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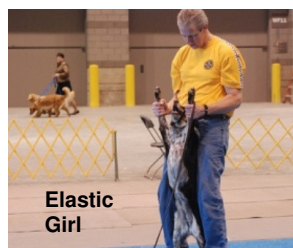
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IDDC DEMO TEAM ROCK AND ROLLS IN CHICAGO

How does one grab the attention of 2,000 dog handlers and a portion of 100,000 spectators at a major dog show? They hire Indy Dog and Disc Club's Demo Team. The 2008 International Kennel Club Cluster of Dog Shows, at McCormick Place in Chicago, February 22-24, 2008 was the scene of rockin' mania in the disc dog arena. IDDC's weekend program consisted of 11 rocking, popping, star studded, energy infused performances. Three days of ooohs and aahs smothered the atmosphere in our corner of the convention center. IDDC's canine show squad consisted of Tony Hoard, Chip Hershey, Christina Curtis, Rick Kimball, Carol Herbertz, Mary Jo Corso, Matt Maynard, and Don Lang. Their team mates were Rory Dean, Zaniece "J", Q, Electra Blue, Lexi, Captain Jack, Nitro, Dugan, Iggy Pop, Daisy, Rudy, Anabelle, and Lily. Their performances left little doubt of what top notch freestylers can do to impress a crowd. Rory Dean is a 7 year old Champion Aussie who is still every bit on top of his game. His star shined bright in the arena and lit the way for his fellow canine champs. The dogs gave an awesome effort to the weekend's success. On Friday, our first day, there was a respectable amount of spectators. On Saturday and Sunday people were standing and sitting, at times, six rows deep around the complete perimeter of the arena for every show. The club members who left their disc dogs home, but brought their desire to perform outside the ring, were Sharon Galema and Patricia Daugherty. Sarah was Tony's assistant handler. Alice Lang and Shelby were there to help too. Our Demo Director is Rick Kimball and he is the force behind our presence at the IKC Dog Show.

Tony did an excellent job emceeing the event. He orchestrated audience participation with his dogs and it was a big hit with the spectators. At each show a few lucky kids and adults were asked to enter the ring and interact with Tony and Rory. One skit consisted of Tony asking the kids to lie together on the floor. Tony would stand behind them with disc in hand and call for Rory to leap over all of them and catch the disc. Awesome Rory cleared the kids every time. That weekend Tony, Rory and the rest of the freestyle performers gave several excited children and adults something to talk about for a long time. Tony's fine emceeing coupled with a group of winning IDDC freestyle entertainers made for a magical weekend for all who were there. We topped off our first day with a very special evening. Mare Potts and her good friend Lynn Whalen, Tom Wehrli and his family and Tony Aguirre joined us for dinner.



We shared the arena with a Dog Training Club from Chicago. When our show was done, the training club instructor with the help of his club members brought their dogs into the arena to demonstrate Doga. Doga is yoga for dogs. What a sight it was to see an arena full of stretching dogs. All our handlers brought their dogs into the demonstration too. Lexi was truly the star pupil. As soon as Chip began to apply the yoga moves Lexi became **ELASTIC GIRL**. Doga is a wonderful way to warm up and cool down your canine athlete. This class between our shows gave our handlers that opportunity.

MEET YOUR NEW PRESIDENT

In December 2007 Chip Hershey was elected President of the Indy Dog and Disc Club. He is taking over the position which was held for seven years with such aptness, diligence and with loving passion by our club co-founder, Ron King.

Chip, his wife Teresa and Lexi, their six year old cattle dog mix, have been club members since 2002. Along the way they have welcomed new family members Bear, their gorgeous Australian Shepherd and Gripper their Border Collie. The Hershey Family resides in Farmland, Indiana.

For many years Chip has been Production Supervisor for many years for C S Kern in Muncie, Indiana. C.S Kern is a multi faceted company. The company excels in Web design, Web hosting, graphic design, photography, illustration, print production and mailing service. Teresa is a floral designer for her family's florist business, The Flower Bin in Muncie, Indiana who also provide floral decorations for The Indiana Disc Dog Classic. To enjoy Teresa's creative talents all one has to do is step inside the Hershey home. Teresa's creative magic is everywhere.

Along the way Chip's disc dog friends have dubbed him and Lexi the "Travlin' Pro" and "Velcro Dog." Anyone who knows this talented duo knows that Lexi is attached to Chip's side. They are inseparable. Chip and Lexi were a 2005 USDDN International/National finalist and a 2006 Skyhoundz World Championship finalist. Chip and Lexi's favorite moments in the disc dog world are performing at our Club Demos. These are carefree playtimes with fellow club members. Chip has often been heard to say: The Demos are perfect examples of IDDC's motto: "Where having fun is more important the winning."

