The event draws over 100,000 people in a four day period. Rick has booked an IDDC Demo for that event. This will be our biggest Demo to date. Great job Rick!!! The Howliday Christmas party officially ended the IDDC events for the year.

### Indy Dog & Disc Club Year End Awards

1. **Best Freestyle Team**  
**Tony Hoard & Rory**
2. **Most Improved Freestyle Team**  
**Christina Curtis & Captain Jack**
3. **Best Toss N Fetch Team**  
**Adrian Custer & Six**
4. **Most Improved Toss N Fetch Team**  
**Kristie & Darby**
5. **Best Overall Team (Freestyle & Toss N Fetch)**  
**Danny Eggleston & Guinan**
6. **Best Overall Canine Competitor**  
**Rory Hoard**
7. **Junior Handler of the Year**  
**Chandler Curtis & Captain Jack**
8. **Best New Move**  
**Danny and Christina's double back vault**
9. **Most Entertaining Team (To Watch)**  
**Tony Hoard and Rory**
10. **Keeping It Fun**  
*(The Team That Has the Most Fun on the Field)*  
**Carol Herbertz & Iggy Pop**
11. **Most Embarrassing Moment**  
**Chandler diving in poop while trying to catch Nitro**
12. **Best Mental Attitude**  
*(The Team That Is Most Positive, No Matter How They Perform or Place)*  
**Mark Gose & Mya**
13. **Best IDDC Event**  
**IDHA World Championships in Fishers, IN**



## Come And Be Heard

IDDC is holding an open forum for all club members to review our by-laws. Everyone is encouraged to attend. This is your chance to have a say on how your club is run. The Meeting will be held at Noah's Animal Hospital, 5550 Emerson Way at 1:00 p.m. on January 13, 2007. The Board is looking forward to a large turn out.

### Howliday Party Howlers



Photo by Curt Daugherty



# 2006 US Disc Dog Nationals Final Results November 15, 2006

1. Todd Duncan & Levi
  2. Sabine Bruns & Y (Germany)
  3. Yachi Hirai & Bee (Japan)
  4. Pam Martin & Pilot
  5. Naomi Okuyama & Pep (Japan)
  6. Teresa Musi & Ciela Azul
  7. ★ Tracy Custer & Five
  8. ★ Danny Eggleston & Guinan
  9. Mark Muir & Rocket
  10. ★ Tony Hoard & Rory
  11. Ron Watson & EZ Ryder
  12. Laura Moretz & Riot
  13. Mona Konishi & Toah (Japan)
  14. Masako Takehara & Rick (Japan)
  15. ★ Christina Curtis & Captain Jack
- ★ IDDC Members

## IDDC's Special Prize

IDDC



CLUB CHAMPS

## 2006 Skyhoundz World Championships Club Cup

## Jay Davis Memorial Disc Dog-a-thon

October 29th, 2006

Overall				Other Awards	
Place	Handler	Dog	Total	Award	Team/Individual
1	Tony Hoard	Zaniee "J"	21.00	Volunteer of the Year	Tony Hoard
2	Christina Curtis	Captain Jack	20.00	Keeping it Fun!	Carol Herberzt & Iggy
3	Don Lang	Lily	18.00	Crowd Pleaser	Kelli Kirsh & Vegas

Time Trials				Bullseye			
Place	Handler	Dog	Time (s)	Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1	Adrian Custer	Blade	18.34	1	Don Lang	Lily	35.5
2	Jeremy Gleason	Oreo	20.32	2	Tony Hoard	Zaniee J	35.0
3	Carol Herberzt	Iggy Pop	21.18	3	Marshall Smith	Bud	34.0
4	Ryan Gleason	Oreo	21.27	4	Christina Curtis	Nitro	31.5
5	Tony Hoard	Zaniee "J"	21.89	4	Adrian Custer	Six	31.5

Novice Distance/Accuracy				Pro Distance/Accuracy			
Place	Handler	Dog	Score	Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1	Kelli Kirsh	Nitro	29.0	1	Bill Marion	Star	35.0
2	Ryan Gleason	Oreo	26.0	2	Christina Curtis	Captain Jack	34.0
3	Heather Bednar	Marcy	*22.0	3	Chandler Curtis	Captain Jack	31.0
4	Chip Baker	Wyatt	*22.0	4	Bill Marion	Katie	30.0
5	Rick Kimball	Dugan	16.0	4	Don Lang	Lily	30.0
5	Sheri Kaiser	Seeker	16.0	6	Tracy Custer	Five	29.0
5	Arianna Russel	Nitro	16.0	6	Jeremy Gleason	Oreo	29.0