The Indy Dog and Disc Club wishes to extend a grateful, warm and heartfelt thank you for the many years our Past President, Ron King and his wife Amy, have given to IDDC. The Indy Dog and Disc Club extends a warm welcome to Chip Hersey as our new club President.



Photo by Patricia Daugherty
Teresa & Bear at IDDC Campout



Photo by Mark Gose
Chip & Lexi at Indiana State Museum Demo



Photo by Marshall Smith
Chip & Lexi Competing at Skyhoundz Regionals

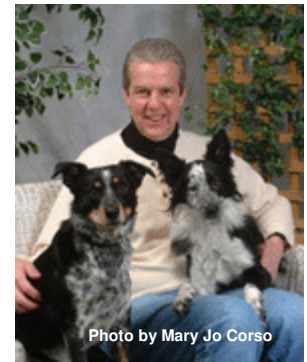


Photo by Mary Jo Corso
Lexi, Chip Gripper

HELP ME!!! I NEED SUNSHINE QUICK!!!!!!!!!!!!

By Christina Curtis



Well a couple weeks ago my husband, Mike, bought some girl scout cookies. He left them on the counter. I came home and they were all gone!!!!!!!!!! ! Just an empty box on the floor and Loco!!! Well then Mike bought me some of my favorite candy!! Probably about 1lb of Jelly Bellies!!! When I came home the next evening they were all gone. A happy Loco greeted me!! A week later Mike bought me another bag of candy (since I didn't get any the first time). I came home, yep ALL GONE!!! Then he bought me some more girl scout cookies. You'd think one would learn, yep empty box and Loco standing there smiling. Then I made cookies and put them on top of the stove to cool. You guessed it, they disappeared and Loco was standing there with a guilty smile. Last night I made Talapia for dinner. Thank goodness we were done eating and sitting at the table when we heard a noise and there was Loco helping himself to an entire piece of hot fish!!!!

Another thing Loco LOVES is coffee!!! He practically attacks Carol Herbertz when she comes over with her Starbucks. Trust me caffeine is the last thing Loco needs. He gets on the table - all fours - and drinks any coffee that is left. He also gets in the trash and gets the coffee grounds.

Now during disc dog season, he is NOT like this. Right now he is bored!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Chandler hasn't been working with him!! HELP ME!!! I NEED SUNSHINE QUICK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Once again this year, Chip and Lexi mingled with the crowd. Lexi had a white disc in her mouth which was inscribed "THIS WAY TO THE DISC DOG SHOW." Like the pied piper of Seville, Chip and Lexi led people to our arena.



There was one spectator who captured our hearts. She is a delightful five year old girl from Michigan, Sydney McPherson. Her mom was a handler at the dog show. Sydney was at every one of our 11 performances. She brought her little lawn chair and a few snacks and sat eyes transfixed on the freestylers. Tony invited her into the ring a few times to participate. She was so thrilled she shook with excitement. We christened Sydney our club mascot for the weekend.

We were into our last day and had two more shows to go when Rudy and Mary Jo gave everyone a scare. They were practicing in the arena when Rudy decided to slip a new move into their routine...a frontal, flying, half gainer, canine, freestyle nose vault off Mary Jo's nose. No one would have been the wiser, of the mishap; if it hadn't been for the massive blood flowing from poor Mary Jo's battered nose and filling the arena with life's bright red fluid. Well maybe there wasn't that much blood but several boxes of Kleenex were exhausted. Rick instantly called for the EMTs and they came, wheel chair and crash cart in tow. Now it is known that MJ comes from hearty Sicilian stock. After a cordial and grateful thank you she sent the medical entourage packing. She made a brave and gutsy decision to do the last show of the day. Enduring a monstrous headache and bloody nose, but sans the nose vault, Mary Jo and Rudy went thru their routine without a hitch, to the loud applause of an excited audience. What a brave lady. Amy is their a plaque for the most original move by a disc dogger? First the Pancake Move and now the Nose Vault. What's next Mary Jo?