Team Time Trials				Freestyle			
Place	Handler	Dog	Time (s)	Place	Handler	Dog	Score
1	Tony Hoard	Rory	29.40	1	Tony Hoard	Rory	35.0
	Mark Gose	Mya		2	Christina Curtis	Captain Jack	34.5
	Tracy Custer	Five	35.03	3	Tracy Custer	Raccoon Jack	34.0
	Sheri Kaiser	Wyatt		3	Tracy Custer	Five	34.0
2	Kristie Davis	Darby	44.62	5	Mark Gose	Mya	33.0
	Chip Baker	Seeker					
3	Jeremy Gleason	Oreo	49.04				
	Nate Bednar	Marcy					
4	Adrian Custer	Six	DNF				
	Christina Curtis	Nitro					
	Tracy Custer	Blade					
5	Jeremy Drobeck	Chinook	DNF				
	Paula Kebel	PeeDee					
	Emily Hrenchir	Sadie					

Check the IDDC website for the remainder of the results.

Ho! Ho! Ho!  
Have you been a good boy this year Rocky?

Hmmm, if I can fool Mom, I can fool Santa!

Yep Santa, I sure have.



Name Please?

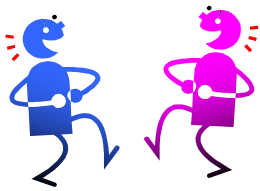
I'm Bogey

I'm Iggy Pop

I'm Murphy Brown

Macy's  
Toyland





# A Hilarious Night In Georgia

By Carol Herbertz

**Once upon a time there were two very silly girls from Indiana, Carol Herbertz (that would be me) and Christina Curtis.**

Last April we had decided to compete in the Southern Nationals Disc Dog Competition in Atlanta, Georgia. It was held in conjunction with the Atlanta Dogwood Festival. We, along with Christina's son Chandler, had planned to meet in Atlanta on Friday night and share a hotel room. That Friday I packed my car with 50 million can't do without items and Iggy Pop's enormous crate! Little did I know that its size would make it the "crate from hell." After taking one last inventory of the back seat, I drove down my long gravel drive and headed for Atlanta and a weekend of FUN!!!! After several hours on the road Iggy and I reached Chattanooga, Tennessee. It's then I learned the city was under a severe weather advisory. Frighten, I headed for a well lit gas station and decided to wait out the storms. I didn't reach the hotel until early in the morning. I had just enough time to jump into the shower before meeting everyone for breakfast. Man I was so tired from lack of sleep. It was going to be a long day. But the weekend went fast, as usual, because it was so full of disc dog festivities!



**Anyway, back to those two very silly girls!** On Sunday evening we headed back to the hotel, ready to feed and bed down the dogs and grab a bite to eat. We were all tired and hungry. Christina went to the back of her van to let the dogs out. When she reached for the door handle it suddenly BROKE! OH NO- What to Do!! The van was packed so tightly that we couldn't remove the dogs from their crates without opening the broken back door. Luckily it was April in Georgia, so it wasn't 95 degrees with 100% humidity. However, it was still warm enough that we couldn't leave them in there for too long!

Now fixing the van door handle became a real emergency!! So I grabbed my cell phone and called AAA. They were just the people who could get us out of this pickle. Wrong! The AAA dispatcher wasn't going to cooperate. She informed us that since we could enter our van they weren't coming out. Sooo we had to tell her we had two tightly packed dog crates, one was an enormous "crate from hell" and both were housing two desperate dogs. The only way we could free the dogs was thru the now broken back door. After a thirty second pause she said, "I'll have to talk to my boss and call you back". We thought \*#%\$\*&^\*!! Finally she called us and said, "They could come but it would be a two hour wait. She suggested we take the van to a dealer for our repair. (Of course, all car dealers are open on Sunday night!!). Reluctantly we chose to wait. After standing idly by for what seemed forever, Christina thought if we unloaded all of our stuff from the days' event - tent, chairs, cooler, frisbee bags, etc. (and who said to play in this sport all you need is your dog and a disc!!) maybe we could free the dogs. Surprisingly she had no problem reaching Jack's small crate. She quickly put him over the front seat. She took him to the hotel room and came back to "spring" Iggy Pop. An hour had already passed. When she reached his crate he was whining, snapping and biting at her. He wanted out of that dang crate NOW! There was only about 2 inches between the door of the van and the opening to the crate. So we came up with a brilliant plan. Remove the crate door. Christina (being the skinny one) wedged herself into the back between the seat and the crates and somehow managed to get the door off the crate. Iggy Pop shot out like a greased pig! OMG we were laughing so hard our faces were wet with tears. Now all we had to do was wait for AAA. Then it dawned on us that now they wouldn't fix our broken door handle, and what would they think when they found no trapped dogs. Another plan was hatched.