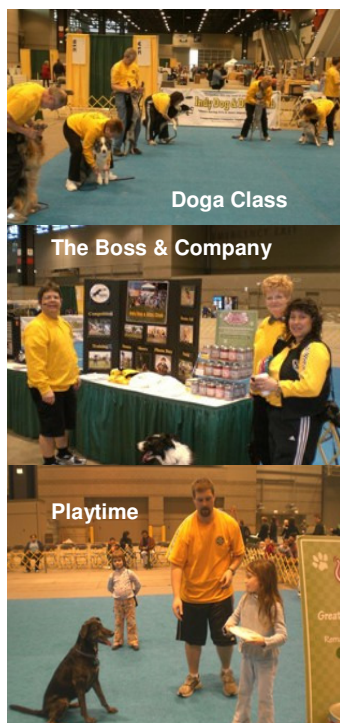


MJ'S TKO

What makes all our demos, especially the Chicago demo, so successful is a combination of talent, camaraderie, sportsmanship, compatibility, equality and everyone working together. I am so proud to have been a part of such a team. We all are anticipating next years Chicago invasion!!

A few 2008 IKC Dog Show facts: There were 6,000 dogs competing, 150 breeds, approximately 10,000 cups of dog food eaten, 100,000 spectators, 150 vendors, 65 judges, 5,000 trophies/prizes awarded and the number of pounds between the smallest and largest dog is 1 lb and 200+ lbs, and lastly, the inauguration of the frontal, flying, half gainer, canine, freestyle nose vault.

By Patricia Daugherty



Dang, I'm stuck in the crate and I can't get up.

Photos by Mary Jo Corso

Let's Go Disc-Doggin

SOFK9s – Chomp-A-Palooza

Location: Miami Meadows Park, Milford, OH
Date: Apr 19, 2008

Baddogs – Black Jack Memorial

Location: Midway, KY
Date: Apr. 26, 2008

Flying Houndz of Louisville Competition

Location: Louisville, KY
Date: May 10, 2008

Gretchen Invitational

Location: Kokomo, IN
Date: May 17th & 18th.
Saturday will be a QUAD
Sunday will be a UFO Local

Frankenmuth, MI Competition

Location: Frankenmuth, MI
Date: May 24th & 25th.

SOFK9s - West Chester DogFest

Location: VOA (Voice of America Park) West Chester, Ohio
Date: June 14, 2008

SOFK9s - Disc Dog Decathlon

Location: Miami Meadows Park, Milford, Ohio
Date: July 12, 2008

Indiana Disc Dog Classic

UFO Major

Location: Fishers, IN
Date: June 28th and 29th

Skyhoundz Regional Qualifier

Location: New Castle, IN
Date: July 26th and 27th

Baddogs

Location: Keeneland, KY
Date: September TBA

Hyperflite Skyhoundz World Championships

Location: Chattanooga, TN
Date: September 27th and 28th

Indiana Canine Disc State Championship

Location: Boondocks Farms, Knightstown, IN
Date: October 10th, 11th, and 12th

Giardia

A little known villain

Giardia is the genus of a protozoan parasite that is infectious to both humans and pets all over the world.

Symptoms: Large populations of Giardia can interfere with the absorption of food and produce feces that are soft, light-colored, and greasy. Mucus from the large intestine may also indicate that the large intestine is irritated even though the colony of active protozoa remains in the small intestine. Blood tests appear normal with the possible exception of an increase in a type of white blood cells and mild anemia.

Diagnosis: Since diarrhea is a common symptom of intestinal infection, causes such as Salmonella and Campylobacter are generally ruled out before testing for Giardia is done. Direct microscopic inspection of feces is necessary to determine the presence of the protozoan. Examination of soft feces may reveal the active trophozoites, and cysts may be found in firm excrement. The number of cysts can vary from day to day, so best chances of detecting this form of Giardia lies in collecting samples over three days for a fecal flotation test or conducting individual tests every two or three days until at least three tests have been done.

Treatment: There are several options of treatment, some with two- or three-day protocols and others needing seven-to-10 days to complete the job. Flagyl (Metronidazole) is an old stand-by treatment for bacterial infestations that cause diarrhea and is about 60-70 percent effective in curing giardiasis. However, Flagyl has potentially serious side-effects in some animals, including vomiting, anorexia, liver toxicity, and some neurological signs, and it cannot be used in pregnant dogs. In a recent study, Panacur (Fenbendazole), which is approved for use in treating dogs with roundworm, hookworm, and whipworm, has been shown to be effective in treating canine giardiasis. Panacur is safe to use in puppies at least six weeks of age.

In large kennels, mass treatment of all dogs is preferable, and the kennel and exercise areas should be thoroughly disinfected. Kennel runs should be steam-cleaned and left to dry for several days before dogs are reintroduced. Lysol, ammonia, and bleach are effective decontamination agents. Because Giardia crosses species and can infect people, sanitation is important when caring for dogs. Kennel workers and pet owners alike should be sure to wash hands after cleaning dog runs or removing feces from yards, and babies and toddlers should be kept away from dogs that have diarrhea. When traveling with Fido, owners should prevent him from drinking potentially infected water in streams, ponds, or swamps and, if possible, avoid public areas polluted with feces.