**This is where things really started to deteriorate.** I like to think our next move was because of my lack of sleep, our quest for adventure and the crazy Georgia night air. (Yea right!) We decided to put the dogs BACK into the van and their crates. Yes you read it right! More laughter ensued. Poor Christina once again dodged Iggy Pop's nips and bites as she stuffed him back into his crate. Here we were, two very silly girls, waiting in a stuffy van for some (phantom) AAA mechanic as we were hysterically laughing.

**Our stomachs were aching from laughter and hunger and our patience had run out.** We decided the heck with AAA!! Chris said she would get her door handle fixed in Indy. Let's leave this place!!!! We still couldn't get Iggy's "crate from hell" out of Chris' van. So we borrowed Jack's crate for the ride home! We finally stopped for dinner around 9 p.m. What a day and night!! It will be awhile before Iggy will ever come close to Chris' van. I know sometime that night he probably was thinking about running away when he got home.

**Shortly afterwards** at an IDDC event Chris and I suddenly looked at each other and started to laugh hysterically. How does that Ray Charles' song go? Georgia, Georgia on my mind!!



## Christmas



### TAIL WAGGER BISCUITS

- |                         |                                                            |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4 ½ C Whole Wheat Flour | 2 TSP Salt                                                 |
| 3 C Flour               | 2 TBSP Garlic Powder                                       |
| 3 C Cornmeal            | 1 C Oil (the recipe calls for peanut oil but I use canola) |
| 1 ½ C Oatmeal           | 2 Eggs                                                     |
| 2/3 C Nonfat Dry Milk   | 2 Cans of Beef Broth                                       |

Roll out to about ½" Thickness & Cut with dog bone shaped cutter.

Brush Top with a mixture of 1 Beaten Egg & 2 TBSP of Worcestershire Sauce.

Bake at 300 for 2 hours then leave in the oven for another hour after you turn the oven off.



Recipe by Heather Bednar

# Christmas Temptations



Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our life whole.  
- Roger Caras -



.....And a chewbone for Montyboy

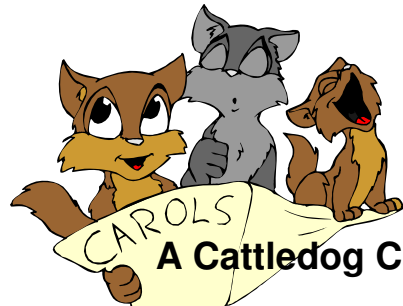


## FUNNY QUIPS

What Do You Call Santa's Helper?  
**Subordinate Clauses**

What Do Eskimos Get From Sitting On The Ice Too Long?  
**Polaroid's**

What Do You Get When You Cross A Snowman With A Vampire?  
**Snowbite**



## A Cattle Dog Carol

ACDs ACDs shrieking through the halls,  
Garbage flying everywhere  
and a slew of tennis balls.

Oh, ACDs ACDs, don't they ever stop?  
Steal the turkey off the plate  
Stuff their faces til they pop.

Dashing through the house,  
Nipping at your heel.  
Herds the tom cat up and down  
Til he lets out a big squeal.

Running here and there,  
Fur flying everywhere,  
Sitting on the refrigerator  
When mom and dad aren't there.

Author Unknown

Rocky Says:

If you plan to give a pet as a Christmas gift, ask yourself these very important questions first.


1. Do they want a pet.
2. Will they be responsible pet owners.
3. Can they provide the love and attention the pet needs.




# Make this a Merry Christmas for You and Your Animal Family Members




## Dogs and Christmas Trees

If you have a live Christmas tree, keep the water stand covered. Pine sap mixed with water makes a poisonous drink for your dog or cat. 


## Dogs and Christmas Ornaments

Pick up any ornament hooks, tinsel or ribbon that falls on the floor. Your dog could experience serious internal injuries if any of these items are ingested. 


## Dogs and Holiday Treats: Be Extra Careful

Keep holiday treats and candies out of your dogs reach. Don't place any wrapped gifts under the tree that contain people food. Chocolate and raisins can be fatal to dogs. Also candies that are individually wrapped can choke your dog or cat. 