Vaccine? A Giardia vaccine made by Fort Dodge Animal Health is on the market but **it is not intended to prevent infection** in the vaccinated animal. Instead the vaccine is licensed as an adjunct to treatment and is used to reduce the shedding of cysts by the vaccinated patient. This would be helpful in a kennel situation that is trying to reduce environmental contamination during an outbreak or where an animal keeps getting reinfected, but it is not helpful to the average dog whose owner wants to simply prevent infection.

The 2006 American Animal Hospital Association Guidelines list this vaccine as “not recommended.”

Reference: American Animal Hospital Association

VIN: Veterinary Information Network

By Mary Jo Corso

IDDC Newsletter Roving Spycam



The Curtis “twins” were spied shakin’ their “maracas” into the wee hours.

Words from the President



2008 is going to be an exciting season, and one of change. First, I am honored and humbled by the support that has been shown to me as I take over as only the second president the IDDC has ever had. Let me take this opportunity to publicly thank Ron and Amy King for starting what I consider the best disc dog club in the United States.

The Quadruped will be back for its second year to kick things off in May at the Gretchen Invitational in Kokomo, Indiana. It was hugely successful in its inaugural year, and we are excited to be bringing it back, along with a UFO local set for the second day.

Our June Fishers event has a new format, and a new name. The Indiana Disc Dog Classic will now be hosting a UFO Major, only one of a very few in the United States. Bringing this event to Fishers is a major feather in the IDDC's cap, and should be a fun filled disc doggin' weekend. Back again is the disc dog world's famous "Party at Greg's."

Of course, the Skyhoundz North Central Regional will be back in New Castle, Indiana in July, bringing in the best teams in our region vying for a spot at the World Championships, being held this year in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

And as we found last year, the Indiana States will be held at one of the best venues you can find for a disc dog competition at Boondocks Farms, in Knightstown, Indiana. Unfortunately, mother nature reared her ugly head last year and we didn't have the best conditions, so we moved it up a couple of weeks to try to avoid some of the nasty weather Indiana can have in late October. Once again, we will be holding a disc golf scramble on the Friday before the competition, as Boondocks Farms has a very challenging disc golf course.

I am really looking forward to leading this club in 2008. I welcome everyone's comments so we can make the Indy Dog and Disc Club the best it can be.

Sincerely,

Chip Hershey
President

Chip Hershey and his 6 year old Cattle dog mix Lexi have been IDDC members since 2002. Chip and Lexi were 2005 USDDN International/National finalists and 2006 Skyhoundz World finalists. Chip was elected 2008 Indy Dog and Disc President in December of 2007.

Membership Drive a Big Success

This years Membership Drive was held March 1, 2008 at Rick Kimball and Mary Jo Corso's home. Membership Director, Sharon Galema, was pleased at the nice turn out and the great start on dues collected.

The Membership Drive wears many hats.

Professional Photographer, Mary Jo Corso, was there to take a complimentary picture of you and your dog/dogs.

There was a Chili Cook-Off. This year consisted of three entries: Rick Kimball, Chip Hershey and Carol Herbert. Rick Kimball won best chili recipe and was awarded a \$20.00 gift certificate to Pet Supplies Plus. Congratulations Rick! Thanks go to all the chili participants.

Our president Chip Hershey sold picks for the 2008 Iditarod Race Pool. At \$2.00 a pick Chip stated that for the first time in three years he sold every pick - 96 mushers. The pot was split three ways. The first place winning ticket received \$93.00 and \$5.00 went to the "Red Lantern" winner (the last musher to finish the race.) The remaining \$93.50 will go to the IDDC Rescue Fund. The first place winning musher was Lance Mackey and that ticket was bought by Don Lang. The Red Lantern musher was Deborah Bicknell and that ticket was bought Teresa Hershey. To quote Chip, "the real winner in the Iditarod Pool is the Rescue Fund, which is now \$93.50 richer."

Congratulation to the winners and thank you to all who bought tickets.

2008 Elections Held

In December the election of the 2008 Board of Directors were held. This year we have a new President, Vice President, Secretary, Event Coordinators and Webmaster. Congratulations to these officers and to the board as a whole.