## Dogs and Holiday Lights

Keep indoor holiday lights out of the reach of your dog or cat. Your dog or cat can become entangled in them and risk electrical shock, or cause an electrical short. This most often leads to a house fire. 

## Dogs and Candles

Dogs, Cats and even Birds run a risk of bodily harm of house fire when in contact with lit candles. Always use common sense and safety first when using candles. 

## Dogs and Holiday Flowers and Plants

Poinsettias, mistletoe, berries and other popular holiday flowers can cause serious upset for your dog and cat. Keep these items out of your animal family members reach. 

These tips were taken from PUP LIFE

**Party Girl**....Adrian Custer has a new Aussie/Border Collie mix he has aptly named Party Girl. Adrian is excited about this new addition to the Custer family. He said Party Girl reminds him a lot of Six. She is a lively and focused gal who shows much potential. Adrian is anxious to devote the winter months to whipping this little gal into "disc dog shape". The Indy Retriever says...lets see what happens when this little gem of canine combustion meets dad's bionic arm. If she doesn't miraculously utter a JEEEEZUS and high tail it for the woods with the first bionic toss...well... she'll no doubt be a thunder on the field come Spring. The Party Girl is in Town!!!

**Molly**....Jen Bradley and her dog Luke are new IDDC members. Jen recently adopted another family member to the Bradley home....Molly. Molly is a shepherd mix and she is acclimating to her new surroundings with gusto. The Indy Retriever would like to welcome Jen, Luke and Molly to the IDDC family.

**Rudy**....Mary Jo Corso has adopted a new dog. she's named Rudy. He is a 18 mo. old full blooded Border Collie. Rudy shows great promise because he caught his first disc ever!! We wish Mary Jo & Rudy lots of fun next year!

**"Q"**....Tony Hoard has a new 15 weeks old Aussie he calls "Q" (after a James Bond character). We know Tony will soon be doing fantastic things with his new charge.

**Lizzy**....Carol Herbetz is fostering a Cattle Dog puppy. Carol said this little girl was a breath away from being destroyed. Now Iggy Pop has a sister he can identify with, and we have a new Herbetz dog to enjoy.

## Board Elections:

At the December 2, 2006 Open Board meeting the club officers for 2007 were elected.

- President ..... Ron King
- Secretary ..... Carol Herbertz
- Treasurer ..... Don Lang
- Newsletter Editor ..... Patricia Daugherty
- Event Coordinator ..... Amy King
- Membership Director ..... Sharon Galema
- Webmaster ..... Ron King
- Animal Welfare Advocate ..... Mary Jo Corso
- Promotions Coordinator ..... Matt Maynard
- Demo/Show Coordinator ..... Rick Kimball
- Merchandising Coordinator ..... Mark Gose

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#### Animal Welfare Coordinators

Greg Million

Mary Jo Corso

#### Demo Coordinator

Rick Kimball

#### Promotional Director

Matt Maynard

#### Membership Director

Kristie Davis

#### At Large

Tony & Sarah Hoard

Mark Gose

Curtis Dautherty

Alice Lang

Chip Hershey

Sharon Galema



**Happy Howlidays from the Indy Retriever Staff**



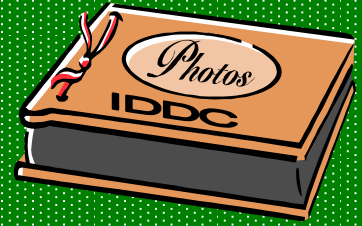
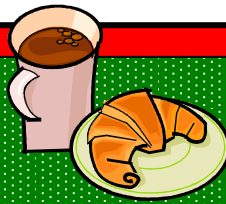


Photo by Marshall Smith

Don and the Girls in their Halloween costumes



Photo by Marshall Smith

Pee Dee aka Batman



Photo by Marshall Smith

Christina and the Captain



Photo by Marshall Smith

Rocky aka a Dinosaur



Photo by Patricia Daugherty

Amy, the Gang and Marshmallows 'round the campfire



Guinan's new Sister Sydney Taylor Eggleston



Photo by Patricia Daugherty

Jamie & Danny's Baby Shower at the Midsummer Campout



Photo by Mark Coase

Jake Corso seizing the moment



Photo by Marshall Smith

A Dad's Love



Photo by Mark Coase

"Stayin' Alive's" Disco Don & Shelby at their freestyle debut



Photo by Marshall Smith

Tracy & Blade kickin Booty



Photo Pat Daugherty

"Man's" work is never done

Yes ma'am, Id like to join the club.