PresidentChip Hershey

Vice President.....Mark Gose

Secretary/Membership Director.....Sharon Galema

Treasurer.....Don Lang

Event CoordinatorsCarol Herbetz,
Sheridan Gilchrist

Newsletter EditorPatricia Daugherty

Demo DirectorRick Kimball

Animal Welfare Advocate/
Sponsorship DirectorMary Jo Corso

WebmasterDanny Eggleston

Promotional DirectorMatt Maynard



World Canine Disc Championship Has New Home

September 27-28, 2008

2008 Hyperflite Skyhoundz World Championship Goes to Chattanooga

By Jeff Perry

As promised, Hyperflite has finalized arrangements for the 2008 Hyperflite Skyhoundz World Canine Disc Championship. Although Atlanta is our home and a convenient place for us to stage our World Championship, recent drought-related changes to Piedmont Park's event hosting policies have made that venue unsuitable for the Championship. In anticipation of such an eventuality, Hyperflite began discussions with the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee, (90 minutes north of Atlanta) about moving our event to this amazing city.

Chattanooga is not only culturally and historically rich, but also perfectly situated to serve as a jumping off point for just about every adventure activity that you can imagine. Whether its mountain biking, hang gliding, caving, white water rafting, kayaking, boating, climbing, hiking or even shopping and bar hopping, Chattanooga has something for everyone. We are planning a World Championship that you won't want to miss. The Open Qualifier will take place on the Friday before the Worlds at a nearby Chattanooga Park. The World Championship will be held at AT&T Field (on natural turf), home of the Chattanooga Lookouts baseball team. A huge co-promotional effort will take place in advance of the event, and a throng of enthusiastic Chattanoogaans is sure to be present to root for the competing teams.

We have arranged for easy parking and access to the field for competitors and, as usual, competitors will be able to leave their tents in place overnight. Also, you will be able to stake your tents this year. That means, no more sandbags for all of our volunteers with bad backs! The "Gathering of Champions" Awards Banquet will also be staged at AT&T Field at a pavilion overlooking the event site, the Tennessee River, and downtown Chattanooga. If you haven't visited Chattanooga before, then you are in for a treat. Chattanooga is, without a doubt, Tennessee's best kept secret.

Finally, know that we are already hard at work to make this the most memorable World Championship in history. We wish you good health and good fortune, and we hope to see you in Chattanooga in September.

Meet the New Recognized Breeds

The American Kennel Club recognizes 169 breeds. Recently the AKC brought three very old breeds into the fold of recognized breeds. They are the Swedish Vallhund, the Beauceron and the Tibetan Mastiff. Could it be possible for one or all three of these breeds to take a fancy to a little ole' plastic disc?



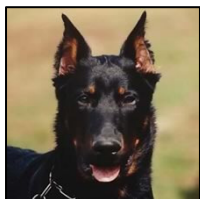
The Swedish Vallhund

Height: 12 to 13 inches

Weight: 25 to 30 pounds

History: Dating back 1,000 years, they were bred to herd cattle in Sweden.

Temperament: Family friendly and gets along with animals and children. Website: swedishvallhund.com



Beauceron

Height: 24 to 27.5 inches

Weight: 70 to 110 pounds

History: Used as herding dogs in France since the 1500, enforcement and as a military guard dog.

Temperament: They're looking more for a partnership than to blindly follow. They are

France's oldest sheepdog. Website: beauceron.org



Tibetan Mastiff

Height: 24 to 29 inches

Weight: 80 to 140 pounds

History: Bred in Tibet to protect the monasteries, nomads and homes.

Temperament: They are very loyal and protective. Due to their guardian nature,

lots of socialization is necessary. Website: tibetanmastiff.org

Did You Know?

A Pet's LOVE ADD'S YEARS

Did you know that people who care for a dog are healthier. And live an average of three years longer than those who do not? Did you also know that most people with a dog regularly take walks and that walking not only burns calories but also relieves stress.

Dog owners walk 79% farther in an average week than people who do not own dogs. These fascinating facts have inspired a little book published last year 2007, 100 Simple Secrets Why Dogs Make Us Happy by David Niven

Want to work out but can't do it alone. Maybe you can enlist your dog in the effort.

Tips on fitness programs with your dog can be found at www.petfit.com

Dogs and tennis courts don't mix. Last summer I took Rocky to a tennis court to throw him a few discs. I thought what a perfect place. There was no way for Rocky to run off inside the huge fenced court. We were five minutes into play when I looked down a saw bloody paw prints everywhere. The court's clay surface had acted like No.60 sandpaper to Rocky's poor paws. (No 60 sandpaper will take the hide off an elephant.)

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